



BACKFIRE

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Chairman's Word

Aloha!!! and welcome to all Members

We are well into the Show Season with August being just about the busiest. I took a trip to Lytham Hall on the 9th which is well situated, in fact a very picturesque venue, we were parked in the gardens right opposite the Hall, this is definitely on the calendar for next year. The same day Dave Espley had organised a run to a Pub in Weston Point which, from all accounts went extremely well. The 16th saw us at Knowsley Hall, another really great venue, plenty of room and a wonderful turnout of Members and where we won yet another Trophy for BEST SHOW STAND, (Our 4th), also Jenny the "stig" won a prize for her pink mini, well done to all who attended. Then came the weekend at Tatton Park where for once we had a fantastic area on A3 and we filled it on both days, our own John Allen collected a prize for his lovely TR3 and we were blessed with great weather both days. Finally, the Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday saw around a "bakers dozen" making the effort both days, our parking situation was great particularly on the Monday when they put us on top of the hill overlooking at least a third of the track but alas, the rain started at 2pm on the Monday which didn't help the racing. Pink Mini Jennie the "stig" won a competition and her prize was two laps of the track in a dual seat racecar and thoroughly enjoyed it, topping out at just over 150mph, we were all waving and shouting as she went by but she didn't wave back, I wonder why!!!, maybe she needed a fresh pair of undies Ha! Ha!

Well!!!, we've got a few shows left on the calendar, so I'll see you all at Cholmondeley on Sunday the 6th Sept.

All the best, lock and load and pick you're targets

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Deadline for inclusion in next issue Oct. 6th.

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BITS & PIECES

Hyundai reveals some of the victims of scrappage. With the first week of the controversial scrappage scheme drawing to a close, Hyundai has decided to reveal what sort of metal is being sent to the scrap heap and it doesn't make for particularly pleasant reading.

Amongst the casualties include six MX-5s, seven MGFs and a Jaguar XJ-S. German barges haven't escaped the scrap battle either, with 34 BMWs, 22 Audis and 32 Mercedes all apparently on their way to the heap in the name of the scrappage scheme.

Nissan Micras have so far proved the most popular car to be scrapped at Hyundai dealerships since the scheme was introduced on Monday, with over 200 making way for a new car. However an MG Midget, Nissan 300ZX, MGB GT and (we regret to inform you) a Fiat X1/9 have also been scrapped. Not all manufacturers have been as open as Hyundai over what they've been receiving, and although some cars will be dismantled in order to further the life of other classics it does hurt to tell you that a 1968 Morris Minor has also succumbed to the lure of £2k off a new car.

It isn't, however, the scrappage scheme's oldest victim, a 1966 Austin 1100 was also handed over.

From Mike Bennett

Steam-power car breaks speed record

The land speed record for a steam-powered vehicle has been broken by a British supercar.

Nicknamed the fastest kettle in the world, the 25ft vehicle clocked an average speed

of 139.843mph at an air force base in California. That beat the old record of 127mph set by American Fred Marriot 103 years ago.

The British car, which has twelve boilers, was powered water heated to 400°C and injected into a turbine at more than twice the speed of sound. It was built by a team based in Lymington, Hampshire and driven by Charles Burnett III.

Spares and Workshop

When we were at Cholmondeley Pageant of Power we were approached by a representative of a company called CES UK. They have opened a club cash account for us so that ordering parts can be made as smooth as possible and give members access to massive stocks of car parts, consumables and tools with a special discount.

CES have 16 branches across the North West, North Wales and the Midlands, including Chester and Liverpool and operate a UK next day delivery service. To place an order ring 01244 372555 and quote account no. or visit their web site at www.cesuk.com.

Hi,
hope it's not too late to add this to the backfire, i just wanted to show my appreciation and I would be very grateful if you could add this for me:-

"I Had A Brilliant Time At Oulton Park On The Bank Holiday Weekend And Would Like To Thank Everyone For Their Support!
Thanks Jennifer"

(Watch out next month for a report on the Oulton Park Gold Cup and pictures our own "Stig" - Steve)

Cholmondeley Castle Pageant of Power Event 18th and 19th July 2009.



