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COVER PICTURE

1902 Oldsmobile at the
Tain Show

CHAIR BITTY JULY 2016

As mentioned last month, I was not at the Drive each other's car evening. However I gather there were a few different cars to drive this time round and did hear some interesting stories about the evening at the Tain rally.



We attended the Tain rally earlier this month with the Landy and the Smart. It stayed dry all day, something of a record I understand. 9 cars on the club display. Miles had come up with an idea for the stand – to display the prices as when new on our cars. The prices causing quite a stir, especially when some punters thought we were selling and having a good look around (and under) the cars. With the weather as nice as it was, it was pretty busy, with lengthy queues for the ice cream. During the day members drifted in and out of the club's event shelter which we had put up at the start of the day. Just imagine 10 odd people trying not to get in each way or poke our eyes out with the tent poles and you get the picture. The day just few past. Around 4ish we decided to pack up the shelter and go home, like most of the participants. Lengthy queues too to get of the field. Alice and I went down to Glasgow last weekend for a treasure hunt organised by The Glasgow Smart Rally 2016. 4 Smart roadsters taking part and we decided to tackle the event as a team, given that 3 of us didn't know Glasgow apart from driving the M8/M74. It was hard work to stick together and we lost each other many times at traffic lights. Needless to say Team Roadster came last, so late in fact that most of the food had gone by the time we made it back to the garage. But we had a lot of fun running about the place, going round in circles at one stage trying to find a particular clue.

This month we have a treasure hunt organised by Tom McCallum. Having just done a treasure hunt in Glasgow, I can assure you it is the taking part that is the fun bit, so don't be shy and turn up with your car. Take along your wife, kids, or neighbours for navigator, they will enjoy it too. Cars will be set off at intervals from the start at the football field at the east end of Culbokie at 7pm. See you there and do remember to write a little article for next months magazine.

DRIVE SOMEONE ELSE'S CAR



“Well we’ve got Callum into the car but how the heck are we going to get him out!”

There were a few other problems on the night. Everyone had problems with the clutch “biting” point on my Lancia and the usual problems with a car that has a dogleg first gear. To the left and down! To the left and up results in moving off in reverse. When I first got the car, on one occasion I even managed to get it into reverse while still moving. Ouch! Callum’s Burton has a similar gearbox layout but without 5th gear. The non servo brakes on Calum’s Mini also took some getting used to, but it did go rather well. Loved Frank’s XJS, a real GT, a Grand Tourer. Waft along at speed and in armchair comfort. MPG? Who cares! But first prize to Ian in the Burton. The quick detach steering wheel lived up to its name. Shame he was driving at the time.

THE EDITORS MONTHLY RANT

Not too much to rant and rave about this month, apart from the latest referendum. EU or non-EU? Cats, pigeons and ruffled feathers flying everywhere. Will Princess Nicola get her way? Who cares! Whatever the outcome its not going to happen quickly. Just two thoughts on the future, one serious and one, hopefully amusing. Apparently VAT on motor fuel is an EU Directive, if we leave the EU fuel will not have 20% VAT added. So gas guzzlers now is the time to vote! Now for the amusing one. If Scotland has to invent its own currency what should it be called? My two best bets are the "Thistle" and my favourite, the "Wee Dram".

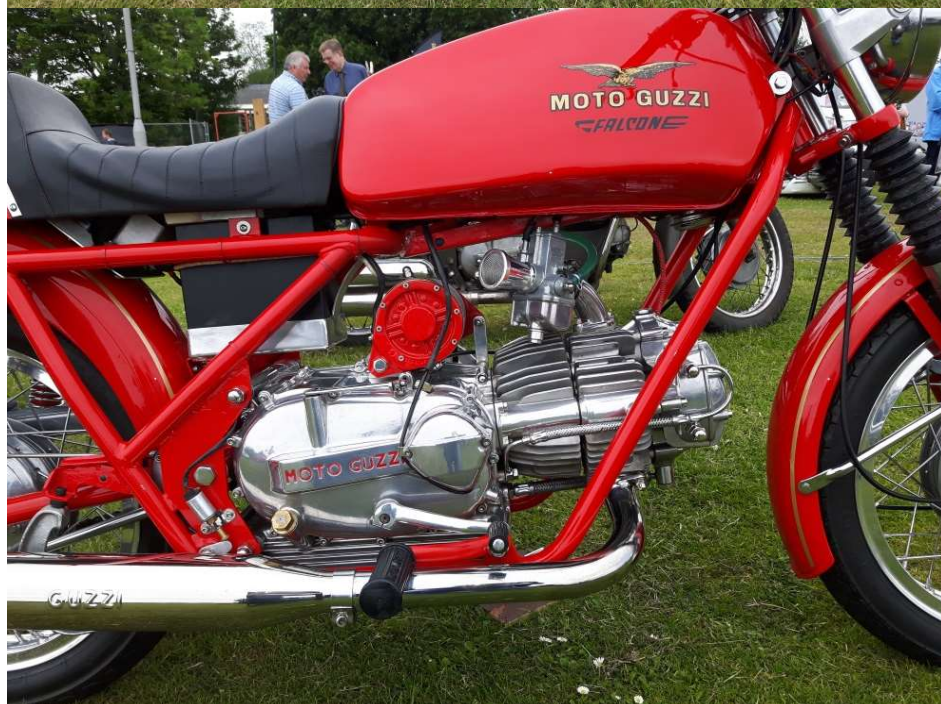
The show season is well under way and for me the first was the Rotary Club of Elgin organised "Show and Shine" . Not totally a Classic Show but lots of newer cars, all polished to death. But the sun shone and the burger stall run by the Elgin Rotary was sensibly priced and had a long queue all day. Tain was next and, Yippee, it didn't rain. Well not much and only on the way there. A good turn out by the club with some of the usual suspects and a new member, Callum. As he is at least the 3rd Cal(I)um we have, to help identify all of them the following list of Cal(I)ums has been compiled.

1. Callum. (Various French oddities.)
2. One L Calum. (Assorted Mini's)
3. The Other Callum ((Japanese Imports)

But on a, slightly, more relevant note, the Tain Show had several goodies. The selection of Italian motorbikes shown over the next page and a Vulcan rebodied as a Charabanc.



MOTO GUZZI 'FALCON' 250cc



LAVERDA MONTJUIC 500cc and DUCATI 250cc



Date

Venue

- 2nd Jul 2016** Gairloch Gathering Classic Vehicle Display, Big Sand Campsite, Gairloch. Meet 11am Gairloch Pier.
- 16/17th Jul 2016** Trucknessie, Bught Park, Inverness. Part of the Inverness Highland Games and Gala Weekend.
- 14th Aug 2016** Historic Wheels Rally, Brodie Castle, Forres IV36 0TE. www.moraymotormuseum.org for details and entry form. Note: NO LATE ENTRIES at Brodie Castle. Pre-book or Arrive at Start Point.
- 27th Aug 2016** Fortrose and Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Rally. Arrive at Dingwall Mart from 10.00am. Teddy's Café will be open. From 11.00am, a 60 minute scenic tour to Fortrose. Closing date 20th August. Details from Gordon Stewart, 07941 184055 and info@fortroserally.co.uk
- 27th Aug 2016** NEW FOR 2016* Highlands & Islands Transport Show, Scatraig Farm, A9 Daviot by Inverness. Exhibits include trucks, cranes and recovery vehicles of every derivative, light commercial, classic and vintage cars & motorbikes, classic tractors and machinery, rally cars and much more. www.hitshow.co.uk
- 4th Sep 2016** Motor Mania at Grantown on Spey, Grantown on Spey

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