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**The next 'Classic Scene'
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Please send articles by e-mail or typed.

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COVER PICTURE

Lancia Aurelia America Spyder
Sold in America for 1.8 million dollars.
For Sale. Lancia Fulvia Coupe.
Now with a new (old) rear screen.
Offers in XS of £1.8 million. ONO

CHAIR BITTY MAY 2014

What a turnout last month. I don't think I've seen that many folk turn up since our last visit to the Elgin Motor Museum. Even the police gave some funny looks as they pottered past the Happy Highland Camper workshop. There were a few vehicles in the workshop in various stages of completion. The split screen definitely looked the most impressive. After a tour of his own van, Neil treated us to a little demo on cladding panels. A quick spray with the glue, smooth over the fabric, snip with the scissors and ta-daah. He made it look so easy. I bet if I tried the same thing, my hair will get trapped in the glue. Not that you would notice against the grey fabric.

Slightly different transport subject. I cycle to the railway station every week-day to get to work. The station doesn't have a sheltered place for bicycles, so my bike gets rained and snowed upon. Now I could park up under the station canopy, but being a small station, that would take away shelter for my fellow commuters. Equally I could park up in the bus shelter, but given that this shelter is only barely bigger than my bike, this won't be appreciated by bus users.

I recently tried a cheap plastic cover and despite being tied to my bicycle, it blew away – only the ties remained with a little corner of the cover. No idea where it went as I had a look for it, but it had vanished. I have now purchased a decent garden lounge cover which fits reasonably neatly over my bike. This has metal eyelets at the corners and the sides, giving plenty of places to tie it to my bike. And I thought if I loop it over the bike hoop as well it should give me a little bit more stability in the wind. But no, my bike still fell over, but at least the cover stayed on.

Our lawn has been looking pretty green all winter, but we reckon it is mostly moss as it just goes a horrible brown in the summer. So we bought a very basic scarifier the other week. Alice has been trying this out over the past few days and has raked up several bins worth of moss and dead grass. No doubt hard work, but think of the exercise you get, my dear! The lawn is now looking pretty sorry for itself, but with some new seed and fertiliser it should come up trumps for the summer.

We have got a new addition to the club this month with 2 Vauxhall Viva's (1977 and 1978), owned by Andrew Cryans. Just in time for this month's run to the Benleiva Hotel in Drumnadrochit. It will be just the weather for a nice drive in your **classic**. So Gentlemen and Ladies, if your classic is still hiding in your garage, get it moving. We meet up in the front car park at the Highland Council HQ, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness at 7.30pm.

Cheers,

Trish

The following items were gleaned from the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs website.

Historic Vehicle Tax class threshold

On 1 April 2014, the threshold for Historic Vehicle taxation class moved from 1 January 1973 to 1 January 1974. This means that vehicles made in 1973, or registered in 1973, are now entitled to have the tax class of Historic Vehicle.

However, the conversion from the existing tax class, e.g. PLG, to Historic Vehicle is not automatic. The registered keeper will have to claim it using the documents detailed. If the year of manufacture is not recorded on the V5C, and if the vehicle was registered from 1 January 1974 up to and including 7 January 1974, DVLA will let you register it as a Historic Vehicle, based on the assumption that the vehicle would have been made in the previous year.

There is no need to wait until the existing tax has expired, before applying for the Historic Vehicle tax class.

Supermarket petrol

A recent invitation to receive Tesco Club Card points when purchasing fuel from an Esso petrol station led to a conversation which revealed that Tesco sell Esso petrol and diesel, hence the Club Card arrangement. As one of the Big Three fuel retailers in the UK, Esso have always been keen to protect their quality image, so the sale of Esso fuel by Tesco is an interesting development which might go some way to refute the popularly held myth that supermarket petrol is of lower quality than that sold by the oil majors.

Editors note. Allegedly Tesco used buy there fuel on the open market, thereby always obtaining the best price. I have found that my fuel consumption varies wildly from one tank full to the next when on Tesco fuel indicating, in my opinion, that fuel quality did vary. In the past the Met used Tesco fuel, but only for a short time. The cars used to run like a three legged pig!



