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Chairman's Word

Well what an August for weather. At the point Noah nearly got his Arc out again, the Utility companies dropped the hose-pipe ban.

The month, of course, began with the annual jaunt to Woodvale, and to be honest, the microclimate which Jim White boasts about for Southport, appeared to hold up for us, and I would like to think, a very pleasant show was had by all.

Up next was Knowsley Hall, which was a first for me. Again the weather held for us, and the show really is in beautiful surroundings. I can see this one growing year on year. The visit was made all the brighter by Jenny winning with the Pink Mini in the Custom and Classic section. I did feel there was one other excellent vehicle in that class which was badly overlooked (that wouldn't be an Alpine would it? - *Steve*) Crackin' result Jenny, well done!!

How can August be complete without Tatton Park? The Saturday was a bit mixed with some fine rain, but the members were well sheltered by the new Mid-Blue club gazebos which were collected from the show and erected for the first time. The Sunday was a good day, I believe, and was enjoyed by all. A great turnout was achieved for both days. Thanks everyone!!

It has to be said however, that the gazebo erection process (no giggling please – it's unprofessional) can be improved and was undertaken with plenty of head scratching. The old gazebo was

kindly purchased by Kenny Jackson and will be going to a good home.

Now one I couldn't attend was the Oulton Park Gold Cup. Jenny's Mum and Dad kindly took delivery of the tickets in my absence and distributed them to our members. A big thanks from me for that to the Hughes family. I was home on the Sunday and looked at the weather in the morning – pouring rain!! My heart sank for the attendees, but then it cleared up at lunchtime. The Bank Holiday Monday was then a "cracker", and talking to Nigel Stock the event went down really well and the rain on Sunday did not detract from the event as there was plenty going on.

I normally try to keep to the month before in my introductions, but I couldn't keep it from our members, that at Cholmondley Castle (5th Sept) the club took first prize for the best Club Display. Big John would have been so proud of this. The new Gazebos must have had a part to play in this as they really do look great on the pitch. A big thanks goes to Steve Marran for going down to Cholmondley the day before and marking out our pitch.

We now enter our final show month, and I think the club has to be proud of what it has so far achieved in 2010

**Russ, Acting
Chairperson
NWCC**



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Next Meeting 12th October

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BITS & PIECES

For club polo/sweat shirts contact Kosi Kare and ask for Mel. Tell her your a member of NWCC and choose which design you want. Standard club colours are blue or white but you can have the club logo on any colour, eg: to match your car. Contact Kosi Kare on 01942 323868.

For other products you can shop online at www.kosikare.co.uk/.

A few flyers have been handed to me during some of the recent shows so I thought I'd share them with you.

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Club Stand improvements. Ideas so far.

As most of you know by now we have purchased two square gazebos for the Club Stand which really do look the part. The Committee is looking for a variety of improvements to complement the gazebos by having a similar theme or look. The ideas so far are:-

2 Beach Flags with Club Name /Logo on
Bunting with Logo on

White plastic chain for front of Club
Stand

Plastic Car "Rally" badges (to be fixed to car bumpers) when on club stand. The thinking here is that we have a multi-purpose design that can be used for Shows and Club Runs.

Ian Trimble has created a "Club template" for car information plaques which can be laminated and displayed in vehicle windows

With winter quickly approaching, it is a good time for any ideas to be forwarded, and any that are adopted can then be purchased prior to the new season.

Russ



SUMMER ROAD RUN

27th June 2010.

Although only 10 cars took part in this, our longest run, it turned out to be an interesting and well planned event. Thanks again to Steve Tanser and Jilly for the preparation and time they put in.

It's getting harder to find places to go that are within reasonable distance that we've not been to before!

Anyways, we set off from the Hollow Tree pub at Stretton and trundled around Cheshire, even crossing into Welsh Wales at one point.

A stop over for lunch in Mold was followed by "see who can get lost the first."

A couple of our group used alternative ways to make their day more fun but we did manage to visit "Lady Hays" gift shop near Kingsley and that's an interesting place to go. Even met Bob Carolgees of Spit the Dog fame in his Candle shop. Some good gear in there I can tell you.

The return trip to the Hollow Tree left us down in numbers where the Manager, Chris, had set an area out for us to park up and be "judged".

