

Notes from EACC AGM 30 January, 2014

For those that weren't able to attend this years Annual General Meeting, the following is a summary of events. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the committee.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman	Russell Fair
Vice Chairman	David Fotheringham
Company Secretary	Janet Garner
Treasurer	Sam Henderson
Membership Secretary	David Fotheringham
Sprint Coordinator	Vacant
Rally Coordinator	Vacant
Grass Test Coordinator	Jimmy Stewart
Autotest Coordinator	Vacant
Kames Manager	Dave Clark
Public Relations	Michelle Park
Chief Marshal	Chaz Marshman
Social Secretary	Jock Frew
Members Representative	Russell Fair
Honorary President	Open

Several key positions are still vacant and some committee members are covering more than one role. This is not a healthy position for the club. If you can support the club, please contact one of the existing committee members now.

GENERAL

- Our priority was to resolve the ongoing noise problems with East Ayrshire Council. We can report that the council thanked us for our pro active approach to resolving the situation and stated that in their opinion if we adhere to our own policy it should provide a reasonable level of control.
- Following flooding during October 2012 significant upgrades and essential maintenance were carried out to the Kames drainage system. This was costly, but hopefully this will help avoid problems in what are becoming more regular downpours.
- 2013 was the clubs 50th anniversary and several events were organised to mark the occasion. The first was the dinner held in the Dumfries Arms Hotel, which was the venue of the club's first meeting. This was held in conjunction with the launch of the 2nd club book. The second was the open weekend held at Kames and the last was the Arran weekend.
- Our first tween drivers' event took place in December. This gives the opportunity for 12 and 13 year old drivers to drive standard road cars at low speeds around the paddock and onto the track.

FINANCES

- This year we have made a small loss, although turnover was similar to the previous year.

- The increase in expense can be attributed to significant non recurring expenses (e.g. Kames drains) and catching up on backlog of maintenance at the track.

MEMBERSHIP

- Once again quite a strong membership of 373 at the end of the year, up from 361 in 2012.
- Our online membership system is now up and running.

RALLIES

- As well as a successful junior rally training day where our own instructors (Melvyn and Ian) gave the youngsters some valuable tips and advice on cornering, braking etc we ran 3 successful rallies in 2013. Junior drivers have been paramount to the events running at Kames. It would be nice to see an increase, not a decrease in the senior entries though it maybe the seniors are getting embarrassed with the times the juniors are putting in.
- A lot of our club members were involved in the 40th running of the Galloway Hills Rally which was also a round in the Scottish Rally Championship. 66 cars started and it seemed to go well. Unfortunately it has not been included in this years SRC..

SPRINTS

- We organised 4 national B sprint events during the year and although numbers were down 28% on 2012, enthusiasm was still high and several track records were beaten.
- As part of our golden jubilee celebrations we held a team challenge during our July weekend. After some fierce competition Caithness Car Club team A drove north with the winners trophy and EACC team A were a close second.

AUTO TEST & GRASS TESTS

- Two autotests were held early in 2013, with both rounds counting towards the joint winter challenge co promoted with Scottish Sporting Car Club.
- 5 grass tests were held during the year and were well attended. Both young members and new older members attended. Thanks to the members who helped down at Pinwherry.

FOCUS FOR 2014

- Clubhouse redevelopment
- Marshal development & training
- More low cost / entry level events for members
- SACC Autotest & Targa Rally
- Community relations
- More members involvement
- 30 years of Kames in 2014

PROPOSALS TO MEMBERSHIP OF CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

All in attendance voted unanimously in favour of the amendments.

- Membership now on a rolling annual basis
- Withdrew requirement for new members to be proposed and seconded prior to joining
- Committee titles changed to reflect current working practice

PROPOSALS FOR UPGRADE TO CLUBHOUSE

- We currently only use about 50% of the building. We are trying to develop the residential area and merge it into the existing areas to give more room for meetings, prizegivings etc, and upgraded kitchen facilities. We need to look at funding including grants. Focus for 2014 is to agree the proposals and get the job done.