



**JULY / AUGUST 2014
NEWSLETTER**



**Water crossing on the Elrick Burn
Coinafearn Run – 8th June 2014**

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NEXT TRIAL!

Laggan Trial: Sunday 31st August 10:00am Start

**Directions; Follow the A9 south past Aviemore and Kingussie, pass the Nuide trial site, pass the snowgates and Ralia. Take the next small road on the right signposted for Glen Truim and a caravan park, carry on up this wee road for approx. 3 miles and the trial site is on the right.
Grid ref NN660 935, postcode PH20 1BT will get you close.**

TRIAL VENUES AND EVENTS 2014

Please Note: All trial venues to be confirmed

Date	Event	Clerk of course/ Contact	Assistant Clerk of course
Sun 31 st Aug	Laggan	Neil Turnbull	TBC
Sun 28 th Sep	TBC	Neil Taylor	Fraser Hughes
Sat 25th Oct	Tordarroch	John Maclean	TBC
Sun 30 th Nov	Galantry	Lewie Cameron	Roy Panton

Editor's Corner

Firstly let me apologise for the lack of July Newsletter. Time and work was against me last month. However, this month we have a bumper double issue with reports and photos from Gairloch, Strath Alladale, Coignafearn; A report from the Whitebridge challenge and results from the Tomatin trial. We also have a couple of old photos in the Flash-Back section.

Thank you to all who contributed, and for those of you who haven't, why not?! ☺

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Cheers Pete

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Peter- 07736 546303

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Tomatin Trial Results

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	tot	posn
Peter Lawton	<u>88</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>
Neil Taylor	<u>90</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>
Andrew MacLean	<u>LWB</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>4</u>
Roy Panton	<u>LWB</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>
Eric Lawson	<u>LWB</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2=</u>
James Fraser	<u>LWB</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2=</u>
Allan Harrower	<u>LWB</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>
Rob Blackhall	<u>Open</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1</u>
George Loban	<u>Open</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>2</u>
#####	<u>Open</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>3</u>

Alladale Wilderness Reserve Off Road Run

22nd June 2014

A great turn out for this run. It was a little last minute but there was still plenty people waiting to go in Ardgay. The run saw us head East to West and come out on the Ullapool road, a few miles west of Garve. A total of £280 was raised and will go to a charity decided by the Keeper at Alladale. Thanks to all who came along.



Convoy winding through Alladale Estate



Strath Alladale

Gairloch Weekend

4th/5th July 2014

Many thanks to all that came along and enjoyed another cracking weekend at Gairloch. It was a great turnout. We didn't bother with any of the blindfold driving or other things this year and just focused on getting the vehicles to the top! Some managed - some didn't. For those who managed, they were rewarded with fantastic views of Loch Gairloch and beyond to the Isle of Skye. After retreating back down to the tents, we changed and headed for the ceilidh. A few sore heads on Sunday morning but at least the tent was in the same place as we left it! So, same again next year??



Nearing the top of the hill – Gairloch 2014



Lewie in a bit of a hole! – Gairloch 2014

Whitebridge Challenge

Where were the rest of the young team today? Only Lewie braved the glorious Whitebridge weather to keep the side up! Nine competitors turned up to what was meant to be a wet day, started with light shower but soon turned out to be beautiful sunshine hot day with hardly a smidge insight. Ground caught a few out but a good day had by most, apart from Allan Harrower who suffered from a leaking brake pipe. I think everyone got all the canes by 4x4 (or foot if they were cheating) but who cares - the craics good anyway!

Won't be at next trail so see. y'all later

Cheers to all the guys and dolls who turned up! - James & Ethan Fraser

Coignafearn Off Road Run

8TH June 2014

This run was postponed from Boxing Day 2013 and delayed until June due to the extensive snowfall the higher ground in Coignafearn had experienced.

It was on Friday (6 June) that Sandy Dey, the Head Keeper, had broken through the last of the snow still lying on the high track which at that time was starting to melt fast.

Hopefully, this would allow us to run both loops of the spectacular high ground estimated by Sandy as covering a total of approx. 20 miles.

With 10 vehicles in convoy we set off from Tomatin running, at parts alongside the River Findhorn. Soon we were passing Coignafearn Old Lodge entering the estate on the 'Straight Mile'. At the end of this we took a right turn climbing uphill following the Calder Burn.

