



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020 Newsletter



First event 2020: SUNDAY 1ST MARCH - INVERARNIE



ALL COMPETITORS + PASSENGERS MUST BRING & SHOW COMPETITION LICENCES.

NO LICENCE – NO RIDE!

THE (NEW) COMMITTEE

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Next Committee Meeting: 17 April 2020. 7.30pm, Chieftain Hotel.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2020

PLEASE NOTE, THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS PROPOSED IN THE NOV/DEC NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CHANGED.

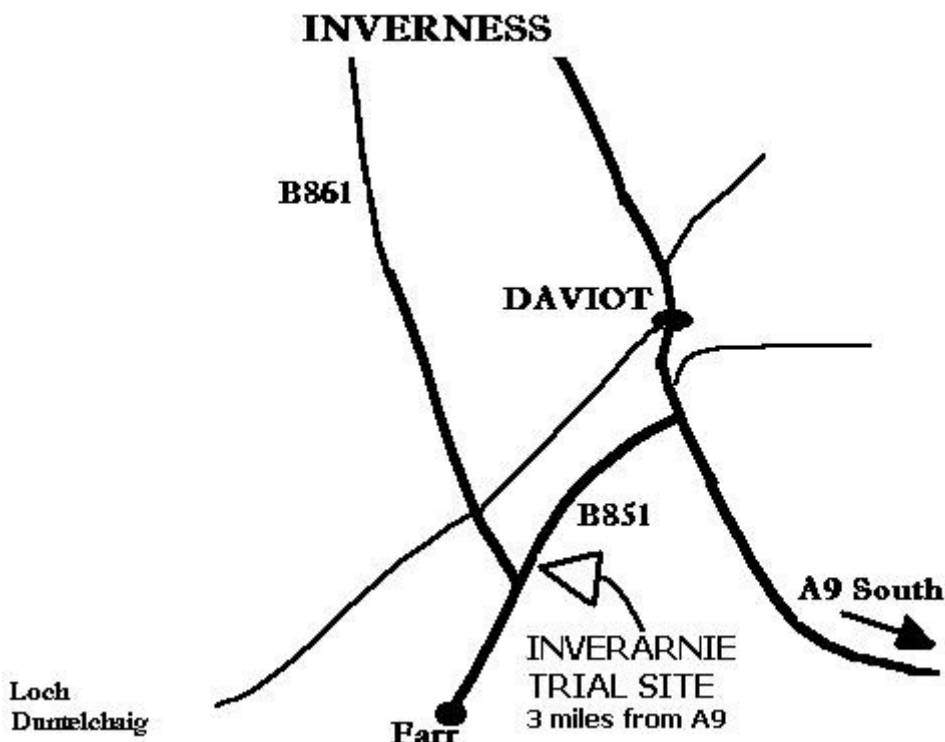
There is NO EVENT ON 29th March.

MOST EVENTS CURRENTLY PLANNED ARE TRIALS. Vehicles do not need to be road legal for trials. Where shown below, RTVs may also be held simultaneously. RTVS are less challenging and therefore more suitable for "shiny" vehicles. For an RTV, vehicles must be taxed / MOTd.

Month	Event Type	Trial Site	Clerks of the Course	Scrutineer
Sunday 1st Mar THIS SUNDAY	Trial	Inverarnie	Neil Taylor	Daniel Harvey
SATURDAY 28th Mar	RTV + Trial	Tomatin	Frank Spencer: RTV Liam / Craig: Trial	John Maclean
Clocks go forward Sunday 29 th March				
Sunday 26 th April	Trial	Whitebridge	Daniel Watson	Lewie Cameron
Sunday 31 st May	Trial	Nuide	Andrew Maclean	Daniel Watson
4 th + 5 TH July	WEEKEND	Gairloch	Lewie Cameron	Rory MacLennan
Sunday 26 th July	Work Party	Dores		
Sunday 23 rd Aug	Trial or Challenge?	Laggan	Neil Turnbull	Eric Lawson
Sunday 27 th Sept	Trial	Kinreave	Fraser Hughes	Scott Smith
Clocks go back Sunday 25 th October				
SATURDAY 31st Oct	Trial	Tordarroch	James Fraser	
Sunday 29 th Nov	Trial	Galcantray	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

