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THE MAGAZINE OF EAST AYRSHIRE CAR CLUB

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Muirkirk Caravan Park Thursday 30th January at 8.00 pm

This is an important meeting which members should make an attempt to attend. Full details of the Club's finances and the Committee's report for the 2012 season and plans for the future will be revealed.

Vacancies are available for several offices and members are asked to consider putting their names forward for these positions.

Membership fees and other issues will be decided upon, so if you have anything to contribute, do come along on the 30th January.

THE ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE Saturday 8th March

The Annual Awards Dinner Dance is being held at the Dumfries Arms Hotel in Cumnock on **8th March**. Tickets priced £25 are on sale now and can be purchased by clicking the link on the website or contacting a member of the committee.

Anyone who has a perpetual trophy from last year should bring them to the AGM or get them back to a member of the committee before the end of January please.

MONTE CARLO HISTORIQUE

Paisley Abbey was announced as the Glasgow Start for the Monte Carlo Historique Rally on Thursday January 23rd. Coordinator Douglas Anderson said "Paisley will be an excellent location as a start venue. It has a stunning visual backdrop, with the historic Abbey and Town Hall. It also has quick access to the first stages of the route for the cars of all eras that will take part."

Our own Brian Telfer is Chief Start Marshal and is looking for helpers on the day.

"We need marshals at the actual start - some from 10am to help rig the ramp and also for marking out the bays for the cars, then the majority on site for 2pm to bring the 80 or so cars into position prior to the public appearing in droves from 4pm till 7.30pm latest. Renfrewshire Council are providing crowd control stewards so we only need to worry about the bit inside the barriers .

The Parc Ferme will be at Abbey Close, in the precinct which runs between the Town Hall and the Abbey, with the start ramp at the southern end and the cars chevroned along the barriers at the sides. Bridge St (the road on the other side of the Abbey) has a road closure order in place and will be closed the whole day for the Rallye, (the Council events team don't mess about they've organised floodlighting for the Abbey & Town Hall as a backdrop as well which will look magnificent)

There will be a stage half way up the closed road at the other side for Radio Clyde & the dancing troupe & pipers will be there. The cars exit onto the closed road from 6pm. There will be car parking for marshals within 50m".

A lot of EACC members were among the crowds at the 2013 start in Glasgow while Tom Bicket and Malcolm Noble were among the crews who accompanied the Monaco-bound cars as far as Dumfries in an Anglia, so undoubtedly there will be a lot of familiar faces to be seen at Paisley.

Perhaps the best way to enjoy the occasion and join personalities like Paddy hopkirk and Rosemary Smith is to get involved in the marshalling.

For details give Brian a ring on **07843 853 450**

The Committee would like to thank everyone who turned up to help strip out the rooms behind the Kames kitchen on December 7th. They did a remarkable job in making a start to our plans to extend the size of the public area. Some interior walls will be demolished and the present kitchen moved backwards into where the house's original kitchen was, in the "lean-to" at the gable end. It is a big job and will take some time—and money!

A LOOK BACK AT ARRAN

The weather on September 20/22nd was very kind and an utterly fantastic weekend was had by all, competitors, marshals and spectators alike. Needless to say both the Arran veterans and the newbies mixed well and everyone had a great time.

The weekend went exactly according to plan, thanks to Ian Gemmell who stepped in at late notice, pulled it all together and made it all happen. We can't thank him and everyone who came along enough.

Considering costs were higher than expected and the event had to be cobbed together only about a month or so before, it was a staggering success.

As planned, there was time to settle in on Friday and explore this beautiful island before the coming together of old and new at dinner and few drinks in the hotel at Blackwaterfoot.

The Saturday action kicked off with Mr Malcolm Noble and his good lady wife arranging a raffle and swear box at breakfast (which only required contributions from Malcolm himself and a certain Mr Alexander, who somehow managed to see his way through the rest of the weekend) to help toward costs of the ceidlih band.

Everyone then headed into Brodick for the start of the weekend proper, with some autotesting at Ormadale, which challenged a few of us to say the least. Myself and Malcolm unable to find reverse gears and young David Alexander having an altercation with one of his shoes which was last seen flying out of the car window half way through his first run. The Arran boys and girls on the other hand were on the pace right from the start and were to be well-placed throughout the weekend.

The ladies then headed out to take in some more of the island and it's shops before meeting up for lunch in Lamlash. Competitors meanwhile headed to the first hillclimb of the weekend at the waterworks.

I think it's safe to say that throughout the weekend, us newbies were thoroughly entertained and inspired by the Arran weekend pro's. I for one could have listened to stories of their antics in Arran Weekends present and in days gone by, all day long, and would like to think they learned a thing or two from the younger ones too!

There is already lots of interest for a repeat of the weekend next year. Early planning and organisation will be key if we are to go ahead. Results have been added to the website's results section and news pages, and posted to our Facebook page. Anyone with photos should send them to Robert Smith for a future issue of Wheel, and possibly blackmail...

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Provisionally, the EACC "Go Motorsport" Open Day at Kames will be on Sunday July 5th with a Classic Car Show being introduced at Kames on Sunday August 3rd. Anyone interested in helping plan these events should contact Robert Smith (see above).

Anyone interested in the driver training for 14-17year olds should contact George Bryson.