

EACC KAMES SPRINTS JUNE 11 & 12

This was probably the shortest entry list for a speed event for some time.

Overall Saturday (Anticlockwise): Roy Munro 71.90, Keith Weeks 71.95, Bill Lambie Jr 74.39, Stephen Alexander 75.76, David Loomes 76.20, Billy Lambie 76.52, Mark Scoular 78.07, Melvyn Hartley 79.84, David Baker 81.69, David Reid 81.77.

Overall Sunday (Clockwise): Roy Munro 76.89, Keith Weeks 78.07, Alastair Fraser 82.50, Mark Scoular 82.77, Stephen Alexander 83.06, David Loomes 83.74, Melvyn Hartley 87.33, Jac Koumides 88.87, David Reid 90.43, Ben Lyons 91.90.

Classes: Class A1 Sunday (Record 100.55): John McGill 107.45.

Class A2 Saturday (Record 84.16): Angus Dow 83.02.

A2 Sunday (Record 92.48): Ian Wright 98.10, Alan Cleland 106.34, Angus Dow 107.10, Brian Wilson 107.86

A3 Sunday (Record 87.13): Jac Koumides 88.87.

A6 Saturday (Record 74.58): Stephen Alexander 75.76, David Loomes 76.20.

A6 Sunday (Record 82.09): Stephen Alexander 83.06, David Loomes 83.74.

A7 Saturday (Record 83.89): David Parr 85.21.

A8 Sunday (Record 88.04): Ben Lyons 91.90, Kevin Clark 104.16.

B1 Saturday (Record 86.74): Garry McDermaid 89.64.

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B2 Saturday (Record 83.63): David Reid 81.77 New Record.

B2 Sunday (Record 93.19): David Reid 90.43 New Record, Geoff Harkness 96.10, Caroline Lodge 101.36.

B3 Sunday (Record 85.41): Graham Hutchison 92.14.

B4 Saturday (Record 74.35): Bill Lambie Jr 74.39, Billy Lambie 76.52.

B6 Saturday (Record 76.23): Melvyn Hartley 79.84, Nina Baker 81.69.

B6 Sunday (Record 83.98): Melvyn Hartley 87.33.

C0 Saturday (Record 84.61): Mike Murchie 88.14.

C0 Sunday (Record 93.07): John Cowie 93.18, Mike Murchie 96.10.

C1 Saturday (Record 73.09): David Baker 81.69.

C4 Saturday (Record 67.10): Roy Munro 71.90, Keith Weeks 71.95, Mark Scoular 78.07, Iain Scoular 82.70.

C4 Sunday (Record 75.77): Roy Munro 76.89, Keith Weeks 78.07, Alastair Fraser 82.50, Mark Scoular 82.77.

TREASURE HUNT JUNE 18

There was a turnout of sixteen crews which was very encouraging as it is some years since the Club last ran such a social event. The route started from Ian Gemmell's front garden at Nurseries Direct and ended at the caravan park's social club next to Kames. Winners were the crew led by George Bryson and the organisation was in the hands of the Social Convenor Jock Frew. Thanks to all who organised and participated in this enjoyable run.

GRASS TESTS

Yet another grass event was lost to the weather on June 12th when the field at Drumclog was waterlogged, but on June 24th and 25th the Pinwherry doubleheader was able to run. The entry was not as big as usual, due, no doubt to the uncertainty of the weather recently in the West of Scotland.

Saturday: Jimmy Stewart 15:22, Dougie McVittie 15:26, David Drummond 15:44, Eric Bell 15:58, Leonard MacKinnon 16:10, David Wallace 16:14, George Ingram 16:41, Billy Biagi 16:57; David Tudhope 17:39, David McArthur 18:23.

Class 5 (?): Colin Ingram 18:05, Scott Tudhope 18:38, Caitlin McArthur 20:17.

Sunday: Jimmy Stewart 13:43, David Wallace 14:43, Eric Bell 14:50, Dougie McVittie 14:53, Ryan Bell 15:04, Leonard MacKinnon 15:09, Billy Biagi 15:35, Jennifer Wallace 16:23, Duncan McArthur 16:46, David Tudhope 16:56.

[The July 7th Club Night at Kames](#) was well attended with a few old timers like Vince Banks from Paisley re-appearing with his ill-sounding Clubmans car after a few years away.

