



Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders MG CLUB

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Emo collects the Brian Kirkness Trophy for the best home resto

Credits: Helen, Steve S, Allan, Fraser, Karen, Emo,

MEMBERS' CARS

New member Steve Soulsby's rather nice MGB GT V8



INTERESTING CAR

From Hampton Court Concours





Mrs Grumpy's Grumble

Now you know how some days just get well and truly tangled up in S*** Law? Well, had one of those before Christmas. I'd arranged to give David T a lift to Investor Classics at Pathhead to pick up his MGC - which to his great relief didn't need an expensive engine rebuild.

David promised me lunch in return for the lift, so I picked him up at 10.30am, got to Investor Classics and the 'C was waiting for us. Off we went, I was behind and thinking there was an excessive small of petrol, when David stopped and said the 'C wasn't running on all six cylinders.

About turn and the mechanic couldn't find anything seriously wrong, but he did tweak the carbs a bit. However, the car still wasn't happy. Now, we'd been intending to go for petrol as there wasn't much in the car and the mechanic suggested we put fresh fuel in before we started pulling things apart. I suggested Fordel and he said Pencaitland was nearer (it wasn't BTW!) So we headed for Pencaitland with a nice 5 gallon Jerry Can borrowed from the mechanic.

A tedious run to Pencaitland stuck behind a tractor loaded with bales, found the filling station and it only had E10!!! Decided not to upset the MGC even more with E10 petrol and headed for Fordel, which had E5 and didn't get stroppy about David putting two gallons into a Jerry Can - apparently you've got to be in the Motor Trade to use a big Jerry Can. Who knew?

Back to investor Classics and filled the 'C with fresh E5 and it was much happier, so we headed back to Bonaly - intending to have lunch at the nice pub in Colinton Village. The 'C got home and it didn't rain - result!

Off to the pub, got parked outside (another result) and the barmaid was dealing with an older guy whose card wouldn't work. So, there was quite a queue building up and the meal was slow coming - but a very nice streak and ale pie was eventually had. We had our lunch and the poor barmaid was still phoning the old guy's bank to try and sort things out. I can only assume he was a regular because she went far beyond the normal call of duty to help him.

INTERESTING CAR 1955 Pegaso Z-102 Touring Superleggera

INTERESTING SNIPPET

Allan sent in a photo of the steering wheel of the BMW iX. What car does it remind you of? (Clue: It was from the '70s and its nickname was "the Aggro")



CHRISTMAS DINNER

December's main event was our Christmas dinner at the new venue - the Steading at Hillend. Martin & Allan did the organising and it all went very smoothly - just a minor panic as I had assumed it was 7 for 7.30, when it actually had been booked for 6.30 for 7 - however we all made it on time! We had 32 booked in, but sadly, Joan came down with a lurgy and didn't make it. We were in the small conservatory and it was well decked out, warm and comfortable. I thought the service was quick and cheerful, the food plentiful, good and reasonably priced. The only drawback I could see was there wasn't anywhere private to have a drink before or after the meal. Anyway, please send your thoughts/opinions on the venue to Allan if you haven't already done so.

People had scrubbed up well and there was a fair bit of Christmassy attire - I've added some photos for your delectation.



A special treat for me was being able to have a couple of glasses of wine as Tony W's daughter had offered to give me a lift. Due to the change in time, I actually drove to Tony's and left the car outside his flat for the night - that should get the rumour mill going!!

Crackers were pulled, silly jokes read out and the daft novelties passed around. Naturally, a bald man got the pink hair tie, which I passed onto the Sandra as the only person with long hair - but she wasn't impressed either!

Bill got a build-your-own paper aeroplane, which did actually fly but not in a straight line - see pic below of everyone looking apprehensive.

After coffee, Allan presented the club trophies - but only to Emo (James Wilson) who was present. David Turner will collect his at the Carvery lunch in January. Emo won the Brian Kirkness trophy for the best home resto and I thought his Midget had given him enough grief to merit the Piston Broke as well!! David earned the Harvey Cooke cup for doing so much for the club over the past year - i.e. keeping the website up to date and running, quickly and quietly with minimum fuss.



The only breakdowns had been single episodes and nothing really serious, so the Piston Broke was held over for next year. Personally, I thought Agnes's burst heater hose on the way to Glamis was a possible contender!

Anyway, a most enjoyable evening with good company and I've added some more photos of the night. Many thanks to Fraser for some of them - there's even one with me in it!! **Mrs Grumpy**





CAPTION COMPETITION

Sent in by Karen

Ed: Grumpy Old Men is my predictable entry!!!!



GATHERING OF THE CLANS 2024

Aberdeen Area have stepped up to the mark and offered to host this year's Gathering. It is to be held on the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd at Grampian Motor Museum, Alford. The plan is for people to make a weekend of it, with folk coming up on the Friday (Aberdeen Area are going to try too get reduced rates at the local hotels) and have the Gathering on the Saturday - with possibly an evening dinner/get together if enough people are interested. On the Sunday there will be a scenic road run to Balmoral Castle with a photo opportunity in front of the castle.

Your EBLMG committee thinks this would be good for our 'Weekend Away' and you could stay for as many nights as you want. If you would like to attend this event, please can you note your interest with Allan.



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Please feel free to contact the committee if you have any queries.

Monthly meetings have resumed at the rugby cub, second Thursday 7.30 for 8pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All provisional

January 11 **Raffle & Quiz**

January 21 **Carvery Lunch at 12 pm**
Lauriston Farm Carvery,
69 Lauriston Farm Road,
EH4 5EX. Please let Martin
know if you wish to come

February 8 **AGM**

February 14 **Skittles evening at the**
Sheep Heid Inn, The
Causeway, Duddingston,
EH15 3QA. 7-9 pm. £6 per
person for the skittles plus
£14 for the buffet supper.
Please contact Martin.

March 8 **Meeting & Raffle**

March tbc **Technical Day. Contact**
Allan

April 11 **Meeting**

April 21 **Drive It Day Run. Please**
contact Helen

May 9 **Meeting & Raffle**

May 12 **Stirling Show, Bridge of**
Allan. Please see Steve.

May 26 **Scenic Run to East Neuk,**
Fife. Please contact Allan

June 2 **Thirlestane Castle Show**

June 22/23 **Weekend Away to**
Gathering of the Clans at
Grampian Motor Museum at
Alford. The Gathering on
the Saturday, scenic run to
Balmoral on the Sunday.