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Cover pic: Billy Ramage's photo of Billy Biagi at Pinwherry Grass Tests, 13/5/12. More of Billy photos are in this issue.

EACC 50TH BIRTHDAY DINNER DUMFRIES ARMS HOTEL, CUMNOCK SATURDAY MARCH 2ND 2013

Tickets: £25.00 (Tables of 10 may be reserved.)

We invite members, old and new and their friends to an evening with a motorsport flavour where drivers, marshals and officials (and, of course wives) can renew old acquaintances and recall adventures of yesteryear. We would remind current members this is as much a function for them as for past members as everyone has made or is making a contribution to what the Club is today. Do please make an effort, you will not regret it.

**A HISTORY OF EAST AYRSHIRE CAR CLUB
and KAMES MOTORSPORT COMPLEX (1990-2012)**

Following the success of Part 1 of the History, of which all 250 copies of the book have been sold, the eagerly awaited Part 2 is now at the printers and will be launched at the 50th Birthday Dinner on March 2nd. The number of pages has been increased to almost 250 and there are over 900 photos. The price will again be £25.00. A few copies of Part 1 are being reprinted and are expected to sell out fast.

Dinner Tickets: Ian Gemmell, Jock Frew or Robert Smith.



ALASTAIR FINDLAY

September 18th: Former Mauchline man **Alastair Findlay**, the only EACC member to have competed in The Monte Carlo Rally (in 1973, the last time the Monte had a Glasgow starting point) died soon after returning from the Yukon where he had lived in retirement for three years. Alastair had also competed in International rallies in Finland, and Bulgaria and finished as high as third in the Scottish Rally Championship. His co-driver on the Monte was the late Ian Muir from Hamilton.

Dougie McVittie 29/4/12

[Billy Ramage]



Andy Nisbet 27/5/12 [Billy Ramage]



Ryan Bell 27/5/12 [Billy Ramage]



Leonard McKinnon 27/5/12

[Billy Ramage]



Billy Biagi 29/4/12

[Billy Ramage]

GRASS TEST AT PINWHERRY 13/5/12

Class 1: Jimmy Stewart 10:34, Hamish Brown 11:08, Dougie McVittie 11:26, Andy Nisbet 11:43, Ryan Bell 11:44, Eric Bell 11:51, Jonnie Alexander 12:17, Stephen McKinnon 12:19, Cameron Galloway 12:32, Robert Shankland 12:47, Ann Shankland 14:17.

Class 2: Ian Gemmell 11:14, Leonard McKinnon 11:43, Keith Mathieson 12:14, Billy Biagi 12:18, David Tudhope 12:23, Scott Tudhope 12:56, David Drummond 12:55.

Class 3: Liam Nisbet 12:53, David Galloway 13:39.

GRASS TEST AT PINWHERRY 29/7/12

Despite being held during the holiday period and clashing with the National sprint meeting at Kames, there was a good entry of eighteen competitors including three Juniors. There were a number of close battles in each class.

Class 1: Jimmy Stewart 11:19, David Wallace 11:34, Dougie McVittie 12:06, Andy Nisbet 12:25, Jennifer Wallace 12:34, Stephen MacKinnon 12:36, Robert Shankland 12:41, Stuart Irvine 12:48, Duncan MacArthur 13:06, Jonnie Alexander 13:14, Anne Shankland 13:40.

Class 2: Leonard MacKinnon 12:38, David Tudhope 12:46, Ross Gilbert 12:50, Scott Tudhope 13:06.

Class 5: Marc Irvin 13:04, Liam Nisbet 13:18, Caitlin MacArthur 15:21.

GRASS TEST AT PINWHERRY 19/8/12

Club directors Ian Gemmell and David Fotheringham were among the competitors at this well-supported competition in the Girvan area. July winner Jimmy Stewart had to settle for second place overall after a close finish with David Wallace.

Class 1: David Wallace 10:23, Jimmy Stewart 10:26, Dougie McVittie 10:37, Duncan MacArthur 11:57, Robert Shankland 10:57, Andrew Nisbet 10:55, Malcolm Harper 11:22.

