



## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in the Clarion Hotel Carrickfergus at 7.30 pm. ( June`s meeting being the Chip Shop Run)

### **If you need an entry form.**

You can download one from [www.eaovc.co.uk](http://www.eaovc.co.uk) for non club events [www.aovc.co.uk](http://www.aovc.co.uk) or contact Gavin Millar at [events.secretary@eaovc.co.uk](mailto:events.secretary@eaovc.co.uk) Mobile 07500 565097. If you are having difficulty downloading a copy contact Gavin.

### **Club events coming up.**

#### **Late Members Run Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Meeting point is McDonalds Restaurant at Sprucefield at 11.00 am then by way of 50 / 55 mile drive to Newcastle, the route will take in Hillsbrough, Dromara and then to Castlewellan where we will stop for a (BYO) picnic lunch by the lake. Afterwards we will drive via Byransford to Spelga and via Glasdrumman to the Golf Links House Restaurant in Newcastle for our early evening meal. Closing date for entries and allow time top book meals etc will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Contact Event Manager Gavin Millar on 028 90848863 or 07500 565097 - LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.**

#### **TRIUMPH CLUB NI 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAY FAIR CLASSIC CAVALCADE ON SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Entry form can be obtained at [www.aovc.co.uk](http://www.aovc.co.uk).

**Patterson Spade Mill Static Display on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of May** This is a non club event so please contact the National Trust at Patterson`s Spade Mill at 751 Antrim Road, Templepatrick. Ph 028 94433619 for details etc.

#### **Chip Run Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Departing from the Tempatrack Park and Ride car park at the Templepatrick roundabout at 7.00 PM sharp. Please note the maximum number of people (not cars) who can go will be 44, this due to the size of the

chip shop, so book early. Cost is £7.00 per person. You can down load an entry form from the EAOVC site or give Gavin a call on 07500 565097 to obtain one.

**Event Manager Martin Waterworth**

**Mosney Weekend Run 12/13<sup>th</sup> June**

At time of going to print exact details are not available, but as a brief outline it is proposed to travel down on the Saturday, overnight in a nearby hotel. Please contact Brian Hamilton if you are interested and he will keep you up to date as arrangements develop.

**Event Manager Brian Hamilton 0771 2874679**

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE KILBRONEY DISPLAY** - For your information only at this time, entries can be obtained from :-[www.newryandmourne.gov.uk/downloads](http://www.newryandmourne.gov.uk/downloads) or from Gavin who has a few spare copies, also if you are going please contact Robert re our club stand.

**The Musgrave Park Hospital Static Display**

Change of date, this event has been moved from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August to now Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of June and **Morris Walker is the event manager** to contact.

**Treasure Hunt and Barbecue 17<sup>th</sup> of July** Details are being put together as this goes to print but as an outline it is to be held at Richard Hunters bar and restaurant which is known as to all as Billy Andy`s which is located in downtown Raloo (near Larne). This venue is well known in the hinterland around Glenoe and Raloo and makes the like of The Hard Rock Café scene look tame! Anyway the event manager is Norman Neill and details will follow ASAP so keep an eye on the web site.

**AOVC Static Display Ballymena Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

As per last year if you are entered for this event we have an EAOVC stand, please let Robert Raj know if you are going, also this event does require help to run it, so if you have not already signed on to help on the day for an hour of your time please do so via Robert or Gavin.

**Belfast-Portrush Cavalcade Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August** Get your entry in ASAP, places are going fast!

**BALLOT BOOKS.** As usual one or two books are being sent to you with this Newsletter. Please make a special effort to sell the tickets (there are only 10 in each book). **IF FOR SOME REASON YOU DON'T WANT TO SELL THE BALLOTS, PLEASE RETURN THE BOOK/S IMMEDIATELY TO:** Robert Raj, 16 Glenraig Gardens, Newtownabbey, BT36 5GG. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH MEMBER ADHERES TO ROBERTS REQUEST.** When you have disposed of the book/s, please return the counterfoil together with your cheque to Robert at the above address. Robert knows that you have always been very supportive for the club's charity and this year is not going to be any different. We depend on your support. Now a little about the charity for this year:

The charity chosen at the AGM was Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary. The MAAS is a nonprofit independent registered charity and relies upon the kindness and generosity of the people in Northern Ireland. It is run by a small staff, aided by a dedicated team of volunteers. They operate a strict NO KILL policy so our kennels are always full. To date they have re-homed over 9000 pets."

We want to do our best to help. Your help in selling these ballot books will help us to get that little bit of extra cash to their day to day running of this Sanctuary. PLEASE HELP. I feel sure that you will.

**Event Managers** Please note that you are required to have all details of your event available to go into print i.e. entry forms etc at least two months prior to your event, sorry folks but we are now too big for wing and a prayer type administration, we have to get entry forms out well in advance.

