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## **SIGNIFICANT TROPHIES UP FOR GRABS BY RALLY WINNERS**

Competitors in the epay Silver Fern Rally 2010 will receive a boost with the announcement that two little known, but highly significant trophies, will be presented to the winners of the Historic and Challenge categories following the week long marathon rally event.

The winner of the Historic Trophy category of the event for “true” Classic and Historic cars, will receive the “**JIM CLARK RALLY TROPHY**”.

Organisers believe it will be a high honour to receive the trophy which was donated by friends of Jim Clark – in particular Alan Curry, Andrew Cowan and Ian Scott-Watson.

The trophy is based on a granite block from a quarry close to Jim’s home. It has a model of his 1965 RAC Rally Ford Cortina Mk1, along with badges of his two other rally cars – a Sunbeam Rapier and a Triumph TR3. The ‘Border Reivers’ badge – Jims home club is also on the trophy.

The “**RALLY FOUNDERS TROPHY**” which is on loan to the Marathon Rally Car Club from MotorSport NZ, will be presented to the Challenge Rally category winner for modified and modern 2wd cars.

The trophy is a ceramic by Christopher Vine and represents the rugged landscape in which rallying take place.

It was presented to MSNZ by Alan Smithard, Secretary General 1965/90. Alan was instrumental with introducing special stage rallies to NZ. He brought the idea back from a trip to UK and convinced the Motorsport Association as it was then, to run these types of events. The first special stage rally was planned in 1968, & run as the Silver Fern in 1969.

While the trophies will continue to be looked after by the Marathon Rally Car Club, the winners will be given framed photos of the trophies as a keepsake.

The **epay Silver Fern Rally 2010** will start in Christchurch on November 14<sup>th</sup> with the drivers and cars then taking on over 1000km’s of competitive high speed stages with overnight stops in Timaru, Dunedin, Invercargill and Alexandra before the event finishes in Queenstown on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on the event visit [www.silverfernally.co.nz](http://www.silverfernally.co.nz)

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