**NB: Venues / Names SUBJECT TO CHANGE - Check Facebook + Website
Landowners are kindly requested to contact Event Secretary Neil Taylor or any other
Committee Member (see above) to amend dates / locations / conditions.**

Next EVENT - 1
TRIAL - INVERARNIE
Sunday 1st March



Directions:
 Leave Inverness on
 A9 heading south.

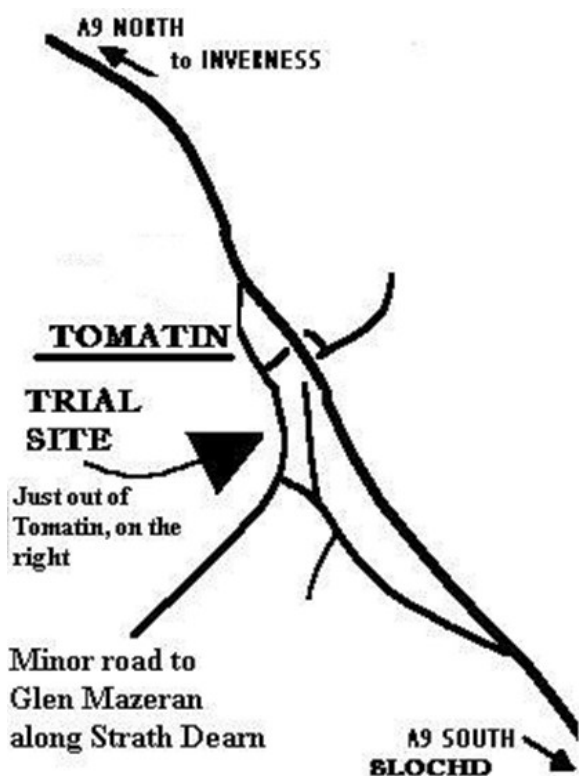
After approx 5 miles
 turn right onto B851
 signposted Fort
 Augustus.

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.

Next EVENT - 2

RTV + TRIAL - TOMATIN
SATURDAY 28th March



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, through a farm access gate into a large field. Parking area by the barns.

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

4X4 TRIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **Sunday 1st March**.
The event will be held entirely on private land at **INVERARNIE**
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Codes of the FISA), these regulations + any written instructions the Club may issue for the event.
3. MSA permit has been granted. **PERMIT No: 117525**
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 Motorsport UK Clubman licence, and must 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. Starting order on sections will be as per Club Rules. Competitors may be split up into 2 groups.
8. All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK Technical Regulations.
Passengers may only be carried in accordance with Rule H. 11.3.2.
9. The entry fee is £20 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: **Neil Taylor**.
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: Neil Taylor**
Scrutineers and Club Marshals: **Daniel Harvey** and Non-competing / attending Committee Members TBN.
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.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY

WORRIED? ANXIOUS? STRESSED? DEPRESSED?



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GENERAL NEWS ROUNDUP:

The following is gleaned from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Extraordinary Meeting which took place in January / February to address the need to refresh energy levels in the committee and to establish a clearer way forward for the club. Additional preparatory meetings were also held by the Committee Members to facilitate matters.

As usual, many people gave up significant amounts of their free time to ensure that the club is run effectively.

We can all be very grateful to those committee members who have decided to call it a day and to leave the committee, although it turns out that many of those stepping down have accepted other roles on the committee or have retained a somewhat altered role. Well done, all.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS / ROLES:

The committee members have put significant work into defining the specific roles of those holding positions on the committee, partly to share more equitably the workload, as well as to avoid duplication of effort, and to reduce the chance of duties not being carried out.

As part of this role clarification and workload sharing, new roles have also been created.

