

Mk1 ESCORT WINS KAMES TROPHY

Alan Gardiner and Alan Todd won the Kames Trophy Rally Time Trial at Kames on July 17th, almost half a minute ahead of all other cars. Alan's black Mk1 Escort was a most impressive machine and it was driven superbly throughout the day's sixteen stages.

An entry of 22 cars was divided into two rallies to accommodate drivers who wished to compete without a co-driver, or couldn't find anyone brave enough to accompany them. Colin Gemmell in his Impreza was the fastest of these, finishing 21 seconds ahead of Chris McCallum who had a full minute in hand over Blair McCulloch whose Nova was at all sorts of angles as he chased Chris's Mk2 Escort.

Runner-up in the more conventional rally crewing was the colourful Impreza of Ross Fernie and John Young which pushed the hard-driven Fergusons' Escort into third place.

While Alan Gardiner's was the most polished performance, the most entertaining competitor was yet again Bernie Rooney who must always be in the entry list for future rallies at Kames as he has now built up a big fan club in the spectator enclosure. No doubt the reason why so many of the spectators stayed on till the very end was to see Bernie, particularly as the heavy rain had arrived to reduce the grip even more for the twitchy BMW.



While the surrounding countryside was being hit by thunderstorms, the weather held at Muirkirk until the final special stage, which all helped make the meeting such a success.

Two-manned cars:

Alan Gardiner/Alan Todd	Mk1 Escort	29:37.0
Ross Fernie/John Young	Impreza	30:17.1
Duncan Ferguson/Janice Ferguson	Mk2 Escort	32:02.7
Geoff Harkness/Caroline Lodge	Corsa	32:09.6
Iain Stewart/Brian Stewart	Mini	33:52.2
David Connell/William Brownlie	Corsa	34:39.7
Bernie Rooney/Michael Cruikshank	BMW325	36:42.3
Greg McKnight/David Crosbie	Nova	37:06.3
Steven Bogle/David Murie	Mini	39:51.9

Retirements:

Alastair Cunningham/Jim Smith	Manta	Halfshaft
Martin Elsdon/Jock Frew	Escort	Clutch
Rob Wright/Gary Davison	Fiesta	suspension

Unaccompanied Drivers:

Colin Gemmell	Impreza	30:06.1
Chris McCallum	Mk2 Escort	30:27.3
Blair McCulloch	Nova	31:29.4
Kevin MacIver	Peugeot 205	33:28.9
Peter McCallum	Peugeot 205	33:57.7
John McCallum	Focus	34:05.2

Retirements:

Ian Clark	Nova	See photo
Robin Hamilton	Metro 6R4	Gearbox
Gary Keenan	Stratos	Engine
Billy McMillan	BMW325	



OUT AND ABOUT

Where EACC Members have been competing recently

KIRKISTOWN SPRINT JULY 2 & 3

Two members were in Northern Ireland for this British Championship counter at the Kirkistown racing circuit. Angus Buchan was fifth in class on Saturday and third on Sunday while Alastair Fraser was seventh on Saturday and third on Sunday.

ALFORD SPRINT JULY 17

Jim Sugden and Kevin Hamilton were fourth and fifth in Class B1 at this Grampian Automobile Club round of the Guyson Championship. In Class C0 Mike Murchie was second.

BOULEY BAY HILLCLIMB JULY 14

Wallace Menzies was well rewarded for his efforts in getting to the two rounds of the British Hillclimb Championship in the Channel Islands as he emerged from the two meetings with more points than anyone else, a remarkable achievement. At this first encounter on Jersey, he came fifth in the first run-off but won the second.

VAL DES TERRES HILLCLIMB

Two days later Wallace was in Guernsey for the hillclimb which starts at the harbour area in St Peter Port. Again he struck cracking form, coming in runner-up on both run-offs which brought him up to fourth in the British Hillclimb Championship. He must be pleased at his placing, having missed some rounds at the start of the season.

CADWELL PARK SPRINT JULY 17

These two rounds of the British Championship were unusual as there were no class competition, merely two run-offs as part of the British SuperKart Grand Prix programme. Angus Buchan, being registered in the Championship did his qualifying runs but did not get into the top twelve places at the Lincolnshire circuit.

WISCOMBE PARK HILLCLIMB JULY 30/31

While the EACC interest was concentrated on the National sprints at Kames two members were in Devon for the British Hillclimb Championship. Lee Adams won his class and Wallace Menzies finished third in the big engined racing category. In the Championship run-off Wallace came fourth, one place ahead of Lee and in the second run-off they finished in the same positions. No other EACC members made the long trip south.

CRAIGANTLET HILLCLIMB AUGUST 6

Wallace Menzies enjoyed his trip to Belfast, not only for his third and second places in the run-off but also for wife Nicola getting into both run-offs in her 1100cc Force, becoming only the fifth lady in the Championship's history to score points. Lee Adams was seventh and eighth in the run-offs.

