



# BACKFIRE

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## Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! to all Members

WOW!!!!, we've done it again, for the second time this season the top prize for Best Show Area at Cholmondley on Sunday 28th September, so having previously done the same at Tatton Park earlier we must congratulate ourselves on all our fine efforts at both shows,( we certainly showed the Jaguar and Mercedes Clubs how to do it properly). My congratulations to all Members who displayed their wonderful Motors, we are getting well known across the Classic Shows circuit simply because we are a multi-mark Club and therefore the viewing public don't get bored by looking at a single make club display, in addition to the above award our own Steve Marran took runners-up trophy with his Beardmore Taxi in the 50,s category; well done Steve!! ,let's hope you don't have any problems next season, you shouldn't have really because everything except the body-work has been replaced, I think the only part to be replaced is that old diesel with a V8, Ha" Ha".

What a wonderful outing we all had at the Daresbury Laboratories, good weather, a great turnout of over 20 Cars, many attractions and interesting areas to visit, also great food at very reasonable prices, our thanks go to Rob Smith for his organisation which we all appreciated.

Around a handful of Members made the trip to Widnes on the Sunday and because of the decent weather the Show Area was packed to capacity, it certainly brought out the crowds, well organised as usual, this is a really good venue with plenty of attractions for the children.

Anyway don't forget, Lock and Load

Your Friendly Neighbourhood  
Chairman  
John Wayne Greatbanks



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**Next Meeting November 11th**  
**Deadline for inclusion in next issue Nov 4th**

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# BITS & PIECES

## Classics on TV

A new television series should be a real treat for classic car fans is currently in production. Richard Wilson (Victor Meldrew of One Foot in the Grave) will be hosting Britain's Best Drives in which he ditches his satnav and, armed with only a 1958 road map, travels the highways and byways in a variety of classics. Cars lined up so far include a Morris Minor and a VW Camper.

The series will be shown on BBC4 at a date to be set.

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## Improvements at DVLA

You now have greater flexibility when renewing your vehicle tax disc. Whether you're buying on-line, by phone or by post, you'll be able to legally drive your car for up to five days while waiting for the tax disc to arrive. This applies only if the new one was applied for before the old one expired. You should continue to display the expired disc.

You're also now able to buy a new disc from the fifth day of the month the old disc expires. Previously this has only been possible from the fifteenth day. For more information, go to the Directgov web site. [www.direct.gov.uk/taxdisc](http://www.direct.gov.uk/taxdisc)

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## Lagonda Revival

Dr. Ulrich Bez, Aston Martin chief executive, has confirmed his intention to revive the Lagonda name.

"The Lagonda brand would allow us to develop cars which have a different character than a sports car", said Dr. Bez. "In 2009 Lagonda will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and in its centenary year we are confident that we will show the first concept car, which could be in the market by 2012".

## YOU DON'T OWN YOUR CAR

How did the DVLA gain the power to take a car from your land and have it crushed? Believe it or not, it's not your car - it belongs to the DVLA. Or rather, the DVLA have created a bunch of statutes to that effect which they use to convince us of that. When you register the vehicle through a cunning slight of hand, you unwittingly sign over Legal title (actual ownership) to the vehicle to the DVLA while retaining equitable title (the right to use). This is how they can get away with charging you road tax, it's essentially a rental agreement - they own the car, you use it.

As for taking a car from your property, once again, it's not really your property due to a similar slight of hand during the conveyance process, it's their (the govt et al) land and it's their car. See a pattern forming? It's not quite that simple of course, because we live under UK common law which means that contracts need to be multi-lateral and signed under full disclosure. That gobbledegook means that they have to disclose all the conditions of the contract at time of signing and it needs to be signed by two people. I think you may find that they have done neither, hence the contract itself is questionable under UK common law. However, they will probably argue that the contract is enforced under Equity Law, not common law. Equity law is something that the powers that be created for the express benefit of themselves. Yep, it's getting boring. If the DVLA send you a court summons, bear in mind, a court summons is just a fancy word for invitation. You might choose to decline the invitation by returning a RSVP by writing on the summons, something like: Receipt of your offer of contract is acknowledged and hereby returned for discharge and closure for your failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. I do not wish to contract with you. date By: your signature, agent,' and sending it back to them. Why do people put up with it? Largely through ignorance. However, rest assured that more and more people around the world are becoming aware of the magnitude of the stitch up and are beginning to tell the powers that be to get stuffed, politely of course. Please feel free to join us.

