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Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! Members,

Yet another excellent turnout at the June Club Meeting, many thanks to all who turned up.

Sunday the 15th saw Club members at a meet with the Morris Minor Club in memory of Panama Peter Ganniccliffe which I believe went down very well finishing up with an excellent meal at the Sandpiper Restaurant. I myself was booked into the Yanks Show at the Leyland Museum which was attended by about 60 various vehicles and the Old Caddy took 3rd place prize.

The 22nd saw me attending the Totally Transport Show at Blackpool which was spoiled with the 70 mph winds and I drove home with the car covered in sand, thank God for a good polish, this new ICE by Turtle Wax is a real gem and easy to apply leaving no streaks or powder residue.

I am looking forward to our own Show at Fiddlers Ferry on the 13th July, well organised as usual by Dave Espley. Also by the time you read this the winner of the Barry Molyneaux Trophy will have been presented to hold it for the next 12 months

All the Best

Your Friendly Neighbourhood

Chairman

John Wayne Greatbanks



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Next Meeting August 12th
Deadline for inclusion in next issue Aug 5th

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Please note: The third party liability insurance which the club has taken out only covers members when attending events which have been booked through the club. For other events attended individually, please make sure you are covered by your own insurance.

BITS & PIECES **Free draw**

Did You Know

Car tax

It was first introduced in 1861 under the Locomotive Act for all steam powered vehicles. It was later amended and in 1903 the Motor car Act was introduced. It was not until 1919 that the display of a tax disc was introduced

Source: Auto Express

Car Salesmen

Who says all legislation is bad for us? On May 26th, the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive came into force legislating against rogue dealers who claim false or deceptive information, and also includes aggressive selling.

Speed Cameras

WiFi cameras are being introduced. They require no wires so can be erected easily, and to make matters worse, they can talk to each other, hence you can be monitored over several cameras. I wonder if going onto the Internet with a Laptop near to them would cause any interference – Food for thought !!

From Russ Hadfield

The DVLA have launched a free prize draw for motorists renewing their vehicle tax or declaring SORN online or over the phone. Winners would receive a new SEAT Ibiza Ecomotives of which there are three to give away. This is hoped to encourage greater use of Electronic Vehicle Licensing (EVL) rather than more traditional methods. Go to www.dvla.gov.uk.

Oil Check Day

Comma, the car care company, have launched an oil check day planned for July 25. According to Comma, many motorists, especially those who are used to the reliability of modern cars, don't realise the seriousness of the oil warning light coming on.

In fact, by the time the oil light has come on the damage has probably already been done, resulting in serious and expensive repairs required to the engine.

www.commaoil.com

Mouldsworth motor museum now have their own web site. To see news of new exhibits and opening times go to:-

www.mouldsworthmotormuseum.com

PHEW! WHAT A SCORCHER.

by Steve Tanser

Pics by Maria McPartland and Steve Tanser

It's almost become a tradition; rain at the first Cholmondley show of the year. However, this year proved to be different. Hot and sunny was the order of the day for the whole show.

This was to be the first time I'd towed the club trailer, so the day started with a visit to

Dave's to collect it; and as we had planned to get to Cholmondley early, I was there at 7am. Of course, I realised then I'd forgotten the tickets and had to return home with the trailer for them.

Once on the road we met everyone else who would be going at, yes you've guessed it, Morrison's car park. That's when I realised I'd also forgotten the camera. Oh well. I still had the camera on my phone but thanks to Maria for taking most of the photos.

The day before the show Maria and Dave had been to the show field to claim our space and rope it off, only to find that this year the organisers were a bit more, well, organised. They were partitioning the club stand areas with stakes and rope.

Once there, and the gazebo was erected, Maria did a sterling job getting the bacon butties going on the bar-b-que and we proceeded to enjoy the sunshine. The usual autojumble was in attendance and it was so much more pleasant not to be getting wet.

We all had high hopes for a hot summer this year on the back of this. Unfortunately, as you read this, you probably already know differently.



CLUB EVENTS 2008

8th July Barry Molyneaux night

12th July Penketh Carnival

13th July Fiddler's Ferry

24th July Eve Whipping Stocks

27th July Audlem F. of T.

2nd Aug Hebden Bridge

3rd Aug Woodvale

16th & 17th Aug Tatton Park

23rd-25th Aug Oulton Park

31st Aug Rotary – Sutton Fields

7th Sept Cholmondley Castle

14th Sept Daresbury Labs

27th & 28th Sept. Widnes

CLUB DISCOUNTS



Orford Green, Warrington

ANDREW PAGE

Lilford Street, Warrington. Ask for Simon

Alpha1Autos

U2 Priestly Street, Warrington. Discount card required

Please remember to take your club membership card with you in order to claim your discount

Spring Road Run by Dave Espley



Sunday 18th May at The Butchers Arms Great Sankey was to be the starting point for our first road run

of 2008 and the day proved to be a great success, weather wise and turn out.

And so it was that at about 0900hrs on a bright and warm morning over 20 cars of varying ages and makes gathered on the car park to receive the "Route instructions" carefully prepared by Steve and Jill Tanser.



I think we were all impressed by the variety and quality of cars, especially some guests who made up the numbers with mark 2 Zephyrs, Zodiacs and Consuls as well as a trilogy of Vauxhall PA Crestas. Some rarity as well. the Hudson Owned by Wayne was a real one off!



Thanks to all who planned the day and those who turned up.

