

CLASSIC SCENE



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COVER PICTURE

A trio of MG F's TF's from the Highland MG owners Club and an overlap with HCMC membership.

Welcome to the April Newsletter.

Spring is coming and it's nearly classic car season again. Did you get any winter jobs done? I had great intentions but I was a bit over committed with boats and faulty daily drivers. My only achievement has been to drain the Beetle petrol tank prior to a repair, and then only because I ran out of petrol for the Mini. The Mini needs a bit of summer tlc after some winter motoring. That road salt has caused a bit of brown stuff to appear underneath. I'm looking forward to hearing of your winter maintenance at the next meetings.

I have run out of me and my car articles again so I'd appreciate any contributions at the usual e-mail address. Just a picture and a few words based around the usual format. I have a bit of a soft spot for this months car. It's the shape, the noise and it's something a bit different.

I was reading in a rival publication that there are more MOT changes afoot, mainly affecting modern classics.

- Engine management light to come on and go off (unlike the one in my Focus)
- Reversing lights to be tested.
- Driveshafts to be tested (my Golf passed with a dodgy one).
- ABS will be tested.
- Brake fluid has to be clear.

All fairly sensible except the first one. I spent a small fortune on engine diagnostics for the Focus and no-one got to the bottom of it. The engine runs fine and gives good mpg, so it would be a shame to get a fail I can't fix.

Happy classic motoring,

Your editor.

Chairs Bitty

Winter wasn't quite finished with us yet. At least not at our last club meeting. Those of you in the Inverness area will have gone "snow? what snow?" whereas we decided that with 10inch of snow in the drive and 3 foot drifts on the surrounding roads, going to a club meet was probably not a good idea. So we stayed



put. The east part of our village facing fields had those very same 3ft drifts piled up against their front doors. Needless to say that kids had a whale of a time sledging, building igloos and snowmen.

We went down to the central belt this month to collect the new wheels for the Smart. Between Kinraig and Dalwhinnie it snowed heavily with an inch or two of snow lying on the road, slowing traffic down considerably. Then the shower clears and so does the road. Beautiful sunshine for the rest of the day. We hope to get the Smart back out of the garage in time for this months meet. With its new wheels and tyres of course.

The winter has taken its toll on our roads, with potholes opening up like the proverbial. The road between our village and the A9 is dreadful. Most folk are now driving single file down the centre of the road and there is one 100meter stretch where the centre of the road resembles Swiss cheese. And if there is a car/truck coming your way the passing is negotiated by careful inching along the verge or simply stopping until they have passed. In the past week 1 sink-hole got filled in, but then trucks could lose a wheel in it.

HIAL turned down our request for a visit to the airport's control tower as apparently there is a lot of refurbishment going on. The door has been left open for a visit in the future. Therefore this month meet is scenic run round the country. With the weather picking up (hence the Smart coming out of the garage), this is a good time to get out your classics and blow out those cobwebs. We meet up at the north bound lay-by at North Kessock at 19.30pm. See you there.

Trish.

Bayview Garage

Jim Mackay

I happened upon this Mecca when we had a short break in Mull where we made the mistake of taking to the side roads. The main road is mostly single track! I spotted the Capri and Cortina on the crowded forecourt of this garage but there was more, much more. They have projects from all over Scotland and the quality of the welding is second to none. Roll cages are fabricated, floors replaced and front ends adapted. The Ford 100E has a complete front end with perfect welding, shame to paint it. If I could weld like that, I wouldn't hide it. The wheel arch repair is butt welded! A lot of the business is rally related and, as customers bend their cars from time to time, business is steady.

Cheers, Jim.



Bayview Garage—More pictures to Mull over.



Here are some examples of historic vehicles that perhaps don't fit in with the new MOT exemption rules. Ed.

Drive it Day

Sunday 22nd April 2018

The 2018 route will start at the Café V8 on Henderson Road, Inverness and take us around the Beaully Firth stopping at the Old North Inn for refreshments before continuing to Reelig Glen, Moniack, Clunes, Foxhole, Kilmorack, Mulbuie and Corntown before crossing the Cromarty Firth and finishing at Foulis for lunch.



