

# Newsletter

April 2015



Club member Martin Crosswell has provided a photo of a bike trailer for sale, anyone interested then please let me know and I will pass on any interest to Martin.

We had an excellent run out to the Tarves Heritage Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the centre is run by volunteers and is a credit to their hard work in preserving items and records of years gone by; for those who could not attend the club night run and would like more information regarding the Heritage Centre paste the following into your browser:

# http://www.tarvesheritage.org.uk/

During the last club night we had a visit from Irene Biedma Senior Assistant - Functions, Events and the Arts Haddo House. Irene provided an overview of Haddo House plans to hold a classic bike show commencing am 27<sup>th</sup> June ending pm 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, those members who attended the club night indicated that they were keen to support the project suggesting that if an application form for the event was passed to all members of the club we might be able to swell the

numbers of those who have already committed to attending.

To that end please find attached an application form that once completed should be returned to Irene Biedma at the following address:

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Senior Assistant - Functions, Events and the
Arts Haddo House, Methlick, Ellon,
Aberdeenshire AB41 7EQ
T: 01651 851 440

E: <u>ibiedma@nts.org.uk</u> www.nts.org.uk/HaddoHouse

When completing the application forms, please mark the form GCMCC and Irene will make sure that our bikes are arranged on show together.

The Annual Large Lunch is arranged for 12:00/12:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup> April at Deans of Huntly, most members are meeting there, Bob Prodger, as am I, is leaving from Oldmeldrum so feel free to tag along.

### Far North Adventure (Thurso)

Why Thurso? I had found on the rotary forum someone who is selling a Commander so my wife Sandra and I went to have a look, the bike was very shabby and had been messed about with but he had owned it from new and had the engine mollyed and the gearbox overhauled approx. 1500 miles ago, total mileage was 150k so he has used it extensively, the asking price was a little too rich for me so I am still looking for another Commander.

We had a good run up to Thurso on my Norton Commander, leaving first thing Saturday in heavy rain which persisted almost all the way there, we stopped for lunch in Dornoch a really nice place somewhere I would like to visit for more than just a lunch stop, we arrived in Thurso mid afternoon I dropped Sandra off at the Forss Hotel before going on to see the bike for sale.

The Forss hotel is out in the country about 5 miles due West of Thurso old fashioned but very nice and comfortable with a good restaurant.

Sunday morning we set off for Wick in bright sunshine, stopped for a look round then carried on home stopping a few more times on the way to break the journey and take in the scenery, which in that part of the country is spectacular. The roads up north are really good, some long straights and excellent twisty bits, a few times I was told to slow down at one point being reminded that I was not John McGuinness and it was not the mountain course!!!

We eventually arrived back home late Sunday having had a really good run, the Commander behaved itself with just a small water leak which is now fixed, average MPG was 45 total mileage run was approx. 500 so all in all a good weekend.

### **Forfar Autojumble**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Martin Crosswell and I went to the Forfar autojumble as did a number of our fellow club members who we met while there, we left Oldmeldrum at 0900 in reasonably dry conditions, however as we went further south it became wet and cold.

The local VCMC put on a good show with lots of interesting autojumble to rake through there was also some very tasty looking classic and vintage bikes on show. Our old friend

Dave Morton who gave us a very interesting talk at our March club night was there with his Nearcars.

On the way home the weather improved making for a much more pleasant return journey.

#### GCMCC 2015 Events Calendar:

18th April large Lunch Deans of Huntly

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Ride Route 96, full details attached

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Evening run Crawford Logan

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Annual Cairn O Mount Rally

23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, Fort Augustus Camping trip; Cumberlands Campsite Lochness, Glendoe Road, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BG, for those wanting B&B there are numerous places available in the local vicinity, more details will be provided closer to the date

Please see below photos of the Tarves club night, my trip report to Thurso and Martins and myself trip to Forfar:

# **Tarves Club Night:**









# **Thurso Trip Photos:**







# Forfar Trip Photos:







I look forward to seeing you all at the Large Lunch on the  $18^{\text{th}}$  April.

