

CLASSIC SCENE



April 2010

THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Why we are crazy to own old cars: As reported last time I had a fuel leak from the back of the Grantura and it had taken me a month to get round to getting the back end up on to axle stands to look underneath (the curse of having virtually no ground clearance, you can't even crawl under to have a look). Luckily (I thought) the problem just seemed to be a split hose close to the bottom of the tank.

I had bought some hose and clips so I thought I would just empty the tank which was about half full and fit the new hose, Job done. Now I fully realise that I did not need to empty the tank, that I could have just swapped the top connection first, and then quickly swapped the bottom end and just spilt a small amount of fuel. But unfortunately I didn't think of that until much later.

So I'm under the car with three 5 litre plastic jerry cans plus funnel and a 20 litre one in reserve. I undo the drain plug and try and get the funnel under the deluge. Then as the can fills up I carefully try to screw the plug back in only to drop it into the funnel where it is magically small enough to go into the neck of the funnel but large enough not to come out of the other end. I now have a problem. With one



hand plugging the hole I cannot reach a screwdriver to knock the little blighter back out and I realise that the other jerry cans are not quite as near as I thought.

As nobody seemed to be within earshot I thought the best thing to do was to quickly slide out, grab the other cans and carry on. Result – about a gallon of petrol saved in cans and another 3 lapping round my feet.

Now by the time you read this someone will have explained to me how to bleed a fuel pump and I will be on my way. If the clutch isn't stuck on.....

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This Months Meeting

Thursday 1st April 7:30pm. Highland Offset
(Ross-shire Journal), Docharty Rd, Dingwall.

EDITORIAL

Hello,

I've had a couple of emails this month regarding forthcoming events

Liz Bligh is organising a pre-war Austin weekend based in the local area around the weekend of the 24th and 25th of April. We should run into them on our 'Drive It Day' outing all being well.

Talking of 'Drive It Day', We're meeting on Stadium Road, outside the HSBS building at 10:30 on Sunday 25th April. The route this year takes us down to Drumnadrochit and back over the hills to the Old North Inn at Inchmore for refreshments. People can join us en-route or go directly to the Old North inn if need be.

On June 19th, Strathpeffer Community Market are holding a Vintage Day. This will be an informal event from 9.30 - 12.30 with a prize for the vehicle judged best on the day. Contact Sally Dovey on 01997 423209 or the Community Centre on 01997 421989.

Also, the Inverness Classic Vehicle show is to be run this year on 22nd of May. Following on from last years show, this one will be run by Inverness BID team.



There is no judging but entrants do receive a small memento of their day and it finishes at 3pm with a parade around the city centre and down the High Street. Application forms are available directly from them, or from me.

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

2010

April 1st	Highland Printers visit, Dingwall
May 6th	Cannich Workshop Visit
June 3rd	Visit to Ardersier
July 1st	'Drive Others Cars' night—Brokies Lodge, Kiltarlity
August 5th	Scenic Drive to Whitebridge (Avoiding Black Isle Show)

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

Local Events Diary

Here are some details of 2010 local events that may be of interest to our members

April

25th 'Drive It Day' 2010. Local run in conjunction with the FBHVC to blow away the cobwebs. Meet at 10:30 on Stadium Road.

May

1st Highland Historic Classic Commercial Vehicle Rd Run. Meet in Inverness at 9am for run to Ullapool Contact CharlieMunro21@btinternet.com or 01349 882220

2nd Forres Theme Day (New Date!)

22nd Inverness Classic Vehicle Show.

June

6th Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally2

19th Strathpeffer Market Vintage Day

20th Tain Vintage vehicle Rally

July

3rd Gairloch Highland Gathering and Classic Car Show

10th/11th Scottish Transport Extravaganza at Glamis Castle

18th Knockhill Classic SpeedFair

August

1st Moray Muscle Show

8th Historic Wheels Rally, Brodie Castle.

28th Fortrose Vintage Vehicle Rally

September

4th Dingwall Street Fair. Contact Donald Mackenzie 01349 861009

5th Motor Mania—Grantown on Spey

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