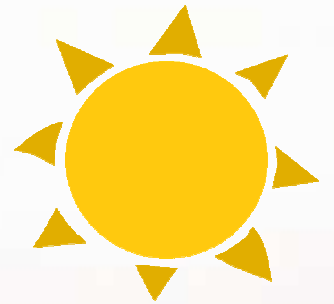


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**Summer Special
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COVER PICTURE

On the road to Ullapool for chips on the 1st of June 2017.

Welcome to the July Newsletter, a flying start with this flyer.



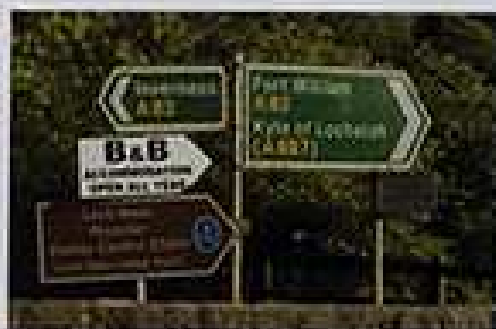
The Loch Ness Classic and Vintage Car Tour is a brand new non-competitive event restricted to entries from classic and vintage cars also cars of a sporting nature. The entry will be restricted to a maximum of 65 cars with excess entries being put on a waiting list.

The car tour is being organised on behalf of the Rotary Club of Inverness Loch Ness to raise in excess of £10,000 to be split between the RNLI and charities supported by the Rotary Club of Inverness Loch Ness.

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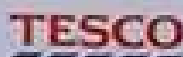
Starting and finishing in Inverness, our tour route takes you through some of the most breathtaking views of the highlands.



OUR CHARITIES

The Rotary Club of Inverness Loch Ness supports a wide range of local, national and international charities. With our Loch Ness Classic and Vintage Car Tour we are aiming to raise in excess of £10,000, which will be split between the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to help provide local inshore boats on Loch Ness and Fessnock, and the other charities supported by our Rotary Club.

These include - L'Arche, Inverness Polish Association, The Stroke Unit Raigmore Hospital, Highland Hospice, St Joseph's Primary School, Polish Saturday School, S.N.A.P, Lead Scotland for local disabled adults, Highland Cycle Ability, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Dones Project, Pancreatic Cancer UK, Calman Trust, Blythwood re Refugee Crisis, Playlist For Life, Highland Multicultural Friends, Young Carers, Second, End Polo Campaign, Sand Dams, Ebola Project, Nepal Relief, Smile Train.



With thanks to Tesco Inverness In The Community

Chairs Bitty

A good number of members and cars turned up for the drive to Ullapool. Our journey up was led by Bryan in his Aston, who decided to stay in convoy and not overtake the truck, much to the annoyance of everyone else as we were looking forward to going a bit faster past the Loch.



On our way to (and on the way back from) Ullapool there were a number of deer herds close to the road. At one point we spotted a stag majestically looking down on the passing cars. You know, the typically noble antlered profile outlined against the sky type of majestic. He gave no indication of which car he liked most.

Once in Ullapool the midges took an instant liking to me. I only managed to escape them temporarily by hiding out in the chippies. Back home I counted four bites on my face and another five in amongst my hair (what were they thinking!?) Alice? Nothing. Obviously not as tasty.

Car wise? We still haven't quite got the cruise control sorted on the Merc, but we are now suspecting that the unintentional disengagement may be caused by problems with ABS rings. The back ones were "repaired" about three years ago and are starting to look rather ropy. At the time of writing the car is in for a brake service and replacement rings, so watch this space.

Now that the weather is a bit more amenable, I have had some time to go through the garden doing various little jobs. I decided this year to have another go at planting courgettes. Unfortunately there is somebody out there who likes them very much too. So much so that three plants have been eaten, and a further three are looking poorly. Only one is managing to hold on to all its leaves. Whether this is bird or snail/slug damage I am not sure about. Last weekend I replanted them beside my strawberries so that the courgettes too can hide under the netting. And just in case it is snails and slugs that were munching on them, I have surrounded the courgettes with bramble twigs. Next job is to replace the raised bed which is slowly falling to bits.