Class 2: Ian Gemmell 10:54, Ben Gould 11:23, Leonard MacKinnon 11:24, David Fotheringham 11:33, Ross Gilbert 11:43, Keith Mathieson 11:47, David Tudhope 11:50.

Class 5: Liam Nisbet 11:13, Isaac Kahir 12:15, Caitlin MacArthur 12:42, Sophie George 13:19.

Class 5A: Jennifer Wallace 11:07, Anne Shankland 11:39, Sue Gould 12:27.

GRASS TEST AT PINWHERRY 16/9/12

Class 1: David Wallace 07:20, Andy Nisbet 07:30, Dougie McVittie 07:47, Jennifer Wallace 07:57, Robert Shankland 08:31, Anne Shankland 08:38, Jimmy Stewart 08:38.

Class 2: Keith Mathieson 08:47, Leonard MacKinnon 09:04, Ross Gilbert 09:22, David Tudhope 09:31, Scott Tudhope 09:45.

Class 4: Eric Bell 08:28.

Class 5: Liam Nisbet 07:54, Sophie George 09:50, Isaac Kahir 10:47.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2013

AT 8PM

MUIRKIRK CARAVAN PARK

This is a very important meeting at which some important issues will be raised. It is therefor in the interests of the Club that this AGM is well attended.

Solway Car Club

SOLWAY COAST RALLY AUGUST 12TH

There was a good turnout of East Ayrshire members for the Solway Coast Rally and the Solway Coast Junior Rally. Our members' placing were as follows:

Solway Coast Rally:

- 8th Colin Gemmell / Nigel Feeny
- 11th Chis McCallum / Peter McCallum
- 14th Kieran O'Kane / Matt Reid
- 21st Kevin Gemmell / Stuart Murphy

Solway Coast Junior Rally:

- 4th Andy Struthers / Malcolm Robertson
- 5th Alex Adams / Gordon Alexander
- 6th Georgia Shiels / Alistair Dodd
- 8th Michael Dickie / Garry Muir

Machars Car Club / Scottish Sporting Car Club
MERRICK STAGES SEPTEMBER 2ND

Club members scored two class wins in the Galloway forests on the penultimate round of the Scottish Rally Championship.

- 6th John McClory / David Hood, 1st in class
- 20th Blair McCulloch / Alex McCulloch, 1st in class.

Retired:

- Douglas Gilbert / Brian Anderson, "off".
- Ross McFadzean / Jane Nicol, mechanical.

PRESCOTT HILLCLIMB SEPTEMBER 1ST/2ND
A number of Bugatti Owners Club

members were at the famous Gloucestershire hill for this British Championship round. Some torrential rain meant almost every frontrunner failed to qualify for one of the championship run-offs, which gave some of the lesser mortals a chance to shine. Three of our members qualified, John Mackenzie coming fourth, Les Mutch 6th and Nicola Menzies 11th. Wallace Menzies retired at lunchtime. Class positions were

Les Mutch 1st (new class record), Allan McDonald 3rd, Lesley Sheridan 13th, Scott Sheridan 7th, John Mackenzie 3rd, Nicola Menzies 12th and Lee Adams 2nd (under class record).

We will try to report on rallies where EACC members compete, but there are too many members out on sprints and hillclimbs for adequate coverage. It would take too long to monitor, so we will concentrate on Nationals only.

DOUNE HILLCLIMB SEPTEMBER 15/16th

Over 20 EACC members were entered for the last Scottish climb of 2012 with mixed fortunes. Wallace Menzies was an excellent third in the first run-offs then had to retire, while Lee Adams went out after colliding with a barrier on the first qualifying run. John Mackenzie did well to qualify for the second British Championship run-offs. Class positions: Alistair Matheson ran alone, David Reid 4th, Nina Baker 6th, Melvyn Hartley 2nd, Les Mutch 1st, Mike Jolly 2nd, Ross Napier 3rd, John Mackenzie 1st, Allan McDonald 1st, David Seaton 2nd, Tom Graham 9th, Colin Graham 5th, Scott Sheridan 3rd, Steve Marr 1st, Lesley Sheridan 6th, Nicola Menzies 6th, Wallace Menzies 2nd, Alex Graham 2nd, Kevin Clark 5th, Colin Tullis 8th, Russell Macfarlane 1st.

