



BACKFIRE

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Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! and a Very Hearty Welcome to all Members. Firstly, my apologies for my absence at the last Meeting. Unfortunately I contracted a chest infection which spread to my left lung, which laid me up for quite a few days, but the antibiotics cleared it up. Anyway, many thanks to Russ, my Vice Chairman, for taking the meeting. At last, after quite a load of hassle Russ managed to get the tickets for Cholmondeley as the Greenwood clan made a right "balls up" of our application. However, the day was glorious, thanks to the weather, with seventeen of our cars turning out.

Drive it Day (Ferry to Ferry run) was a complete success and I counted 34 Members attending. The route was made out by Steve and Jill which took us mainly through the Cheshire Countryside having a break at the Lady Heyes Centre, which I for one didn't know existed. We then went onto the Eastham Ferry Hotel for a really great meal. Coupled up with a pretty fair weather day all went well, although some of those country lanes only just fitted the Caddy. Some of the motorists coming the other way must have pulled over to change their underwear, Ha! Ha!.

This recent Bank Holiday Monday saw us at the Culcheth Show, which is a very laid back atmosphere with a Car Show included and quite a few members attended, and the Sun shone on us most of the day.

Looking forward to the Leyland Show next Sunday May 16th. Let's hope we have a nice day for it.

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Next Meeting 8th June

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BITS & PIECES

ANNIVERSARIES 2010

60 years

Ford Zephyr Six MkI
Jaguar MkVII
Lancia Aurelia
Morgan Plus 4
Volkswagen Type 2

50 years

Peugeot 404
Saab 96

40 years

Triumph Stag
Bond Bug
Citroën SM
Ford Cortina Mk3
Hillman Avenger
Range Rover

30 years

Audi Quattro
Austin Metro
Fiat Panda
Ford Escort Mk3
Morris Ital
Renault Fuego

Classic Car Weekly approached the leading political parties before the election and asked them what their policies would be towards classic vehicles; this is their answers.

Conservatives

A review of the road tax concessions will be carried out during the next parliament, should we win.

Labour

We'll work to make sure that classics are protected against 'blanket' legislation.

Liberal Democrats

We'll abolish road tax for all cars and look at price concessions for classics.

UKIP

...we feel that there should be an exemption for vehicles that have stood the test of time. We'd re-introduce free road tax.

BNP

We'll re-instate free road tax for British classics and allow use in the UK without restrictions.

The scrappage scheme has finally ended. No, let me rephrase that:-
THE SCRAPPAGE SCHEME HAS FINALLY ENDED!

It has been revealed by the Society of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers that, as of March 31st, 372,401 new cars had been registered through the scheme. Of course, the same number of older cars were destroyed and, going by the reports in the classic mags., quite a few were usable classics which might have had many more years of service in them.

Drive it Day 2010

by Steve Tanser & Joe Gowland



For the second year the club decided to repeat the previous year's Ferry to Ferry road run, the starting point being the



Ferry Inn, Warrington and the finish at the Eastham Ferry Hotel, The

Wirral.

When the routes had been handed out to navigators, the run started at 9.30am on the Sunday morning after



some early rain. However, the sun was coming out and the day looked to be brightening up. Leaving Warrington, the route wound around some of the country lanes of Cheshire, although a detour early on due to road works closing a road lead to some head scratch-

ing for a few minutes.

Our half-way stop was at the Lady Heyes Craft Centre near Frodsham where we could regroup and stretch our legs. Here there are a number of single storey buildings housing many different arts and crafts, including a micro-brewery.



On our way again, we made our way west to the north of Chester and up through Ellsmere Port. The road to The Eastham Ferry Hotel is accessed from Eastham Village and leads to Eastham Country Park. Well worth a visit in its own right.



After parking and a natter, we all had a wonderful meal after which everyone made their own way home. A great day out was enjoyed by all.



Club Shows 2010

Leyland Show - Sun 16 May

Daresbury Horse - Mon 31 May

Tatton Park - Sat/Sun 5/6 June

Warrington Show - Sat 19 June

Audlem Festival - Sun 20 June

Summer Road Run - Sun 27 June

Fiddler's Ferry - Sun 4 July

Cholmondely P of P - 17/18 July

North Wales Classic - Sun 25 July

Woodvale - Sat/Sun 7/8 August

Lytham Hall - Sun 8 August

Knowsley Hall - Sun 15 August

Tatton Park - Sat/Sun 21/22 Aug

Oulton Park Gold Cup - Sun/Mon
29/30 Aug

Cholmondely Castle - Sun 5 Sept

Festival of 1000 cars, Leigh Herit-
age Week - Sat 11 September. To
be confirmed.

Fairhaven Lake - Sun 12 Sept

Leyland Classic - Sun 19 Sept

Wirral Festival - Sat/Sun 18/19
Sept., Birkenhead Park

Widnes - Sat/Sun 25/26 Sept

Others shows and dates may be
added throughout year



Culcheth Show

The show was a great success, and weather, in the main held up reasonably well with some showers later in the day.

About 40 classic cars plus 5-6 classic bikes attended, and of the cars 12 were from NWCC

Big John got the best car of the show award, so both him and the club have got off to a good start for 2010-05-03

Russ

Reporting for NWCC News,
Culcheth Car Show, Culcheth



Exotic Profile

Rolls Royce Silver Cloud



The new Rolls Royce Silver Cloud was revealed in 1955 and was everything a Rolls Royce should be; exquisitely constructed and new silent in operation. The Silver Cloud was Crewe's second 'standard steel' car, after the post war Silver Dawn and R-Type, having an 'off the peg' body rather than being hand crafted, made to measure.

S I Silver Clouds were introduced with the 4887cc six cylinder engine brought over from the R-Type, but with an aluminium cylinder head and twin SU carburettors. The S II, released in 1959, was virtually identical to the S I but was fitted with the new, aluminium 6230cc V8 engine to better haul around the large car.

It was the S III, launched in 1963, which saw the most prominent face lifts. The bonnet line was lowered and twin head lights were added. The

ROLLS-ROYCE SILVER CLOUD

<i>Engine</i>	Straight six and V-eight
<i>Capacity</i>	4887/6230cc
<i>Power</i>	N/A
<i>Transmission</i>	4-speed manual 4-speed auto
<i>Top speed</i>	106-116mph (170-186kph)
<i>No. built</i>	Cloud 1/S1 3,107/2,231 Cloud 2/S2 2,417/1,932 Cloud 3/S3 2,044/1,318 Plus 671 Clouds I/II/III

engine's compression ratio was raised, but, as ever, power figures were never released. When asked, R.R. always replied "adequate". As well as the standard saloons, customers could choose a Park Ward bodied limousine, with an extended wheel base, or, from 1962, a striking H.J.Mulliner designed drophead convertible. These cars offered very stylish looks at even more exotic prices. By the mid-1960s the Silver Clouds were struggling to keep up with their more modern rivals and so, in 1965, Silver Cloud production ceased with the introduction of, what was to be, Rolls Royce's best-selling car; the Silver Shadow.



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