



Club Meetings

Club meetings are held at :

THE NEW INN HECKFIELD, HOOK, HAMPSHIRE, RG27 0LE

Meetings will commence on the second Monday of the month.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9th Oct @ 7pm**

(Throughout the winter months, we will meet at midday to avoid night time driving.)

Club Events

Oct 9th Guest Speaker - Bee Keeping @ 7pm

Nov 11th – Nightjar reborn (see below)

Nov 13th Auction Night @ 12 noon

Dec 10th Christmas Lunch

Holidays 2024

The committee is considering plans for 2024 and some ideas are:

- Spring holiday at a hotel in the New Forest
- Trip to France in September

Before any planning is started the committee needs to know the level of interest in these ideas. There is no commitment at this stage, but if you are interested please speak with Don B or Trevor M.

Other Events – 2023 (Please check before going)

Blackbushe Car Meet – last Sunday of each month

Fleet Classic car club – Wednesday evenings at Tweseldown pub, Beacon Hill Road

West Green House

Approximately 15 cars from NHAEG attended the classic car show at West Green House, Hartley Wintney on Sunday 24th September. The weather stayed fine and we were able to admire the many cars from other clubs and explore the gardens of West Green House.





Winter Storage

4 critical steps

Whether we like it or not, the changing of the seasons is upon us, and that means some of us are mentally preparing for the saddest day of the year – when we tuck our vintage toys into seasonal storage.

It can be a rough day for a bunch of reasons, but a little stress and care right now can make for an extra delightful spring when you take your car out for that first drive.

Top up (two ways)

Storing with non-ethanol fuel is best, but not everyone has access to it, or it may come at enough of a premium that it's not in the cards right now. Regardless of fuel type, fill the tank to the top and add an appropriate fuel stabiliser. Most vintage fuel tanks are steel and thus are very susceptible to rust, which can flake off and fill your fuel system with debris. With the tank topped off, there is no room for air and thus rust is kept at bay. Once you have some stabiliser in the tank, be sure to run the car for 10-15 minutes to make sure that it circulates through the entire fuel system.

The other "top" to think about is the convertible top. While you might never put the top on for the summer, it is in your best interest to store a car with the top up so that it does not shrink or

otherwise get damaged from long-term storage while being folded up. This is especially important for plastic rear windows that will lock into a shape when held in a particular way for too long. Replacing tops is not fun, and you aren't driving anyway, so why not use it as the time to get your top back into shape?

Insulate your tyres



Tyres are made for driving, not for parking. That's why long-term storage is likely to cause flat spots or dry-rotting of the rubber rings we need so dearly. There are appropriate products on the market that can help, but it's also just as easy to pick up some insulation foam board and cut a few squares that fit under your tyres. This will form a cradle for the tyre and also keep the dirt or concrete under the car from sucking the moisture out of the rubber, making them last longer.

If you want to go an extra step in moisture management, lay down a tarp or painter's plastic sheet under the car to prevent the cool chassis from condensing any moisture that might rise up from the ground.

Cover up

If your winter storage spot has windows or is open on one side, be sure to utilise a good quality car cover. UV degradation can happen fast when a car is parked in one spot and the sunlight only hits a specific spot day after day. Your seats, paint, and trim will thank you for covering up, as it will also keep scratches and dust off your precious vintage ride.

Speaking of dust, be sure that the car is clean before you cover it. A cover can grind any dirt and debris left on the car into your delicate paint. Also, remember that covers don't do much to protect from dents, so make sure your car does not become a shelf or leaning place for other things in the garage.

Fresh fluids

At a minimum, your car should get fresh oil and a coolant check. Oil traps combustion byproducts, and if left in the crankcase to sit all winter you can end up with corrosion or deposits that require serious work to remove. An oil change right before storage is cheap insurance. Coolant needs to be properly mixed for the temperatures the car will see in storage so it doesn't freeze. Freezing liquids can exert tons of force – enough to literally split your engine block in two. You can be sure with a simple tester for a couple of quid, or if you're really unsure and the coolant looks or smells dirty, a flush and fill could be your best option.

While under the bonnet looking at fluids, take a moment to inspect your brake fluid, as it can absorb moisture too. Flush with fresh fluid if the reservoir is anything but a nice light amber colour.

Good luck. Spring will be here before you know it. (We hope.)

(This article was based on one originally published by Hagerty US.)

Night Jar

The Nightjar will be similar in intent, a night time scatter rally, but there will be no timed sections so reducing the need for many marshals. Still part of the IRC series for 2023. Most of the clues/questions will be answered from existing signage on the ground and there will be many more options as to where to go. There will be a few straight forward 'Nightjar' style clues, no conundrums, to give the crews some exercise if they wish.

The entry form and regulations are attached.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Chris and Janice Keevill as new members to NHAEG. Some may remember that Chris and Janice used to be members several years ago and we are pleased that they have re-joined so kindly introduce yourself.

NHAEG is also pleased that Michael and Ann Allen have recently joined our car club, so please also make them feel welcomed at the next club night / event.

Stay safe

NHAEG Committee