EACC SEPTEMBER KAMES RALLY

Supported by ABR Roofing LTD
Sunday 16th September 2012

The final rally offering of the season at Kames must be considered a rollicking success with some close contests and a big spectator attendance, despite the early morning rain. This was the final round of the acclaimed Scottish Formula 1000 Rally Championship and most of the 14-17 year olds took advantage of the Saturday test session, two actually rolling their cars without too much car damage.

Blair and Alex McCulloch took an early lead in their Nova which they held to the end, although their winning margin over the Manta 400 of Alistair Cunningham and Jim Smith was only eight seconds and the slightest of slip-ups could have influenced the outcome. Seven seconds behind the Galston driver came Bill and Sara Hamilton in their smart Opel Kadett. Roger Donnan and Jock Frew showed up well on the middle stages but inconsistency and an exclusion ruined their day.

The class act in the Juniors rally was Alex Vassallo, guided by Tom Hutchings, their Citroen C1 being fastest or joint fastest in all but two of the sixteen stages. The two other podium places went according to the seedings, Ryan Weston and Kirsty Riddick (Toyota Aygo) winning the two stages which Vassallo didn't, and securing the runner-up spot by an impressive twenty-nine seconds. Third place went to the Micra of Harry Marchbank and Mark McCulloch.

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| 1. Blair McCulloch/Alex McCulloch (Nova) [No.22] | 27:00 |
| 2. Alistair Cunningham/Jim Smith (Manta) [23] | 27:08 |
| 3. Bill Hamilton/Sara Hamilton (Opel Kadett) [21] | 27:15 |
| 4. Steven Smith/Cameron Fair (Peugeot 206) [25] | 27:50 |
| 5. Gary Keenan (Corse Stratos) [26] | 28:26 |
| 6. William Pollock/Tommy Mackin ((Escort) [28] | 30:53 |
| 7. Robert Irvine/Chris Lees (Peugeot 205) [29] | 31:22 |
| 8. Kevin Gemmell/Stuart Murphy (Escort) [27] | 31:48 |
| 9. Roger Donnan/Jock Frew (Puma) [24] | Exc. |

Class 1 winners Robert Irvine/Chris Lees

Class 3 winners Bill Hamilton/Sara Hamilton

Class 4 winners Gary Keenan/William Campbell

Junior Rally

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| 1. Alex Vassallo/Tom Hutchings (Citroen C1) [1] | 27:31 |
| 2. Ryan Weston/Kirsty Riddick (Toyota Aygo) [2] | 27:57 |
| 3. Harry Marchbank/Mark McCulloch (Micra) [3] | 28:26 |
| 4. Michael Dickie/Garry Muir (Micra) [10] | 29:24 |
| 5. Blair Brown/ Monty Pearson (Micra) [5] | 29:39 |
| 6. Alasdair Currie/Graeme Sherry (Citroen AX) [15] | 29:43 |
| 7. Alex Adams/Gordon Alexander (Micra) [8] | 29:45 |
| 8. Linzi Henderson/Tracey-Louise Muir (Pgt.107) [11] | 29:52 |
| 9. Stephen McClory/Steven Brown ((Micra) [12] | 30:00 |
| 10. Georgia Shiels/Mitch McGrath (Micra) [9] | 30:20 |
| 11. Scott Murray/Craig Wallace (Micra) [14] | 34:24 |
| 12. Craig MacIvor/Paul Beaton (Micra) [16] | 36:40 |
| 13. Calum Kitt/Mark Runciman (Micra) [6] | Failed to Finish |
| 14. Andy Struthers/Jim Johnston (Micra) [7] | Failed to finish |

Our thanks to all marshals and we look forward to welcoming the youngsters back to Kames in 2013.