It is considered necessary that there must always be a committee member attending an event. This requirement will be monitored and ensured by the Event Secretary coordinating with CoC. Furthermore, it is considered necessary that each Committee member should attend at least one event during the year.

Thank you to all who have served on the committee and to those who have newly joined.

Please send your telephone numbers to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

FEES FOR 2020:

Membership fee is to remain the same at £30 if joining or renewing between Jan and July, and £20 if joining between Aug and Dec. This is valid until 31st January the following year. It was also agreed that the family membership will remain the same at £5 per additional person.

Event fees will now be £20, taking into consideration the increase in Motorsport fee (+£5 per competitor, payable to Motor Sports Association (UK))

LICENCES:

All competing club members must have a Motorsport Licence number/card.

In addition any passenger must also have a Motorsport Licence number/card, and must be a club member.

Minimum age for passengers is 16.

TROPHY WINNERS	
Hamish Windross Trophy: Elaine Smith	Club Champion: Calum Daughtrey
LWB Class 3 rd – James Fraser 2 nd – John Galasso 1 st – Jim Nicol	SWB Class 4 th – Frank Spencer 2 nd == Eric Lawson and John MacLean 1 st – Donald Gilpin
Founders trophy: Neil Taylor	Alec Adam Trophy: TBC

PLEASE NOTE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS: lin@vistajet.com



Inverarnie trial, August 2016. Neil Taylor, new Events Secretary, abandons ship!
Photo: **LINTON CHILCOTT**



Inverarnie trial, January 2019.
John Galasso, who recently joined the Committee, demonstrates crowd dispersal measures...
Photo: **LINTON CHILCOTT**



SAFETY ... SPOT:

The Role and Authority of the Clerk of the Course (CoC)

Although all those attending ANY event must naturally accept a significant degree of responsibility for the safety of themselves, their passengers, spectators and other participants, it is important that we remember at all times that the event is run by, and under the authority of, the Clerk(s) of the Course.

While we accept that the CoC will ensure that the competition element of the day's events is run fairly and in accordance with the club rules, their far more **important role is to ensure the event is run safely**. Their authority to do so is backed by the club's Committee, by Motorsport UK (the sport's governing body), and by THE LAW.

The CoC is responsible, in law, for all that occurs during the trial. All participants must accept the authority of the CoC to run the event, and their authority to supervise and control all participants when appropriate.

Basically, if the CoC tells you to do something safety related, then you are legally and morally bound to do so, unless you have very good reason to think that either, 1) you know something important that they currently don't (in which case, tell them), or, 2) they are simply incorrect (i.e. that what they are telling you to do is dangerous). In either case, disobeying the CoC without a clearly good reason must be treated as a very serious matter, and should be expected to lead to an investigation by the committee resulting in action being taken, if appropriate.

Running an event (whether or not competitive) is quite a demanding, potentially quite stressful, enterprise. Competitive minded, or adventurous, people have been known to get "carried away" by their enthusiasm for ensuring that THEIR interpretation of the rules is accepted, or by their enthusiasm to "turn the dial up to 11" when taking on an obstacle...

If the CoC finds it necessary to give you an instruction, then your first response must be to do as you are required to do, only *then* considering carefully before responding.

While this is a very friendly and relaxed club, and incidents of conflict are extremely unusual, almost even unheard of perhaps, it may be worth a reminder of some of the powers delegated to the CoC, as shown in the Motorsport UK Yearbook, as follows:

5.3. ...the Clerk of the Course acts as the sport's first judicial body. The Clerk, or his Deputy except in very serious cases, has the power to impose ... the following:

5.3.1. Disqualify from the results of ... competition, or prohibit from competing, any Competitor or Vehicle that has been reported unsafe

5.3.2. Penalise any Driver reported for not complying with flag signals.

5.3.3. Penalise any Competitor reported for being in contravention of the General Regulations or SRs.

...

5.3.6. Penalise any Competitor found guilty of abusive language or behaviour or physical assault or threat of physical assault. This does not preclude the Competitor also being reported to the Stewards of the Meeting for further penalties.