The run took up approx. 100 miles in all, including a really good mix of Rural, semi Rural, towns, Villages and even the Seaside. In brief this is what we did..

Butchers Arms to Frodsham via Preston Brook, on thro' Helsby and past Elton to

the first stop at a little Country car park down a lane god knows where.

Steve Marran utilised his charm and wit on a local girl blocked in by the sudden arrival of about 23 cars.

Very understanding lady (about Steve, not the Blockage).

A quick brew and off again through some typical Cheshire villages and Lanes, across the Wirral ending up at Harrison Drive above New Brighton at the Seaside.

Met other classic people out for the day and eventually moved on to Eastham where the Manchester Ship Canal lock



gates start. Lovely place, bit of a nature reserve and 2 pubs. Busy and popular place. We intend to do an evening run there soon.

The sun shone and spirits were up as we returned to the Butchers Arms for the "judging" and

the assistant Manager picked a really clean red and white Ford Consul she fancied. Well done to one of our guests who took the trophy.

Quite a crowd stayed for the discounted meal and once gain many thanks to the organisers, Steve T and Jilly T for the hard work put in weeks before the event.

Thanks also to Andy and his staff for hosting at the pub.



TOP TIPS

Some helpful hints from Maria...

To remove stubborn splinters, such as those from wire wool or fibre-glass. Wet a bar of soap then dip finger in sugar and cover with a plaster. It will just work itself out.

To clean a really grimy engine use "Mr Muscle Oven Cleaner"

To get rid of rid of verrucae and warts use a fresh piece of banana skin(cut to size) and put the white side on affected area and put a plaster over the top. Change the banana skin everyday and in about 3 to 4 weeks the wart will come off.

Run out of Swafega never mind, a little sugar and a bit of washing up liquid made into a paste does the trick.

Old dry leather upholstery – use a cheap hand lotion (Superdrug) instead of expensive leather treatments (courtesy of John Newton)

Grease Stains: Eucalyptus Essential Oil is the best for cutting grease. Add some to your mixtures and works great on those rings around the tub, grease on mirrors. Greasy goo on the counters and such. Also will cut grease scum. The next best for grease would be Tea Tree oil , then Lavender, then Lemon then Orange.

<http://www.dotcomwomen.com/home/stain-remover-recipes.shtml>

.....and some from Russ.

Use Brasso for removing scratches from Perspex and also for buffing up polyurethane varnish on dashboards.

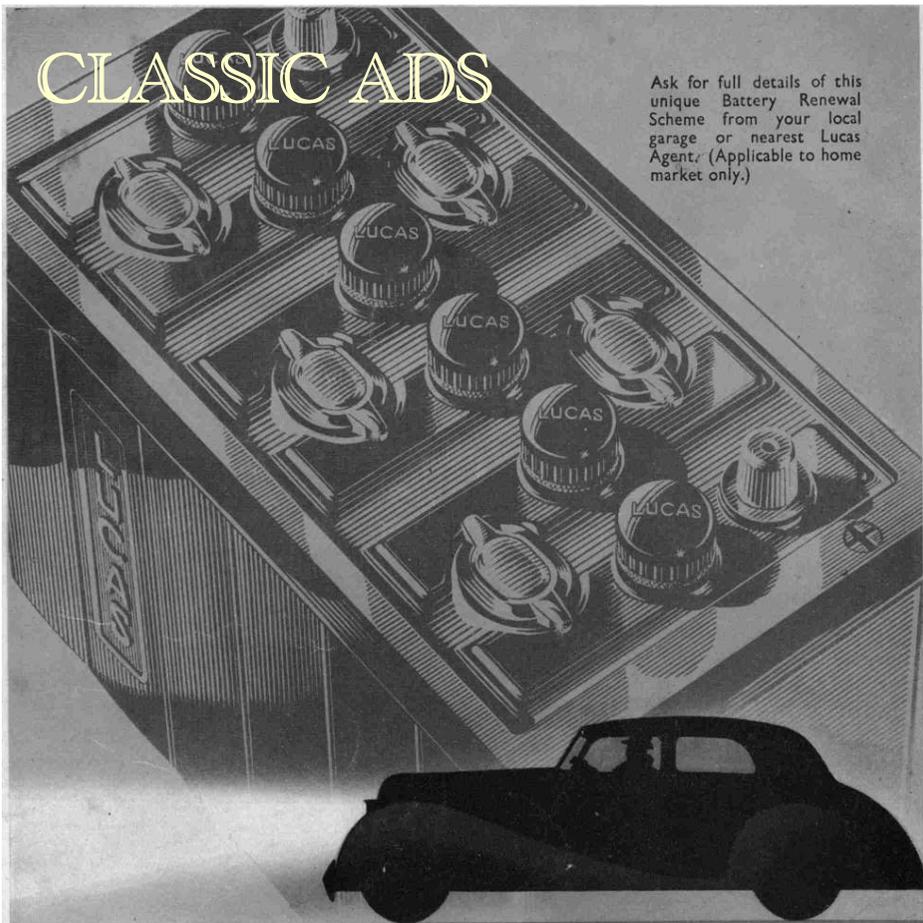
Fuel starvation going uphill can be caused by a failing fuel pump. This can be confirmed if the car will not go up in first, but will in reverse. No difference will be noticed in Beardmore taxis !!!!!!!!!!!

Fuel Additives: Practical Classics Best Buy is Castrol Valvemaster Plus at £9.99 for 250ml

We all have our little tricks and tips- why not submit yours and share with others.

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