

MOTO GUZZI HIGHLANDS

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Review of 2022:

Highland 2022

A number of outings and meet ups took place over 2022. These included a fab trip to Skye (on my no mates trip!), a nice Cullen Skink run, to Cullen strangely enough, a week-end to the Grampian Motor Museum and runs to Kylesku and Tomatin and south Loch Ness via some challenging roads in the autumn. mg-h hosted some visitors which is always nice.

MGCGB 2022

Most major MGCGB events were back on the calendar and post COVID (but it's still out there - as well I know) some form of normality is creeping back in. The author missed attending other rallies due to doing a Wild Atlantic Way trip in June. It was originally deferred by Wuhan SARS.

World 2022

Likewise, the deferred 100 year celebrations at Mandello took place..

The new V100 Guzzi hit the streets and uptake for 2023 is sounds pretty good. It will be interesting to see what variants evolve.



A few hardy souls braved the elements to meet for the season start at Goodbrand & Ross, on the Strathdon side of the Lecht, for lunch in late April. Er...brrrr....

The month of May saw the author on a "no mates" trip via the Skye ferries. What an absolute ball it was! The sky was blue - here, the Fat Slag is parked looking up the Sound of Sleat.



The Cullen skink run in mid July was well attended - we could have had more but the restaurant needed firm bookings and some were too last minute to accommodate but none the less it was a grand day out. The picture, right ,was taken at Findhorn, where we stopped for refreshments on our way to Cullen.



A trip to the Grampian Motor Museum at Alford, with a camp over at Huntly was similarly "low key" but enjoyable on a weekend of fine weather in August. Chaps at Suie viewpoint north of Alford.

A run to Kylesku dragged in folk even from Stonehaven! As it was towards the start of the rainy season there was much dampness to contend with but a 'dining experience" at the hotel was enjoyed. One or two ate their pieces outside.

The last main event of 2022 was a "challenging" run in October around some of the lesser used / known roadies of the south side of Loch Ness including the Garbole road and Inverfarigaig bends. The merry band of hamsters, pictured right, in the 3 Bridges Cafe,



Tomatin, had a warm up and breakfast rolls before setting out. This run was fabulous and took in single track roads in the main. Some of these roads make general complaints about potholes look exceedingly niggardly. Lunch was taken at the Whitebridge hotel before everyone scattered for home. Again some hardy souls made a fine effort to come from far afield as Grampian and Tayside - sterling effort chaps.

A [video](#) was made. It's somewhat speeded up!

Visitors



A couple of intrepid souls from the Essex Branch, pictured here, at Loch More with Ben Stack in the background, were up in the parish. I thought it prudent to escort them around some of the northern highland roads to try to keep them out of trouble. They very kindly paid for my lunch(es) on the days out with them. Naturally, after spraying everyone seated around with langoustine juice at Judith Fish's fine establishment, the inn at Applecross, we eventually "dun the Bealach guv". [Video at times 8.](#)

Shortly after a trip to Belford Hospital for a laparoscopic cholecystectomy (it takes longer to say than perform the procedure i.m.h.o.) the author received a call from the intrepid duo of Fi and Gino in early October. They were heading north and were wondering if we would join them for a blether over lunch at Tore. Memsahib duly obliged by driving us (in a car) to meet them. They were onboard their V85TTs which seem to have smitten them greatly. Fantastic to see them both. Gino bought lunch. There is a fine trend developing.



mg-h dates for 2023.

Lunch meet: Goodbrand & Ross,
Strathdon. 23rd April 12:30

Scottish Transport Extravaganza:
Glamis Castle. 7th - 9th July.

Skink Run: Cullen - (Rockpool-
tbc. 16th July 12:30

Morayvia Museum visit & lunch: 13th
August 10:30

alt-Raduno 23: Info [here](#)

Weekend of 1st - 3rd September

Other local info (up to June):

**Grampian Classic M/C Club: Large
lunch run** 1st April

Grampian Transport Museum: Spring
autojumble. 16th April

Kildrummy Veteran & Vintage Club:
Spring run. 23rd April

Garioch Vehicle Restoration Society.
Drive it day road run. 23rd April

Grampian Classic M/C Club. Cairn o'
Mount Run. 14th May

Rotary Club Banchory. Vintage car &
m/c rally. 28th May.

40th Loch Ness Rally - per Highland
Classic M/C club. 11th June.

Subsequent newsletters will contain
July -> events.

2023

The left hand panel contains the current event schedule - note one or two of the original ones published before have had to be cancelled. Apols, but they will be incorporated into 2024 - if the good lord spares us all that is.

Apart from the day runs out there are 2 major events planned:

Glamis.



Planning is underway for a selection of Guzzis and owners to attend the July Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Clubs 47th Transport Extravaganza with 6 indicating attending over the weekend. This includes a camp over on the Glamis site. See mg-h [website](#) for details. This is a F.C.F.S. do and numbers will necessarily be clamped to 10. There are 6 so far. Looking for more elderly Guzzis - pre-65 if you have one! Check out the mg-h website for further info - [here](#).

alt-Raduno 23.

Grid yer lions - it's on - in very early September!

Format of do, important info, and ticketing arrangements can all be found on the mg-h website [here](#). If you have trouble accessing / opening it (.pdf files) send me an [email](#).

This is the second time for mg-h to host an alt- Raduno and a goodly amount of tickets have already been sold this early which is an auspicious start. The last one was fun and many of those who attended said at the time there needs be another one. For those who attended but can't remember much of what happened here are a couple of pics.... Some of those in the know are already accumulating gin. Gad.

