



Club Meetings

Note meetings will commence at 1pm from now on, but if you wish to have lunch beforehand please arrive earlier. Please note the new ordering process received from the New Inn management, which is described in detail later on.

Monday 11th Nov – Noggin & Natter –

Monday 9th Dec – Meeting cancelled

Monday 13th Jan - AGM

NHAEG organised trips / events

Christmas lunch – Sunday 8th December, Elvetham Hotel. (see details to below)

Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas lunch will be held at the Elvetham hotel, Hartley Wintey, Hook. RG27 8AS. Tel.020 3027 6614. There is plenty of parking at the hotel and guests should arrive at 12:00 with seating for lunch at 13:00.

The total cost per person is £39.50, for a 3 course meal, with a choice of starter, main and dessert. which is good value when compared to local restaurants. There are still some places available so please book now if you wish to attend.

Please see attached menu and reply to this email with names of everyone in your party and provide their menu choices.

The balance of £29.50 per person is now required to be paid into the club account. Payment ideally should be made by bank transfer as follows:

Payee: NHAEG

Reference: Xmas Bal + Surname

Sort code: 09-01-54

Account: 8006 6086

The balance may also be paid in cash at the 11th November club meeting or send a cheque payable to NHAEG to: Membership, 46 Jessett Drive, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 0XB.

Please also reply to this email confirming that you have paid

French Leave

A trip to Normandy – June 2025

North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group member Chris Keevill has organised a Normandy Tour, in conjunction with Brittany Ferries, next year for a small group of friends in vintage and classic cars.

An opportunity to join the trip has arisen, and NHAEG club members who are interested are invited to contact Chris for more details email: c.keevill@btinternet.com or telephone **01189 761672**

2025 Membership

Its that time of year again when as Membership secretary I am requesting your £10 subscription which is due by 20th December 2024 for those Members rejoining the Club. Any subs not paid by the cutoff date may result in your Membership being cancelled.

Members that have recently joined the NHAEG and paid membership fees during October or November 2024 shall be entitled to membership for the following year and do not need to pay a subscription for 2025.

If you do not wish to renew your membership for 2025 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 25 + 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 financial accounts.

Alternatively payment may be made in cash at the November or December Club events. Please put the money in an envelope **marked with your name.**

New Inn – order process

Over the past weeks the management at the New Inn have had a lot of discussions in house about the various car club meetings that they hold throughout the year.

They still wish to host club meetings but need to change the food ordering process. Sadly every member ordering individually on arrival at the prime time of lunch/dinner service is causing delays, complaints from other diners, and a back log in the kitchen. To ensure the smooth running of the service for every customer we would like to offer clubs a limited menu consisting of the most popular choices, which must be pre ordered by 5pm the day before to enable orders to be placed with suppliers. All food will then be served together at either 12.30pm or 7pm.

As valued customers we would be happy to offer all dishes at a discounted rate of £16. Our choices from the main menu would be;

- * Chili con carne
- * Fish and chips
- * Chicken and leak pie
- * Cottage pie
- * Toad in the hole
- * Wild mushroom risotto

We appreciate this is not how it has been done in the past but with the growing demands on the business we have to make changes to accommodate all diners and hotel guests.

NHAEG events in 2025

The committee has previously been open to criticism when it failed to offer new club events but planning for such activities has been difficult because members are unable to commit 6 months ahead and/or they required firm dates.

The following trips/events are an example of what the club could do:

Eton Wick car museum

Steam museum at Liphook

2 day event with 1 night away

Club lunch

Mid week run

The committee would therefore welcome your feedback on the type of events preferred and how best to schedule and plan these so that there is maximum membership support. Please discuss at club meetings and give us your feedback !

Have you checked the voltage of your coolant ?

This USA article makes interesting reading and is worth trying out.



A little-known cooling system condition diagnostic trick is to measure the acidity level of the anti-freeze by reading the voltage of the coolant. No kidding. This is a simple test using either a digital voltmeter or an old school analogue voltmeter. With an analogue meter, set it to read to measure in the under 1-volt scale.

Place the negative lead on a suitable ground on the radiator – usually right on the body of the radiator assuming its aluminium or brass. Place the voltmeter's positive lead so that the lead only touches the coolant and not the body of the radiator. This technique will generate a milli-volt reading on your digital voltmeter. OE specs generally accept 300 milli-volts or 0.30-volt (or less) as an acceptable level. Numbers approaching 600 milli-volts or higher indicate a very acidic coolant that needs a service.

Wait... The Coolant Has An Electrical Charge?

What the voltmeter is measuring is essentially a very mild version of a lead-acid battery. Batteries create a voltage by immersing two dissimilar metals in an acid solution. As the acidity level of the coolant increases, this generates higher voltage. There are also situations where a chemical transference will cause this same movement of electrons, but this is somewhat rare. But it did happen to us.

We learned this the hard way with one of our LS engine conversions. The movement of electrons was so fierce between two different aluminium alloys in the cooling system that we generated over 900 milli-volts when the engine was hot. This movement of electrons literally ate two radiators before we learned what was happening. This happened very quickly – in less than a week, in one instance. The only solution was to substitute a brass-copper radiator for the

aluminium radiator and the voltage immediately dropped to under 200 milli-volts and problem disappeared. Yes, that was weird, but we saw it again with a friend's Gen III hemi engine swap, so it does happen.

In most cases, with good coolant of the proper 50-50 mixture, the milli-volt reading will be low. One tip offered by our friends at Applied Chemical Specialties who make anti-corrosion additives like No-Rosion and Hyper-Kuhl is to use soft water instead of regular hard tap water and not to use distilled water. The distillation process strips electrons from the water, and this will cause erosion of soft metals like aluminium, so it's recommended to use soft water, which is electron-neutral.

We've had very good luck with both the No-Rosion and HyperKuhl anti-corrosion additives for cooling systems. The No-Rosion is best used with brass copper radiator while the newer Hyper-Kuhl is intended for aluminium radiators but either additive can be used interchangeably.



Stay safe
NHAEG Committee