<u>NORTH HAMPSHIRE</u> <u>AUSTIN</u> <u>ENTHUSIASTS</u> <u>GROUP</u> <u>Founded</u> 1974 Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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<u>Club nights at The New Inn, Heckfield, 8pm, 2nd Monday in every month</u>

I am sorry to say I missed the May club night as Marlene Grant and I were still travelling back from Venice that evening, as were Karen Witton and her friend Jackie who were being collected from Gatwick by Dave. From reports passed on to me, the evening at The New Inn was quite a success with something for everyone. I will be at the next club night without fail!

<u>Maureen</u>



Club members enjoyed the opportunity to inspect and discuss other marques at the Inter-club Noggin and Natter that took place on our May club night.

Around six 'parties' visited but some attended in a modern due to the unpredictable weather, car failures and the flu!

Three cars; an Alvis 'woody' a Model A Ford and this MGM type along with two of our own Rileys and Trevor's Talbot spiced up the usual Longbridge turnout.

NHAEG put on a good show for the (few) visitors, with a good line up of Austins. Maybe we'll rerun next year and hope that the weather is slightly less horrid – while the sun was in evidence during the meeting, the day's downpours likely dampened the enthusiasm of potential guests.

Indoors looked rather like a garden centre, where members traded a pretty impressive array of greenery, anything left at the pub was presumably the following day's salad offering!

<u>Andy S</u>.

Club BBQ and Drive

The club BBQ & Run will be on Sunday the 19th August this year. The day will consist of a run in the country organised by Trevor and Jean, returning to John and Joan's, for the BBQ. The numbers are limited, so those who give their names to Joan or John first are those who will be lucky!!! Contact details, please telephone John Hancock on 01189885387 or route66_2003@hotmail.

Secretary's Scribblings

Quíz News

Two of the entries submitted for the April Quiz ('In Good Company') had all correct answers. This time, Malcolm and Sandra (Ryley), shared first place spot with the Scott family, all of whom received a little bit of tasty confectionary for their efforts. Well done to all!

'*In Good Company – Part 2'* would appear to have everyone a bit puzzled; just a single entry received thus far. However you have until Friday 8th June to get this one in so start chewing those pencils!

This month's Quiz is a real cracker. Compiled and submitted by Julie (Els) with, it is suspected, some assistance from Mike (Corbett) it is another one in which all answers start with a different letter of the alphabet, hence there are twenty-six, all names of something within the entire animal kingdom or living, natural world, including reptiles, insects, etc., as well as more obvious ones.

Please send your entries, <u>directly to Julie</u> (details on quiz sheet), not to me, in this instance, by Thursday, July 5^{th} .

Dig Out Those Photos!

Following a recent request from Tim, our landlord at the 'New Inn', for some photos of our cars to have framed and hung in our meeting room there the Committee has responded by proposing a competition to be held in which members are to be invited to submit up to 5 images from which a few will be selected. The idea is for those, who wish to do so, to dig out any shots they have of *our* cars, (or a car), taken, ideally, in special or unusual surroundings and for a selection of these to be displayed at the September Club Night. These will then be judged, by those attending at that time, to be the best suiting the requirement. Further details will be announced in due course but, in the meantime, take a look through your albums, computer image files, shoe boxes etc., to see what you have which might fit the bill.

Merrist Wood Summer Show

Mention must be made of this event, which a few of us attended on Sunday 20th May. Having been originally brought to our attention by Nick (Buchanan) who, incidentally, had never attended it on previous occasions, it was anticipated that it would be a typically 'fete-like' event, making for a pleasant, easily accessible day out.

We were, however, to be hugely surprised and favourably impressed beyond *all* expectations. Merrist Wood College grounds, in Worpledon, near Guildford, are, firstly, extensive and offer just the right setting for a country fair type event of this nature and the wide range of attractions and activities which occupied a large part of them were quite amazing both in variety and quantity.

Apart from the more usual ones, which tend to be found, there was a canine agility display, falconry, a quite scary motorcycle stunt show, numerous country crafts and pursuits such as charcoal burning, hazel hurdle making and pole lathe turning, numerous farm animals, log cutting and chainsaw carving – even helicopter rides over the show area were available for those so inclined. The sight of children climbing almost to the top of a quite tall tree (admittedly supervised and with a safety harness fitted) was especially heartening and took me back to my own childhood when such pursuits were commonplace.