### **Reports from previous events**

#### **News Flash**

News has just broken that our club president, Brian Hamilton won with his magnificent 1933 Morris Minor, car of the show at the Eglinton Annual Sunday Car Show. Brian`s car was one of over 300 cars that made it to Eglinton on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April , from all over Ireland, as a result and it goes without saying that the standard of car would have been very high, which makes Brian`s and his cars award even more note able.

Well done Brian, this Eglinton Sunday show seems to be growing every year.

#### **DINNER DANCE**

With 134members and guests attending our 15<sup>th</sup> annual dinner dance which was held at the Clarion Hotel in Carrickfergus, this year`s dinner dance was a great success and hailed as the best ever. The meal was excellent and tribute must be paid to the hotel staff who worked hard to cater for such a large number of people.

Music was provided by “This way up”, a new band to EAOVC, the band was brilliant and they played a wide and varied range of music to suit all tastes for the enjoyment of all who attended and hopefully we will have them back next year. It was good to see a large number of folk up on the dance floor at all times dancing to the wide range of music. Notable amongst the dancers was Richard Gregory and Derek Clarke with their partners, who were demonstrating some form of sailor`s jig or sea shanty type of dance, presumably learnt when they both were cabin boys before the mast on square riggers. As for Bertie Lyttle and Martin Waterworth, well congratulations are in order as the Morris dancing was excellent.

A cheque for £6000, the proceeds from the 2009 Belfast-Portrush Cavalcade was presented to Stefani Butler from NI Hospice, she thanked all who made the this magnificent amount happen and explained that was one of the largest cheques received in the year by them and how it would be spent.

Robert Raj has asked that his thanks be passed on to all who supported this event, and to those who brought their friends and families along. On the contrary it is we the members of EAOVC who should be thanking Robert who mostly on his own made this event happen. His hard work and effort made this the super night it was, as an example of Robert`s determination to make it a good night for everyone came a few days before the dance when the original band pulled out leaving no band. Robert not only found a band but found a really good one that made the night, so again thanks Robert from all who attended the dinner dance.

#### **Big Guns Out At Easter!!**

EAOVC on tour to Inishowen, Co Donegal.

Twenty two club members turned up at the Chimney Corner Hotel on Easter Saturday, the only problem with that was I arrived minus a radiator cap on the TR. It's got to said not the best way to start a drive to Donegal, so my thanks goes to all who helped me retrieve the missing cap which was found less than 100 feet from my front door. Anyway we eventually headed up the motorway driving north and arrived at the foot of the Genshane Pass and pulled into a dinner for a healthy EAOVC lunch of fries all round.

When we went to move off a problem occurred with Patrick Cleary's super looking black 911 and it refused to restart, we pushed it up and down the car park, be it with a few hernia inducing moments, checked all the obvious but with no luck and eventually Patrick abandon it in a driveway of a house at the foot of the Glenshane. Fair play to Patrick for coming on in another car for the rest of the weekend and thanks to James Mullan for towing his car home on our return leg.

The Inishowen Gateway Hotel proved to be a good choice as a hotel, with a combination of good food, swimming pool and even live entertainment in the lounge bar, which ticked all the boxes for everyone.

Saturday afternoon was spent at Fort Dunree, a few miles up the road from Buncrana and near the mouth of Lough Swilly in a beautiful location, the combination of sea, cliffs, mountains and heather was inspirational for all, despite the cool breeze coming off the sea.

### **Fort Dunree**

Fort Dunree, Dun Fhraoigh in Irish means, "Fort of the Heather" and indicates that this site has been an important defensive site down through history. Today however, its stunning natural beauty and abundant wildlife are drawing increasing numbers of visitors to one of Inishowen's most beautiful and peaceful locations...

Fort Dunree was first opened to the public in 1986 and has attracted tourists from all over the world ever since. It is a must see for every visitor to the Inishowen peninsula.

Lough Swilly has long been of immense historical significance. The Norsemen and later the Anglo-Normans and the mercenary soldiers, the Gallowglasses used the Swilly when coming to Ireland.

The Flight of the Earls, O'Neill and O'Donnell into exile took place from Rathmullan in September 1607. Wolfe Tone was taken under naval arrest into Buncrana in 1798 and in more recent times during World War I, the Grand Fleet sheltered in the Lough.

Near to the spot where Wolfe Tone was brought ashore in 1798 a small fort was erected to guard against the possible return of a French invasion fleet.

In the late 19th Century the fort was modernized and enlarged with the building of the, 'Top Fort' on Dunree Hill. During World War I it stood guard whilst Admiral Lord Jellicoe's fleet anchored in Lough Swilly prior to engaging the German Navy at the Battle of Jutland.

