



JUNE 2017 Newsletter



ANDREW MACLEAN's Suzi (not sure if it's ANDREW or ELAINE at the wheel) at last month's Nuide trial. **Photo by DON WALKER.**

THE COMMITTEE

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**Next committee meeting:
Monday 5th June, fairways at 7:30 pm.
Always welcome new committee members.**

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On behalf of everyone here at Highland Hospice,
I would like to say an enormous thank you to

Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club

for the extremely generous donation of

€300.00 raised through their

"spring off road run"

Your support doesn't just last one day
You're making a difference that lasts forever

Kenny Steele
Chief Executive Officer
30 May 2017

Highland Hospice, Ness House, 1 Bishops Road, Inverness IV3 5SB.
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Team SPENCER in
the bog (but not
bogged) at Nuide.
Photo by Linton

Editor's Corner

Frank Spencer was joined by 3 more generations of his family at Nuide: daughter **Evril**, grand-son **Scott**, grand-daughter **Kalli**, grand-son **Scott**, and great-grandson **Colben (Kalli's son** - he was the only one who failed to drive in the trial - but he is only 5 months old, so we'll let him off this time). All the drivers seemed to be characterised by a massive grin while at the wheel - a cheerful lot!

New joiner **Don Walker** was also at Nuide - just to watch, this time. He's building up a Jimny (yes, yet ANOTHER Jimny) from two donor vehicles (if I was listening properly). Great to see you there, Don, and we look forward to seeing you join in with your vehicle(s).

Liam Maclean was also participating at Nuide. He is Andrew's son, and this was his first actual trial with the club, after participating in the Whitebridge challenge. He did well, and didn't seem phased when he crunched a CV just after completing the last section. It happens to the best of us!

Please send your contributions for the newsletter to:

highland4wheeldriveclub@gmail.com

I use a PC, so please try to send MS Word stuff if possible.

If not, photos of hand-written stuff may be sent. *Cheers, Linton*



Just for something different, here's a photo of my L200 + demountable camper on Mull (where I currently am on holiday).

**2017
TRIAL DATES AND VENUES &
PROGRAMME OF ROAD RUNS**

TRIALS in yellow

NON-H4WDC events in grey

<i>Month</i>	<i>Trial Site</i>	<i>COC 1</i>	<i>COC 2</i>
July 1-3	Gairloch w/e	Lewie Cameron	
July 15	Novar Estate Run		
July 30 TRIAL	Inverarnie	Peter MacInnes	
Aug 12 / 13 TRIAL	Whitebridge with Buchan ORDC	Andrew Maclean	
Aug 27	Laggan Challenge	Neil Turnbull	
Sept 3	Grantown MotorMania		
Sep 10	Dam Fine Day Out (4 dams)	Peter MacInnes	
Sept 24 TRIAL	Belivat		Daniel Watson
Oct 21 (WEEK EARLY) TRIAL	Tordarroch	James Fraser	
Nov 26 TRIAL	Galcantray	Davie Miller	Lewie Cameron

Please note: All venues to be confirmed!

Oops!

Well, this can happen.

Especially if you're ROY PANTON!

***Photo at Nuide trial,
by DON WALKER.***



MONTHLY FEATURE - RULES PAGE

As the club has introduced more stringent scrutineering at trials, it may be a good time to review the section in the rules regarding vehicle requirements. Clearly, these are specifically orientated toward making our competitions SAFE, so please, along with the list of scrutineering items, review the list of vehicle requirements from the rules, as reproduced below:

ALL VEHICLES MUST :-

- Be in **good mechanical condition**.
- Have **all wheels covered by bodywork or wings** when **seen from above**.
- Have **strong tow points front and rear**.

(NOTE: Tow points have failed relatively frequently at a number of our recent trials. This can be EXTREMELY dangerous, when the tow shackle pierces a windscreen at a very high speed indeed. There is film of a similar event on youtube, which apparently resulted in the death of a driver...)

- Have the **battery firmly secured** and have the **non-earth terminal covered**.
- Have a **return spring fitted** to the final link to the **throttle**.
- Have **whip aerials removed** or **securely fixed**.
- Be **adequately silenced**.
- Have all **contents firmly stowed**.

(NOTE: At a recent trial, on returning a rolled over vehicle to upright, a hammer shot through a rear side window and would have done severe injury to anyone in the firing line...)

- Have **arrangements to minimise fuel spillage** in the event of a rollover. Whatever tank is USED must not leak and must be firmly fitted in a safe position with the proper filling sealing and venting equipment in place. Tanks with sealed filler cap must have a vent pipe that is fitted with a non-spill valve, tap or other device.
- Carry an **adequate tow rope**.

