

Wigton Motor Club Kames Sprint 6/10/13

The damp morning weather kept the attendance low at Muirkirk for the closing speed event of the season and this was a great pity as there were thrills aplenty.

Wallace Menzies, fresh from his excellent third place finish in the British Hillclimb Championship was entered, as was his wife Nicola who also contested the National series in her own car and her dad George Coghill all the way from Thurso. Wallace had a visit to the Paddock Bend gravel bed and Nicola blew the engine of her Force as she crossed the finish line of her final run.

But the star was of course Wallace as he pushed the DJ Firestorm to the limit (he says not!). The car was sounding superb, unlike any other racing car around at the moment but at this time of the year the thought of a new track record was never in anyone's mind. How wrong we were proved to be as the big red car took half a second off the track record for the traditional clockwise course.

There was an interesting mix of competitors from both sides of the border and a great atmosphere in the paddock. The event was well run with competitors enjoying two practice runs and four competition runs.

Class C1: Colin Sutherland (GT6) 98.12, Alex Hazelwood (Sprite) 110.04, Phil Hallington (Midget) 122.60, Felix Sear (Austin 7 Special) 123.43.

Class C2: Peter Sewell (MGB) 104.67.

Class M1: Nick Barratt (Mini) 90.41.

Class M2: Jock Ramsay (Manta) 91.60, Mike Murchie (Fiesta) 94.69, Nigel Harkness (Corsa) 99.55.

Class M5: Melvyn Hartley (Gemini) 85.86.

Class R1: Steven Holmes (Citroen) 103.13, Peter Garforth (Skoda) 107.76.

Class R2: Jamie Geddes (Exige) 93.38, William Millard (Impreza) 93.81, Michael Thornton (Honda) 96.91, Ronnie Macgregor (Honda S2000) 97.35, Chris Harris (Elise) 98.77, Ian Wright (Honda) 99.06, John Roddick (MX5) 99.45, Alex Thornton (Honda) 100.16, Peter Locke (RX8) 100.97, Ross Glen (MX5) 101.65, Kevin Clark (MX5) 101.70, Henry Simmons (MX5) 103.26, Richie Bolton (MX5) 103.30, Eddy Bernie (MG TF) 110.54, John McGill (MX5) 111.58.

Class RS1: Colin Tullis (MNR Vortex) 92.22.

Class RS2: Graham Denholm (Caterham) 91.79, Les Golding (Caterham) 93.83.

Class S1: Russell Macfarlane (Nemesis) 79.74, Mark Scoular (OMS) 82.19.

Class S2: Wallace Menzies (DJ Firestorm) 69.51 New Track Record, Nicola Menzies (Force) 76.16, George Coghill (Force) 78.39.



Nicola Menzies blew her engine on the final run of the meeting.

[Photo: Kevin Brown]

ABR ROOFING KAMES RALLY 20TH OCTOBER

There was another good turnout for the final competition of the Kames season but there might have been even more entries had some drivers not thought the event was open to non-Juniors as well as the F1000 youngsters.

Close finishes were the order of the day, Ryan Weston/Mark McCulloch having only five seconds in hand over Lee Hastings/Mairi Riddick in the Seniors category. It was even closer with the Juniors after Alex Vassallo/Neil Colman relinquished a useful lead on the final stage to let William Creighton/Andrew Bushe take the victory by a single second from Ben Crealey/Liam Regan.

Seniors

Ryan Weston/Mark McCulloch	Fiesta	26:14
Lee Hastings/Mairi Riddick	Impreza	26:19
Chris Haw/Carol Smith	Peugeot 309	28:16
Drew Struthers/Paul Cavanagh	Sunbeam	28:26
Alex Adams/Derek Connell	Civic	28:37

Juniors

William Creighton/Andrew Bushe	Citroen C1	27:44
Ben Crealey/Liam Regan	Micra	27:45
Michael Dickie/Euan Duncan	Toyota Aygo	27:51
Harry Marchbank/Jordan Black	Micra	28:09
Dylan O'Donnell/Tracey Louise Muir	Micra	28:22
Andy Struthers/Andrew Falconer	Micra	28:55
Alasdair Currie/Drew Sturrock	Citroen AX	29:28
Michael J Robertson/Phil Sandham	Micra	29:33
Jake Anderson/Russell Kessack	Micra	29:44
Alex Vassallo/Neil Colman	Citroen C1	30:08
Stephen McClory/Steven Brown	Micra	30:45
Luke Barker/Jim Aitken	Peugeot 107	30:50
Brodie Balfour/Dave Retson	Micra	31:02
Scott Murray/Garry Muir	Micra	31:13
Rory Winter/Ian Shiels	Micra	33:36
Brandon Walsh/Steve Turnbull	Yaris	retired SS10

Photos: Top: Ryan Weston/Mark McCulloch, Overall Winners

Lower: William :Creighton/Andrew Bushe, Junior Rally Winners



GALLOWAY HILLS WELL SUPPORTED

For the first time in its history the Galloway Hills Rally was included in the Scottish Rally Championship and the organising Clubs - Solway, Machars and East Ayrshire put in quite an effort. They were rewarded with a healthy entry of 76 ensuring the Championship ended on a high note.

