



Helmet & Goggles

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Dear Member, you will have noticed, I'm sure, the different layout of the Newsletter, that's because Inus has stood down as Newsletter Editor for personal reasons. We now have another vacancy on the committee, so if you fancy writing and getting involved with the club and its activities, here's your chance. We have had an addition to the committee, Ken Davidson, who is willing to co-ordinate club runs east of Inverness, but we are still looking for a runs co-ordinator for the west, is that you?

Club Runs - As you all know we are still being restricted by covid rules & regulations, but within these rules we managed to organise a club run at the end of June. This was enabled by organising the run into 2 groups, one lead by Dode, group 1 & the 2nd group lead by myself and limiting the numbers in each group to a maximum of 12, no guests. First group managed 9 members and headed east along the coast roads, the second group with 6 members headed south to Granttown East Station for lunch, then a lazy run to Inverness. Both groups had good runs in good weather and we hope to do the same at the end of this month on the 25th July.



Group 2 Granttown



Group 1 meeting up



CC Castle

Donated Bike - As you will have seen on Facebook the club was donated a bike, here is the story - James Grant donated a 1995 Yamaha XJ600 to the club, Dode collected the bike and spent wee bit of time getting the bike to run. A bit dirty & dusty after being laid up, flat battery, still not starting with new battery, starter button not connecting, then starter solenoid stuck plus a few other 5 minute jobbies required to get life into the old beast. Got all the 5 minute jobbies done, bike started on the button and running great, had a few wee test drives round the yard and then a good thorough scrub down. The bike was booked in for the MOT, and passed, and was taken round to visit James, it was put up for sale to the highest bidder on Ebay as per James's wishes.



It is James's specific wish that the money raised goes to the club and to be of benefit for all club members. The bike was put on Ebay & Bike sold for £750, less repair costs £76.61, Total raised for Club = £673.39.

The committee agreed with James that the money would be spent on updating the clubs history booklet in due course. Vice Chair Andrew is now looking into this.

Loch Ness Rally – This yeas LNR will take place on Sunday 5th September 2021 all being well.

Entry forms are available from the web site (down load) and from John Williams. If the covid restrictions are not lifted then numbers maybe restricted or in the worst case cancelled. Any monies pay will be refunded or carried over to the following years rally. As per usual we will need volunteer marshals etc. If covid is at level 0, then meals ordered will be served indoors.

Memberships – Please note all memberships are due at the end of this month, please down load membership form from website.

AGM – It is hoped that come September we will be able to have our first club meeting, once again, indoors on the 7th September, this of course would be followed by our AGM. If you have any proposals they must be with the club secretary by the end of this month, so they can be circulated to the membership before the AGM. There are a number of proposals for consideration by the committee, see attached. They cover the change of date for the club AGM for 2022, the renewal date for memberships, the accounting date change to align with the other proposals, changes to the terms of committee members. All these changes apply to the constitution and will need a full vote at the AGM by the membership who attend, paid up members only.

Chairman's Challenge & Calendar photos – Just small reminder that the castle challenge is still on going and we would like to see some of your photos for the website. We also need photos of your bike in a scenic location for the club calendar in 2023 to help celebrate the clubs 40th year.

Other Items – E10 Fuel - From September, almost all petrol stations around the UK will be required to sell E10 fuel in place of the standard E5 currently sold as regular unleaded.

For the hundreds of thousands of cars and motorbikes that can't run on E10 fuel, drivers will still be able to access E5 unleaded at some filling stations. At filling stations which currently sell two grades of unleaded, E10 will become the regular unleaded, while E5 will be sold as premium or super unleaded. This will increase the cost of filling up for drivers of older cars. In remote rural areas covered by Rural Fuel Duty Relief Scheme, such as the Scottish Islands, filling stations will not be required by law to sell E10. The DfT has said it will protect the supply of E5 fuel for at least five years.

What happens if I use E10 petrol in an incompatible car?

Misfuelling with E10 petrol will not cause immediate damage to your car/motorcycle but prolonged use could lead to long-term problems.

E10 contains more ethanol than E5 petrol, which poses two main risks to incompatible cars. The first is that as a solvent, it can cause degradation of rubber and plastic components, such as hoses, seals, fuel lines and filters. It also absorbs water from the atmosphere, potentially leading to condensation and corrosion in fuel tanks, lines and other metal components. Most machine built after 1990 should be ok, but for older machines check with your owners club.

Forthcoming Events -

11th July, Tiddlers run, this will be from Nairn Harbour and be limited to 12 members with machines under 250cc or pre 1960. Contact Dode to register.

24th July, Club Run from Tesco Dingwall, again there will be 2 groups limited to 12 members in each group, no guest allowed. Register your interest with Dode once again.

18th August, the Arnott Moffat run as organised by Loch Ness Restorations

Temp Editor Neil Ellison, Chairman.

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