Owing to a slight mix up in diaries last month (sorry Zak), we are going to visit the Cairngorm Windows workshop this month. We already have double glazing all round at home, but I am interested in seeing how these windows are put together. We meet at Cairngorm Window, Longman Drive (on the corner with Henderson Drive) at 19.30.

See you there.

Trish.

Contributions

We're always looking for your items for the Newsletter, short or long funny or factual, please send them to editor@highlandclassic.org.uk

Thanks to those that have sent pieces in. If it's not in this month, it will be soon. Keep up the good work!

Event Updates

Only two places left on the BBC visit on Thursday 2nd November

Grantown Motor Mania on Sunday the 3rd of September

<http://www.grantown-motormaniamania.co.uk/registration/vehicleregistrations>

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Rally on Saturday 26th August

<http://highlandclassic.org.uk/public/events/fortrose.php>

Ullapool for Chips

By Calum Pearson



We met at The Square in Strathpeffer, a fine Victorian meeting place for the start of our club run. Tom MacCallum turned up in a Sport Ka, an emerging modern classic so get one now while they are still affordable. It was a respectable turn out with a typically wide range of classics. I was worried about the reliability of the Mini, with it's fickle tuned engine, and asked Alan Goff if he had a tow bar in his reliable Mercedes. 7:30 came and went and no sign of Miles in his Scimitar GTE. Callum *thought* he was coming but just after 7:35 we set off.

I found myself in the lead and had the idea to get ahead to take some photos of the convoy. I found a layby behind some bushes which looked like a speed trap out of a 'Smokey and the Bandit' film. Perfect I thought. Wrong. I got my (speed) camera ready and was pulling on my coat when the first car approached. With one sleeve on I discovered the midges. As everyone drove past I was hopping about with a bright orange cagoule on one arm trying to take photographs. Suffice to say they didn't come out very well.



Back on the road I was now at the rear of the group, and we soon became stuck behind a slow lorry. Bryan in his DB7 was now the convoy leader and chose not to overtake.



I noticed some lights coming up behind me and it was Miles in his Scimitar we exchanged cheery waves and enjoyed the rest of the scenic drive to Ullapool. Chips were bought at 'The Chippy' next to the Seaforth hotel where we creat-



ed a chaotic busy spell. The midges were hellish and repellent essential. We stood it as long as we could and then dispersed to pubs or hit the road home. I followed Miles and Callum followed me in his Burton. We hit warp factor 6 on the open road, and I was worried about deer, but hey Miles was in front. Just short of the Dingwall roundabout my temperature gauge rose and I had to pull over. I had boiled the coolant, my reliability concerns confirmed. After 20 minutes cooling off and topping up I was on my way again, nice and slowly. Again some bright lights came up behind me. It was Bryan and the DB7 no longer shy of overtaking. Boy, it sounded good. I made it home and later diagnosed the problem. Morrison's petrol in an old high compression A-series engine is a schoolboy error, even with octane booster mixed in.

And Alan's reliable Mercedes had a very close shave with a deer.

Bumper Special

Just for a bit of fun, can you identify the cars these bumpers come from? Answers overleaf. No peeking.

