

CLASSIC SCENE



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Autumn Gold?



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COVER PICTURE

Some Autumnal coloured classics from Grantown Motor Mania.

Welcome to the October Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the October Newsletter. The first leaves have fallen and the show season is drawing to an end. It's time to start thinking about winter projects and I have a gearbox rebuild in mind which will be a (synchromeshed) first for me.

In other seasonal news me and the dog are not long back from the Inverness Mini Owners Group's 5th Harvester Run around Loch Ness and Glen Garry. It is a great run and you don't have to drive a Mini to go on it but you might need to go at the back. Seventeen Mini's turned up and there were several apologies, so it is feasible to hit twenty next year. More on this in the next Newsletter.

It's an early newsletter if you're reading electronically and normal issue time if your reading the printed version. This is because Mrs Editor and I are on holiday for the usual press date. We're off to Sicily and I'll try and get as many pictures of Italian classics as I can (get away with).

Lastly if you have any pictures and literally a few words about the Roseisle Show for the next issue, that would be great. editor@highlandclassic.org.uk

I'm also looking for new volunteers for the Me and My Car feature. Same e-mail or let me know if I can have 15 minutes to take a picture of your car and ask some simple questions.

Happy classic motoring!

Ed.



Newsflash! Norbord visit is cancelled. Norbord visit cancelled!

This is believed to be due to the current building works. It's a pity as it sounded very interesting.

Replacement Event. Meet up and drive to local Pub for a Pint and Blether.

Meet 7.30 Kessock Lay-by A9 Northbound, the usual truck stop one where the tourist info is turning into a Harry Gows bakery.

Chairs Bitty

Where were you last month? Here we thought we were a little late (18:50) at the garden centre, but there was nobody around. Calum turned up around 19:00 and then Miles and Callum some 10 mins later just as they shut the gates to the garden centre. We did discuss the drive to Aviemore, but Calum had to bow out as his Mini had sprung yet another water leak. [Fixed –Ed] Well, with 2 cars... not that much fun, so we called it an early night.



We dropped into Howdens on our way home, in case you all went to the wrong garden centre, but at 19:25 there was nobody there either.

So the Smart got new brake disks and pads, but before Alice got time to really enjoy her little car, she goes and slips exiting a shed. 2 Broken ribs later it is unlikely that she will be able to drive it again before the onset of winter. I therefore spend most of last weekend clearing the garage – it is amazing how quickly the space fills up, especially with cut offs and left over pallets from building the raised bed. The last of the salvageable wood is parked up under the bench and anything vaguely rubbish carted off to the dump. The Smart is now safely tucked back up.

Our Merc is taking a holiday over the next week. A friend is borrowing the car to tow their caravan. Our driveway is looking rather empty. When I look out of the window my initial thought is, "oh no, somebody nicked...." before I remember there ain't anything in front of the house anymore. After years of seeing a car (or cars) there, the empty space is weird.

Due to editorial pressures, [Sorry! - Ed] I am having to write my piece a little earlier than usual. All I know is that the planned Norbord visit isn't going ahead, due to ongoing works on site. Brian is trying to arrange an alternative visit, [Pub visit. Meet at North Kessock layby A9 at 19:30 –Ed] Keep an eye on our website www.highlandclassic.org.uk for details of our October meeting.

See you there.

Trish.

For Sale—Alice Brown

I have owned the Landy for the last 13 years, but owing to space requirements, my beloved Landy is now for sale. I'm the 4th owner since new, one of the owners was a local school, who thought about fitting a 2nd fuel tank to the tub, but the idea was shelved.

She is not original, in 1964 the original 2 litre diesel was replaced by a petrol, I replaced that one when the main bearing failed with a 2286cc 5 bearing petrol engine in 2008. Has had lots of replacement parts, galvanized chassis (nearly 20 years ago), galvanized bulkhead (2016), rear springs, fuel tank, door seals, hard topseals.

Have a load of spares including set of spare wheels (tyres are no longer usable), Series 3 gearbox, laminated screen for drivers side.

Needs the front panel repaired, do have the repair panel to be fitted. The Landy will be sold with a load of spares and a new MOT, as it is due on Nov 5th. **£4500 ono.**

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Grantown Motor Mania

Calum Pearson

Alan and Callum arrived at Simpsons Garden Centre about 08:45 where they saw standing in a blue puddle trying to fix a water leak in the Mini. I quickly fitted another radiator top hose clip and we were soon off.

We drove out past Culloden, Cawdor Castle and down a beautiful unclassified road to Dulsie Bridge. This route is narrow and popular with cyclists so care had to be taken. We popped out at the B9007 heading south through fantastic scenery. We turned left towards Lochindorb for even better scenery. We should do this route on a club run one evening. The Lochindorb Road joined the A939 Grantown Road where it was a straight forward run south, unless you had a low powered lightweight car (Burton?) that struggled up the hill and into a headwind. Arriving at sunny Grantown we were efficiently guided into a queue then directed to our places. It was an anxious arrival with a hastily repaired cooling system after a long drive, but I was pleased not to produce a cloud of steam as we crawled through the crowds. One Marshall tried to stop us

from parking together while another beckoned us on. Guess who we obeyed? We ended up parked together down by the Minis and Fords section at the south west end of town. After erecting the club flag and adorning our cars with show bits'n'pieces we headed off to register and get a free tea and roll. There we met Tom McCallum, Jessie and Bert Wigman, and Miles Vincent rolled in in his Scimitar and joined us soon after and we chatted away until the draw of looking at cars was too much.



