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Cover picture

*Recent snow—at least it hides the
rust holes!*

THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Last months AGM passed without any changes to how the club is run and all the current officers and committee members were re-elected for another year. There was not a huge turnout which was a shame as the quiz devised by Callum and Miles was very devious and a lot of fun, and must have taken many hours to compile. Thanks guys.



Thanks are also due to a group of members mainly from the Black Isle who organised a car park for the Strathpeffer stage of the recent Snowman Rally. Invited by The Highland Car Club, John Mackenzie, Chris Silver, Ian Beaton, Ian Nixon, Ron Wynton and Garvie Amos spent several chilly hours out in the woods separating punters from their hard earned cash. They raised several hundred pounds which will be used towards this year's Fortrose Fun Day but also with a donation into club funds. A really good effort on behalf of our club, or a good excuse to get out of the house on Valentines Day!

Now the weather is slowly warming up I am now thinking about rewiring the car in time for spring. I haven't started yet but I am seriously thinking about it!

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This Months Meeting

Thursday 5th March at 8pm
at Moray Firth Training Group,
32 Harbour Rd

EDITORIAL

Hello,

The AGM meeting last month was preceded by a bit of snow, which made everyone keen to get it over with in record quick time. It's a shame that the following motoring quiz wasn't as speedy. Chris and Zak blazed a trail to make the other teams blush with embarrassment. Well done—your 'fabulous' prizes were well earned!

Having got some of the answer papers back, they also make very interesting reading—don't worry—your secrets are safe (at least for now)

The March meeting is a visit to Moray Firth Training Group to have a look at the 'black museum' of HSE anomalies and a talk on workshop safety etc.

Also, don't forget 'Drive it Day' on 26th April—we're planning a longer run for this event this year. Meet in Stadium Road at 10:30



Well, no-one stood up at the AGM and volunteered to take over as newsletter editor, so you've got me for another year it seems.

If you don't see me at the monthly meetings, you can write to me at the address inside the front cover, or email me direct at ClassicScene@bevs.org

Callum

HIGHLAND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB Monthly meetings (1st Thursday of every month)

2009

March 5th	Visit to Moray Firth Group Training for talk by Gavin Grant—H&S Workshop
April 2nd	Visit to Wheelfix, Inverness
May 7th	Visit to Aviation Museum, Dalcross Airport
June 4th	Road run via Altguish Hotel (Ullapool Road)
July 2nd	Road run via the Edderton Inn
August 6th	Road run via Dores Inn
September 3rd	Road run via Gun Lodge Hotel, Ardersier
October 1st	Club visit to Autohead Engineering
November 5th	Club Night
December 3rd	Club Night/Christmas celebration

2010

January 7th	Club Auction
February 4th	AGM

(Further details to be published in 'Classic Scene' prior to the individual meetings)

Local Events Diary

Here are some details of 2009 local events that may be of interest to our members

March

29th Argyll Classic Car Run. You are invited to celebrate the beginning of British Summer Time by entering the 3rd Argyll Classic Car Run. It promises to be the best yet. This year's event has a choice of two routes – the shorter one, less than 100 miles, mostly within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, while the longer one, more than 100 miles, will be a slightly more demanding route between Scotland's two National Parks. Both should be great fun.

<http://www.caledonianmsc.freeuk.com/index.htm>

April

26th FBHVC "Drive-it" Day. We're planning a longer run than last year. Meet on Stadium Road at 10:30am for a scenic run around the local area. Further details next month

May

2nd Highlands Historic Commercial Vehicle Road Run. Starts in Inverness

June

1st Motorfun classic rally with fun run. George West, Rally Sec 01343 543716

7th Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally 12-5pm

21st Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally, Glenmorangie Field, Tain

July

11th/12th Scottish Transport Extravaganza at Glamis Castle

19th Forres Theme Day—Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show

19th Knockhill Classic SpeedFair

August

2nd Moray Muscle Show, Inchberry Hall, Mosstodloch

9th Historic Wheels Rally—Brodie Castle

29th Fortrose Classic Rally and Fun Day

29th/30th Auto Spirit—Culzean Castle

September

5th Dingwall Street Fair

6th Motor Mania—Grantown on Spey

19th Working Vintage Rally and Display, Daviot Fram, Nr Inverness

19th/20th Selkirk Rally



Moray Firth Training Group

March Meeting - 8pm

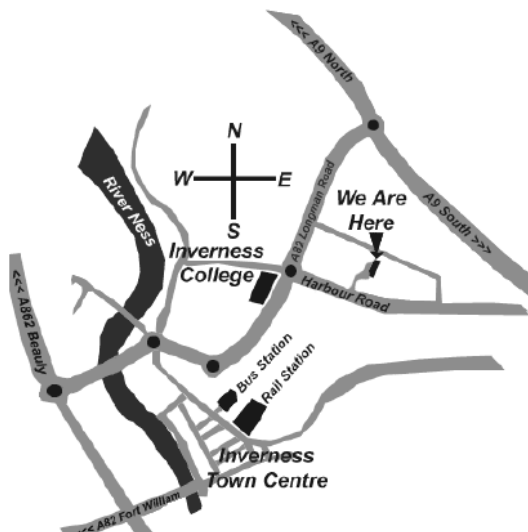
Health and Safety in the Workshop.

