

HIGHLAND MOTORING

The Newsletter of the Highland MGOC

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Empty roads on the Spring Saunter

EDITORIAL

Welcome to new member *David Hibberd* with his 1968 MGB GT.

The MG season is in full swing now with the Spring Saunter and Drive-it Day behind us and the Orkney Odyssey under 2 weeks away. While 17 June and Tain may still seem to be a long way off, entries close in just days from now. We've had the most interest ever in this event and have 22 MGs booked on our stand including 6 from the MGCC Caledonian Centre. I've arranged for our stand to be enlarged to cope with 24 cars but this will be the limit so if you haven't told me you want to go, please do so as soon as possible. I've had a few questions about entry passes and what happens with Tain is that if you are going to be on the club stand, you should **not** submit an entry to the organizers. Around 2 weeks before the event, I will receive a big bundle of entry passes which I will then post on to all those registered with me for the club stand.

I mentioned GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) last month. We have completed our **Privacy Policy** and it is attached at the end of the newsletter. We do need to seek your **consent** to carry on contacting you about events and send you newsletters. We also need your consent to use photos of you and your MG in things like the newsletter, the website and our popular FaceBook pages; you will receive an email later this month seeking these consents which you will be able to give with a simple reply. For those not happy with email, there will be a form attached with the June email that you will be able to return by post.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter - we have some reports and notifications of events that are hopefully of interest.

Richard

EVENT NEWS

MGCC Caledonian Centre have invited us to guest with them in August on their **Heather Tour**. We can join them at Fort William on 22 (evening for dinner) & 23 August (whole day drive then dinner). Up to 5 rooms are available at the Alexandra Hotel (2 nights DBB £168 single, £264 double). There will be an admin charge of £30 - or £10 for those just doing the day run to Moidart on the 23rd. There is more information here:

<http://www.mgcaledonian.com/event/2018-august-five-day-tour/>

The Caledonian Centre really need to know our numbers (I'm signed-up with the MGF) so if you want to join-in, please contact me as soon as possible to reserve your place (contact details in the box on page 1).

Richard

Chichester MGOC meeting in Inverness – message from Peter Poole sent 24 April (please note his contact details in the box on page 1)

Hi All,

*A group of fellow enthusiasts from the south coast are doing an ambitious tour of the Highlands in May. They are meeting Richard and the Orkney trip contingent at John'O'Groats for a photo shoot on the 18th May in the morning and then coming down to Inverness staying at the **Crown Court Hotel, 25 Southside Road, Inverness** and have invited any Highland members who wishes to join them for dinner or just a drink.*

Jean and I intend joining the group for dinner but I need to know who else would like to join us as Colin [the trip organiser] needs to advise the hotel of numbers for dinner.

THIS IS NOW A PRIORITY AS I HAVE TO KNOW IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

I look forward to seeing some of you on the 18th.

On this occasion please reply to me not Richard.

Peter



Jackson and the Midget 1500 at the Drive it Day (photo Michael Fraser)



John Mackenzie has passed on these details of this year's Inverness **Rotary Classic Tour** which is to be held on **9th June**. You need to raise some dosh for Children 1st but otherwise no cost apart from fuel and food on the day.

<https://lochnessclassiccartour.weebly.com/>

Gathering of the Clans has been confirmed for 2018 as **Sunday, 23 September** in Doune. Tayside MGOC are again organizing this event where they hope to have over 100 MGs attending from all over Scotland and the north of England – more details when available.

REPORTS

Tim Moore has kindly provided this report on the **Spring Saunter**:

Well, for the 9 of us that did the Spring Saunter, (although 4 of us were in 2 "honorary" "MG's!! and 5 were in three real MG's, - B Roadster, BGT and MGF), it proved to be a remarkable trip taking in arguably some of Scotland's remotest and least driven roads in the far North-West. As our previous post stated we were based for two nights in Lairg (Self Appointed "Gateway to the Highlands") a sprawling village where we were informed people have lived for over 5000 years. Although its Post Office and Bank have recently been closed (as prevailing in many remoter rural communities in Scotland these days) it still boasts a really nice Hotel which meant we couldn't have been provided better hospitality food and attention. Even though Lairg is not on the "official" North Coast 500 route

they do get many bikers and visitors throughout the year, so always book beforehand if headed this way.



On the first day the group all met up for Lunch in Ullapool [*Joined by Ray & Sarah in their MGF – Ed*] before setting off for Lairg via part of the NC500 route along Assynt but then taking the quiet A837 along beautiful Strath Oykel calling in at the Falls of Shin just south of Lairg. There were plenty of rave reviews during dinner that evening about the route taken.

