

# MOTO GUZZI HIGHLANDS

## Autumn 2023 Newsletter

### Highland 2023

A number of outings and meet ups took place over 2023. These included a mg-h stand at Glamis, a Cullen Skink run, a visit to Morayvia (air museum) to the Grampian Motor Museum and various runs out in tandem with Highland Classic Club. mg-h also hosted visitors which is always nice. The major event was the alt-Raduno 23 held at Resolis Hall on the Black Isle.

### MGCGB 2023

A visit to the Scottish Rally was made - by car in my case due to a Braemar delivery I needed to do. A plan to visit Ousby was knocked on the head as the weather looked sh1te.

The mgcgb agm was a big talking point at the a-R and now the committee may provide more support for branches, like mg-h, which survive hand to mouth.

### World 2023

The new V100 Mandello seems a big hit. Perhaps EICMA 23 will reveal a new Stelvio based around the chassis / engine. I will be watching the Milan show in November with interest.

### Review of 2023:

Unfortunately the weather forecast was so grim that the Goodbrand & Ross lunch meet up in late April had to be cancelled. The Lecht ski centre webcams revealed snow on the top. Good call methinks; if a bit frustrating.

Hasty communications and swift gathering of funds took place to book the first mg-h *shottie* at the Glamis Motor Extravanga. It was a bit last minute as we almost missed the deadline for applications / cash call for a pitch for the mg-h but we made it.



It was so much fun that I am keen to repeat it in 2024 - along with more attendees if poss. We also received a gazebo for mg-h from the MGCGB and the logistics proved somewhat tortuous to get to Glamis and back after the event. I managed to wangle a visit to Blairgowrie

when Duncan Cameron-Woods kindly offered to store it temporarily at his house in Kirriemuir. Allan Wilson then picked it up on the day and delivered to Glamis. After the event, Neil Cormack then took it north to Cullen, where I picked it up subsequently. Many thanks to Duncan, Allan and Neil for assistance with the gazebo transport.

The Glamis event is a vast and very well organised one. The Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club are the hosts and having held 47 they are well versed in the organisation of the event.

See the 2024 plans below for our "pitch".

The Cullen skink run on July the 16th was well attended once more - we could have had more but the restaurant isn't the biggest venue it must be said. The weather wasn't terribly nice with squally showers but some brave souls made it by motorcycle. I took the car to retrieve the gazebo - great excuse!

A trip to the Morayvia Air Museum at Kinloss, was very enjoyable and what Breakers (Andrew Bethall) doesn't know now about sonar buoys deployed from Nimrods isn't worth mentioning. That was a busy weekend as one or two Guzzisti pitched up at the Highland Classic MC Clubs 40th Anniversary gathering at Newtonmore on the Saturday before, then it was on to their celebration BBQ at Auldearn on the way home from the Morayvia visit on the Sunday.



Morayvia museum visit

I was accompanied to the BBQ by Chris



Highland Classic Clubs BBQ

Patterson who gleaned some info about a non Guzzi he is recommissioning before he headed home.

Chris & I also had a, spur of the moment, but fine run out around Easter Ross; on the 10th of August. We met at Meikle Ferry for a dead pig roll and coffee, then went to Bonar Bridge, returning to the A9 via Spinningdale. After cutting through Tain it was on to the highly recommended Inver Inn between Tain and Port



Inver, Easter Ross

Tomahawk for lunch. At the Port we visited the Discovery Centre and viewed the Pictish context. Rejoining the A9 south we stopped for a libation at the Store House at Foulis where an osprey flew over our outside table and we were afforded a great view before it headed up the coast with fishing in mind no doubt. A grand day out.

Finally two years had elapsed since the original alt-Raduno and the second one had crept up quickly. A decision made whilst booking the hall took the event a

week forward of the Mandello 101 bash. It was an inspired date move as the weather was fantastic and although dull over west on the Saturday it remained dry and warm for folks arriving and returning home. Guzzisti from as far a field as Essex and Northern Ireland showed up and well done them for making the effort. The weather crumbled a bit the following weekend. Phew



Gimpos quadcopter shot of Resolis hall & field - alt-Raduno 23

## Visitors

A couple, members of the north Lincolnshire branch, got in contact in late July, and I readily agreed to accompany them around my parish. Jeanette Blyth and her HD mounted partner, Julian, were touring the Highlands, Jeanette was on her V50 Mk II. We had two days of rather nice weather doing the south Loch Ness area (Findhorn / Nairn river system) and the next day a burl, from their base in Dingwall, around the west via Loch Maree, Gairloch, and a stop over at the Corrieshalloch gorge before r.t.b.



