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Chairman's Chatter



Hi All

With July all but a memory, August the holiday month is now with us. Late Tatton is next week and Blakemere is hot on its heels. Last month was a very busy month with a visit to Eaton Hall and from all accounts was a great day. Anne and I went to the Didsbury Classic Car Event. We attended last year and it was just as good, a maximum of 150 cars makes it a very bijou affair but with a wide variety of cars - Classics, Americana, Hot Rods to the more modern classics and Super Cars. The weather was kind and the food was good.

Over the weekend 20th/21st was the Speke Show. For those of us who weren't frightened to break out the sun cream, a great two days it was. NWCC put on a stand unsurpassed in living memory!! I don't know how many cars we fielded but it was the most I have seen on our stand. Well done

everybody, also thanks to all the marshals, you did a great job. From what I gathered from the other car owners everybody had a great time. I hope we could be involved next year, I think Speke has the potential to be a superb event.

While NWCC was at Frodsham Anne and I took the Volvo up to Weatherby, to the Northern Best Kept Volvo Event. This gig is over the weekend and is mainly for caravanners but we just went on Sunday. We came second in the 850 Class, beaten by an early 850 which went on to win the Best in Show. It was a deserved winner with immaculate paintwork on top as well as underneath the car. Floor mirrors invited the observers to inspect the polished brake pipes underneath and it was just like new, no better than new and all told, a cracking car.

On the 3rd of August we went over the border with the Stag, to the Badlands (Yorkshire). Hebden Bridge to be exact, to the Rotary Hebden Bridge Classic Car Weekend and because space is limited

different classes have to appear on different days, so we went on Saturday. I noticed some cars I saw at the Hale Carnival. It's not a big show, say 100 cars on Saturday and 160 on Sunday, with music and stalls and (auto-jumble) to entertain the populus. The town is in easy walking distance with shops etc and this is a lovely little show if you can cope with visiting the White Rose County!

This weekend it's Late Tatton with the Barry Mullineux Trophy up for grabs. This trophy is awarded to the most popular car voted for by the visitors to the stand. Russ won it last year with his Sunbeam Alpine, which only goes to show that that not all Tatton attendees, are in fact car lovers!! Now he's got a new car, a Lancia so if it's not succumbed to the tinworm by Sunday he might win again!!!!!!

The new Gazebo has arrived so we now have three. If you have any suggestions for additions to make our stand look better please tell me. I hope you are all enjoying NWCC this year, I know I am.

So if your happy with the Club tell me. If not tell Kenny!!

Cheers Nigel

Bits 'n Pieces

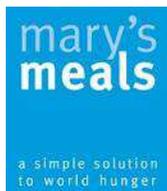
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For more information of this charity to raise living standards of children in third world countries see Sue Thomas or go to www.marysmeals.org



Last Longbridge Mini goes up for auction

A Mini Clubman that lay hidden in the tunnels under the Longbridge factory for 30 years, making it the last Mini to leave the famous site, is being put up for auction today. The



iconic car was secretly dumped by workers in the late 1970s after suffering some damage, thought to be caused by a storage container falling onto it.

Photos of the 'lost Mini' emerged and after much searching it was saved by a former factory worker who got permission to remove it in 2012 shortly before the tunnels were due to be filled in, making it the last ever Mini to leave Longbridge.

The Longbridge Tunnel Mini' was offered without reserve by Silverstone Auctions at its sale on Saturday 27th July at Silverstone circuit and found a buyer at £1610.

The 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196 racing car driven by five-times F1 world champion Juan Manuel Fangio when he clinched the second of his titles in 1954 has become the most expensive car to be sold at public auction after fetching more than £19m.

The Argentine drove the 2.5-litre car to victories in the 1954 German and Swiss Grand Prix races, the first successive triumphs achieved by the Mercedes-Benz team in its post-war comeback.

The single-seater was auctioned by Bonhams at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in Chichester, West Sussex.