In fact, there were far too many attractions and distractions to list, all of which made for a show which those of us attending considered was probably the best one of its type we'd *ever* experienced and made a firm intention of returning to next year. So don't miss out next year; pencil in May 19th in your diaries! You won't regret it.

'Austin Seven True Stories and Other Snippets'.

Some copies of this amusing and entertaining little book, compiled and illustrated by Jen Dunford, (many will be familiar with the name of Ian Dunford, her husband, the Bristol-based, A7 axle eye 'shrinker' - amongst other things), have been purchased by the club and are available for sale to members at £6.00. Anyone wishing to obtain one of the copies should please get back to me – they're disappearing quite briskly and supplies are limited so don't delay if you'd like one!

Holybrook Festíval.

Don't forget this one which is being held in the afternoon of Sunday, June 24^{th,} at the Beansheaf Community Centre in Calcot, on the outskirts of Reading, just off Junction 12 of the M4. Though publicity describes it as 'small', the Festival will have a beer tent, Bar-B-Q and several stalls and entertainment. The centre is also on the edge of Linear Park, which is in an excellent location for walks, picnics and suchlike. Added attraction: it's FREE. The Festival runs from noon until 4:30 p.m. so those attending should aim to get there by noon.

Further details can be obtained from Paul Edwards on 0118 943 2615, or via email at <u>pedwards@blackcat-it.co.uk</u>

<u>MOT Tests</u>

Late-breaking news, as I finalise these *Scribblings*, is the report which, no doubt, will please all of us owning an historic vehicle, that the Government has decided to dispense with the hitherto statutory MOT test for vehicles manufactured prior to 1st January 1960. This to take effect by or, at the very latest, from 18th November 2012. Although this possibility has been heralded for some time the news, nevertheless, came as something of a surprise. 'Clarissa', my 1935 A10 'Colwyn', will, therefore, be going for her last, *compulsory* test this coming Thursday.

However, it will remain interesting whether insurance companies will choose to ignore the published statistics regarding the incidence with which historic vehicles are involved in road casualties and accidents and use the abandonment of the MOT test as an excuse for upping premiums. They shouldn't, of course, but such institutions rarely miss a trick.

In any event, I, for one and I know of many like-minded others, will still choose to have some form of inspection carried out periodically by an independent 'examiner' knowledgeable on ancient machinery and one suspects Ray (Adnams), one such individual, will not notice any significant drop in the number of cars, 'of a certain age', turning up for him to give them the once-over.

At the very least, the opportunity to carefully inspect the underside, without having to crawl around a vehicle suspended on axle stands, with just six inches or so between eyeballs and object, is well worth the trip from time to time!

Well the weather appears to be making a sudden but very welcome turn for the better so let's all hope it's here to stay for a while - certainly thoughout the imminent Jubilee Celebrations period. However you plan to spend your time and whatever you're doing, enjoy yourselves and, above all, safe travels in your historic!

Trevor

COLINS COMMENTS

Ann and I went to the **Merrist Wood Summer Show** on the 19th May, which Nick B had advised us about in the newsletter a short while ago. I have to say it was one of the best shows we have ever been to in the past 25 years of owning an historic car. It covered a huge area and there was so much to see and do that even though we arrived just after 10.00am we did not see everything, there was something for everyone. As well as Nick, Trevor and Jean, Pete and Pauline were also there. Many thanks to Nick and Pat for alerting us to this show and also for the wonderful cream tea at their house afterwards, it made a lovely end to a great day out.

As I am sure you are all aware, petrol now contains **ethanol**, which probably has many advantages when used in modern cars, not being a scientist I would not know. However, I understand that it is not good for our historic cars. Therefore it looks as though we are going to have to put yet another additive in our tanks when filling up with fuel, especially as it looks as though the percentage of ethanol in fuel is likely to increase.

The key problem as I understand it is that **ethanol** absorbs water from the atmosphere. It is claimed that fuel with 10 percent **ethanol** absorbs up to 50 times more water than standard fuel. Many petrol tanks found in classic and historic cars vent to the atmosphere, which I would think includes all those in Austins. This

increases the likelihood that moisture will be absorbed into the petrol tank at a rapid pace, the last thing we want in our tanks is moisture.

To find out more about this problem there are many web sites you can visit including the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, (FBHVC) www.fbhvc.co.uk

To cope with this problem the **FBHVC** of which we are members have been testing various products, which claim to overcome the problem. They have now finished testing and below are their results, which I have taken from their web site.

