



MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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As the problem between David Frazer and another member could not be resolved by the committee, David Frazer alleges that he was asked to stand down from his positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary. This the committee strenuously denies. As a result the committee co-opted Kevin McTasney as acting Secretary, Jackie Glover as acting Vice Chairman and Andrew Leckey as acting Membership Secretary

Forthcoming events

Sunday 2nd June Larne Alive Jubilee

Tuesday 4th June Chip shop run including a short meeting

Friday 7th June Dream night Belfast Zoo open night for terminally ill children and their families

Sunday 9th June Mosney Classic car show

Saturday 15th June Kilbroney Vintage Show

Saturday 22nd June Vintage Fete Diamond Rathcoole

The next full Monthly Club meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd July at Clarion Hotel

Entry forms will be available on the web site

REPORTS FROM THE RUNS

DRIVE IT DAY

Coleman's Static Display (Sunday 28 Apr 2013)



This year's 'Drive it Day' was more Drive it and park day as it we just had the Static at Coleman's Garden Centre in Templepatrick.

The day got off to a good start with sunshine, albeit with a stiff breeze dropping the temperature.

All the regulars were there. I drove David Lauro's Standard 12 while Derek was in his Austin 7 with his rebuilt engine running as smooth as it's ever been. Brian Hamilton brought both the 1933 Morris Minor and his beloved Vauxhall Victor.

It was nice to see some new members out including old member Derek McLain and his



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wife in his 1971 Mini Cooper and Colin Clifford in his more modern 1992 Mitsubishi GTO 3000.

With a good mix of cars spanning from the early thirties to the early nineties, there was something for everyone.

The star of the show arrived a bit later when Raymond Boyd arrived in his usual pick-up truck. That wasn't the surprise. It was the Austin 7



pick-up on the trailer he was pulling. It would have been nice to see it running but with the weather turning to sunshine and showers he decided to leave it on the trailer.

You will go far to find a club with such a mix of classic vehicles

Coleman's Garden Centre supplied us with plenty of tea and coffee, along with jam doughnuts and scones to keep us topped up during the showers.

Many thanks to Coleman's for having us yet again and I look forward to next year, hopefully with slightly better weather.

*Report By
Andy Leckey*

As I think that DRIVE IT DAY is just for that Vanessa and I headed off down the Glenelly Valley to Plumbridge through Strabane into Donegal town where we had an excellent lunch at the Mill Park Hotel. Afterwards we went to Killybegs where we saw a number of southern cars



We then returned home via Glencolumbkille and Letterkenny

Belated Easter Run

The belated Easter run took place on Saturday 4th May 2013

We met at the Chimney Corner car park and departed at 10.20 am we made our way through Templepatrick, Antrim, and Maghrafelt and arrived in Cookstown at approximately 11.30. We parked in the public car park on Burn Road for a picnic; some members took advantage of the Weekly Worker on the main street returning to the car park approximately one hour later weighed down with all sorts of goodies. This stop off seemed to be appreciated by all.



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We set off again at 12.30 taking the A505 Scenic route through the Sperrins

We arrived in Omagh at 1.30 negotiating our way around the town to the A5 Strabane Road. The 'Abington Collection' is owned by Phillip Faithful and located at his own premises. The collection was massive amounting to over 7000 exhibits ranging from Classic cars to Militaria of German origin

We were given an exciting tour by Phillip and his wife and were provided with tea and coffee which lasted over two hours. We then proceeded to Newtown Stewart Golf Club for an excellent Carvery lunch and refreshments. We then said our goodbyes and made our way home in the evening sunshine.

A total of 23 people took part and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

REPORT BY PATRICK CLEARY

May Run

The Club meeting night run on Tuesday 7th May was organised by Paddy Kelso and Derek Clark. Members and their guests assembled at the Clarion Hotel, Carrickfergus where a short briefing was given as to our route via Islandmagee finishing at the Magheramore Boat Club premises.

The evening was sunny and added to the enjoyment of the outing. For some of us it may have been "old hat" travelling through the island but Paddy and me were pleased to hear it was a first for others and made a change from sitting in a stuffy hotel room on a good summers night. Many thanks to Elaine Moore and her staff for setting up the supper, We don't think anyone went home hungry!

There were 48 people sharing 28 cars and yes, the club made a modest profit, thanks for your support.

The Chairman asked for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for William Leeper.

Member Martin Waterworth gave a short run down regarding the MOT exemption in Northern Ireland, and ending of road tax discs, he also made reference to Footman James Insurance policies changes.

No further business was discussed due to the late finish and in recognising some folk had a distance to travel. Unless we hear to the contrary we are pleased you all made it home safe and sound. Keep burning the petrol!!
Derek & Paddy

Report by Derek Clark



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Scenic Tours, an update

Authorisation is required by the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) Regulations 1969 (as amended) for competitive events on the Public Highway.

The vast majority of scenic tours organised by motor clubs are non-competitive and therefore do not require authorisation.

Organisers should however be aware that if they introduce an element of competition to their event it would then come under the remit of the legislation which is part of the Road Traffic Act. For instance, if you included some treasure hunt type clues or had awards or penalties the event would become subject to authorisation of the route

The MSA considers the presentation of 'finishers' awards' an indication that competition has taken place. To avoid an event being classed as a competition do not use the word 'award' when describing any plaques, certificates, mementos or souvenirs that may be given to those taking part.

Within the legislation, Regulation 5 permits certain competitive events to be automatically authorised, so there is no requirement for formal authorisation. This is where the 12 cars rule comes in. You

can organise an event with a competitive element which is automatically authorised if the total number of vehicles does not exceed 12.

IT should also be noted that this competitive element can also affect an entrant's Road Traffic Act insurance as most policies specifically exclude cover for competitions. We would advise all competitors to check their policies before entering such events.

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While these regulations do not apply to us I think that it is worth including them in the newsletter to demonstrate the complexities of the insurance interpretations of words. I feel that this indicates what may happen if rules and regulations are ignored. The one which springs to mind is the AOVC rule which limits the entry to runs to vehicles registered before 1991.

This seems to be ignored on a number of runs and I wonder what the implications would be if an accident occurred.

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