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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRAMPIAN CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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Cairn O' Mount Special!

The Cairn O' Mount run was held on Sunday 8th May and for a change the weather gods did us a favour and the sun shone and we had a great show of bikes with pretty much everything represented from the 1920's to the present day. Crawford Logan has supplied a summary of the registered bikes and attendees which makes for interesting reading; no Veteran bikes attended, but we did have two vintage (1915-1930) and a single 1931-1944 PostVintage. Numbers picked up post-war with 12 1945-59 machines and then 18 in the Classic 1960-77 category plus 25 modern/very modern bikes. Total number of registered bikes was 58 but many unregistered as well that swelled the numbers.

It will come as no surprise to members that many of the riders were past the first flush of youth with only a single rider in the under 25 category and only one in the 25-39 category. The vast majority of us are between 40 and 79. Should we be concerned about trying to attract more young folk to the club or will they simply get interested in old machines as they get older?

I took a heap of photos so given that we all like looking at bikes and they are generally more attractive than owners (though not universally...) I've included as many as possible here within the limits of my arthritic computer. Thanks also to Robert Hirst and Nick Wade for sending me additional pictures and apologies for not knowing all the makes, models and riders; I've taken a stab where I can. Always good to see so many old bikes in one place, I'm looking forward to next year already.

Results

Vintage 1915-1930 Winner: Mick Elstone's 1925 Royal Enfield 180 running well and this year with an original horn. Mick also won the Oldest Machine/Rider category - congratulations Mick!





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Post Vintage Winner - Alan Griggs 1938 Velocette MAC and Best Machine - Andrew Laing 1952 Sunbeam S7 (Apologies for the composite photo I don't have individual pictures of all of the bikes)



Winner Post War Eileen Burton's stunning 1950 BMW R51/2 (photobombed by a scruffy Big 4....ahem)



Best Classic 1960-77) Winner Alistair Clark's 1961 Triumph Bonneville





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Modern Classic Winner - Joe Cruickshank's 1979 Honda CD185. Maybe. (Ed: Sorry, I ain't sure so correct me if I'm wrong...or even better send in a photo)



Best Triumph Winner is Robert Maddock's 1969 Triumph T120



Best Japanese Winner is Les Gomeche's 1971 Honda CB750 K1



Furthest Travelled Winner on his 1950 Ariel VH500 (133 miles from Glasgow) was Keith Kintrea. Excellent effort Keith





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Youngest Rider/Oldest Machine was Alex Jenkins on his crackin' wee 1951 BSA Bantam



Photos from The Day

And for the rest of us only-rans here is a selection of photos from the day for your oggling pleasure. Continued overleaf...





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And a few more.....



Editors Choice

If I could've ridden away on any bike it would've been this one...a 1928 (?) Sunbeam Model 80 flat tanker. It just looked right; perfect proportions and great patina. If the owner wants to sell please get in touch....



Cheers, Dave.