Ever wondered what happens when a grinding wheel explodes?

Gavin Grant of Moray Firth Training Group can show you the results!

Directions:

32 Harbour Rd. Take lane between Sheffield Insulation and the Forestry Commission, bear right at foot of lane.



Inverness Vintage Motor Show 2009

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of the Inverness BID (Business Improvement District).

We are currently organizing a Vintage Motor Show which will take place on 9th May 2009 in Inverness city centre and would like to invite the Highland Classic Motor Club to take part.

As we expect many participants to be local private individuals, we would be delighted for a vintage car club to attend.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you would like more details or if you have any queries.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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Tim Boles in Capetown Racing Triumph SOUTH AFRICA – FEBRUARY 2009

Butch (The Car) beats the Local Daytona winning hero in thrilling races

Tim Boles, resident of Santon, Isle of Man has just returned from another successful racing venture in South Africa.

He joined the David Piper entourage of visiting European drivers in the International Sports Prototypes Series which is held in South Africa in February each year. Details of what these illustrious racing drivers have got up to in the past can be found at their website:

<http://www.racecar.co.uk/isp/>. Perhaps the greatest mishap this year was the unfortunate “racing accident” that put Lord Irving Laidlaw’s Ferrari 312P into the pit wall and out for the remaining events.

As before the visit was divided into two race meetings 1000 miles apart – one in Johannesburg at a little track called Zwartkops, which resembles a scaled up Cadwell, park in layout and Brands Hatch for viewing. Zwartkops is owned by the ever enthusiastic Peter Du Toit who has quite a stable of racing cars to his name. The second rather larger event is held at Killarney near Capetown, and it was here that Tim Boles acting as principal driver for TCB Racing managed to secure the three all important wins against Sarel van der Merwe the South African racing megastar who was in a 1964 7.7 litre Ford Galaxie.

This Ford Galaxie has been created as a tribute to Bobby Oltoff the racer of the 1960’s. After putting his 1968 Chevrolet Camaro z/28 (nicknamed “Butch” on pole Tim was outside favourite for the races. But this did not take into account the racecraft of a seasoned campaigner such as Sarel who got the jump at the start of the rolling start in the races. Sarel won Daytona in 1984 in a March 83G-Porsche and perhaps more famously came third at Le Mans on his debut there in 1984. In the 1986 Le Mans race, Sarel pulled in a lap early and Jo Gartner took over. A lap later the suspension broke and the car veered off the Mulsanne Straight in the middle of the night and Gartner was killed.

The races were so close and yet Tim managed to get by the Sarel’s huge Galaxie on three occasions- the third race saw Tim lying back in 4th place at the first

corner- the commentator suggested that he was asleep at the start! Yet he still managed to win overall; even some of the locals were baying for next year’s crucial rematch. It may be the some might be persuaded to switch allegiance to the Manx driver.

In the meantime TCB Racing has invited Sarel to drive Butch the Camaro in the Chomondeley Pageant of Power speed event to be held on 18th and 19th July at Chomondeley Castle Cheshire for information see: www.pageantofpower.com

When interviewed later by Sky DSTV which is likely to be shown next month, Tim stressed his Isle of Man connections, which have a significance to many in South Africa as well as his early racing life which began driving Jeeps on his farm in the Highlands of Scotland from the tender age of 9 and the support afforded by his sponsors; Simcocks Pensions Limited Isle of Man, AKG Group Limited (UK) and Sandvik Mining & Construction of Johannesburg.

Notes to editors (not familiar with the Classic Camaro Club!)

Butch is a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro which has been campaigned by Tim Boles, holder of an International Racing Licence since 1991. Tim is secretary of the Classic Camaro Club UK, part of the Association of American Car Clubs see: <http://www.classiccamaroclubuk.com>

Tim is Managing Director of Simcocks Pensions, which has offices in London, and the Isle of Man, and provides international pension services to clients all over the world.

<http://www.simcockspensions.com>



Tim Boles makes the overtaking move in black Camaro over the Red Galaxie



Tain-based '65 Porche seen at Tescos in Inverness



Another snowy kit seen in Inverness Dec