Club Events

Aug 17th/18th - Tatton Park

Sept 1st - Blakemere

or Cholmondeley Castle

Sept 15th - Walton Hall Fayre

Oct 5th - Haydock Revival

Oct 20th - Child of Hale

Dec 26th - Lymm Steam

Hale Carnival



This year's Hale Carnival was a contrast to the event last year in the rain.



This year we had the sun in abundance, and what a difference it made; more classic exhibitors, more stalls and more entertainment.



A few of us were asked by Steve Marran to judge the exhibits which resulted in three of our members receiving trophies. However, with only two club displays, we didn't manage to win that trophy. The award going to the St. Helens club.



All in all a great day out and a credit to Ian and Steve, who organised the car show side of the carnival, and to the organisers of the carnival itself.



The Need To Be Vigilant

We all had a great time at Speke Hall last month, but one thing made me think. A couple of days later I received a phone call from Gorden (silver VW beetle with roof rack). Sorry Gorden, I've forgotten your surname.

Anyway, on the way home he noticed a modern Honda car overtake him and when he was approaching the traffic lights at Widnes, to turn right for Warrington, the Honda was parked on the left. When Gorden had passed it and begun to turn right it cut across three lanes and fell in behind him all the way into Warrington.

Gorden then began to go a round-a-bout way to see if he was really being followed and, sure enough, wherever he went the Honda followed. By now he was getting worried and was thinking of driving to a police station. He went through an amber light and the Honda followed, through the red. Eventually, he only shook off the Honda when he went through another amber light and it couldn't follow because there was a police car behind it.

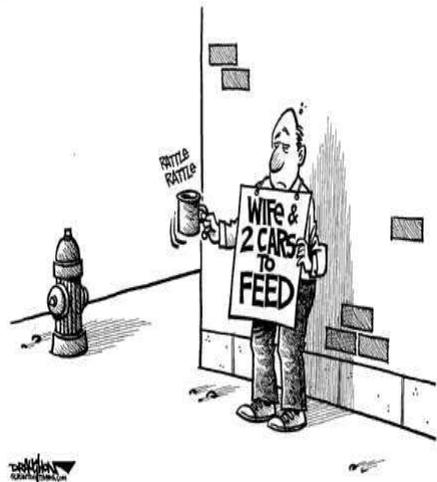
If he was being followed to find out where he lived, or to wait for a quite place to car jack him he fortunately didn't find out, but it highlights a need to stay vigilant when out in our classics, and don't just assume someone is looking at your car just because he admires it.

Parking when SORN'd

A fully SORN'd car on an estate near us got clamped the other day. The mistake the owner made was to park it on the pavement outside his house. The pavement is part of the adopted highway so he was committing an offence. He now faces a fine etc despite having formally SORN'd the vehicle. The simple fact was that it was on the highway and untaxed, probably uninsured as well!

Moral of story be very careful where you park any SORN'd vehicle.

Thanks to Chris Lee



Lymm Historic Transport



The first Lymm Transport Festival promised so much but, unfortunately, the

weather was against it and we certainly suffered because of it; but more of that later.

Entering Lymm in the morning we found a lack of signs to direct us to the show field. A map had been put on the Face-



book page but, having forgotten to print a copy (I wasn't the only one), the location wasn't im-

mediately obvious. Anyway, once in we commenced putting up the club stand. We then found out the other missing essentials.



The show field was open from 8.30am for exhibitors to park and set up, but the toilets didn't

arrive until 10.30am. There wasn't even any bacon butties available. Hopefully

these teething troubles will be ironed out next year.



Because of the wet weather the number of exhibitors was well down on what it should have been but the rest of the festival



around the

town was well represented. Narrow boats were on the canal, including old working boats, a model railway exhibition and a traction engine on the car park.

While chilling out in the afternoon the wind got up and became a problem.



The gazebos were lifted and blown out of the stand area, damaging some of the legs. Between us we managed to make a good one out of the two and, later, Nigel fixed the other one with some spares bought from the manufacturers.

I think this could be a good show in future if the teething troubles are assessed. It seemed to be popular with the public and if the weather is kinder it could be very successful.

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