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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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

Mo's Mutterings

As I type, it is raining and has been off and on for most of the afternoon. However, there has been some sunshine during the last month! Don and I even had a BBQ one evening! Spur of the moment thing, had one, enjoyed it and the next morning it was pouring with rain! Was that summer? Anyway, Chummy, our Austin Seven has been really poorly, without a working engine. Until today that is, when the lovely Dave Witton came and helped Don put in another engine, which Don happened to have under his bench. Hopefully, Chummy will be up and running for our holiday on The Isle of Wight. We will be in Queenie our 12/4 for the trip to Eton Wick and the History on Wheels Museum. I can't see Chummy being ready by then, although stranger things have happened in the past. Don has been known to work most of the night to get Chummy on the road but he and the car were a lot younger then! He did call me into the garage today to tighten his nuts, which didn't take long and involved my pushing on them with a big stick! The things Austin wives have to do in the course of the day!

Just had to put this photo in, it is of Tony Oliver and his wife Vera who own the History on Wheels Museum. We had a lovely day but will have to return another time as there is so much to see. Tony gave us a guided tour for well over an hour and a half and Vera and her assistant Graham, served up tea, coffee and delicious toasted sandwiches and cake in the NAAFI Café.



COLINS COMMENTS

May Club Night

At the May club night we had a DVD entitled Motoring Through The Ages 1890s-1930s, which contained a number of short films made during that period. It was quite amusing to see how things were in those days. Many thanks to Alan Pickett for bringing along the laptop and projector, without which I would not have been able to show the film.

Fawley Hill Steam and Vintage Weekend

I had notified all members about this event in the grounds of Lord and Lady McAlpine's Estate and was surprised to find that apart from Ann and myself the only NHAEG members there were Trevor E and Peter B. All I can say is you all missed a great day out.

We went on the Saturday, arriving soon after 10.00am to find a large number of cars as well as commercial, military and a huge number of steam vehicles ranging from magnificent showman's engines to steam rollers and small lorries. There was even a steam 'bus. There were also a lot of stalls, fairground rides and other amusements.

There were various activities going on all day including rides on Lord McAlpine's splendid standard gauge railway, which has the steepest gradient of any standard gauge line in the country. The sight and sound of the engine storming up the incline, especially when riding behind it, is really something to experience.

We were also treated to a magnificent display by a Spitfire, this was no ordinary fly past but an example of how wonderfully versatile these planes were. The display lasted for a good 10-15 minutes with the plane being thrown around the sky just as it would have been 70 years ago with a series of steep climbs followed by vertical dives pulling out at the last minute, as well as a number of rolls. This was a wonderful sight to see and, of course, to hear with its beautiful Merlin engine.

There were displays of all sorts in the arena, including games and races with the steam vehicles. All in all a wonderful day with a bonus of good weather. If the event is run again I would really recommend going along, I am sure you would not be disappointed. Ann and I will certainly be there.

Merrist Wood Summer Show

The following day saw us at the Merrist Wood Summer Show, another great show which I was again surprised to see so few NHAEG members, just Ann and myself, Trevor and Jean along with Nick and Pat.

There was again a great variety of vehicles as well as many stalls and fairground rides, also demonstrations of all types of crafts including wood turning, flower arranging, which the ladies enjoyed, wood carving and many more. There were also a number of stalls selling plants, which were visited by Ann and Jean resulting in both our cars being full of various types on the journey home.

At the end of the show we went to Nick and Pat's house, which was not far from the show, where we enjoyed a cream tea with homemade cake whilst enjoying the sun in their garden.

A great day out, again with lovely weather, so many thanks Nick and Pat for telling us about it and also for the delicious tea afterwards.

John Chad

On a much sadder note we had the funeral of John Chad, which quite a number of members were able to attend, most of them in their Austins. John was obviously very well known and popular, judging by the number of people who attended, with standing room only at the crematorium and at the Easthampstead Conference Centre afterwards.

Many will sadly miss John who despite battling his illness for a number of years was always cheerful and ready for a laugh, even though he was often in pain. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his daughter Wendy, son Phil and their families at this sad time.

Andrew Greenwoods Classic Shows

I have been sent some free passes from Andrew Greenwood which can be used at any or all of the following of his Classic Car Shows, Knebworth Park, Stevenage on 16th June, Stubbings Estate, Maidenhead on 14th July, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock on 26th August and Easthampstead Park, Wokingham on 1st September. Full details of all these events can be found at www.classicshows.org

The free passes are only valid if you are showing a pre 1998 classic car and arrive, before 11.30am, after that time you will have to pay normal admission prices. The passes admit two adults and two children; any other occupants will have to pay.

