

CLASSIC SCENE



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COVER PICTURE

A lovely Fiat 500 that turned up at the January Cars and Coffee event. It won't be this colour for long as it's going for a respray.

Welcome to the January Newsletter.

I hope you're all out there getting your classics in fine fettle for the 2018 season of classic motoring. (Note. Drive It Day is on 22nd April.) I have to confess I haven't. A bit of MOT prep for the daily Golf and some boat maintenance have got in the way. Fortunately it could be a long winter. The Mini has been out a few times recently and the dreaded brown has appeared at the door bottoms, just surface rust but it shows how aggressive the salt can be.

Next meeting is on the 1st of February and it is AGM time. Come along and help steer the club along in a suitable direction for 2018.

Happy classic motoring.

Your editor.

Chairs Bitty

Both Alice and I were struck down by the flu bug over Christmas and New Year. Spent most of it coughing and spluttering, feeling miserable. As a result we both were not able to make it to the auction. I hope that someone has written a wee piece about the auction if only to see what we missed.



This year we seem to have more of a winter than in the past 5 or 6 years. I think it was in 2011 that we last had a prolonged period of snow on the ground. It makes for some interesting commuting. I was speaking to our neighbour the other day where he mentioned one of these snowy mornings, he followed the car that overtook me on the back road to the A9. With the new Council gritting policy it never sees a gritter these days. Anyway, the car he followed hit one of the sign posts at the next junction (that is why I was going so slow, neighbour!). It is a junction that has caught

me out in the past, fortunately with no other cars on the road. It is a scary thing when, even when you think you are crawling along and giving yourself plenty of room to slow down, the car (an automatic) simply won't slow down. I found that taking it out of gear some distance before the junction worked best. I noticed that even when at a stop and the brakes on, putting the car back in gear made it creep forward. Quirks of cars, eh?

The Skoda's passenger window winder has been fixed – that is why we were looking for a rivet gun, as the frame is held on by 10 rivets. All that was wrong with the winder mechanism is that one of the plastic window clamps had broken. But as a result of that the cabling had come off the runners, no tension in the system and the window falls down. It is a plastic piece probably costing pennies, but even if you can buy them separately, I don't think we would be able to get the tension right. Replacement frame £72. We ended up borrowing a rivet gun from our local garage.

This month is our AGM. If you have any ideas for things to do this year, please speak up at the meeting. We had a few meets last year where not many folk turned up, so perhaps we didn't quite get the mix right. See you there.

Trish.

Moray Motor Museum, Elgin. 6th April 2012—John MacKenzie



Is it time for another visit? Come to the AGM and express your view.

Club Auction Night Thursday 4th January

About 14 hardy club members made it to the annual club auction on the 4th of January. Some were waylaid by winter illnesses, but I like to think some were still out celebrating New Year. Numbers were down which was a good thing personally as our usual record keepers weren't available and your newsletter scribe turned into a reluctant auction scribe. I only had a couple of minutes before the auction began to work out the sales spreadsheet but keen bidders weren't to be kept waiting and I had to resort to old fashioned pen, paper, and mental arithmetic. Bryan was on form as the auctioneer with witty off the cuff banter, which probably wouldn't be as funny quoted here. You had to be there so come along next year and exercise your cheek muscles. The return of *buy what you want but get the previous unsold items too*, caused mirth amongst the old hands and I suspect surprise for some.

There were some really good items going for buttons with some very generous lots being put forward. Bryan's item was a little ornamental horse made of old car or motorbike parts, which turned out to be a sculpture by Aberdeenshire artist Helen Denerley. Although Bryan did try his best to flog this dead horse the reserve wasn't met. I expect Bryan wouldn't have let it go even if it was.

There was time for a bit of general chat including the rise in popularity and value of 1990's cars and the low numbers of examples left. A result of the scrappage schemes perhaps? So the evening ended and members left happily clutching their won items and helping club funds in the process.

Please come again next year. I'm sure some of the lots will be returning too.



Annual General Meeting 2018

On Thursday 1st of February it is the club AGM. Come along and determine the direction the club takes . Here's the agenda.

