

"Flat Oot"

Your Grampian Automobile Club Newsletter



OUR CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Once the Christmas and New Year festivities are over my mind starts to look ahead to the coming year. What do we hope for, where are we going on holiday and how often and what sort of year will we have Motorsport wise.

We started our year with the annual dinner and awards evening at the Atholl Hotel in Aberdeen. A good number of members and guests came along and once again we had a very enjoyable evening. Thanks as always to the hotel for looking after us very well. It was also good to have our landlord and his wife back with us this year, no trees blocking their exit roads this year.

Peggy and I started our Motorsport year with Marshal duties at the Snowman Rally in Inverness. We really enjoy seeing another form of Motorsport and would recommend it as they are always glad of volunteers to help run the event. We Marshal at a few rallies every year which also gives us a chance of a weekend away to different parts of the country. We visited Fintray in early April to see how much work was needed to get ready for the May Hillclimbs to find that with having had a very wet spell of weather quite a task lay ahead of us.



As usual when we appealed for help our members and volunteers turned out in good numbers and got stuck into the work. The access road got the usual 20 tonnes of hardcore laid to repair the parts that needed it.

December 2023

The wet weather continued making for unpleasant working conditions, but the ladies and gents just donned their waterproofs and carried on, some even with a smile on their faces.

We carried on with the preparation work as best we could but unfortunately the weather beat us in the end. Four days before the event was due to run when we visited again, the venue especially the paddock areas were ankle deep in water. This gave us no option but to take the very difficult decision to cancel the weekend ahead. This was heart-breaking for all of us as we had a good number of competitors entered but we felt, to be fair to everyone the decision had to be made then and not left to the last minute.

Onto the August events with a big improvement in the weather during the lead up. There was timber operations ongoing around the farm, clearing up a lot of the fallen trees from Storm Arwen and felling some others. We convened our work parties and worked around the timber contractors.



As usual we had the place in order for the events and also a good number of entries. On the weekend of the hillclimbs the weather all around us was not very good but we were extremely lucky and the rain stayed away. Over the weekend George Coghill Jnr was the only class record breaker, so very well done to him.

I must also mention our loyal band of marshals who once again supported us in good numbers. What is also very pleasing is that we seem to attract one or two new marshals every time. Where would we be without them??



Live commentary was once again in place which is very much enjoyed by competitors as well as the spectators. It certainly helps with the passing on of information to all in the venue. Big thank you to Melvin Ross for his knowledgeable efforts over the weekend. I for one really enjoy having a Doric speaking commentator!!!

The GAC Club Championship for 2023 was very closely contested with the final outcome being:

Club Champion – **Derek Rothnie** Ladies Champion – **Fiona Webster** Best Newcomer – **Ryan Clark**

Well done to all three. Your awards will be presented at the annual dinner in the Atholl Hotel on January 27th 2024. Big thanks to Steve Marr for looking after this for us.



A German couple who had been competing in the cycling world championships in Glasgow happened on Fintray when doing a Scotland tour

Peggy and I along with a number of other GAC members attended the annual SSHC Dinner and Dance in Broughty Ferry and it was great to see a number of our members picking up awards. Congratulations to all of them. It was also great to see such a well attended event which turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

The first club event on 27th of January 2024 will be the dinner and club trophies presentation evening at the Atholl Hotel. I am sure this will be another enjoyable evening so get it in your diaries folks. Tickets will be available soon from John Whyte.

I would once again like to thank the club committee members for their help and support over the past year and look forward to working with them in the coming year. They all put in a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure Fintray is an enjoyable place to come to.

Our Competition Secretary Peggy decided that 2023 season would be her last year in the role. After 14 years she just felt it was time to stop. GAC are indebted to Peggy for her long spell of dedication to the role and also her support of the club in general. Many an evening as I was preparing to go to Fintray for a work party I would see Peggy had her work clothes and boots ready for action as well. If I said to her that she did not need to attend work parties I was firmly rebuffed and told that as a committee member she wanted to do her bit as well!! That was me put in my place...again. At the SSHC Dinner and Dance Peggy was presented with the Tom McCubbin Trophy for her services to Scottish Sprint and Hillclimb. She was very surprised but also very happy and grateful to receive this trophy. A very fitting way to finish with.



