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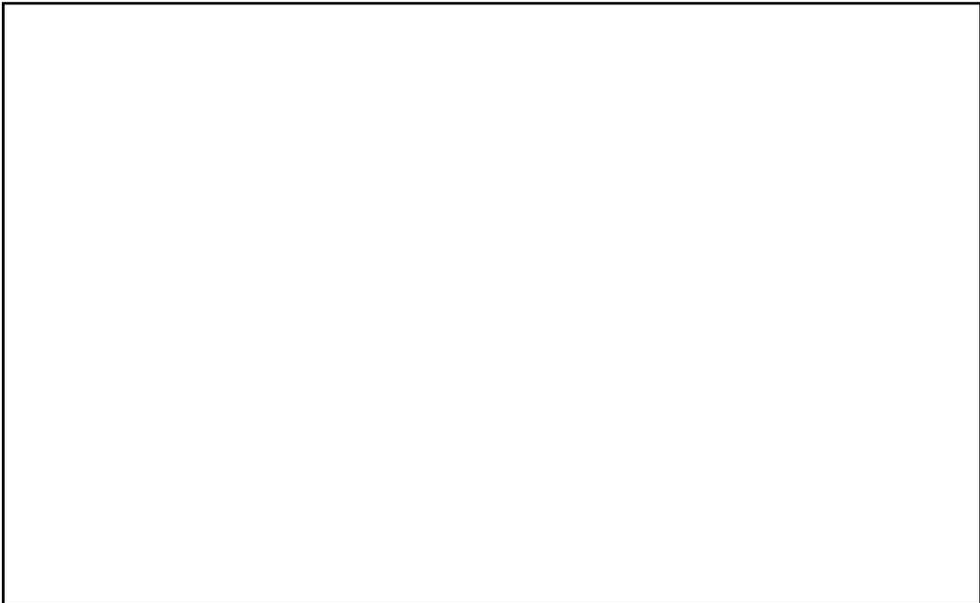
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Next Meeting
11th Nov

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Orford Green, Warrington

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Chairman's Chatter

Hi All,

Sorry I'm not with you this month but Anne and I are on holiday in Crete.

1936 SS Jaguar 1.5 (1973-2014).

The SS has sold! After owning the SS for over 40 years it was time to admit that I was not going to finish it. I have had great time making parts, tracking down parts and meeting lots of people. My Dad bought it for me when I was 21 and it has been a great present.

As most of you will know I found the missing radiator grille in the workshop pit so it wasn't stolen after all! I collected all the SS bits from their hiding places into one garage and deleted the advert I had put on Car and Classic. I refitted the errant grille along with a few other bits and pieces. The car now looked a bit more like it, so I took some new pictures and re-listed the ad., c/w new photos, and wrote a comprehensive description.

How do you value a car like this? There are only a possible 10 in the world, so you would think that makes them rare or maybe no one wants them! It was a side valve 4 door saloon back in the day but I converted it to a 2 door convertible with an OHV SS engine so it was a bit unusual to say the least. Modifications don't sit well with Jaguar people and Jaguar didn't make a tourer of this model. My engine was ruined and even if it had been a runner they were a bit asthmatic anyway. A car is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it. If I got £10,000 I would be over the moon, at £6000 I wouldn't be disappointed but under £4000 would be a crying shame. In the end I pitched it at £10950.

Within a few minutes I had a caller he showed some interest but nothing firm. Three hours later a dealer from Rugby telephoned and a deal was struck at £8000 and he collected it the next day! I know the car looked good but there was still a lot of work to do and Malcolm says he can finish it so that's great news. He said he always wanted an SS tourer for himself and felt that this was the only way he could get one at a reasonable price. My garage is now empty of both car and parts, the floor is swept and the shelves dusted.

As I said in last month's 'Chatter' I'm on the look out for a Riley RMA or RMB like my Dad used to have. It has to have the round dials dashboard, the small back window and little or no work. I know I'm picky, but I can dream. I joined the Riley RM Club a couple of weekends ago at the Manchester Classic Car Show. Although they are a friendly bunch the local RM Group is a bit bijou to say the least, on a good month four turn out! They meet at the Pack Horse in Heywood, Bury along with the Standard Motor Club. Nice pub, real ale and a free hot supper what's not to like?