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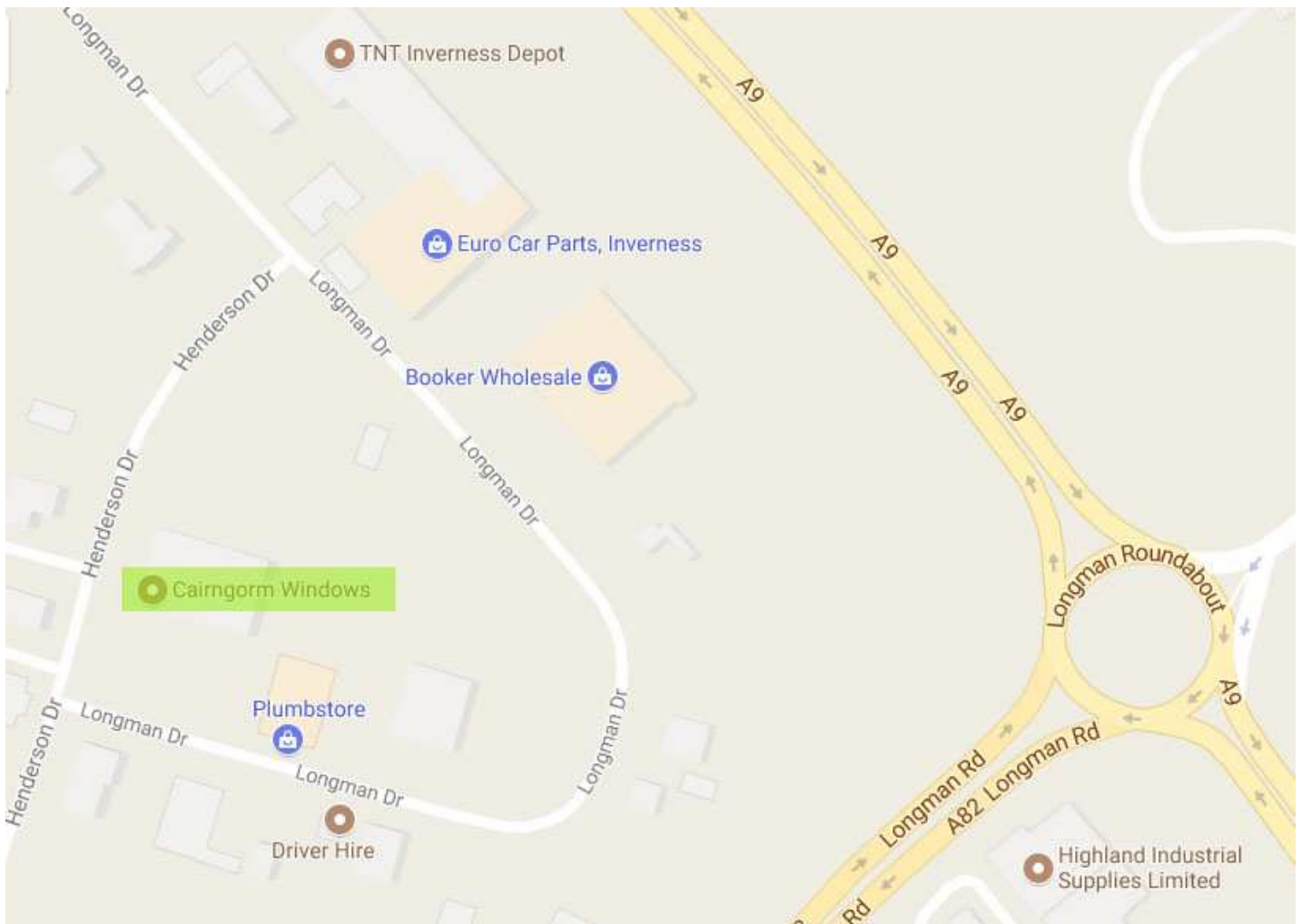


July Club Visit—Cairngorm Windows, Inverness

Thursday 6th Jul 2017. 7:30pm. A Cairngorm Windows Factory visit. Meet at Cairngorm Windows, Longman Dr, Inverness IV1 1SU.

Should be interesting. They have all sorts of modern building technology, as well as windows, doors and conservatories. They are a very helpful company as I found when I broke the glass in my wife's picture frame again. They supplied picture glass cut to size and she didn't know until she read this newsletter.

Map below.



Bumper quiz answers...