Wonderful dry sunny weather meant open tops for the B and F on Saturday as we headed from Lairg along the remote and wild, desolate, but captivating wilderness along the A838 via Loch Shin, Loch Merkland and Loch More claimed as 'Clan Mackay Country' with mighty Arkle, Ben Stac and Foinaven increasingly dominating the skyline. Some of us drove after Laxford Bridge to Kinlochbervie and on for stunning walks along the crystal white fine sandy beaches at road-end at Oldshoremore. The azure blue sea making the Bahamas look strictly second-class that day!



Then doubling back for lunch at Inshegra before a captivating return drive passing near Cape Wrath to Lairg via Durness, Loch Eriboll, Ben Hope and Ben

Loyal finally southwards along the beautiful but empty region between Tongue and Lairg via Achnaharra, (often the coldest place temperature wise in Britain, but this day in late afternoon it was a balmy 14 degrees C!!).



Of course, the NC500 coastal route which formed about 40 per cent of this magical 130 mile circuit was "busy" with supercars, motorcycles tearing around in convoy and trundling mobile homes etc; once we left the remarkable sea seascapes at Tongue and entered the vast empty Highland wilderness again, we all felt as if we were the only vehicles on the earth.

Truly in Highland Region the MG Highland Owners Club has arguably the finest grandest scenery in the British Isles on our "doorstep", but ensure you have full fuel tanks before venturing this way!!

Thanks to Richard for his usual brilliant and detailed organisation.

Tim

And Michael Fraser has provided this on the **Drive it Day**:

A Personal Perspective

My plans to have the MGB GT up and running a couple of weeks before Drive It Day were overtaken by other events to the extent that I found myself with the MGB still in its winter hibernation mode with less than 24 hours to the departure time for Drive It day. What could possibly go wrong with getting the car ready to go in the short timescale?

Having kept the batteries fully trickle charged over the winter and having done the usual pre-start checks, and found everything OK, I cleaned the battery connections and connected them up. I turned the key to the first stop and the fuel pump clicked away, unfortunately it didn't stop clicking and as I switched it off the aroma of freshly spilt petrol filled the garage. It was the short spur of fuel line to the first SU which must have perished over the winter time, it had three holes, one pointing to the bulkhead, one pointing down to the exhaust manifold and one pointing to the radiation. A lot of spilt fuel but a simple fix.

Having cleaned up the mess and left the car for a while to allow any remaining spilt fuel to have evaporated, I rechecked the fuel lines. I turned the key to the second stage to engage the starter motor but only heard a click. Thinking the starter may be jammed I rocked the car back and forth in 4th gear but to no avail. I rechecked the batteries to ensure everything was Ok there and obtained varying readings on the level of charge. I put the batteries back on charge overnight and went back out to the garage early on Sunday morning. At about 6.30 on Sunday morning the car eventually came to life. I can only think that the battery trickle chargers are not as accurate as they are made out to be as the additional charge time is the only difference between what happened on Saturday and the car eventually going on Sunday.



Arriving at the V8 café there was a good number of MGs, and club members with other cars, on the run. There was a real mix of vehicles including a

standard looking Morris Minor which was actually running modern Ford engine and running gear – a real wolf in sheep’s clothing!



After the coffee stop at the Old North Inn the route took us up over roads I never knew existed. Thankfully I was following someone who knew where they were going at all of the various junctions we encountered. Perhaps a route map would have been helpful. Although having lived in this area for almost all of my life, I found roads I didn’t know existed and it was a real enjoyable drive.

On the run into Muir of Ord a very helpful tractor driver took the space between me and ‘my leader’ so that I ended up leading a convoy of vehicles and I didn’t know the route. Thankfully when I missed the junction outside Muir of Ord, the car behind knew the correct route to take and having turned I followed on. On the way to the Storehouse of Foulis I met a string of Porsches heading in the opposite direction. It was a shame there was such a queue for food at the restaurant before we arrived as in the event most cars just returned home.

Despite the challenge of getting the car back into life it was an enjoyable run and a route we may wish to consider for an afternoon or evening jaunt.

Michael



HIGHLAND MG OWNERS' CLUB DATA PRIVACY POLICY

1. About this Policy

1.1 This policy explains when and why we collect personal information about our members, how we use it and how we keep it secure and your rights in relation to it.

1.2 We may collect, use and store your personal data, as described in this Data Privacy Policy and as described when we collect data from you.

1.3 We reserve the right to amend this Data Privacy Policy from time to time without prior notice. You are advised to check our website (<http://www.mghighland.co.uk/>) for any amendments (but amendments will not be made retrospectively).

