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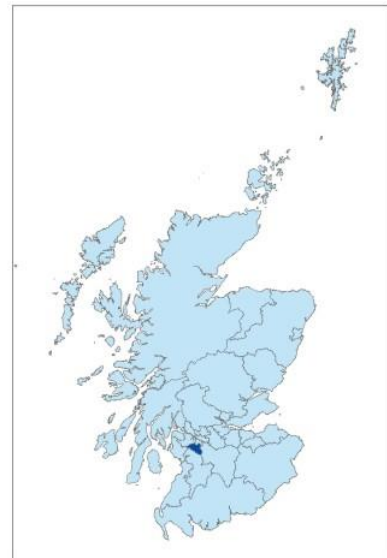
*George Geddes
taking notes.*

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Duncarnock was the first hill fort survey that I took part in with the Commission. The fort is by far the largest in East Renfrewshire, and it was a refreshing introduction to the way that the staff at RCAHMS go about tackling these complex sites. Perhaps 2000 years old, the fort must have been an important place in the local neighbourhood, commanding extensive views of the surrounding area and modern

Barrhead. It is likely to have contained a group of roundhouses where people lived and worked, and there may have been the workshops of metal workers and craftsmen in leather, wood and pottery.

It was surveyed by a husband and wife team Dick and Meghan Feachem, during their work for RCAHMS in the 1950s. A more recent re-survey by RCAHMS has teased out a lot more detail and clarified the condition of the fort's wall, which has been thoroughly robbed, the stone being used in the dykes and houses in the area.



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Aerial view centred on the remains of Duncarnock fort, taken from the NW. Copyright RCAHMS (DP04015)

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