

CLASSIC SCENE



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GOES TO THE PRINTER
on the Monday of the week
preceding the next meeting
Please send articles by e-mail or typed.

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Cover picture

*Triumph Roadster sunny
itself at Brodie Castle.*

The Chair Bit

Our visit to RimTech this month was well attended and I think that Jason will have drummed up some new business for himself. Most folk retired to the pub afterwards for a natter and catch-up. I declined as I just had to go home for my beauty sleep.

At the end of the visit to RimTech I was challenged to a “bake-off” – seemingly some of you insist on verifying my claims about apple pies! I’ve agreed to take in a pie at the AGM and quiz night in February. Be there or be square as they say.

The weather has been reasonably kind to us over the past few weeks - managed a bit of driving with the roof down without getting soaked (yes!). Alice and I have been out in the garden to get a base sorted out for our new shed. Unfortunately for me the midges were out too and I guess I am a very tasty morsel. Despite slapping on litres of insect repellent and wearing long sleeved clothing, my face and neck (and my left knee on the day that I was wearing shorts) bore the brunt of their assault.



All that remains now is assembling the shed and transfer all the gardening stuff to the shed (perhaps I should wear one of these beekeeper suits?). Anyway, hopefully it generates enough room in the garage to park up our Smart for the winter. Right now there is only a small path through (the junk?) in the garage.

There are various motoring events happening in September and if you plan to go, we love to hear about it so please write up a small article for the next newsletter.

Trish

This Months Meeting

Thursday 6th September. Visit to Glen Ord Distillery,
Muir of Ord. 7:30pm 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)

Matching Green Classic and Sports Car Club

Three couples from the car club I still belong to in Essex will be up in the Highlands from Monday 3rd until Friday 7th. I have arranged some tours for them and at the last committee meeting it was suggested that some of the club members might like to join in. They are a short tour on the Tuesday to Glen Strathconon and then onto Strathpeffer and Cromarty. Wednesday to Applecross via the Pass of the Cattle and Thursday to the Falls of Shin via the Ardross and Struy road and returning via Lairg



Their club is the Matching Green Classic and Sports Car Club. Matching Green is the name of the village where the club started not the colour of all of the cars. And yes someone was a bit reluctant to join as he didn't want to have his car resprayed green!

Editorial

Hello and welcome to the September issue of Classic Scene.

Last months meeting was a trip to Rimtech in Inverness for a demo of alloy wheel refinishing.

August saw a number of rallies, with Brodie Castle, Dunrobin Castle and the recent Fortrose Rally. The weather was excellent for the first two, but I believe was slightly damper last weekend!



Miles's latest 'project' has been retrieved from Moy, and now resides under a strangely shaped tarpaulin in the front garden of Vincent Manors. Rumours that this is directly linked to the recent fall in house prices in Laggan road is pure conjecture.

My own recent Dyane purchase has now made it all the way to Inverness, and I've started work on preparing doors for spraying. I think it's fair to say that every single panel needs some sort of work. Managed to buy another engine and gearbox locally in Inverness, so I've now got no excuse



not to finish the project

This months meeting is a visit to Glen Ord Distillery in Muir of Ord. There will be a charge of £6 per head for the tour. Be there for a 7:30 start.

Before Thursday evening, Alan is leading a number of 'tours' throughout the North for members of a club from one of his old stomping grounds (see previous page). If you fancy joining him for a run, get in touch with Alan directly.

I've been 'playing' with the exhaust on the Burton as my recent 'blat' to Dunrobin Castle demonstrated. Although a straight-through pipe sounded like a good idea at the time, my bleeding ears have put paid to that, and a 'standard' silence is back in place.

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

www.highlandclassic.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
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Du Vin, Du Pain, Du Citroen



Out & About



Rover P6



Queensgate Tranny