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Casual Classics**

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Chairman's Chatter



Hi All,

On the 14th of March quite a few of us braved the elements and attended the Carole Nash Roadshow at Tarpoley. It was a lousy night, what with the rain and dark (seems round those parts they're saving the planet by turning off the street lights!) I recon the NWCC was the most represented Club there with around 20 of us in attendance (and only one classic car - Ed). However, the promise of a free buffet will always attract the guys (and gals) from Penketh. Many witnessed Kenny going all gooey eyed at the presence of Fuzz Townsend. After the extensive buffet, a question and answer session ensued refereed by Mr. Townsend, with various queries such as, "Should I put Evans Waterless Coolant in my Stag?" and "Should I MOT my pre 60's car?" to an open discussion on the thorny subject of E10 in petrol. Our own Jilly managed to win a raffle prize, so all in all it was an enjoyable evening.

The event calendar is no sooner off the blocks, when due to the rotten weather, the first gig was called off. The Waterside Pub on the East Lancs was to Herald in the new Show Year only to be cruelly struck from the calendar I hope this stroke of bad luck won't dissuade them from having another go later on.

Sunday April 21st is the National Drive it Day. I know a lot of you have put your names down for this one and if you have, please let someone know if you can't attend. I haven't been to the Ferry to Ferry before and hope I will have a "ride" by then (see below).

The Stag saga continues, holes in the boot floor are no more and the engine is at short block stage. A hold up caused by a supplier sending the wrong compression rings wastes time but hopefully by the time you read this the engine will be reassembled. I was going to sort out the various bits and pieces on the Stag this winter but these will have to wait until next year. Bits like a roof that fits and bubbling paint, still there's always something to fiddle with with an old girl!

Arley Hall (12th May) will be our first Stand Event and will be before our next meeting. We have the equipment to make the stand look great and we have the cars to make the whole thing look fabulous, so lets go looking for some Trophies this year.

I won't be at Arley because Anne + I will be at the Ludlow Spring Food Festival (Beer, Bangers and Bread). A fantastic event that we went to last year with about 200 cars, real ale and PIES! The weekend before we will be at Llandudno for the Transport Festival and jumble.

I hope this is going to be a great year for North West Casual Classics.

Cheers Nigel.

Bits 'n 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/.

For Hire

Towing dolly truck. £30 per day + £15 refundable deposit or collection/delivery at £1 per mile. £5 donation to club funds for each booking.

Ring Brian 01928 820631 or mobile 07765050374.



For more information of this charity to raise living standards of children in third world countries see Sue Thomas or go to www.marysmeals.org

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose begins to Itch and you have to pee.

I can't help being lazy.

It walks in the family.

American scientists have finally developed a car that runs on water!

Sadly, so far it only works with the water from the Gulf of Mexico.

The classic Mini has been voted into second place in a poll to discover Great British Inventions.

The poll, with over 50,000 participants, found 87 nominations for the inventions that have had the greatest influence over the past 100 years. Alan Turin's Universal Machine, generally recognised as the basis for the modern computer, was voted into 1st place.

If you were thinking of buying a classic commercial, now might be the time as prices appear to be on the rise for car-derived vans.

The problem with vans is that they were rarely cosseted and led a hard life before being run into the ground. This makes them very rare and difficult to find. Some are now outstripping their saloon counterparts with £4000 not unusual for a Marina van, double that of the equivalent saloon.

A side effect of removing the need to declare SORN every year (see page 6) is that it will make it easier for anyone wanting to scrap a car. If you've removed everything you can from a doner car so there is very little left, you will be able to declare SORN just once.

However, David Whale, chairman of the FBHVC points out that tracing a vehicle's history in long-term restoration or storage will be made more difficult.

Club Events

- April 21st. - Drive it Day
- May 12th - Arley Hall
- June 1st/2nd - Tatton Park
- June 8th - Hale Carnival
- June 23rd - Lymm Festival
- June 29th - Warrington Market
- June 30th - Ferry Show
- July 20/21st - Speke Hall
- Aug 3rd - Newton-le-Willows
- Aug 17th/18th - Tatton Park
- Sept 1st - Cholmondeley Castle

Drive It Day

For those members who have put down their names to go on the Drive It Day run on April 21st., we will start from the Ferry Tavern car park in Penketh and drive to the Eastham Ferry Hotel, Eastham, Wirral for lunch.

Meeting from 9am for 9.30am start, I will hand out a route for every car before the start. The route will take us on mainly B roads through the countryside with a half-way coffee stop at the Lady Heyes Centre near Frodsham.

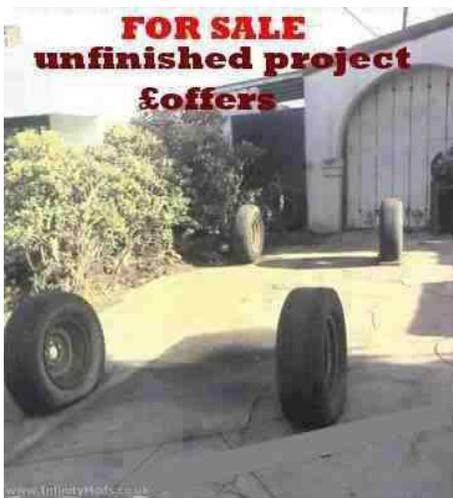
To make life easier each car would benefit from a crew of two so that the navigator can read out the route to the driver. If you don't have a navigator in mind let me know. There may be someone who's car is off the road and would like to participate. Also, if you need directions to the start point, let me know.

