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20th Anniversary Year



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Chairman's Chat

As I write this months chat we have passed the longest day and the nights are drawing in, so we were lucky to have such a bright dry night for our club photo. After the disappointment of finding the archery field in use we then found possibly a better site with a bank allowing Lorraine Hunter to get a higher view of the cars. The pictures are on the website and thanks to George & Lorraine for organising the location on the night.

Both outings on 2nd & 16th have also been blessed with summer weather with 20 cars on Dave Renwicks first run for the club and again on the outing to Raby Castle organised by Ken Wood. The 16th was a busy weekend with other members at Beamish for the Reliability Run and Silverstone for MG Live. Thanks to both.

The entries for the car show have kept coming in up to and after the closing date. We have had nearly 550 entries making it the biggest show ever. This with the expanded line up of entertainment, activities and traders will hopefully also make it the best.

The website will soon have a feedback form if you have any ideas or comments and there will be a chance at the August club night to discuss the show.

Let's hope summer continues for a few more weeks, at least.

Happy motoring

Tim Cook

MG NORTHUMBRIA AT RABY CASTLE



Oh for a De Lorean!

If you are a regular at club night you will probably be aware that various old magazines are brought in for others to take away if they wish. I recently picked up one of these as it had an article on one of my all time favourite cars, a 1952 Bentley R –type Continental. As an owner of an MGB that will be celebrating it's 40th birthday this year obviously I am well accustomed to not having all of the modern day conveniences, such as air conditioning and a heater with a *working* fan. But I was still rather surprised to find that the Bentley had all round drum brakes. Yes, it was made in 1952 but this was one of the very best cars in the world at that time and this was only ten years before the MGB came out, equipped with front disc brakes. In fact a patent for disc brakes was issued to F W Lanchester in 1902 although it wasn't until the 1950s that these came into widespread use in Europe. Strangely, in the US drum brakes were still the norm into the 1970s.

Having read that article I had a browse through the rest of the magazine and was amazed to find the following bargains for sale:

1963 Facel Vega £7,250 (1962 model sold for 235,000
Euros at auction in 2012)

1970 Aston Martin DB6	£4,650 typically £150,000 now
1969 Jaguar E Type	£5,350 typically £75,000 now
1959 Jaguar XK150	£10,000 typically £75,000 now

These are just a few of the mouthwatering cars advertised in that issue. Now the problem. The magazine I was reading was *Thoroughbred & Classic Cars* dated December 1982.

Not much chance of these still being on sale and at these prices I suppose.... If only I had that De Lorean from the *Back to the Future* films all would be well. I could go back to 1982, snap up that Aston or Facel, find somewhere to put it where it would be undisturbed for 30 years then make a killing selling it at current prices i.e. probably something like £100,000!

Brilliant, my future prosperity assured at one stroke.

Another thing that caught my eye in the same magazine was an advert placed by a garage dealing in the then new Matra Bagheera, which you will of course remember had three seats abreast. Closer inspection of the advert revealed it to have been placed by none other than our old friends Sports Cars Unlimited at Jesmond.

Alan Hutchinson

Event Diary for July

- 3 Clubnight, Backworth 8.00 pm.
- 7 **MG Northumbria Classic car Show**
- 13 - 14 MGOC 40th Anniversary. Swavesey.
- 17 Committee meeting
- 20 **Summer Run (see page 7)**
- 20 - 21 Otterburn Festival Classic Vehicle Show
- 21 Newby Hall rally (NECPWA)
- 22 Shildon Locomotion event
- 28 Gibside Hall (NECPWA)
- 28 Tees Valley MGOC Trail

Summer Run 20th July

Our run is in two parts. It will be starting at Brocksbushes, Corbridge from 10am with the view to be leaving 10:30am.

The first part will end at about 12-12:30 at The Oak Inn, Causey Park Bridge, Morpeth, NE61 3EL. People can have a meal there if they like. We will aim to leave there at 2PM and if people would like to run the second part only they would have to be at the Oak Inn by 2pm.

