



FEBRUARY 2019 Newsletter



DANIEL WATSON in the Nissan “Low Rider” at Inverarnie. Might need to modify those “wheel arches” a little before the next trial... Photo: Linton

TOMATIN TRIAL – *this COMING*
SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

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The following are also Committee Members without portfolio: Andrew Maclean, Frank Spencer (01479 831609, 07518 749587), Alan Howatson (07786 336572), Lewie Cameron (07746 522855).

**THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE
April 9th 2019, 7.30 pm (1930 hours) at FAIRWAYS, Inverness.**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2019

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Trial Site</i> | <i>COC 1</i> | <i>COC 2</i> | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Feb SAT 23 rd | Tomatin | Frank Spencer | Alan Howatson | |
| Mar 31 st | Kinreve | | | |
| Apr 28 th | Galcantray | Neil Taylor | Lewis Cameron | Lewie Cameron |
| May 26 th | Nuide | Neil Taylor | Jim Nicol | Jim Nicol |
| June 29/30 th | (Gairloch) | | | |
| July 28 th | Whitebridge | Rory MacIennan | | |
| Aug 18 th | Laggan | Neil Turnbull | | |
| Sept 29 th | Dores | | Stewart Meikle | |
| Oct SAT 26 th | Tordarroch | | | |
| Nov 24 th | Kinreve | Lewie Cameron | | |

NB: Names and Venues to be confirmed

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Club AGM took place on 18th January. Approximately 25 folk attended.

The annual prize-giving was carried out, and the winners were as follows:

CLUB CHAMPION: Daniel Watson

STANDARD CLASS CHAMPION: Rob Hellett

LWB: FIRST Alan Howatson

SECOND Fraser Hughes

THIRD James Fraser

SWB: FIRST Roy Panton

SECOND John MacLennan

THIRD equal Willie Pirie

THIRD equal Andrew Maclean

ALEX ADAM TROPHY Ali Mackay

FOUNDER'S TROPHY Daniel Watson

HAMISH WINDROSS TROPHY Elaine Smith

Well done to all!



LAST YEAR'S TROPHY WINNERS

are kindly requested to return all trophies to James Fraser at MORAY FIRTH MOTORS, Inverness, or to any Committee Member. Thank you.

CHRIS SMITH officiated in the prize-giving.

(Below) **DJ DAUGHTREY** at Inverarnie. The smile is what it's all about.

Photos: Linton





There have been a few prototype Land Rover hovercraft built over the years...

An original cartoon from 1986 by the then editor **Eddie Freeman**, club founder member.

APRIL 1986



LET'S SEE, ONE POINT FOR A SHUNT, ONE FOR LEAVING THE VEHICLE, ONE FOR GOING OFF THE COURSE, ONE FOR HITTING A MARKER, ONE FOR.....

Is this one of them?

A dramatic photo (above) contributed by **STUART MACKAY**, taken during the 1970s or 1980s on the Kincardine Estate, Boat of Garten.

Please get in touch if you have more information about where / when / what, or if you can identify anybody in the photo.

Land Rovers seem to have been quite popular back then.

Fraser Hughes is selling: £8,000



Land Rover Defender 100" wheelbase

Built on a 1976 Range Rover chassis and logbook. So therefore, tax exempt.

I have had this Land Rover for a number of years now but as it only did 1100miles between MOTs last year, I have decided to sell it. It's running a good strong 300tdi (with boost pin) and ZF auto box. It may be easier to just list all the parts and spec rather than write war and peace...

Chassis, bulkhead and doors are all in very good condition.

Performance and Protection external cage that bolts directly to chassis

Front winch bumper with Goodwinch 9.5 fitted with BOW 2 motor

Rear winch tray and winch including receiver hitch

Tank guard

Rock/tree sliders

Heated front TDCI seats

Raptor Dash (some of this needs wired up)

HID headlamps and spot lights

+5" Terrafirma shocks

+3" Springs made specifically for this vehicle by extreme 4x4

Currently running 24 spline axles with front and rear Ashcroft Transmission built air locking diffs. These are pegged with HD 4.11 ratio ring and pinion. **The shafts, CVs and drive flanges are Hardened Ashcroft. However, these would be for sale in a separate lot and the vehicle supplied with open standard diffs and shafts.** The bearings, brakes etc are all in good condition.