Control of the fort was transferred to the Irish Free State just before World War II.

During World War II Irish forces were stationed at Fort Dunree to prevent the warring nations violating the country's neutrality

Today Fort Dunree houses a fascinating display of military memorabilia and artifacts as well as an array of large guns from the 20th Century.

Two of the guns are six inch battleship deck cannons which are huge as guns go, put it this way they could, if on target put a parting in your hair and generally take the shine off your day from 12 miles away! The amazing thing is that all the parts to make the guns fire are still at the fort apart from the obvious shell propellant, somehow I think that General John De Chastelain missed this lot when he was decommissioning everything else he found.

Sunday morning was spent at leisure in Buncrana, with most folk taking a stroll around the town or old harbor, when midday came we bid farewell to Buncrana and made are way to a classic car show in Letterkenny. Outside the local club we were the only club who turned up in force and once we had parked up as a club we hoisted are EAOVC banner up between two trees. The local club provided tea and sandwiches which went down well as we spent the afternoon looking at the large of cars, vans, tractors and even the odd lorry that turned up together with the large crowd who also arrived. The standard of local car that turned up was in the main good ranging from some pre war vintage cars onwards, two highlights for me were a Series 2a Landrover which was mint and a Bedford TK truck with only 43,000 miles on the clock and all the paper work to prove it. At about 3.30 we set sail for home in convoy and it's got to be said that everyone enjoyed the weekend and as such a big vote of thanks has to go James and Patrick who put in the hard work of making the weekend happen, well done lads.

### **Coleman's Garden Centre Run & Static Display Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

So at the appointed hour last Sunday morning under the shadow of Carrickfergus Castle a scene from Gunfight at the OK Corral was being reenacted, the massed ranks of the Subaru Impreza on one side of the car park and a motley crew from EAOVC on the other.

It's not every day you see a number of 330 BHP Subaru Impreza's out gunned by a collection of cars such as ours, well I think that's what happened as they drove away without firing a shot. Any way as the Subaru club went to study the flora and fauna on Orra Lodge and Glen Dun and various other former tarmac rally stages, we headed for Templepatrick a much gentler pace, for a little botany study of our own at Coleman's Garden Centre.

The route which took in the North West slopes of Rathcoole, the dead centre of Carmoney i.e. the cemetery, Corrs Corner, Ballyrobert , Doagh and finally Templepatrick. At the garden centre we parked up and from 18 who entered the event grew to 51 cars in total, with cars appearing from all over, examples included a very good look alike Herbbie VW to a pair of matching red 911 Porches who per the drivers where just dropping into the garden centre to look at some plants! It is interesting to note the wide range of both classic and vintage cars on display, with too many to mention it's hard to pick out any without leaving someone out, other than to say that the classic car scene is very much alive and well within EAOVC.

I also have heard as a result of Sunday we may have a couple of new club members, who together with the rest of the folk who brought their cars enjoyed the afternoon plus the free tea / coffee and scones thanks to Coleman's.

A vote of thanks must go to Coleman's Garden Centre who put in a lot of effort into the day i.e. with the AA signs and generally looking after us, also our own Ian Cairns for his efforts in organizing the day on behalf of the club.

### **Metal Car Badges**

These have been ordered and will in stock by the end of May, order yours now by phoning Robert on 90842993.

**Fleeces, polo shirts and sweat shirts**

Fleece Quilted £ 30 Shirts and Sweatshirts @ £15 Short or long Sleeve

**Please ring Heather at 9083 8004 for details and availability.**

**YOU'RE VECHILE ON THE WEBSITE**

Is your vehicle and maybe your photograph and some write up about your vehicle on the website? It is time it was. Please send a photo of your vehicle and yourself with some details by email to: [andy@eaovc.co.uk](mailto:andy@eaovc.co.uk) . Speaking of the website, if you take a look you can see what`s for sale, what`s going on and generally keep up to date faster than the newsletter. Also the member`s forum is the best way to express your point of view in between meetings. Again well done to Andrew Leckey for all the hard work that has gone into your website, which from now on will be the Clubs medium of choice for general communication etc.

**FOR SALE**

Daimler 2.5 V8 1964. Mot'd and taxed to June 2010. Car in good condition and has done a lot of the EAOVC runs over the past 10 years. I would like to get about £6000 - 7000 for it.

Pictures of both vehicles at [www.eaovc.co.uk](http://www.eaovc.co.uk) on For Sale Section.

Ring Jonathan McAuley at 028 2583 1437

**Editors Note** If you take a look on the web site you will see a lot of hard work being put in by Andy plus my thanks also goes to those who have sent in photos of various events – more please.

Gavin

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