**Ryan de Bray.... Practical Performance Car. July 2008.**

**Thanks to Rob Smith**

# Barry Molyneux Cup Night 8/7/08.

Pictures by Maria McPartland  
and Steve Tanser



A record turn out for the Annual Barry Molyneux Cup Club Night. A very full Car park and just over 50 enthusiasts in the Clubhouse after the "Judging".

A well deserved win by newish member John

Allen with his Triumph TR3A. Shiny red and a car I would certainly like to drive home. Well done John.



The cup was handed over, photos taken of John next to the TR3A by Steve Tanser for a future "Backfire", then said Cup was whizzed away for engraving. I can say now that John was given the finished article back on 13th



July at our Ferry Show. Watch out Big John and Steve Marran; we have another cup collector around!!

A little info. for those newer members who may not know the history of the Cup and it's namesake. Right back in the early days of our Club (1996 or 7 ish), a guy named Barry Molyneux was a prominent member along with his wife Joyce.



When he sadly passed away his wife and others decided his name

would live on in the form of the Cup we are all familiar with today.



Half way through the year we remind everyone to bring their vehicles to the Clubhouse so that we can all vote on which vehicle we would most like to take home.

We try to make it a members vehicle and members vote on the night to keep it "in house" as it were. But being casual as we



we accidentally allowed a very nice Mini Clubman to win it several years ago and no-one appeared to know who the person was who drove off with a big

smile and Shiny Cup. Eventually we traced him down and all ended well; yes we hon-



oured our voting by allowing him to "mind" the Cup for 12 Months. And that's why we prefer to keep it down to current members

vehicles and only members voting. Hope that clears up any questions newbys may have.

Look after the Cup John and thanks to all for a great turn out and support on the night.

**Dave  
Espley,  
Social Sec.**



# CLUB EVENTS 2008

Dec 26th Lymm Steam

## **AUTO QUESTIONS**

**Just for Fun. Answers next month.**

1. When did Henry Ford build his first car?
2. When did Henry Ford build his first Model T?
3. How many Model T Fords were sold?
4. For which company did Herbert Austin (later Lord Austin) work before forming his own company?
5. By which name is the Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino, founded in 1899, better known?
6. The first Morris car was called the Oxford. When was it built?
7. Which company, in 1915, built the first V8 engine?

8. In 1920 the STD Group was formed. Can you name the 3 companies that gave the group its title?

## **WHO AM I?**

9. I joined forces with my partner in 1906 to form the company that still carries our names today. I was the engineering brain of the partnership. In 1931 we took over another British car maker famous for success in the Le Mans 24 Hour races. Our cars are considered by many to be the best in the world.

10. In 1927 a special aluminium bodied version of the Austin Seven produced by the Swallow Sidecar and Coach building Company went on sale. By what name is this company known today?

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## **CLUB DISCOUNTS**



Orford Green, Warrington

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## **ANDREW PAGE**

Lilford Street, Warrington. Ask for Simon

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## **Alpha Autos**

U2 Priestly Street, Warrington. Discount card required

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

## **Russ's Rants**

NWCC's grumpy old sod gets it off his chests

### **Volvo recall**

Apparently, Volvo has had to recall several models recently for "reduced" brake performance and power steering problems. Pity the boffins in Sweden haven't noticed that their car lights stay on and have done for years.

### **Scrap Cars**

It appears that the End of Life Vehicle Regulations doesn't appear to be working. In 2007, 900,000 vehicles were formally scrapped, yet 2 million vehicles were taken off the road. I guess if they look on some of the renowned housing estates around the UK they will find them up on bricks or burnt out !!!!!