MOT is until October 2019 and it has only done a couple of hundred miles since then.

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Linton Chilcott

Friend of mine is selling his Defender. Here's the info. Also on Gumtree. Near Nairn. Retired gamekeeper, so not a hooligan (can't speak for his younger days though 😊)

1995 defender 90, 300tdi, MOT 10th March, 260k miles.

new A/T tyres, new steering box, total brakes overhaul (new calipers etc) tow bar, 2inch lift.

Near Nairn, one for the enthusiast, needs back door, seat box quite ripe.

£5,100

Ph 01667 455510

Stewart Smith



Price is with FULL MOT.

Or, WITHOUT MOT (expires March 10th): £4,750.

INVERARNIE TRIAL – January 2019

Many thanks to **RYAN MACLENNAN**, Clerk of Course. Linton did scrutineering.

Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club extends grateful thanks to the Munro family for kind permission to hold the club's INVERARNIE event.

I have notes only on the first section:

The start was moved after some manoeuvring resulted in some mud on the track, which I did my best to clear with an entrenching tool, so as to be good neighbours...

Very deep mud hole at start saw many of the smaller vehicles wisely taking canes instead of risking a max score by getting stuck near the start.

Only one Jimny risked it and showed the way. However one or two got somewhat caught by the cross axle obstacles soon after the mud.

The remainder of the sections appeared to be popular with the contestants. There weren't many 0 scores, which is generally a good sign...

Casualties (?) during the day:

John Galasso had a nasty clatter develop on the last section (cv joint? Transfer box?).

James Fraser finished with a transfer box problem but went home with front wheel drive only.

Daniel Watson popped a tyre off a rim, managing to reinflate it using a hi-lift jack + compressor.

INVERARNIE TRIAL SCORES, JANUARY 2019 ALL Classes

| Name | Classes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total / Posn |
|--|------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------------------|
| Roy Pantou G-Wagen | SWB | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 13 / 1st |
| D J Gilpin Blue Jimny | SWB | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 26 / 2nd |
| Calum Daughtrey Green Pinin | SWB | 2 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 17 | 7 | 10 | 56 / 3rd |
| DJ Daughtrey Red Grand Vitara | SWB | 14 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 24 | 8 | 12 | 108 / 4th |
| James Fraser Disco | LWB | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 23 / 1st |
| Eric Lawson Range Rover | LWB | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 25 / 2nd |
| Jim Nicol R/ Rover "Growler" | LWB | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 29 / 3rd |
| Daniel Watson Nissan "Low-Rider" | LWB | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 32 / 4th |
| John Galasso White L/ Rover 110 | LWB | 6 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 56 / 5th |
| Neil Taylor Disco | LWB | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 21 | 15 | 63 / 6th |



John Maclean didn't manage to make it to the Inverarnie trial due to a burst oil cooler hose. Full marks to the rescuer, who managed to pick up both vehicles... (photo from Facebook).



Daniel doing what Daniel does best – at Inverarnie, again. Photo: Linton



More earth moving, this time by **ROY PANTON** in the G-Wagen at Inverarnie.

Below:
JOHN GALASSO in the “Great White” at Inverarnie.



Start of the first section, Inverarnie.