When the track levelled out a bit it was reported by several passengers that they had spotted deer in this area, also an eagle following the course of the burn below. The drivers were obviously more intent on keeping to the track! With several burn crossings under our belt we diverted on to a 2 mile extension of the route a few of us had previously done 8 years before. This included a climb to the highest point on this circuit at 736 metres (2420 feet). Then followed a steep descent down to Garbeg Bothy on the upper reaches of the River Findhorn where we were all ready for our Lunch halt.

After about an hour we set off for the second and longer loop entirely new to us all, which we entered approx. 2 miles downstream from Garbeg crossing the Findhorn to the south side over a wooden bridge. Following the Elrick Burn we climbed steadily uphill to our largest burn crossing which most entered with gusto!

Further on we cut left at a fork, climbing steeply up to and through 3 sharp hairpins before shortly reaching the highest point on this trip, if only 4 metres higher than our previous best at 740 metres (2433 feet). A second similar height came about 2 ½ miles further on and it was here that the snow lay at the roadside, probably the place that Sandy had to break through the previous Friday. However, there were no distant views from these points as we were enclosed by higher hills!

We did come on very good open views after passing and climbing up from a wooden bothy/shelter. The large flat area at 2300 feet was on the top of Carn Easgainn Mor and gave panoramic views in almost all directions, particularly to the north and south-east to the Cairngorms. Unfortunately, a slight haze to the north curtailed the distance observed.

Having spent some time here, we then started on the descent, though gradual at first becoming more interesting and steeper as we dropped down the side of Carn Mor to a hairpin, eventually returning to the public road just above the Keeper's House.

This very interesting and obviously popular scenic run on very well maintained hill tracks with tremendous climbs, descents and frequent burn crossings had come to an end!

Many thanks to Coignafearn Estate and Sandy Dey in particular for allowing us entry. £150 was collected, with £100 given to Sandy for a charity of his choice and £50 to the H4WDC Ltd. Sandy opted for Diabetes UK Scotland as his son suffers from this illness.

Stuart

A few of Stuart's Photos from the Coignafearn run



**Wooden bothy/shelter below
Carn Easgann Mor**

**Remains of the winter snow at
the trackside (2433 Feet above
sea level)**



**Looking North from the top
of Carn Easgann Mor.
Farr Windfarm just visible on
the horizon.**

Flash back

A couple more from the archives this month!



*There's a Suzuki in there
somewhere!
Photo courtesy of Eddie
Freeman - Kinreive a few
years back*

*Roy catching some air at
Dores back in 2011*

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*If anyone has any old photos they would like to share, Email them to me at the
above address or pass them to me at an event and I will scan them in and get them
back to you!*

Thanks

Thank you to J Cameron-MacKintosh for the use of the land at Tomatin and also
Thank you to John Rule for the use of the land at Whitebridge

Supplementary Regulations

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **Sunday 31st August 2014** . The event will be held entirely on private land at **Laggan**.
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the **RACMSA LTD** (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Codes of the **FISA**), these regulations and any written instructions the Club may issue for the event.
3. **MSA** permit has been applied for. **PERMIT No:** TBC.
4. The event is open to all fully paid up members of the H4WDC.
5. Competitors must produce a valid club membership card and sign on. Club membership number must be displayed on participating vehicles.
6. The program of the meeting will be as follows:
 - (a) Scrutineering starts at **09:15** hrs
 - (b) Competitors not signed on by **09:45** hrs may be excluded from this event.
 - (c) First vehicle starts at **10:00** hrs
7. Vehicles will fall into classes as per club rules i.e. 80", 86", 90" and LWB. Vehicles may enter into one class only. The starting order on sections will be as per Club Rules. Competitors on the day of competition may be split up into 2 groups.
8. All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations. Passengers may only be carried in accordance with **Rule H. 11.3.2**.
9. The entry fee is **£15** per competitor. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. All officials must also sign-on on the official signing on sheet.
10. The secretary for this meeting is:TBA.
11. The maximum entry for this meeting, inc reserves is 40 and the minimum is 10. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting.
12. Other officials are:
 - Clerk of the course:**
 - Scrutineers and Club Marshals;** Non-competing, attending Committee Members
13. Results will be available after the competitor completes each section by simply asking the scoring marshal. Results of the event will be published in our monthly newsletter.
14. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with **0.5.1**.



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