

CLASSIC SCENE

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COVER PICTURE

DUNROBIN CASTLE 2016
With the "Usual Suspects" taking Pole Position in the front row and in the shade of the castle so that their immaculate paintwork doesn't get sunburnt.

CHAIR BITTY SEPT 2016

Thanks to Brian for organizing the regularity run last month. Yes, another good night out with stiff competition on the regularity run— sat-nafs and stopwatches abound. The run took us south of Inverness over some single track roads who hadn't seen any Council pothole squad for years. Glad that we didn't take the Smart as we would have bottomed out through several stonkers of potholes.



We were about a third of the way through the run when we spotted Ian behind us. "Hooray" we cried, "we are not last" as Ian left at least 10 minutes before us. We did lose some time at the graveyard (don't ask), where Alice also managed to reset the sat-naf losing our timings. There were not many places to go fast to make up time, but we gave it a good try where ever we could see a clear road ahead.

By the time we came to the last clue we reckoned we couldn't be far out time wise. The clue itself (stop at the white hart) had us scratching our head for any similarly named pub at the south end of Inverness. We were so engrossed thinking about this we almost ran over Brian standing beside his Stag (white hart – duh). All 6 teams caught up at the Locharder hotel for a drink and a natter where Brian announced the winners. Amazingly it turned out we won! What a change from last month when we were pretty much last.

I mentioned last month that Alice was thinking about getting the Landie's wheels powder-coated. She was very keen on getting this done when she got a good quote from the guy in Tain, so the wheels got treated 2 weeks ago. The Landie is looking very smart now with its cream wheels and the wash & polish the other week. As usual, just when you think it is all sorted the exhaust gives up.

That at least is relatively cheap. And in stock so will get that fitted in September.

This month is a visit to Morayvia at Kinloss. Not often you get a chance to climb over aircrafts you often see flying around this area, so do make an effort to go. I was looking forward to visiting their planetarium then something cropped up and we can't make it. Oh bother!

To get there, go to Forres, turn off to Kinloss at the Sueno's Stone roundabout, the one at the east end of Forres, then follow the signs for Morayvia. Drive past the main gate into Kinloss Barracks, there is a turn off on the right and again follow the signs. **Note that you will have to be there by 19.30pm.**

And can someone please write a little article about the visit for next months magazine. I want to know what I'm missing.

Trish.

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THE EDITORS MONTHLY RANT

Thinking of going to Paris in your classic? Is your car less than 30 years old? Think again! As of NOW you cannot drive in Paris between the hours of 8am to 8pm unless your car is registered after 1st January 1997 AND it has the appropriate certificate. If your classic is more than 30 years old AND has the appropriate certificate it will be allowed in to the LEZ. Whats a LEZ, a Low Emission Zone. They are popping up all over the place and don't think that Brexit will stop those Euro Bureaucrats, LEZ's are definitely the flavour of the month and many cities are bringing them in to force. The FBHVC are keeping a watch on the situation as many Local Authorities are thinking of introducing LEZ's with little thought to Classic Cars. No doubt Highland Council will jump on the bandwagon and introduce an LEZ.
www.urbanaccessregulations.eu for more information.



CLUB NIGHT THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Morayvia Sci-Tech Experience Project.

The September club night will be a visit to Morayvia in Kinloss. Morayvia is a Science and Technology Project, set up to take forward the work started by the Nimrod Heritage Group and preserve the last remaining Nimrod at RAF Kinloss. Based at the former primary school site at Abbeylands Kinloss. Morayvia brings together a number of disciplines from aerospace and astronomy to technology and arts-related activities. They have a growing collection of exhibits, including a complete Sea King SAR Helicopter, mobile planetarium and wrap around projection dome, Antonov 2, cockpit sections from a number of cold war jets including a Nimrod and a couple of classic vehicles.

Please assemble at Morayvia in Kinloss by 7:30pm.

Travel to the Sueno's Stone roundabout at the east end of Forres, take the exit for Kinloss, pass the main gate into the Kinloss Barracks, the Centre is then signposted on the right. There is a £5 per person admission charge which includes the planetarium which is normally extra.

