

HIGHLAND MOTORING

The Newsletter of The Highland MGOC

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The new Editor

Richard Jenner has kindly agreed to take over the editing of the newsletter from the February issue. I know from the AGM that he has new ideas which he can bring to the job. I, for one wish him well, and we can get away from the very old Windows Publisher I used. It is now 15 years old and I could not do a lot the things on my laptop.

Please help him as much as you have helped me over my 4 years. I am sure the club can go from strength to strength.

Thank you all

Stuart

ACTS 2:38

{ You have to love compassionate Christian Seniors. }

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled to see an intruder there.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!'

(Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there?"

All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Axe and Two 38s!"

Send this to someone who needs a laugh today and remember. Knowing scripture can save your life.



Minutes of MG Highland Owners Club AGM held at Chanonry Sailing Club at 2.00pm on 17th January 2016

In attendance:

Peter Poole
Stuart Brock
Margaret Brock
Richard Jenner
Helen Jenner
Ronnie Thomson
Morag Thomson
Ray Falconer
Willie Finlayson
Michael Fraser

Apologies were received from:

John Ducker
Roger Boyce
Tim & Christine Moore

Minutes of the 2015 AGM.

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were circulated and approved.

Secretary's Report

Peter presented the Secretary's Report outlining we had lost two members but gained two. Membership of the club was 36.

Peter mentioned that the Gathering O' The Clans was now likely to revert back to the Doune location but the date was not yet fixed. .

The proposal for the establishment a Scottish Regional Team had gone quiet.

In closing Peter thanked the Committee and all members who had attended events during 2015.

The Secretary's report was formally accepted by the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Stuart circulated the Club's accounts for the year to 31st December 2015 which showed the club's finances to be in a healthy position. The club made a surplus of £1.75 in 2015 which brought the club's cash balances up to a total of £847.98.

On the back of this healthy position, Stuart recommended that club subscriptions remain at current levels i.e. £15.00 per car.

The meeting formally accepted the Treasurer's report and agreed that the club subscription for 2016 be set at £15.00 per car.

Events Coordinator Report

Richard gave a slide presentation on the club activities undertaken in 2015. This interesting presentation outlined the number of members attending each event and summarising the routes and activities undertaken at each event.

For 2016 Richard outlined the following events:

- I. 3 supported events – Drive It Day (24 April), Tain Show (date to be agreed probably late June), Gathering of the Clans (Doune in September, probably 25th);
- II. 4 Club Runs – May, June, July and August (dates to be agreed); and
- III. 2 multi day activities – North Coast 500 and Autumn Amble (7, 8 & 9 October).

Election of Office Bearers

The Committee Members agreed at the AGM are:

Chair person – Michael Fraser

Secretary – Peter Poole

Treasurer – Stuart Brock

Activities Coordinator – Richard Jenner

Webmaster – James Mould

Newsletter Editor – Richard Jenner

The only change from the previous year is that Stuart Brock stood down as editor of the newsletter and the meeting thanked Stuart for all his work in this role over the last 4 years.

Upgrade of Club Website

Stuart outlined that he had been in contact with Jim Mould regarding a refresh and upgrade of the Club Website. The meeting agreed that it had been sometime since the web site had been upgraded and that a refresh to current standards would be helpful for the club.

Stuart outlined that Jim had asked that the refresh would be done in Jim's own time and timescale for completing this should reflect this position. In terms of the cost of obtaining new Web Page templates the meeting agreed to provide an initial budget of £70.00 although it was agreed this could be increased depending on technical and other requirements.

AOCB.

There were no issues arising.

In Closing

Michael thanked Peter, Stuart, Richard and James for all the work they do, particularly for the work done behind the scenes, which keeps the club active. The meeting showed their appreciation for the work undertaken by the Committee members.

The Committee thanked Chanonry Sailing Club for the use of the premises and for the food and refreshments that had been provided.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