If you would like one of these passes please email me at cgreig104@btinternet.com and I will let you have it at the next club night.

Last year a number of members were planning to go to the **Berkshire Festival of Transport at Easthampstead Park, Wokingham** but unfortunately it was cancelled due to the bad weather. Hopefully it will go ahead this year and Andrew Greenwood has told me that it will be possible to park together as a club. **If you want to go put the date in your diaries and advise me by email** so that I know how many spaces we want and can also make sure I have enough passes. If you do not let me know then I am afraid you will not be able to park with the rest of the club.

Forthcoming Events

Events coming up in June include **Days Gone By** at the Rural life Centre on 1st/2nd, 01252 959280 for details, **Classic Wheels and Fun Day** at Mercedes-Benz World on the 9th, details and entry forms have been emailed to all members. The **Isle of Wight Holiday** arranged by Trevor on the 17th-21st June, looking forward to that, the **Holybrook Festival** at Tilehurst on the 23rd and the **Ben Run** on the 29th, unfortunately I shall not be able to participate this year for the first time since 1988.

In July we have **The Pinewood Festival** on the 7th which is a bi-annual event and the first one was an excellent day out, Trevor has details. Also in July we have our annual **Picnic In The Paddock** on the 28th, always a great day not to be missed.

Full details of all these events and others can be seen in the Events and Club night Diary.

June Club Night

June is when we have our annual **Half Gallon Run**, which this year is being organised by Tony and Pat, last year's winners. As usual you will be able to start anytime from 7.00pm onwards and to make sure you are back well before nightfall I would suggest you start as soon after then as you are able. This will also enable Tony and Pat to work out the results and announce the winners in plenty of time.

This is always a good event, which takes a bit of planning and organising so please come along and give Tony and Pat your support.

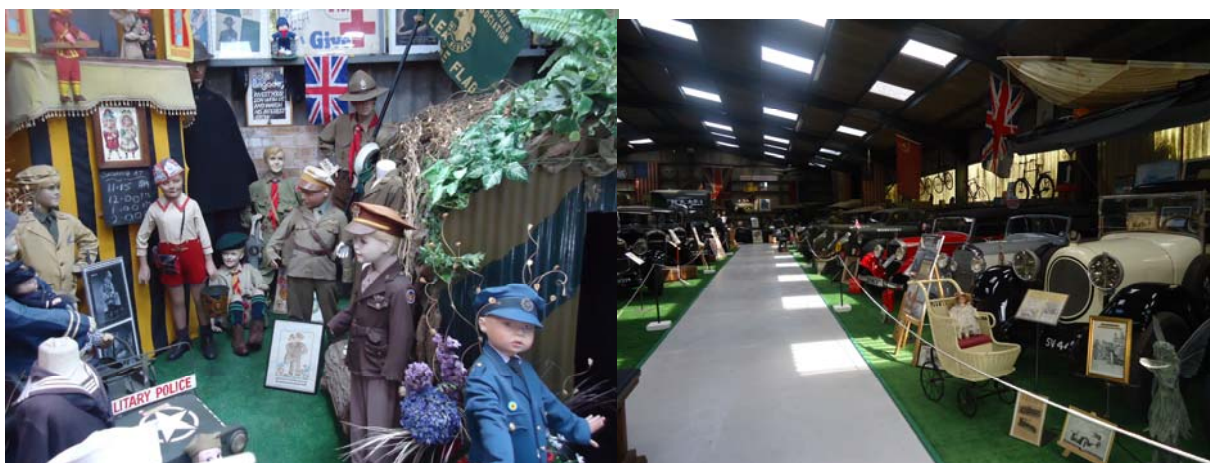
August Club Night

We will be having a **Walking Rally** at our August club night, which this year is kindly being organised by Malcolm and Sandra. As for the Half Gallon Run, it is always best to get an early start so come along and give Malcolm and Sandra your support, these events are always a bit of fun.

Safe and Happy Motoring.

Colin.

So many things to see at The History of Wheels Museum. You really must go there!



Secretary's Scribblings

Quiz News

There were joint winners of the April Quiz ('Colours, Tints and Shades'). Malcolm and Sandra (Ryley) were joined on this occasion, with full marks, by Colin and Ann (Greig). Congratulations to both winning couples and commiserations to all those who entered but failed, by only a very small margin, to equal them.