JULY AT EAST AYRSHIRE CAR CLUB

Kames Trophy Rally (time trial) SUNDAY JULY 17

The first of the season's rally action at Kames sees all the familiar names in the entry, so some entertaining spectating is promised. There is still time to get an entry in, so if you do have a rally car and a competitions licence, get your entry in right away, be part of it, if only to give support to the Club's rally organising team and to Ian Gemmell for all the hard work he has put into building the unique and under-appreciated rally roads at Kames.

If you cannot take part at least consider marshalling for the day - your efforts will be appreciated by competitors, and of course there is the free marshals' lunchbox at the Kames Kitchen. Be there before 9 am as the action usually begins around 9.30 a.m. If you choose to spectate, be there early for the best viewing spots as rallying at Kames always attracts a good turnout of spectators who tend to make a day of it, many staying on to the very end. Full details are on the Club's website.

EACC National Sprint July 30 and 31

This, of course is the big sprint weekend of the year at Kames, two meetings counting towards the SBD Motorsport British Sprint Championship, the Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship and umpteen others.

Competitors are expected from the south coast of England and from the North of Scotland and some of the cars will be among the most powerful seen in action north of the border. We recently heard speed events at this level described as "Formula One on a country road" and that is not too far from the truth as the big V8 engined Goulds and Pilbeams of the Championship frontrunners have a power output not that far short of the F1 cars of just a few years ago. Their acceleration is mind-boggling and is best explained by reminding readers that last year British Champion Nick Algar was timed through the speed trap at 125mph. That was a sight few will forget.

This year Stewart Robb Sr in his 3.5 litre V8 Pilbeam leads the British Championship and will be hoping to come away from Kames having made a significant step towards winning the coveted title for the first time. He will face strong opposition from English drivers and fellow Scot Colin Calder in a V8 Gould, but last year all the big racing cars were beaten by the 1600cc bike-engined Raptor of EACC member Lee Adams from Peterhead. He may miss the Kames sprint and take in the Wiscombe Park hillclimb in the south of England as that is a round of the British Hillclimb Championship in which he is highly placed at present.

As well as the quest for points, there is the MSA Inter-Regional Team sprint which the Scottish team have won for the last three years. Again we appeal for members to get involved, either as a competitor sharing the paddock with the big names or as a marshal. Spectators should note practice will start around 9 a.m. both days in view of a lengthy schedule.

Grass Test July 24

We will leave our report on the Drumclog event on 10th July till our next issue but members can still enter for the grass tests at Pinwherry on July 24th. This is a good excuse for a drive down the lovely Ayrshire coastline and getting a tasty fish supper in Girvan on the way home. See the website about how to enter.

Snippets

Some years ago wives and girl friends of EACC members got together for a meal and organised fashion shows, visits to places of interest and helped with some of the Club's social activities. A number of the Rally Widows Club still meet up informally and following the recent Re-union there have been requests for a proper get together. Margaret Sword would like to hear from ladies, young and, well, not so young wishing to participate and she can be contacted on meg.sword@ipsos.com Tel 01292 560244

It is hoped to have members go out during the off-season to give talks and video presentations to Youth Clubs, Young Farmers Clubs, etc. with a view to encourage young people to take up the sport. The plan is for teams consisting of an experienced member and a younger competitor to explain how the sport operates and how recruits can enter the sport through EACC. This should also give young drivers experience of communicating with the general public, something which can help them as they develop their motorsport careers. In the old days, up and coming competitors were regularly interviewed on Westsound and we should all remember there is much more to being a top competitor than driving fast. Anyone wishing to become involved or has any video footage should contact the Editor of "Wheel".

On 2nd July Chris McCallum and Ian Clark were tenth in the Crail Summer Stages in Fife with their Escort. Also competing were Peter and John McCallum in a Peugeot 205, Peter making his rallying debut. They finished 33rd. Chris Haw and son Alistair were 17th in their Peugeot 309GTI but Billy McLelland/Helen Brown retired their Evo3 on SS3 when the turbo failed.



Private Hire days at Kames can be worth a visit. Here we see just a few of the cars at the Border Sevens day on June 5th. On the same day the AutoEcosse tour ran autotests in the paddock, shown below.



Edinburgh member Ben Lyons winning his class at Forrestburn.

So you think your car is not up to competition work? Just look what Brian Hopkins entered both days at Forrestburn.



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