All **drivers must wear seatbelts** if fitted or required for a vehicle of that age and it is recommended that they wear helmets.



H4WDC Event Report Sheet



Event: NUIDE Trial Date: May 2017
Standard Class only - no OPEN class vehicles attended.

Clerk of the Course: Neil Taylor, assisted by son Jason

Entrants: 14 (Standard)
Sections run: 8
Weather: Chilly earlier, turned out quite pleasant.

Most challenging section:
Ask Roy Panton! (see photo on page 5...)

Mishaps:
Two vehicles retired with busted CVs:
Michael's big Toyota and Liam Maclean's Jimny.

Class Winners:
Linton Chilcott (SWB)
LWB class - only 1 driver, retired (could have been an easy win, then, Michael!) .
Open class: no entries.

Comments:
One vehicle lost a front tow attachment during a kinetic recovery. A weak tow point can be very hazardous indeed. Please remember that the forces involved during recovery can be very high indeed, and **suitable STRONG tow points, front and rear, are absolutely vital.**
If the tow point fails, it will not be you, the occupant of the vehicle under tow, who is likely to suffer serious injury or death, but much more likely the driver of the vehicle attempting to tow you out...

Many thanks to the land-owner, Mr Alistair Finlay
Thank you to the Clerk of the Course, Neil Taylor, assisted by son Jason.

NUIDE TRIAL, May - STANDARD Class

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Posn
Linton Chilcott	SWB	2	5	3	1	2	1	3	1	18 1st
Roy Panton	SWB	1	8	14	0	1	0	0	1	25 2nd
Frank Spencer	SWB	1	1	7	3	3	7	7	0	29 3rd
Andrew Maclean	SWB	4	6	5	5	6	5	1	0	32 4th
Liam Maclean	SWB	5	4	11	2	7	8	2	3	42 5th
Angus Panton	SWB	3	6	16	5	3	10	0	1	44 6th
Elaine Smith	SWB	5	10	14	7	8	7	6	0	57 7th
Evril Spencer	SWB	2	3	6	24	24	4	2	2	67 8th
Kalli Spencer	SWB	6	13	4	24	24	0	5	5	81 9th
Ross Dodds	SWB	11	12	18	24	24	8	7	2	106 10th
Michael Cruickshank	LWB	13	14	9	14	15	20	<i>Retired (CV joint)</i>		

Many thanks to Neil Taylor CoC.



MICHAEL found a fine bright green bug at Nuide.
Photo by Linton.

Next EVENT - 1
GAIRLOCH WEEKEND
1st - 3rd July

DETAILS (from Fraser Hughes):

Come along for a weekend of.... can you guess? Arrive Friday feeling fresh and excited - leave on the Sunday morning wondering what happened.....

The campsite is at SANDS CARAVAN AND CAMPING, near Gairloch:

<http://www.sandscaravanandcamping.co.uk/>

This is also the weekend of the Gairloch Highland Gathering - more info on their Facebook page.

Important admin points:

- **Open to all paid club members**
- **£10 per vehicle for off-roading** to cover insurance and permit
- **Everyone entering the camp site MUST report to reception.** You will be told where we are camping (as it's different to last year) and given a sticker for your window. This also applies to anyone who attends Saturday only.
- **No trailers on site.** Please park them on the track that we have used in previous years to access the off-road area. This is past the camp site on the right: double gates with '*Sands Hill Road*' written on it. There are two areas to park up - one on the left with an old container in it and further up on the right. That is also where we start the off roading from.
- **Bring beer.**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING: Arrive Sands Caravan Park, Gairloch.

Go to reception and say you're with Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club and they will direct you to our area. New club tent will be there as a space to 'socialise'

SATURDAY MORNING: Scrutineering of all vehicles and sign on before heading up around 11am (depending on hangovers!).

The **off roading is in a different area to previous years** - not on the hill.

It is **wet / very challenging** - bring waffle boards, winches, ropes, shovel!

If you are only coming up to off road on the Saturday, you must still report to reception before entering the site.

We will be away from the camp site all day, aiming to be back late afternoon to give folk time to change for the ceilidh.

Ceilidh tickets are available from reception or when you get to the ceilidh.

Sunday morning: Pack up and depart.

You are advised to bring;

Drink	Tent	4x4 with knobbly tyres	Recovery gear
Drink	Food	Midgie spray	<i>Good sense of humour!</i>

Next EVENT - 2
NOVAR ESTATE RUN
SATURDAY 15th July

Info for Novar

This is an off road run for a limited number of our paid club members.

There is a **maximum number of vehicles (25)** for this event and if there is a huge response we may ask you to ride with fellow members.

Therefore we **will require names and a payment of £15 per vehicle**.

