

HIGHLAND MOTORING

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EDITORIAL

Still 2 months left of the MG 'season' with quite a few local shows in September and of course 'The Gathering of the Clans' at Doune and the Autumn Amble in October.

However, now is a good time to be thinking about some runs next year and there is **important news below**.

Richard Jenner



MG TC seen at Brodie

2018 MAJOR CLUB EVENTS

The proposed Spring trip to Orkney in May 2018 has met with mixed responses; for some it's a great chance to realize an ambition to visit the archipelago, for others, the 4 day commitment and the added expense of ferries and island hotel prices, is a turn off. So Orkney will go ahead but is now rebranded the **Orkney Odyssey** and this means we have a new event as the **Spring Saunter!**

The **Spring Saunter** will now be a 3 day, 2 night, affair based in **Lairg** starting on **Friday, 20 April and finishing on the Sunday (22nd)** which should also be the 2018 Drive-it-Day. We've an arrangement with the **Lairg Highland Hotel** (<http://www.highland-hotel.co.uk>) who are offering the following accommodation on a dinner, bed & breakfast deal. Dinner will be a set 3 course meal with a choice of 3 items/course (*total* means that's what you pay for your room and meals per couple for 2 nights for doubles & twins and per person for singles):

3 x Double Rooms @ £280 total

1 x King Room @ £320 total

2 x Single Rooms @ £154 total

1 x Twin Room @ £280 total

1 x Twin Room @ £300 total

1 x Family Room at £320 total (based on 2 sharing – this room can be used as a Double or Twin)

Bookings should be made directly to the hotel (01549 402243) quoting 'MG Car Rally' and by providing card details but please inform me too (r.h.jenner@btinternet.com) so I know who to include in emails about the details. Lairg sits on a cross roads so there is plenty of scope for an interesting group drive on the Saturday as well as good routes to & fro.

For those on the **Orkney Odyssey** we've switched hotels to be more central and are now at the **Ayre Hotel in Kirkwall** (www.ayrehotel.co.uk) which ticks all the right boxes. The BBD rate remains £180/night for couples but has dropped slightly to £115/night for singles. We will travel over on Friday, 18 May and back on Monday, 21 May. So far we've 5 cars going and 5 rooms reserved. If you want to join-in, please contact Stuart as soon as possible

(badger188@btinternet.com) so that he can try to get more rooms (hotels all throughout the Highlands & Islands are already filling-up fast in May).

Richard Jenner

NEW EVENT

We've been informed about the Loch Ness Classic & Vintage Car Tour taking place on Saturday, 7th October (clashes with our Autumn Amble). This is a charity event and participants are asked to raise £100 towards charity. More information at www.lochnessclassiccartour.weebly.com

RUN REPORT

Our July run was held on a Tuesday with the focus being the Buckie & District Fishing Heritage Museum followed by lunch at the Gordon Castle Walled Garden Café in Fochabers. Eight cars (6 MGs) and 15 members participated. Early morning weather was very suitable for 'roof down driving' and 3 MGs followed an interesting backroads route from Inverness to Elgin to meet-up with a Midget, a B Roadster and a BGT. The other 2 cars joined at Buckie. The museum made us feel very welcome and kindly showed a film before we looked at the extensive exhibits.

A back roads drive led by Morag took us to the very enjoyable lunch and the first rain shower. Showery conditions prevailed for the rest of the day but I managed a largely roof down return to the Black Isle avoiding the A96.





Richard Jenner

And finally, some motoring one-liners:

My wife had her driver's test the other day. She got 8 out of 10. The other 2 guys jumped clear.

I gave up my seat to a blind person in the bus. That is how I lost my job as a bus driver.

What's a mixed feeling? When you see your mother-in-law backing off a cliff in your new car.

And more than one line..

The police pull a car over on a lonely back road and approach the blonde lady driver.

"Is there a reason why you're weaving all over the road?" the officer asks.

The woman replied, "Oh thank goodness you're here!! I almost had an accident! I looked up and there was a tree right in front of me. I swerved to the left and there was another tree in front of me. I swerved to the right and there was another tree in front of me!"

Reaching through the side window to the rear view mirror, The officer replied, "that's your air freshener"

