



Newsletter

July 2017

They say "rust never sleeps", but sometimes it seems that, not content with just staying awake, it likes to put in a lot of overtime.

Checking over the Commando the other day, I spotted that the relatively new master cylinder cap had white deposits/stains on it. Giving it a rub with my fingers, I was a bit surprised to see bits of aluminium flaking off it. I replaced the last one when it fell to bits in my hand when removing it to check the level and that was only eighteen months ago.



What is really noticeable is that it is the knurled surface that is succumbing most quickly to the attack - the polished top surface is staining, but not rotting away. Is there a metallurgical reason for this, anyone? Has the crushing effect of the knurling weakened the material or is it simply that the knurled surface collects and holds salty water? Now that I think on it, the alloy seat knobs went exactly the same way. They were replaced with stainless ones of a nice pattern from RGM.

We are very aware of the damaging effect of the salt spread on the roads over the winter, and I wonder how long it stays "active". We have had

plenty of rain to wash it off, but maybe a more thorough Spring clean is needed. Or a plastic master cylinder cap (pity the later ones don't fit).

Ardnamurchan Camping Weekend

Our "midsummer" meeting in Strontian was a great weekend despite the wet and blowy weather. Tim, the owner/manager of the Sunart Camping site, went out of his way to welcome us, even inviting us to use the Bothy social area and barbecue. Highly recommended if you are looking for a site on the west coast, good facilities and a short walk to the shop, cafe and pub.

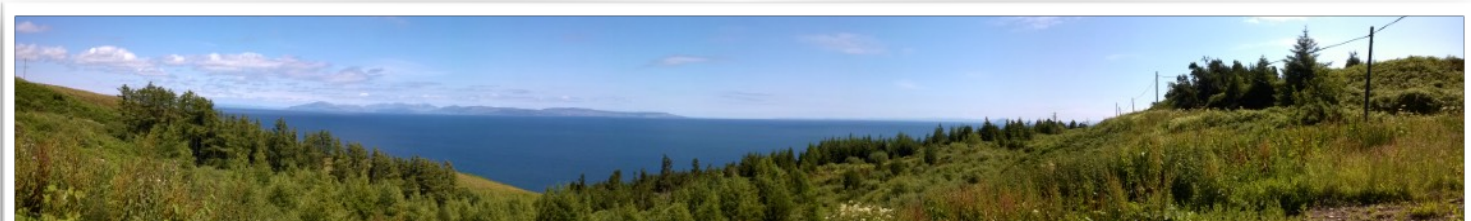
For a better report and photos, check Gino's or John's blogs (<http://ginoontour.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://jeg569.blogspot.co.uk/>)

Forthcoming Events

July 28th-29th
TVNOC Camping Weekend
Applecross Camp site

September 08th-09th
TVNOC Borders weekend
Town Yetholm, near Kelso

We have booked dinner at the Walled Garden, Applecross for 19:00 on Saturday 29th for 12 people, if you would like one of those places please let me know. Remember too that camping pitches at Yetholm can be limited and it would be helpful if you could drop me an email so that I can pass numbers on to the site.



Next Meeting: 20th July 2017