Kevin Gemmell/Stuart Murphy
Blair McCulloch/Alex McCulloch
Roger Donnan/Jock Frew
Robert Irvine/Chris Lees

RALLY
16/9/12

Bill Hamilton/Sara Hamilton
Gary Keenan/William Campbell
Steven Smith/Cameron Fair
William Pollock/Tommv Mackin



THE JUNIORS

16/9/2012



WIGTON SPRINT CANCELLED AT ELEVENTH HOUR

After some difficult journeys, competitors, marshals and officials arrived at Muirkirk for the final curtain on the 2012 speed season on September 30th to find an all-night downpour had left two corners of the track under water. The monsoon-like rain had led to a sodden Cairn Table depositing huge puddles on the golf course and with these at a higher level than the track, there was no way the course drainage could remove the water at the same rate as it was flowing inward. Even if it had there would still have been water crossing the road all day.

The most memorable feature of the day was the remarkable spirit of competitors who put in a huge effort to assist marshals and other officials in a bold attempt to upset the odds and see some sport before the long winter set in. It was all in vain, however, even though consider progress had been achieved and a lot of water cleared away.

After two hours in which every possibility had been investigated, Graeme Forrester and his valiant team had to accept defeat. Competitors received a full refund of entry fees before leaving for home.



Congratulations to Stephen Alexander for winning the Scottish Sprint Championship, to Ross Napier, the Lowlands Speed Champion and to Blair and Alex McCulloch for winning their class in the Scottish Rally Championship.

Also to Wallace Menzies for finishing fifth in the British Hillclimb Championship and to other members scoring successes in the various championships, many of which have not been finalised as we go to press.

LOTON PARK HILLCLIMB SEPTEMBER 30TH

A number of members travelled to Shropshire for the final round of the British Hillclimb Championship. Trevor Willis became the new British Champion while Wallace Menzies was 7th and 4th in the run-offs and Lee Adams 9th and 6th. Class positions of the EACC entries were: John Mackenzie 3rd, Allan McDonald 3rd, Steve Marr 3rd, Scott Sheridan 8th, Lesley Sheridan 13th, Lee Adams 2nd, Nicola Menzies 10th, Wallace Menzies 3rd.

RALLY TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Drivers

Blair McCulloch	34
Bill Hamilton	31
Alistair Cunningham	29
Gordon Alexander	28
Keiron O'Kane	18
Craig Gibson	15
Martin Elsdon	11
David Alexander	9
Ross Pringle	8

Co-drivers

Alex McCulloch	34
Sara Hamilton	31
Jim Smith	29
Michelle Park	28
Chris Lees	26
Jock Frew	23
Matt Reid	18
Ewan Dunbar	8
Audrey Gibson	7

Stobart Rail

PENDRAGON STAGES RALLY APPLEBY SEPTEMBER 29TH

Not a fruitful outing for our rally teams. Highest placed EACC members were Geoff Harkness/Caroline Lodge in 18th place, our only other finishing crew being Kieran O'Kane/Matt Reid in 27th position.

Other EACC crews:

Andrew Gallacher/Scott McMinn,
Off twice on SS1, went OTL.
Chris McCallum/Peter McCallum
Gearbox failure.
Colin Gemmell/Nigel Feeley
Stuck in gear

Cammy Fair, navigating for Dunfermline CC member Gerard Gaffney also retired.

The Armstrong Group
GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY OCTOBER 28th

The heavy rain which has dogged the 2012 motorsport season did not ease for the final forest rally of the year and the marshals have to be congratulated for carrying out their duties in miserable conditions which continued non-stop throughout the rally schedule.

The low entry of 39 cars was a reflection of the current economic conditions, not only locally but elsewhere as well, with only two crews taking advantage of the specially negotiated ferry fares from Northern Ireland. Not being in a major championship doesn't help the entry list and while at least one rally has bitten the dust this year, the Solway, Machars and East Ayrshire Car Clubs went ahead and should be commended for doing so.