It was time to go and look at cars and I was like a kid in a sweet shop. There were 500 entrants so there was something there for everyone. I was drawn to a lovely green Riley RMA and learned the 1.5 and 2.5's are identified by different shades of blue badge, the 2.5's being lighter blue. Also the bigger engined cars were 4 inches longer but lighter. Top facts you need to know.

We had a good 'show and tell' from a Jowett Javelin owner perhaps after I compared it to a VW Beetle! It *is* a flat four with a slopey back, but the engine is in the front and it is water cooled. It was a very nice car, well ahead of its time.

By early afternoon I was starting to flag and we had a pleasant wee rest on portable chairs watching people pass by and examine our cars. My 'black trophy' of a piston with a valve stuck in it got a few pictures but it was the Scimitar that was the star closely followed by the Burton. One of the Scimitar viewers was Sean Smith an ex-TRV trimmer now based in Newtonmore. He looks like a very handy contact.

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As the band approached for the 4pm procession all the cars fell in behind, and it became apparent that we would be there for a good while before we got to join on. A spur of the moment decision was made to exit just before the pipers arrived, and a good run home on the A9 ended a perfect sunny day. P.S. My 'fix' held all the way home, with minimal water loss. For now.



Fortrose Classic Vehicle Rally

By Graeme Bremner

Getting up at 7am, the weather on the Black Isle was horrific. Having been woken up at 4.30am by the rain I wasn't expecting any better to be honest. Not one to be put off I packed the car, complete with umbrella, and set off to Dingwall full of optimism for the day ahead.

I did think I had arrived on the early side at 9.40am but there was already a fantastic turnout of vintage, classics and retro cars on show with a very nice line up of classic Fords giving a nice welcome to all arriving.



With a bacon roll and can of Irn Bru purchased (only the best on a cold morning) it was time to see what had arrived after me. I was greeted by a fantastic array of all manner of vehicles from 50s classics, retro rides and modern monsters. It was great to see all different car cultures coming together to discuss what they had brought.



As the first of the cars left the rain started to rear its ugly head again and by the time I left and reached the bridge out of Dingwall towards Tore it was torrential. As the day started to look like a wash out I swung in by my house to drop shopping off with my wife. I was inside for no more than 10 mins to return to a beautiful ray of light with the clouds parting, could this be the beginning of a sunny day?!

Arriving at Fortrose in the sun was fantastic after what most people had driven through and to see the scores of waiting public definitely put a smile on people's faces. Escorted in I was parked next to the only other Porsche at the show, a nice Boxster, which made my 944 look ever so more retro!



Once all the cars had arrived the weather just got better and better which made the day all the more enjoyable. The layout of the cars was great for interaction and had the public moving around freely and able to take in all the exhibits. Another thing I do like about this show is the catering that was put on was fantastic and all the stalls were presented very well with plenty to keep children and adults of all ages entertained throughout the day and the background sound from the pipe band was perfect!



Fortrose continued...

The day overall was absolutely fantastic and I believe thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The amount of public support shown, again, was fantastic and just shows what a popular event it is for the black isle and surrounding areas.

Unfortunately the club could not replicate the success they had experienced in the raffle portion of the day at Dunrobin, that bottle of Dalmore is not full anymore! The last job of the day was to take down the tent and say our goodbyes for what was my last show, outside of cars and coffee, for the year with my upcoming holiday and work I think I will be home for 7 nights in the next 10 weeks!! So overall a fantastic day for everyone and I don't think I was the only one who ended up sun burnt!!



Me an' me Motor

Car: 1974 LANCIA Fulvia Coupe

Owner: Alan Goff

Type: 2 Door Coupe

Engine: 1300cc V4.
90bhp

0-60: Egg timer needed.



Top Speed: 105, did it once and blew the exhaust manifold.

How long have you had it? July 2005 (The longest I have ever had a car.)

What work have you (had) done? Where do you want to start! Amazingly for a Lancia no bodywork repairs. Not by me that is, the previous owner spent £14,250 on it!!

What do you like about it? It's a pretty car without looking too girly, and like all Italian cars it knows how to go around corners.

What makes it a classic? It's a 70's Italian. It survived.

What other cars do you own? Mercedes C220 CDI AMG Sport Edition Coupe Automatic. (It needs a bigger boot lid to get all that on it!)

Contributions wanted for Me and My Car. All we need is a picture and answers to the questions above.

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LOCAL EVENTS

5th Oct 2017	Pub run. Meet at the big North Kes-sock lay by on the left heading north on the A9.	Club night	Visit to NorBoard factory cancelled due to reasons beyond our control.
2nd Nov 2017	BBC visit	7 Culduthel Rd, IV2 4AD. Entrance off Mayfield Road	All places taken, sorry.
7th Dec 2017	Pub Quiz	Old North Inn, Inchmore	Pub night with motoring related quiz.

Cars and Coffee Inverness. 2nd Sunday every month at V8 Cafe



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You don't have to do social media to enjoy Cars and Coffee, just turn up at 10 am at the Café V8, 12 Henderson Rd on any second Sunday of the month.

You don't have to have a McLaren but you might see one. We have seen everything from classics to hot rods, American classics, show standard performance saloons and modified moderns, rally cars, vintage cars and vintage motor bikes, air cooled VW's and super cars.

And we all have one thing in common, the love of cars.