1.4 We will always comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when dealing with your personal data. Further details on the GDPR can be found at the website for the Information Commissioner (www.ico.gov.uk). For the purposes of the GDPR, we will be the “controller” of all personal data we hold about you.

2. Who are we?

2.1 We are The Highland MG Owners' Club. We can be contacted via the Secretary's address printed monthly in Enjoying MG (Area 0102) and http://www.mghighland.co.uk/contact.htm#general_enquiries .

3. What information we collect and why.

Type of information	Purposes	Legal basis of processing
Member's name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, car details, including those of other members in a Family membership.	Managing the Member's membership of the Club.	Performing the Club's obligations with the Member including others in a Family ¹ membership. For the purposes of our legitimate interests in operating the Club.
Guest's name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, car details	Managing the Guest's participation in Club activities	For the purposes of our legitimate interests in encouraging participation in Club activities by prospective members, friends of members and guests from other MG clubs.
Photos and videos of Members and their cars.	To promote the Club by posting on the Club's website and social media pages (FaceBook), the Club newsletters and	Consent. We will seek new Members' consent on their membership application form. We will seek existing Members' consent separately by email or letter. Members may withdraw their

¹ 'Family' refers to 2 adults with the same contact details, one of whom will be designated as the lead member

	using in press releases including reports to Enjoying MG	consent at any time by contacting us via the website or by letter.
Photos and videos of Guests and their cars.	To promote the Club by posting on the Club’s website and social media pages (FaceBook), the Club newsletters and using in press releases including reports to Enjoying MG	Consent. We will seek the Guest’s consent on an event application form and the Guests may withdraw their consent at any time by contacting us via the website or by letter.
The Member’s name, address and e-mail address	Contacting Members by means of newsletters and other updates on Club activities.	Consent. We will seek new Members’ consent on their membership application form. We will seek existing Members’ consent separately by email or letter. Members may withdraw their consent at any time by contacting us via the website or by letter to tell us that they no longer consent to receiving Club newsletters and other updates.

4. How we protect your personal data

- 4.1 We will not transfer your personal data outside the EU without your consent.
- 4.2 We have implemented generally accepted standards of technology and operational security in order to protect personal data from loss, misuse, or unauthorised alteration or destruction.
- 4.3 Please note however that where you are transmitting information to us over the internet this can never be guaranteed to be 100% secure.
- 4.4 For any payments which we take from you online we will use a recognised online secure payment system.
- 4.5 We will notify you promptly in the event of any breach of your personal data which might expose you to serious risk.

5. Who else has access to the information you provide us?

- 5.1 We will never sell your personal data. We will not share your personal data with any third parties without your prior consent (which you are free to withhold) except where required to do so by law or as set out in the table above or paragraph 5.2 below.
- 5.2 We may pass your personal data to third parties who are service providers, agents and subcontractors to us for the purposes of completing tasks and providing services to you on our behalf (e.g. to print newsletters and send you mailings). However, we

disclose only the personal data that is necessary for the third party to deliver the service and we have a contract in place that requires them to keep your information secure and not to use it for their own purposes.

6. How long do we keep your information?

6.1 Club Members - We will hold your personal data on our systems for as long as you are a member of the Club and for as long afterwards as it is in the Club's legitimate interest to do so or for as long as is necessary to comply with our legal obligations. We will review your personal data every year to establish whether we are still entitled to process it. If we decide that we are not entitled to do so, we will stop processing your personal data except that we will retain your personal data in an archived form to be able to comply with future legal obligations eg compliance with tax requirements and exemptions, and the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

6.2 Guests – We will hold your personal data on our systems for as long as you are a Guest at the Club and for as long afterwards as it is in the Club's legitimate interest to do so or for as long as is necessary to comply with our legal obligations. If we decide that we are not entitled to do so, we will stop processing your personal data except that we will retain your personal data in an archived form to be able to comply with future legal obligations eg compliance with tax requirements and exemptions, and the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

6.3 We securely destroy all financial information once we have used it and no longer need it.

7. Your rights

7.1 You have rights under the GDPR:

- (a) to access your personal data
- (b) to be provided with information about how your personal data is processed
- (c) to have your personal data corrected
- (d) to have your personal data erased in certain circumstances
- (e) to object to or restrict how your personal data is processed
- (f) to have your personal data transferred to yourself or to another business in certain circumstances.

7.2 You have the right to take any complaints about how we process your personal data to the Information Commissioner:

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or 0303 123 1113 or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Please address any questions, comments and requests regarding our data processing practices to our Data Protection Lead either via the Secretary or http://www.mghighland.co.uk/contact.htm#general_enquiries.