

# ***HIGHLAND MOTORING***

The Newsletter of the Highland MGOC

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## EDITORIAL

After a glorious May, June will be remembered (or perhaps best forgotten?) as a largely wet & windy month in the Highlands; however, our 2 June club events enjoyed some of the relatively better weather and both were well attended – there are reports below.

We also have **2 new members** this month and there is a welcome note in this newsletter.

The next **club run on 16 July** now has a destination so all we need are a few participants. This will be a longer drive for most members but for some a voyage of discovery.

Finally, the **Gathering of the Clans** at Doune is gathering some pace with Tayside & Kingdom MGOCs stepping in again to organize what will probably be the largest gathering of MGs in Scotland this year with over 100 cars expected;

there is an application form attached but please also let me know if you are attending.

*Richard Jenner*

## WELCOME!

Welcome to new members **Alison Moore** from Ardgay and **Paul Stirling** from Tomich (Strathglass). Alison joined at Tain and this is her very nice Mk3 Midget:



Picture Tim Moore (no relative!)

Paul has a 1971 MGB GT Costello V8 which I gather is 'work in progress'. He joined as a result of a German tourist in a Costello with a broken wiper motor resolved by the intervention of Peter Poole and Ray Falconer who generously swapped it for the motor in his B GT V8.

## UPCOMING EVENT

Our next Club drive is on **Sunday, 16 July** and we've lunch booked for 1 pm at the **Glenelg Inn**.



There are various routes we can take to Glenelg depending upon who is coming or you can just make your way to lunch. Whichever way you go (unless you use the ferry), you will be driving over the **Mam Ratagan Pass** (Bealach Ratagain).



The 5 sisters viewed from the pass

For those feeling even more adventurous, a further 'there & back' drive to Arnisdale puts you in **Skyfall** territory and passes Sandaig (Gavin Maxwell's location for '**Ring of Brightwater**'). You could also visit the ruins of Bernera Barracks or the Glenelg Brochs and cross Kyle Rhea on the turntable ferry for a



return journey over the Skye Bridge (you will need to organize this option yourselves). Let me know if you are interested.

## **EVENT REPORT -TAIN RALLY**

The 10th Tain Rally saw the first outing of our new feather flag and the gazebo (kindly donated by Tim & Christine). We had an even better area this year as there were public routes on 3 sides and we were also close to the main arena. I think the organizers must like us.





We had 15 MGs on the stand (and very nearly 17 but one was a non-starter and Michael had to call-off the day before with a very sick cat – of the feline, not exhaust, variety). It was a special day for the Bs – especially the BGT – that totalled 9 of the cars on the stand and it was interesting to compare the B engined model with Tim's CGT and Kevin's BGT V8. We also had 2 Midgets, an F, a TF and a ZT-T (useful for transporting the gazebo and indeed providing a comfortable picnic seat).





The day was mainly fine apart from one short, sharp, downpour that had us all huddling in the gazebo. We certainly attracted a lot of attention and all owners were busy fielding questions. For many more photos take a look at:

<https://www.facebook.com/highlandmgoc/>

## **CLUB RUN 27 JUNE**

The club run on Tuesday, 27 June saw 7 MGs complete the route and another join at lunchtime with car number 9 being of the Jaguar persuasion. We turned-off the A9 within half a mile of the Cromarty Bridge and did not re-join it until Tain. The deliberately obscure route involved manual railway gates (thanks to Patsy who was nominated to close them after us!) and a lot of single track road. There was a bit of light rain but that didn't deter Andy from doing most of it with the hood down on the Supercharged B Roadster and Richard joined him for part of the way.



Photo John Mackenzie

We stopped opposite Carbisdale Castle and a few of us braved the open lattice foot bridge across the river:



Lunch at the Falls of Shin was good although despite booking, we ended-up spread out in the cafe.





## MGC 50<sup>th</sup>

Readers will know that Christine & Tim took their MGC GT all the way from Portree to Chateau Impney for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations of the model run by the MGC Register of the MGCC. Tim posted a number of email updates during the 5 days and has agreed that I can paste a few of them here as they admirably capture the spirit of the occasion.

*Feeling good, feeling aristocratic!*



*Trying to imagine we are going to win the concours.....Ha Ha funny funny. (Got 634 out of 1000). Winner got 987 out of 1000. Never uses his car and has someone look after it!!*



*Several triple Webber equipped C's there the sight of almost 220 MGC's the largest ever gathering worldwide and about 13 % of the known C's on registers. Unbelievable wonderful event fabulous location fabulous people wonderful food great road runs (tulips), driving tests, making faces with our many forum global contacts all never to be forgotten, everything thought of food wines lectures nothing*



*was too much and 18 months planning by the 8 strong C Register within the MGCC. The historic cars on display, racers, prototypes, in all our years we have never been to a better event anywhere than this.*

*The camaraderie was just incredible brilliant brilliant.*

*Now in Dumbarton 320 mile drive from Droitwich today 6 hours! DSU600G and we doing well!*



*His CGT was freighted from New Zealand to be there!!! Owner really nice. He's having a week or two more in Blighty including going next weekend to MG2017 at Silverstone. Then freighting his car back to NZ. Others from USA did similar things. That IS enthusiast passion par excellence!!*

Finally, Tim & Christine did win the furthest travelled (under their own steam – make up your own MGC joke here) and here are Tim's comments made at Tain:

*Our single MGC GT club member attended the MGC 50 Celebrations between June 7-11 2017 at Chateau Impney near Droitwich Spa. Covering in the process a round trip of 1439 miles. This secured the farthest travelled UK long distance award. In all on the main Show Day 216 MGC's attended representing about 12 percent of the remaining worldwide population of these now increasingly rare cars. Entrants came from 14 countries. A brilliant event organised by the C Register of the MGCC.*

*Each entrant hit a goodie bag see below.*

*This same CGT attended the Tain Classic Car Show today part of our 15 member stand. Based on Skye this 49 year old MGC has thus covered 1695 miles in the last 11 days.*



## GATHERING OF THE CLANS (GOTC)

The 2017 event is again at Doune and this year is on Sunday, 24 September. For those of you wondering what it is all about, it's a MGOC supported event for the Scottish MGOC areas although MG owners do travel up for it from Englandshire too. Most areas, Highland included, have their own stands. We've currently 6 cars 'booked-in' and expect at least 2 more on our stand from 'country members' (friends of Peter). Most of us will travel down and stay locally on the Saturday and I've a tentative agreement with Brian Lutti to visit the famous Dreadnought Garage in Callander around 3pm on Saturday. Dreadnought has prepared many successful sporting MGs. In 2016 there were over 100 MGs including many pre-war and rare cars. Here are a few photos from 2016 and an application form is attached but please also let me know if you enter.



*Richard Jenner*





## **TAYSIDE & KINGDOM** **MG OWNERS CLUBS**

Invites you to join us at



### **The Gathering of the Clans**

**Sunday 24<sup>TH</sup> September 2017**

**Doune, Stirlingshire, FK16 6HG**

**(Doune 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 and then Natter & Network until:

2.30pm. Depart as you wish.

4.30pm Close.

On site at the antiques centre there is also an excellent restaurant.

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

**Club Name and contact tel. number:**

**Highland MGOC stand please**

**Or Individual entrant: Address and tel. Number**

**Please include entry fee of £5.00 per car with this form by Friday 25th August.**

**Please state your contact email for acknowledgement:**

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