



## **JUNE 2019 Newsletter**

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**LIFT OFF! - ERIC LAWSON** at Nuide. Photo: **NEIL TAYLOR**

**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**

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Also Committee Members without portfolio: Andrew Maclean, Frank Spencer (01479 831609, 07518 749587), Lewie Cameron (07746 522855).

**THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE**  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 7.30 pm (1930 hours) at CHIEFTAIN Hotel, Inverness.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2019

Month	Trial Site	COC 1	COC 2	SCRUTINEER
July 6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gairloch	Fraser Hughes	<b>NOTE: CHANGED DATES</b>	
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Whitebridge	Rory MacIennan		
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Laggan	Neil Turnbull		
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dores		Stewart Meikle	
Oct SAT 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tordarroch			
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kinreve	Lewie Cameron		

Names and Venues to be confirmed

## NUIDE TRIAL SCORES, MAY 2019 ALL Classes

LWB	SWB
Jim Nicol .....34 - 1 <sup>st</sup> = Growler	Frank Spencer .....40 - 1st Jimny
Eric Lawson .....34 - 1 <sup>st</sup> = R/Rover	Callum Dougherty .....42 - 2nd Vitara
John Galasso ....55 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 110 landrover	John MacLean .....49 - 3rd Jimny
Phil McGovern .55 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 110 Landrover	Donald Gilpin .....68 - 4th Jimny
Ian Jamieson .....77 - 5th Jeep	Neal Campbell ..... Withdrew Jimny
	James Campbell ..... Withdrew Jimny
	Wayne Grant ..... RTD Jimny

The two Buchan club members did very well - scores 24 for Les Anderson / 25 for Ewen Milne

## NUIDE TRIAL REPORT – MAY 2019

Set up the sections on the Saturday morning and drove most of them with my disco. Three sections were set up using the loch, but heavy over-night rain swelled the loch by about a foot. 14 drivers turned up on the day including 2 from the Buchan offroad club (Les and Ewan ).

1<sup>st</sup> section was a couple of climbs with a mud hole at the bottom. The rain made this a bit tricky with a lot of the drivers getting stuck in the mud with a lot of winch recoveries.



On to sections 2, 3 and 4 which included a lot of water (I like water ). A few thought the water was too deep, but Les from the Buchan club volunteered to go first to try it out . NO PROBLEM. Frank Spencer wasn't happy as his Suzuki didn't have a gaiter around the gearstick and every time in the water a fountain came through the hole and soaked him - was up to the seats at one point.

After the bath the next section, 5, was along a ditch then up a hill which was tricky in the wet. Section 6 had to be altered as the final climb in the wet was a bit too steep and slippy and could have got dangerous. The resulting alterations made it easy.

Section 7 was a different matter, down a hill and 3 crossings of a burn which was swollen with rain water caught a good few out and failed the section and had to be winched out.

Section 8 was back to the ditch and a little bit of water to finish off.

Hope everyone enjoyed the sections and the day despite the on-off rain all day

*Neil (who also took the photos on this page)*

**MANY THANKS TO NEIL TAYLOR, CoC.**

***Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club extends grateful thanks to  
Mr Alistair Finlay for hosting the club's NUIDE event.***



## 4X4 TRIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

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

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: 113727.**

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, incl 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: LEWIE CAMERON**

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**

## **GAIRLOCH WEEKEND, 6<sup>th</sup> + 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**

It's almost that time again where we have our biggest weekend of the year!

Anybody wishing to go to the Gairloch weekend:

- **needs to be a fully paid up member of the club by the 24th of June**  
*and also*
- **note their interest on the club Facebook page, or contact Lewie Cameron:**  
[lewie.cameron@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lewie.cameron@hotmail.co.uk) (07746 522855). ***THIS EVENT IS INVITATION ONLY.***  
**STRICTLY NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON THE DAY**

**All normal competition rules apply, and vehicles will be scrutineered** the same as any other trial we do throughout the year. All passengers must ride in fixed seats, wearing seatbelts.

You can expect to get more off road driving than at a trial, over an extensive area.

Due to the popularity of this event, it will only be open to **members of the Highland 4 Wheel Drive club** and ***not*** other Motorsport UK affiliated clubs as has been happening with the trials so far this year.

A list of entrants will be published on the club's Facebook page and website at least a week before the event.

Camping is available at Sands camp site – most club members plan to arrive Friday night. On booking, advise them that you are with H4WDC. Everyone entering the camp site **MUST** report to reception. You will be shown our site.

Please be especially considerate of other camp site users.

**All trailers must be parked on the off road site and must not be taken into the camp site.** There is a trailer parking area just past the camp site on the right. Go through the gates and up the track. There is an area there.

