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### Meet Report: Inver Croft, Achnasheen, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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It was early in the morning, 4:00am to be exact, on the 17th of June - my birthday. A day worthy of a celebratory walk - on the way to the Inver Croft meet - so I headed for Torrison to climb Beinn Eighe. I arrived there about 8:30 and by the time I got my boots on and sorted out it was nearly 9:00 am before I started walking. It wasn't a nice day at all, a bit overcast and misty looking up to the mountains. I thought it might clear up later, but no, because as I climbed further up towards my 1st summit, which was Spidean Ciore nan Clach, along the ridge the mist got worse. I had to come back along the same ridge to the trig point which marked the main ridge and decided to carry on to the next munro that was a long walk along the ridge, which I was doing anti clockwise. I got to the cairn which marked the next ridge to my second summit that was Ruadh-Stac Mor and then had to double back to the main ridge again. Originally I was going to go down the buttress into Corie Mhic Fhearchair but it looked too risky in the thick mist so I decided to go back the way I came up.



When I got down off the mountain I headed for Inver cottage where the boys were waiting as I had the key ha ha. We had a nice evening settling down for dinner and a few drinks as there were six of us. We got up the next day and after breakfast we all went to do our own thing. I headed back to Torrison to do the Beinn Alligan munros.

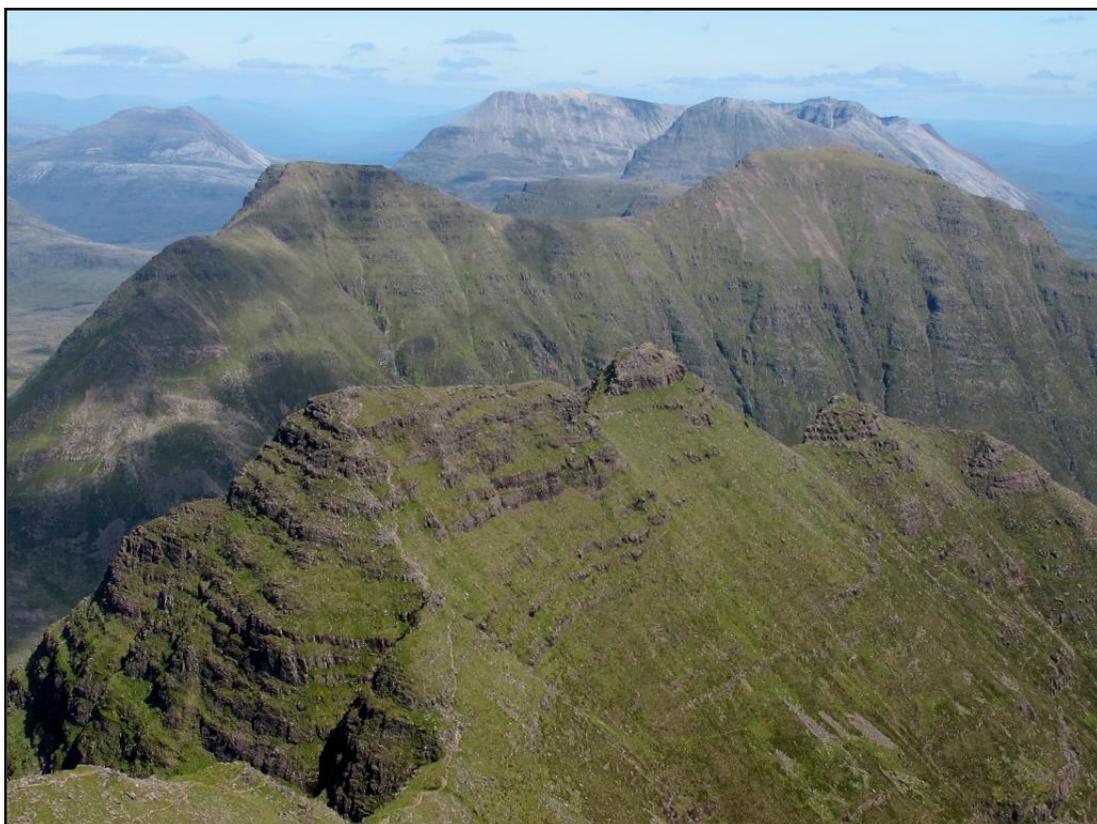
It was a much better day and the sun was shining. I headed off from the car park to the track, a long walk up to the 1st summit, which was Tom na Gruagaich. Here I met a nice couple and got the husband to take my photo at the summit (photo 1). I chatted away and found out that the husband was a founder member of the Cioch club; Colin

Semple [*it is a small world as the saying goes...*] and his wife Sue. I headed on down the ridge to my next summit and took some nice photo's along the way (photo 2) a view of the gully before my next summit. The ridge and path was challenging but enjoyable on such a lovely day (photo 3) - a view down the gully as I headed for the summit. I finally got to the summit of Sgurr Mor where I decided to have my lunch and sun myself, and here another couple came along and no I did not know them this time ha ha, but I got them to take my photo (photo 4) [*who needs a 'selfi' stick when there are helpful fellow walkers around*]. While at the summit I took a photo of the horns of Beinn Alligan (photo 5). I just came back down the same way I climbed up but still had a brilliant day.



I met the boys at back at Inver later and had a nice evening recounting our adventures. The next day, Sunday, it was packing up time for the weekend and we said our goodbyes. But before I went home I had to go back to Torrison to complete my last munro there! It was overcast just like Friday, but I got the munro done which was Mullach an Rathain on Liathach, I had climbed the other munro on the ridge some years ago. Driving home afterwards I was thinking what a great weekend and another 5 munros out of the way.

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### 2016 Meet Dates

January 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Strathspey Mountain Hostel, Newtonmore
February 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	Tulloch Station (12 places)
March 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	Lagangarbh, Glencoe (14 places)
April 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Muir of Inver, Braemar (18 places)
April / May 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup>	Inchnadamph (14 places)
June 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Inver Croft, Achnasheen
July 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric (12 places)
August 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	Sail Mhor, Dundonnell
September 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Àite Cruinnichidh Hostel, Roy Bridge (8 places)
October TBC	TBC
November 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	Mill Cottage, Feshiebridge
December TBC	TBC

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