The "P.O.P." as it is known is in it's second year and looks like being a regular Event that must surely Grow and improve.

The Organisers really pushed the boat out for us on this 2 day extravaganza and it made our



own little show seem like a street corner meeting. This is how it went when a modest amount of our club went along to see what it was like:

Eight of us stalwarts met at Morrisons car park, Stockton Heath, on Saturday 18th July and prayed for half decent weather. Surprisingly,



we were not disappointed and we trundled off to the POP to find the Police had wisely shut the A49 close to the Event and set up diversions. This definitely helped us sail

into the Grounds and only queue up for a short period before finding our allotted spot. We had



a generous "plot" and quickly set up the Gazebo etc. Getting dead good at this game!! The grounds at Cholmondeley are massive. Much bigger than you think when

you only attend the normal shows!

A single track Road circuit had been set up, Straw bailed up and there were plenty of Marshals on hand to manage 1. The Sporting event and 2. The crowds.



An amazing array of exotic and fierce

looking cars and motorbikes tested their skills on the timed circuit. Access to the best viewing positions was good and commentary was loud and clear all over the place. Yes, it is a Sporting Event and the atmosphere felt great as well as the whiff of Castrol R; yet there was ample space and opportunity to check out other Classic Club Stands, mingle with other Petrol heads and do some shopping. Loads to see and eat and drink. Prices not too scary for the things you had to buy and there was some extra entertainment on!!



"Synchronised JCB Diggers " Very skilful and amusing.

A WW2 Spitfire fly-over as well as a "loony" Aerobatic display just like the Red Bull Planes on TV. For the Cultured types a Classic Music and Fireworks performance was on offer Saturday evening for £25 and from what Paul G and I could see was worth it.



Saturday night it persisted down with rain and Sunday was rain on and off.



In conclusion though, with good weather it is a fabulous weekend event and it's LOCAL.

Report by a rather damp and cold

Dave (nearly got your name right) Espley.



Club Events 2009

26th & 27th Sept - Victoria Park, Widnes

11th October - Glazebrook (8 cars required)

22nd October - Ladies jewellery night.

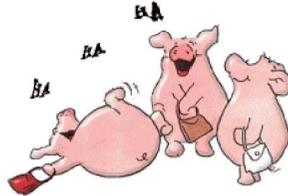
26th December - Lymm Steam

A friend of mine had always wanted to be run over by a steam train. When it happened he was chuffed to bits.

The big bad Wolf said "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down."



The little piggy puts his head out of the window and says "F .. off or I'll sneeze on you."



Thanks Maria.

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.

Also stepping down at the end of the year is Maria McPartland as Events Coordinator.

As I think you'll agree, Maria has done a fantastic job of getting us all to the shows during the last couple of years. Although this is quite a busy job, like Dave, Maria can give guidance and advice where necessary in the early days so you won't be dropped in at the deep end.

Here's a thought! Two members, working together to coordinate events and set up the Ferry Show.

If you think you could fill either of these important roles, please have a word with either Dave or Maria.

Audlem Show, 26th July 2009.

This years trip out to Audlem was a “Wet” one, unlike previous years when we baked and thought Summer might actually carry on through July into August.

Spirits in our Club are never dampened so 7, or was it 8? vehicles met on Morrisons Car Park and did the motoring version of the “Conga” across Cheshire to the village green of Hankerlow which is not too far from Stapeley Water Gardens. (and I have been telling people for 2 weeks its near Trentham Gardens, wherever that is?)

Bad news : The Village pub has changed over to an Eastern “Eatery”, so no English breakfast for Big John!!!

Phew!! The organisers improvised an outside Gazebo Kitchen, bless them, and the usual nosh was on hand for very little cash. I tell you I actually saw Big John eyeing up Maria and Jims dog, Twiggy, with a scary “ I am very hungry, could eat a scabby Dog” look before he focused on the Gazebo kitchen. Er, apologies to Twiggy. You are not a scabby Doggy. Numbers were a bit down on last year but enthusiasm was not.

Some great vehicles and people to mingle with and an improved system of Marshalling helped make it a relaxing day out.

