

December Bulletin



Dear Members,

And so another year comes to an end, and it is time to rest your feet and have a cup of tea and a slice of Christmas cake. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and that next year is better than 2020 and Father Christmas brings us all a vaccine.

And now for something completely different to the usual monthly bulletin which we hope will amuse you. To start with we have some insurance claim forms, followed by Bible studies. Enjoy!

Please also check out the 'Surprise' message at the end of this bulletin.

ACTUAL INSURANCE CLAIM FORM QUOTES:

1. Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
2. The pedestrian ran for the pavement, but I got him.
3. I thought my window was down, but I found it was up when I put my head through it.
4. I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
5. The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
6. I saw two kangaroos having it off in the middle of the road. So I hit them, which caused me to ejaculate through the sunroof.
7. I left my car unattended for a minute, when by accident or design, it ran away.
8. I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.
9. I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.
10. The claimant had collided with a cow. The questions and answers on the claim form were:
Q: What warning was given by you?
A: Horn.
Q: What warning was given by the other party?
A: Moo.
11. I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
12. I was on the way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
13. An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.
14. The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.
15. I had one eye on a parked car, another on approaching lorries, and another on the woman behind.
16. I was going at about 70 or 80 mph when my girlfriend on the pillion reached over and grabbed my testicles so I lost control.

17. I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull.
18. The car in front hit the pedestrian but he got up so I hit him again.
19. I started to slow down but the traffic was more stationary than I thought.
20. I was backing my car out of the driveway in the usual manner, when it was struck by the other car in the same place it had been struck several times before.
21. I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers then left immediately for a vacation with injuries.
22. The gentleman behind me struck me on the backside. He then went to rest in a bush with just his rear end showing.
23. I blew my horn, but it would not work as it had been stolen.
24. A cow wandered into my car. I was afterwards informed that the cow was half-witted.
25. Mr. X is in hospital and says I can use his car and take his wife while he is there. What shall I do about it?
26. Q: Could either driver have done anything to avoid the accident?
A: Travelled by bus?

Bible Studies

Children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These are extracts from their answers which have not been corrected or retouched.

1. In the first nook of the bible, Guinness, god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire during the night
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic genitals
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles
7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments
9. The first commandment is when Eve told Adam to eat the apple
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery

11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada, then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol
12. The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him
13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Soloman, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta
16. St.John the blacksmith dumped water on his head
17. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone
18. It was a miracle then Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance
19. The people who followed the lord were called the twelve decibels
20. One of the opposums was St.Matthew, who was also a taximan
21. St.Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage
22. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

Answers to just for fun - Lockdown 2 Car Quiz.

This was devised and submitted by Malcolm Ryley. Thanks you Malcolm for this, which hopefully helped keep grey matter ticking over during the recent period of incarceration!

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| 1. Ina su | AUSTIN |
| 2. gee pout | PEUGEOT |
| 3. Luretan | RENAULT |
| 4. llyre | RILEY |
| 5. clan he rtse | LANCHESTER |
| 6. screed me | MERCEDES |
| 7. glove swank | VOLKSWAGEN |
| 8. him brang oil | LAMBORGHINI |
| 9. havallux | VAUXHALL |
| 10. hit rump | TRIUMPH |
| 11. lo trevech | CHEVROLET |
| 12. yoatto | TOYOTA |
| 13. lanadog | LAGONDA |
| 14. agarju | JAGUAR |

15. rauusb	SUBARU
16. boils model	OLDSMOBILE
17. doubted no ion (2, 4, 6)	De DION BOUTON
18. lowlseye	WOLSELEY
19. dialclac	CADILLAC
20. imredla	DAIMLER

The 'Nightjar' Rally - but not as you know it! (by Trevor E)

The event held on November 21st this year was a 'virtual' one. Instead of the usual muffled-up gathering at Old Basing Village Hall on what is often a damp and pretty miserable afternoon, the 37 entrants were warmly tucked away in their cosy homes, ready at 5.00 p.m. precisely to receive their emailed instructions.