Surely the most important instruction to be given by the CoC is to "**STOP!**" This may well be resulting from his/her perception of a hazard that may not be obvious to the competitor at that time (e.g. proximity to a terrain hazard such as a steep drop; proximity of spectators or other people to the path of the vehicle or in the event of a rollover; or damage of a hazardous nature that has been incurred by the vehicle).

If necessary, CoCs should be prepared (and should brief appropriately) to stop a competitor at any time if they believe that danger threatens. Once the hazard has been removed or otherwise dealt with, then the CoC may then offer the competitor a free start from an appropriate part of the course, without having incurred any points penalty for the required stop.

YOUR NEW LICENCE – What's it good for?

As the committee's new POLICIES AND PROCEDURES officer, I am now doing my best to become familiar with the rules and regulations pertaining to our sport. Bear with me, please, while I get my head into the reference at right (yes, it already aches a little...)



Now that you all hold a shiny new RS CLUBMAN (UK ONLY) licence (although some of you may already possess a higher grade Competition Licence) it may be of interest to know which types of event you may enter.

See the red bounded section below (screenshot taken from the MOTORSPORT UK YEARBOOK 2020).

CoCs should note NB(1) below, which indicates that any higher grade competition licence (INTERCLUB, NATIONAL or INTERNATIONAL) is also valid for one of our events.

Not surprisingly, given that our RS CLUBMAN licences are issued online without any medical check or assessment, they do NOT confer the right to enter any race events (i.e. any of the grey boxes in the CLUBMAN column) nor any INTERCLUB, NATIONAL, or INTERNATIONAL events. However, by mutual invitation, members of the Buchan Off Road Drivers Club and the H4WDC ARE permitted to enter each other's club's events.

Chart 26: Competitors Minimum Acceptable Licences

MOTOR SPORT DISCIPLINE	EVENT STATUS (as defined in Supplementary Regulations)			
	CLUBMAN	INTERCLUB	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
AUTOTESTS	RS Clubman	Any Interclub		
ALL TRIALS	RS Clubman	Any Interclub		
NAVIGATION RALLY	RS Clubman	Any Interclub	Any National	
ROAD RALLY (including Targa, Historic and Endurance)	RS Clubman	Any Interclub	Any National	
SAFARIS, TIME TRIALS, TEAM RECOVERIES, CHALLENGE EVENTS	RS Clubman	Any Interclub	Any National	Cross Country 'R' or Stage Rally International 'R'
HILL RALLIES	RS Clubman (6)	Any Interclub	RS National (5)	Cross Country 'R' or Stage Rally International 'R'
CLUBCROSS	RS Clubman			
AUTOCROSS (including MINICROSS)	RS Clubman	Any Interclub		
HILL CLIMBS, SPRINTS		Any Interclub (6)	RS National or Race National (6)	Speed 'R' or Race 'C' International
DRAG RACES		Any Interclub	RS National – drag Endorsement	drag International
RALLYCROSS		Any Interclub	RS National or Race National	Off-Road International 'C' Race International
STAGE RALLIES		RS Interclub – Stage Rally (4)	RS National – Stage Rally (5)	Rally International 'R'
STAGE RALLIES (HISTORIC)		RS Interclub – Stage Rally	RS National – Stage Rally	Rally International 'R' or Rally International 'H'
KART ENDURANCE	Kart Clubman (7)			
KART TYRO	Kart Clubman (7)			
KART bAMBINO	Kart Clubman bambino (9)			
RACE		Race Interclub	Race National	Race International (10)
RACE HISTORIC		Race Interclub	Race National	Race International (10)
RACE KART (11)		Kart Interclub or Race Interclub	Kart National or Race National	Kart International
RACE TRUCK		Race National – Truck Endorsement	Race National – Truck Endorsement	International Truck 'C'

NB
(1) A higher grade licence is always valid for lower permit events of the same discipline (exceptions see 8 below).

While a hard copy costs money, the Yearbook is available for download from the MOTORSPORT UK website. *Enjoy!*