



Club Meetings

The AGM scheduled for Monday 8TH January 2024, has been **cancelled** and instead a 'Natter' will be held at the New Inn, in the usual meeting room, which is available from 12 noon.

The meeting in February will be on Monday 12th – details to follow.

2024 Events



Don B has provided an excellent list of possible future events / trips which was circulated at the club auction and again at the Xmas lunch. Additionally a copy has been sent out to those members that have not recently attended a club meeting.

The committee need to assess the level of interest at this stage and gather all feedback by the 8th January before firming up the arrangements.

Please don't forget to return your list to Don

Auction day results

Items offered for sale at the 14th November Club meeting Auction, realised successful bids totalling £83.00 which, under normal circumstances, would have meant a very modest £8.30 (10%) injection into Club funds.

However, due to the fact that a number of members declined their portion (90%) of monies raised for items submitted for auction, (which included a significant £49.00 generously donated by Chris and Janice Keevill), this amount was greatly enhanced to a quite respectable £58.70.

Thanks go to everyone involved in participation in this year's annual '*poor man's Sotheby's*'

2024 Membership

This is the final call for you to renew your club membership if not already done so.

The £10 subscription is now due for those Members rejoining the Club. Any subs not paid may result in your Membership being cancelled.

Members that have recently joined the NHAEG and paid membership fees during October or November 2023 shall be entitled to membership for the following year and do not need to pay a subscription for 2024.



If you do not wish to renew your membership for 2024 we are sorry to see you go, but it would be helpful if you could send an email to nhaegmembership@gmail.com just to confirm this.

PAYMENT METHODS AVAILABLE

Some members have reported problems when trying to make online payments to the club, particularly around the account holder name which some of the banks suggest does match the sort code / account number details, this is the banks way of helping to prevent fraudulent transactions. The clubs account details are as follows:

Account Name: North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group
Sort Code: 09-01-54
Account Number: 8006 6086
Reference: Subs 24 [surname]

There may be some instances where the bank will restrict the number of characters you can enter for the account name. In this case use NHAEG and it should work, but the bank may warn you that this account name is not recognised. However, as long as you have entered the correct sort code and account number as above, payment will still come through to the club.

Please also drop me an email at nhaegmembership@gmail.com just to confirm payment has been made by bank transfer. This is because membership records are held separately from financials.

Alternatively payment may be made in cash at the next club meeting. Please put the money in an envelope **marked with your name.**

Club Tools for Loan

The following article is a re print from a previous bulletin, but if you are planning future work on your vehicle this may be useful information.

The policy, which has been in place for a number of years now, but has rarely actually been exercised, is for anyone wishing to borrow tooling, to lodge a deposit cheque for £25.00 with Don (Breakspear) to cover 2 weeks free hire of the tooling, etc. If the tool is returned within the 2 weeks the cheque is handed back to the user; if it is retained for more than 2 weeks, a charge of £5.00 per week is then levied and any balance returned in due course. There has never been any distinction drawn between tooling; the charge has applied to everything available. All the tools are stored at Breakspear Farm, Finchampstead village. Don's landline telephone number is 0118 973 3568; his mobile is 07534 401853; his email address is donb4wipers@yahoo.com.

Tools owned NHAEG

Industrial heavy duty sowing machine

Portable hydraulic engine hoist

Tools for loan owned by Don Breakspear

Clutch alignment tool

Car ramps

Axle stands

Trolley jack

Small compressor

King pin extractor

Large box spanner for wheel bearing retaining nut

18 mill compression tester

Half inch drive torque wrench

Hub puller

Valve lifter

Electric soldering iron

Nutcracker

Tool for spreading leaf springs to insert grease

Message from Chris Keevill

I sorted out a few old pictures from back in the 1980s, when we were first active in the NHAEG, and then some other images from when I restored an Austin 65 Sports, later in the 80s.

I compiled the pictures into a short video, which I set to music. The video can be viewed here:- <https://youtu.be/huelshJNKzQ>

You might like to copy the link to the video into a future News Letter - it might jog some memories amongst the members!

If members have pictures of themselves and their cars at NHAEG events, and could send them to me, ideally by e-mail, then I would compile them into a similar video for their entertainment.

If their pictures are in print format, and they hand them to me, I'll scan them into digital format in order to use them in a video.

National Transport Trust



Red Wheel Marks Post War Aviation Boom - Friday 26th January 2024

One of the lesser known airfields in Southern England saw the post war birth of the independent aviation sector after the Second World War. This fascinating heritage will be celebrated with a National Transport Trust Red Wheel at an unveiling at 11.00 on Friday 26th January 2024 by His Majesty the Kings Representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson Esq.

Blackbushe Airport was established in 1942 as RAF Hartford Bridge. After the war, it became London's second airport, the home of independent airlines such as Eagle, Airwork, and Hunting Clan. A huge industry grew out of Blackbushe which straddled the A30 trunk road with traffic lights stopping vehicles to allow aircraft to cross. In the late 1950s the decision was made to

close Blackbushe in favour of the newly built Gatwick Airport. In 1960 all infrastructure was removed, leaving just the tarmac, and the Terminal Building, which was built in 1953.

The Red Wheel is to be located next to the airport's Executive Lounge and they have kindly offered light refreshments following the event.

Blackbushe Airport is just off the A30, south west of Camberley. The postcode is GU17 9LQ, What3Words: broke.trophy.gain.

Further details about Blackbushe, are on the National Transport Trust [website](#).

If you would like to attend the unveiling, please contact Jerry Swift at jerry.swift@nationaltransporttrust.org.uk

Stay safe
NHAEG Committee