On the plus side it meant that we were not restricted to charging around darkened country lanes of Hampshire, Surrey or Berkshire seeking bird signs secreted away in damp woods. Instead, it was possible to pick any of the 200 or so Ordnance Survey maps covering the British Isles and No 149, Hereford and Leominster was selected.

Those entering ranged from the well-known diehard folk who enter year-in, year-out and whose competence is legendary to just one total beginner. The tasks, six in all, was to navigate from a given grid reference to one of the numerous villages scattered around the sparsely-populated county of Hereford where, using Google Earth Street-view, they had to find answers to a number of questions, e.g name of the church, dwelling, pub etc. Experts were given 2 hours to complete these tasks and Novice/Beginners two and half.

When Answer Sheets started flooding in around 7.00 p.m. the fun (for Jean and Trevor) marking them all really started. This task was made less straightforward since a few competitors, for some odd reason, opted not to use the Answer Sheet provided and chose instead to handwrite answers on a sheet of paper, using what appeared to be a stick of charcoal or similar before returning it by email.

The winners in the *Expert* class were Mark Pacey and his teenaged daughter Rachel who scored 118 points out of a possible total of 121. The *Novice* class was won by Helen and Peter Payne with an impressive score of 119, they also came *First Overall*. Others, from our own Club included Simon and Denise, Richard and Christine (Scott), Richard (Long), Andy and Do (Ranson), Tony and Pat (Westhall) and Colin and Ann (Greig).

Particular mention must be made of the performances of Richard (Long) and his team partner Peter Christie, (not an NHAEG member) and Andy and Do, coming equal First in contention for the Inter Register Novices Trophy. Their placings, 11th = and 9th respectively in the 'Nightjar', were also enough, taking into account their recorded successes in similar virtual events staged over the

past 7 months or so, to give them equal 3rd place in the IRC Individual Trophy competition for the year. The 'Nightjar' historically, is the final contributing event in the IRCs calendar.

Warmest congratulations to them both! Theirs is quite an achievement and not only a personal feather in their caps but also a major contributing factor in placing the Austin Ten Drivers Club (ATDC) *Third* in the Inter Register Shield team award. At long last the name Austin is being noticed once again in the history of the IRC Championship, the last time being the early 1980s!

In conclusion, from the much feedback received, it does appear that the event this year was very well-received and greatly enjoyed by all who took part.

Summary of Nightjar 2020 results

DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	SCORE	CLASS PLACING	OVERALL	IRC Position	IRC pts
Mark PACEY	Rachel PACEY	118	1	2	1	13
George PITT	Caroline PITT	117	2=	3	2	12
Simon COPPOCK	James COPPOCK	115.5	6	7	3	11
Richard SCOTT	Christine SCOTT	115	2	8	4	10
Dr Richard PATTEN	Dr Andrew MORTIMER	114	3=	9	5	9
Richard STUBBERFIELD	Peter STUBBERFIELD	113	7	11	6	8
Chris SMITH	Patsy SMITH	112.5	5	12	7	7
Richard KEIL		112	6	13	8	6
Ian WEBB	Gill WEBB	109.5	7=	14	9	5
Colin COOKE	Chris COOKE	109.5	7=	14	9	5
Andy RANSON	Do RANSON	109	9	15	11	3
John BUCKLEY	Ms A. TURNER	107	11=	18	12	3
Peter CHRISTIE	Richard LONG	107	11=	18	12	3
Peter WINNEY	??? WILDE	106	8	20	14	3
Malcolm HAWARD		101	13	22	15	3
Bruce GIRVAN	Matthew GIRVAN	94	14=	23	16	3
Adrian DUCKER	Peter HANNA	90	16=	25	17	3
Nigel COULTER		90	16=	25	17	3
Phillip BAYNE-POWELL	Rose' BAYNE-POWELL	87	18	27	19	3
Bob BLACKSTOCKK		86.5	19	28	20	3

