

Mull run for scholar Kerr

John Easson winner relishes chance to tackle rally

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By James Attwood

Recently crowned Peugeot 205 Ecosse champion Alick Kerr has secured a free entry to this year's Tunnocks Tour of Mull after being named the winner of this year's John Easson Scholarship.

The 19-year-old Scot was picked by to win the £7000 prize – which also includes a trip to John Haugland's ice racing school – ahead of fellow 205 drivers Ross Hunter and Chris Reid. "I've always wanted to do Mull, but as it's at the end of the year I've struggled to find the money," said Kerr. "The value of this prize is just amazing."

Kerr has also secured honours in Class 5 of the Scottish Championship, and is leading the junior standings. However, he is unlikely to do Mull in his 205. Having secured the 205 Ecosse title, the Glasgow driver has hired a Fiesta ST for the rest of the year.

He has also secured funding to purchase a Citroën C2-R2, with the intention of contesting the one-make series that runs as part of the British Rally Championship next year. He said: "I don't think we'll get the C2-R2 in time for Mull, but we've got a good deal on the Fiesta so we'll likely use that."

The award, which is run by Mull organisers 2300 car club, was judged by a panel of key event organisers and a representative from *Motorsport News*.

Alick Kerr

Winner of the 2007 Easson Scholarship



This will be your first trip to Mull.

Are you nervous?

"I'm excited. It's a great opportunity to do it. I've never rallied in the dark so that will be new."

What's the aim for the event?

"The chance to do a recce and make pacenotes is a good thing. You can't do that on other rallies in Britain unless you do a BRC round."

You also get to go to John Haugland's rally school...

"That part of the prize is worth £3000. This comes at a perfect time for my career."

CV

Alick Kerr

Age: 19 **Lives:** Glasgow, Scotland
2007: Peugeot 205 Ecosse Challenge champion
2006: Scottish championship 1600 champion, second Ecosse 205 Challenge
2004: Seventh in Junior Rallycross Championship
2003: Ford Rallye Academy
1996-2002: Karting



Alick Kerr took the Scottish 205 in his machine (above) but will now swap to a Citroën C2-R2

John Easson Scholarship winner Alick Kerr (see main story) has hired Bob Moreland's Ford Fiesta ST for this weekend's Merrick Stages. He is considering options for 2008 and the Fiesta is one of them, and he also wants to score points in the Albar Junior Championship. "Alasdair Graham's got a bigger engine in his Mk2 and is going well, and Stevie Brown is pretty rapid in his Nova," said Kerr. "I needed something quicker for the last two County Saab Championship rounds."