



BACKFIRE

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Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! to all our Members

I hope you all had a wonderful white Christmas and a fantastic New Year apart from this "cold snap" which seems to be lingering throughout the holiday period, anyway, freezing weather or not myself along with a dozen or so "Die Hard" Members ventured out on Boxing Day to The Steam Gathering at The Jolly Thresher Pub at Lymm, we all skidded into place on the car park skating rink but it was a dry and fresh day and a variety of vehicles arrived (mostly tractors). Around 12-30 we all tramped into the Pub for a meal as Billy had reserved a table for us, and I must say we were all well pleased with the service and quality of the food, so it has been decided to hold our New Year meal here having previously had two years of disappointment at local Pub Restaurants. The meal will be on Saturday 23rd January at 1-30pm and you will find menu's on you're table this coming Club Night, I will need to know how many of you will be attending by a show of hands.

As you know Russ and Myself have taken over the running of events for 2010 and you will find a form for you to put a tick against the shows you wish to attend during the season, then at the February Meeting there will be forms for the individual events for you to sign, when we know how many will be attending we will order the necessary passes, I'm afraid that any entry fees for events will have to be paid up front.

Here's looking forward to the 2010 Car Show Season with us once again visiting our regular venues like Tatton and Cholmondeley and a few different shows like The Leyland Classic Show, Lytham Hall and Fairhaven Lake at Lytham St Annes all of which I have attended over previous years and are excellent shows

Here's Wishing you

All The Very Best for 2010

So take the high ground, and lock and load

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Chairman

John Wayne G.



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Next Meeting February 9th

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BITS & PIECES

EU Directive No. 456179

In order to meet the conditions for joining the Single European currency, all citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase 'Spending a Penny' is not to be used after 31st December 2009 .

From this date, the correct terminology will be: 'Euronating'.

Continuous insurance (from the FBHVC newsletter)

Just after the last newsletter went to press, there was a sudden flurry of enquiries following media reports about new measures to enforce motor insurance regulations. The reports were triggered by a press announcement issued by the Department for Transport to coincide with the publication of their analysis of the responses to the consultation on a 'Scheme of Continuous Enforcement of Motor Insurance' (*see Newsletter 2/2009*).

There has been a series of consultations on this topic, going back several years. The underlying proposal is to undertake regular comparison between the DVLA database of vehicles that are licensed for road use and the motor insurers' database (MID) of vehicles that are insured. The comparison would identify vehicles that appear only on the former, and keepers of those vehicles would then become liable to penalty, whether or not the vehicle concerned was actually in use. Legislation to make this possible was contained in Section 22 of the Road Safety Act of 2006, allowing the Secretary of State to make appropriate regulations for the application of the new law and to decide when it should start. The

latest consultation was concerned with the detail of those regulations.

Typically, some of the media reports caused needless anxiety for some whose vehicles were licensed, but temporarily out of use and uninsured, by suggesting this was some new idea and hinting that the new system was already in operation. A closer look at the press announcement would have shown the journalists responsible that DfT expects the new enforcement regime to come into force in the 'next financial year'.

At present, it is only illegal to use, or keep, an uninsured vehicle on the road - provided it is off the road, it doesn't matter whether it is insured or not. However, once the new regulations come into force, and Section 22 of the Road Safety Act of 2006 commences, it *will* be an offence to keep an uninsured vehicle unless it is SORNed (or has been off the road since before the SORN system began in January 1998).

FBHVC supports the principle of this scheme as it believes it will reduce the number of uninsured vehicles on the roads. The obvious caveat is the risk that a properly insured vehicle may not show up on the MID for some reason, such as being one of many vehicles on a multi-vehicle policy. Owners can check that their vehicles appear on the insurance database by checking at www.askmid.com - and we recommend that everyone should make that basic check shortly after each insurance renewal.

I hope you enjoy the picture on the back page. I thought I'd try a change this year and give the ads a rest. The reason behind the name "Backside" is that whenever anyone take pictures of cars, they invariably take the front, but sometimes the back may be just as interesting.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place at the December club meeting as usual and was opened by the Chairman, John Greatbanks.

There were no absences so John commenced with his opening remarks, commenting on how good a year it has been for the club. We now have four club stand awards as well as some member's receiving multiple awards for their cars. As there were no matters arising from the previous AGM, John then invited the other committee members to deliver their final report of the year.

After the reports Chris Lee called for a round of applause for the members of the committee and was then asked to officially dissolve the present committee so that a new committee could be voted in for 2010. All 2009 committee members, except Dave Espley and Maria McPartland, were happy to stand again.

Chris led the voting and the members in the meeting voted for committee members to be reinstated to their positions. This left two positions vacant, Social Secretary and Events Organiser, with one extra

position of Ferry Show Organiser being taken by Paul Gannicliffe.

An explanation, and purpose, of the club constitution was then given by Rob Smith. He summarised the contents and explained that additions and changes to the contents can be made if proposed and voted by members.