It was not the best of outcomes for the EACC crews with Andrew Gallacher/Phil Sandham finishing all the stages but going OTL and Blair McCulloch/Alex McCulloch, Keiran O'Kane/John Frew, and Thaarique Fazal/David Fotheringham all retiring.

There was better news from our three other crews, the highest place being Robert Harkness and Cammie Fair in a BMW 316i, the Stewarton pair coming home in 13th place.

Ross McFadzean/Jane Nicol were 22nd in their Impreza and Willie Pollock/Helen Brown finished 25th in their MK1 Escort.

The rally was won by sponsor Jock Armstrong and his co-driver Kirsty Riddick in an Impreza with a winning margin of 19 seconds over the similar car of Aberdonian David Weston Jr and Kevin Rae.

Results:

1. Jock Armstrong/Kirsty Riddick	Impreza	41:13
2. David Weston Jr/Kevin Rae	Impreza	41:32
3. Mark McCulloch/Elliott Edmondson	Impreza	43:34
4. Wayne Sisson/Dave Robson	Evo9	43:46
5. Craig McMiken/Craig Wallace	Evo9	44:33
6. Arron Newby/Craig Drew	Impreza	46:04
7. Fraser Wilson/Steven Broll	Evo6	46:07
8. Iain Haining/Mairi Riddick	Nova	47:02
9. Joseph McGonigle/Ciaran Geaney	Clio R3 Maxi	47:05
10. Iain Wilson/Keith Freemantle	Nova	47:07
11. Stuart Paterson/Colin Maxwell	Impreza	47:42
12. Richard Stewart/Carin Logan	Impreza	48:11
13. Robert Harkness/Cammie Fair	BMW 316i	48:11
14. Alex Curran/David McGeoch	Corsa	48:49
15. Lee Hastings/Brian Findon	Impreza	49:11
16. Billy Thomson/Ian Windress	Evo9	49:36
17. Matthew Robinson/Mick Gilby	Escort Mk2	50:11
18. Darren Martin	Impreza	50:24
19. Neil Wallace/John Wallace	Sunbeam	50:29
20. Charles Blair/Mark Roberts	Peugeot 205	50:38
21. Roy Eide-Johansen/Mark Simpson	Escort Mk1	51:40
22. Ross McFadzean/Jane Nicol	Impreza	52:12
23. Alan McMorran/Albert Connelly	Peugeot 205	54:23
24. Hugh Murdoch/Ewen Murdoch	Fiesta	54:41
25. Willie Pollock/Helen Brown	Escort Mk1	56:19
26. Scott Sloan/David Sloan	Corsa	60:24
27. Ian Bendall/Ruari Barber-Fleming	Corsa	62:19

Editorial

There are two matters of some importance I would draw to members' attention. The Club Committee have been forced into some controversial decisions recently by third parties and I would advise members to attend the AGM on 31st January so they may understand the differing viewpoints of Committee members in facing a difficult situation. I would also ask everyone to emerge from the meeting with an agreed common aim of having voiced opinions and putting any disagreements behind, so we can concentrate on the exciting plans we have on the table for 2013.

Secondly, a committee of members and former members has been formed to plan a programme of special events to celebrate the Club's 50th Birthday in 2013. First up is the 50th Birthday Dinner on Saturday 2nd March in the Dumfries Arms Hotel, Cumnock, where the Club was formed. This should be a super function and we are anticipating an attendance of over 200, with big names from the past and present. Don't miss this!

In mid-summer an Open Weekend at Kames is planned with demonstrations, parades, exhibitions, not confined to motorsport. Suggestions are invited.

On September 20-22nd the Arran Weekend is being re-introduced and the Kinloch Hotel has been booked. It is thought there will be autotests and grass tests but there may also be two half-island tours for vintage cars and non-competitors.

Start making your plans now, as we will be looking for hotel and ferry commitment before too long.

