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Chairman's Word

Aloha!! to all Members

Well, my Friends, sadly the show season has finally finished and what a season it turned out to be, we mustn't forget to record quite a few venues ready for next season like Oulton Park Gold Cup weekend and the Audlem Transport Festival along with Woodvale and certainly not forgetting "old faithful's" like Steve and Jill's Spring Road Run along with Tatton Park and Cholmondley also of course our very own Fiddlers Ferry Show which I must say I thought was our best show year. We have to applaud our very own Maria as events organiser who, without her excellent output we wouldn't have had the great turnouts of our proud Classics which culminated in two major prizes for Best Show Area also many individual trophies as well. Now that the Winter Season is fast approaching, I'm sure quite a lot of you are "bedding down" your classics but don't forget that it still needs a decent run at least once a week whatever the weather just to keep that oil circulating around the bearings and of course the water pump working, also make sure that you put in the necessary inhibitors and boost up to at least 40% antifreeze just in case we get temperatures well below freezing and go around your motor with one of my favourites WD 40 which of course repels moisture typically under the bonnet and on all locks and hinges, (Here Endeth The Lesson Ha! Ha!)

So lets all Lock and Load and Hit The Beach

Your Friendly Neighbourhood
Chairman

John Wayne Greatbanks



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Deadline for inclusion in next issue Dec 2nd

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Russ's Rants

NWCC's grumpy old sod gets it off his chests

Conservatives and Classic cars

Apparently, the Conservatives are toying with the idea of extending the current tax exemption to all vehicles that are over 30 years old. This is currently applied in several European countries at present.

If they also abolish car tax, road tolls, congestion charges, bring the price of petrol down to 1960's levels, and change their name to the Raving Loony party, they will get my vote!!

Cars nearing extinction

According to the DVLA, there are only 16 FSO Polonez cars from the Polski-Fiat stable still registered within the UK.

In my book this is 16 too many. The UK buying public have had to suffer many models of cars that are a pile of c**p, and these probably needed welding before they left the showroom.

Would you believe that there is even an owners club, the FSOC, and I'm sure you can guess what the FS stands for.

If these cars had needed a recall, they would have been off the road for weeks. With a name like Polonez, it has to be either a French or Spanish name for a parrot.

If any club member has owned one of these, or is considering buying one because of their rarity, I would suggest you keep your gob shut and consider counseling.

Peugeot 504

We all know that in the past several cars have continued to be made in other countries such as the Beetle in Mexico and Nigeria. Did you know that the Peugeot 504 is still made in Nigeria? - and the price is

£25,000. Just think what you could buy for £25 Grand.

For those of you interested visit

www.peugeot-nigeria.com

Source: Practical Classics

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 !!

Daytime Running Lights

The expected EU legislation to make all cars use low-level daytime running lights had classic car users fearing that they would have to retro-fit new lights. This, however, is not the case as, from 2011, the new regulation will apply to new vehicles only.

Woodvale

by Steve Tanser



We decided to return to Woodvale after a break of a few years and most of us agreed to travel in convoy. Maria's excellent organization meant we had a club stand, although it turned out to be "out in the sticks" a little. A bit like being under the trees at Tatton. Meeting at Somerfield's in Penketh, Dave handed out the route we'd be taking and we would be following his lead as he drove Albert and

Shirley's Mercedes (the VDP is still poorly). Well, that was the theory anyway. Suffice to say that a tour of Southport, though not planned, was an interesting diversion. I'm not sure exactly when Dave tore up the route. Anyway, we arrived safely in the end and began to put together the stand. Cars were moved, gazebo was built and soon the bacon was cooking on the bar-b-que.

Those who have been to Woodvale in the past will know the size of this event. The exhibits are spread over a wide area and, really, one day isn't enough if you want to see everything. One day was all that was planned this year as some of us had booked into the Hebden Bridge show on the Saturday.

For those who haven't been, this is one of those shows you have to experience to believe. Apart from classic cars, which are split into clubs and individuals, there are radio controlled aircraft, model railways, model boats, radio controlled cars and motor bikes, a fairground, sales stalls, live music and lots more to hold you interest. This is one I hope will be a regular club event for the future.

**THESE ARE ENTRIES TO A
WASHINGTON POST COMPETITION
ASKING FOR A TWO-LINE RHYME
WITH THE MOST ROMANTIC FIRST
LINE, AND THE LEAST ROMANTIC
SECOND LINE:**

1. My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife:
Marrying you has screwed up my life.
2. I see your face when I am dreaming.
That's why I
always wake up screaming.
- 3.. Kind, intelligent, loving and hot;
This describes everything you are not.
4. Love may be beautiful, love may be bliss,
But I only slept with you 'cause I was pissed.
5. I thought that I could love no other
-- that is until I met your brother.

6. Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is
sweet, and so are you.
But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead,
the sugar bowl's empty and so is your
head.

7. I want to feel your sweet embrace;
But don't take that paper bag off your face.

8. I love your smile, your face, and your eyes
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!

9. My love, you take my breath away.
What have you stepped in to smell this way?

10. My feelings for you no words can tell,
Except for maybe "Go to hell".

11. What inspired this amorous rhyme?
Two parts vodka, one part lime.

WHO SAID POETRY IS BORING

Thanks to Maurice Howard

CLUB DISCOUNTS



Orford Green, Warrington

ANDREW PAGE

Lilford Street, Warrington. Ask for Simon

Alpha 1 Autos

U2 Priestly Street, Warrington. Discount card required

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

Tatton Park

By Steve Tanser



Our second visit of the year to Tatton Park turned out to be better than we'd expected. As you may have earlier read in John's Chairman's Word, we did quite well in the trophy department. After Maria had successfully secured us a central position at the previous weekend, this time we were nearer to the auto jumble area although I think it was slightly smaller. So much so we didn't put up the "Bodgit & Scarper" stand this time. This could be the indication for our future displays. A few of us were relaxing in the gazebo when one of the judges came along and announced that John Allen's TR3A had won a prize. We were, naturally, delighted for John when, a little later, we found out the club had won a prize for the stand.

It was a nice change to go up to the "big tent" with our members to collect trophies. In fact, I think its

the furthest I've ever seen Big John walk. We later found out that Jim Jordan had won, not only first, but second as well for his two Zodiacs in the best Zephyr/Zodiac section. Congratulations to John and Jim for their individual wins and well done and many thanks to all members who helped building the stand and packing away after the show.



Notice on car (not a joke)

Just last weekend on Friday night we parked in a public parking area. As we drove away I noticed a sticker on the rear window of the car. When I took it off after I got home, it was a receipt for petrol. Luckily my friend told me not to stop as it could be someone waiting for me to get out of the car. Then we received this email yesterday:

WARNING FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE. BEWARE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE-
-NEW WAY TO DO CAR JACKINGS (NOT A JOKE)'

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and select reverse. When you look into the rear view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you select neutral, unlock your doors, and get out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and drive off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED.

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. And be thankful that you read this. I hope you will tell this to

friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want this to fall into the wrong hands.

Email forwarded by Steve Marran.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2008 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no no.9 on this list.
15. You actually looked back up to check that there wasn't a no.9 on this list.

Thanks to Maria McPartland

CLASSIC ADS

MOBIL OIL SPECIAL PROTECTS MORE THAN THE FORD CORSAIR V4's ENGINE



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LAST MONTH'S AUTOQUESTIONS ANSWERS

- 1) 1896, 2) 1908, 3) 15,000,000, 4) Wolseley, 5) Fiat, 6) 1913, 7) Cadillac, 8) Sunbeam/Talbot/Darracq, 9) Frederick Henry Royce, 10) Jaguar