We were quite worried as to who we could get to take over the role from Peggy but thankfully Graeme Webster, already a GAC Committee member came forward and volunteered his services. I am sure Graeme will be a very capable Competition Secretary and once the

handover has been done with Peggy will prove to be the right person for the job. We thank Graeme for coming forward, I wish him well in the role and assure him of our full support.

We can now look forward to a great season of Speed Motorsport in 2024.

Finally I would just like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

> Lovat Fraser, Club Chairman

Annual Dinner and Presentation

Your Club's Annual Dinner will be held on the 27^{th} January 2024 (19:00 for 19:30) at Atholl Hotel, Kings Gate, Aberdeen. Rooms are available for £80.00/night for a double room Bed & Full Scottish Breakfast (some singles for £60.00/night) and can be booked direct with the Hotel. Numbers are limited to 60 so book now to avoid disappointment.

Raffle prizes would be gratefully received for the night.

Tickets for the dinner with wine (subsidised by the Club) will be available at £35.00 each from:

John Whyte 11 WESTER TYNE BRAE PENCAITLAND EAST LOTHIAN EH34 5BP

I have enclosed a cheque for £ for GAC Dinner Tickets @ £35.00 each
Please send to:
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Goodbye from our Competition Secretary

It's Goodbye,

After several years as your competition secretary it is definitely time to step aside, and I must thank Graeme so much for taking on the roll. I have met so many lovely people in my time with Grampian Automobile Club and must thank everyone for supporting us over the years. There are people who from a phone call at the beginning of the season invariably turn out to ensure our events run smoothly, Scrutineers, Paramedics, timekeepers and catering vans. We have a lot of marshals who continue to support us too, but without competitors we would have no events, so thank you to everyone. I was very surprised but honoured to receive the Tom McCubbin Trophy at the annual SSHC dinner this year. the recipient being decided by the Chairman of SSHC it really means a lot thank you.

I will be on the go, it just won't be me in the Sign on shed (referred to as Peggy's shed) anymore perhaps it needs a new name. The one thing I won't miss is the Fintray work parties.

> Thanks again Peggy

Our GAC 2023 Club Champion



Derek Rothnie

Well first of all I would like to thank all the team within Grampian Automobile Club for their hard work behind the scenes, also big thanks to Lovat & Peggy



For their commitment to GAC, as we know Peggy has stepped down for next year and I wish her all the best (I am sure we will see Peggy on the race days as a spectator!)

I am so proud to be one of the 2023 GAC champions with GAC being my home club & Fintray being just up the road from Inverurie. This year it's been a battle and I can only compare this year with 2019 for myself, that being the competition in A2 was very similar to 2019 that's been very close sometimes winning or losing by a few hundredths!!

Another highlight for myself this year was taking the Doune British A (I) record back to Scotland! Not to forget a new A2 record at Forrestburn, Kames, R2 cross border winner,

Guyson A2 Scottish Hillclimb class winner & Kames sprint champion so not a bad year.

Next year I will be doing everything I can to hold on to the Guyson Hillclimb A2 best in class winner! (I am sure somebody we all know will have something to say about that!)

Look forward to seeing you all next year and looking forward to 2024 for another exciting year within the Hill Climb and Sprint Championship!

Derek Rothnie

Our GAC 2023 Ladies Champion



Fiona Webster

Well, what a 2023 season I have had. New car and most events new PBs, winning the GAC Ladies Championship again this year is amazing, especially with the stiff competition coming through now in the Ladies.

I was also fortunate enough to win the XBC Ladies along with the Ladies Scottish Sprint Championships and awarded the most improved Driver of 2023 for East Ayrshire Club.