1) Citroen Dyane, 2) Aston Martin DB5, 3) Bond Equipe, 4) Austin 10, 5) MGB GT, 6) Lanci Fulvia, 7) VW Beetle (69 on), 8) Mini (MK3), 9) Triumph Stag

'Let Me Enter-TAIN you' Tain Vintage Car Rally 2017

by Miles Vincent

One of the Highlights of the Classic Car Scene in the North of Scotland is the annual Tain Vintage Car Rally and this year's event took place on Sunday 18th June.

For the past few years now the Highland Classic Motor Club has taken space to put on a Club Display, we have always managed a good turnout of interesting vehicles to entertain the paying public with and this year was no exception.



We lined up a total of 13 vehicles in front of the Club's Event Shelter; a Bentley, MG Midget, Triumph Stag, Opel Senator, Morris Minor, Mazda MX5, Saab 96, Toyota Trueno Sprinter, Lancia Fulvia, Burton Kit Car and my Scimitar.



These were flanked by our two secret weapons; a stripped down Citroen 2CV Rolling Chassis (that Bert and Jesse spent most of the afternoon trying to get Kevin to accept various offers of cash for!) and Ronnie's wonderful Messerschmitt KR200.

I had set off a little late from Inverness in the morning and enjoyed a "spirited" run up the A9, making full use of my Scimitar's V6 to pass a number of meandering Moderns along the way but was then finally slowed when I caught up with the tailback caused by the wee 3 wheeler cruising at about 45mph just South of Tain. Realising that Ronnie was not booked in for the Show, I took full advantage, handed him one of our entry cards and guided him onto our pitch where the little yellow motor proved to be one of the biggest draws of the day.



As a "Theme" for the club stand this year we repeated the idea to display the prices on the cars that they would have cost when new and, once again, this led to a number of amusing misunderstandings involving befuddled members of the public who thought that they were for sale!

Jeff was a little reluctant to participate after last time when someone emerged



from under his Stag, having given it a thorough inspection and offered him the windscreen price which was about one third of the current value of his Pride and Joy!

I had tried to avoid this confusion by placing "Sold" signs on all the cars but I didn't quite have enough to go around and as a result turned down no less than three different offers on Gary Matheson's MG Midget, however, the funniest "Offer of the Day", was for the afore mentioned Messerschmitt when a chap asked us if the £320 displayed on the Price Tag was the Monthly payment on Finance. The car had cost £300 when New in 1959 and the extra £20 was for a Spare Wheel.



As usual during the morning, a chap in Hi-Vis called into our tent to request that we took some vehicles into the ring at some point in the afternoon, to give Tom something to talk about, which we duly agreed to do.

Quite a few of us braved a ribbing from "Our Man on the Mike" and took a lap in front of the crowd (or what was left of it after the bloke with the birds of prey had screamed at them for nearly twenty minutes while his feathered friends dive bombed everything in sight except the target that he had prescribed them. They would have done well to turn his mic down a little!)

I think mention should be made that congratulations are in order for Tom as he has been commentating on the Classics at Tain for 10 Years now!

(Apparently he did ask for a pay rise this year, so they gave him a Lunch Ticket.)



During my lap of the ring, as it was a pretty warm afternoon, I did have to



lower my window at the risk of it not returning to its up position but all was well and when there was a shower later on it did behave and duly closed fully. Phew!

Tom did ask why my "Lifeboat" Raleigh Chopper Bikes were not on the back of the Scimitar this year but as they are less than aerodynamic for the run up the A9 I had chosen to leave them off. However, as my tow bar was empty we thought we'd use it to parade the 2CV around the ring on its trailer.

The 1986 rolling chassis is from a barn find project that had done less than 2000 Miles before being parked up because of overheating problems. It is currently being given a full restoration by Kevin Davidson of Brodie and we look forward to seeing it back on the road soon.

Apart from a shower at about 3pm the weather was better than previous years and got pretty hot at times, there was a full field of classics on display and it looked as though there were plenty of punters about so I'd say a good day was had by all.

