

CLASSIC SCENE



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preceding the next meeting
Please send articles by e-mail or typed.

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Cover picture

*DKW admirer looking for the
'lost' cylinder...*

The Chair Bit

I would like to thank Mike for his sterling service as Chairman and I am sure that we all want to wish him well for the future. With my dainty size 5's, his boots will be hard to fill.



The election for Chair was an interesting experience. I had put my name forward to give you all a choice of nominees, except that the other nominee had to withdraw. And with no further opposition. I hope that I will be able to return your trust in me as your newly elected Chair(woman). I must admit that it feels a bit unreal at the moment.

I've been a member of this club since 1989, joined just before the 2nd Alness Rally, and have been a "regular" attendee at the club nights ever since. Well,.. except the year Alice and I lived in the Netherlands. But we missed the craic so much

we came back.

Other things you might not know about me:

- I can tell a spanner from a ratchet;
- I've done my bit working on brakes, points, plugs and all that mechanical stuff.
- I'm rubbish at the quiz nights
- I bake a mean apple pie!

Our next meeting will be at Rimtech, kindly organised by Ian Nixon for 7.00pm not 7.30 pm as normal. I hope to see you there.

Trish

This Months Meeting

Thursday 2nd August. Visit to Rimtech, 27 Harbour Rd
Inverness (old Lucas Building). 7pm sharp.

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	Visit to Rimtech, Inverness
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)

Rally in the Valley

This is an invitation to come and visit the Coleburn Distillery (close to Elgin) in the weekend of the 18th of August 2012.

The distillery will be open for the public in this weekend with two days of action, games and fun. Barrels-Bikes-Buggies being the central theme. Several distillery teams competing for best design and fastest track record.

Apart from the Barrel Buggy race there will be several barrel and distillery games and a showcase of classic cars. If you would be interested in participating in this event with your car, please get in touch. Great day out for your club members and lots of activities, chilling out, food & drink and a drive in cinema in the evening.

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Editorial

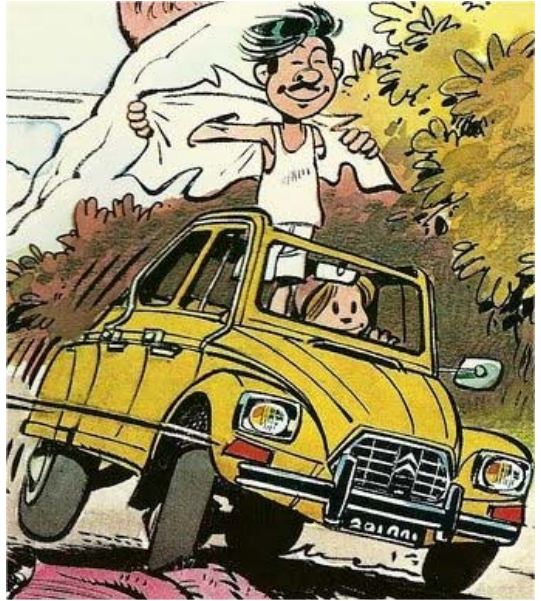
Hello and welcome to the August issue of Classic Scene.

Last months meeting was a scenic drive to the Tomich Hotel where an EGM was held to elect a new chairperson following news of Mikes forthcoming deportation. With only one nomination, Trish Brown was duly elected to the post,

August is rally month for most of us with a plethora of events organised. Runrobin, Brodie Castle, Dingwall and the Fortrose Rally. Entries are now open for Fortrose and an entry form can be downloaded from the club website.

I visited the Glamis Rally a couple of weeks ago despite the current wet spell. Lots of missing entries, but still some nice cars and good to meet up with old friends.

Whilst at Glamis, I took the opportunity to view my most recent purchase. This one was 'bought' sight unseen from a woman in Edinburgh, and appears to suffer from dents in every



panel. Suffice to say, that I didn't pay much for it and it will yield enough spare interior parts to allow completion of my own magnum opus.

This months meeting is a visit to Rimtech in Inverness. Jason is a local lad who will take us through the process of preparing and refinishing alloy wheels. We need to start at 7pm sharp this month. He's in the old Lucas Building on the bit of harbour road opposite the college.



If you've not yet taken the plunge, you can subscribe by clicking the link on the front of the club website:

www.hilandclassic.org.uk

Callum

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
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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

23rd Roseisle Show - Henry Davidson 01309 676126
Morag Davidson 01309 676815

Austin Spring Saunter

My husband Jim and I had an unexpected treat when we ended up as a late entry at the Austin Spring Rally based at the Golf View Hotel Nairn. On our arrival at the hotel we immediately headed for the pool and spa and despite the rain the outdoor hot tub beckoned where we viewed the beach and coast line. We're very glad we did as torrential overnight rain resulted in a street drain blocking and overflowing into the swimming pool. Our Saturday morning breakfast was interrupted by the arrival of police, fire brigade and personnel from Scottish Water as the whole pool area was awash with detritus! We drove in convoy to the converted Logie Steading which was built around 1920 and now houses an array of Scottish crafts and produce. The group spent the whole morning there as there was something to interest everyone from hardy locally grown plants, farm shop, informative geological and topography exhibition of the River Spey, second hand bookshop, craft making textile workshop, antique and furniture restorations, a very fine gift shop with some exquisite goods, an art gallery and a coffee shop to which we all gravitated in the dreich weather. The afternoon was spent by the sea at the village of Findhorn where we visited the Findhorn Ice House and Heritage Centre which is manned, or 'ladies' in our case by a team of knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers. Prior to this we stopped en route at the House of Automata where we were all enthralled by the unique working exhibits on display which were operated by the owners who are advisors to the film industry. It was really quite amazing how inanimate objects were brought to life by ingenious mechanical means. Onwards to the sea and this is the beauty of living in the Highlands as within a few short hour's drive we can elect to be by the coast, glen, hill, forest, rich farmland, canal, river or mountain. Liz Bligh's two day rally took us to them all including a sighting of the Moray Firth dolphins.

On Saturday evening we were privileged to meet the lady deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nairn who kindly signed the Austin Scroll brought to Scotland by our editor Brian and his wife Audrey who certainly deserve the Long Haul Medal travelling from Berkshire to the Scottish Highlands in their Austin 10. Unfortunately, their trip was more eventful than they anticipated but I believe a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic gentleman named Bill will be contributing the weekend's car news to the editor. The evening took on a real Scottish flavour as many of the gentlemen favoured kilts and as we entered the dining room the piper played as the haggis was presented. Barrie Wallace gave a grand address in true Robbie Burns's dialect. A very fine meal followed and a first class evening was spent in the company of interesting and sociable folks. The next day dawned and the Rain Gods danced no more as the Sun Gods had come out to play which resulted in over fifty cars from Highland Classic Car Club lined up in Inverness for National Driving Day - a real nostalgic trip down memory lane for many people and lovely to see so many smiling faces. The Austin run organised by Liz took us across the Beaulieu Firth to the Cromarty Firth with its long naval history and now in the 21st century a port for cruise liners, oil tankers, oil rigs and a terminal for the construction of off-shore wind turbines. Many of the cars on National Driving Day converged with the Austin's in Cromarty which is a quaint conservation village with a unique history of its own.

It was there we parted company with the weekend 'Austin Team' as they returned in convoy to Nairn, via the Black Isle Brewery and we two, with our Austin, 'Samantha' to our home in Inverness.

Once again thanks are due to Liz Bligh for organising such a full and varied weekend for the Austin's, their families and their friends.

Out & About

Beaulieu Beauty



Morris Commercial hides a Citroen HY type