



THE SILVER SPOKE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRAMPIAN CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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ODDS 'N SODS

Winterisation

Many of us lay up our motorcycles over the winter with just a hardy few riding through the winter months. I usually manage to get out, albeit briefly every month of the year, taking advantage of the occasional bright, mild day and use the BMW R65 which is neither shiny nor particularly valuable (although I notice prices are rising,,,). The Norton Big 4 stays in the garage, I just can't bring myself to ride a 65 year old bike in the salt. In recent years I've taken to using ACF50 and this year both bikes will get treated with ACF50 which, anecdotally, I've found to be effective protection from corrosion caused by moisture and road salt, whether out on the road or sitting in the shed. So I was interested to come across this article by F2 Motorcycles that compares WD40, FS365 and ACF50. Judge for yourself here and email me your won view...

<http://f2mcltd.blogspot.co.uk/2012/01/winter-salt-protection-acf50-fs365-or.html>

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CLUB DISCOUNT

Members can obtain a 10% discount from The Green Spark Plug Company. I had a look and they do more than just plugs - fuel taps, line and other bits 'n' pieces too. Quote CLUBMEM10 in the online checkout coupon code area. Link to their site here <http://www.gsparkplug.com/club-discounts>

FOR SALE

Sunbeam S8 1950 restored to pristine and ex winner of the Cairn a Mount best bike trophy £4950. Contact Andrew Laing 07860 414 680 or evenings 01330 811723



EVENTS AND INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS MEAL

Sat 12th December

12.30 Newmachar Hotel.

LAST CHANCE! Contact Nick Wade

JANUARY MEET

Garioch Indoor Bowling Centre, Inverurie. Timings and details to follow...

THANKS TO MICK!

A big Thank You to Mick for a great club night. The effort put in to the presentations and Micks willingness to share his knowledge was appreciated by all who attended

WEBSITE

Don't forget the GCMCC website for events, photos and more www.gcmcc.co.uk

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks for the great response last month. Material now needed for **JANUARY!** Please send by email



NOT BIKE OF THE MONTH

- This is my BMW R65 and it is **NOT** Bike of the Month! That honour goes to the three lovelies on Page 2 - YES a **TWO PAGE** Newsletter, whatever next?!
- However, as it's mentioned above here's a pic from November
- I bought it a few years ago for £600 and have spent a lot more getting it to oily rag condition using mostly German Ebay breakers
- My unskilled exploits to rejuvenate the bike are told in *RealClassic* magazine
- It's an early (79) model; 650cc with a neck stretching 44 BHP with the earlier heavy flywheel; some parts unique to the 78-80 bikes



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BIKES OF THE MONTH

Member Alan Smith has been in touch with some information and photos about his mouth-watering collection of bikes. Thank you Alan, what a great way to end the year! I think we'd all be interested in a more in-depth article about any one of them. Perhaps an idea for a future issue?

1937 International Norton 350cc Model 40. Found in Shetland three year ago, in fairly poor condition but complete. Restoration almost complete. Won its class in the champion of champions final this year.



1958 Triumph Trophy TR5 500cc (below left) parallel twin all alloy engine. Bought near Birmingham complete but many wrong parts fitted. Owned 17 years, fully restored, has won its class in the champion of champions twice. Not very good for road use due to its original low geared competition gearbox .



1950 BSA B34 competition (above right) a very rare bike, very few were built. Bought in Glasgow, owned 9 Years, Found complete in poor condition but running. Now completely restored , a competition gearbox restricts its roads use.

**A Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year to All
Until next year! Dave**