



BACKFIRE

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Chairman's Chatter

We're into March already and for me the first show is now on the Radar ie Event City Classic Show on 24/25th March

However before that the Alpine has got it's MOT. Have you ever started a job that you wish you hadn't? Well as last year was a poor year for me with the house move, the Alpine was a little left out and very little work was done on it. I thought this year that I would give it a full service before the MOT plus new Radiator expansion tank and a full emptying of the water works with a refill of new antifreeze.

The brakes and the waterworks gave little problems, but I cannot say that the oil change went swimmingly because this latter word really came to the fore. With the Alpine, I can change the oil/filter with the car on the ground, so I carefully removed the sump plug and placed my collection bowl underneath to catch the oil, or that was the theory anyway.

It would appear that when moving from under the car, sump plug in hand, I must have knocked the collection vessel from its original position. It was only when looking back at the car from the workbench, having carefully cleaned the sump plug, that the Torrey Canyon impression was well underway. Oil could be seen running out from underneath both front wheels, and very little actually collected in the bowl.

The air was blue, and I now, of course, had to put a clean-up regime into place. The problems didn't just end there, the oil filter, which can be a bit difficult to get at, even from under the car as well as on top, would not shift with any of the wrenches I had, due to poor accessibility, despite moving the alternator to one side. As a last gasp attempt, I simply got hold of the filter with my hands and to my amazement it turned with a far bit of teeth gritting. Phew!!!! All was put back together and things seem to be hunky dory. Oh the joys of Classic car ownership!!

The work on the event displays continues, and, as at the last meeting, we hope to be able to show you some of the progress made. Please don't forget to see Paul Birchall re any shows you wish to go to. I think I am right in saying that, as I write this, the forms for the First Tatton show along with the July Oulton Park show will have been sent off.

See you all at the meeting

Russ



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Next Meeting April 10th

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BITS & PIECES

For club polo/sweat shirts contact Kosi Kare and ask for Mel. Tell her your a member of NWCC and choose which design you want. Standard club colours are blue or white but you can have the club logo on any colour, eg: to match your car. Contact Kosi Kare on 01942 323868.

For other products you can shop online at www.kosikare.co.uk/.

Thanks to Nigel France for this month's Backside.

Cars Named After Places

Maranello, Modena, Silverado, Cayenne, Aurora, Lucerne, Durango, Malibu, Tuscon, Santa Fe, Colorado, Dakota, Yukon, Cortina, Capri, Granada, Montreal, Park Avenue, Rainier, Eldorado, Bel Air, Tahoe, Aspen, Newport, New Yorker, Pacifica, Saratoga, Sebring, Daytona, California, Sonoma, Yukon, Sedona, Indy, Bostonian, Milan, Monterey, Aurora, Cambridge, Oxford, Devon, Baja, Tribeca, Reno, Avalon, Tacoma, Tundra, Devon, Sundance, Bonneville, Catalina, Montana, Florida, Anglia, Bristol, Lincoln, Vauxhall, Ibiza, Mexico, Plymouth,

Monaco, Cowley, Somerset, Westminster, Bedford, Sierra, Bradford, Jupiter, Lanchester, Lima, Rio, Hampshire, Hereford, Buxton, Torquay, Mercury, Saturn

E10 Update

The E10 petrol, with a higher percentage of ethanol content, is not now going to be introduced in 2013, which will please most classic car The government has decided to delay its introduction until at least 2014 which leaves plenty of time for fuel and additive testing by the FBHVC.

The five most expensive cars sold at auction are :-

- 1. 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa prototype - £9,933,333.**
- 2. Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa ex-racing car - £7,937,600.**
- 3. Duesenberg Model J Long Wheelbase Coupe - £6,266,667.**
- 4. Ferrari 250 GT SWB Spider - £5,632,000.**
- 5. Bugatti Royale Type 41 - £5,500,000**

Lymm Steam

With an improvement in the weather, the Boxing Day event was better attended than in recent years. In fact it was just like earlier years with a varied collection of traction engines, cars, lorries, bikes, tractors and army. As in previous years we stayed at the Jolly Thresher for a lovely lunch when the others had gone off on the pub crawl. Take a look at the pictures and try to make it this year. It makes a nice change from the turkey.