Don't get me wrong had a couple of offs this year too, Forrestburn Hill Climb was like a flying lesson being airborne at one point before landing in the long grass and the Rescue guys saying well Lass I have towed a lot off this part of the Hill but nobody this far up the embankment, thankfully little damaged done to car and no damage to myself. Then I went to Doune Hill climb and had a major Oops at top of East Brae, the spectators woke up as I headed towards the fence, again no damage to car or driver.



It was a shame that we were only able to run one Fintray this year especially given all the hard work put in by the Club members to get the track ready, however the weather beat us



and in the end, it was the right decision for spectators, competitors and organisers, our second Fintray was well supported and the weekend was thoroughly enjoyed.

While writing this my thoughts also turn to Peggy Fraser our GAC Competition Secretary for the last 14 years who is sadly stepping down from her role, we will all miss you being in the Club House, it has been an Honour to be on the committee with you.

Finally thank you all for your encouragement and support over the season, and wish everyone a great Christmas break, Happy New Year and here's to a great 2024 season, where I look forward to seeing everyone again.

Fiona Webster

Our GAC 2023 Best Newcomer



Ryan Clark

It all started with an Instagram post. Having attended Fintray Hillclimb as a spectator in August 2022 I uploaded a video of the event.

My uncle posted a comment simply saying 'Is that you at the wheel?' I thought 'god no; I could never do that'. Then before heading home I spoke to Lovat about what I would need to take part. He was encouraging and made it seem like a pretty accessible sport. Without that conversation I probably would have saved a lot of money. Thanks Lovat!

August 2023 rolls around.....like a fish oot of water I arrived on the Saturday with not even knowing where I needed to park. Fortunately Darren was on hand to keep me right. I also didn't have a timing strut. To say I was feeling unprepared at this point is an under statement. I recall even asking someone where the scrutineering building was. Felt like a right twat when I was told there wasn't one ha ha!

Thanks to Sandy for sorting me out with a spare timing strut, I was ready to compete just before the 09:00 cut off.

That whole weekend was quite a steep learning curve for me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that made me feel welcome and like I have been doing this for years. There are too many people to name you all but from taking me on track walks and giving me top tips, to helping me with numbers and equipment. People from all over the paddock have been nothing but supportive. I am truly indebted to you.

Following Fintray up with Boyndie in October was a great conclusion to the year even if I made a few on track mistakes that I learnt from. I guess this is what it's all about, right.

I would like to thank the Grampian Automobile Club committee for their commitment in making Fintray possible, to the Marshalls for keeping us competitors safe and for all members again for being so open to outsiders. It is an absolute pleasure to receive this award for best newcomer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. See you at more events next year.

Ryan Clark

Scottish Championship Awards

The 2023 Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb Championship awards were presented at the annual championship dinner and dance on the 2nd December 2023.

(GAC members highlighted in red text)

2023 Scottish Hill Climb Championship

Scottish Hill Climb Champion Stuart Sugden

Scottish Hill Climb Competition Car Champion Stuart Sugden

Scottish Hill Climb Modified Car Champion Andrew Grover

Scottish Hill Climb Road Car Champion



David Reid Scottish Hill Climb Classic & Thoroughbred Champion **John Albiston** Scottish Ladies Hill Climb Championship Lesley Sheridan Scottish Hill Climb Best Newcomer **Brian Hunter Hill Climb Class Awards** Class A1 – Garry Dickson Class A2 – Derek Rothnie Class A3 – David Reid Class A5 – Lovat Fraser Class A6 – John Welsh Class A8 – Neil Ross Class A9 – Neil Girdwood Class B1 - Stuart Wood Class B2 – Aonghus Drummond Class B3 – Geoff Twemlow Class B4 – Andrew Grover Class B5 - Stuart Dow Class B6 – Ross Sutherland Class C0 – John Ramsay Class C4 – Gary Warren Class C5 – Stuart Sugden Class D1 – Tom Kenny Class D2 – John Pace Class D3 – John Albiston 2023 Scottish Sprint Championship Scottish Sprint Champion **David Wallace**