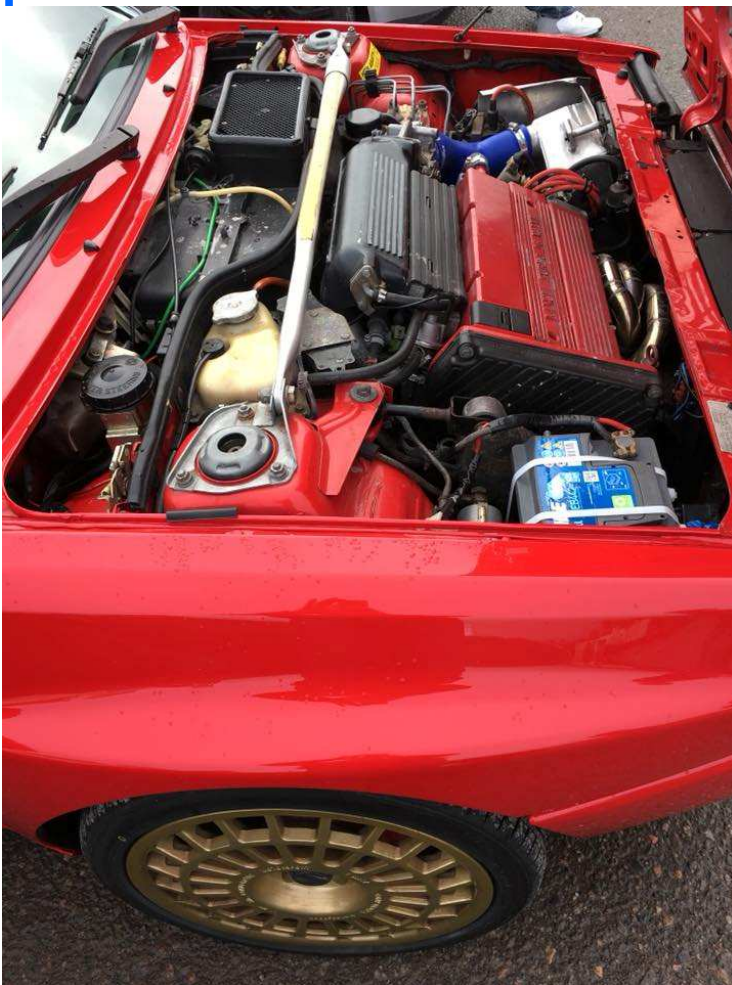
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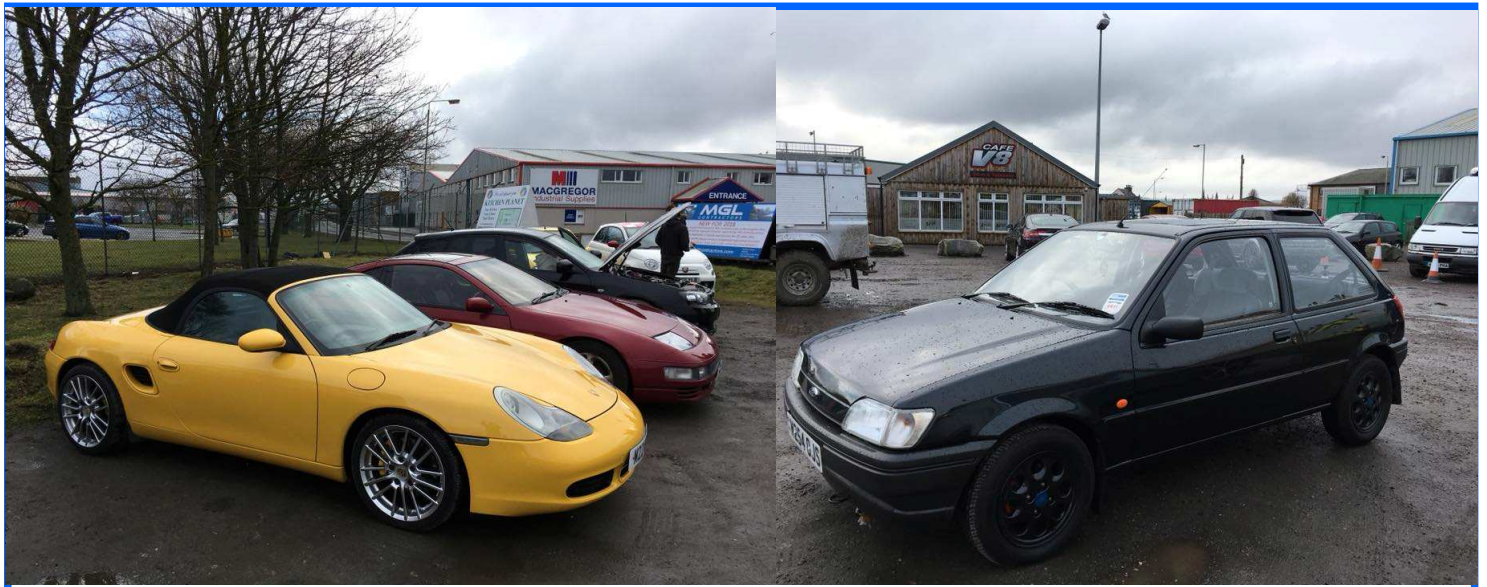


There was a bit of a nineties thing going on at this months cars and coffee. Perhaps the older classics are still resting up over the winter, as there was still plenty of salt on the roads.

There were a good number of clubs members there and it was good to catch up.

Italian, red, motorsport pedigree, surely the Lancia Delta Integrale can be considered a classic?





Want to save historic vehicle from the scrappage scheme?

One of our members sent in this link to a government petition created by Danny Hopkins of Practical classics fame. It currently stands at about 8000 signatures and needs 10000 to get a response and 100000 to get a debate.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/207027>



Petitions

UK Government
and Parliament

Make it illegal for Historic
Vehicles to be processed ...

