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Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! And welcome to all Members,

Well! Since our last meeting we have had a very busy July starting with our own Show at Fiddlers Ferry on the 12th, with, I think, the best turnout of Classics and people attending. As usual everything went like clockwork thanks to Dave Espley and all his Marshals, a fantastic day for everyone.

On the 19th I entered the Westy Show in Latchford and the lousy weather never let up, but 4 of us in our "Yanks" clobber toured Warrington in a circa 1942 Jeep. The 26th saw us visiting Audlem Transport Festival but sadly the White Lion Pub has changed hands into an Indian restaurant and takeaway. Never the less, the Show Organisers didn't let us down, they cooked "breaky" on the field so we didn't miss out on our bacon butties. A fantastic turnout of Motors and the crummy weather didn't stop all the locals attending but, unfortunately, the WW2 Spitfire didn't manage to fly over. Thursday the 30th saw us on an evening run to the Whipping Stocks Pub but when we arrived the Biker Brigade had taken over the area with upwards of 500 machines and a football crowd of onlookers was also there. There really wasn't room to breathe and we were ushered into a field at the rear of the pub which after the rain made a mess of tyres and under body. I certainly don't blame most of our Members moving off site because most of them had gone out for a meal and a pint but one couldn't get anywhere near the Pub.

The 2nd of August saw us visiting Woodvale. Weather was a little dull in the morning but after lunch we were all baked to a cinder, but as usual, exciting the show was a nightmare (*it took Jill and I 10 minutes to get out - Steve*) so we waited until after 6 o'clock when the traffic was moving quite normal and had a good run home.

See you all at Knowsley Hall on the 16th August.

Good Hunting...

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Chairman

John Wayne G.



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Next Meeting September 8th
Deadline for inclusion in next issue Sept. 1st

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BITS & PIECES

In a tragic motor racing accident Henry Surtees, son of Formula 1 and motor cycling world champion John Surtees, was killed when he was struck on the head by a loose wheel following a collision between two other cars. Henry was competing in a Formula 2 at Brands Hatch on July 19th and had gained a place on the podium in a previous race. He was taken to hospital by air ambulance but died shortly afterwards.

Bizarrely, on the following Sunday, Felipe Massa was severely injured in a similar accident while qualifying for the Hungarian Gran Prix. Traveling at 140mph, he was hit on the head by a spring which had fallen off the back of Rubens Barachelo's car a few seconds earlier. He was knocked unconscious and his Ferrari went straight on at the chicane and head on into the tyre barrier.

After being flown to hospital Felipe was operated on for a double fracture of the skull and appears to have survived ok. He is currently at his home in Sao Palo, Brazil recuperating and looking forward to being fit enough to drive a F1 car again.

Did you know?

The AA was formed in 1905 with the express purpose of providing roadside "scouts" to warn drivers of hidden police traps. It worked so well that a ruling was introduced in 1906 to make the practice "an illegal interference with police work". The AA responded by instituting the saluting rule. So if the AA scout didn't salute you it meant there was a police trap ahead.

Chinese millionaire Luo Wenyou has opened his country's first classic car museum 70 miles north-east of Beijing. More than 170 cars are on display including Vladimir Lenin's wooden Rolls Royce.

Government Scrappage Scheme

Congratulations to the Riley RM Club who have had a victory over the scrappage scheme, when they saved a 1954 Riley RME from the crusher. Thanks to a great deal of hard work a buyer was found for the car and the sympathetic motor dealer was happy to cooperate.

This has been a lesson for us all, and the message is – if you are thinking of scrapping an historic vehicle please do contact the relevant club first and see if they can help. Very often a better deal can be struck on a new car outside the scrappage scheme, so everyone wins.

Warrington Market Classic Transport Show

***by Maria McParland
pictures by Steve Tanser***



Arrangements for the show began in early February, when I meet with Steve Pickering, the market Manager. After the success of last year's show we were promised prime position and we got it right outside the Market entrance. It was much larger than the previous year and had vehicles from St Helens,



Ford Side valve club, Cheshire Beezers(classic bikes) to name but a few. Del boy had his 3 wheeler parked near the club, but not too near!



