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June is one of the busiest months of the year, and members have been active locally and at major competitions all over the UK. Congratulations are due to Lee Adams and Wallace Menzies for winning rounds of the British Hillclimb Championship south of the Border, beating the very best of competition. Accompanying them on some of their sorties have been a number of other members and we have details in this issue.

EACC was well represented on the Scottish Rally and we have photographic coverage of members in the Dumfriesshire event. Nearer home the AutoEcosse vintage rally again included a visit to Kames in their route and we are sure a number of competitors were champing at the bit at being restricted to autotests and some touring laps of the circuit. The track was also busy with private hires, including the RS Owners Club who attracted a big turnout, the Subaru Impreza Drivers Club, Border Sevens and others. The monthly track night for members on Thursday 3rd June was well supported with several new faces.

Before all this was the EACC Re-union which attracted over 130 to the Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock on May 28th. After another excellent dinner, came the book launch for the history of the Club and Kames Motorsport Complex 1963-1989. An amazing 83 copies were purchased on the night and of the 250 ordered over 130 were sold within one month of being put on sale. Mike Murchie has reviewed the book for "Wheel" and his approval is in line with the numerous opinions we have received from readers. The story of how the Club was formed and developed should be of interest to members past and present and will be a valuable addition to any motorsport library. If you are not buying it right away drop a hint for your birthday or Christmas present. But don't delay too long as stocks are coming down.

Cover photograph:

George and Jacqueline Bryson in the Heathhall watersplash on the Scottish Rally

Re-union 2011 & Book Review

The East Ayrshire Car Club Re-union of Members on 28 May 2011 attracted 150 guests to the Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock. A very pleasant and relaxing evening in good company with a superb meal and some light hearted speeches included the clever use of roving "mikes" to randomly pick unsuspecting competitors and extract hitherto unknown information on them!

The highlight of the evening was the launch of Robert Smith's new book entitled "A History of East Ayrshire Car Club



Above: The first EACC President Cameron Anderson receives Book No.1 from current President Ian Gemmell. Looking on are Robert Smith, the author and David Shaw who designed the cover.

Left: Mid Bruce looks on hoping wife Val and Margaret Baillie do not find anything incriminating in the History.

Below: Tom Bicket, on the other hand is taking no chances and snaffles the book as wife Marion (far right) and Anne McDermid discuss the Rally Widows Club, which might even be having a re-union of their own...

Photos: David Fotheringham.

and Kames Motorsport Complex, Part 1, 1963 – 1989". This is a beautiful little book in hard back with fly cover priced at £25.00. On the night alone it sold 115 copies each one personally signed by the author who is now fully recovered from the ordeal!

Robert's book is genuinely a work of art. How he managed to capture all that has gone on in the 26 years of the history up to 1989 is amazing. There are 228 pages and whilst I haven't counted them I estimate at least 400 photographs of people, cars, and events from sprints, hillclimbs, race meetings, grass tests, rallies, and auto cross. Venues cover all of Scotland and every well known face is there, like Norrie Galbraith, living legend Kenny Allen, Harry Simpson, Melvyn Hartley, current EACC President

Gordon and Samantha were there too.



Ian Gemmell, Robert Smith, Bob Baillie, Andrew Smith, Andy "Ticklybits", Scottish motorsport historian Graham Gauld, Alex Graham, Jimmy Fleming, Jim Campbell, Billy Lambie, and hundreds and hundreds more... because every event with any EACC participation is covered with detailed results on every competitor. This book shows clearly the total dedication and endless enthusiasm of the author. It is a unique publication as there is nobody else capable of spending 2 years laboriously compiling such a valued piece of Scottish motorsport history.

RS has not stopped there, oh no, he is apparently well on the way with Part 2 covering the period 1990 to 2013. This additional companion to Part 1 will be launched at the next re-union in 2013. Cannot wait as this book will likely include every competitor reading this item!

Mike Murchie.