So after packing up the Event Shelter and loading up our boots with Flags, Banners and Folding Chairs we all fired up the Classics and joined the great exodus down the A9 back to where we had come from. I always enjoy the run home as you get to see many of the cars and bikes on the road, which is where they look best!



Me and My Car - Chris Silver

SAAB 99 GL : KFW 226Y

Equipment : Twin Weber 40mm carburetors; rally specification "Tangen" unleaded cylinder head & camshaft; rally exhaust; electronic ignition; EMS "Soccer ball" alloy wheels; Cibié Oscar spotlights; Moto-Lita steering wheel; Kenwood CD player with iPod connectivity; engine & cabin pre-heaters.



Mileage : 27,000 + from new.

Brief history : the car was built at the SAAB plant in Finland in 1982 but was not registered until 1st July 1983. It was in storage for several years and the mileage is documented. It has a comprehensive history with 5 owners, one of whom lived near Tain. I remember seeing it at the Tain show in 2010 when it was in standard condition and had done only 5,000 miles. I spoke to the previous owner at the Tain Show in 2016 and he was amazed at the transformation.

The car is in original condition as it left the factory apart from the engine tuning listed above (which reputedly makes it as fast as the legendary 99 Turbo); the wheels which are genuine SAAB items as fitted to the EMS model; & the Kenwood stereo!.

The 99 Turbo gained a reputation as one of the most iconic and technology-changing cars of the century. Once you learned to live with the turbo-lag, it was a very fast car!

SAABs were surprisingly popular in the USA particularly in mountainous states where its abilities in winter and safety features were appreciated.

Nearly 600,000 99s were made up to 1984 when it was superseded by the short-lived 90 and the 900 which had already been in production for some years.

As for other classics, I have a 1963 Mini and have just sold the 1966 MGB GT I owned for over 20 years. (and bought a V8 one – Ed.) Being a sucker for SAABs, I also have a 2012 9-3 Linear T Convertible – supposedly the last one sold in Scotland.

(PS : the 99 is for sale if you're interested!) (Don't tempt me –Ed.)



CARS AND COFFEE - INVERNESS!! **Something for everyone.**

Thank you once again, to everyone that took the time to come down, braving the odd shower, to make the event another great success.

A smaller turnout this month (about 20+ vehicles) but all well up to the usual high standard that we are starting to expect at CARS AND COFFEE - INVERNESS.



Cars and Coffee is held CAFE V8, Henderson Rd, Inverness IV1 1SN on the second Sunday of every month from 10:00 am until the last person goes home.

CLUB EVENTS

1st Jul 2017	Gairloch Gathering	Big Sand Campsite, Gairloch	Meet 11am Gairloch Pier. douglasg@burach.org.uk for more details. https:// www.facebook.com/pages/ Gairloch-Highland-Gathering
6th Jul 2017	July Club Meeting Cairngorm Windows Factory visit	Cairngorm Windows, Longman Ind Est, Inver- ness	Meet for 7:30. Longman Dr, Inverness IV1 1SU
9th Jul 2017	Cars And Coffee - In- verness	Cafe V8, In- verness	10am to 12 noon Every 2nd Sunday of the Month. A new Social Event for all Car Enthu- siasts. Park up, buy yourself a hot drink and snack from the Cafe V8 and the check out what's in the Car Park. Chat to old friends and make new! Find us on FACEBOOK.
22nd Jul 2017	Sutherland County Agricultural Show	The Links, Dornoch	Details at www.sutherlandshow.com All Classics Welcome. Closing Date for Entries 11th July. Limited Spaces - Exhibitors receive 2 Free Admissions to Show and Refreshments Vouchers.
3rd Aug 2017	Loch Ness Classic and Vintage Car Tour	Council car park - Glenurquhart Rd	Meet in the Council car park - Glenurquhart Rd for 7:30. Route will take us anti- clockwise around Loch Ness finishing at Dores Inn.