CLUB EVENTS 2014



DATE	EVENT	VENUE & ADDITIONAL INFO
1st May 2014	Club Run	To Benleva Hotel, Drumnadrochit. Meet at Highland Council HQ, Glenurquart Road 7.30pm
5th Jun 2014	Mystery tour.	Meet Tesco's, Dingwall For 7:30pm
3rd Jul 2014	Club Run	To The Garve Hotel, A835 Ullapool Road Meet at North Kessock Hotel 7.30pm
7th Aug 2014	Club Run	The Covenanter's Inn, Auldearn. Meet Culloden Battlefield Car Park 7.30pm
4th Sep 2014	Club Run	Royal Hotel, Cromarty Meet at North Kessock Hotel 7.30pm
2nd Oct 2014	Club Meeting	Old North Inn. Talk Night TBC.
6th Nov 2014	Club Meeting	Old North Inn. Talk Night TBC.
4th Dec 2014	Club Meal TBC	7.30pm Bring a Secret Santa Gift.
8th Jan 2015	Auction Night	TBC Annual Club Auction—7.30pm
5th Feb 2015	Club AGM	Old North Inn AGM 7.30pm

HCMC AND THE INVERNESS MAIL

From: Grant Anderson. Posted At: 08 April 2014 20:30
Posted To: Inverness Mail. Subject: "Your Car" Article 02 April 2014
Hi,

I read the article on "Classic Porsches" in the "Your Car" article printed by the P&J on 2nd April with great interest and, if possible, I would like to contact "Richie Ubych" the person featured in the article. My reasons for wishing to contact him are simple, I also own a Porsche from the '70s and Porsche cars from the '60s and '70s appear to be as rare as hen's teeth here in the north, there are some newer Porsches around but few older examples and none in such excellent condition as his cars. My second reason for contacting him is to invite him to join the Highland Classic Motor Club, as a small group of classic car enthusiasts we are always looking to extend our membership and Richie appears to have all the attributes that we look for in our members. I do not wish to impose myself on Richie but would be very grateful if you could contact him on my behalf and inform him of the reasons for me wishing to get in touch with him. I can assure Richie, and yourselves, that there is no nefarious intent and I have no other reason for contacting him other than those already stated above.

Grant Anderson

From: "Cheryl Livingstone"
mailto:Cheryl.Livingstone@ajl.co.uk
Subject: **RE: "Your Car" Article 02 April 2014*
To: Grant Anderson

Hi Grant,
Many thanks for getting in touch. I have passed your details onto Richie so it will be up to him to get in touch. However I would like to ask if you could send a message around your club members and see if any of them would like to be in the feature that Richie appeared in?
Thanks,

Cheryl Livingstone
Features Writer
Aberdeen Journals Ltd

Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: "Your Car" Article 02 April 2014

Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2014 16:42:40 +0100

From: Grant Anderson

To: chairman@highlandclassic.org.uk

Hi Trish

I saw an article in the "Your Car" supplement of the P&J the other day about a local, who lives in Tain, who has 2 Porsches and, as you know, I have a Porsche about the same era. I contacted the P&J and asked them to send my contact details to the chap so I could touch base with him and compare notes as well as to invite him to become a member of our esteemed Club - see first email.

Cheryl Livingstone has responded (next email) and has asked if any of our Club members would like to feature in "Your Car" supplement along with their car(s). I have already replied to her and said I would forward her email to you as Chairperson for consideration at the next Committee meeting. If you (we the Club) wish to be featured in "Your Car" perhaps an article on the FBHVC "Drive-It-Day" at the end of April might be an ideal starting point. Over to you.

Best wishes,

Grant

FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE CLASSIC VEHICLE RALLY

Saturday 30th August 2014

You are invited to enter the 12th Fortrose & Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Rally, which will be held in the Fortrose Academy Sports Field, 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 Dingwall Auction Mart on A862 Maryburgh road from 10:00am, where refreshments and bacon rolls will be available. From 11:00am you should enjoy a leisurely 60 minute “scenic tour” to Fortrose, following the directions in your entry pack.

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 & make your cheque payable to “Fortrose Classic Car Rally”.

The closing date for entries is Saturday 23rd 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.

Entry packs will be POSTED to you approximately 7 days before the Rally and will include your windscreen number, refreshment vouchers, road run directions and raffle tickets.

It is a requirement of the Scottish Vintage Vehicle Federation that all vehicles entering the rally have third party liability insurance. We are unable to allow vehicles access to the Rally Field without this cover.

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

IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Entrants are REQUIRED to arrive at the Rally Field before 1:00pm.

