

# T H E R O M E R

## *newsletter of East Elloe Motor Club*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 16 June**

#### **Gymkhana CR2**

Organised by Simon Leonard. Usual venue on grass: Laurel Lodge Farm, Washway Road, Holbeach (on A17 at 131/378255) by kind permission of Robert Oldershaw. 7.30pm start. £3/car. Contact Simon on 01775 769599 or just turn up on the night.

**Wednesday 21 July**

#### **Gymkhana CR3**

Organised by Adrian Cunnington. Again at Laurel Lodge Farm. More next month.

### *Gymkhana report*

#### **CR1: 12 May**

With the KLDMC gymkhana being cancelled the previous week due to a lack of venue, it was decided to run a combined event with EEMC in May.

Dave Pollard was to be the organiser for the evening; he had produced the route cards, applied for the permits & delivered a car for me to compete in. Unfortunately he had to work nights so could not be there for the event.

I arrived at 7pm to meet his other half June who had brought the cones with her. We set out the tests while the other competitors arrived.

As my usual co-pilots Dave & Paul Pollard were both working, I persuaded Simon Leonard to be my "Tin Can Operative" and returned the favour by being his passenger for the night.

Team Samba showed up in their old faithful Nova, not in the new 'Special' that Paul Collison & 'H' intend to compete in for the remainder of the season.

Unfortunately with Team Cunnington's car not ready for competition, this ruled out 4 potential entrants. A few other regulars were also missing,

so we ended up with a somewhat disappointing combined club entry of just 6.

#### Test1

This was a forward slalom, stopping half way across a pair of cones at the far end, before slaloming back in reverse with the driver removing the can that had been deposited by the passenger earlier! Then change direction and head for the finish.

Tony Duckhouse & I both got the fastest time of 33 seconds with Mike Baker a second behind on 34.

Test 3 (sounds a bit Irish, but this is the one that we did next)

This used the same cone layout as Test 1. Forward into the garage  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down & finishing the slalom in reverse. Straight through the pair of cones at the end, changing direction. Then back to the finish after a 360° round the last cone & collecting the can off another cone on the way. My best time on this was 46 seconds. Tony got the fastest time of 38 with Mike coming in on 42. Tony was now ahead of me by 8 seconds & Mike by 12.

#### Test 2

For this one, the cones were set in a diamond shape. The test was all in forward gears placing a can on the first cone & removing it off the last, with a 360° round the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> cones.

Times were all very close here with the fastest time being 28 seconds & the slowest only 31 seconds. I managed to make up 2 seconds on Tony so his lead was down to 6.

#### Test 4

It all hinged on the last test and, with the light beginning to fade, we decided not to do the usual re-run of any test to improve your worst time. The cones were laid out as in test 2, but you had to change direction every time you crossed an imaginary line between any 2 cones with a reverse pirouette around the last cone, before heading for the finish!

I don't know what happened to Tony but he dropped a lot of time on his first run. I managed 2 consistent runs of 32 seconds, which meant I maintained my advantage over Mike and managed to sneak ahead of Tony by just 5 seconds.

Thanks to Dave for organising the evening, even though he could not be there. Thanks to June for doing all the timekeeping on the night and to Simon for being my co-driver. Thanks also to Robert Oldershaw for the kind use of his field. See you all next month.

*Ian Pollard*

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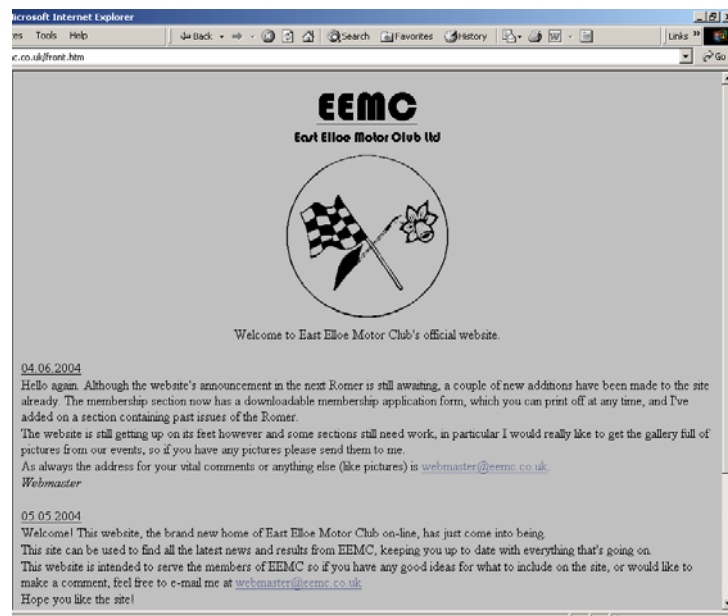
## Bits & pieces

- Dave Pollard has details of the following events for anyone interested in marshalling (or competing even!):

19 Jun	Dukeries MC	Dukeries Rally
26/27 Jun	Selby MC	3 Swans Road Rally
17 Jul	Huddersfield & Slaithwaite MCs	Opposite Lock Stages, Manby
29 Aug	Epynt MC	Mewla National
18 Sep	MSA	Rally of Wales

You can call Dave for more information on 01366 383860.

- **Arrangements** for this year's Classic Car Run on 12 September are progressing well. Alan Lyon has reportedly now secured the three venues for start, lunch and finish with the start near Market Deeping, lunch in the Rutland Water locality and the finish down towards Corby. Regs should be out within the next month. If you need some and aren't on his list of regulars, please call Alan on 01406 380698.
- **Many thanks** to Daniel Scully for getting the Club's new website up and running. The address is [www.eemc.co.uk](http://www.eemc.co.uk) and when you arrive at the home page it should look something like this:



If you explore the site you will also notice that your favourite monthly read (this newsletter, of course!) is now available on the world-wide web!

## Club calendar 2004

<i>date</i>	<i>event</i>	<i>organiser</i>
Wed 12 May	Gymkhana CR1	<i>D Pollard</i>
Wed 16 Jun	Gymkhana CR2	<i>S Leonard</i>
Wed 21 Jul	Gymkhana CR3	<i>A Cunnington</i>
Wed 18 Aug	Gymkhana CR4	<i>P Collison/A Hattigan</i>
Sun 12 Sep	Classic Car Run	<i>A Lyon</i>
Sept/Nov ?	12 car rally CR4*	<i>Grantham Poachers*</i>
Wed 20 Oct	12 car rally CR5	<i>N Mann</i>
Wed 01 Dec	12 car rally CR6	<i>A Cunnington et al (KLMC)</i>
Mon 06 Dec	AGM	<i>Committee</i>

\*provisional

## GYMKHANA RESULTS: 12 May

Driver	Passenger	Test 1		Test 2		Test 3		Test 4		Total	Position
I Pollard	S Leonard	35	<b>33</b>	30	<b>28</b>	49	46	32	32	<b>285</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
T Duckhouse	M Baker	<b>33</b>	35	30	30	48	<b>39</b>	42	33	<b>290</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
M Baker	T Duckhouse	34	36	30	31	<i>55</i>	42	34	33	<b>295</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
P Collison	A Hattigan	<i>45</i>	38	31	30	<i>50</i>	48	32	32	<b>306</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
S Leonard	I Pollard	43	42	31	31	49	50	<b>31</b>	33	<b>310</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
A Hattigan	P Collison	45	45	31	31	52	43	36	34	<b>317</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>

*Italics = includes 5 sec penalty for hitting cone*

**Bold = Fastest time for Test**