

T. Arnott Moffat Memorial Memorial Highland Road Run 2017



A short history on the background to today's run.

The idea was put by Peter Remington and John Holmes to John Moffat last year in conversation. Remington, a former trials and scrambles competitor himself, suggested the name and the venue was explored by John Moffat early in 2017. This event is permitted by the Scottish Auto-Cycle Union Ltd (SACU) and organised by the Inverness & District Motor Cycle Club Ltd.

Born in 1929 at Innerleithen, Scotland, Thomas Arnott Moffat was a trials rider who started competing in 1950 on an AJS 350 motorcycle. He rode the Scottish Six Days Trial twice, in 1953 as shown in the photo taken on 'Creag an Eillen' above and again in 1954, both times on this AJS 16MC, which is still owned by the Moffat family along with his ex-factory trials Matchless OLV722 which he bought in late 1957.

Known as 'Arnott', he was Secretary and Treasurer of the SACU for 32 years (1956-1987) and in that time he assisted in promoting the sport of motorcycling throughout Scotland.

Between 1969 and 1983, he attended the International Six Days Trial eight times, assisting the SACU riders at these events.

During his travels, Arnott Moffat encouraged many overseas riders to come and compete at the annual Scottish Six Days Trial.

Having suffered ill health from 1987, he died in December 1997 at the age of 67 years. He enjoyed meeting his many friends, whom he had met the world over through motorcycle sport, both at Fort William and further afield.

The T. Arnott Moffat Memorial Road Run was an idea which has finally become a reality and we hope to make it an annual event for your enjoyment. There is no doubt that Arnott would have loved to take part in today's run.