> Scottish Sprint 'Top 10' Champion George Coghill (Jnr)

Scottish Sprint Competition Car Champion George Coghill (Jnr) Scottish Sprint Modified Car Champion Billy Lambie Jnr

Scottish Sprint Road Car Champion David Wallace

Scottish Sprint Classic & Thoroughbred Champion George Coghill Snr

Scottish Ladies Sprint Championship Fiona Webster

Scottish Sprint Best Newcomer Erin Wood

Sprint Class Awards

Class A1 – Garry Dickson

Class A2 - Stuart Morrison

Class A3 – Tom Rapson

Class A4 – Callum Norris

Class A5 – Lovat Fraser

Class A6 – John Walsh

Class A8 – Ronnie MacGregor

Class A9 – David Wallace

Class B2 – David Paterson

Class B4 – Scott Kirby

Class B6 – Bill Lambie Jnr

Class C0 – Mike Murchie

Class C1 – Alan Ramsay

Class C3 – Scott McWhriter

Class C4 – George Coghill (Jnr) Class C5 – Roy Munro

Class D1 – Graeme Banks

Class D2 – John Pace

Class D3 – George Coghill Snr

2023 Scottish Speed Championship

Shell Quaich – Garry Dickson Agnes Mickel Award – Lesley Sheridan Scottish Championship Special Awards



Tom McCubbin Trophy Peggy Fraser

James Farquhar Thomson Guyson Trophy Mike King

The Norman Thomson Memorial Trophy Brian Hunter

The Bob Hamilton Memorial Trophy Neil & Ludinda Hopkinson

> The Norrie Galbraith Trophy Stuart Reid

The Lawrence Hoy Award Pete Lawton

Fraser Bell Award John & Maureen Will

Another excellent year for GAC members across all Scottish Speed events.

However a special mention must go to the Tom McCubbin Trophy winner, **Peggy Fraser** our Competition Secretary, very well deserved.

"Flying Haggis Racing" Mission Motorsport Race of Remembrance - Anglesey

With an eventful season of hill climbs sharing the Tiger with Vicky Park, both of us having significant offs in which there was some significant damage being done both times. Then a weekend sharing the MINI with Amy in the October kames sprint, still with some excitement this time no damage to the car but instead to the driver. Fortunately, nothing too serious but did end the weekend for Amy.

October was not the end of the racing season for me though as having been invited to join Flying Haggis Racing to drive with them at this Mission Motorsport Race vear of Remembrance in Anglesey. Now this is not any old race it is a remembrance service with a race round about it. Mission Motorsport are a charity set up to help those affected by military operations, through motorsport by offering training which can lead to a second career after the military. Their motto being Race Retrain Recover.

First thing I had to do was arrange to do my ARDS test at Knockhill, fortunately I passed. Sadly, for me there were no other cars on track with me so I did not get to experience being on track with other cars, this would have to wait until Friday practice at Anglesey.

Fast forward to November and the Thursday the 9th Vicky, Amy and I met up with Donna and David Reid, Charlie Fraser and Gordon Duncan for the long drive down to Anglesey, we arrived about 4pm met up with the Team from TWP Racing who would be our service crew for the weekend. A massive thanks to Robbie, Mark, Adam and Luca (who flew over from Germany to help us), you took on the hard work letting us concentrate on the driving and had a great laugh with us as well.



Friday morning after scrutineering it was then time to get out on track for the practice session, David and Charlie having previously done ROR at least knew the track and just had to learn the changes done to the car since last year. Gordon and I had no experience of the track or the car, so we had a bit of learning to do, more so me as I had never driven on track with other cars before. Hamish the Honda Civic was a pleasure to drive giving plenty of feedback, allowing me to learn the track while not having to worry about what the car was going to do. All too soon practice was over and the important bit of day qualifying was upon us, we all had to do 5 laps each; an out lap, three flying laps and an in lap, easier said than done when a lap is 2 miles long. Night qualifying was next on the agenda, this was yet another new thing for me to experience, there are no floodlights so the track is very dark other than when near the pit lane so extra lights are



needed to help light the way, sighting braking turn in apex and exit point takes a bit of getting used to when there are none of the usual reference points.