During Any Other Business, Dave Espley reported on progress of the club annual meal. A number of locations have been approached for a date at the end of January and these will be finalised by this meeting. He also mentioned how he has passed on thanks to those who have been helpful to the club, particularly the stewards of this club for our meetings. Dave then led the singing of Happy Birthday to Jim McPartland, who was then presented with a cake. Unfortunately he didn't manage to blow out the candles as he was overcome by the heat.

Rob Smith then reiterated the importance of someone to fill the vacant posts, especially the role of Events Organiser.

John Greatbanks and Russ Hadfield then volunteered to organise the events as caretakers for the time being.

As there was no other business, John then closed the AGM.

See page 1 for the present committee.

Lynn Steam Gathering



This year's Boxing Day outing at The Jolly Thresher

turned out to be a bit of a non-event, thanks no doubt to the weather. Although the Met Office had predicted a mild winter (to go with the barbeque summer I expect) this has, so far, been the coldest



winter for twenty five years. When we arrived in the Volvo at 10.30 there was only three in the car park. Steve M. warned us to keep the speed down and we turned into the car park to find a sheet of



ice covering the surface. Parking proved to be fun but we made it without incidence and then tried to stay on our feet when we got out of the car.



A few others gradually arrived, but not like the num-



bers which usually attend. The car park finished up with more modern cars than classics. Only one steam traction engine arrived and one commercial, with maybe ten classic cars, six tractors, two motor cycles and a couple of jeeps; oh,



and a penny farthing bicycle which, I heard, was new having been built by its owner. A welcome addition this year though was the landlord selling tea and coffee outside before the pub opened.

By the time the pub did open we had had a talk between us and decided to stay put as the car park at The Old No. 3, the finishing place, is on a slope and could be tricky. Steve went in and made sure there was a table available for us and reserved it.

The pub has been refurbished since our last visit and now has an open and airy feel and we had a great lunch to round off the morning.

Proof That The World Is Nuts

In Lebanon, men are legally allowed to have sex with animals, but the animals must be female. Having sexual relations with a male animal is punishable by death.
(Like THAT makes sense.)

In Bahrain, a male doctor may legally examine a woman's genitals, but is prohibited from looking directly at them during the examination. He may only see their reflection in a mirror.
(Do they look different reversed?)

Muslims are banned from looking at the genitals of a corpse. This also applies to undertakers. The sex organs of the deceased must be covered with a brick or piece of wood at all times.
(A brick?)

The penalty for masturbation in Indonesia is decapitation.
(Much worse than 'going blind!')

There are men in Guam whose full-time job is to travel the countryside and deflower young virgins, who pay them for the privilege of having sex for the first time. Reason: under Guam law, it is expressly forbidden for virgins to marry.
(Let's just think for a minute; is there any job anywhere else in the world that even comes close to this?)

In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her adulterous husband, but may only do so with her bare hands. The husband's illicit lover, on the other hand, may be killed in any manner desired.
(Ah! Justice!)

Topless saleswomen are legal in Liverpool, England - but only in tropical fish stores.
(But of course!)

In Cali, Colombia, a woman may only have sex with her husband, and the first time this happens, her mother must be in the room to witness the act.
(Makes one shudder at the thought.)

In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, it is illegal for a man to have sex with a woman and her daughter at the same time.
(I presume this was a big enough problem that they had to pass this law?)

In Maryland, USA it is illegal to sell condoms from vending machines with one exception: Prophylactics may be dispensed from a vending machine only 'in places where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises.'
(Is this a great country or what?
Well, not as great as Guam!)

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
(Who volunteers for these tests?)

The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.
(Did our government pay for this research??)

Butterflies taste with their feet.
(Ah, geez.)

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
(I know some people like that.)

Starfish don't have brains.
(I know some people like that, too.)

And, the best for last?
Turtles can breathe through their butts.
(And I thought I had bad breath in the morning!)

Thank you all for reading this, if you need to reach me in the future I will be in Guam!!

Thanks to Maurice Howard

Exotic Profile



Ferrari 275 GTB

Engine

Engine	V-12 60°
Bore (mm)	77
Stroke (mm)	58.8
Stroke volume	3285
Compression ratio	9.2:1
Maximum power (HP)	280
At speed of rotation (rpm)	7600
Gear	5 Speed

Performance

Top speed (kph)	250-265
0-100 kph	6.5

Introduced in 1964, the 275 was to be the replacement for the 250 GT. Built as a road going race car in order to homologate the model for competition it featured a tubular frame construction with a steel body designed by Pininfarina and built by Scaglietti.

The V12 3.3lt engine, developed from its predecessor, but with a larger bore and dry sump system, was mated to a 5-speed trans-axle to give an almost 50/50 weight distribution. Three twin-choke Webers provided the induction. To improve handling the 250's live rear axle and leaf springs were replaced by a double wishbone independent suspension.



In 1965 a longer nosed variation was offered and in 1966 the GTB/4 was introduced having four camshafts, two per cylinder bank. The 275 was replaced in 1968 by the 365 GTB/4 Daytona.



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