There's still time to submit entries for the May quiz, similar theme to the one above. Closing date is Friday 7th June.

This month's quiz, based on 'Musicals' has been compiled by Sandra Ryley to whom many thanks go for doing so. Please note that entries should be submitted to her (not to me!) at the following address:
'Gorse Bank', Hazeley Heath, Hook RG2 78NA, by Friday 5th July.

Vectis 2013

It will soon be time for those going on the forthcoming trip to the Isle of Wight to start engines! All arrangements are now in place and those involved will have begun to receive emails outlining these. In due course a folder containing all information required for the trip will be distributed; hopefully the majority at the next Club Night ('Half-Gallon Run') on the 10th June. Anyone not attending on this evening will receive their copy via other means - so no need to panic!

Newsletter

Please note that, as announced in the May Newsletter, the frequency with which this will be produced and distributed, from hereon, will be every two months. Thus, the next Newsletter will be the one for August. Bear this in mind if you are a regular contributor or plan to submit something for publication in the future. As a reminder therefore, the months for which a newsletter will appear for the remainder of this year, are: August, October and December.

NHAEG Grille/Bar Badge

Instructions have now been submitted to Southern United, the company concerned with the manufacture of these, to generate a design which will then be appraised and, if considered satisfactory, will be approved and used to enable the work to proceed.

This whole process will take a few weeks to complete and, when it is, those who have already placed an order will receive them shortly thereafter.

If there is still anyone who would like to order one (or more) please do so using the order from published previously or, if this is not readily available, contact me for another.

Recent and Forthcoming events.

As mentioned elsewhere in 'Colin's Comments' there was a rather conspicuous and disappointing absence of NHAEG members at the recently held Fawley Hill Steam Open Weekend (16/17 May) and the Merrist Wood Summer Show (17 May) which was a great pity, bearing in mind both were really excellent, hugely enjoyable events with a great deal to offer, for all tastes. The weather for both, though hardly able to be described as tropical, was fine with the sun trying hard to put in an appearance, especially on the Sunday at Worplesdon, when it finally succeeded in style!

Cream tea afterwards at *Chez Buchanan*, nearby, literally was the icing on the cake!

Can't quite understand why not more members turned up at either of these outstanding events. Perhaps more will do so at the Pinewood Festival, in Crowthorne, scheduled for 7 July. This, also, proved to be a great day out on its baptismal outing two years ago. The weather then undoubtedly helped; maybe it will repeat itself this year! Entry forms have already been forwarded to all members and should be returned to James Brooking, the person dealing with vehicle entries this year.

Again, let me know if you haven't received the entry form – or can't find it.

Peking to Paris Rally - May/June 2013

By the time this Newsletter gets into print and has been distributed the two Richards, (Scott and his friend White), will have embarked on this truly epic 'jaunt'. They are flying out to Peking (Beijing) on Saturday 25th May and start from the Great Wall on the 28th heading for Russia, via the Gobi Desert. They are due to arrive in Paris on 29th June.

Richard (Scott) has advised that anyone wishing to keep track of their progress may do so via the following link:

www.endurorally.com/pages/5th-peking-to-paris-rally-2013

He also hopes to maintain a daily blog (wi-fi permitting) at:

www.rscottok.wordpress.com

Finally, their vehicle will also be equipped with a *Yellowbrick* tracker which will report its position, heading and speed, by satellite, every 20 minutes. There will be a link to the *Yellowbrick* tracker website from the Endurorally site, so this information can be viewed on a map also.

Richard's final words on the topic, before they both make tracks for the Orient, follows:

Richard Scott's Peking to Paris Diary

By the time you read this we should be in Ullan Bator having done our first rest day after the first 1500 kms and the first four days of rallying. The organizers web site that will carry daily reports as well as a tracking map pinpointing our position, as well as speed, every 20 minutes is www.endurorally.com. I hope to be able to issue regular updates on a blog at www.rscottok.wordpress.com when internet services allow.

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Feeling pretty smug as no untoward problems have arisen. Richard takes the car back to Amazon Cars for fluid changes and a final check over under supervision. Vibration from the corrugations on the unmade roads could be one of the biggest problems, everything can start to shake loose. Stories are told of bonnet releases dropping off leaving the bonnet firmly secured! We install an emergency pull cord. Sand is another issue, apparently it gets everywhere, not to mention the possibility of being engulfed by a sandstorm. A check of all vulnerable nuts etc at the end of each day will be mandatory, so a to-do list is prepared, this will be fixed in the engine bay and will hopefully ensure nothing gets forgotten.

