

# HIGHLAND MOTORING

The Newsletter of the Highland MGOC

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## EDITORIAL

*Welcome to what is supposedly Spring! In this newsletter there is a brief report of the meeting between our chairman and the chairman of the MG Car Club Caledonian Centre, some other news snippets and then details of the events for April and a consolidated overview of the 2018 programme (more details in future newsletters or by email).*

*You may have heard about GDPR? (General Data Protection Regulations). These come in to effect on 25 May and we are required to be compliant as we use and store personal data. Lookout for the May newsletter for our 'Privacy Policy' and a consent form - we will need you to opt-in if you want to be contacted by the club in the future!*

*Finally, Welcome to new member Jackson Hiddleston with a MG Midget 1500.*



*Richard*

### **Chairmen's Meeting**

The meeting at Perth on 9 March between the Highland MG Owners' Club and the MG Car Club Caledonian Centre was both cordial & positive. As a result we have a 'gentlemen's agreement' that allows members of either club to 'guest' with the other club with any charges being the same as those for the host's members. In reality neither club expects a large uptake mainly due to geography but for 2018, some Caledonian Centre members will join us at Tain on our stand (we may need to ask for more space so let Richard know your intentions) and some Highland members will hopefully join the Caledonian Centre Heather Run when it is in Fort William on 22 & 23 August – more details next month. For a look at the Caledonian Centre programme, use this link: <http://www.mgcaledonian.com/events/>

### **MGB Marathon Car**

We voted £50 to help with restoration of this historic MGB and our Secretary received the following up-date on 18 March:

*Hello again,*

*I am sure that you will recall the email that I sent out in November last year, in which I made a request for financial support from the MG Community for the restoration project for the MGB Marathon Car. I would now like to bring you all up to speed with the progress.*

*In my appeal, I wrote to every MGOA Area and from that we have had a positive contribution from 10 clubs, which has raised just on a £1000 including a cheque from the Head Office of the club. We are extremely grateful for all the support that we received be it large or small. These donations along with the successfully completed negotiations that secured a loan of up to £5000, which when used will have to be repaid, has enabled the practical work on the car to proceed. So our fund raising activities have to continue, if you are able to support us now that would be simply wonderful.*

*Let me finish by updating you with the progress on the actual MGB. All of the body work has been completed, the engine and gearbox have been rebuilt and installed back into the car. The respray has now been completed and the authentic logo set will be on later this week ready for the very important event, the unveiling of the MGB in front of the Worlds Classic Motoring Press at the Classic Car & Restoration Show at the NEC on Friday 23rd March at 11.00.*

*The car unfortunately will not be completely finished for this event as there is still the complicated process of fitting the much modified wiring loom, this is scheduled to take place during the Spring when an MOT will be obtained. However, we are very proud of the car and cannot believe how good it now looks compared to the condition when it was rescued. So many people and companies have supported our efforts, which has been simply brilliant - THANK YOU.*

*Many of you will know that 2018 is the fiftieth anniversary of the London to Sydney event, and therefore we had an objective of being able to have the car available to participate in the celebrations due to take part later in the year, before it was put on display. The first stage of this will be the press launch of the car and hopefully many of your members will attend the show and be able to see the car, which forms a very important part of the substantial history of MG. Those who cannot attend will see the press reports and will be able to share in the pride by owning an MG.*

**Roger Boys**  
**Area Sec Newbury MG Club**

### **Other News -it's all MGF/TF!**

**John Mackenzie** needed to replace the cracked rear window in the hood of his TF – here is what happened:

*I decided that I wanted to stick with the larger plastic rear window. I sent it off to Rob Green a week past Monday afternoon. I received a phone call from him at 10.30am the next morning to inform me that he had received it and that it was good for repair. I had it back here at 12.50pm on the Wednesday! A turn around of less than 48 hours! Great service both from Rob and the PO. Now fitted back on the car. (cost was £65 including his postage)*