Club Events

Drive it Day - Apr. 22nd
Culcheth - May 7th
Cholmondeley - May 13th
Tatton Park - June 2nd-4th
Hale Carnival - June 9th
Road Run - June 24th.
Ferry Show - July 1st
Warrington TC - July 7th
Oulton Park - July 14th-15th
Bodelwydden - July 22nd
Woodvale - Aug. 3rd-6th
Tatton Park - Aug 18th-19th
Cholmondeley - Sept. 2nd
Bury Festival - Sept 9th
Wellington, Hale - Oct. (date tbc)



THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR Bennett

WHAT IS WELDING?

DEFINITION OF WELDING:

Welding is a process for joining similar metals. It basically joins metals by melting and fusing the metals being joined and the filler metal applied.

Welding is a localized heat input and involves ferrous and non-ferrous based metals such as steel, stainless steel, and aluminum. Welding covers a wide temperature range that can reach up to 1649°C.

TYPE OF WELDINGS:

Gas welding, Arc welding (TIG Welding and MIG Welding), Resistance welding (Spot Welding), Solid state welding, Radiant energy welding, Thermo-chemical welding.

BENEFITS OF WELDING:

- Proper weld joints can be stronger or as strong as the base metals being joined.

- The welding joint boundaries more or less disappear at the weld

- A wide range of metals and its alloy or dissimilar metals can be joined by welding process.

- Welding joining of metals are performed in any position, so its no need any kind of special construction

APPLICATIONS OF WELDING:

A form of welding is used in a majority of items you use and depend on in your day to day life. It ranges from

the car you drive to the chair you sit on in your home.

WHAT IS MIG WELDING?

Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding, also sometimes called Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) is a process that was developed in the 1940s for welding aluminium and other non-ferrous metals. MIG welding is an automatic or semi-automatic process in which a wire connected to a source of direct current acts as an electrode to join two pieces of metal as it is continuously passed through a welding gun. A flow of an inert gas, originally argon, is also passed through the welding gun at the same time as the wire electrode. This inert gas acts as a shield, keeping airborne contaminants away from the weld zone.

ADVANTAGES OF MIG WELDING:

- produces long, continuous welds much faster than traditional welding methods. Ideal for welding softer metals such as aluminium.
- capability to weld non-ferrous metals.
- produces a clean weld with very little splatter.
- can be used with a wide variety of metals and alloys.

DISADVANTAGES OF MIG WELDING:

- The equipment is quite complex. MIG welding requires a source of direct current, a constant source and

flow of gas, as well as the continuously moving wire electrode.

- There is learning curve associated with MIG welding, even for experienced welders.
- The necessity for the inert gas shield means that MIG welding cannot be used in an open area where the wind would blow away the gas shield.

WHY USE TIG WELDING ?

TIG welding (Tungsten Inert Gas), also called Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), gives you the ability to weld in any position. TIG welding is also ideal for very thin materials and aluminium. TIG welds have an exceptional appearance, and clean-up is easy since there's no slag, and virtually no spatter.

WHAT IS PLASMA CUTTING?

Plasma cutting utilizes a high-velocity jet of ionized gas (plasma) that conducts electricity from the torch of the plasma cutter to your workpiece. That directed plasma stream (about 30,000°F) heats the workpiece, converting the metal to molten slag. That high-velocity stream literally blows the molten metal away, leaving a clean, precise cut.

From Frost newsletter

Annual Club Meal



For this year's club meal we discussed a change from the Jolly Thresher at Lymm and come back into Warrington. After a few suggestions, Steve Marran had a word with the landlord of the Memphis Belle and secured us a good deal. We could have a two course meal for £7.50 provided there was thirty of us. That was easily achieved and we had a lovely day out in superb surroundings.



Her Last Call



The Honda crotch rocket rider was traveling at approximately 85 mph.

The VW driver was talking on a cell phone



when she pulled out from a side street, apparently not seeing the motorcycle. The



rider's reaction time was not sufficient enough to avoid this accident.

The car had two passengers and the bike rider was found INSIDE the car with them. The Volkswagen actually flipped over from the force of impact and landed 20 feet from where the collision took place.

All three involved (two in the car and the bike rider) were killed instantly. This graphic demonstration was placed at the Motorcycle Fair by the Police and Road Safety Department

Thanks to Chris Lee

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