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EDITORIAL

June's weather has been truly outstanding rewarding those whose MGs are in fine fettle and ready for the open road. Tain was dry (at least until the run home)! Welcome to new member John Cuthbert and wife with their BGT that lives near Thurso - they joined us on the Tain stand as Caledonian Centre members and decided they liked the look of the Highland MGOC as well.

Tim has said a number of times we need to appeal to the younger hot-hatch drivers - well, breaking news, Stuart Brock has bought a ZR which he will take on the July run (one out of two ain't bad to paraphrase Meat Loaf).

We've a relatively quiet spell now as a club until the Autumn Amble but there are still the monthly runs in August & September plus the Gathering of the Clans (GotC) in September to look forward to together - of course we are at the height of the car show season so plenty to do individually.

Richard

EVENTS NEWS

The next club day drive is on Sunday, 12 August. This coincides with the Historic Wheels Rally to Brodie Castle so the thoughts are to head to lunch at Findhorn then on to the Rally as spectators around 2pm for those who are interested (several members have entered the rally of course). Let me know if you are interested please. Please also see the entry forms at the end for GotC and the Fortrose & Rosemarkie Rally.

Richard

REPORTS

The June one-day run was to the **Logie Steading** for lunch. It was a 7car event (5 MGs) and 12 of us sat down to a good lunch.



The big June event was of course the **Tain Rally**. We were joined on our stand by 7 MGs from the MGCC Caledonian Centre (including 3 RV8s and

a BGT V8) and at one point there were 23 MGs on stand (one non-member was directed to us as a late entry – he went away with a membership form but no news so far). Of course, while our first allegiance is to the Highland MGOC, at least 4 of us on the stand also belong to the Caledonian Centre (and with John Cuthbert, at least one Caledonian Centre member has joined the Highland MGOC). We are all better together.



The weather was so nice, the gazebo stayed in the boot.



(space left for the gazebo that wasn't)

I'm grateful to Tim for this (originally from the Antique Automobile Club of America)

ELECTRICAL THEORY BY JOSEPH LUCAS

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke". Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated, and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable! The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: "A gentleman does not motor about after dark."

Joseph Lucas "The Prince of Darkness"

1842-1903

A few Lucas quips:

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

The three-position Lucas switch--DIM, FLICKER and OFF. The other three switch settings--SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.

The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start

Back in the '70s, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.

(Tim felt this was a bit harsh?)



TAYSIDE & KINGDOM
MG OWNERS CLUBS

Invites you to join us at



The Gathering of the Clans

Sunday 23rd September 2018

Doone, Stirlingshire, FK16 6HG
(Doone Antiques Centre)

The day is informal and we realise that cars may be travelling many miles, however, we would like a core time where all cars are present as follows:

10.30am Gathering Commences

11.30am Final arrivals .

4.30pm Close.

On site at the Antiques Centre there is also an excellent restaurant.

As with previous years any judging of awards will be light hearted.

If you are attending as part of a club please fill in the club name so that we can allocate adequate space for your club

Club Name and contact tel. number:

With Highland MGOC Members please

Or Individual entrant: Address and tel. Number

Please include entry fee of £5.00 per car with this form by **Friday 31st August.**

Please state your contact email for acknowledgement:

Cheques made payable to: Tayside MG Owners Club, to be sent with completed forms to: Brian McMurray 10 Lawside Terrace Dundee DD3 6EA
Email mgoctayside@hotmail.co.uk Contact: Tel 01382 204638 or 07784273105

Model	Year	Reg No	Owner

FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE CLASSIC VEHICLE RALLY

ENTRY FORM

Saturday 25th August 2018

Name of Entrant:

Address:

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Telephone (Day): (Evening):

E-mail Address:

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Vehicle Make: Model:

Year: Engine Capacity (cc)..... Registration:

Please List Membership of Any Owners Clubs ?

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No of Persons Attending: Amount Enclosed:

£.....

Charge of £5.00 **Per Person**; Please Make Cheques Payable to: Fortrose Classic Car Rally

By my Signature Below, I confirm that

- (1) the information given above is correct
- (2) to the best of my belief the vehicle concerned is suitable for the use to which it will be put during the event and that the vehicle is roadworthy
- (3) I and any other person(s) I may nominate to move, drive, control or otherwise operate the vehicle am/are competent to do so and hold a full current driving licence
- (4) the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by law
- (5) I will carefully follow the Marshall's instructions
- (6) I undertake not to allow anyone who is not insured to do so to start, drive or otherwise operate the vehicle hereby entered during the course of the event
- (7) In the event of any defect in the insurance referred to above, I undertake to indemnify the organisers in respect of any loss that would have been covered had the insurance not been defective

IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

*Entrants are **REQUIRED** to arrive at the Rally Field before 1:00pm.*

The Rally will finish at 4:00pm.

*Should you wish to leave the field earlier than 4:00pm, please inform a Marshall who will arrange for you to be **SAFELY ACCOMPANIED TO THE GATE.***

Signed: Date:

Please Return Completed Entry Form & Payment, by 18th August, to:

Mr Geoffrey Shakeshaft, Huney, Fiery Hillock, Ness Road East, Fortrose,

IV10 8SE