Photos: Linton

4X4 TRIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **SATURDAY 23rd February.**

The event will be held entirely on private land at **TOMATIN.**

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: 111203**

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 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: **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:

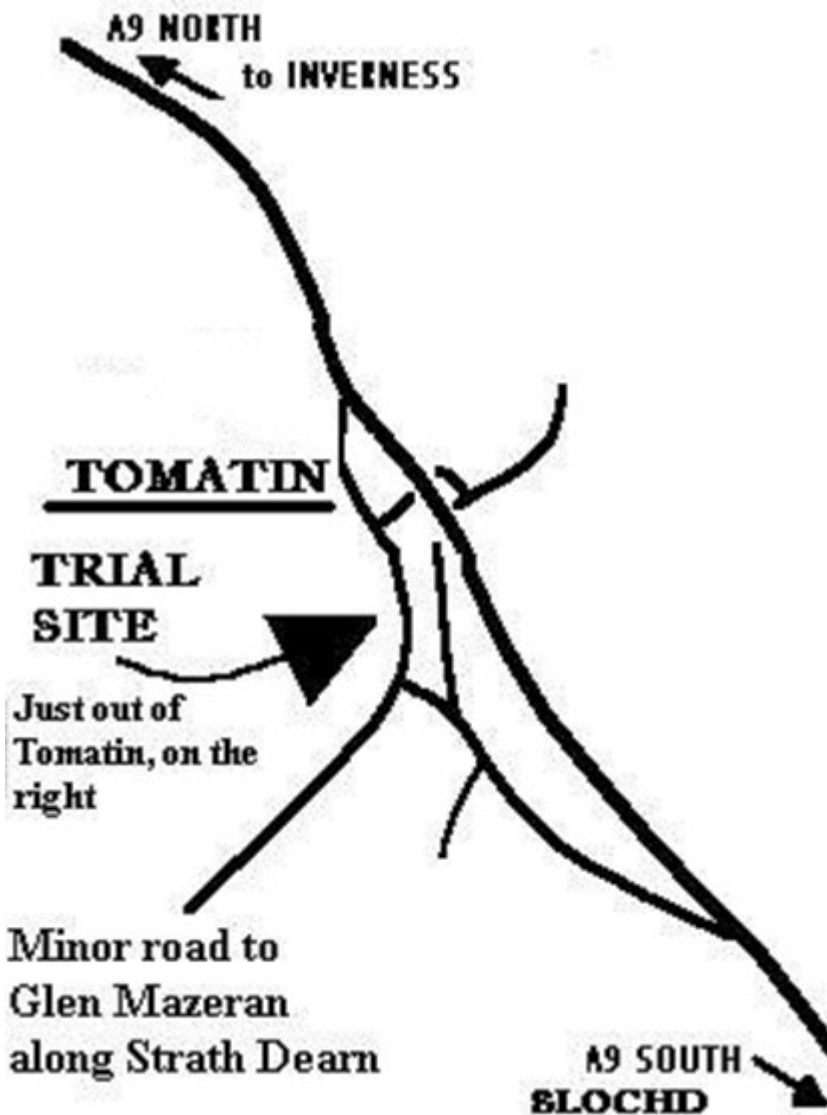
Clerks of the course: FRANK SPENCER & ALAN HOWATSON

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.

Next EVENT - 1
TOMATIN TRIAL:
SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY



Directions:

Leave Inverness on the A9 heading south.

Take the first turning for Tomatin.

Pass the distillery, under the railway bridge, pass the pub. As the houses fizzle out, the trial site is on the right.

If you reach the Findhorn Bridge you've gone too far.

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Next EVENT - 2

KINREVE TRIAL: SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

DETAILS:

Directions:

Follow A9 north past Alness, past the Rosskeen Church.

Pass Kinraig Castle Hotel then turn left at the Tomich Restaurant, follow the road up the hill to the T junction.