COLIN McRAE FOREST STAGES RALLY OCTOBER 6TH

The final round of the Scottish Rally Championship saw two EACC members in the top twenty. There was a superb result for the Brick & Steel sponsored car, John McClory and David Hood coming home in fourth place overall. Andrew Gallacher and Phil Sandham have had an up-and-down season but finished well with a commendable 13th position. Fortunately for Blair and Alex McCulloch their class win in the Scottish Championship had been secured on the Merrick for their Nova suffered a rare mechanical failure and subsequent retirement. Keiran O'Kane and Matt Reid continued their excellent run of finishes with a fine 33rd spot but Duncan Campbell and Gavin Chisholm went out with transmission failure.

John McClory/David Hood: 4th

Andrew Gallacher/Phil Sandham: 13th

Keiran O'Kane/Matt Reid: 33rd

Blair McCulloch/Alex McCulloch retired TC5, Suspension

Duncan Campbell/ Gavin Chisholm retired TC2, Drive shaft.

TURNBULL STAGES

Colin Gemmell/Nigel Feeney 5th,

George & Jacqueline Bryson 11th,

Geoff Harkness/Caroline Lodge 21st,

Chris McCallum/Peter McCallum 18th,

PENDRAGON RALLY 23rd September Lancashire

Colin Gemmell/Nigel Feeney retired

George & Jacqueline Bryson retired

Geoff Harkness/ Caroline Lodge 18th,

Chris McCallum/Peter McCallum retired

Andrew Gallacher/Scott McMinn retired

LINDISFARNE RALLY Sept 16th, Otterburn Ranges

Keiran O'Kane/Matt Reid 22nd

Alex McClelland/Brian McClelland 16th.

2012 CLUB AWARDS, PRESENTED AT DUMFRIES ARMS HOTEL, 10/11/12

Driver of the Year: Stephen Alexander Club Champion: Cammie Fair.

Best Newcomer in Grass Tests: Sophie George

Marshals' Award: Keith Fair

Most Improved Driver: Alex Adams

Drivers: 1st Overall: Blair McCulloch, 2nd: Bill Hamilton.

Class winners: Alistair Cunningham, Gordon Alexander, Keiran O'Kane.

Co-drivers: 1st Overall: Alex McCulloch, 2nd: Sara Hamilton. Best Lady: Sara Hamilton.

Class winners: Jim Smith, Michelle Park, John Frew.

Best Rally Newcomer: Craig Gibson.

Ladies Award: Sara Hamilton

Trier of the Year: Gary Keenen

Chairman's Award: Ian Clark

Outstanding Achievement: Blair McCulloch

EACC GRASS TESTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior winner: Jimmy Stewart. Junior winner: Liam Nisbet

Class 1: 1. Jimmy Stewart, 2=. Dougie McVittie, and David Wallace, 4=. Eric Bell and Andy Nisbet, 6=. Ryan Bell and Hamish Brown.

Class 2: 1. Leonard MacKinnon, 2. Ian Gemmell, 3. David Tudhope 4. Keith Matherson, 5. Jimmy Stewart, 6. Ross Gilbert, 7=. Scott Tudhope and David Fotheringham.

Class 4: 1. Mark Gregg, 2. Billy Biagi.

Class 5: 1. Liam Nisbet, 2. David Galloway, 3=. Mark Irvine, Isaac Kahir and Jennifer Wallace, 6=. Ben Gould, Sue Gould, Caitlin McArthur, Sophie George and Anne Shankland.



Above: Three of the EACC team marshalling at Cairn Edward stage on the 2012 Galloway Hills:
L-R Kevin Murray, Russell Fair, Fraser Millar

DINNER-DANCE 10/11/12



Cammie Fair & Robert Harkness



Keith Fair



Craig Gibson & Chris Lees

*More photographs of prizegiving
are available. Contact Editor.*

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David Wallace

Jimmy Stewart, Liam Nisbet, Keiran O'Kane, Jock Frew