The club turnout was excellent with 20 cars turning out. Unfortunately, we didn't have the pleasure of Ron Frackleton's company as



he turned up a week early. As it was Jenny's 18th Birthday her Pink Mini was bedecked in pink balloons and banners, and Dave provided the Birthday Cake.



Many of the members were interviewed for Radio Warrington and filmed for the documentary. We even managed to get Jill Tanser to speak on Camera, yes there was film left after they interviewed Mr Greatbanks.



All the vehicles got a lot of interest; there was definitely something for everyone. It was nice capture the non- car show public. A Good Day all round. Watch the website for news of the documentary.



Club Events 2009

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

26th December - Lymm Steam

YOUR CLUB NEEDS...



As you may be aware, Dave Espley wishes to stand down as organiser of our Fiddler's Ferry Show. After six successful years he now feels he would like to pass it on to someone else. He has created a comprehensive guide which can be followed, step by step, to set up the show. To prove how easy it is he used the guide to organise this year's show. If you (or two working together) think you could fill this position, please have a word with Dave and he can take you through the process

Here's an idea sent in by Maurice Howard.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

Dear Mr. Darling,

Please find below my suggestion for fixing Britain's economy. Instead of giving billions of pounds to banks that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan :

There are about 20 million people over 50 in the work force. - Pay them £1 million apiece severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- 1) They **MUST** retire. Twenty million job openings - Unemployment fixed.
- 2) They **MUST** buy a new British CAR. Twenty million cars ordered - Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They **MUST** either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed.
- 4) They **MUST** send their kids to school / college / university - Crime rate fixed
- 5) They **MUST** buy £50 of alcohol / tobacco / petrol a week there's your money back in duty / tax etc

It can't get any easier than that!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members of parliament pay back there falsely claimed expenses and second home allowances.

(Maybe if enough of us sent this to the Chancellor, he might just do it. I won't hold my breath).

Fiddlers Ferry Show

12th July 2009

NWCC's very own 6th Classic Vehicle show held down at the Ferry Tavern and Yacht Haven on the banks of the river Mersey was another resounding success. The planning and preparation for this special Event has become a very well "oiled" procedure. We have tried to stick to a winning formula and put small, necessary improvements in every year. Many thanks to Paul Gannicliffe, who had the foresight to hold our own Show locally to get a bit of Community spirit flowing 6 years ago.

The weather just about held out and it was a sell out as far as exhibitors and visitors were concerned. One hundred and one vehicles were on display, a lot of them repeat visitors from the previous year.

An impressive variety of Cars, Off Roaders and Motorcycles graced our Show ground yet again.

Thanks to all who participated!!

The Pub Landlady and Landlord (alias Jade and Andy) gave us invaluable support, as usual, bless them, and not only gave us plenty of room on their Pub Garden to accommodate the 4 wheel drive vehicles, but also hosted some Charity Tables for the R.N.L.I. and

Retired Greyhounds, plus Face painting and the Model Aircraft Club Stand.

On top of all that they do provide toilet facilities, etc., without which we couldn't get a licence from W.B.C. to hold the show, as well as buying the three trophies and bottles of wine prizes. Thanks guys, we do appreciate all your help.

As well as putting on a great day we also managed to "network" well; attracting some new members to our happy little Club.

Many thanks to all the helpers and marshals for their early start and help through the day as well as Rob Smith for allowing us storage space for the road signs and the use of a van as show office.

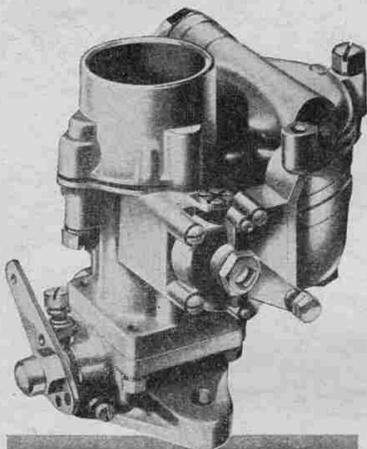
Finally, may I say it has been a very satisfying 6 years organising this Show and now that the "How to plan and put on a Show" file is up and running I will announce that this was my last year as Organiser. I have other eggs to fry and I am sure we will see someone, or a couple, step forward to take the role on for 2010.

Best wishes from Dave (I think I remember your name?) Espley.



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