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Provisional Leaderboard after 8 (of 18) Special Stages:

1	Neil MacKinnon/Mike Stayte (Subaru Impreza)	57mins 40secs
2	Callum Duffy/Del Duffy (Ford Escort)	58m 49s
3	Dougi Hall/Gareth Williams (Ford Escort)	59m 49s
4	John Cope/Tony Cope (Ford Escort Cos)	61m 46s
5	Eddie O'Donnell/Eddie O'Donnell (Ford Escort)	62m 35s
6	James MacGillivray/Brian Kennedy (V'hall Corsa)	62m 38s
7	Robert Davies/Neil Fraser (Mitsubishi Lancer)	63m 15s
8	Steven Clark/Barry Young (Peugeot 106)	63m 38s
9	John Swinscoe/Paula Swinscoe (Ford Escort)	63m 40s
10	John Cressey/Ian Grindrod (Vauxhall Astra)	63m 45s

It's daylight on the 32nd Philips Tour of Mull but it's still damn slippery out there, especially at Torloisk, where Neil MacKinnon and Dougi Hall both admitted to big moments.

Stuart McQueen has dropped out of the top ten with a puncture and Steven Clark has lost time with a puncture too. A number of people are asking who this guy Clark is, but he has a reputation for being quick in Scottish and Peugeot Cup forests. This is a new car with a Kit Car 1600 engine but his Dad, Ivor, has been tinkering with the engine. He couldn't afford the 4 grand for the branded induction system so he made his own from four Honda Fireblade throttle bodies and his own fabricated inlet manifold!

Martin Healer's Max on SS2 was easily explained "No-one goes off uphill, but I did, and got a puncture. It took ages to change" ... Willie Bonniwell was also in philosophic mood "We had to get a tractor to lift it out, the rear brakes failed when we hit standing water on the approach to a 90R and we went straight on" ... Chris Tooze (38) got a puncture on SS2 last night ... this is Jim Oddy's first event since last Mull and he's still using the RWD 2.5 Hart engined Metro, as his 4WD project is not finished yet ... Derek Carless (39) has borrowed his son's Peugeot but has lost his son's water, the radiator hose split on the first stage and he had to keep stopping at puddles to fill it up ... Roger Binyon (13) had his lights go out in SS2 last night ... John Morrison (22) needs bigger wheels and bigger brakes, top speed is only 92 mph!

That's yer lot meantime, more later

Yer auld pal, Jaggy Bunnet, Salen Silver, Tobermory, 2:00pm Saturday.