*He trades as RGU, Shropshire Trimming & Upholstery Specialists. 07941034849 if you wish to add him to your list.*

rob@rgupholstery.co.uk



**Mike Donnachie** decided to go down the re-gassed route for his Hydragas displacers in the MGF Trophy. He ordered an exchange set from Hydragas Services (<http://www.hydragasandhydrolasticservice.com/hydragas-service.html>) and had them fitted at Bitz Garage and then returned his old set to reclaim his surcharge. His comments: *Certainly feels a lot better, not so bumpy*. The picture below shows the Trophy after the fitting of the re-gassed units. It's going to be given a settling period then the ride height will be adjusted and the tracking given a final 4 wheel alignment.



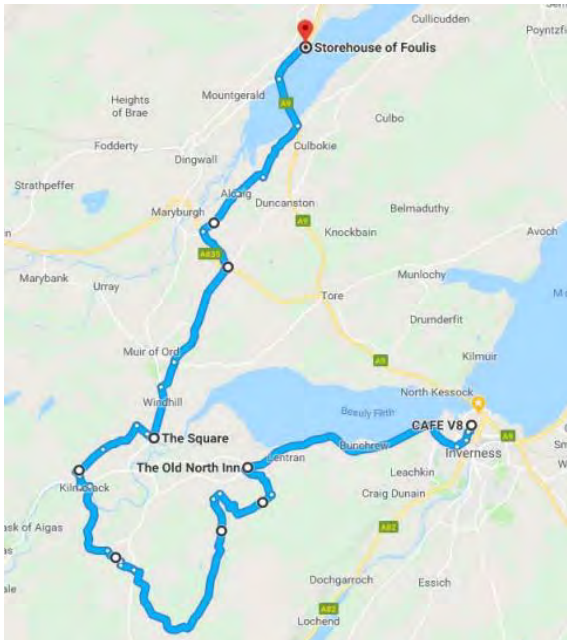
**Richard Jenner** decided to buy an under-bonnet storage box for the *F* from Jakabi Design. The plastic cover under the bonnet needed a bit of trim for the box to fit but once fitted it sits snugly with a bit of sponge between it and the space saver (the design allows for a full sized 16 inch spare to be used) and it easily holds a jack, tools, oil & coolant. £137 including delivery.



## April Events

For the **Spring Saunter**, there will be an optional RV at the Tore Services at 1100 on **Friday, 20 April** followed by a drive to **Ullapool for lunch** before going on to Lairg via Ledmore; let Richard Jenner know if you want to use this option or join at Ullapool (**whether or not you are booked-in to Lairg – you could join just for the day**). On the **Saturday**, the plan is to head northwards on the A838 up to Durness then to drive to Tongue before returning to Lairg on the A836.

The **Drive it Day** is on **Sunday, 22 April** departing the V8 Café in Inverness @ 1030. The route is:



Pre-booking (FOC) is essential - details via this link:  
<http://www.highlandclassic.org.uk/public/events/did.php>

## CONSOLIDATED EVENTS LIST IN 2018

Club events in blue (ones that we organize)

Club activities in red (ones that someone else organizes but we attend as a club)

In green are MG Car Club Caledonian Centre events that we can join as guests

In black are other confirmed events of interest that you may wish to attend

*In italics are place holders for events from the 2017 list awaiting 2018 information*