Philip LONGHURST	Barbara LONGHURST	78	10	29	21	3
Ed BUTCHER	Anne BUTCHER	50	1	31	22	3
Tony WESTHALL	Pat WESTHALL	48	12	32	23	3
James CAMPBELL		46	20	33	24	3
Geoff PICKARD	Heather BARKER	41	13	34	25	3
Colin GREIG	Ann GREIG	Retired			26	3
Helen PAYNE	Peter PAYNE	119	1	1		
Stephen SAMUELS	Rhoda THOMSON	117	2=	3		
Ed BOWDEN	Aline BOWDEN	117	2=	3		
Toby GALBRAITH		116	5	6		
Tom CAMPBELL		114	3=	9		
Joy COOKE		108	10	17		
Adrian BRADSHAW	Nettie BRADSHAW	103.5	9	21		
Ian SAYER	Julie ASTIN	94	14=	23		
Simon JOCELYN	Denise ADAMS	77	11	30		
Mark BRENNINKMEYER	Kerran COFFEY	29	14	35		
Richard HORNSBY	Jane HORNSBY	4.5	15	36		

“End of Term/Year Report” (by our Chairman – Trevor E)

The year 2020 will undoubtedly go down as one which is utterly unique in the memories of us all, regardless of how advanced we may be in years! Who could possibly have thought, back in March, when first we were introduced to the name of something most of us had never previously heard of - Covid 19 - that we would become accustomed to donning masks and furtively going about our daily lives like bank robbers, as Christmas approaches? Nevertheless, we can only hope that the glimmer of light (3 vaccines now?) at the end of the tunnel is/are getting rapidly brighter and we shall be able to return to some semblance of normality before too long.

So far as our Club, the NHAEG, is concerned we have not, of course, been able to get together since February, either at our regular monthly meetings or in any other setting as normally would have been the case and have had to be content with keeping touch via the monthly Newsletter, valiantly compiled and published by Adrian (Walker) to whom we offer our thanks and appreciation.

The occasional quiz seems also to have been welcomed by at least a few regulars who, it should be mentioned, were quite happy with the decision taken to donate income from it (“£1.00 a go”) to the RNLI. Due to the current circumstances distributing any prize to winners was clearly going to be difficult for the foreseeable future and, since many of the quizzes have been plagiarised from

quizzes periodically received from an RNLI, it seemed appropriate to donate to that very worthy charity. So, thank you everyone for that!

Despite cause now for cautious optimism appearing on the horizon, looking ahead to 2021, it nevertheless seems fairly obvious that our AGM, normally our first meeting of the year, in January, cannot take place and we will have to wait and see if and when it can. - watch this space!

Until then we must all try to keep in contact virtually - (how use of that word seems to have sneaked into our daily lives!!) - and just look forward to the time when 'Normal service will be resumed', as the caption used to be displayed on 12" screens in the 50s, when the BBC television service used to break down (as it so often did)!

May I, therefore, on behalf of all the Committee, which, despite the current situation, continues to 'meet', courtesy of ZOOM, to discuss club-related issues, (however limited these may be at present), extend our very sincere best wishes to you all for Christmas, the New Year and far beyond. Please continue to take good care of yourselves and your loved ones and above all stay safe so we're all around to refresh, face to face, our friendships in, hopefully, the not-too- distant future.

ATDC Virtual Rally

The NHAEG have decided to run another virtual table top rally on behalf of the ATDC, this time it will be organised by Richard Long & Peter Christie. The event will start at 10.00 on February 7th 2021 and will take the form of navigational clues to enable teams to reach a village and then solve various questions using Google Earth Streetview. The map to be used is OS Landranger 149 (Hereford & Leominster, which is the same map as the Nightjar event held in November) and there will be classes for Novices and Experts. Regulations and entry forms will be available shortly but if you are interested please pre-register either by email richard_d_long@hotmail.com or call / text 07802 371113 We are hoping that there will be a good turnout of NHAEG members taking part.

SURPRISE SURPRISE

As a paid up club member your membership number will be entered into our FREE XMAS DRAW. No need to do anything, if you are lucky enough to win one of the prizes you will receive it prior to Christmas by post.

Have a great Christmas.
Best wishes from Don B and Val

Stay safe
NHAEG Committee