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Make it illegal for manufacturers to process vehicles which have Historic Vehicle on their V5 documents though any scrappage scheme. A simple way to avoid losing rare ...

2018 Club Nights

Update your diaries and Calendars

This is a summary of the years events that we know about taken from the clubs website. Please check the website for up to date details.

Date	Title	Venue	Additional Info
5th Apr 2018	Black Isle Drive	North Kessock lay-by, A9	Meet 19.30 North Kessock lay-by first left off A9 over the bridge. Short scenic drive ending at North Kessock Hotel.
3rd May 2018	Ross's Garage Ltd. Visit	Clava, Inverness	Visit to Ross's Garage Ltd. Clava Rd. Inverness IV2 5EL. Meet 19.30 TBC. Bryan.
7th Jun 2018	Scenic Drive To Dores Inn	Leonard Cheshire House, Ness Walk, IV3 5NE	Meet for 19.30 in the car park of Leonard Cheshire House, Ness Walk, Inverness IV3 5NE. Following a short Classic Car Show for the residents of the Home there will be a scenic drive to the Dores Inn.
5th Jul 2018	Visit / Pub Run TBC.	TBC.	Meet 19.30 TBC.
15th Jul 2018	SPECIAL EVENT! HCMC Summer BBQ	Killen, Black Isle.	The HCMC has been invited to a Summer BBQ, kindly laid on at his house by Club Member, Graeme Bremner. It will follow a short scenic run to Killen. He will provide the Heat, you bring the Food & Drink (Oh, and a Chair!). Times & Run Meet Venue TBC.
1st Aug 2018	Fish & Chip Run to Grantown on Spey	Inverness to Grantown on Spey	Scenic Drive from Inverness to Grantown on Spey for Fish & Chips. Meet 19.30 TBC.
6th Sep 2018	Pub Run / Visit TBC.	TBC.	Meet 19.30 TBC.
4th Oct 2018	Visit to Moray Motor Museum	Moray Motor Museum, Elgin	Free Bus leaving from Inverness (Time & Venue TBC.) to Moray Motor Museum in Elgin - There will be a £10 per head Entry Fee payable on arrival. Special HCMC Access All Areas Visit - Not to be missed!
5th Nov 2018	Visit to Rimtech Automotive Repair Centre	Rimtech, Unit 5, 27 Harbour Road, Inverness IV1 1SY	Visit to Rimtech for an Alloy Wheel Refurbishment demonstration. Meet 19.30.
1st Dec 2018	SPECIAL EVENT! HCMC Christmas Party Ceilidh	Old North Inn, Inchmore	This is an additional Club event on the first Saturday night of December 2018. Full details to follow; Food, Music, Entertainment, Secret Santa and Car Pooling. Watch this space!

6th Dec 2018	Naval Talk	Chanonry Sailing Club, Fortrose IV10 8TP	Exclusive HCMC Naval Talk in the comfort of the Chanonry Sailing Club, St. Andrew's Walk, Fortrose. Meet 19.30.
3rd Jan 2019	Club Auction Night	Old North Inn, Inchmore	Meet 19.30
7th Feb 2019	Club AGM and Quiz Night	Old North Inn, Inchmore	Meet 19.30 for a short AGM followed by an Automotive Quiz.

Club Night—March 2018



The few of that made it to Dores Road Tesco by 7.30 that night enjoyed a scenic run over the top to the Dores Inn where we had a nice blether and then headed home in a wee flurry of snow.

It wasn't too cold but Callum did have his roof on.

We must drive this route again on a lighter, warmer evening.

ERRATA AGM Minutes:

Tom McCallum was present at the meeting.
Apologies for this mistake.
Secretary HCMC

Me and My Car

Car: 1956 DKW 3=6
Sonderklasse

Owner: Bert Wigman,
Drumnadrochit

Type: 2 door Hardtop
Saloon

Engine: 900cc 3 cylinder
inline water cooled
2-stroke

0-60: 32 sec.

Top Speed: $\pm$ 85-90 mph

How long have you had it? Since 1979

A little bit of history: It was built in Germany and assembled in Sassenheim, Holland. It was first registered in March 1956 and sold new to a gentleman in Amsterdam. Not much is known after that until around 1975, when it was owned by a student from the Technical University in Eindhoven, Holland, who took it on holidays behind the Iron Curtain. After that the car's clutch went and it was left at a former DKW garage in Holland. I bought it from this garage in 1979 and repaired it for a Mot and had it re-sprayed. Between 1980 and 2003 (I emigrated to Scotland in 1997) it was used daily for commuting and holidays. Its original Dutch registration TT-50-96 was replaced by TSY760.

What work have you (had) done? Over the years I did a lot of welding to the bodywork. The engine was overhauled by a 2-stroke specialist; the chassis has never had any repairs done and the gear box has never been touched.

What do you like about it? Its unusual shape and the 2-stroke engine.

What makes it a classic? How do you define a classic car? The Deek used to be a very common car, where nowadays mine is a well preserved old car!

What other cars do you own? A 1987 Mercedes 207D campervan and a 1981 2CV Club (awaiting restoration) and a modern Polo.

