



# Newsletter

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August 2015

## Recent Events:

Annual BBQ, a selection of photos have been uploaded to the GCMCC website.

A good turn out with around 20 members attending.

Eileen and Andrew arranged for the BBQ to be held at Clatt Village Hall, an excellent venue and extremely useful as it poured with rain for most of the day only drying out late in the afternoon, the weather prevented the planned run but a few hardy souls did turn up on their bikes making it a proper bike club event.

This is the second year that Eileen and Andrew have hosted the BBQ and once again surpassed all expectations, their hard work at arranging the food and drinks and Andrews's skills at the barbeque are very much appreciated.

## Last club night run

Crawford arranged and led the run out to Huntly, the route was excellent as were the fish and chips, it was a good run and to provide those who could not attend an overview of the evening I have penned a brief report, attached, I hope you like the unusual style of writing.

## Next club night run 1<sup>st</sup> September.

I am leading the run, Eileen has suggested we meet at Clatt Village Hall, same place as the BBQ venue, I have yet to sort out a route but just in case be prepared with a full tank and have your tea before you leave home. **I will update you all nearer the time**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> August GARIOCH VETERAN AND VINTAGE RALLY Oldmeldrum.

A really good event, the weather was sunny and dry and there was a good selection of bikes from our club plus a number of other interesting entries. There was an extensive selection of cars, trucks, tractors, steam engines and stationary engines providing an interesting spectacle for the numerous visitors who visited during the event.

I have yet to arrange for the photos to be uploaded to the club website and once completed will let you know.

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NEXT MEETING:

1<sup>st</sup> September 7 for 7:30pm at Clatt Village hall TBC

## **Ullapool Camping Trip August**

**Preferred dates are the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Please see below camp site information etc. We have a number of members who are interested in attending. This being the case it would be good to have an idea of numbers and where people would like to meet; and to that end can I ask that anyone who intends joining us on the camping weekend please contact me either by e-mail or telephone (07900278151)

The park details are:

Broomfield Holiday Park  
West Lane  
Ullapool  
Ross Shire  
Scotland  
UK  
IV26 2UT

PHONE 1: (+44) 01854 612020

PHONE 2: (+44) 01854 612664

Calling times: please only use these numbers between 9am and 7pm unless emergency.

FAX: (+44) 01854 613151

[sross@broomfieldhp.com](mailto:sross@broomfieldhp.com)

**Those wishing to use B&B rather than camp are requested to make these bookings themselves**

## **6<sup>th</sup> September Alford Motorcycle Convention**

Our club will not this year be involved with the entries for the classic bikes, our club website Alford link will direct anyone wanting to enter to the convention website

## **6<sup>th</sup> October AGM**

The 2015 annual general meeting of the GCMCC will be held in the Oldmeldrum British Legion.

There is a packed agenda and anyone wanting to be involved with how the club is run should attend the meeting, the election of office bearers will be of particular interest as both myself as Chairperson and Bob Prodger as Treasurer will not be seeking re-election

Safe Riding

Tony

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

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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

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

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 gvrs.net into your browser and look for the Rally plate

4<sup>th</sup> August, Evening run, Mick Elstone

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

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, Ullapool Camping, for campsite details see below, more details will be provided closer to the date:

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1<sup>st</sup> September, Evening run Tony Duffield

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

6<sup>th</sup> October GCMCC AGM, Oldmeldrum British Legion

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

## GOOD VIBRATIONS “WHO NEEDS THE BEACH BOYS”

Late summer evening GCMCC Club run Fish and chips at Huntly shall I take the 650SS or leave the ultra-smooth rotary Commander at home for a change the RST clothing seems too over the top for the 650 decide on Hood jeans and leather jacket will take water proof over trousers just in case check the lights tyres rear chain and oil wow it has not wet sumped oil pump overhaul must have worked fuel on tickle the left monoblock right one is chopped it starts first kick that's unusual let it warm up don't be in a rush check the scavenge oil return seems ok roll off the centre stand select 1<sup>st</sup> gear and away it feels good we meet chat about bikes decide on the route Crawford's big Harley leads the way all chrome and luggage third from the back I watch the bikes in front a gentle stroll through the country side rear lights dim in the shadows of the road side trees the line of bikes snaking ahead along narrow lanes Alans Velo in front barks on the overrun I smile at the flash and sparks from the fish tail exhaust we ride West the setting sun bright in our eyes no need to speed this is a quiet and refined run we pile into the chip shop car park suddenly there is just the sound of hot engines ticking as they cool Michaels Ariel Hunter alongside hey do you have oil in that thing "it's not leaking" we chuckle at the oldest of old jokes Haddock and chips crispy batter easy on the salt and vinegar lively banter putting the world to rights they start to drift off one by one Maurice on his Velo must go before it gets too dark head light bulb not working can get home on the side light just four left now Crawford's Harley Alans Triumph and Dan's Yamaha and me Harley and Triumph go their separate ways I follow the Yam a cracking pace I can keep up this is good lights adequate just slimline feather bed frame at its best swooping through the bends no traffic fantastic the PW3 cam urging us on at 5000 revs the bike is singing the song all who have a thing about British parallel twins love to hear we part company with the Yam "great run see you at the BBQ" arrive home fuel off right boot nicely water proofed from the oil leak from the tacho drive gearbox the Commander looks glum no need it is still the chosen one I look back as I close the garage door why don't I take the 650 out more? I should it reminds me of why I am a Norton enthusiast and I guess my youth when thrashing a 600 Domi was routine, happy days.

British Parallel Twin Vibrations who needs the Beach Boys

Tony

