



AUGUST 2018 Newsletter



Whitebridge Challenge.

Rock...



... and a hard place.

Photos:
LEWIE CAMERON

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The following are also Committee Members without portfolio:
Andrew Maclean, Frank Spencer, Alan Howatson, Lewie Cameron.

**THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE
TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER, 7.30 pm (1930 hours) at FAIRWAYS, Inverness.**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2018

<i>Month</i>	<i>Trial Site</i>	<i>COC 1</i>	<i>COC 2</i>
Aug (26th)	Laggan	Neil Taylor	
Sept (30th)	Dores	James Fraser	
**Oct (21st)(SAT)	Tordarroch	John MacIennan	
Nov (25th)	Kinreve	Peter MacInnes	



Another view from the Corrieyairack Pass run in June. Photo: **LINTON**

NUIDE TRIAL SCORES, MAY - ALL Classes

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total / Posn
John MacLennan Haflinger	SWB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2 / 1st
John Maclean LR 90	SWB	3	0	2	4	7	0	4	0	20 / 2nd
Liam MacLean Suzuki Jimny	SWB	2	2	0	1	7	0	0	10	21 / 3rd
Ewen Milne Jimny	SWB	0	0	1	2	2	0			RET
Angus Panton G-Wagen	SWB	2	0	2	6	4	2			RET
Rob Hellett Disco	LWB	2	0	0	3	8	0	4	0	17 / 1st
Eric Lawson Range Rover	OPEN	2	0	0	5	0	2	2	0	11 / 1st
Robbie Glen Red Jimny	OPEN	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	4	13 / 2nd

**Many thanks to JIM NICOL
and NEIL and JASON TAYLOR,
Clerks of the Course**



"But you are double parked sir, - its on top of my patrol car."

A cartoon from the April 1987 newsletter.
Don't know who it's by, though...

Recent COMMITTEE MEETING, August

At the most recent Committee Meeting, the following points arose:

1 The committee intends to bring in a new rule that, **in order to win a trophy or an award in the annual club championship, a competitor must ACT AS AN OFFICIAL** at an event during that year. This includes acting as Clerk of the Course, or as Scrutineer. It is intended to incorporate this new rule, as from the beginning of 2019. This is in order to encourage more club members to take part in running trials and other events,

2 **Peter MacInnes is the committee member now responsible for equipment.** In particular, he has undertaken to ensure that the canes, fire extinguishers, etc, will be gathered after a trial, and relayed to the CoC of the next trial.

Therefore:

- **If Peter is in attendance at a trial or event:** Please return all equipment to Peter after the event.
- **If Peter is NOT in attendance at a trial or event:** CoC should gather all the equipment, and contact Peter after the event to arrange a suitable time and place to meet and hand over the equipment.

fixitpete@hotmail.com / 07736546303

In either of the above cases, Peter will then make arrangements to ensure that the equipment is passed to the CoC of the next event.

3 Counting up points won at competitive events to ascertain the winners of each class in the club annual championship is carried out by referring to the scores and attendance records SHOWN IN THE NEWSLETTERS OVER THE YEAR.

Therefore, it is very important the CoCs should PLEASE ensure that:

- **At the very least, a list of attendees (for EVERY event) is sent to the newsletter editor.**
- **If the event was a trial, then, obviously, the scores must also be sent, too, please.**

4 Scores towards the annual championships are awarded for attendance at non-competitive events. So, if you attend a hill run, you are awarded 6 points, in the class you normally attend, toward the championship in that class. **Again, CoCs are asked to ensure that lists of those attending, even at non-competitive events, are sent to the newsletter editor.**

For your information, scoring at competitive events towards annual championship is as follows:

1st place: 12 points.

2nd place: 11 points. Etc.

