

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



Standard class competitors at Kinreave

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New Committee Members required, anyone interested in getting involved please contact a committee member.

NEXT EVENT!

Nuide Trial: Sunday 25th May 10:00am Start

Directions; head south on A9, pass Kingussie junction, after a couple of miles, just at the end of the long straight and immediately before the crawler lane, Nuide is on the left, beside the A9. If you reach the Newtonmore junction you've gone too far! **Grid ref NN733 984**

Editor's Corner

After being well and truly blackmailed into the position, I am the latest newsletter editor. Please be gentle with me! If you have anything for inclusion in the next edition please email me at the above address. Photos of any club events are always welcome! Also, any old photos of years gone by for our new **Flash Back** section!

Cheers

Peter

TRIAL VENUES AND EVENTS 2014

Date	Event	Clerk of course	Assistant Clerk of course
Sun 25 th May	Nuide	Rob Blackhall	
Sun 8 th June	Coignafearn Run	Stuart MacKay	
Sat 28th June	Tomatin	Jimmy Smith	
4 th /5 th July	Gairloch Weekend	Fraser Hughes	
Sun 27 th Jul	Whitebridge	James Fraser	
Sun 31 st Aug	Laggan	Neil Turnbull	
Sun 28 th Sep	TBC	Neil Taylor	Fraser Hughes
Sat 25th Oct	Tordarroch	John Maclenan	
Sun 30 th Nov	Galantry	Lewie Cameron	Roy Panton



Keep up to date with breaking club news and events by liking Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club on Facebook.

Duntelchaig

We shall no longer be using the Experience 4x4 site as a venue to hold trials. We would like to thank Fiona and her staff for all the support and the use of their land over the years and wish them all the best for the future.

Coignafearn Road Run

Stuart has organised a road run on the Coignafearn Estate (near Tomatin) on Sunday June the 8th. Meet at 10.30am at the north Tomatin Junction off the A9 (the old Little Thief Chef, for those of us old enough to remember!) This run costs £15 per vehicle and is open to club members only, although people can join the club on the day.

Gairloch Weekend

For the third year, we are going to be heading west to Gairloch for a weekend of Camping, Off-Roading and Ceilidh dancing. Drinking is optional (but recommended!). So arrive at Sands Caravan and Campsite after work on Friday the 4th of July and set up camp for the weekend. I have already called and booked some space for tents but if you are taking your caravan or campervan then it's maybe worth a call to book a electrics post etc.

Saturday morning we will head onto the hill for some usual off roading antics and come back down in the afternoon for a quick shower before heading to the ceilidh for a wee jig. Don't forget the kilts for that!

Please be aware that the hill we will be using has difficult terrain so a minimum of Mud Terrain Tyres are required for this weekend. Along with maybe some ropes, waffle boards, winches, high lift jacks, turfor, a big tub of elbow grease etc etc etc!!!!

There is an event on Facebook so if you would be kind enough to join that so I can get an idea of numbers.



The View from Kinreve – when it's not foggy!

Kinreve trial
Standard Class
Sunday 27th April

It was a misty start to the day for the Kinreve Trial, it's not everyone's favourite site due to the type of terrain. If the site is wet you get bottomless peat bog and spend all day doing recoveries but if it's dry the ground is hard and it is difficult to find challenges for the drivers. This year we decided to use some areas in Kinreve that haven't been used before, to try to freshen things up and change peoples view of the site. The turn out was quite poor in the standard class with only five starting including two first timers.

For the first sections we headed to the top of the hill to an area of disused peat banks and small mounds. It was here that I learned a vital lesson about setting up sections; don't make them too long because after following 5 Land Rovers round the hill, twice, I was bloody knackered!! Apart from my exhaustion, the first section went without incident. New member Rob Hellet managed to get a clean run round this section in his immaculate, standard Discovery 2. It's a long time since we have had such a standard vehicle taking part with only All Terrain tyres but Rob did remarkably well despite this.

The next sections took us back down the hill slightly. It consisted of sharp climb up a peat bank followed by a gentle run along a grassy slope. First Timer Angus, also in a Discovery 2, cleaned this section with ease. We reversed this section for number 4.

After lunch we moved back to the more familiar areas of the site to tackle some of the short, steep mounds and peat bogs that Kinreve is famous for. Unfortunately at this point we had a couple of retirements; the clutch slave cylinder decided that enough was enough in Ryan MacLenan's bobtailed Range Rover and no matter how much they bled the system the system they couldn't get enough 'pedal' back to continue competing. He did manage however to drive home under his own steam. The second retirement was Rob Hellet in his Discovery who decided to pull out to save the risk of damaging his vehicle, after all, he needs it to get to work and tow the family caravan.

Sections five and six passed by quickly with only Rod Cook needing his 90 recovered after shunting back a little too far into a bog...

The last section of the day was centred round the famous Kinreve mud run. The first set of canes at the beginning, the second set 50m later and the further six sets set out over a few big mounds. Two of the three remaining vehicles had to be recovered from the bog here, that was everyone except James Fraser, does James *ever* get stuck?!?

Thanks to Angus for taking some photos on the day, as I left my camera on the kitchen table. Thanks also to Iain Bannerman for the use of the land at Kinreve, we will be back next year, hopefully with a bigger turn out!



A mucky line up at a murky Kinreve



Angus gets bogged down!



Rod gets a tow

Kinreve Results – Standard Class

Name	Class	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4	Sec 5	Sec 6	Sec 7	Sec 8	Total	Class Pos
James Fraser	LWB	0	0	1	3	6	8	4	5	27	1
Angus Hunter	LWB	0	1	4	9	3	6	6	5	34	2
Rob Hellet	LWB	1	38	38	24	RET	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ryan MacLeanan	LWB	0	0	2	1	RET	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Rod Cook	90	0	0	3	6	4	4	4	7	25	1

Kinreve Results – Open Class

Name	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4	Sec 5	Sec 6	Sec 7	Total	Class Pos
Lewie Cameron	1	0	0	1	9	2	5	18	1
Eric Lawson	1	1	0	37	9	1	4	53	3
James Ralph	1	2	1	25	5	4	31	69	4
Fraser Hughes	2	0	2	3	25	4	8	44	2

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<p>WANTED</p> <p>Truck Cab for a Series 2/3 Contact Troy :- 07955708537</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Defender 90 CSW 300tdi. L Reg, Red with black chequer plate, Rear bench seats, 160k, Engine rebuild after 160k, From Surrey good condition, Alloys and good tyres, Just had clutch master cylinder done, new bumper and brakes. £3500 Contact Andrew McLean (Not the Andrew you're thinking) Tel: 07741281721</p>
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I found a few old photos whilst having a clear out the other day!

Who can name the site, the year and any of the faces?

If anyone has any old photos they would like to share, Email them to me at the above address!





Supplementary Regulations

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **Sunday 25th May 2014** . The event will be held entirely on private land at **Nuide**.
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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