



BACKFIRE

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Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! to all Members,
The 17th May saw a handful of us at the Leyland Museum Show, the rain stayed off till early afternoon but towards the end of the day we all ran into heavy showers on the way home, but it was a day out anyway. Well!!, we are at last beginning to see a bit of sunshine, and the second May Bank Holiday Monday saw a handful of us at the Warrington Horse Show at Daresbury, I'm afraid it was a last minute thought as I only saw it advertised in the local paper a couple of days beforehand, we all made frantic telephone calls to Members but alas, in most cases they were away on holiday, so I motored up there on the Sunday to OK a pitch for our Cars and the organisers were happy to accomodate us, in the finish we had Steve's Taxi, Maria and Jims Commer, Dave Espleys" Jaguar and yours truly with the Caddy, we all had a very enjoyable day which was well catered for and have made a note on next seasons' venue. The last weekend of May saw us at The Tatton Classic Car Show, a maximum turnout on both days but a bit cramped for space, I don't think the Judges bothered with our stand as nobody won NOWT, a fantastic 2 days of weather but as usual only one bloody exit, the organisers want their arses removed, (quote Clint Eastwood in the Rookie)Ha! Ha!. Anyway, don't forget The Spring Road Run on June 14th, Steve T tells me we are assembling at the Winwick Quay Restaurant at 9-0am for leaving at 9-30, for me this run out is a laugh a minute and always well organised by Steve and Jill Tanser so make sure you have at least half a tank of juice, lets' hope the Sun shines for us for the rest of the Season.

Anyway!, Good Hunting and keep those "horses" moving
Your Friendly Neighbourhood Chairman..... John Wayne G.



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BITS & PIECES

Carmakers Ford and Honda have suspended the delivery of cars ordered under the new Government scrappage scheme amid a row over VAT. The programme allows owners of cars and small vans more than 10 years old to get £2,000 off the price of a brand-new vehicle when scrapping their old vehicle. Part of the cost of the scheme is shared by manufacturers.

However, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders confirmed that some firms were now urgently seeking clarification on who pays VAT. The scheme will last until the end of February 2010 or until the £300m Government funding runs out.

However, price comparison company uSwitch.com said the £2,000 incentive would effectively be "lost" in depreciation within 88 days of consumers buying a new vehicle within the scheme.

Now some good news.

We (Association of Car Enthusiasts) wrote to DVLA recently trying to get clarification on whether a bodyswap using a second hand body would still require receipts for the shell and this has now been clarified.

“Subject to the usual inspection etc, a secondhand bodyshell added to an original, unmodified chassis (not monocoque) would retain the original registration mark, providing it also incorporates the 2 other major components.”

Fundamentally, what this confirms is that you could put a Fibreglass repro body onto an unmodified chassis and it would not require BIVA provided it still met the points total.

Of course, different LVLO's have different opinions of what actually constitutes an 'Unmodified' chassis, but this is DVLA so they cannot make things too easy...-

From A.C.E. Newsletter

EU to waive asbestos ban in second-hand products.

The European Commission and member states have agreed that the re-sale of asbestos-containing products that had been in use before the 2005 EU ban on the cancer-causing substance can continue indefinitely in order to allow the sale of older “articles” containing asbestos, such as houses and aircraft. The EP has 6 months in which to oppose the Decision – if it does not, the Decision will be enacted.

Cholmondeley Castle. 10th May 2009.



Our first of 2 outings this year to “Chummley” was rewarded with good weather; a fine

turn out of vehicles and of course a few trophies to take home.

Most of us met at the usual Morrisons car park Stockton Heath and set out on the 40 ish mins meander before we joined the inevitable queue thro the beautiful gardens up to our allotted “pitch”.



It took a bit of grey matter and patience to get us all in due to the area being a funny shape, but +20 vehicles trailer and all squeezed in right alongside the Show Arena. (more of that in a bit).



‘twas a very warm day and there was plenty to see. The BBQ breakfast went down well and managed to smoke out Kevin the Arena



announcer. This payed him back for the 600 decibels from his new Tannoy speakers that were strategically placed facing our Gazebo. Would you believe that some killjoys actually tinkered with his speakers and swivelled them to face the man with the Microphone? It was taken in good spirit by all in the end. We donated some cash to the Cancer Charity as penance. Well deserved awards were as follows:

A first in Class for Kenny Jackson for his Morris 8.



A second in Class for Steve Marran for the Beardmore Taxi.

A Rosette for Jenny Hughes and her well admired Pink Mini.

Finally another Club Stand



Winner for NWCC, our 3rd since 2008. Well done to all who helped us achieve all the above.

Another nail biting report from Dave (forgot your name) Espley.



