



THE SILVER SPOKE

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MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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Lochgilphead Camping Trip - John Adison

This trip was organised by Eddie Jaffery, who told us where we were going and where and when he was leaving. Thanks to Nick I new who was going and told Eddie apart from Alan Smith, who contacted Eddie directly the night before.

5 bikes left Asda Portlethen at 11AM on Friday 27th May. Eddie Jaffery Honda scooter, Allan Smith Triumph, Barrie Milliner BMW, John & Janis Addison on BMW and last but not least Alan Griggs on his Velocette with expensive electric starter which works really well.

First stop Blairgowrie for a cuppa etc, then the Green Wellie at Tyndrum for more tea and arrived in Lochgilphead at about 5:30 PM. We were all staying in various B&B in Lochgilphead. (Too many midgies for camping). We had a bar supper in the Stag Hotel. On Saturday Eddie had recruited 3 mates he met at last years Loch Ness Rally to join us and led us round the Kintyre as far as Southend. Except Alan Smith who did his own thing. Evening meal in a little Bistro.

On Sunday Alan Smith and Barrie Milliner left early (on strict orders to get home early) and went their own way home. The remaining 3 went to Corrin then up the south side of Loch Awe. Stopped in Tyndrum for a cuppa and fuel. Lost Eddie who took off chasing modern bikes and we never saw him again. Alan Griggs and I slowly meandered sticking to speed limits returning via Loch Tay, stopping in Pitlochry and Braemar for ice cream and a cuppa. A nice leisurely run home for Alan and I.

Lots of bikes around and all zooming past as we putted along legally. I bet none of them got 65 MPG! Apart from a heavy shower east of Braemar it was sunny and warm all weekend. As far as I know everybody got home safely and enjoyed themselves. Apart from Janis who developed a nasty head cold and has now given it to me. I hope nobody else got the cold. Alan Griggs developed a minor fault on Saturday but some of the lads piled in and carried out a temporary repair which got him home without further problems.





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Restoration Opportunity

GCMCC members Gordon Adam & Jim Glennie have information about a possible "project". The elderly owner has agreed to offer it for sale to members in the Newsletter.

JAMES 125cc Villiers, 1949. V5 and old buff reg doc. Dry-ish stored in single ownership for 50+ years. No spark today but owner & wife claim they saw some a week or two ago following hairdryer treatment! Inverness reg no, previous owner a driver with Kemnay Quarry.

Will need complete restoration. Owner wishes initial expressions through Gordon or Jim please t contacts below.

Gordon Adam 01330 833333
Jim Glennie 01467 642522

May Club Run - Robert Hirst

The May Club run was well attended, photo courtesy of Robert Hirst



Wanted - Italian/Brit Project

I'm looking for a project bike for the winter. Moto Morini/Guzzi twin or 350cc plus Brit single or twin 1920's onwards. I cannot afford a restored bike and like a bit of spannering so project only please. Anything considered. Please email the Editor. Thanks, Dave.