FUEL STABILITY ADDITIVE TEST RESULTS

Posted by admin on 13-04-2012

The FBHVC is pleased to announce the results of its fuel stability additive test programme. This research was designed to test the anti-corrosive properties of proprietary additives claiming to provide a high level of protection against potential corrosion of fuel systems, including tanks, pipework and fuel metering equipment on historic vehicles caused by the addition of ethanol into petrol.

VSPe Power Plus, **VSPe** and **EPS** from Millers Oils; **Ethomix** from Frost A R T Ltd; **Ethanolmate** from Flexolite all received an 'A' rating in the research which enables all these products carry an endorsement from the FBHVC. The endorsement is in the form of the FBHVC logo and the words: 'endorsed by the FBHVC as a fuel additive for protection against corrosion in metals'.

All additive manufacturers and suppliers were approached in 2011 to provide test samples for this research which was designed to simulate storage in a vehicle's fuel tank for a 12 month period.

The FBHVC's conference last October majored on the effects of ethanol in petrol with presentations from industry experts. It identified three issues to be considered: corrosion, compatibility and combustion. The Federation has been represented at a Fuel Stakeholders meetings with the DfT.

For details of the products please contact:

Millers' Oils - email: enquiries@millersoils.co.uk; website: www.millersoils.co.uk

Frost A R T Ltd – email: order@frost.co.uk; website: www.frost.co.uk

Flexolite - email: sales@flexolite.co.uk; website: www.flexolite.co.uk; website: <a href="mailto:www.flexolite.co.uk

Obviously you will all need to decide if you are concerned about this issue and if you are what product you will use. I have gone for **Ethanolomate from Flexolite** although I have not used it yet as I have not needed any petrol since I got it.

Events coming up in June include the **Shinfield Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** on the 4th, John Hancock for details, **The Brooklands Double Twelve** 16th/17th always a good event <u>www.brooklandsmuseum.com</u> and the **Holybrook Festival** at Calcot on the 24th, Paul Edwards 01189 432615 for details or see Trevors email of the 3rd April.

I will shortly be sending in an order for **Embroidered Clothing**, If you require anything please contact me ASAP and I will email a brochure and order form to you, alternatively let me have your order and cheque at the June club night at the latest. The order will go off the following day so this will be your last chance to order anything before the club holiday.

Safe and Happy Motoring,

Colin.

<u>THEATRE EVENT - "WARHORSE"</u> 26th June 2012

Just a quick reminder, to the people named below going on this trip.

The coach will leave Travallen Travel (9 Aylesham Way, Yateley GU46 6NR) at 15.45

Some may choose to take a packed meal to eat on the coach, just in case it arrives late, leaving no time to eat. The choice is yours; if the coach is not held up, there should be plenty of time for a meal on arrival.

Trevor Mulford/Ann Rogers George/Ruth Ewart Joan/Joan Hancock Peter/ Pauline Barlow Jane Hanslip Tony/Pat Westhall

ENJOY!

Jean

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

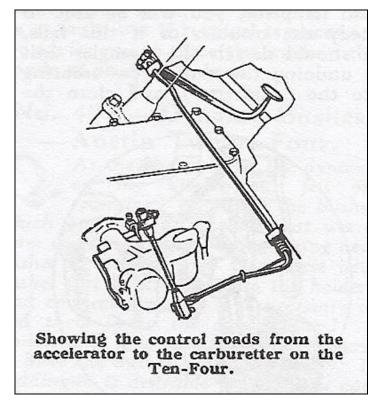
Some more "Queries of the Month", these originally appeared in "The Austin Magazine & Advocate" during the 1930s and 1940s.

This month's selection consists of No 480 Engine Controls, Austin Ten-Four and No 931 Greasing Swivel Pins, Austin Seven

No 480 appeared in March 1933 and No 931 appeared in April 1939.

No 480 – Engine Controls, Austin Ten-Four

Q. I wonder if you could tell me where the engine control joints are? The handbook enjoins attention to these points, but does not explain where they can be found.