Club Events 2009

14th June - Summer Road Run

27th June - Town Centre Car Show

4th & 5th July - St Helens Show

12th July - Fiddler's Ferry Show

18th & 19th July - Cholmondley
Pageant of Power

26th July - Audlem Festival of
Transport

30th July - Whipping Stocks

1st & 2nd August - Woodvale

16th August - Knowsley Hall
Show

22nd & 23rd August - Tatton Park

30th & 31st August - Oulton Park
TBC

6th September - Cholmondley
Castle

26th & 27th Sept - Victoria Park,
Widnes

CLUB DISCOUNTS



Orford Green, Warrington

It would appear that the discount facility at Andrew Page has ended. Simon, who we asked for, has moved to another branch and the remaining staff don't know anything about any discount facility.

Alpha Autos on Priestly Street has recently changed from being an accessory/parts shop to an in car entertainment specialist. The name has also changed to Bass Junkies. This means that the discount card is now invalid and should be destroyed.

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

Russ's Rants

NWCC's grumpy old sod gets it off his chests

Battery Powered Cars

As we start a new year, out with the old and in with the new, and all that, and following on from my global warming article in the December Backfire, this rant is with new technology and its not all that its cracked up to be.

In the Daily Telegraph, an article headlined "Drivers must switch to electric vehicles" grabbed my attention. Apparently, the Committee on Climate Change are to recommend that large numbers of motorists in the UK must switch to greener vehicles by the year 2025, if the UK is to meet its commitments, ie to cut emissions by 80%

Now this may sound bl**dy obvious to you and I, but with Gordon Brown being an advocate of the electric car, this would appear to be the main focus.

Can you imagine the M25 full of electric vehicles, it would be like one great big scalextric, although the way some people drive it is more likely to be Billy Smart's Dodgems. The RAC will be struggling to keep up with the number of breakdowns with vehicles having a maximum running time or distance it can cover before the battery goes flat. At least there will be no

need for breakdown statistics as it will all be due to "flat battery"

In true leadership fashion, our gallant leader, Chairman John Wayne Greatbanks, is embracing this technology to the full, and has already applied for his "I Love my Battery-car" sticker.

"The Helllllllll he has" I hear the cry!!

Proving me totally wrong Top Gear go and show the new Honda FCX Clarity, a car that at least looks half decent unlike the design abortion Toyota Prius, and it is based on Hydrogen Fuel Cell technology. It goes well and can do up to 220 on a tank of hydrogen. The only emission is water Well Done Honda!! I'm sure the Yanks will be looking at doing a V8 version!!

Now then, going back to my favourite design of a car the Toyota Prius, it appears the UN now want more accurate mpg/emission data available for hybrid vehicles. Previously they have been ignored as the cars previously have been described as "battery powered".

The old Major of London, Ken Livingston appeared to have been sucked in by this in allowing hybrids to travel congestion charge free. Most of us know that Toyota Prius, even though a 1600cc car, did not have particularly good fuel efficiency figures, and how the Lexus hybrid based on a 3L engine was ever conceived as a "green" car totally baffles me. Most cars entering London have probably done

significant mileage using fuel to charge the batteries, which subsequently gets used when in slow moving traffic within the City. So what about the pre-battery use pollution? It makes perfect sense to me then, that the UN have spotted this oversight, one which most of us will have recognised anyway, and mpg figures are thus required.

You may think at this point my gripe is concluded, with the hydrogen fuel cell vehicle appearing to be ahead of the battery powered vehicle, and to some degree this is true. However, Auto Express carried out a survey of how green producing electricity for a battery powered vehicle actually is. For the NICE Car Ze-0 it would require an equivalent of 112.1 gms/km of CO₂ which is more than a Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi, and as for Chevy's Volt car it was 124.2 gms/km of CO₂, which is greater than a BMW 118d. So the same question could then be asked of the Hydrogen required for the fuel celled vehicles. In the Top Gear programme, hydrogen was priced in the US as equivalent to that of their unleaded petrol. But how environmentally friendly is Hydrogen production?

So is the new technology greener? – make up your own mind, I'm as confused as hell.

by Russ Hadfield

TYRES

Ever noticed that you just can't hear yourself think when driving?

It could be your tyres are too loud. The EU has released the regulations designed to quieten tyres down from 2012.

They are looking for a 50% reduction in noise by then, and the press releases also claimed benefits in safety and, yes, fuel efficiency (It's green as well then). ACE did some research and found a report produced by TRL in 2004 on exactly this subject.

We have a link to the report on the site but, a couple of things come out of it. TRL are looking at a 2 year roll out on the 'new' tyres based on tyre widths and estimate that after this time 50% of tyres fitted to the fleet will be the new 'approved' tyres.

They also suggest that a new class be created for the widest tyres (245mm and above) which would be effectively 'Exempt' from the regulations on noise because, as TRL say, '[This] would be an allowance for the very large tyres fitted to 'super cars'. These vehicles cover very little mileage and therefore have very little impact upon overall traffic noise levels'.

It's good to see that TRL recognize that there are those who are outside the 'norm' but, so far The EU have not made any specific announcements relating to this tyre class.

They also say that the 'new' tyres would have no noticeable effect on economy or emissions, but that's not 'Green' so the EU ignore that bit.

From A.C.E. newsletter

CLASSIC ADS



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