The event coincides with the Gairloch Gathering. Expect Saturday night to be quite a “social” affair. Don't expect many of your club mates to be getting up early on Sunday...

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Lewis Cameron or Elaine Smith.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE WILL PASS SCRUTINEERING**



Nuide. Photo: **CAROL TURNBULL**

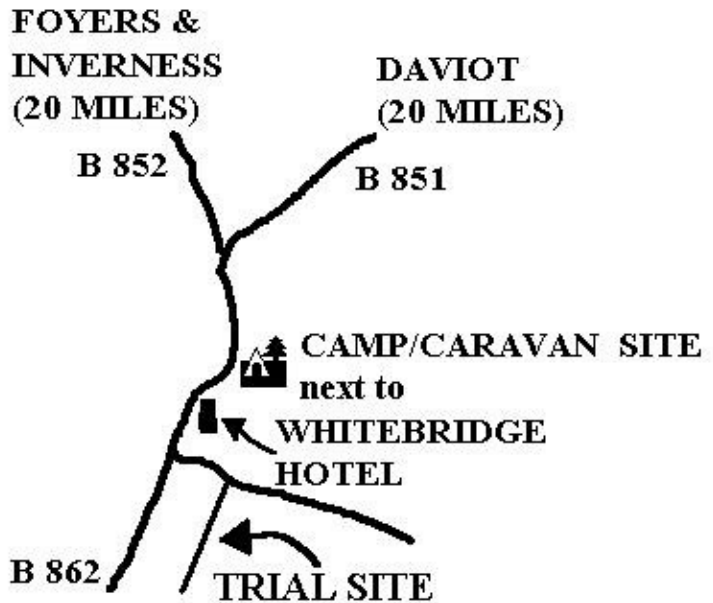
# Next EVENT - 2

## **WHITEBRIDGE TRIAL**

### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**Directions:**

Take the B862 southwest from Inverness. After approx. 24 miles you will reach Whitebridge. Pass the Whitebridge Hotel (postcode IV2 6UN) and take the next road on the left, signposted 'Killin'. Take the next road on the right and the trial site is in the field on the left.



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*Here's an extract from the newsletter about 15 years ago – Nigel Shields and Bob Gordon.  
Caption says it all...*

*Photo: LINTON*



THIS IS NIGEL.  
HE'S NOT  
CHEERING.  
HE'S JUST  
BENT  
HIS RANGEY'S  
STEERING!

**HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY**

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

 **MIKEYSLINE** 

For Non-Judgemental,  
Confidential Peer-Support  
w/days 6pm to 10pm - w/ends 7pm to 7am

Text only **07779 303 303**

More photos from Nuide, by **CAROL TURNBULL**



## **RECENT COMMITTEE MEETING (June 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**The recent committee meeting was attended by 7 committee members.**

**Subjects covered included the following:**

- Club rules have been updated. Copies are available on the club website and Facebook pages. It is planned to send copies out to all full members on a quarterly basis.
- The Club Constitution has also been updated. It is available on request.
- Very grateful thanks to PETER MACINNES for his steadfast work in printing the club newsletter and posting it out to members for the last 2 ½ years – a time consuming task. Newsletter editor LINTON CHILCOTT will undertake printing / postage from here on.
- In an effort to reduce newsletter printing + postage costs, the club will be contacting those recipients of paper printed copies of the newsletter and asking them if they will be prepared to accept e-mailed copies (.pdf).
- There has been a break in printing of paper copies of the newsletter. Once the situation is fully resolved, efforts will be made to send out back-copies to those who missed out, if desired.
- PETER MACINNES will compete in the HIGHLAND CROSS this year, sponsored £100 by the Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club.
- ALAN HOWATSON will also be competing in the HIGHLAND CROSS. He seeks individual sponsors, and the website to go to in order to sponsor Alan is

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-matheson2019>

Alan will also be competing in the Great North Run.

- There has been a delay in sending out membership cards, but ALAN HOWATSON, who recently took over as the new Membership Secretary, plans to send them out this week. Your patience is appreciated.

### **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER ARE MOST WELCOME.**

***You know what they say – Without your input, there won't be any output.***

***Please consider writing an article for us about anything 4x4 (or 6x6, or 8x8) related – preferably, but not only, of local interest.***

*It could be:*

- *A vehicle you use for work;*
- *An off-road experience while on holiday (INTENTIONAL off-roading, that is!)*
- *Your current, or previous, trials vehicle(s).*

*Photos are especially welcome, with or without an article.*

*Send it to me at [highland4wheeldriveclub@gmail.com](mailto:highland4wheeldriveclub@gmail.com)*