MY GOOD FRIEND HUGO

FROM JIM LORRAIN-SMITH

Many years ago I had a friend called Hugo, who, like me, was car mad. He owned and drove a MkVI Lotus which I would dearly love to be able to drive but there was never any prospect of my backside fitting into the extremely tight driver's seat. Hugo's fascination with all things "car" was of no help to him in acquiring a qualification but, as happens so often, that didn't hold him back. Shortly after his departure from Edinburgh University he got a job as Tom Walkinshaw's manager and remained in that job for quite some time. Then he went into partnership with Gordon Spice to manage a car accessory shop in Aylesbury. Of course, being a friend, there was some spin-off for me; on one occasion I was invited to dinner with Tom W; on another I accompanied him into TW's workshop and was allowed through into the adjoining workshop which was occupied by the Hart Formula 2 Team, where I spent a very happy hour or two on my own. Later Hugo told me two stories to illustrate the sort of people with whom he had to deal in the Aylesbury shop. These stories are so ridiculous that I think you might enjoy them.

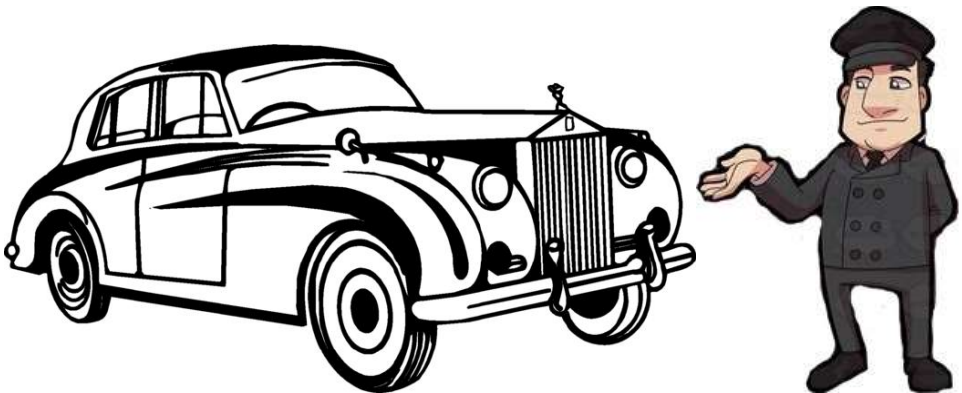
The first young man didn't have a job so had time to while away. He used to wander in and talk to anybody who would listen to him. Hugo found him so vacuous that he generally ignored him but, one time, the speed the man was talking about grabbed his attention. He then realised that the man was complaining that the manufacturers of expensive cars seemed not to provide accurate instruments and he thought they should. For example he had checked the speedo on his Ferrari by driving it along exactly three miles of the Hogs Back at exactly 180mph and had been annoyed to find that

it had taken several seconds more than the one minute it ought to have taken. Hugo made a mental note to avoid the Hogs Back henceforth! (Editors Note; The Hogs Back is part of the A3 in Surrey very close to where Mike Hawthorn was killed.)

The second young man complained repeatedly to Hugo that his mother thought he ought to get a job - surely most young men worked from time to time did they not? Then one day, flushed with pride, he came in to the shop to tell Hugo that he had got a job - part time car-wash attendant! Hugo asked if tis had satisfied his mother to which he replied that Yes - she was so delighted that sometimes she got the chauffeur to park the Rolls Royce outside the car-wash so that she could watch him working!

Enough said!

Jim Lorrain-Smith



RALLY'S and CLUB EVENTS

Date

Venue

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

27th Aug 2016 Fortrose & Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Rally
info from info@fortroserally.co.uk

1st Sep 2016 **CLUB MEETING. Morayvia Air Museum**
Details on Forum.

4th Sep 2016 Motor Mania at Grantown on Spey.
www.grantown-motormaniamania.co.uk
Registration Now CLOSED.

Late Entries on the day will allocated spaces outside the Square.

25th Sep 2016 Laigh O' Moray Vintage Assoc.
Charity Vintage Rally, Inchkeil Steading, Roseisle.
10am til 4pm Just off the B9013 Elgin/Burghead road, 4 miles West of Elgin. ENTRY FORM now in EVENTS DIARY

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