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. Minutes of 2017 AGM (previously circulated in March 2017 and this months issue of "Classic Scene").
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Chair's Annual Report.
5. Committee reports on last year.
 - 5.1 Treasurer's
 - 5.2 Membership Secretary
 - 5.3. Event Co-Ordinator
 - 5.4. Website and Club Forum
6. Determination of Annual Subscription.
7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members.
8. Members feedback and ideas for future visits.
9. AOCB

AGM Minutes 2nd February 2017

Present.

Trish Brown, Alan Goff, Jane Goff, Callum Beveridge, Mark Wilson, Miles Vincent, Ian Thomson, Alice Brown, Bryan McIlwraith., Ivan Murphy, Frank Ross, Graeme Bremner, Callum MacAdam, Kenny Barclay, Gordon Duncan, John Holland, Bert Wigman, John Eastwood, Ian Beaton, Richard Lashley

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Calum Pearson, Derek Darnell, David Hird

2. Minutes of 2016 AGM. The minutes were passed as an accurate account of the 2015 AGM. Proposer Miles Vincent, seconder Alan Goff.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising

4.Chairman's Report.

The Chair reported that we had a busy year, with a good turn out at all the events organised, only our Christmas karting event was down on members. The Chair thanked all those who organised these visits.

5. Committee Reports on 2016

5.1 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a balance of £1957.00 at year end, Expenditure is down from last year mainly down to the last years purchase of the badges. The committee had agreed to make a donation of £500 to the Highland Hospice following our visit to George Sutherland's last October. The hand over of the cheque will be made later in the year. The Chair reviewed the accounts and verified them as true and accurate.

5.2 - Membership Secretary Report

Bryan McIlwraith informed the meeting that the club has at the moment 56 paid up members, 19 Late payment members and 166 non current or lapsed members..

5.3– Events

Miles Vincent informed the meeting that the Club has had a presence at many of the Classic Car Shows across the Highlands, using the Club's events shelter. If any member wishes to use the shelter at events, they should contact Miles. He reminded members to visit the club forum for the up to date information regarding shows and events.

5.4 - Website

Callum Beveridge informed the meeting that the new membership system is in place, with the facility to search for members and their vehicles using the password supplied to members via the email or postal. This password will be updated periodically. Callum went on to inform members that the club has a facebook page forum, which contains information about activities and other information.

Bryan McIlwraith asked whether the club should be registered under the Data Protection Act, the meeting agreed that this would advantageous.

6. Determination of Annual Subscription.

The meeting unanimously agreed that the subscription, should remain at the current current level of £15.00.

7. Election of Office Bearers.

The meeting was informed that Calum Pearson volunteered to become the editor of the newsletter, this kind offer was accepted and approved by the members. Alan Goff will arrange the handover with Calum.

No further changes were proposed to Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee and these members were unanimously re-elected.

8. Members Feedback and ideas for future visits

The following calendar for 2017/18 has been agreed with members, although some visits are subject to confirmation.

Please always check the latest club magazine or club website for the up to date meeting information.

2017		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Who to Organise</i>
2nd March	Visit to Scotrail Engineering Works, Inverness	Kenny Barclay
6th April	Visit to Foyers Power Station	Mark Wilson Ivan Murphy
4th May	Visit to Arnold Clark Car Collection, Inverness, followed by a Pub Run	Miles Vincent Callum Beveridge
1st June	Visit to Cromarty Brewery	Callum Beveridge
6th July	Going for Chips in Ullapool	Club Membership
3rd August	Run round Loch Ness to Whitebridge	Club Membership
7th Sept	Run to Aviemore + Karting Night	Graeme Bremner
5th October	Visit to Norboard	Bryan McIlwraith
2nd Nov	Visit to BBC Highland	Calum Pearson
7th Dec	Christmas Quiz, Old North Inn	Mark Wilson
9th Dec	Christmas Party	Bryan McIlwraith

2018		
4th Janu-ary	Auction Night, Old North Inn	Trish Brown Bryan McIlwraith
1st Febru-ary	AGM, Old North Inn	Trish Brown

Other events not run by the club highlighted were:

Drive it Day, 24th April. Provisional start point at the V8 Cafe, with the route to be determined. Proposals for routes can be posted on the Club Forum. The members agreed for the club to fund the refreshments.