The Highland MGOC

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2015

year 2014

YEARS SUBS 33 members	£495.00		34 Members	£510.00	
Sales of Badges & Plaques	£10.00			£17.00	
Donation	£45.00			£30.00	
Lancaster Insurance	£15.62			£15.62	
Bank Interest	£3.22			£1.99	
	<u>£568.84</u>	<u>£568.84</u>		<u>£574.61</u>	<u>£574.61</u>
LESS EXPENSES:					
Hall for 2015 AGM	£35.00			£35.00	
Web Site Costs	£54.00			£54.00	
Newsletter Costs	£22.00			£23.25	
Postages	£31.69			£2.03	
Social Events	£148.40			£161.67	
Photo Competition Prizes	£10.00			£0.00	
Charitable Donations	£140.00			£0.00	
Purchase of Stickers	£126.00			£0.00	
	<u>£567.09</u>	<u>£567.09</u>		<u>£275.95</u>	<u>£275.95</u>
Profit for the Year		£1.75			£298.66
Cash Held at start of year		£806.23			£492.57
Sub for 2015/6 held		£40.00			£15.00
Bank of Scotland Account	£245.29			£283.99	
RBS Deposit Account	£602.21			£520.00	
Cash in Hand	£0.48			£2.24	
	<u>£847.98</u>	<u>£847.98</u>		<u>£806.23</u>	<u>£806.23</u>
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STOCK REPORT

Value of Items held at year end:				
18 Badges	£180.00		18 badges	£180.00
9 Plaques	£31.50		10 plaques	£35.00
	<u>£211.50</u>			<u>£215.00</u>
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TOTAL VALUE OF CLUB	£1,059.48			£1,021.23

I have prepared the Accounts and in my opinion show a true and fair view of the Club accounts for the year.

Stuart Brock F.F.A./F.I.P.A.
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2016 CLUB PROGRAMME

The outline programme for 2016 was discussed at the AGM and we agreed that the club would support 3 external events, 4 club day runs and 2 club multi-day activities.

In date order we plan to kick off the season by supporting the **Drive it!** day which will be on Sunday, **24 April** starting at 11AM from the V8 Café in Inverness – more details to follow.

Next we have the **North Coast 500** drive from **2 – 5 May**. We have 6 cars booked so far (including a MG from outside the Highlands). I'll publish the route and the lunch stops in advance so if we are in your home area you could always join us for the day/lunch/dinner as suits. This will be the perfect opportunity to escape the last few days of election hype while still having time to vote at the end of the event!

We plan to have a **club run 'East'** also in **May** and a club run **'South' in early June** (waiting to see the show programmes before fixing the dates but they will be on a Sunday with a lunch RV). We intend to support the popular **Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally in June** (the date is yet to be announced but I'm guessing either the 19th or 26th). This year we've booked sunshine.

We'll try for a club run **'West' in July** and **'North' in August**. In September it is likely that the **Gathering of the Clans (GOTH)** will be at **Doone** on 25 September and we hope to support this too.

Lastly, the **Autumn Amble** dates will be **7/8/9 October** and we are looking into something based in the Pitlochry area.

As the 2016 dates for other events become known I'll provide Jim with a list for the club website as well as updates in future newsletters. If you hear of any events local to you, please let me know.

APRIL			
24 April	Drive-it day!		
MAY			
2 – 5 May	North Coast 500	3 nights, 4 days (back home in time to vote!)	
May	Cub Run East		
JUNE			
June	Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally		
June	Club Run South		
JULY			
July	Club Run West		
AUGUST			
August	Club Run North		
SEPTEMBER			
25 September	Gathering of the Clans	Doone	
OCTOBER			
7/8/9 October	Autumn Amble	A 2 night stop – Pitlochry?	

WRITING COMPETITION!

We've a writing competition underway to be judged in May. The title is 'My MG' and it must be an article about a MG you own at present. What you include and how long the article is, is really up to you, but some photos are required. So tell us about your MG (or at least one of them for those that have several). The articles will be published in the next 3 newsletters and our Chairman, Michael Fraser, will decide which entry he likes best. There is a prize! I've donated a small book which covers the whole history of MG up to 2008.

Entries please to me as the new editor of our newsletter preferably by

email to r.h.jenner@btinternet.com but if this is a problem for you give me a ring on 01463 811080 and we'll sort out something else.

Richard



CLUB CLOTHING

Dallas Designs have added some new items for us. For those of us foolish enough to enjoy top-down winter motoring we now have a **club beanie** with logo for an amazing £7.50!



There are also North Coast 500 shirts & a hat available with special logos that make them unique to the Highland MGOC.

You can order on-line at www.dallasdesignsltd.co.uk (select the 'Order Online' option on the top bar, then 'Club Merchandise' then click the Highland MGOC logo). Alternatively you can 'phone or email: 01343 541414 or sales@dallasdesignsltd.co.uk. Please note you can pick-up in Elgin FOC otherwise select the mail option which will cost you another £3/delivery.

Richard