Well well, Russ's Alpine was favourite on the day so he got the Trophy and looked a happy chappy.

If anyone feels the urge to put forward some ideas on future runs or even wants to organise one then please put your name forward.

Thanks to all who turned up and survived the scorching weather.

Dave Espley.



Club Shows 2010

Leyland Classic - Sun 19 Sept

Widnes - Sat/Sun 25/26 Sept

A Few Interesting Facts

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
(Hardly seems worth it.)

If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.
(Now that's more like it !)

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
(Oh.My.God.!).

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.
(In my next life, I want to be a pig.)

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death. (Creepy.)
(I'm still not over the pig.)

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories a hour
(Don't try this at home, maybe at work)

The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body.
The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.
(Honey, I'm home. What the....?!)

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.
(30 minutes.. Lucky pig! Can you imagine?)

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.
(What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.
(I still want to be a pig in my next life...quality over quantity)

Butterflies taste with their feet.
(Something I always wanted to know.)

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
(HMMMMMM.....)

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
(If you're ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.
(Okay, so that would be a good thing)

A cat's urine glows under a black light.
(I wonder who was paid to figure that out?)

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
(I know some people like that.)

Starfish have no brains.
(I know some people like that too.)

Polar bears are left-handed.
(If they switch, they'll live a lot longer)

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.
(What about that pig??)

Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread these crazy facts and show this to someone you want to bring a smile to, maybe even a chuckle.
(God love that pig!)

Fiddler's Ferry Show



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Over one hundred vehicles were booked in and, I think, around ninety five turned up. The weather was a bit unpredictable for the day which meant vehicles were slow at first but, as the morning brightened up, they started arriving in bigger numbers. A



short, light shower in the early afternoon didn't dampen enthusiasm too much. By utilizing the pub field more this year we were able to get more cars to the main area of the show. Just a few late comers were parked on the picnic area and road. As usual there were three awards at the end of the day. Landlord/lady's Choice went to Phil Asbridge for his lovely little 1936 Austin 7 Ruby. Committee's Choice went to the 1932 Ford Model B of Ian Trimble's family, for me the star of the show. Best Bike was won by Tony Roach for his Triumph Police bike, a regular to the show. A high standard of vehicles attended to make this another successful show for the club, with hard work by Paul, Dave and the marshals to make it also a safe one.

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Exotic Profile

The **Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost** refers both to a car model and to one specific car from that series.



Originally named the "40/50 h.p.", the chassis was originally produced at Royce's Manchester works moving to Derby in July 1908 and between 1921 and 1926 at Springfield, Massachusetts factories. Chassis no. 60551, registered **AX 201**, was the car that was originally given the name "Silver Ghost." Other 40/50 hp cars were also given names but the Silver Ghost title was taken up by the press and soon all 40/50s were called by the name, a fact not officially recognised by Rolls-Royce until 1925 when the Phantom range was launched.

In 1906, Rolls-Royce produced four chassis to be shown at the Olympia car show, two existing models, a four cylinder 20hp and a six cylinder 30hp, and two examples of a new car designated the 40/50 hp. The 40/50 hp was so new that the show cars were not fully finished and examples were not provided to the press for testing until March 1907.

In 1907 the Commercial Managing Director, Mr Claude Johnson (often described as the hyphen in "Rolls-Royce"), ordered a car to be used as a demonstrator by the company. With chassis no. 60551 and

registered AX 201, it was the 12th 40/50 hp to be made, and was painted in aluminium paint with silver-plated fittings. The car was named the "Silver Ghost" (a phrase coined not by themselves, but by the prestigious publication Autocar) to emphasise its ghost-like quietness, and a plaque bearing this name adorned the bulkhead. An open-top body by coach-builder Barker was fitted, and the car readied for the Scottish reliability trials of 1907 and, immediately afterwards, another 15,000-mile (24,000 km) test which included driving between London and Glasgow 27 times.



The aim was to raise public awareness of the new company and to show the reliability and quietness of their new car. This was a risky idea: cars of this time were notoriously unreliable, and roads of the day could be horrendous. Nevertheless, the car set off on trials, and with press aboard, broke record upon record. Even after 7,000 miles (11,000 km), the cost to service the car was a negligible £2 2s 7d (£2.13). The reputation of the 40/50, and Rolls-Royce, was established.





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