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Chairman's Chatter

Hi All

The Stag has not turned a wheel since it returned from Nigel Grant's workshop. I had intended to have the cam covers and the air box powder coated and to that end had removed them. However, the other items accompanying them namely Nigel's Passatt wheels, are still not ready to go so there's a hold up.



As some of you will have seen we have been using the Austin on our jaunts and I'm getting used to the driving experience a la 1948! The interest in the Austin never ceases to amaze me, young and old alike they come to inspect this quite rare vehicle. The carb is a bit worn and although it's had a rebuild with new seals and gaskets it still runs a bit rich. So much so that it never needs choke! I don't know what the MPG is but I suspect one of my predecessors (John 'Wayne' Greatbanks') Cadillac probably did more! The starter motor has been, shall we say, unreliable lately resulting in the need for a push start at the High Legh and Widnes Shows. A strip down of the units revealed some very worn out parts. The commutator was so worn that some of the segments were missing and one of the copper contacts in the solenoid had burnt out. An Austin Healey starter in the back room at Nigel's workshop gave up its winding/commutator spindle, so that fixed one problem. I fashioned a contact for the solenoid from a small piece of copper and fitted that. That seemed OK but it was reluctant to dance as we were leaving the Back to the Future Day on the 3rd October. Possibly the winding inside the solenoid needs a clean up too.



The first owner of my Austin one Sir William Rennie Booth Morren CBE. He has been on my mind a lot mainly because I tell folks about him when they look at my car. I have been searching the inter web recently and found that his medals have been offered for sale! No I'm not going to buy them (guide price £1600) but they were accompanied by some photographs of him both as a young man with the Scots Guards and as the Chief Constable of Edinburgh. I would like to think that while he was having this picture taken the Austin was waiting for him outside.

At the Back to the Future day I was parked outside Hancock and Wood, Warringtons' oldest department store. I sent a black and white photo of the Austin to the head office, with a brief message of who NWCC are. I got a nice reply from Michael Hancock the CEO thanking us for our contribution to a very successful day and that he would add the picture to his collection.



Cheers Nigel

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Congratulations to Eileen for another trophy to Elmo.



This actually happened to an Englishman in France who was totally drunk.

A French policeman stops the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking. With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles

of wine at the reception, and many single malts scotches thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcohol-test (breath test) the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed totally sloshed.

He asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French Law, he is going to be arrested?

The Englishman answers with a bit of humour, "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realize that this is a British car and that my wife is driving on the other side?"

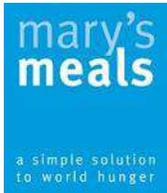
Thanks to Chris Lee

Events

Oct 18th - End of season run

Dec 26th - Lymm Steam ?

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



Charity Classic Car Show

Just to let you all know the charity fundraising day at Hope Riding school in Hale bank on August Bank holiday on the 31st August raised £4,502,98 on the day for Macmillan despite the down pour we had. Can I thank all for bringing their cars and Scooters on the day.

Ian Trimble

Thanks to Nigel for this month's Backside

Bits 'n Pieces

Number Plates

Up until now the black and white or black and silver plates were only allowed to be fitted to historic vehicles manufactured before Jan 1st 1973. This position has now changed.

The older style number plates can now be legally fitted to vehicles registered prior to Jan 1st 1975, in line with the rolling historic vehicle forty year's old limit. The vehicle must, though, be registered as an historic vehicle.

There are safety concerns about the car not being as well illuminated, but when vehicles become historic under the rolling system, they will be less likely to be out after dark or parked on the street overnight.

When I die, I want to go peacefully like my Grandfather did, in his sleep -- not screaming, like the passengers in his car.



Tatton Park

Another wet weekend was predicted for the show this year but, fortunately, the worst failed to materialise.



Thunder storms were forecast for the two days but only showed up on Saturday night and the day time rain waited until we had almost got through Sunday.



To make life easier for Saturday morning a few of us, myself, Nigel, Alan, went on Friday to erect the gazebos and mark out the pitch with chain, as we did for the earlier show.

For Saturday the weather was kind to us and seventeen members turned out and the public numbers looked to be very good. Congratulations go to Rob Me-neice for his 1st Place Classic Porsche. After the Saturday night thunderstorm the ground was left very wet and the road ways between the



stands soon became quite muddy, though as the sun came out it all dried out. Our member's number was slightly higher but, understandably, public numbers seemed to be slightly down. Again, the weather was kind to us until mid-afternoon. As the rain started



the organisers announced that anyone wanting to leave early did not have to wait until 4pm so, as cars were leaving, we dismantled and packed away the stand. We had to wait, however, as we had a winner's slip for the club stand so had to attend the prize giving in the marquee.

NWCC won 6th Place Highly Commended and congratulations to our friends in the Commer club for 4th Place Highly Commended and the Marlin club taking 1st Place Highly Commended, both of which had NWCC members on their stand.



Nine Weird Uses for WD40

1. Preserve your Halloween pumpkin

Evidently, spraying down your jack-o-lantern with WD40 after you carve it will leave behind a protective coating that helps preserve it over the coming weeks. Just be sure not to light a nearby candle anytime soon after spraying...

2. Stop Cocaine Use

No, not for yourself – for patrons in your bar. (You do own a bar, right?) Reports say bars in England were advised by police to add a light misting of WD40 onto the backs of their toilets tanks. Apparently cocaine + WD40 turns the drug into a sloppy mush, preventing would-be partiers from snorting their way straight to problems with owners and bartenders.

3. Dig, I Said, Dig!

WD40's a lubricant, so spray it on your shovel or spade to help slice through even the stickiest of soil. A useful tip if you're friends with somebody who fails at the following....

4. Snake Charming

A bus driver in Asia reportedly used some WD40 to help remove a giant python wrapped around the undercarriage of his bus. It's a good thing the WD40 worked, too – or his friends might have been using it to lube up their spades as they dug him a spot in the local cemetery.

5. Dog Sh*t Cleanup

If only I'd known this last week when I misstepped on the pavement outside my house. Liberally spray down the underside of your shoes after stepping in poo. Give a few minutes to let the water displace-

ment function of the WD40 to work, and then begin your cleanup job. Guaranteed to be unpleasant but now a heck of a lot easier!

6. Advanced Twister

One of the official uses for WD40 (we're serious) is spraying down your Twister mat for an added challenge. I suppose this is a viable option if you've got no cooking oil on hand, but I'd steer clear of using it indoors. And be sure to wash yourself really well afterwards. (Hey, maybe that could be another group activity?)

7. Stop Bugs and Wasps From Eating and Nesting

WD40 is waterproof and quite unpleasant for bugs, so it sticks around for a long time and helps keep them at bay. Spray some around your flower boxes to keep snails out, or around the eaves of your house to deter wasps who are poking around for a new home.

8. Remove Ink From Jeans

This one actually seems pretty useful, but we were shocked to read that it works. If you've got stains from a blue pen on your jeans, just spray the stain, wait a few minutes, and wash the pants as normal. I'd avoid washing it with any other clothes, though.

9. Make Your Photography Sparkle

You know the mirrored effect in the photos of many e-retailers, where the product is reflected in the bottom of the shot? You can mimic this effect by shining your surfaces with WD40 just before taking your photos. Be sure not to get it on anything you can't clean off, though, and make sure your photography space is well ventilated.

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