

CLASSIC SCENE



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COVER PICTURE

A Krupp coach on the quayside in Gran Tarajal, Fuerteventura, Canary Islands.

CHAIR BITTY JANUARY 2014

December is always a very busy month where you seem to be rushing around from one Xmas party to another. I'll not be the only one putting on several pounds and that is before we even get to Christmas and New Year. Luckily losing weight does not need to be one of my new year resolutions. I am fortunate that this weight gain will come off within a few weeks as a result of cycling back and forward to our local train station to go to work. No, this year my resolution is to finish the loft insulation!! I've been avoiding it all year, conveniently blaming it on my iffy shoulder. Our spare bedroom is currently hogged by lots of stuff that really should be in the loft again.



Our Christmas lights went on the blink earlier this month. I tried new bulbs, new fuse, but no joy. I was a little annoyed that the lights weren't playing ball and ended up buying new ones. I especially like the multi colour lights as they make things look friendly and cosy. And why is it that just when you buy something new you decide to have another look at the old stuff again. Only to discover that the new bulbs are a bit of a loose fit and probably not making contact. A little sticky tape to bulk out the bulb's base sorted that and hey presto: let there be light. These lights are now adorning the dining room window.

As you all know our January event is the ever popular Car Club Auction. It will be the **second** Thursday of the month with a 7.30pm start sharp in the Bog Roy. Be sure to get there on time to get the best seat in the house. And if anyone is selling a TV, Alice and I may be interested. The one we obtained in the last auction survived only a few weeks before it blew up. Luckily we kept our old one...

Cheers

Trish.

Classic Cars on Holiday



Classic cars can be spotted in various places but I didn't expect to see these two while on holiday recently. The Lancia Thema was well past its sell by date but at least it was running reasonably well but was suffering from the inevitable rust. But it is probably the only Lancia in Dakar, Senegal.



The Mercedes was in a very good condition, couldn't tell you which model it was, but as a rough guide to age I always go by the painted hubcaps. If they are painted its usually an older model. This one was spotted in the Cape Verde Islands



The Editors Monthly Rant



Another quiet month for Classic Scene, if the state of my daily transport is anything to go by the Highland Council must be trying to use all of this years salt quota. If you have ever owned a black car you will know what I mean. They look superb just after they have been washed and polished but ten minutes later you can see every speck of dust. At least up here in the north you don't have too many farmers growing rapeseed. Down south by midsummer everyone has a car that has a greenish yellow dust film covering it , add to that a regular coating of fine sand that they assure us is Saharan sand and you have a very shabby looking car. The annual quiz is coming up soon and as one of the winning team last year I have been trying to find some evil questions for you all.

HCMC Events

Date:

9th Jan 2014	Old North Inn Annual Auction—Old North Inn 7.30pm	
6th Feb 2014	Old North Inn AGM and Quiz Night—Old North Inn 7.30pm SHARP! (Don't be late!)	
6th Mar 2014	Pub Night TBC	Pub Night
10th Apr 2014	Pub Night TBC	Pub Night



This months mystery pictures. Some of you may know what the car is but I think I may have defeated you with the top picture. Answers on the back page.



After putting this picture on the front of last months Classic Scene I got this reply from Charlie Munro.

Alan

Car on cover looks very like a Maserati 250F. Reminds me of one which might be still in ownership not a million miles from Inverness. A long number of years ago (30 plus), it was being totally rebuilt from scratch, and was a very long on going project. At the time I was racing in the Scottish Historic series and was offered a drive in this car when it was completed. Unfortunately it never materialised. I may be totally wrong, but I don't think the car rebuild was ever finished.

A once in a lifetime missed opportunity !!!

Just imagine , all that power, those skinny tyres, a bellowing exhaust, and four wheel drifts everywhere ! (and no seat belts)

Regards

Charlie Munro

The mystery car is an Argyll, made here in sunny Scotland. The top photo is in Dakar, Senegal and is the finish line for the Paris Dakar Rally. That's about the only thing that Dakar has got going for it. When we stopped off there on our last cruise apparently the local refuse collectors were on strike but nobody noticed. Probably because they deliver rather than collect.

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