Safe Riding Tony



# Grampian Classic Motorcycle Club 2015 Events Calendar Please watch out for updates in the monthly Newsletters

7<sup>th</sup> April, First run of the year to Tarves, Bob Prodger

18<sup>th</sup> April, Large Lunch at Deans of Huntly, meet there around 12:00 to 12:30 with a run afterwards, destination to be confirmed

3<sup>rd</sup> May, Ride Route 96, full details in the February Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> May, Evening run Crawford Logan

23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, Fort Augustus Camping trip; Cumberlands Campsite Lochness, Glendoe Road, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BG, for those wanting B&B there are numerous places available in the local vicinity, more details will be provided closer to the date

10th May, Annual Cairn O Mount Rally

2<sup>nd</sup> June, Evening run Maurice Clarke

7<sup>th</sup> July, Evening run to the Grampian Transport Museum to discuss the Alford Motorcycle Convention scheduled for September

2<sup>nd</sup> August, Garioch Vehicle Restoration Society Show Oldmeldrum. The organisers have suggested that we enter individually, they will arrange for us to be displayed as a club, please see attached entry form which can also be found on the GVRS website, paste gyrs.net into your browser and look for the Rally plate

4th August, Evening run, Mick Elstone

16<sup>th</sup> August, Annual BBQ more details to be provided closer to the date.

21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Ullapool Camping, for campsite details see below, more details will be provided closer to the date:

Broomfield Holiday Park West Lane Ullapool Ross Shire Scotland UK

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6<sup>th</sup> September, Alford Motorcycle Convention

8<sup>th</sup> September, Evening run Tony Duffield

12<sup>th</sup> December, Xmas Bash, more details to be provided closer to the date





### **HADDO HOUSE**

Methlick, Ellon, Aberdeen & Grampian AB41 7EQ

Phone: 0844 493 2179 Email: ibiedma@nts.org.uk

HADDO "HIT THE ROAD" BIKE SHOW is a two day event featuring, vendor stalls, activities and classic and custom bike exhibitions. If you would like to be part of the exhibition please complete this form and email it along with at least two images of your motorcycle to ibiedma@nts.org.uk with HADDO "HIT THE ROAD" BIKE SHOW in the subject line.

Name of Owner:
Address:
Postcode:
Tel No: E-Mail:
Bike Make and Model: Year:
Reg. No: CC:
Would you consider riding your bike on a parade around Haddo Country park?
YES□ NO□
Tell us about your bike:

Entry is free and entitles you to two festival passes per bike displayed and a free parking permit.

## Exhibition set up dates/time:

Friday 26th June, between 8am and 5pm Saturday 27th June, between 8am and 10am

### **Exhibition removal dates/time**

Sunday 28th of June by 8pm or Monday 29th from 9:30 a.m.

Bikes can be removed from as soon as the organisers deem it's safe to do so. Public visitor opening hours to the show are: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am to 5:00pm

The exhibition halls will be securely guarded at all times and locked down overnight on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015



# Ride Route 96

To the Mid West
(Aberdeenshire)
Sunday May 3rd 2015

Bikes, Breakfast and Cowboys

North Scotland Motorcycle Breakfast Club

# Venue to be decided on the A96—Breakfast

A chance to catch up with other veterans over a breakfast.

# Ride Out to "Tranquillity "Wild West Town.

A cowboy themed village in Aberdeenshire, music, refreshments and fun. Only open a few times a year this is a unique chance to meet the people behind the project.

The afternoons programme includes tours of the town, Old West games like horse shoe pitching, tin can alley, knife & tomahawk throwing, target shooting, buffalo hunt, free light refreshments.

There will also be raffles and at 2pm & again at 3pm approx.

Tranquillity's very own Northern Rough Riders re-enactment Group will put on spectacular gunfights for your enjoyment.

Also for any budding the spian's, they are looking for extras for a film being made in July this year.

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