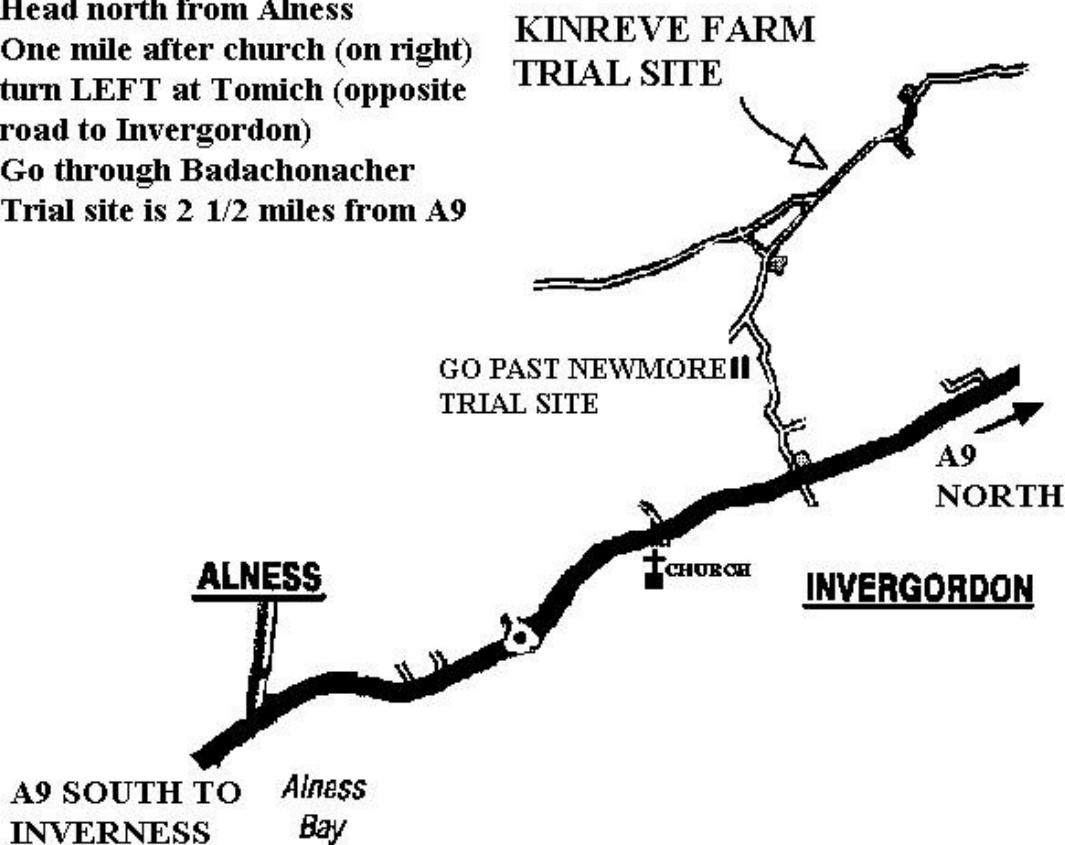
Turn right and follow the road for approx. 1 ¼ miles, turn left up the farm track and carry on up the hill to the barns.

Grid ref NH 700 753

Head north from Alness

**One mile after church (on right)
turn LEFT at Tomich (opposite
road to Invergordon)**

**Go through Badachonacher
Trial site is 2 1/2 miles from A9**



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR VEHICLES WILL PASS SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering – Here is a reminder of what will be checked

Here is the list of items which must be checked during scrutineering:

Exterior

All body panels to be securely attached to vehicle **(WHEEL ARCHES INCLUDED!)**

No excessively sharp edges

CB type aerial removed

All items carried in load bed must be secured

Recovery points

Fitted front and rear

Substantially constructed and secured to chassis

Fuel cap

Securely fitted

Must not leak

Engine bay

Nothing obviously loose

No substantial fluid leaks

Battery

Adequately secured to vehicle – must not be slack

Positive terminal covered/insulated.

Steering

No excessive play in steering

Brakes

Hand brake and foot brake must hold vehicle on slope

Firm pedal for foot brake (*firm foot for accelerator pedal optional...*)

Seatbelts

Mounted securely

Must fasten and release correctly

Windscreen

If fitted must be secure

Interior items secure

All items carried inside vehicles must be secured or removed to prevent injury in event of a roll over.

***Scrutineer has right to refuse event entry
or give improvement notice for the next event.***

A sheet is kept on file for each vehicle.

This way we have a paper trail and can keep tabs on any recommendations that the scrutineer has made from previous events.

It allows us to have different people scrutineering at each event.

There will be a folder kept with the trials kit with the records in it.

PLEA to Clerks of the Course - please write competitors'
FIRST and LAST NAMES and VEHICLE TYPE / COLOUR / CLASS



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