This year we have made a slight route change to avoid a certain cycle race, which always seems to be on the same weekend.

We have visited the Eastham Ferry Hotel and were unable to reserve space for the number of members expected (24 cars booked) as its their busiest day. However, I doubt if they'll turn away the business. This just means that we may not all be able to sit together. It may also mean that some may have to wait a little while for a table to become free. If so, please be patient.

The pub has recently changed hands and been refurbished and they now offer a Sunday carvery

Steve



Budget 2013: Classic car road tax exemption extended to 1974

There's good news for classic car owners in the 2013 budget. From 2014, the exemption from VED (road tax) will be extended to 1974. And that means all cars manufactured in 1973 - previously liable for the annual tax - will now qualify for the exemption. Also, SORNs will no longer be annual, but indefinite. The measure, which was announced by the Chancellor of The Exchequer George Osborne, means that cars such as the earliest MGB GT V8s and Austin Allegros are now considered 'tax-free'.



VED classic vehicle exemption, which was originally introduced in 1994 to roll along at 25 years has set at a fixed date - 1 January 1973 - since 1997.

The new cut-off date for classic vehicles will take effect from 1 April 2014, and covers all cars manufactured before 1 January 1974. Although it's not been announced that there will be a return to the pre-1997 rolling exemption, but as this comes into effect at the 40-year point, it's a good chance that this looks to be the case.

Also in the budget, it was announced that



Statutory Off-Road Notifications will no longer need to be renewed on an annual basis. It was confirmed that the Finance Bill 2013 contains this statement: 'the Government will put off-the-road declarations onto an indefinite basis. The Government will also extend the grace period to 14 days, following the payment of tax, on the non-display of the tax disc in a vehicle.'

This logical move has been introduced to reduce tax administration costs.

Electric windows

Amongst some of the good news in the recent Budget, such a tax exemption for pre-1974 cars and MOT exemption for pre-1960's, it seems a piece of legislation is about to sting classic car owners.

European Union directives on car safety state that from August 2013 all cars should have electric windows that automatically open in the event of a collision.

The change has been brought about by an alarming number of incidences of emergency crews being unable to gain quick access to occupants of crashed cars.

Most new cars have electric windows as they are cheaper to manufacture than manual versions – but the EU directive dictates that electric window mechanisms must be retro fitted to all cars manufactured after 1951

It's expected to cost around £500 to fit the mechanism to an average saloon car, with DIY kits available from £200

Many classic car clubs are encouraging their members to protest about the changes, with a day of action planned for 1st April when owners will drive around with their windows open and a bumper sticker proclaiming "PROUD TO BE WOUND-UP"

Thanks to Chris Lee

When fully comp doesn't let you drive any motor

Jumping into your partner's car to nip to the shops or borrowing a mate's motor for the day could end up costing you big in the future. Here's why.

If you've ever borrowed a friend or family member's car, under the assumption your insurance allows you to drive any other motor with third party cover, you could have been breaking the law. It used to be the case that the benefit of driving other cars (DOC) was included by most insurers on fully comprehensive policies. Typically, this gave third party cover to motorists driving other cars. But increasingly, many fully comprehensive policies do not offer this benefit without some form of stipulation.

Will Thomas, car insurance expert at Confused.com, explains. "Many drivers believe that you can jump in someone else's motor and be covered third party by your insurance, providing that you are fully comp on yours and you have the owner's permission," Thomas says. "But there are strict stipulations for this benefit, and now some insurers are doing away with third party cover for driving other vehicles altogether."

Young drivers

If you're under 25, you can pretty much rule out driving other cars altogether, even if you have fully comprehensive cover. This is because most insurers exclude anyone who falls within the 'young driver' age range. Thomas says: "If you're under 25 and want to drive someone else's car, your best bet would be to either get added as a named driver on their policy or take out independent temporary cover. Of course this is no good if you just want to pop out on a whim, so check with your insurer. There are still a few companies who don't place an age restriction on the benefit."

Why your occupation matters

The second most common stipulation is occupation. This means that insurers reserve the right to refuse

cover if the driver's job is deemed to be too risky. These are usually jobs where the policy holder is more likely to be driving other cars. For this reason, many jobs in the motor industry will be excluded. Check with your insurer for clarification. For example, some insurers state that the car you are borrowing should not be "owned by (or hired under a hire purchase agreement by or leased to) you or your partner."

Driving your partner's car

What this means is that will not cover you to drive your partner's or spouse's car third party. So, for example, if your own car is in the garage and you thought to nip out in your partner's car, if you happen to own your partner's car, you wouldn't be covered under your own fully comprehensive policy to drive it using the "driving other cars" third party cover benefit. It's common that the other car must not be hired, but that this also applies to the policyholder's partner as well is unusual, and could catch many drivers out. The bottom line is to check the precise conditions for driving other cars with your insurer. Otherwise, the outcome could end up costing you a packet.

Dire consequences

If you are found to be driving a vehicle without insurance you could be issued with an IN10 licence endorsement. This carries six to eight penalty points and stays on your licence for four years from the date of offence. Thomas says: "An IN10 on your record will most likely send your premium sky-high. And that's if the insurer wants your business at all - many will simply refuse to insure you. It's one of the biggest black marks you can have on your insurance record, so ensuring it doesn't happen to you is imperative. If in doubt, refer to your policy wording or just give your insurer a ring."

Read more: <http://www.confused.com/car-insurance/articles/when-fully-comp-doesnt-let-you-drive-any-motor>

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