David Bogie, who had already secured the championship still put in an appearance, completing all the stages but was not classified as a finisher as he did not reach the finish control in Castle Douglas.

A novel feature of the rally was a specially constructed spectator stage in a quarry near Dalbeattie and despite some inclement weather at times the test was considered a big success. The site was visited twice and was run by EACC marshals, to whom we owe our thanks and gratitude.

Local drivers, as expected dominated the event, Jock Armstrong winning, followed by Mike Faulkner and three other Evo9s. Only Andy Horne with Jim Howie at the maps in their DAM 4100 GTi prevented the Imprezas and Evo9s filling all top ten positions.

Highest placed East Ayrshire driver was Andrew Gallacher in ninth place, a very good result considering a puncture in an early stage.

1. Jock Armstrong / John Richardson	Impreza	47:20
2. Mike Faulkner / Peter Foy	Evo9	48:45
3. Shaun Sinclair / Chris Hammill	Evo9	49:30
4. Barry Groundwater / Neil Shanks	Evo9	49:32
5. Donnie MacDonald / Andrew Falconer	Evo9	49:59
6. Andy Horne / Jim Howie	DAM 4100 GTi	50:31
7. Andrew Gallacher / Phil Sandham	Evo9	50:41
8. Craig McMiken / Craig Wallace	Evo9	51:12
9. John McClory / David Hood	Impreza	51:26
10. Dougal Brown / Lewis Rochford	Evo9	51:47
23. Robert Harkness / Mike Curry	BMW 316	55:09
28. Tom Coughtrie / Calvin Cooledge	RS1800	57:59
38. Kieran O'Kane / Matt Reid	Ascona 400	59:32
39. William Pollock / Helen Brown	Escort Mk1	60:04
Gary McLeod / Will Rogers	Fiesta	FF
Derek Connell / Jock Frew	Corsa	FF

William Pollock / Helen Brown were winners of Class 5.

Robert Harkness / Mike Curry won Class 9 with Kieran O'Kane / Matt Reid second.

The Evo9 of Andrew Gallacher / Phil Sandham was the top Group N car.

Member Jim Howie had a good day co-driving for Andy Horne and coming home in an excellent fifth place.

Robert Harkness / Mike Curry were the highest placed EACC crew.

Tom Coughtrie's Ford RS Escort 1800 was voted the best presented car from any of the three organising clubs.



Alex Vassallo has enjoyed another successful season with his Citroën C1. The 16 year old EACC member from the Newcastle area won the Scottish F1000 Championship and will now have to "graduate" into what we are sure will be a successful career in whatever field he chooses.

The September grass tests were cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.

The EACC Dinner-Dance and Presentation of Awards will take place in February.

For a Christmas present, why not drop a hint for a copy of the acclaimed History of East Ayrshire Car Club and Kames Motorsport Complex 1990-2012. This 258 page book has a hard cover with sleeve and contains around 900 photos most of which are in colour. Available from Ian Gemmell, Heatherdene, Stair, Mauchline KA5 5JD, price £25.00 (+£3 P&P).

Following the success of the Open Weekend at Kames in July a number of people have expressed support for a suggestion that a veteran/vintage based event be organised by the Club at Kames in early August 2014. It was considered such a gathering would attract a good attendance and increase the venue's popularity with the general public as a centre for all things motoring, and not just sport. The range of exhibits would be similar to that of the Culzean Classic Vehicle Show which the Club ran so successfully two decades ago.

To this end we are drawing up a list of people interested in the proposal so we can keep them informed of progress.

A few members have already volunteered their services, but if the event is to get off the ground we will need to spread a net to located vehicles of note and prepare a potential entry list as the weeks pass. Culzean for example had Veteran, Vintage, Classics, Historics, Novelty, Agricultural, Competition cars, Gran Turismo, Sports, On-make enclosures, Motor-cycles, etc.

If you are interested, please add your name to a circulation list as follows

Your Name:

Address:

Email :

Tel No.

With their permission, non-members names can also be added. This should be e-mailed to

robert@rsmith4.orangehome.co.uk

or passed to any Committee member of the Club.

Right:

Andrew Gallacher receives his award at Castle Douglas Town Hall for his Evo9 being the leading Group N car in the recent Galloway Hills Rally.

We are looking for more photographs of members on the Galloway Hills, also those of non-members if the pic is of interest to members.



The EACC Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday February 22nd in the Dumfries Arms Hotel, Cumnock.

The date for the Annual General Meeting is 30th January.

This year's EACC Christmas night out starts with dinner at Masala (The Jewel) in Cumnock, followed by a night on the town. The date is Saturday 14th December and details are available from

michelle@eastayrshirecc.co.uk

DAVID GRAY

We regret to record the sudden death of David Gray after a short illness. David owned a garage and vehicle restoration business in Newtonmore and was a regular competitor at Kames for many years.

After a few seasons in a silver Chevette prepared by Gordon MacIntyre with whom he was very friendly, he drove a variety of TVRs in sprints and hillclimbs, always giving the appearance of being close to or just beyond the limit.