Saturday came along and it was race day, the weather gods were on our side it was dry and bright. Before the race started at 3pm Amy and David had the biathlon of foolishness to do, just ask them about it when you next see them. Getting close to 3pm and the nerves were starting to make an appearance, so two comfort breaks later we are on the grid getting ready to go racing. With 5 minutes to go I was sat strapped into the car with only my thoughts for company. With the 30 second board displayed, gave the temp gauge a guick check, pull the shoulder straps a bit tighter and put the car into first gear. It was then time to go following round behind the pace car ready for the rolling start, it is a long two miles when not at race pace, the safety car clears, the lights go green, and we are racing. My first ever go at circuit racing with 45 cars on track with me, what an amazing and exhilarating hour and a half for my first stint, spent dicing with the slower cars, watching my mirrors for the faster cars and playing cat and mouse with the cars of similar performance. I had a great battle with a Renault Clio 192 with me being able to pass it and then fend off their advances. With my stint coming to an end, it was time to pit and hand over to Gordon Duncan. Time to get a bite to eat and relax for a while before my next stint which was the last hour and in the dark. If night qualifying was interesting, night racing was the volume turned up to 11. Fast cars and slow cars all fitted with blinding spotlights which you can't tell if they are catching you or not, the next glance in your mirror and all you get is a wall of light then it is gone as they have flown past you. It takes a few laps to get up to speed and then settle into the rhythm of catch and pass the slower cars and keep an eye out for the faster cars, sadly we underestimated the fuel we needed for the stint and with ten minutes to go the car coughed and ran out of fuel ending part one for us. The rest of the drivers all doing well putting in similar and more importantly consistent times, only for us to have a few issues that lost us some time. Sunday starts with me in the car for the first half hour, unfortunately the weather was not on our side it was wet and grey. The start was two laps behind the safety car before green lights and we are racing. The track needed a lot more respect this time round building up the speed and getting a feel for the car especially on the faster corners taken in 4th and 5th gear. It was on the 4th gear corner that I got my first warning from the car with a snap of oversteer, backing off slightly to keep within the limits of the tyres. The rain eased off a touch so started building up the speed again only for the car to give me strike two this time a rather impressive sideways slide, again a slight reduction of pace. The rain started to come down harder again visibility was quite poor due to all the spray, it was then that I got my third strike and was out, or rather spinning off at the end of the fastest bit of the track just as I got onto the brakes. Fortunately, it was getting to the end of my stint and had some vibration from the mud I picked up when spinning, so decided to just come in and swap over drivers we also changed onto the full wet tyres as well. At 10:30am we stopped for the most important part of the whole weekend and the reason we were there, the remembrance service. The weather cleared up for the service so at least we all stayed dry for the sombre and moving service. With that done "Lets Go Racing!" was shouted and it was time to do part 3. Gordon, David and Charlie all did a fantastic job and typically it started raining again after the service. With the conditions getting better then worse then better again the car gave everyone a few warnings that they were getting to the edge of the limits, during one of these





Amy for being team Manager and most importantly Vicky and Donna for keeping us fed and watered. Final thanks to all the sponsors as without them we can't go racing.

Brian Wilson





Motor Sport Marshals for Fintray

Grampian Automobile Club (GAC) is looking for volunteers to assist with marshalling at all the rounds of the Scottish Speed Hill climb Championship at Fintray.

Pay is $\pounds 20 + a$ goody bag, free admission and of course a chance to be involved in the action.

If motor sport is your interest but you can't afford to compete just turn up on any of the Saturday or Sundays or both in the case of Fintray and check in at the control caravan in the paddock, preferably before 9.30am and GAC marshals will look after you from there.