The Rally will finish at 4:00pm.

**Should you wish to leave the field earlier than 4:00pm,
please inform a Marshall who will arrange for you to be
SAFELY ACCOMPANIED TO THE GATE**

Gordon J Stewart, 07941 184055 crally@mypostoffice.co.uk

FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE CLASSIC VEHICLE RALLY

ENTRY FORM

Saturday 30th August 2014

Name of Entrant:

Address:

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Telephone (Day):(Evening):

E-mail

Vehicle Make:Model:

Year:Engine Capacity:Registration:

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 Marshall'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

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Signed:Date:

*Please Return Completed Entry Form & Payment, by 23rd August, to:
Mr. Gordon Stewart, 100 Feddon Hill, Fortrose, Ross-shire, IV10 8SR*

CLASSIC CAR EVENTS 2014

- 27th Apr 2014 'Drive It Day' 2014 Meet V8 Cafe, Henderson Road, Inverness. Local Highland Run to support FBHVC Dive It Day 2014. Cafe open from 8am. Gather any time after this for a tyre kick before the Road Run leaving 11am. Destination:- The Aultguish Inn A835 Ullapool Road for Tea/Coffee. Pausing in Muir of Ord.
- 3rd May 2014 Highland Road Run For Vintage Commercial Vehicles. Dalmore Distillery, Alness. 9.00am Start. Contact; Bill Herd:- billherd@znet.co.uk or John Mackenzie 01349 853933 or 07803987942
- 4th May 2014 Forres Theme Day, Forres.
Contact patersonsharon@aol.com.
Printing problems have led to a delay in posting out Entry Forms. Club Display - See Forum!
- 10th May 2014 Inverness Classic Vehicle Show. See Inverness BID website www.invernessbid.co.uk or download from the 'committee docs' section of our website.
- 1st Jun 2014 Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally, Fraserburgh Leisure Centre, www.filc.co.uk
- 8th Jun 2014 John O'Groats Annual Rally.
Caithness. See www.csvvc.org
- 14th Jun 2014 Kirkhill Gala Day Classic Vehicle Display,
Kirkhill Community Centre.
See www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk
- 22nd Jun 2014 Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally. www.taingala.co.uk. Arrive by 10.30am. Club Display - See Forum!

- 5th Jul 2014 Gairloch Gathering Classic Vehicle Display. Start 11am at Gairloch Pier. douglasg@burach.org.uk for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gairloch-Highland-Gathering/315149696065>
- 12th Jul 2014 Beaully Gala. Beaully Gala Committee are looking for some cars to show at the Gala on Sat 12th.
- 10th Aug 2014 Historic Wheels Rally, Brodie Castle, Forres IV36 0TE www.moraymotormuseum.org for details and entry form.
- 17th Aug 2014 Dunrobin Castle Vintage Car Run & Rally, Police Dependents Trust Rally. Entry Form evelyn@sutherlandstates.com or 01408 633268. Starts Helmsdale 10am. Brora 11am. Embo 12noon. Dornoch 1pm. Dunrobin Castle 2pm. A £6 entry includes Lunch (£4 extra lunch) £2000 raised 2013!
- 30th Aug 2014 Fortrose & Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Show. Meet 11.30am Dingwall Auction Mart for 60min scenic run then static display at Fortrose Academy. Download Entry Form from Forum.
- 6th Sep 2014 Dingwall Car Show (Great Fail Maree) www.greatfeilmaree.org.uk
- 7th Sep 2014 Motor Mania at Grantown on Spey. REGISTER EARLY! www.grantown-motormaniaman.co.uk
- 27th Sep 2014 Strathnairn Vintage Rally & Display Daviot. www.daviotvintage.co.uk. 10am til 4pm Signposted from A9 at Daviot south of Inverness.
- 28th Sep 2014 Laigh of Moray Vintage Rally and Fun Day, Inchkeil Steading, Roseisle. 10am til 4pm 2 miles off A96 between Forres & Elgin on B9013 Burghead road. Late entries welcome.

This extensive list of 2014 events was compiled by Miles Vincent. For further information on some of the events go to the club website at www.highlandclassic.org.uk



The person who supplied this photograph assures me that it was an Irish Fire Brigade. But in a similar vein I have seen the London Fire Brigade attempt to cut the roof off of a car where the driver was trapped inside.....they got a bit miffed when I pointed out to them that the car was upside down at the time.

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