Grampian Transport Museum in Alford are holding a How Many Are Left event on the 21st May this year. This is for vehicles who number less than 500.

Inverness car show is being held on the 13th May this year and members are advised to register early as last years show was over subscribed.

Other events that may be organised through the Club Forum are:

Visit to Scone, Glamis or other Autojumble with potential for using a mini-bus

Drag racing in Stornoway

Visit to Keith & Dufftown Railway, incl engine shed, with potential free return travel on railway

9. AOCB

John Eastwood raised a question regarding the SVVF yearbook and whether members should pay for an be send a yearbook. Discussions took place, the feeling of the meeting was this was not the way forward. Apart from Data Protection implications, it was noted that the yearbook is freely available on the SVVF website. It was agreed that a link to the online yearbook will be placed on the Clubs website.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Cars and Coffee Inverness Sunday January 14th

The first Cars and Coffee of 2018 was a bit chilly, but nearly 50 cars of mixed sorts turned up. There was a very friendly atmosphere as regulars are getting to know each other.

It's turning into a cliché but every month there is something new and a lovely green Fiat 500 stole the limelight this time, at least from an HCMC point of view and the owner was interested in joining our club. A fair number of our club members were there and it was good to chat and catch up.

A nice Nissan 200SX turned up and like a lot of 1990's cars it's something you hardly ever see these days.



Volvo Owners Scotland were represented, proving that this event is a melting pot for car enthusiasts of all sorts, not that there's anything wrong with a Volvo or owner!

Calum.

Me and My Car

Car: 1981 Citroen Dyane 6

Owner: Jesse Wigman,
Strathpeffer

Type: 5 door hatchback
with roll back roof

Engine: 602cc air-cooled
twin cylinder boxer -
32bhp

0-60: 28.6 seconds
(apparently, must try myself)

Top Speed: 75mph claimed, I have had mine at 85mph [*allegedly officer*]
but that's pushing it.

How long have you had it? Since December 2005

What work have you (had) done? Bought for £75 just outside Elgin it required some restoration work which my dad completed April 2006 – this continued to be my daily car (including cold, damp salty winters) up until it needed another restoration (new chassis, windscreen surround, floors and more major work) in August 2011. During this Dad and I set the car up for off road use – stronger chassis, strengthened steering rack, homemade bumpers and roof rack etc. Now only used during the summer months.

What do you like about it? One of the most fun cars you will ever drive - fantastic road holding due to its clever suspension design, it's super simple (I can rebuild the whole car myself) and quite amazing how good these cars perform off road and in the snow! (And the original number plate lol!)

What makes it a classic? The Dyane was based on the 2CV. It was more popular than the 2CV in the UK during the 70s/80s. I still get folk coming up to me saying they had one years ago and it wasn't your 'average' or 'normal' car even back then.

What other cars do you own? 1996 Citroen AX 1.0i winter car, 1983 Citroen Acadiane (Dyane based van - currently busy restoring this) and a 1977 Dyane 6 (awaiting full restoration).



Send your 'Me and My Car' to editor@highlandclassic.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Feb 2018	Club AGM	Old North Inn, Inchmore	19:30 Come along and determine the direction the club takes.
10th Feb 2018	Snowman Rally	Between 9 & 11am around 100 cars will leave from the start point on Inverness High Street	See highlandcarclub.co.uk
11th Feb 2018	Cars And Coffee - Inverness	Cafe V8, Inverness	10am to 12 noon. A Social Event for all Car Enthusiasts
1st March 2018	Club Meeting	Details to follow	
22nd April	FBHVC Drive it Day	Details to follow	Put it in your diary
12th May	Inverness Classic Car Show	Details to follow	Put it in your diary
2nd of Sep- tember	Grantown Motorma- nia	The Square, Gran- town on Spey	Put it in your diary