LOCATION

The Fintray House Speed Hill Climb is situated on the B977 Dyce to Hatton of Fintray Road approx. 4 miles west of Dyce and 1 mile east of the village of Hatton of Fintray. The entry to the spectator car park will be signposted.





2023 Grampian Automobile Club Championship Results

Name	Class	Round 1 (Fintray 5th August)		Round 2 (Fintray 6th Aug)			Total	
		Bogie	Time	Points	Bogie	Time	Points	Points
Derek Rothnie	A2	32.48	32.73	99.24	32.48	33.14	98.01	197.24
Keith Rose	A9	34.53	35.12	98.32	34.53	34.93	98.85	197.17
Michael King	A9	34.53	35.34	97.71	34.53	34.87	99.02	196.73
Aonghus Drummond	B2	30.26	31.11	97.27	30.26	30.63	98.79	196.06
Jim King	A9	34.53	35.68	96.78	34.53	35.35	97.68	194.46
Stuart Sugden	C5	24.99	26.24	95.24	24.99	25.28	98.85	194.09
Stuart Wood	B1	31.38	33.07	94.89	31.38	32.83	95.58	190.47
lan Archibald	A9	34.53	36.02	95.86	34.53	36.51	94.58	190.44
David Littlejohn	C1	28.27	30.16	93.73	28.27	29.29	96.52	190.25
John Wood	B1	31.38	33.43	93.87	31.38	32.64	96.14	190.01
Norman Insch	B4	28.26	30.41	92.93	28.26	29.22	96.71	189.64
Robert Hardy	A9	34.53	36.44	94.76	34.53	36.82	93.78	188.54
David Reid	A3	30.34	32.14	94.40	30.34	32.26	94.05	188.45
Dave Penny	A6	28.68	30.84	93.00	28.68	30.41	94.31	187.31
Fiona Webster	A9	34.53	37.32	92.52	34.53	36.91	93.55	186.08
Brian Wilson	B4	28.26	30.95	91.31	28.26	29.93	94.42	185.73
lan Rainnie	B2	30.26	32.65	92.68	30.26	32.59	92.85	185.53
Malcolm Milne	B2	30.26	32.95	91.84	30.26	33.00	91.70	183.53
Alan Ligertwood	B2	30.26	33.33	90.79	30.26	33.13	91.34	182.13
Alexander Clubb	A6	28.68	31.81	90.16	28.68	31.55	90.90	181.06
Ryan Clark	A8	30.06	34.13	88.08	30.06	33.20	90.54	178.62
Eric Kiltie	B4	28.26	32.87	85.98	28.26	31.40	90.00	175.98
John Plendeleith	D2	32.48	37.92	85.65	32.48	37.14	87.45	173.11
Neil Ross	A8	28.68	35.18	81.52	28.68	31.55	90.90	173.11
Simon Rothnie	A3	30.34	35.48	85.51	30.34	35.64	85.13	172.43
John Pace	D2	32.48	38.30	84.80	32.48	38.10	85.25	170.04
	B2	30.26	36.24	83.50	30.26	36.87	82.07	
Sandy Leel Matthew Wood								165.57
	A1	33.31	40.48	82.29	33.31	40.11	83.05	165.33
Ryan Mackenzie	A5	30.35	37.58	80.76	30.35	36.30	83.61	164.37
Matthew Mackenzie	A5	30.35	36.83	82.41	30.35	37.08	81.85	164.26
Gordon Sinclair	A6	28.68	35.32	81.20	28.68	34.85	82.30	163.50
James Sugden	A8	30.06	37.32	80.55	30.06	36.68	81.95	162.50
Robert Milne	C4	26.63	33.18	80.26	26.63	32.75	81.31	161.57
Vicky Park	B4	28.26	35.47	79.67	28.26	35.26	80.15	159.82
Amy Park	A3	30.34	38.15	79.53	30.34	38.18	79.47	158.99
Adam Wood	A1	33.31	42.86	77.72	33.31	41.26	80.73	158.45
Innes Auchterlonie	A8	30.06	39.96	75.23	30.06	39.54	76.02	151.25
Jos Warren	A3	30.34	35.72	84.94	30.34	0.00	0.00	84.94
William Wilkie	A3	30.34	40.08	75.70	30.34	0.00	0.00	75.70
Callum Rennie	A1	33.31	0.00	0.00	33.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kevin Brown	A2	32.48	0.00	0.00	32.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Neil Hamilton	A2	32.48	0.00	0.00	32.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charlie Fraser	C3	28.84	0.00	0.00	28.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gary Warren	C4	26.63	0.00	0.00	26.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paul Rhodes	C4	26.63	0.00	0.00	26.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Simon Mackay	C5	24.99	0.00	0.00	24.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
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2024 Scottish Dates of Interest