SPEYSIDE STAGES AUGUST 6

John McClory/David Hood were 12th overall, Andrew Gallagher/Phil Sandham 17th and Colin Gemmell/Stuart Cant 31st. Blair and Alex McCulloch went OTL at the end of SS4. Our two co-driving members were also out of luck, Andy Horne/Jim Howie retiring at the end of SS4 and Steven Smith/Russell Fair on SS7.

MOTORSPORT DIARY

ALL DATES SHOWN SHOULD BE RE-GARDED AS PROVISIONAL AND CHECKED WITH THE ORGANISING CLUB'S WEBSITE

SHC	Guyson Scottish Hillclimb Championship	HSC	Highland Speed Championship
SSprintC	Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship	LSC	Lowland Speed Championship
SSpeedC	Guyson Scottish Speed Championship	CBSC	Cross Border Speed Championship. (Wigton MC)
BHC	British Hillclimb Championship	SRC	Scottish Rally Championship
BSC	British Sprint Championship		

Aug 21	Pinwherry Grass Tests		EACC
Aug 27 & 28	Forrestburn Hillclimb	SHC	Monklands Sporting Car Club
Aug 28	Test Day at Kames		EACC
Sept 3 & 4	Knockhill Race Meeting	BTCC	
Sept 3	Merrick Forest Stages	SRC	Newton Stewart
Sept 4	Prescott	BHC	
Sept 10	Knockhill Race Meeting		SMRC
Sept 10	Golspie Littleferry	SSprintC/SSpeedC/HSC	Caithness Car Club
Sept 11	Golspie Kylestrome	SSprintC/HSC	Caithness Car Club
Sept 11	Drumclog Grass Tests		EACC
Sept 10/11	Bo'ness Hillclimb Revival		
Sept 17	Harewood	CBSC	BARC
Sept 18	Knockhill Rallycross	British Championship	
Sept 18	Rally Time Trial	Kames	EACC
Sept 18	Pinwherry Grass Tests		EACC
Sept 18	Harewood	CBSC	BARC
Sept 17/18	Doune	BHC/SHC/LSC	Lothian CC
Sept 24	Boyndie	SSprintC/HSC	Aberdeen & Dist Motor Club
Sept 25	Boyndie	SSprint/HSC	Aberdeen & Dist Motor Club
Sept 25	Loton Park	BHC	
Sept 25	Test Day	Kames	EACC
October 1	Colin McRae Fst.Stages	SRC	Perth
October 2	Kames	CBSC	Wigton Motor Club
October 9	Knockhill Race Meeting		SMRC
October 9	Pinwherry Grass Tests		EACC
October 16	Drumclog Grass Tests		EACC
October 23	Test Day	Kames	EACC
October 30	Galloway Hills Rally		Castle Douglas
November 19	Awards Dinner	British Sprint Championship	Sutton Coldfield
November 27	Test Day	Kames	EACC
Nov 26	Speed Dance	Guyson Awards	Pitlochry.

The Kames Charity Sprint is unlikely to be in held this season. The Galloway Hills Rally which East Ayrshire co-promote with Solway and Machars clubs is being brought forward from December to October 30th and this, together with marshalling commitments to other rallies means the fund-raising efforts will be carried forward, possibly till the Spring.

PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW IF YOU ARE COMPETING AT EVENTS OUTSIDE EACC AS WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP OTHER MEMBERS INFORMED OF ALL OUTINGS.

For our older readers. We had a request for our book (see advert) from Willie Poole who moved south in 1989 to join Andrew Cowan at Mitsubishi's rally team. He now has his own outfit, Willie Poole Motorsport and he travels all over the world (just back from Indonesia) preparing and repairing top rally and racing cars. He is still based in the Midlands and his mobile is 07875 020047 if anyone wants to renew old friendships. He plans to be at the next EACC Re-union. Another local in a top rally outfit is Arthur Gallagher (Drew's cousin) who is with Malcolm Wilson's Ford WRC outfit in Cumbria. Willie also tells us Roderick Stevenson ("Stevie") has his own garage just north of Newcastle. Former members attending Kames recently included Ronnie Livingston, Kilmarnock, Johnnie Watson, Prestwick, Sandy Polland, Dreghorn and Steven Brodie, Larkhall.

A HISTORY OF EAST AYRSHIRE CAR CLUB and Kames Motorsport Complex 1963-1989
228 pages, 400 photos, hardback with sleeve.

This well-received book is something for treasure for anyone interested in EACC and would make a perfect Birthday/Xmas present.

Most of the 250 copies have already gone, so don't miss out. Order yours from Ian Gemmell on 01292 591226 or Robert Smith on 01290 550897
Also available from the Kames Kitchen and at Nurseries Direct. Price £25.00 + postage.