After amassing on the village green at Hankelow over 250 of us did the slow procession down the road to Audlem Village. Plenty of the public braved the rain to wave us along and it really is a “feel good factor” place to be. Once parked up on the School playing field we wandered around the various Charity Stalls and food tents.

The WW11 Spitfire Fly by was cancelled, no doubt due to poor visibility and low clouds. It really is down to warm dry weather to make a good day into a great day, and well done to the organisers for keeping things clockwork when also coping with water dropping from the Heavens! They put on a great Show despite it. We’re dead ard us Brits when it comes to braving the elements.

The Day ended about an hour earlier than planned when even more wet stuff came

down.

Thanks to Russ for working out a more sensible route that Bypassed the Nantwich merry go round of 2008.

Dave (my memory is improving) Espley



Woodvale

by Steve Tanser



I've always looked forward to our visit to Woodvale each year as there is so much to see. You really need the full weekend to experi-

ence everything so you are not rushing around. So it was with great anticipation that we drove to meet other members at the B&Q car park, Saturday, to travel in convoy to the event.

After last year when we had a tour around Southport to get there, I was asked to work out a more direct route. So, after meet-



ing up and handing out a copy of the directions, we were off. Unfortunately, we didn't get very far. At the roundabout outside B&Q's car park the Volvo engine died. After some basic checks it was found there was no petrol

getting through. Further investigation found the fuel pump fuse had blown.



With Jim McP. and Russ helping, we couldn't find a fault so called the breakdown

service. However the car restarted a few minutes later so after cancelling the recovery we got the car home and because there was no other car with a tow bar there was no club display on the first day.

After finding no fault at home and the car running ok, we tried again on Sunday and this time the Volvo never missed a beat. Sunday was a bit of a



blustery day but thankfully the rain stayed away. The organisers had changed the layout

of the show this year and placed the club displays right next to the spectator's car park and we were right in the middle.

My first thought when seeing our position was that people would park their cars and get on the free, old busses to be transported to the centre of the show and, therefore, miss the club stands.



However, there turned out to be quite a lot of interest with a lot of people making their way to and from the show on foot.



The show was filled with club displays, individual cars, model cars, radio controlled aircraft, model railways and boats, a fair-ground, stalls, motor cycle stunt riding and lots more. There really is something for everyone.

For me the highlight is the mock bombing raid, accompanied by pyrotechnics, by the model aircraft people.

This year's theme being the Dam busters, with the bombers dropping footballs (bouncing bombs) at a target.

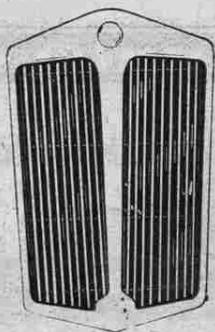


We weren't looking forward to the long queue to exit the showground and waited for a lot of vehicles to leave. We then found that by heading for the main gate, most vehicles were turning left for Southport and we wanted to turn right so our lane was almost empty. We almost got to the gate in one go and were off site in about ten minutes, marred by a long tr

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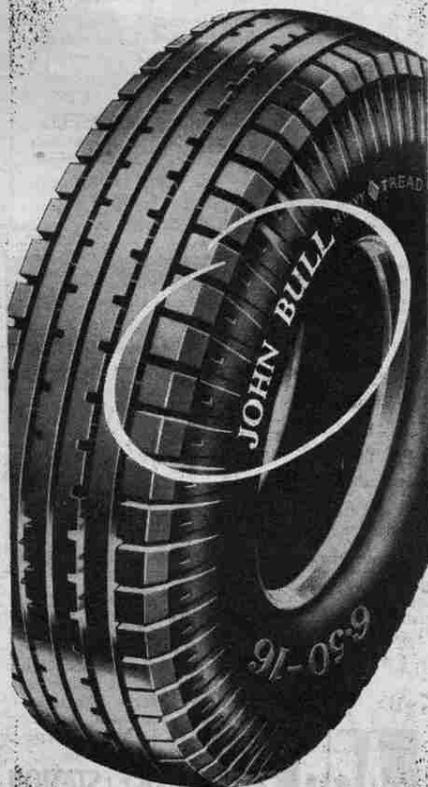


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