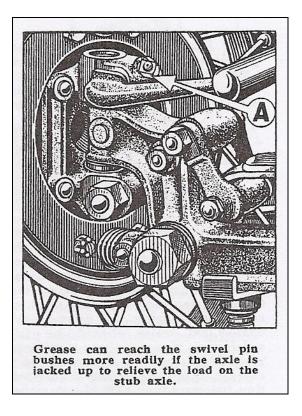


A. By engine control joints as mentioned in the handbook, we mean the accelerator lever and spindle, and the rod connecting to the carburetter throttle. These points only require an occasional spot of oil to ensure easy working and thus are not of importance from the point of view of lubrication.

No 931 – Greasing Swivel Pins, Austin Seven

Q. I have a 1937 model Austin Seven and am having a little trouble in greasing the swivel pins. When I push the grease gun against the nipple, the grease is ejected at the back of the latter instead of being forced down and emerging from the lower end of the pin. I have removed the nipple which seems in good order. Would you please advise me as to what I should do to remedy this trouble without going to the expense of having the swivel pins dismantled?

A. Before attempting anything further, it would be a good plan to replace the questionable grease nipple by one that you know is functioning, from some other part of the car; this will decide finally whether the nipple is at fault.



If the swivel pin still refuses to take the charge of grease, try jacking up the front axle. This will have the effect of bringing the load of the wheels on to the top bushes, thus relieving the lower bushes of any weight and should assist the grease to be forced right through. If neither of these methods has the desired effect, it will be necessary to remove the swivel pins as dirt or grit may be obstructing the passage of the grease.

The "Queries of the Month" are reproduced with the kind permission of the Austin Ten Drivers Club (ATDC)

So More Old Advertisements

Three old advertisements, this month from 1958.





Andy Ranson

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All answers are from the animal kingdom, one per letter of the alphabet. Please send answers, with £1.00 towards prize, to Julie Els, 5, Edgbarrow Rise, Sandhurst GU47 8QH by July 5th

- 1. A car with chickenpox? (6)
- 2. Long for hog roast? Not me (9)
- 3. Hoard (8)
- 4. A German undergarment? (5)
- 5. They can swindle someone very fast. (7)
- 6. Sort out "to idle" and "part of a journey" (7)
- 7. Hit lightly with Iridium (5)
- 8. A soft call to complete an action. (4)
- 9. Run away with this social insect. (8)
- 10. Recently discovered with an English beverage. (4)
- 11. Striped equine, no longer here. (6)
- 12. Rubbish! (4)
- 13. Davy Jones was one. (6)
- 14. A single pressure sore myth. (7)
- 15. Talk too much (3)
- 16. Citrus not on a valuable flower container. (7)
- 17. Say hello to an old Coronation Street star. (5)
- 18. An African Kermit perhaps? (7)
- 19. Quarrelsome woman (5)
- 20. The cube has lost an O (2)
- 21. So precious (4)
- 22. A Jewish leader at a junction. (6)
- 23. Alternatively a muddled gun. (10)
- 24. Search this one out. (6)
- 25. In the style of a mischievous child. (6)
- 26. Come down to earth electronically. (5)

NAME:

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights Arranged by or details from June 11th Half Gallon Run Julie/Mick/Roy July 9th Coveted Car Evening Colin Aug. 13th Trevor/Jean Walking Rally Sept. 10th Photo Competition Andy S/Phil D. Oct 8th Talk—Forty Years Of Catching Smugglers Jean E By Malcolm Nelson Nov 12th Don/Trevor/Colin Auction Events June 4th Shinfield Diamond Jubilee Celebrations John/Joan for details June 16/17th Brooklands Double Twelve Colin for details or www.brooklandsmuseum.com June 24th Paul Edwards for details Holybrook Festival at Calcot 01189 432615 or Trevor June 30^{t h} BEN Run Colin for details July 8th Berkshire Classic Car Show (Wokingham) Colin for details Names needed by June club night. July 8th Woking Hospice Classic Car Show www.wsbhospices.co.uk July 13/15th ATDC National Rally, Basingstoke. All Tony/ Colin for details NHAEG members welcome. Driving Tests also watch newsletter on Sunday organised by NHAEG. July 19/24th Trip to Leamington Spa. Don and Maureen A7CA Austin 7 90th Birthday Celebrations July 20/22nd A7CA July 29th Picnic in the Paddock Don/Trevor/Colin Aug 11th Visit to Nuffield Place Colin/Ann Aug12th White Dove Collectors Transport Show www.whitedoveevents.org.uk Aug 19th Run followed by BBQ at John & Joan's Trevor/Jean John/Joan Aug 27th Littlewick Show Colin for details Sept.8/9th Heritage Open Days (Locations to be advised later) TBA Sept. 16th Rural Life Centre--Classic Vehicle Gathering. www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com Nov 17th 37th Nightjar Nightjar Committee Dec 3rd Christmas Dinner Trevor/Jean Dec 9th Christmas Lunch Tour (River Cruise) Jean E

Please let me have details of any events that our members might be interested *in*.

