

# WHEEL



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The Rally Time Trial on March 6th was cancelled through insufficient entries. At this time of the year many cars are still being readied for the summer season so it is not too surprising the event had to be called off. Still, that lets us pay more attention in this issue to the March Autotest meeting at Kames where there was an encouraging turnout of eighteen competitors in a variety of cars for a series of open tests. The weather was rather damp with a lot of drizzle, but most marshals were able to operate from within some shelter or other. The standard of driving has come on since the first of the winter series and it was encouraging to see some new faces on the start line.

There was a poor turnout for the Saturday session of the Sprint Test Day at Kames on March 12/13th due to inclement weather. While there had been snow in early morning at Muirkirk, by mid morning the track was clear and several competitors put in valuable mileage. However a number of entrants from elsewhere were snowed in and failed to make an appearance. Sunday was a relatively fine day and after a slow start, numbers increased considerably by lunchtime. There was quite a lot of action, most of which we will not go into, but there were two new singleseaters both very attractive indeed and we look forward to seeing them in action next month. Allan McDonald was there both days sorting out teething troubles with his new machine, Mini-based of course but with a 1300cc Suzuki turbocharged engine and four wheel drive.

We understand the Machars Car Club sprint at kames on May 22nd is to be a round of the Midland Speed Championship and we hear from Robin Christie around twenty drivers have shown interest in travelling up the M6.

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**Front Cover: Colin Rose winning the Kames Autotests on March 20th in his Mazda MX5**

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL/MAY

		<u>Championship</u>	<u>Organising Club</u>
April 2	<b>Charity Test Day at Kames</b>		
April 3 (Fri)	<b>Flying Scotsman Reliability Trial at Kames</b>		
April 9	Kames	CBSC	Wigton MC
April 10	Kames	SSprint/LSC	Scottish Sporting CC
April 16	Doune	SHC/SSpeedC/HSC	Lothian CC
April 17	Doune	SHC/SSpeedC/HSC/LSC	Lothian CC
April 10	Knockhill Race Meeting		SMRC
April 16	Granite City Rally	SRC	Aberdeen
April 17	<b>Drumclog Grass Tests</b>		
April 17	Silverstone	BSC	Sheffield & Hallamshire MC
April 24	<b>Border Sevens private hire at Kames</b>		
April 30	Ingliston Sprint	BSC/SSprintC/CBSC	Dunfermline CC/Lothian CC
April 30	Knockhill Race Meeting		SMRC
May 1	Ingliston Sprint	BSC/SSprintC/LSC/CBSC	Dunfermline CC/Lothian CC
May 1	<b>Pinwherry Grass Tests</b>		
May 1	Knockhill Race Meeting		SMRC
May 1	Prescott	BHC	
May 7	Fintray	SHC/SSpeedC/HSC	Grampian AC
May 15	<b>Kames Rally Time Trial</b>		
May 8	Fintray	SHC/HSC	Grampian AC
May 14	Barbon	BHC	
May 15	Harewood	BHC	
May 21	Kames	-	East Ayrshire CC
May 22	Kames	SSprintC/SSpeedC/LSC	Machars CC
May 21/22	Knockhill Motorfair		
May 28	<b>East Ayrshire Re-union of members</b>		
May 29	<b>Pinwherry Grass Tests</b>		
May 29	Jim Clark Reivers Rally	SRC	Duns
May 29	Gurston Down	BHC	
May 29	Snetterton	BSC	BMSA
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### SNOWMAN RALLY

Only three EACC crews travelled up the A9 to Inverness for the opening round of the Scottish Rally Championship. Highest placed was the Lancer EVO9 of Andrew Gallagher/Phil Sandham who were an excellent 15th overall from an entry of 108. Blair and Alex McCulloch (Nova) were 34th and third in class, but Colin Gemmell/Stuart Cant retired their Subaru Impreza at TC1 with turbo failure.

### BORDER COUNTIES RALLY

The large entry of 143 for the second round of the Scottish Championship included five from EACC. Andrew Gallagher could not repeat his Snowman form and went off on SS1 where he retired. Top EACC crew were Duncan and Janice Ferguson, whose Escort came home 48th and third in class five overall places ahead of Kevin Gemmell/Jock Frew in their Escort. Jacqueline Bryson stood in for Alec McCulloch in the Nova but she and Blair went OTL while Colin Gemmell/Stuart Cant continued their troublesome start to the season when they retired on SS2.

**LET US KNOW HOW YOU GET ON OUTSIDE THE CLUB, WHETHER IN RALLIES, SPEED EVENTS, RACING OR WHATEVER. OTHER MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED.**

That big hearted pair from Aberdeen, Mike Jolly and Les Mutch won the auction at the Club Dinner Dance. The prize was a day's hire of Kames and on April 2nd they opened it up to other drivers as a test day with proceeds going to charity. It attracted a maximum entry.

### RE-UNION MAY 28th 2011

Following the success of a similar function two years ago another re-union of EACC ex-members (and current members) is being held at the Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock on May 28th. Even though this coincides with the Jim Clark Rally and the Whitsun weekend another sell-out is likely, so anyone wishing to attend should contact either Robert Smith (01290 550897) or Ian Gemmell (01292 591226) without delay. Of the 54 members from the Club's first year no fewer than nine have reserved tickets with another two sending their apologies. Fred Goodyear, for example will be at the Indianapolis 500, one of the few classics the Cumnock enthusiast has not attended.



The winter autotests are over for the time being but will be back later in the season. In the meantime the attention will turn to our grass tests at Pinwherry and Drumclog. Why not come along...

**KAMES AUTOTESTS**  
**MARCH 20TH 2011**

1. Colin Rose	Mazda MX5	699.9
2. Ross McFarlane	Peugeot 309	728.4
3. Robert Elliot	Peugeot 205	749.9
4. Patrick Jones	Nissan Micra	753.0
5. Graeme McCall	Peugeot 309	765.8
6. Matt Collins	Suzuki Cappuccino	789.0
7. Cammie Fair	Ford Ka	791.2
8. Robert Shankland	BMW	820.9
9. Colin McCaffrey	Peugeot 205	841.0
10. Brian Telfer	VW Golf	942.6
11. Patrick Gordon Jones	Nissan Micra	955.7
12. Andrew Smith	Ford Ka	985.3
13. Janet Garner	VW Golf	1143.8
14. Graeme Shaw	Nova	Retired
15. David Alexander	Nova	Retired
16. Joe Pringle	Corsa	Retired
17. Ross Pringle	Corsa	Retired
18. Gordon Alexander	Nova	Retired



**A HISTORY OF EAST AYRSHIRE CAR CLUB and KAMES MOTORSPORT COMPLEX 1963-1989**

We are pleased to inform members the above book is at the printers as we write. It will have 228 pages and will contain around 400 photographs, approximately half of which will be in colour. The EACC Committee have opted for a quality finish with 130gsm Gloss Art paper being used and a hard cloth cover with a sleeve designed by David Shaw. The Foreword is by Sir Tom Hunter. The price has yet to be fixed but it could be in the £19/£20 region, which represents good value for a book of this size.

The launch date is being held back till 28th May to coincide with the Re-union, although orders can be placed from now by contacting Ian Gemmell or Robert Smith.

There has been considerable interest shown in the book already and some copies have been ordered from overseas. For our older members the History is a "must buy" but the younger generation will also find interesting the story of how the Club developed from modest beginnings and its contact with famous personalities and cars. It would make an excellent birthday or (early) Christmas present, so start dropping hints around the home.



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*With no decals and most cars being double entered we won't attempt to name the drivers, but the results should narrow the field down for readers. The Editor has more photographs of the event.*