



**November 2015  
Newsletter**

**Angus doing a 'Linton'!!**

## Editor's Corner

Welcome to the November edition of the H4WDC newsletter!

This month we have scores, photos and a great report from the Tordarroch trial-

Thanks John!

All the photos used this month have come from various Facebook pages, I hope you don't mind!

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*Cheers Pete*

### **Boxing Day Charity Run!**

*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December on Kildermory Estate*

The perfect hangover cure! Suitable for all the family.

Meet at Skiach Services for 10am

*£20 per vehicle – Members only but you can join the club on the day!*

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## NEXT EVENT!

Inverarnie Trial: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Start 10:00am Sharp!!

Directions:

Head south from inverness. Go down the Daviot dip and turn right for Ft Augustus and Farr.

The trial site is on the left after approx. 4 miles.

You can't miss it!

*See you there!*

### Tordarroch scores

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Peter Lawton	88	8	12	5	1	1	0	5	2	34
Kenneth Nicholson	?	13	22	27	1	1	0	4	3	71
Davie Millar	?	13	6	8	0	1	1	0	2	31
Neil Taylor	90	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
Rod Cook	90	4	9	2	4	0	0	0	1	20
Linton Chilcott	90	0	12	3	0	0	0	0	3	18
	lwb	2	5	8	27	6	0	0	3	51
Roy Panton	90	6	retired							na
Angus Panton	90	retired								na
Angus Hunter	lwb	4	3	0	4	7	0	retired		na
Rob Hellett	lwb	4	5	4	1	2	0	1	22	39
Alan Harrower	lwb	5	12	7	0	0	0	0	3	27

Open class

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7*	8	Total
Daniel Watson	19	10	20	8	11	11	-1	23	103
Lewie Cameron	8	7	6	8	25	7	0	9	70
Rory Maclennan	5	4	7	12	25	4	-3	4	58
Mark Fraser	3	4	5	6	7	0	-3	3	25
Colin Morrison	11	5	5	8	10	7	-2	25	69
Howard Berriman	8	3	5	7	6	4	-2	28	59
Taylor Renwick	3	1	4	2	25	0	-5	9	39

### Tordarroch Standard Class report

It was a bit of a wet start to the day with some heavy rain showers, though it wasn't too cold. The sections had been set up a couple of weekends before and the wind (and the cows) had scattered some of the canes, though it didn't take too long to get them set up again and make a start. Ryan went off the open class and we started with section one near the entrance gate.

This first section needed the line picked carefully to avoid a large boulder and ensure the correct line for gate #3, through that there was then a rock step and on to the side slope which turned out to be quite greasy with the recent rain. No mishaps here though some of the vehicles did slew sideways, which favoured some setting them up nicely for the last gate (That's you Linton – well done on getting a clear).

Section two had some nice axle-twisters which required a bit of momentum to carry the vehicle through; Linton's class leading performance came to an abrupt end when he got hung up on a big rock and he needed recovery. Roy and Angus both had to retire here as the G-Wagen threw its toys out of the tram and refused to start. There was a bit of a hole which was tricky and saw some vehicles getting some air – some took a more prudent approach and took the offside canes. Pete in the Series LR unfortunately picked up an extra two points as his door swung open at the top of the hill and clouted the last cane!

Section three was quite straightforward though picking the right line was important, most drivers turned down the hill to get a better line for gate three on the prow of the hill, though with careful wheel placement it was possible to drive straight across and through.

Some of the drivers looked a little concerned at the criss-crossing of the muddy ditch in section four, though it didn't cut-up too badly and no one got stuck.

Section five was an old favourite from previous years with some different lines thrown in and a crossing of the big field ditch. This favored the short wheel base vehicles, though a few needed a wee tug to get out the other side. Linton ended up well wedged with two feet of air under his back wheels – a pull sideways and he was on his way.



Either everyone's standard of driving was improving tremendously or sections six and seven were bordering on 'too easy' – not many points picked up here. Angus unfortunately had to leave early.

Section eight was over in the far corner of the site near where the boys in the open class were providing entertainment wallowing about in bottomless mud-holes and throwing their well-prepared machines at impossible bouldered climbs; the smell and sound of the snarling V-8's and tuned diesels was a delight to the senses! Rob came to grief in the last section during a routine shunt lining up for gate two - lack of steering was traced to a shattered cv joint on the driver's side. Lots of tools (and advice and quips from the gathered crowd!) soon had it extracted and on his way in rear wheel drive. Need to pack a bigger hammer in the toolkit Rob! (Spooky coincidence – pretty much the same breakdown happened last year in the same location on the last section – hopefully better luck next year.)

It was a fine sunny day as the trial drew to a close; I think everyone managed to leave under their own steam and there wasn't too much vehicle damage. It was great to see some new members turn up and for them to say that they enjoyed it and were looking forward to the next one.

Many thanks to Alasdair Forbes for his use of the ground – it was much appreciated; also to Elaine and Andrew for their continuing support and efforts in getting everyone signed-on and bringing the essential club equipment – without this there would be no more trials.

See you next time!

John



## Supplementary Regulations

- 1.** The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **Sunday 29th November**. The event will be held entirely on private land at **Inverarnie**.
- 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:** *Peter MacInnes*
  - 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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