

CLASSIC SCENE



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COVER PICTURE

Patriotic Royce on Drive It Day

EDITORS CHATTY BIT

First a belated thank you to Brian McIlwraith for his article on the visit to Charlie Perrins Jaguars, I failed to credit him for the piece. Many thanks Brian. Now can a few more of you put something together for me? Or I'll keep to my promise of an unhealthy obsession with dismembered body parts. You don't want to know what I collected in a Tesco bag one night!

We all enjoyed the visit to Dingwall Police station and for me it was a reminder that Police Stations all have an atmosphere that hasn't changed at all. The fact that that atmosphere mainly exuded from the cells needs no further explanation! As a Traffic Officer and an Advanced Accident Investigator what interested me was that although the technology has moved on considerably over the past few years the basics are still the same. Crawling around, at times on hands and knees, looking for faint scuff marks and little scratches on the road, trying to work out which tyre mark belongs to which vehicle. The measuring of the accident scene for a detailed plan, using a piece of kit that looked like a wizards broomstick was mind boggling. And on returning to the office, no more spending days with a ruler, a pair of compasses and a 4H pencil. Just download and press "Print".

Also of great interest was the kit carried in the Traffic cars. Camera's every where, lots of different bar light and siren options all controlled from one touch screen. Some of the cars I drove had umpteen switches and buttons randomly spread all over the place. Spread along the top of the dashboard would be separate switch panels for the siren and the blue lights. Another box for the Vascar or Pilot set, and at least one of the panels for one of the radios. Our motorway cars, would you believe, had three completely separate radios, each with its own control panel. Then there were another two hand held radios mounted in the door panel. If the car had Tracker fitted that was another box somewhere and if it had a video camera fitted there was a TV screen in there as well. All these systems had aerials on the roof along with four aerials for the Tracker making a total of seven aerials. Somewhere I have a piece of video of me driving in a turn-round point going into the control room on the M11 in a thunderstorm when a lightning bolt hits down about 25 yards from the car! The lightning strike knocked out all of the power in the control room, until the standby generator kicked in, all the electronic door locks failed and all of the computers and cctv cameras were off line until an engineer came in and reset it all. I can be heard saying something along the lines of "Oh deary me, all this radio kit and seven aerials on the roof, how interesting."



LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

Here are some details of 2013 local motoring events that may be of interest to our members:-

May

- 5th Vintage Commercial Highland Road Run. Contact
charlie.munro21@btinternet.com
- 5th Forres Theme Day
- 11th Inverness Classic Vehicle Show
- 12th Buckie Classic Car Show
- 30th -4th June Shetland Classic Motor Show & Tours

June

- 1st Kirkhill Gala Day
- 2nd Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally
- 16th Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally
- 29th Gairloch Gathering. Contact Douglas Gibson
douglass@burach.org.uk

July

- 13th/14th 39th Scottish Transport Extravaganza at Glamis castle

August

- 11th Historic Wheels Rally, Brodie Castle
- 18th Dunrobin Vintage Car Rally
- 31st Fortrose Vintage Car Rally

September

- 1st Grantown Motor Mania
- 7th Dingwall Street Fair. Contact Donald Mackenzie 01349
861009
- 7th/8th Knockhill Classic Speed Fair
- 14th/15th Selkirk Rally

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

This months meeting will be to the RNLI station in North Kessock.

7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.

La Presidente's monologue

I was amused to read in our last newsletter that I am no longer a mere chairwoman, pffff no, I am a **President**. Not sure what entitled me to this promotion. Could it be my home baking? I wonder if there are any fringe benefits, hmmm.

Nobody was locked up or failed the breathaliser test during our visit to Dingwall Police Station. We are obviously all law obiding people. And so well behaved that at the end of the evening we were treated to an impromptu talk on Accident Investigation. I am considering asking the Constabulary to make a presentation to our club next year on this very subject. If you are interested in this let me know.

At last winter has finally released its grip on the weather. It won't be long now before our Smart is back on the road. Poor thing has been stuck in the garage for over 6 months. And we are getting "driving with the roof down" withdrawal symptoms, especially on sunny days. Or on Drive It day. But our Landrover did a sterling effort to get us from A to B, albeit a little slower than every one



Our President displays some of her fine collection of Land Rover precision tuning equipment.

else. Some folk were already making for home by the time we eventually trundled into Dore.

I see we have a few new members. Welcome to Mike Cormack with his 1956 Ford Popular and to Aitken Paton and his 1987 Porsche 924S LeMans.

This months meeting will be to the RNLI station in North Kessock. It will be a little earlier than usual, please make sure that you get there around 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.

See you there.

Trish.

Drive It Day



FOR SALE

1954 AUSTIN A40 SOMERSET.



Austin A40 Somerset 1954. Last MOT 21 September 2012, but now Tax and MOT exempt. 54000 miles recorded. Black with red leather interior. A great runner in very good condition both inside and out. With original Log Book and Receipts.

Contact Glyn Bluefield, Strathpeffer, 07799507828.

HCMC Events

Date

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| 2nd May 2013 | RNLI visit - North Kessock |
| 6th Jun 2013 | Scenic Drive to Cromarty |
| 4th Jul 2013 | Inverness Treasure Hunt |
| 1st Aug 2013 | Scenic drive to Old Mill Hotel, Brodie |
| 5th Sep 2013 | Visit to HM Coastguard, Inverness |
| 3rd Oct 2013 | Visit to Wheel Specialist, Inverness |
| 7th Nov 2013 | Car Ergonomics Talk—Bogroy Hotel, Inchmore |
| 5th Dec 2013 | Christmas night—Bogroy Hotel, Inchmore |
| 9th Jan 2014 | Annual Auction—North Kessock Hotel |
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HIGHLAND HEAPS



On the Eathy road above Rosemarkie, an early Mercedes by the look of the radiator grille. With an early VW Beetle hidden under tarpaulins behind it



Saab 99, Bonar Bridge