The run will finish at Morwick Dairy, Warkworth, NE65 9DG (at about 4ish), which is an ice cream parlour.

Katrina and Emma

Car Show update

If you have not entered your car into the show we cannot allocate a space on the club stand. Unfortunately you will have to go to late entries. Also if you want to leave club stand before 4pm please also confirm to Tim.

We had a good response for help on the Saturday before the show but still need more volunteers for Sunday so If you have not confirmed please contact George Hunter on 07850489088 or email gwh.quantsurveyor@btinternet.com We are currently at over 400 confirmed entries so even a couple of hours helps

My Brother

My big (literally) brother wrote off two Midgets in the early 1970s. One was a manufacturing fault in the steering - he baled out before it hit a tree - and the other was demolished by a drunk driver on the wrong side of the road.

Prior to the Midgets he had motorbikes and was knocked off several times, including once by a milk float.

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For Sale by Stephen Ruddick

2006 MGTF
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This very late car was built just 8 weeks before the MG Rover factory closed. It incorporates all the final improvements, including comfort suspension and glass rear window. I am



the first owner and have carried out several desirable improvements to the car during the last 7 years of ownership. With full service history and having covered less than 19 thousand miles, this lovely example is offered for sale at £3500 o.n.o.

The car will be on display at MG Northumbria's Classic Cars in Corbridge show on 7th July, subject to being unsold.

For further details I can be contacted on 01434 633800, or email: stephenruddickv8@btinternet.com



MGOC 40th Anniversary Logo



After the success of the Dutch Trip clothing Susan Farley has designed a logo for the 40th birthday. Whether you want an item of clothing to wear at Swavesey or to add to your collection (you know who you are) contact Susan on 0191 2514379 or

www.anne-thomas.co.uk for the full range of garments and prices.

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Polo shirts will be £12.00 as previously Plus £2.00 to have the website on the back on the collar

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With a track record like that I can't blame him for getting an ex Post Office Morris Minor van. So what was I doing letting him drive my "B" ? Sisterly love CAN overcome him finding the biggest speedbump and deepest pothole in Cumbria. I should have known too pillioning on his monster motorbike would not be uneventful. He dressed me in his old humungous leathers (two of me could have had a dance in them!). We set off for a blast round Cumbria's little known lanes. I signalled for him to stop. He turned round to find that I was pillioning blind. The lining in the helmet had detached and had slid over my eyes. It took a long while for him to control the hysteria! To add insult to injury he stopped at a garage and asked me to buy some orange juice. I waddled in in huge leathers again with helmet lining hanging down over my eye. The assistant looked stupefied.

We made a quick escape before he called the police.

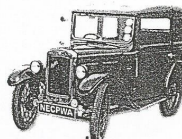
Will I travel with my brother again? Very probably as we carry the same genes and our father was eccentric with a strong sense of the ridiculous.

There's hope for us!

Emma Allen

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Coach trip to the NEC Classic Car Show 15th to 17th November 2013

Coach to leave Newcastle at Lunch time on the Friday to travel down to Edgbaston to the Hotel where we are booked for two nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal.

On the Saturday morning we will leave the Hotel after breakfast at 9.30am & make are way to the NEC for the Classic Car Show. We will as last time stay there till it closes 7.00pm and then make are way back to the Hotel for the evening meal.

On the Sunday we will depart the Hotel after breakfast 9.30am and travel to the Coventry Transport Museum and will stay there till 2.30pm (those that would like too, can go shopping instead)

We should arrive back into Newcastle in the early evening. We will as normal pick up & drop off on the way.

The cost to include entrance into the Classic Car show will be

Those sharing a twin room £179.00 per person

Single room £214.00 (A Deposit of £100.00 payable by August 21st please)

For more detail please contact:

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