

CLASSIC SCENE



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**on the Monday of the week
preceding the next meeting**

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Cover picture

*The Tojeiro Special at the
Moray Motor Museum*

The Chairman's Bit

Sunday saw the most successful Drive it Day we have had to date. I arrived in Stadium Road wondering how many people were going to turn up as the weather forecast was not good. But by about 11.30 there was well over 50 cars present, many of which I hadn't seen before, and a great mixture as well. Everybody stopped for coffee and tyre kicking at The Old North Inn followed by a scenic route (let's face it every route is a scenic one up here) to Cromarty. There we met up with some Austin Sevens and their owners on their own Drive it Day for more social chat. I had a brief conversation with the local constabulary who seemed to be a bit interested in Alex's Jeep mounted machine gun! And just to put the icing on the cake the weather was pretty good all day.

Last month's gathering at The Moray Motor Museum was excellent. It's my second visit there and I was as impressed as the first time. Some brilliant cars on display upstairs (everyone wanted to take the Bentley home) but it's the workshop downstairs that really impresses. Slightly different to my working conditions at home in my open fronted, sand and gravel floored garage! I would like to thank Tom, his family and staff who opened up in the evening for us.

It's a bit of a milestone (or is that millstone?) for me this week. On Friday (the 27th) my Grantura reaches the ripe old age of 50. Who would have thought that when I paid a mate



of mine (thanks for nothing Colin!) 120 quid for it in 1975 I would still own the car 37 years later. As some of you will no doubt agree, I'm not very precious with it and it's not the most reliable machine in the world, but I've certainly had some laughs whilst out in it and maybe I'll get around to writing some stories down one day. Funnily enough when I read Alan's excellent article last month it reminded me of a few run ins I've had with Essex's finest in a previous life!

Last, but certainly not least, we have one new member to welcome this month. John Scott owns (deep breath) a '61 Anglia, an '85 Capri, an '85 Granada, an '82 Ambassador and a '92 Granada. Wow! I've had some of them as well.

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This Months Meeting

Thursday 3rd May. Road run to the Altguish Inn. Meet at the square in Strathpeffer for a 7:30 departure.

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

2012

January 5th	Annual Auction—North Kessock Hotel
February 2nd	AGM and Quiz Night—North Kessock Hotel
March 1st	Club night at the Bogroy (Old North Inn), Inchmore
April 5th	Visit to Moray Motor Museum
May 3rd	Road run to the Altguish Inn
June 7th	Scenic drive to Whitebridge via Foyers
July 5th	Scenic drive to Tomich
August 2nd	Tour of Kinkell Classics
September 6th	Visit to the Glen Ord Distillery
October 4th	Titanic Evening
November 1st	Visit to VOSA—Inverness
December 6th	Christmas night—venue tba

2013

January 3rd 2013	Annual Auction—North Kessock Hotel
February 7th 2014	AGM and Quiz Night—North Kessock Hotel

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



Editorial

Hello and welcome to the May issue of Classic Scene. Despite the weather, we've been motoring! The recent Drive-it-Day attracted more than 50 cars from near and far, and it was nice to see so many 'new' faces this year. We started off from Stadium Rd and paused for coffee and the Bogroy, before wending our way to Cromarty for lunch. Despite the one 'memorable' shower, the day was most enjoyable and the weather gods generally smiled upon us.



On the day, I ran a raffle which raised more than £120 for the Spinal Injury Charity 'Aspire' (thanks everyone) with the winning tickets belonging to Chris Silver (x2), Willie Murray, and Davie Matheson.

Last month's club night, was a visit to the Moray motor museum in Elgin. More than 30 club members turned up on the night, a bus having been organised by the Rosemarkie and Fortrose 'division' – thanks. There were lots of interesting and rare cars to look at upstairs, and even more to pick-over downstairs in the workshop. The 'feely bag' quiz had most people stumped and I don't think that even Ranaid got all of the answers correct! It was good to meet some of our new members there also.

This month's meeting is a change to the programme. We're unable to visit Kinkell Classics due to an incident involving a newly built Spray booth and 100mph winds, but they should be able to accommodate us later in the summer. As a result, this month's meeting will be a scenic drive to the Altguish Inn, on the Ullapool road. Meet at the square in Strathpeffer for a 7:30 departure.

It's going to be a busy couple of months coming up what with Charlie's Commercial run on the 5th and 6th of May, the Forres show on

the 6th May and the Inverness show on the 12th of May. The organisers of the Inverness show have been in touch to offer us a place for the club to be all together at Falcon Square. This will allow us to have a HCMC 'presence' on the day, and will raise the club profile. If you want to park your car on the club 'stand', let me know directly, as I have been asked to pass on the names of those interested to the organisers. If nothing else, it will provide greater security as there will be a number of club members there throughout the day keeping an eye on things.

