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Aloha!!! and welcome to all Members and any new recruits. Well the Sun has really shone on us this last couple of events. Sunday the 14th June was the Spring Road Run with a great turnout of our precious classics,. Well organised as usual by Steve and Jill but not really suitable in parts for the Old Caddy which unfortunately suffered a split in the rear exhaust box. The necessary part was ordered and delivered within 24 hours by E G Wright who repairs and services all yanks in the area. Where else would you get service like that? Certainly not from any British- European spares outlet. Anyway, Ernie fitted it right away and also did a grease on the Caddy and she's 100% once again. Saturday the 27th June saw us at the Warrington Town Centre Show with a fantastic turnout. You did us all proud with well over 30 motors attending. With tea and coffee free laid on in the Market and of course Greenhalghs cake shop opposite; but Jill ate all the meat and potato pies so I missed out,Ha! Ha! Even so, a great day was had by all. Last Saturday the 4th July (American Independence Day) I was asked if I would present the Caddy at the T.A. Barracks as they were having an American Theme Evening with everyone attending in fancy dress, this was fantastic with a Rock and Roll/ Country and Western Band in attendance and FREE NOSH and cheap ale and luckily the weather stayed fine, most of the costumes were great especially the Marylyn Monroe and the Cheerleaders, WOW!!!! A great time for your Chairman,(and his ticker Ha! Ha!). Now my Friends we haven't got long to wait for our own Show on the 12th at Fiddlers Ferry, followed by Club Night on the 14th which also involves The Barry Molyneux Trophy presentation that same evening. So get buffing those motors so you can see your face in them, but don't try to polish them away like Steve Marren with his Taxi Ha! Ha!

All the Best, Take the High Ground and Lock and Load

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Chairman

John Wayne G.



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Next Meeting 11th August

Deadline for inclusion in next issue 4th Aug.

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BITS & PIECES

A motorist in Brazil notched up approximately £1m in traffic fines, mainly for speeding, and jumping red lights. It amounted to 1000 tickets, all since he bought his car in 2001. His car has been impounded and will be auctioned off to pay his outstanding debts. – the value of his car, £3500!!

In America, dozy motorists have caused train crashes by driving onto the railtracks when directed there by their Sat Navs. Good job they don't link Sat Navs to Roundabouts in the States because they lose the plot with those as well!!

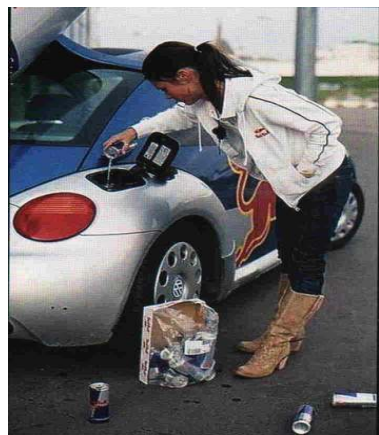
On the back of biofuels causing havoc to car fuel line filters, it appears we have not learned our lesson. Seaweed is the latest stuff to be investigated as it can grow in harsh environments. I'm sure stranded motorists can tell them what to do with their seaweed!! Perhaps this is the true meaning of mussel cars, we may even hear of cars with crabs (*or Landcrabs - Steve*) .

It appears that fitting headlamp adaptors to modern vehicles is confusing many folk, and they are either not fitted, or fitted incorrectly

for those travelling abroad. It has been recommended that owners should go back to the main dealers for their fitment. To me the solution is easy – get all the foreigners driving on our side of the road – problem sorted!!

Volvo are going back to nature and are currently investigating pedestrian safety systems based on locust technology. Locusts, apparently, are good at missing each other and preventing collisions. I wonder if the techy boffins have realised that Volvos can't actually fly (*are you sure - Steve*), hence their investigations may be flawed somewhat. I can see there will be a lot of bugs in these types of systems!!

**Thanks to Russ Hadfield
for the above.**



Wonder if it works

Tatton no. 1



I think we would all agree that we were due some decent weather after the rain soaked, past couple of years.



