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Cover picture

Cars on the recent run to Fort William with the Scottish Classic Car Club

THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

It has been a fairly quiet month on the classic car front, the rewire of my TVR is still at the start stage, I've bought all the cable etc. but it is still all on the reels while I summon up the enthusiasm to get going. This is the point where I regret ripping out all the old wiring (the easy bit) thinking I'll do it properly (I'm an electrician). Still, as long as it's finished for next spring.

The club got another mention in the last issue of the FBHVC newsletter (No.5 2008), they were very complimentary about the "Highland Heaps" feature so if anybody comes across any 'heaps' on their travels take a picture or two and send them in (Miles, that doesn't mean creeping in to my garage with a camera!). I have offered in the past to send out email copies of the Federation's newsletter but I think they are stopping this service soon as the



newsletter is available to read on line (www.fbhvc.co.uk).

There is another new member to welcome this month, Thom MacKenzie from Kiltarlity. Thom owns a 1967 Morris Traveller, a 1984 Landrover and a 1985 Opel Monza. I hope to see you at future meetings.

Michael

This Months Meeting

Thursday 6th November at 8pm

A visit to Wheel fix, 36J Shore St, Inverness.

Directions; immediately after railway arch on Shore St turn into opening between Tash Kitchens and Inverness MOT Centre. Follow through to rear to Wheelfix.

EDITORIAL

Hello,

It's been a quiet month after the events of August and September with only the Scottish Classic Car Clubs run to Fort William on the 19th October to blow a few cobwebs away.

Mike and Annie Herival and myself, set off from Drumnadrochit Car park and headed directly into the wind and associated wet stuff towards Fort William. Mike had to retire early due to a viscous coupling failure in his Stag (that's the problem with modern cars...) which left me alone in my quest to get there.

About 40 cars had set out on the run that morning, from all over Scotland but only a dozen turned up at the Ben Nevis hotel due to the wet conditions and generally poor driving conditions. It was noted that the Highland Classic Motor Club representative was the only participant to arrive without a roof!

A more detailed write-up of the event can be found on the Practical Classics website at <http://www.practicalclassics.co.uk/index.php>

We also had a good write-up of the Fortrose Fun Day event in the Oct 9th issue of Classic Car Weekly. Thanks to Zak for providing the pictures and text.

Miles has 'organised' a Secret Santa (new to



me) in place of the normal Christmas Dinner this year. This will take place in the North Kessock Hotel on the 4th December. Book your taxi in advance. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

This month's club night is a visit to WheelFix in shore street. Please try to get there by 8pm if possible.

If you don't see me at the monthly meetings, you can write to me at the address inside the front cover, or email me direct.

Callum



HCMC Club Stand at the recent 'LifeScan' fun day

MILES'S MEANDERINGS—GLEN STRATHFARRAR



YEAR!"

This may seem a little like premature combustion on my part but there is method in my madness. Although this is the November Issue inviting you to attend the, no doubt, highly interesting and informative November meeting, I would like to draw your attention forward to December and its Festivities.

For the previous three years we have enjoyed a more formal and filling Christmas Celebration Dinner, energetically organised by our own, DB driving, Mr. McIlwraith and for this I am sure we are all very grateful. I know that all three of these Festive Shin-Digs have been the highlight of my Social Calendar (although I am a little worried that this may say more about the state of my Social Calendar than the quality of these events!)

So this year it was felt that we should restrain Bryan and rest his "strong arm" (which I think he was finding he was having to use a little too much for his liking to get the appropriate

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I be the first to wish you a "MERRY MOTORING CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW OIL member participation required), so we decided.....Oh who am I trying to kid....the truth is he refused to do it again (and I don't blame him) after the hard work of previous years, so we had to come up with an alternative!

So here it is; The December meeting will be an informal pub gathering and all you have to bring is some Festive Cheer, Oh yes....and a SECRET SANTA GIFT!

For anyone not up to speed with this highly amusing and might I say, highly original traditional office tradition, the idea is that everyone attending brings with them a wrapped Christmas Gift to be placed under the Tree and then later redistributed at random to the unsuspecting members of the gathered throng (and I do expect there to be a gathered throng!)

So, turn up, bring a gift, mingle and receive a gift, it's that simple.

Now when I say a gift I'm really thinking along the lines of the sort of quality, car related items that we always see at the Annual Club Auction, I'm sure you can find something and not disappoint; because if you do you'll have to stand and sing the forfeit; my wittily doctored version of "WE THREE KINGS" sung to the same tune.

"WE BE DRIVING"

WE BE DRIVING CLASSIC CARS;
WEARING GEARS WE TRAVERSE AFAR,
FIELD AND FOUNTAIN, MOOR AND
MOUNTAIN,FOLLOWING YONDER TAR.

Chorus

O TAR OF WONDER, TAR OF MIGHT,
TAR WITH DOTTED LINES OF WHITE,
FORWARD LEADING, STILL PROCEEDING,
'MIND US TO KEEP ON THE RIGHT.

ROCKETING ON HIGHLAND'S PLAIN
FUEL I BURN TO PASS HIM AGAIN,
SLOW FOREVER, CEASING NEVER,
CARAVANS ARE ALL THE SAME.

Chorus

HORSEPOWER TO USE HAVE I;
INCENSED OWNS A V6 RIDE,
ACCELERATING, REVS ARE RACING,
PULLING OUT AND FLYING BY.

Chorus

CAR IS MINE, IT GOES VROOM VROOM
DIMMING LIGHTS IN GATHERING
GLOOM,
SLOWING, SIGHING, CLUNKING, DYING,
FAILING SIGNAL ON MY PHONE.

Chorus

GLORIOUS NOW BEHOLD HIM ARRIVE;
FLASHING LIGHTS AND HI-VIS'ISED;
BREAKDOWN RESCUE, BREAKDOWN
RECSCUE,
SOUNDS THORUGH THE HIGHS AND
BYES

Chorus

So get WRAPPING or you'll be
RAPPING,

Miles.



Highland Heaps

Restoration projects spotted in and around the Highlands.
(Apologies if your 'pride and joy' is featured here!)



If you're brave enough to want to rescue one these 'heaps', contact the editor for more info

Fort William Run



Bryan's new Jag



Fortrose Volvo oddity



Fortrose Fun Day