The car was taken to the shippers in mid month, meaning we had to make the final decisions over spares and tools. No personal equipment could be sent in the car, except tents, so we will have to take all sleeping bags and clothing etc in the plane – flying out on May 25th.

I am sure all of us in the NHAEG wish them both the very best of luck and will be following their progress with fascination and great interest.

Bon Voyage!

What we **all** need now is for something like a spot of decent Summer weather to arrive and stay with us for more than just a fleeting moment or two, before we have to reach for fleeces and woollen clothing again! Keep saying your prayers!

Trevor

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

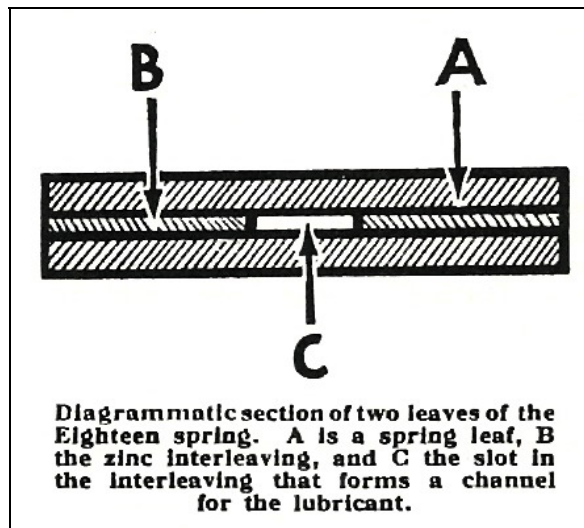
Some more “Queries of the Month”, these originally appeared in “The Austin Magazine & Advocate” during the 1930s and 1940s. This month’s selection consists of No 858, Spring Lubrication – Austin Eighteen and No 1217, Ignition – Austin Eight.

No 858 appeared in April 1938 and No 1217 in April 1945.

No 858 – Spring Lubrication - Austin Eighteen

Q. *Having read your article on spring leaf lubrication, I should like to enquire, in respect of the latest Austin Eighteen which is fitted with positive spring lubrication, if it is necessary to jack up the car at all when lubricating the springs, or is this entirely superfluous? I have an Austin Eighteen with hydraulic jacks and hope later on in the year to get one of the new Eights with the positive spring lubrication; hence my special interest in the matter.*

A. It is certainly not necessary to jack up the chassis to relieve the springs of load when lubricating them on the latest Eighteen.

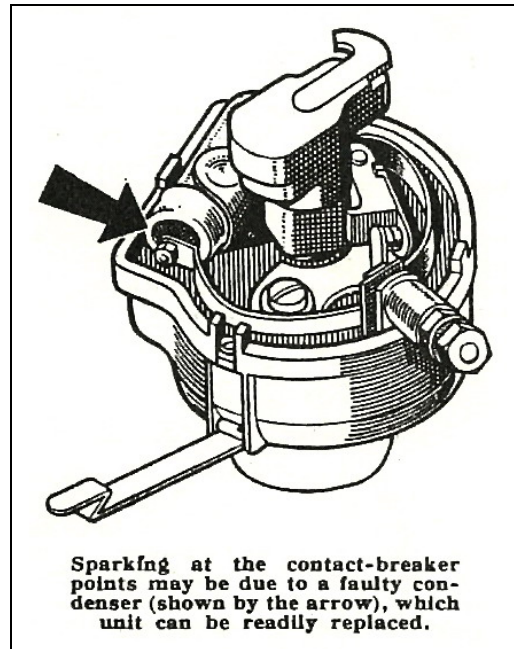


Whatever the load on the spring, with positive spring lubrication there is always a clear channel for the oil to penetrate right along the leaves and give adequate lubrication, and the flexing of the spring in use will further ensure that the lubricant works through to the outer edges of the leaves from the central channel. You will find the permanent hydraulic jacks of the Eighteen useful when effecting this attention to the springs, as when they are used to lift the car, access to the nipple under each spring will be considerably easier.

No 1217 – Ignition – Austin Eight

Q. *Having had some starting trouble with my Eight, together with erratic running, due in my opinion to faulty ignition, I have inspected the ignition system thoroughly, and find that the contact-breaker points are somewhat black and pitted, and when I crank the engine over there is usually a pronounced spark at these points. Is there any relation between this and the starting difficulties and engine faltering I am experiencing?*

A. Yes, most likely the contact breaker condition you have noted and the symptoms you cite are related. From the information you give it seems probable that the condenser, the small cylindrical component connecting across the contact-breaker points, has broken down, so that the flux of current occurring when the contact-breaker points open, is not accommodated and absorbed by the condenser.