Please contact Elaine by email or mobile to arrange reserve your place/payment, as follows:

E-mail: Elainesmith1234@hotmail.com

Telephone: 07917878838.

**** minimum **requirement is mud terrain tyres**.

**** **vehicle** needs to be **road legal/taxed** and **insured**.

Meet at Skiach Services at 10am on the day.



MICHAEL'S Toyota,
3 litre diesel +
various mods, at
Nuide.
(before the CV let
go...)
Photo by Linton.

Next EVENT - 3
Invernarnie Trial
Sunday 30th July

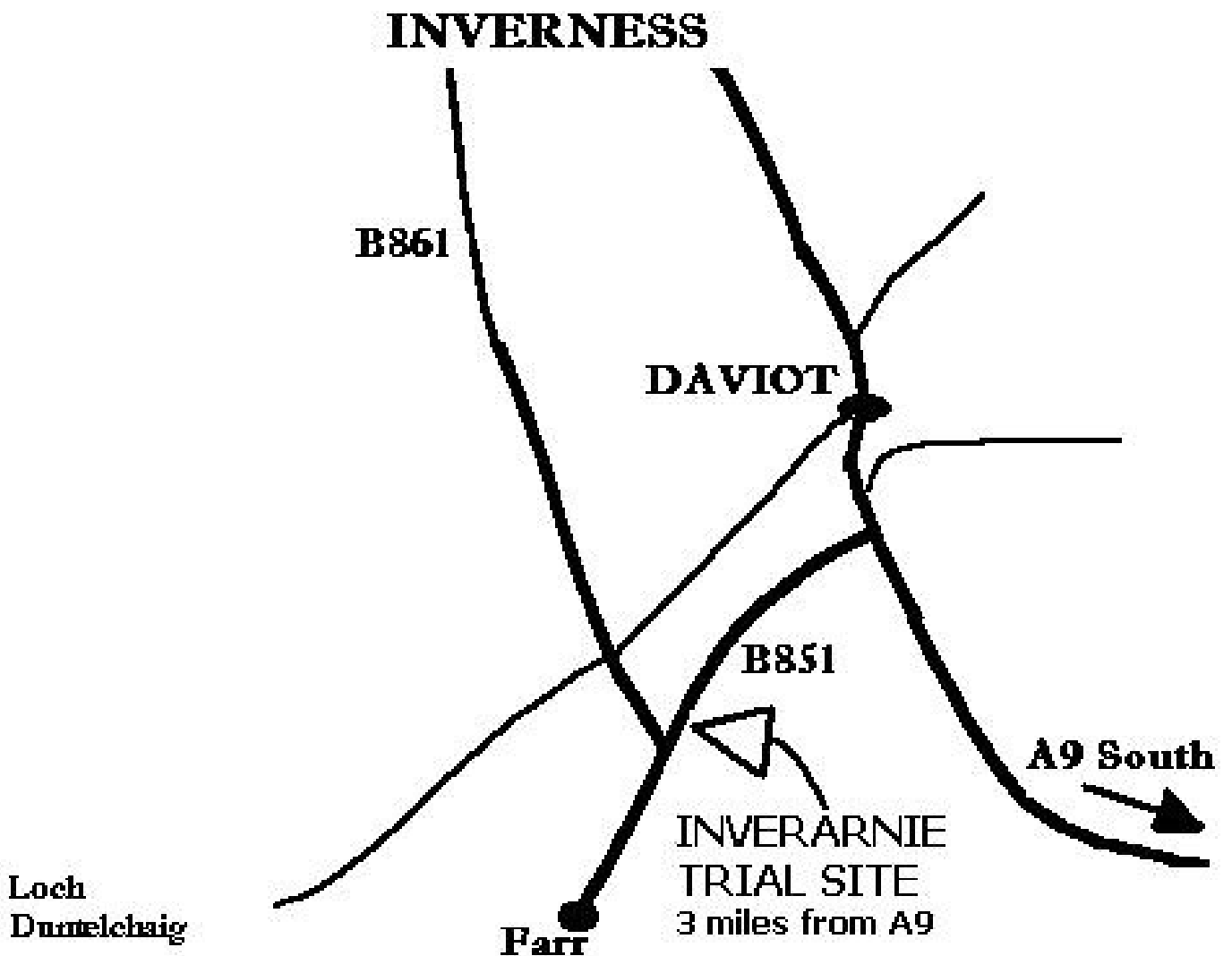
DETAILS:

Directions; leave Inverness on A9 heading south.

After approx 5 miles turn right onto B851 signposted Fort Augustus.

The trial site is on the left after approx 3 miles, just after a couple of sharp bends and just before Inverarnie village.

Grid ref NH695353.





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