Guyson Scottish Hill Climb Championship					
Round	Date	Venue	Club		
1*	13 April 2024	Doune	Lothian Car Club		
2*	14 April 2024	Doune	Lothian Car Club		
3*	25 May 2024	Fintray	Grampian Automobile Club		
4	26 May 2024	Fintray	Grampian Automobile Club		
5*	8 June 2024	Forrestburn	Monklands Sporting Car Club		
6	9 June 2024	Forrestburn	Monklands Sporting Car Club		
7	15 June 2024	Doune	Lothian Car Club		
8	16 June 2024	Doune	Lothian Car Club		
9*	3 August 2024	Fintray	Grampian Automobile Club		
10	4 August 2024	Fintray	Grampian Automobile Club		
11	24 August 2024	Forrestburn	Monklands Sporting Car Club		
12*	25 August 2024	Forrestburn	Monklands Sporting Car Club		
13	14 September 2024	Doune	Lothian Car Club		
14	15 September 2024	Doune	Lothian Car Club		
Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship					

Round Date Venue Club 6 April 2024 Kames East Ayrshire Car Club 1 2 7 April 2024 Kames East Ayrshire Car Club 3 4 May 2024 Kames Scottish Sporting Car Club 4* 5 May 2024 Kames Scottish Sporting Car Club Caithness Car Club 5 1 June 2024 Golspie 6* Caithness Car Club 2 June 2024 Golspie 7* 29 June 2024 Boyndie Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb 8 30 June 2024 Boyndie Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb 27 July 2024 Kames East Ayrshire Car Club 9 10* 28 July 2024 East Ayrshire Car Club Kames Caithness Car Club 11* 7 September 2024 Golspie 12 8 September 2024 Golspie Caithness Car Club Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb 13 28 September 2024 Boyndie Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb 14* 29 September 2024 Boyndie 15 Kames East Ayrshire Car Club 5 October 2024 East Ayrshire Car Club 16 6 October 2024 Kames

Other Dates of Interest

Event	Date	Venue
GAC Awards Dinner	27 th January 2024	Atholl Hotel, Kings Gate, Aberdeen
2024 Autosport Show	11 th – 14 th January 2024	NEC Birmingham
BTCC	10 th & 11 th August 2024	Knockhill

Events marked with an asterisk (*) are also rounds of the 2024 Scottish Speed Championship

All dates correct as at 22nd December 2023 (some may change)

Also see the Scottish websites: - www

www.scottish-hillclimbing.co.uk

www.scottish-sprinting.co.uk

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I hereby apply for 1 year's Membership of GRAMPIAN AUTOMOBILE CLUB, from 1st Jan 2024 to 31st December 2024, and undertake to comply with the Articles of Association and Bylaws of the Club.

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Offered for sale; the original PCD Saxon hill climb single seater, designed by former Lotus F1 Chief Designer Martin Ogilvie and the forerunner to the mighty GWR Predator Arrows V10 and giant-killing GWR Raptors. Only one other Saxon chassis was built, now residing in a motor museum in the US.

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