I don't know about you, but I feel the the Regulation should be scrapped. Bring back the days of walking round scrappies, up to your knees in oil, looking for the parts you need on dangerously stacked vehicles.

### **Car Air Bags**

Following research by the Dutch Cycling Federation, it appears that Cycling Groups are now calling for external airbags on cars. It is reckoned that hundreds of lives each year will be saved by them. If cyclists rode in single file and not three abreast then we would all be safe. On yer bikes !!

### **Yanks and Car Noise**

Yes the Yanks have done it again. No, not invaded Iran, but come up with another scatter brained idea.

On the back of idiotic things like instructions needed for Microwaves, telling them not to put Fido in it when they have bathed it, and not to put metal ladders against live wires, Oh, and

not forgetting the plonker in the Winnebago when it drove off the highway whilst he was brewing up in the back, they are now looking into car noise.

Now most of you will think what is wrong with that, as car noise should be kept to reasonable levels. No, not the yanks, they are worried about no noise coming from electric cars. They are considered dangerous to pedestrians including the blind.

If legislation is to be introduced, the manufacturers will be forced to make their models noisier, or make fake engine noises.

Can you imagine an electric car with a V8 noise, as its all the Yanks know. Well at least the blind will know they are to be run over by a vehicle from the V8 sound approaching them, and the deaf will be able to laugh their socks off before being hit by one.

It beggars belief !!

### **Italian Tunnels**

Apparently, a survey carried out by a German auto organisation has deemed that Italian Tunnels are the most dangerous roads in Europe. The Cernobbio Tunnels at Lake Como was detailed as the most dangerous.

I take it this Kraut organisation didn't look any further as they would have found that all Italian roads are the most dangerous in Europe. They are full of Italians !!!!

Disclaimer

All rants are tongue in cheek and should be taken with a pinch of salt. The writer doesn't take anything seriously and if any offence is taken then you should get a life!!



## Audlem Festival of Transport 27th July 2008.



Our third visit to this popular event was rewarded just like 2006 and 2007; sweltering weather, a full turn out and good organisation.

Over 300 exhibitors gathered on the picturesque Hankerlow village Green in an impressive array of vehicles. Ranging from Scooters, to an ex I.O.M. Racing motorbike and sidecar (road legal), through to some very old Veteran/ Vintage cars, and a Bus as well as run of the mill vehicles, and even a V8 powered Reliant Robin driven by a remarkably sane looking guy!! There was something for everyone and our Club did ourselves proud with about 11 ish cars and the Camperbus, which always draws admiring looks.

The White Lion Pub laid on some excellent food and drink, all at the right prices. I saw John our Chairman struggling, but not for long, with his all day breakfast Baguette. Only £2 a pop!! Great value, we all agreed.

The procession set off at 1230 hrs in slow orderly fashion down to Audlem village itself where we were met and waved at and even cheered by loads of locals scattered alongside the grass verges and roadside. Enthusiastic lot the Audlemites!! We ended up on a large School field and surrounded the Helicopter fenced off for display. At the end of the show the pilot showed off his skills with various manoeuvres some with no hands! A WW2 Spitfire gave a marvelous and nostalgic fly by, well 7 actually.

The whole day was a success and is one not to miss next year. I managed to catch up with some of the organisers, yes in a pub, and thanked them from all at NWCC.

Thanks also to Maria for sorting out our tickets and organising our part of getting there although some of us tried several alternative ways to get there via Stone. Got there in the end though didn't we?

**Dave Espley..... Social Sec.**

**Pictures by Maria McPartland & Steve Tanser**



# CLASSIC ADS

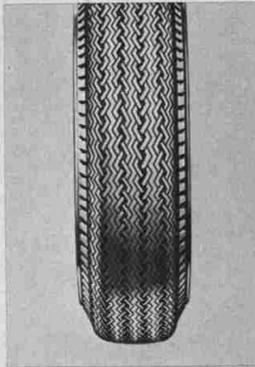


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Ask your tyre supplier for a free copy of the Industry's 'Tyres and your Safety' folder.

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# GOOD YEAR