



APRIL 2019 Newsletter



IAIN JAMIESON in the Jeep at Galcantray.
Photo: **JIM NICOL**

THE COMMITTEE

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**THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE
June 11th 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>	<i>SCRUTINEER</i>
Apr 28 th	Kinreve	Neil Taylor		Neil Turnbull
May 26 th	Nuide	Neil Taylor	Jim Nicol	Jim Nicol
July 6 th / 7 th	Gairloch	Fraser Hughes	NOTE: CHANGED DATES	
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



**More IAIN JAMIESON
in the Jeep,
Galcantray**

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HAMISH WINDROSS TROPHY

Would the person currently holding the HAMISH WINDROSS TROPHY kindly make contact with a Committee Member and arrange to hand it in.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REQUIRED

Folks, we need a new MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

We'll all be very pleased if somebody would kindly step forward to take this on. It's a pretty vital task – if we don't know who's in the club, then... well, we don't really have a club, do we?

Please contact a committee member for more information, if you think you might be able to carry out this thoroughly important, if admittedly rather unglamorous, role.

It does offer the following benefits:

YOU get to be on the committee (Ooo – get you!)

YOU get to know who is in the club first. (Yes, I know – I'm sounding a little desperate here...)

YOU get to be **highly appreciated**, and to receive **constant heartfelt accolades** and **grateful thanks** from multitudinous club members.

Mmmm – well, two out of three, anyway ...

Seriously, though, it's a thoroughly vital role, and the workload reduces significantly after everybody rejoins at the beginning of the year (or, at least, I assume it does).

Anybody?

NEWSLETTER

Paper copies of the newsletter have not been going out for the last three months or so, due to a cessation in the availability of this service. Paper copies are normally sent to most of the land owners, and one or two club members.

It is generally hard to obtain a small run of monthly colour newsletters at a reasonable price.

If you think you may know of a source of relatively cheap printing which is available for approximately 15 copies each month, please get in touch with Linton at highland4wheeldriveclub@gmail.com . Thank you.

BRIAN POCOCK

Brian has been involved in different ways with the club over many years. He is now withdrawing from the committee, although we hope nevertheless to see him at trials or events in the future.

Thank you for your service to the club, Brian. Photos (by **LINTON**) of Brian in his '54 Series 1, trialling, al fresco, at Eriboll, year about 2000.



GALCANTRAY TRIAL REPORT, **By JIM NICOL.**

Only 7 entries today on Mother's day which is not too bad I suppose! The weather was just perfect and the site was in the great condition.

Stage one was up near the cow gate at the far end of the site. I did try to make the courses suit everyone and every class of vehicle, explaining that you can always go round the gates and take a penalty, which no one did of course!

Gates 4, 5, and 6 were the tricky ones here, between a big boulder and a holly tree dropping down to a severe axle twister then along a ditch and out. Rob Hellett and Ian Jamieson fell at this hurdle - some good pictures here!

Stage two, Rob decided he was going first, not sure if this was a good idea! The stage started easy with a shunt required for all to line up for gate 6, after which was almost a sheer drop into what I'm calling the "bomb hole" with gate 7 at the other side. Again the option was there to go round. Rob, being first, cleared the greasy undergrowth before the last gate for the rest of the group. Unfortunately he had to continue down the ditch to find an alternative means of escape damaging the driver's side wing. John Maclean in the Suzuki Samurai almost landed on his ribs at gate 7, luckily the bank saved him from going further over.

Stage 3 was a little bit further down the site starting on the left side of the road, it followed the fence then crossed the road through the ditch sweeping round to the left then back on to the road again. Nothing really dramatic in this stage, just a bit tight and technical. Eric Lawson got the first clear run of the day here.

Stage 4, we went back up to the top side of the "bomb hole". Gate 2 required the vehicles to climb a ledge leading to gate 3 which was on top of a mound. When we were walking the course there were a few comments about the difficulty of this part - again I mentioned there was a way round. John Galasso went first in 110 and levelled off the top of it. Wayne Grant then cleared a big stone on the descent - it was ok after that! The last few gates were a run along the ditch and out. Ian and Daniel Watson both had clear runs.