Replacement of the condenser will probably mend matters, providing the points are also cleaned up by careful application of a fine file, so that they are rendered bright, and they close accurately to make good surface rather than point contact.


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Please submit entries by **Friday 5th July 2013**

1	Circle of friends at altitude.	4,7
2	Round and round; up and down.	8
3	Not a tale from the east.	4,4,5
4	Part of ocean below Lat 0	5,7
5	You'd have a close shave with him!	6,4
6	Big cat of the realm.	4,4
7	George composed for this couple.	5,3,4
8	Rex quod ego.	3,4,3,1
9	Check this out, matey!	5
10	A roller coaster of a show!	9,7
11	Lost his 'twist' for the stage.	6
12	Henry lays claim to blonde female .	2,4,4
13	Girls marry siblings	5,6,3,5,8
14	Absolutely, positively up-to-date girl.	10,6,6
15	Entertainment whilst dining.	7
16	Gene enjoyed splashing about.	7,2,3,4
17	Ghostly story	7,2,3,5
18	Austin car	3,3
19	Australian magician	6,2,2
20	Italian? Swedish? Just a good sing-a-long!	5-3

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Just for your membership records, please note that Trevor Mulford's e-mail address is now mulfordtrevor@gmail.com



Annie waiting to be served!

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

Arranged by or details from

June 10 th	Half Gallon Run	Tony/Pat
July 8 th	Coveted Car Evening	Colin.
August 12 th	Walking Rally	Malcolm/Sandra
September 9 th	Shoe Box Car	Don
October 14 th	Talk by Malcolm Nelson (back by popular demand)	Jean
November 11 th	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
December 9 th	Festive Fun Night	TBA
January 13 th	AGM	Committee

Lunch meetings (Colin for details)

May 28 th	The New Inn Please note this is a Tuesday not Monday which is a Bank Holiday
June 24 th	The New Inn
July 22 nd	The New Inn
August 27 th	The New Inn Please note this is a Tuesday not Monday which is a Bank Holiday
September 23 rd	The New Inn
October 28 th	The New Inn
November 25 th	The New Inn
December	No lunch meeting this month

Events

Events in BOLD are NHAEG events

May 26 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
1/2 nd June	Days Gone By at Rural Life Centre	Details 01252 959280
June 8 th	Woodley Classic Car Show	Trevor for details
June 8 th	Hartley Wintney Festival http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?ClubID=880&PgID=264433	Colin, email 9 th April or
June 9th	Classic Wheels and Fun Day Mercedes Benz World www.wsbhospices.co.uk	Colin, email sent to all members 9th April
June 9 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details

June 15/16 th	Brooklands Double Twelve	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
June 17th-21st	Holiday/Isle Of Wight	Trevor/Jean
June 23rd	Holybrook Festival	Paul Edwards or Colin for Details.
June 23 rd	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
June 29 th	Paul Finn Vintage Vehicle Rally (BEN Run) (By invitation only)	Eamonn Galligan 01344 620191 Colin/Trevor for details
July 7 th	Pinewood Festival	Trevor for details
July 14 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
20 th July	Pre-War Prescott	www.prewarprescott.com
July 28th	Picnic in The Paddock	Don/Trevor/Colin
July 28 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
August 11th	Run and BBQ at John and Joan's	John/Joan
August 11 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
August 11 th	White Dove Rally	Trevor M for details
August 18 th	Classic Car Show Frog and Wicket, Eversley	Just turn up no booking required. Details Colin.
August 25 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
Aug 25 th /26 th	Swallowfield Show	www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk
August 26 th	Littlewick Show (Maidenhead)	www.austinseven.org/littlewick
August 31 st	Camberley Car Show	Ken Bonner 01276 27628
Sept 1st	Berkshire Festival of Transport Easthamstead Park, Wokingham	www.classicshows.org
Sept 7/8 th	Beaulieu Autojumble	www.beaulieu.co.uk
Sept 14th/15th	Heritage Open Days	TBA
26 th October	VSCC Autumn Sprint Meeting/Goodwood Admission for spectators, free.	www.vsccl.co.uk
November 16th	Nightjar	Trevor/Don/Colin
December 2nd	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/Jean
December 15th	Christmas Lunch Tour	Jean

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15th June 40th Anniversary Lunch (put date in your diaries, more details later)

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

Colin



I like this!.....Mo