Julians shot of Jeanette and moi on the Garbole Road.



Jeanettes V50 Mk II & the Fat Slag - Fain Bridge, Dundonnell



Jeanette & Julian - Corrieshalloch Gorge

## mg-h dates for 2024.

### **mg-h events**

**Lunch meet:** Sidings Cafe, Dufftown.

28<sup>th</sup> April 12:30

**Angus Weekend:** Camp &/or B&B. June

1st / 2nd. (Based at Montrose)

**Scottish Transport Extravaganza:**

Glamis Castle. 12/13/14th July 2024

**Skink Run: Cullen** - (Rockpool- tbc).

28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 12:30

**Grampian Motor Museum:** visit.

18<sup>th</sup> August about 11:30 a.m.

### **Other items:**

**Scottish Rally: Linlithgow RFC**

May 3rd / 5th 2024 - venue t.b.c.

**Loch Ness Rally**

Highland Classic MC Club June 2024 -  
date t.b.c.

**Historic Wheels Club - Brodie Castle**

- mid August - date t.b.c.

**Fortrose & Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle  
Rally**

- late August - date t.b.c.

## 2024 - the plans

The left hand panel contains the proposed event 2024 event schedule. Apart from day runs out there are 2 weekend events planned:

### **Angus Weekend: pm on May 31st - am on June 2 2024**

Based out of Montrose, there is a campsite and plenty of B&B / hotel accommodation for those who don't do camping, this base allows a visit to the excellent Montrose Air Museum, runs out to the Angus glens, and/or bimbles along the coastal road to Dunnottar Castle, or small coastal villages in search of fish and chips from the Inverbervie or Gourdon fine restaurants.

### **Scottish Transport Extravaganza, Glamis: July 12/13/14th 2024.**

Registration will start for as broad a selection of Guzzis and owners to attend the July Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Clubs 48th Transport Extravaganza early in the new year. This event includes a camp over on the Glamis site. Naturally the more varied the ages and machines the better.

If you wish to show interest; email to the address in the contact section at the end of the newsletter. Pop "Glamis 2024" as the subject line please. Joining instructions and call for funds based on this "interest" on a fcfs basis will follow around about February.

It was £10 per machine and £15 for camping on site for the weekend at Glamis in 2023. There are toilets and showers and during the main show days various vendors on site with food and drink and a bar with music on Saturday evening.

Dates - July 12/13/14th . Location - Glamis Castle, near Forfar. <https://www.svvc.co.uk/extravaganza/>

**They say a picture / video(!) tells a thousand stories so, here goes...-Raduno 23 - it was a blast....**

This was the second a-R to be held at Resolis and a big shout goes out to the Scottish Branch who under wrote the event financially. This enabled the event to proceed with a loss of about 100£.

The event was blessed with fine weather and attracted visitors from Essex and Northern Ireland and other intrepid souls from the midlands of England as well as those from the Scottish central belt.

The "merry bunch" slowly assembled on the Friday (1st Sept) afternoon and evening and partied on whilst the band had a practice in the hall having changed out their covid afflicted drummer. After a fun filled, gin and whisky fuelled, Friday night the Saturday dawned a tad dull, but dry, for runs out to various parts of Highland region. During the day visitors pitched up to say hallo and get the crack.

Saturday evening was the night of the a-R ball and many had managed to sport tartan for the affair - a last minute call by the organiser - a fail actuerally. Must try harder next time!



Taps aff - Jake Beatson takes to the floor.

Awards for long distance, most ostentatious, and worthy machines etc., were passed to:

Long distance: Mark Pigram (a.k.a. Pigsy)

Worst camper: Grahame Scott (nae pegs on arrival).

Most ostentatious persona/ machine etc.: Jake Beatson

Spannermanship: Peter Ramsbottom (ran out of fuel on his day old Mandello S

The coveted Umarell (Roberto in 2023) award: Wilson Hutchison (for the the most gawped at Guzzi)



Roberto at his new home - checking out the dregs



Breakers mongrel & Liz's V50 MkII



Joe's well travelled T3



Roberto the Umarell couldn't criticise this LeMans.



Godfrey & Joe - Pier Cafe,  
Lairg



Who needs jokes...



Dead cat sporrán



Godfreys well sorted G5



Becketts "Blue" from Essex



The aftermath



Dogs Dinner