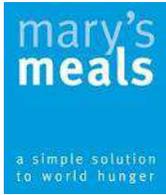
Having spoken to the Pre-War Austin Club and the Riley RM Club, they both have week-end Rallies. Camping/Hotel jobbies and I wondered if that was the sort of thing NWCC could do? When I first came to the committee I spoke to Paul Gannicliffe and he said that's how it all started. I remember that Kenny did mention a trip to the Isle of Man and I feel that would make a great weekend



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Bits 'n Pieces



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

Special Club Night.

January 13th 2015.

We are holding a special evening for club members at this meeting.

Peter McIlvenny from Carol Nash will hold a presentation at the club including a Q&A session around classic cars and the associated insurance of classic vehicles. It is hoped that he will bring the Spark Plug challenge with him for members to try.

At the same meeting we are lucky to also enjoy the company of Fuzz Townshend from the classic car programme Car S.O.S. Fuzz will also hold a Q&A spot where he will share his knowledge of classic cars and the T.V. show itself.

An evening not to be missed.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

20th Anniversary Social Night.



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Saturday 31st January

7.30-till late £5 a ticket, DJ, fun quiz, bottle raffle (donations needed) + buffet. Optional fancy dress, in keeping with the age of your car (hope most like the idea) Tickets on sale from our Oct club meeting, or from me 077430 22241

Eileen

Lunch Run - November 2nd

Eileen has found a smashing pub to have our Sunday meal at. ItsThe Bunbury Arms, little Stanney Lane, Stoak, CH2 4HW.

I will do a route to start here, at the club, with a half-way coffee stop, setting off at the usual time of 9.30am.

Thanks to Mike Bennett for this month's Backside. Interestingly, the Herald campervan is towing a Triumph on an A Bar.

Events

Oct 26th - Haydock Revival

Nov 2nd - End of Season Lunch Run

Dec 26th - Lymm Steam ?

2015

Jan 1st - Briars Hall

Jan 13th - Special Club Night

Jan 20th - Anniversary Social Night



The SS in 1973...

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and be something that was do-able. NWCC have been contacted by Carole Nash Insurers with a view to having one of their Roadshows at our clubroom. I can confirm this will happen on Tuesday January 13th on our usual Club night. It will include a presentation by Peter McIlvenny about car insurance followed by a Q + A about that subject. Fuzz Townsend one of the presenters of Car SOS will also give an insight onto the programme and classic cars in general. The Spark Plug Challenge will make an appearance and hopefully there will be a buffet. One for your diary. Next year will see NWCC 20th birthday so with that in mind our Social Secretaries Eileen and Alan are organizing a 'Do' here at our Clubroom on Saturday 31st January. Tickets are a very reasonable £5 which will include entertainment and food. Another diary date.

See you all next month
Cheers Nigel



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Newton Town Show



Humans made to wear tax discs



THE legal obligation to display a valid tax disc has been shifted from cars to people.

The laminated disc, which will display your tax code and a record of payments for the last five years, must be worn around the neck on a chain in the style of an 80s rapper. It must be visible to inspectors at all times, even while the taxpayer is asleep.

An HM Revenue & Customs spokesman said: "You hear 'I pay my taxes!' all the time but rarely does anyone prove it. "From now on, your contribution to the state will be displayed to everyone at all times, and if you didn't make one don't expect to be allowed to walk on the pavement like everybody else."

Anyone without a visible tax disc will be fined, then clamped, then towed away, then crushed into a small cube.

Quotes

If you've got an old car, you've gotta have at least several old cars, 'cause one's always gonna be in the garage.
- Rip Torn

I replaced the headlights in my car with strobe lights, so it looks like I'm the only one moving.
- Steven Wright

Car designers are just going to have to come up with an automobile that outlasts the payments.
- Erma Bombeck

Never have more children than you have car windows.
- Erma Bombeck

I had to stop driving my car for a while; the tires got dizzy.
- Steven Wright

The automobile engine will come, and then I will consider my life's work complete.
- Rudolf Diesel

Home, nowadays, is a place where part of the family waits till the rest of the family brings the car back.
- Earl Wilson

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