Stage 5 I thought was going to be more challenging. It started with a run along the ditch with a little axle twister out of it, a turn right into the wood to try and capture a muddy part then exit through the ditch back onto the road, the muddy part being disappointing, then out of nowhere a tree stump appeared at the last gate! It gave Ian a sore head as he banged it off the roof of his Jeep and then ran into the back of Rob's Disco! It caught a few vehicles after that as well. Not a problem for John in the Samurai as he had a clear run.

Stage 6, back in the "bomb hole" (I wish I was competing). Gates 1 and 2 were the last two from stage two, in through the water then a sharp right turn and out, Eric and Wayne were the only two not to shunt in the hole, the Jimny made it look easy, and Eric in his own words "got lucky"! That was followed by a left heading all the way back to gates 4, 5, and 6 of the first stage but in reverse. Wayne and Rob

got to play with their winches in here. Daniel made it through eventually - I could not see if he hit a cane or not due to the amount of tyre and diesel smoke.

Stage 7 was in a part of Galcantray I never knew existed! We all followed Daniel for about a half mile further up the road to an area that must have been used back in the "Special" days. This is the one Daniel set up and the score sheet reflects the difficulty of it. No one was running to their vehicles to go first here! In the end Daniel decided he would go first in the big Nissan patrol, which was just as well as there was some shrubbery and a couple of trees that had to be cleared before a steep climb to gate 2. Gate 4 was the stumbling block for everyone who got to it, the mud was just too deep.

Stage 8 was a tight twisty one through birch trees along the top of an embankment, then a tight right down only to come back up finishing back down again using the first two gates from the last stage. Gate 2 was where Rob's rear quarter window came a cropper - it was caused by a large stone next to a birch that vehicles with slightly narrower tyres were slipping off and hitting the tree, this was probably down to my inexperience of setting up courses as I never pictured that happening.

And finally, Happy Birthday Rob Hellett, I'm guessing you had **smashing** day 😊 😊
 Hope to see you all at the next meeting. *Thanks, Jim - nice report. Ed.*

MANY THANKS TO JIM NICOL, CoC.

**Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club extends grateful thanks to
 Mr **DAVID WALKER** for hosting the club's GALCANTRAY event.**

**GALCANTRAY TRIAL SCORES, MARCH 2019
 ALL Classes**

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 😊	8	Total / Posn
Wayne Grant Blue Jimny	SWB	5	7	1	4	7	8	28	2	62 / 1st
John MacLean Red Suzi "Long Legs"		5	8	2	2	0	8	38	5	68 / 2nd
Eric Lawson Range Rover (-ish)	LWB	4	2	0	1	3	2	27	6	45 / 1st
Daniel Watson Nissan "Low-Rider"		4	2	6	0	1	3	26	9	51 / 2nd
John Galasso L/R 110 "Moby Dick"		6	2	2	6	5	5	38	6	70 / 3rd
Rob Hellett Disco		20	9	3	2	3	9	28	3	77 / 4th
Iain Jamieson Jeep		20	6	2	0	5	9	40	8	90 / 5th

More photos from Galcantray
By **JIM NICOL**



4X4 TRIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **SUNDAY 28th April.**

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

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: 112494.**

4. The event is open to all fully paid up members of the H4WDC and BORDC.

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:

Clerk(s) 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.

Next EVENT - 1 KINREVE TRIAL: SUNDAY 28th APRIL

DETAILS:

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.