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*

Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club is pleased to have donated the sum of

£250 to

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

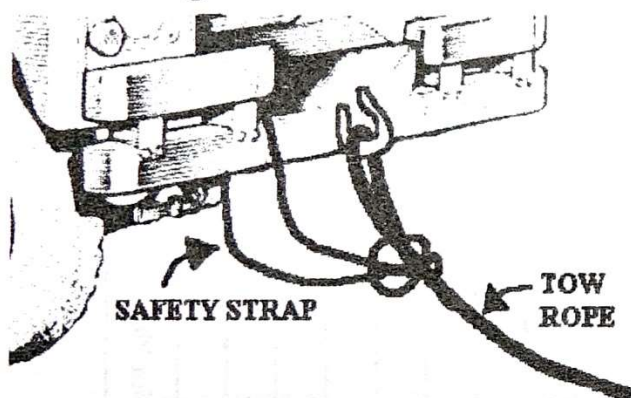
the charity chosen by Scott Bremner, keeper on Cullachy Estate, with our thanks for providing access for June's Corrieyairack Pass run.

Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club extends its grateful thanks to
land owner Mr John Rule,
for kind permission to hold the club's Whitebridge Challenge event.

SAFETY SPOT

THIS MONTH: THE REVERSE HOOK LAW

When towing another vehicle out of the mud look out for what Chris Smith has



christened the “Reverse Hook Law”: i.e. if the other chap’s tow hook fails – it’s *you* who gets it in the face. A strong safety strap should be wrapped tightly around the tow rope about three feet from the tow point, or fastened on with a shackle, and attached to the vehicle’s bumper. If the tow point separates, the safety strap should stop the stretched rope from firing the tow hook straight at you.

(Tow point for illustration purposes only)

RULE OF THE MONTH

According to the SPECIFICATIONS section at the back of the Rule Book:

VEHICLES *MUST* HAVE SECURE TOW POINTS FRONT AND REAR.

These should be **fastened or bracketed to the chassis**, not just to the bumper.

YOUR VIEWS - YOUR NEWS – YOUR NEWSLETTER!

4X4 TRIAL Supplementary Regulations

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **Sunday 26 August**. 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 granted. **PERMIT No: 108610**.

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 the event.

(c) First vehicle starts at 10:00 hrs

7. Vehicles will fall into classes as per club rules i.e. SWB, LWB and OPEN. 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: **Elaine Smith**.

11. The maximum entry for this meeting, inc reserves is 40 and the minimum is ten. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting.

12. Other officials are:

Clerk of the course: NEIL TAYLOR

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.


After the club's run up the west side of the Corrieyairack Pass in June, I thought you might be interested to see the cover of the club newsletter for November 2000, with a photo of our club President and son with their Range Rover on the east side of the pass during a club work party in that year.

Funnily enough, I was also the newsletter editor back then. We couldn't run to colour pictures, and the internet hadn't been invented at that point, so far as I recall.


My puns haven't got any better since those days, either...

The following was sent in that year by a club member, offering humorous – but oh, so true! – tool definitions.

HIGHLAND 4-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB LTD



NOVEMBER 2000 NEWSLETTER



Team MacKay (Stuart and Ruairidh) on the Corrieyairack demonstrating the USE, 2Xtremely good effect, of their Range Rover. Photo: Ed.

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Even more **TOOL DEFINITIONS**, found and sent in by *Angus Fraser*.

HAMMER: Originally used as a weapon of war, the hammer is nowadays used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object you are trying to hit. Has an inbuilt human skin magnet, drawn to delicate items such as fingers, thumbs and joints.

TWO TONNE HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of earth straps, choke cables and fuel lines.

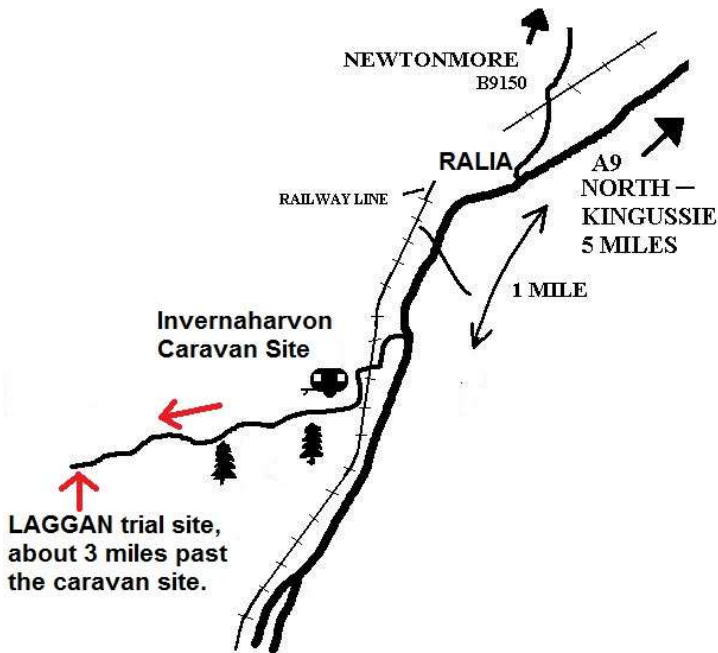
BATTERY ELECTROLYTE TESTER: Ideal for transferring sulphuric acid from a car battery to the inside of your toolbox - and over those clothes your wife said "...and don't go into the garage with those on or you'll only ***** them up." about.

OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for setting various objects in your garage alight. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a brake drum you are trying to get the bearing race out of, and destroying wiring you didn't even know was there.

Next EVENT - 1

LAGGAN TRIAL – SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST THIS COMING SUNDAY

Neil Taylor is running this one and he says:
Expect the usual and the unusual for this event !!!!

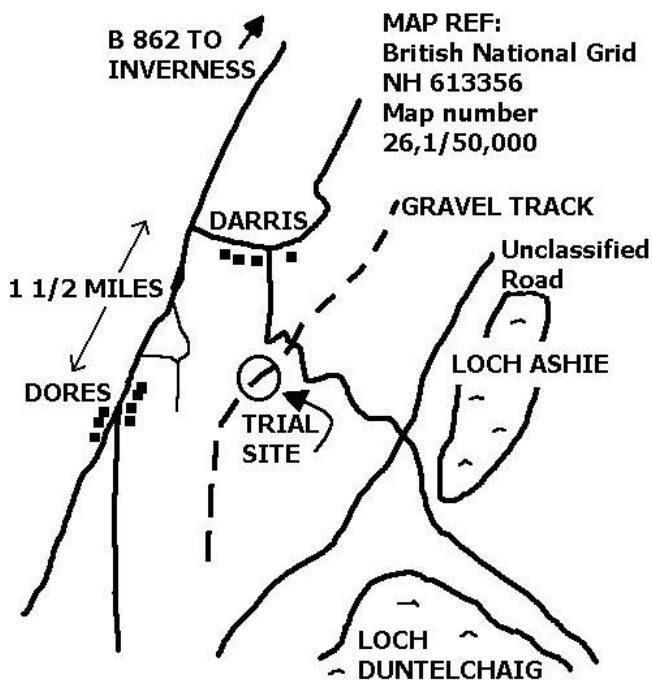


How to get there:

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.

Next EVENT - 2

DORES TRIAL – SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER



How to get there:

Leave Inverness on the B862. Pass Scaniport, after 2.5 miles turn left at a staggered cross roads. If you reach the old school or Dores you've gone too far. Follow the road up the hill, after just over a mile a track crosses the road, turn right into the track and it'll take you in to the site. Grid ref NH 613 355
Parking area is quite small, easily congested, and can get very muddy if wet.

FOR SALE

(last month for these items, unless the sellers ask me to keep them in)

Range Rover P38 Diesel, 1998, S Reg, Gold.

Number plate is OIL 2702

My neighbour passed away - his wife doesn't drive and needs to sell. Situated in Piperhill, nr Nairn. Owned by them for 15+ years.

Coil spring conversion.

Not used off road. MOT expires end May. **Good condition.**

She would like to sell it with the **registration inclusive = £1,600**

Or, sell separately:

Vehicle: £600

Registration: £1,000.

Please contact Linton on

lin@vistajet.com or

Phone Sue: 01667 404384



Don Walker: I am selling my Defender 90 and if anyone is interested please give me a shout on 07802 818746. Please note reception not always great and text somewhat more reliable; brief details below.

Defender 90 2006 Station Wagon 6 seater, TD5 engine.