Colin

Austin Ten Drivers Club National Rally.

<u>13 – 15 July 2012</u>

Basingstoke Rugby Club.

You are all cordially invited to join ATDC for our National Rally at the Basingstoke Rugby Club, Pack Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5HH over the weekend of Friday 13 to Sunday 15 July. You can join us for 1, 2 or 3 days. There is plenty of room for camping or caravans should you wish to stay.

Friday is the arrival day for a lot of people from midday onwards. There is a dinner in the evening celebrating 80 years of the Austin 10.

Saturday is an out and about day with scenic runs and a scatter run available around the local area. There is a BBQ in the evening based around an Hawaiian theme with music of an Hawaiian nature – you can even dress up Hawaiian style if you wish. You will not be allowed to bring garden shears into the event though!

Sunday is the rally day with the cars lined up on the field for judging, some autojumble stands, various competitions, including the driving tests being ably organized by NHAEG! There is a class for Austins other than those catered for by ATDC – the vintage era, Austin 7's and the post war cars. There is no stigma and feeling of being left out in the cold – I shall be in this class with my Edwardian Austin!

Contact me for more details or complete the booking form and send it to the address shown. All the costs are shown on the form.

I hope that you will want to come.

Tony Westhall.



ATDC National Rally Entry Form 13 – 15 July 2012 Basingstoke Rugby Club, Basingstoke, Hampshire.



Name:

Membership Number:

Address:

Email:

Contact Number:

The car you are entering

The car you are entering				
Model	Нр	Year	Reg	Class

	Classes of cars	Class 6	8-16 hp cars (1939-48)
Class 1	10hp Chrome rad cars	Class 7	Previous Winners (2007-2011)
Class 2	10 hp Cowled rad cars	Class 8	Commercials (All hp)
Class 3	10 hp Cambridge style cars	Class 9	Other Austins (Vintage, 7hp etc)
Class 4	12-20 hp Chrome rad cars	Class 10	Other cars of interest
Class 5	12-28 hp Cowled rad cars	Class M	Modern cars

Options	Per unit	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Total
Entry fee for W/E	£15					
Entry fee 1 day	£7.50					
Caravan per night	£7.50					
Tent per night	£7.50					
Scatter Run	£2					
Large Autojumble	£40*					
Std. Autojumble	£20*					
Small Autojumble	£10*					
Friday Dinner**	£16.50					
Saturday BBQ**	£10					
Breakfasts**	£6					
Enter Judging						
Extra car pass						
Total						

*Std. Autojumble stall = 12x15 feet. Large = 2x std. Small = 6x6 feet. Camping is not included. Large and Std. Autojumble stalls include entry.

**PTO for menu.

I am prepared to help on Friday_____Saturday____Sunday_____

I confirm that all persons driving vehicles entered in this event hold a relevant current driving licence and that there is appropriate insurance cover in force as required by the Road Traffic Act that includes rally use.

Signed:_____

_Date_____

Please Note: Dogs are not permitted

Please return with payment in Sterling payable to ATDC National with SAE to George Brown, ATDC National, 3 Edgemoor Road, Frimley, Surrey GU16 9QG.

Office use	Date r/d	SAE	Conf. Sent	Entry No.	



Menu for Friday Evening Dinner Celebrating 80 Years of the Austin 10/4 .



Starter:

Home made butternut squash, ginger and orange soup with cream and a selection of breads in a basket.

<u>Main Course</u>: (Please select choice)

Breast of chicken stuffed with apricots and mushrooms in tarragon sauce.

Or

Vegetarian mousaka on a bed of savoury cous cous.

Both served with a selection of seasonal vegetables and potatoes.

Sweet: Hot Dutch apple pie with whipped cream.

Coffee or Tea.

<u>Breakfast</u>

Cereals. Full English Breakfast. Tea/Coffee.

Saturday BBQ.

Selection of dishes based around a Hawaiian theme.