The Cholmondley Castle show gave us cause for optimism, and it was well placed with the weekend at Tatton being the hottest days of the year so far. We were a little late arriving with the trailer, after going shopping for ice on the way, and everyone was ready for their breakfast. With all hands at the ready, the unloading, parking the trailer and putting the stand together didn't take long. This was the first outing for the new vertical banners and we had to do some bodging to get them hung, but I think everyone agreed they looked well. Before long the BBQ was on the go and we could settle down to enjoy the weekend. Parking the cars was the problem this year as Maria had asked for a larger area than last year and we were given a smaller one, or so it seemed. We had about twenty two



cars due on Saturday (eighteen arrived), and twenty eight on Sunday (twenty two arrived). I

think just one more car could have been fitted in on Sunday and that would have been it. As it was the cars were as tight as we could get them which made the stand look a little disorganised. In fact, every-

one I spoke to agreed that there didn't seem to be as many people coming inside to walk around as the lack of space seemed to put them off. Actually, no one even saw a judge walking

around either. As usual we packed everything into the gazebo for Saturday night (including the trailer) and headed for home, to return the next morning.

Sunday morning's big question was; how were we going to fit all the cars in? We managed somehow to squeeze in those who came by getting everyone to get as



close together as possible (see photos).

The excellent weather brought out the exhibitors, but really encouraged the spectators to come along for the weekend. The showground was teeming with people and the large autojumble seemed to be doing very well indeed. There was definitely more stalls than in previous, wet years. In fact, the whole show was bigger and brighter this year. Lets hope it continues on to the second one in August.

Club Events 2009

& 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

Murray Walker quotes

A battle is developing between them' I say developing, because it's not yet on.

And now, excuse me while I interrupt myself.

And that just shows you how important the car is in Formula One Racing.

Anything happens in Grand Prix racing, and it usually does.

Eight minutes past the hour here in Belgium - and presumably eight minutes past the hour everywhere in the world.

Either the car is stationary, or it's on the move.

Even in five years time, he will still be four years younger than Damon Hill.

He can't decide whether to leave his visor half open or half closed.

I can't believe what's happening visually, in front of my eyes.

I don't make mistakes. I make prophecies

which immediately turn out to be wrong.

I've no idea what Eddie Irvine's orders are, but he's following them superlatively well.

Now he must not go the wrong way round the circuit, and unless he can spin himself stationary through 360 degrees I fail to see how he can avoid doing so.

That's history. I say history because it happened in the past.

There are seven winners of the Monaco Grand Prix on the starting line today, and four of them are Michael Schumacher.

There's nothing wrong with the car except that it's on fire.

This circuit is interesting because it has inclines and declines. Not just up, but down as well.

Well, now we have exactly the same situation as at the beginning of the race, only exactly opposite.

TOOLS EXPLAINED

from Rob Smith

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hand so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted passenger door, which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench at the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "I smell pork"

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blitters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power

tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50p part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as leather seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

Summer Road run. June 14th 2009.



Another very well planned and successful Road run was managed by the Tansers.

Our group gathered at the "Winwick

Quay" pub car park and the weather was spot on. Hopes were high and not disappointed as the happy travellers set off to



places unknown. (well if they read the road notes before they set off the places would have been less unknown).

The first stop was at Rivington Barn, set in a large Park not too far from Chorley. Now this an area previously unexplored on runs and it's the other side of the large TV transmitter on



Winter Hill. It's obviously a well liked place for the biker boys and girls.

Due to Albert, Shirley and myself setting off later than the

main group in the AMG Mercedes, we set up a familiar pattern of just pulling in to the rest stops as the main group were about to leave, (or so it seemed). Good humour was maintained however through-



out, and we did all end up together near the end.

The weather held good for us and up hill down Dale round tight bends was order

of the day, very satisfying for the drivers who like real roads to test their skills on. Second stop was a chance to have lunch at "The Last Drop Village" a well known

place to relax in, take a drink, do souvenir shopping and sneak a Carvery meal in; by now the weather was getting hottish.

The third leg rewarded us with a stop near Orrell at Beacon Country Park next to a Golf course. What a view from our elevated position!!

And just to top it all off we made our way back to the Winwick pub where the Assistant Manager, Chris chose Phil Hammond's (well his wives actually) Morris Minor as manager's choice.

A very pretty glass trophy was handed over and we went inside where Albert Manfredi was taken aback with a surprise 83rd Birthday Party. Cake, banners, you get the picture?

Chris Andrews's birthday was also celebrated with a cake and sing along. Wouldn't tell us how young he was though!

Jammy Phil guessed the mileage of the run (approx 83 miles) and won a free pudding or £5. Guess which one he took?

A great day mainly due to the hard work and imagination put in by the Tansers, but also the good turnout of Club members. Thanks to all.

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Dave (what's your name again?) Esp-ley.



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