

# Newsletter

# "Grampian Motorcycle Convention Special Edition"

September 2014

## Last club night run "Alan's Countryside Adventure"

Leaving Oldmeldrum Legion car park at 7:30 Alan Griggs led off to an excellent run taking us along some really interesting roads through the Grampian countryside. Approximately 10 riders joined the run, which covered approximately 45 miles, a number of those who came along said they had not used the roads before making the run challenging and enjoyable.

The evening ended in the village of Tarves at the local pub called the Aberdeen Arms Hotel, which welcomed us in and suggested that if we were looking for a venue to hold our club meetings we could use a large meeting room at the back of the hotel. In the event that we can no longer use the Legion in Oldmeldrum and with the approval of the clubs members and committee the Aberdeen Arms Hotel could be considered to be an alternative.

### Next club night is the AGM.

All club members are invited to the annual AGM to be held at the Oldmeldrum Legion 7:00 for 7:30 PM on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. There are a number of issues to discuss and events to organise for next year so your involvement will be critical to the success of the 2015 calendar so please try to attend; your opinions and input as always are highly valued.

### **Grampian Motorcycle Convention Report**

The annual Grampian Motorcycle Convention was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Alford Transport Museum, entries for the classic bikes was good with 33 entered however owing to the wet weather just 18 of those who entered turned up but that said the bikes on show were all in excellent condition providing the members of the general public an opportunity to see some good examples of what British and overseas Motorcycle industries could produce.

The classic bike parade was well received with most of the 18 entries taking part

As in previous years the convention put on a good show not one of the acts failed to perform I thought personally Kevin Carmichael Extreme Motorcycle Stunt Rider was breath taking as were the road racers, supermotos, not to mention the classic bikes parade and the historic racers with the moped mayhem not disappointing.

Thanks go to lan Read for all his hard work organising the entries, Judges Frank and Frances for once again providing their expert opinions and Bob Prodger for the use of his tent and setting up on Saturday.

The winners were:

Vintage:	Crawford Logan
Post Vintage:	James Glennie
Postwar:	Alan Smith
Classic:	Murray Reynolds
Best 2 Stroke:	Molly Miller
Modern Classic:	Tony Duffield

All photos of the day have been uploaded to the GCMCC website; go to Photo Gallery Alford Motorcycle Convention 2014, a small selection of the photos are reproduced here:















Herewith Crawford Logan's experience of purchasing a "New" and award winning Bike:

I recently bought a vintage bike from a VMCC member in Wales - which is a long way from Aberdeen. I tried to work out how to collect it but every way seemed to involve a lot of money and time.

Cutting a long story short, I eventually came across a firm based near Edinburgh whose full time job is moving motorcycles about. I hired them and was extremely impressed both with the service and the cost.

It cost me £137 from Wales to my door. All done within a few days and they kept me informed daily on where they were, when they would arrive etc. They even e-mailed me a photo of the bike tied down in the back of their van. When the van came to me, it had just picked up a Honda in Forfar and after me he was delivering a bike in Elgin - so they know their way around the North East.

They do not advertise but if you want to contact then, it is Robbie Millar on 07740107442 or go to www.motomoves.co.uk

Hope this might help one of you.

Crawford



Crawford's very smart AJS

Bob Prodger provided some photos of some very smart looking classic cars, bikes and aircraft:

















If you have an interesting story or photo(s) and would like a mention in the newsletter please send them to me at <u>tony@osvs.co.uk</u> or <u>tony@fletchershipping.com</u>

Safe Riding Tony