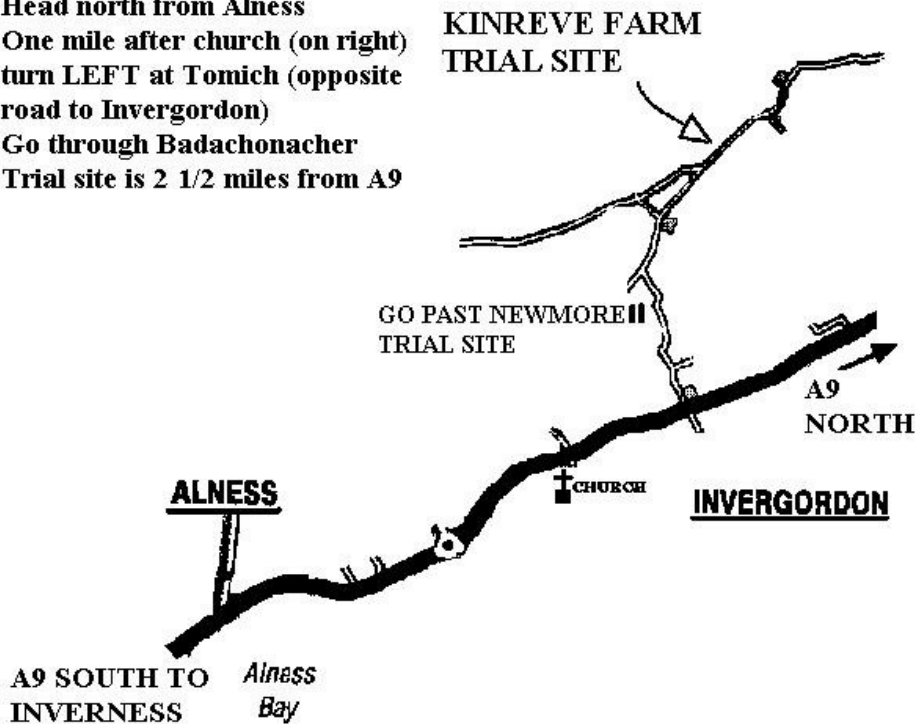
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Head north from Alness

**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 VEHICLE WILL PASS SCRUTINEERING



WAYNE GRANT,
1st in the SWB class, Galcantray

Photo: **JIM NICOL**

Next EVENT - 2
NUIDE TRIAL:
SUNDAY 26th MAY

DETAILS:

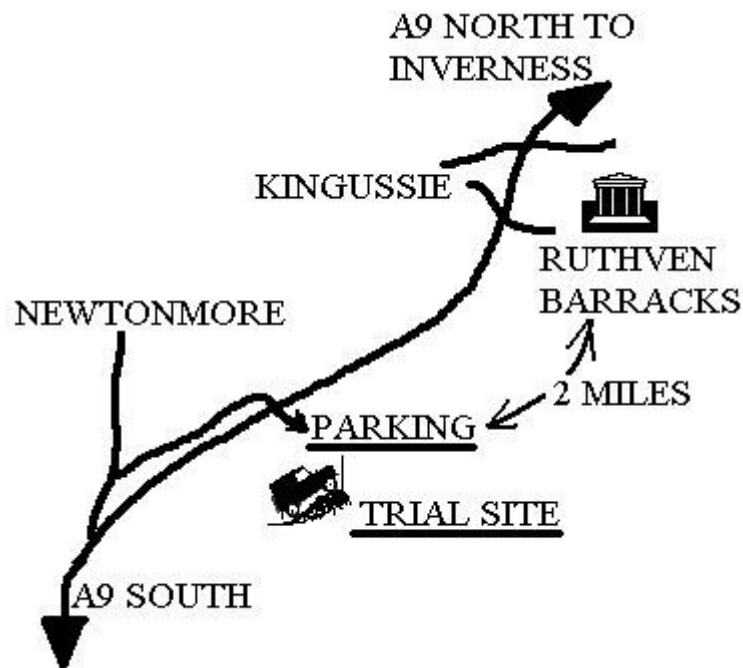
Head south on A9.

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



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H4WDC + BORDC

It has been agreed between the two clubs that **members of either H4WDC or BORDC may enter a trial or event run by the other club.**

You must produce a current club membership card, and your scores will NOT be entered in any annual championships (unless you join the other club, of course). Take a look at the BORDC website to establish where and when their trials are run, and applicable rules.

This privilege will be subject to numbers on the day.

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, so he can include WHO ATTENDED, VEHICLE TYPES, + SCORES in the newsletter. Thanks.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY

WORRIED? **ANXIOUS?** **STRESSED?** **DEPRESSED?**



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