Silver Limited Edition, LR Special Vehicles (with Plates)

180k with full extensive service history

Handbooks 2 keys

Sales Brochure

ABS / TC / AC

1/2 Leather

Heated front seats

Rear wheel carrier

Electric windows

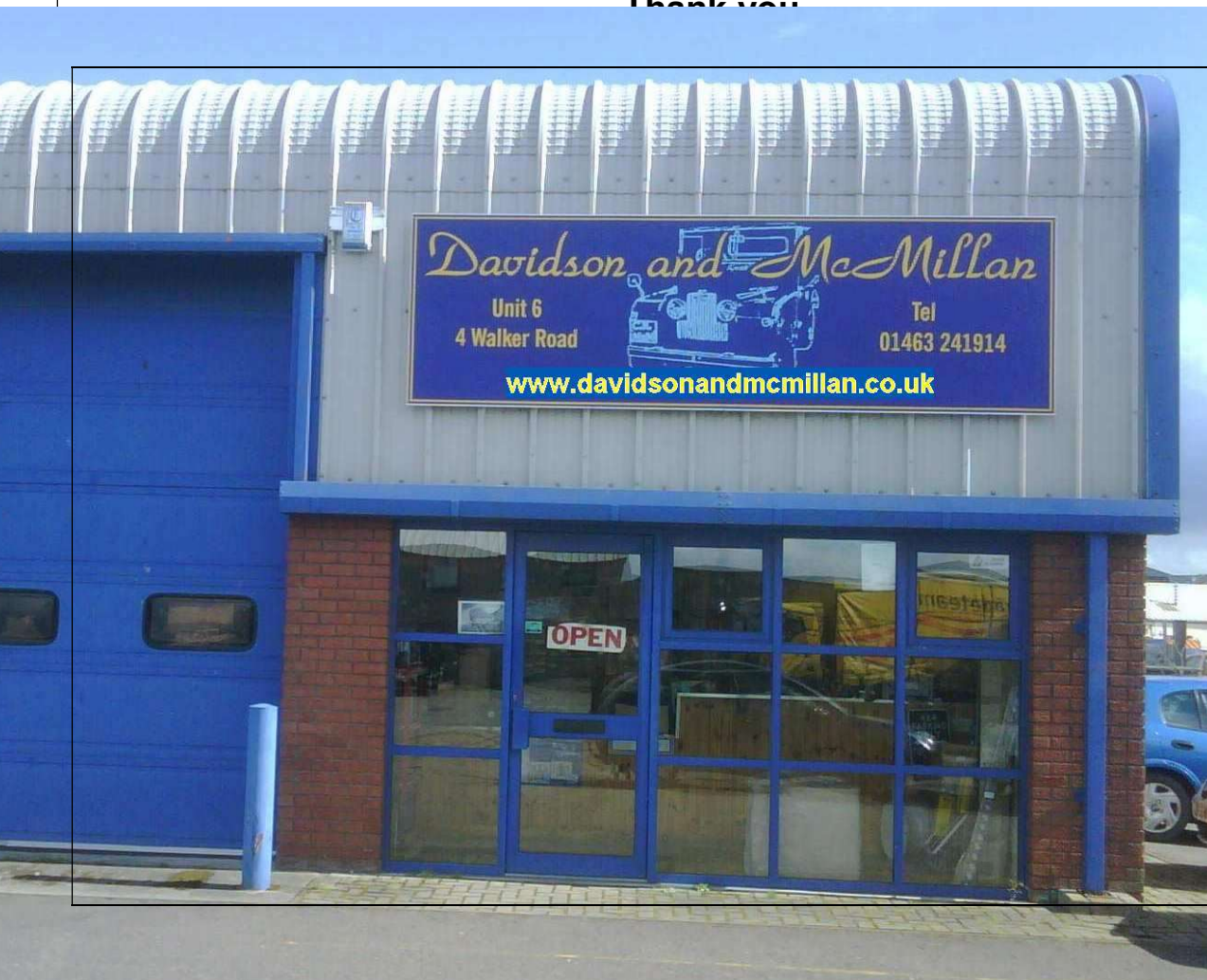
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£12,500



PLEA to Clerks of the Course - please write competitors' FIRST and LAST NAMES and VEHICLE TYPE / COLOUR / CLASS on score sheet, and send a photo of the sheet to Linton, to enable him to include WHO ATTENDED, and SCORES in the newsletter.

Thank you



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