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There is nothing if not variety at East Ayrshire Car Club. Take the first weekend of April for example. On the Saturday we had a number of racing cars testing at Kames, including a number from the Aberdeen area and a few recent acquisitions. The highlight, however was the appearance of Lee Adams and Graeme Wight junr with the Raptor which holds the track record. Designer and former British Hillclimb Champion Graeme has made major improvements in engine output which saw the car really fly. Les Mutch and Mike Jolly were hosting the meeting as a charity fundraiser and like Lee they will be concentrating on the Leaders section of the British Hillclimb Championship in 2011.

The following day was a complete contrast with the visit of the 1913-1940 sports cars in the Flying Scotsman Classic Reliability Trial. Only a dozen or so cars didn't make it to Muirkirk from the Brooklands start two days earlier and those which did were a sight for sore eyes. Most of the cars may not have been Concours standard but they were still of a very high pedigree and in tip-top mechanical condition. The spectators' admiration was not confined for the cars but also for the crews whose protection from the elements consisted mainly of Arctic quality clothing, if even that. And all the way from London...

Being a reliability run with average speed limited to 30 mph, the tightest corners of the rally roads were used and no helmets were required. Nevertheless most drivers were pushing their cars to the limit and it was a most enjoyable spectacle. The entry included 36 overseas crews, including two US drivers and one Canadian and anyone we spoke to were highly impressed by the event's organisation. The inclusion of Kames appeared to have gone down well.

Motor museums have their place and their staff do great work but isn't it great to see these old machines doing what they were designed to do. Let's hope the event returns to Muirkirk next year.

Cover photograph: The beautiful 1938 2.5 litre Alfa Romeo 6C of Alastair Caldwell and Catriona Rings in the Esses at the far end of the rally track at Kames. For those who missed the event we have two pages of photos in this issue.

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1929 Ford Model A Speedster [GB]



4.5 litre Bentley [Germany]



1940 Pontiac Deluxe [Austria]



1932 Talbot 105 Alpine [GB]



1929 Alfa Romeo 6C SS Zagato [Luxembourg]



1913 Ford Model T Speedster [GB]

Flying Scotsman cars at Kames 3/4/2011



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