Date	Event	Brief Description	Entry
15 April	MGCC Caledonian Centre Satellite Run	Northern RV is Montrose for a drive to Perth for lunch to meet 2 other groups	Contact Richard
20 – 21 April	Spring Saunter	Two nights away in Lairg. Friday via Ullapool for lunch, Saturday drive to Durness & Tongue	Contact Richard
22 April	Drive-it day!	V8 Café @ 1030 AM	Book (free) at <a href="http://www.highlandclassic.org.uk/public/events/did.php">www.highlandclassic.org.uk/public/events/did.php</a>
6 May	Forres Theme Day	Grant Park, Forres from 0900	forresvintagevehicleassociation@yahoo.com
8 May (Tuesday)	Club Drive		
12 May	Inverness Classic Vehicle Show	1100 - 1500	<a href="http://www.invernessbid.co.uk">www.invernessbid.co.uk</a>
18 – 21 May	Orkney Odyessy	Three nights in Kirkwall. Meeting Chichester MGOC @ John O' Groats at 1130 on 18 <sup>th</sup> for a photo shoot	Contact Richard NB, Castle of Mey will be open and possible to visit on Monday afternoon
19 May	East Sutherland Rotary Classic Car Tour	Start Dornoch, drive to west coast & back with evening ceilidh.	60 car limit. Charity raiser for RNLI & Rotary Club. <a href="mailto:secretary@eastutherlandrotary.org">secretary@eastutherlandrotary.org</a> Paddy Murray. 07785 261110

27 May (30 April)	Vintage Day	Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore	<a href="http://www.highlifehighland.com/highlandfolkmuseum/vintage-day/">www.highlifehighland.com/highlandfolkmuseum/vintage-day/</a>
2 – 3 June	MG Live Silverstone		
3 June	BVAC Historic Motoring Extravaganza	Thirlestane Castle (near Lauder).	<a href="http://www.bvac.org.uk/">www.bvac.org.uk/</a>
3 June	Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally		<a href="http://www.fvcr.co.uk">www.fvcr.co.uk</a>
9 June	Rotary Club of Inverness, Loch Ness Classic Car Tour		Nicol.manson@btinternet.com
10 June (Sunday)	Club Drive		
17 June	Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally		We have reserved a club stand for up to 15 MGs
24 June	Strathmore Classic Car Tour		<a href="http://www.forfarrotary.org.uk">www.forfarrotary.org.uk</a>
7 - 8 July	Scottish Transport Extravaganza	Glamis Castle.	<a href="http://www.svvc.co.uk/extravaganza/">www.svvc.co.uk/extravaganza/</a>
12 July (Thursday)	Club Drive 'south'	Possible lunch time RV with the MG Caledonian Club at Blair Castle	
21 July	Inverness Show and Shine	Bught Park Inverness	<a href="http://invernessshowandshine.co.uk/">http://invernessshowandshine.co.uk/</a>
21 July	Sutherland County Agricultural Show	Dornoch	<a href="http://www.sutherlandshow.com">www.sutherlandshow.com</a>
5 August	Classic Cars & Jazz on the lawn. Aberdeen MGOc Open Day	Drum Castle	<a href="http://aberdeenmgoc.com/index.php">http://aberdeenmgoc.com/index.php</a>
12 August	Historic Wheels Rally	Finishes Brodie Castle	<a href="http://www.moraymotormuseum.org">www.moraymotormuseum.org</a>

12 August (Sunday)	Club Drive		
August	Dunrobin Castle Vintage Car Run & Rally	Helmsdale to Dunrobin Castle	
22-23 August (Wednesday & Thursday)	MGCC Caledonian Centre Heather Tour	Invited to join for 2 nights at Fort William	Contact Richard for details
25 August	Fortrose & Rosemarkie Classic Car Rally		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/fortroseclassics">www.facebook.com/fortroseclassics</a>
26 August	Buckie Classic Car Show	Venue TBD	<a href="http://www.buckieclassiccarshow.co.uk">www.buckieclassiccarshow.co.uk</a>
1-2 September	Bo'ness Revival		
1 September	Great Feil Maree	Dingwall	
2 September	Motor Mania	Grantown on Spey	<a href="http://www.grantown-motormania.co.uk">www.grantown-motormania.co.uk</a>
6 September (Thursday)	Club Drive		
23 September	Gathering of the Clans TBC	Doune – core time 1130 - 1430	
3 - 6 October	Autumn Amble	Ayr	4* Westernhouse Hotel for the special rate of £390/couple for 3 nights' bed, breakfast & dinner or £300/single for the same package. Contact Richard or Stuart
7 October	MG Caledonian Club Drive	Possibly extend the Amble to link-up	