I hope you've been enjoying the 'motoring cherries' series of articles that have been running over the last few months. I've now reached the end of my 'stock' and am looking for some more articles.

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Local Events Diary

Here are some details of 2012 local motoring events that may be of interest to our members

April

22nd 'Drive It Day' 2012. Local run in conjunction with the FBHVC to blow away the cobwebs. Meet at 10:30 on Stadium Road for a short run around the local area.

May

5th Vintage Commercial Highland Road Run.. Contact charlie.munro21@btinternet.com

6th Forres Theme Day

12th Inverness Classic Vehicle Show.

13th Buckie Classic Car Show (see page 7)

31st-5th June Shetland Classic Motor Show & Tours

June

2nd Kirkhill Gala Day

3rd Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally

17th Tain Vintage vehicle Rally

30th Gairloch Gathering. Contact Douglas Gibson
douglasg@burach.org.uk

July

7th/8th 38th Scottish Transport Extravaganza at Glamis Castle

August

12th Historic Wheels Rally, Brodie Castle.

19th Dunrobin Vintage Car Rally

25th Fortrose Vintage Vehicle Rally

September

1st Dingwall Street Fair. Contact Donald Mackenzie 01349 861009

2nd Motor Mania—Grantown on Spey

8th/9th Knockhill Classic SpeedFair

15th/16th Selkirk Rally

If you notice any errors or omissions, please let the editor know.

FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE CLASSIC VEHICLE RALLY

Saturday 25th August 2012

You are invited to enter the 10th Fortrose and Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Rally will be held in the Fortrose Academy Sports Field which is situated within the historic Royal Burgh of Fortrose.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT WILL AGAIN START AT THE
DINGWALL AUCTION MART CAR PARK.**

You should aim to arrive at the auction mart (half a mile outside Dingwall on A862 Maryburgh road) from 10am. Refreshments and bacon rolls will be available at the auction's restaurant from 10.30am. Members of the Highland Classic Motor Club will be there to meet you on your arrival and to provide you with refreshment vouchers. While visiting this establishment you will have free access to the excellent "Drovers Exhibition" which is on display in their gallery.

From 12 noon (or earlier if you wish) you should enjoy a leisurely 60 minute "scenic tour" to Fortrose following directions with which you will be provided at the registration desk.

Further light refreshments and Entertainment will be available on your arrival at the rally field in Fortrose and throughout the afternoon. As this is a non-profit making event there is an entry fee of £6 PER PERSON to cover costs. Please forward the appropriate amount with your entry form and make your cheque payable to "Fortrose Classic Car Rally".

Due to the popularity of this rally we may have to limit the amount of entries on this occasion so please forward your entry form along with your payment as early as possible. Otherwise the closing date for entries is 17th August. Please note that you will not receive a postal response, on receipt of your entry but if you wish to include your e-mail address then we will e-mail you an acknowledgement.

Further information is available from:

Gordon Stewart, Rally Secretary, on 07941 184055 or frcrally@mypostoffice.co.uk

We very much look forward to receiving your entry and to meeting up with you on the day.

We would also point out that it is a requirement of the Scottish Vintage Vehicle Federation that all vehicles entering the rally have third party liability insurance. We will be unable to allow vehicles access to the field without this cover.

FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE CLASSIC VEHICLE RALLY

ENTRY FORM

Saturday 25th August 2012

Name of Entrant:

Address:

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Telephone (Day): (Evening):

E-mail Address:

Vehicle Make: Model:

Year: Capacity: Registration:

Are You a Member of Any Owners Clubs ?
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No of Persons Attending: Amount Enclosed: £.....

(£6.00 Per Person – Please Make Cheques Payable to 'Fortrose Classic Car Rally')

By my Signature Below, I confirm that

- (1) the information given above is correct
- (2) to the best of my belief the vehicle concerned is suitable for the use to which it will be put during the event and that the vehicle is roadworthy
- (3) I and any other person(s) I may nominate to move, drive, control or otherwise operate the vehicle am/are competent to do so and hold a full current driving licence
- (4) the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by law
- (5) I will carefully follow the marshal's instructions
- (6) I undertake not to allow anyone who is not insured to do so to start, drive or otherwise operate the vehicle hereby entered during the course of the event
- (7) In the event of any defect in the insurance referred to above, I undertake to indemnify the organisers in respect of any loss that would have been covered had the insurance not been defective

Signed: Date:

***Please Return Completed Entry Form & Payment, by 17th August, to:
Mr Gordon Stewart, 100 Feddon Hill, Fortrose, Ross-Shire, IV10 8SR***