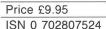
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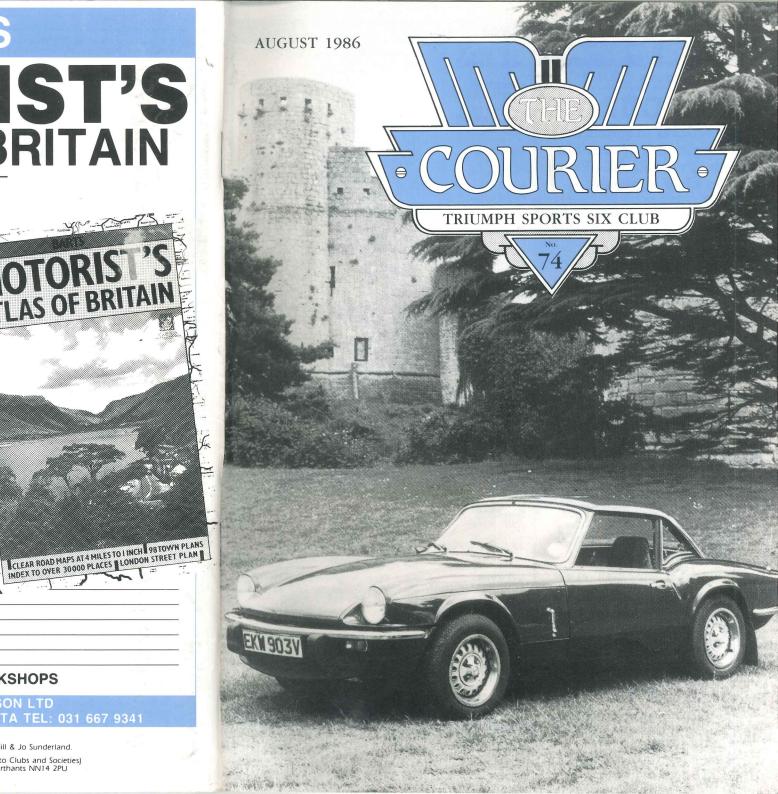
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EDITORIAL



TAKING STOCK

Once again September looms and we are fast approaching Renewal Time. Many members have already renewed their subscriptions and this has helped our overwhelmed Membership Secretary but from now on, with an expected record renewal, we have taken steps to improve the processing of memberships. As from 1st July, 1986, we installed at the club office a new membership computer. This was a very necessary step as, since our membership is now heading towards the 10,000 mark, greater speed and efficiency is required to take us into the next era of the TSSC. The new computer system will be fully operational by October, enabling complete area membership lists for Area Organisers - something we know A.O.'s have dearly wanted for some time now but has proved too time-consuming and awkward with our old system.

The club office has now become the base for the TSSC accounts as our present Treasuer has had to resign for business reasons (See advert in this Courier).

Taking this all in account I am pleased to announce two new empoylees to the TSSC office. Both postions are part time and our new members to the team are Mrs Elaine Watkins and Mrs Jane Davis. Both girls have a wealth of Pro office experience and this will help us No with the day-to-day running of the club. Sto I am sure you will join with me in wishing them a successful future with the TSSC.

This last club year has seen many essential changes, which will enable us to cope with the ever increasing Fit membership and the many new areas TS in which the TSSC has involment. The future success of the club depends on Club you, we hope you renew and help to Tri make the next year even better.

We have had a record amount of local Tro and National events in 1986; August Ted brings another good selection but A don't forget that on the 24th & 25th we hold the biggest of them all - the Cla TSSC INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND where we hope to see you in force as this is the Clubs premier event. Support it!

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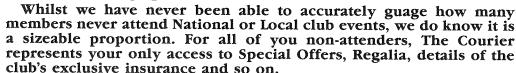
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Presidents Intro

John Griffiths

YOUR CLUB

The Courier is the club's focal point it is the medium we use to communicate with each other and, as such, has become for many thousands the high point of the month.



The Council of Management recognises the value of The address recorded, please Courier for the well-being of the club and has given constant support to Bill in his innovative and sometimes ambitious desire to constantly strive for improvements.

The latest style of Courier, with its punchy presentational format and high quality reproduction on Art Paper, reflects the club's total commitment to professionalism. We hope it meets with YOUR approval. If it does, or if there are areas you would like to see changed, why not drop Bill or me a line.

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Yes, during June we prepared our 1000th club member Valuation. The member was John Rothery from Ilford, who owns a very nice Bond Equipe 2-litre convertible (FUW 305J).

We would like to thank all members for their support of the scheme and, in time, we hope all those of you who are eligibile will join - you won't regret it.

We are still concerned about those of you who are not eligible and we are currently working on further improvements which, hopefully, will extend the scope of the scheme. Watch this space for more good news.

PLEASE NOTE: 1

During July/August some of you may experience a short delay in the turn-around of your valuation. We apologise in advance for this, which will be due to annual holidays (no doubt we will have a job to open the front door when we return).

PLEASE NOTE: 2

Some of you are still writing to me at Broadclyst, Exeter. Devon. Although the old Valuation Forms still have my



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EVENTS

It has certainly been an active month on the events front. Pam and I thoroughly enjoyed the South Wales event. There were certainly more cars than last year but of particular interest to me was the number of superb early Spitfires. I do like the style of the early ones. particularly the rear end and those white, beaded seats.

There was also a very original 11000 mile Vitesse 6, but overall best car quite rightly went to the 10000 mile GT6 MKIII of John and Mary

John Reese as usual did an excellent job of the organisation. On behalf of all who attended, many thanks for a very enjoyable weekend. (What happened to the Devon folk where were you?).

We also visited the Practical Classics Bromley Pageant of Motoring for the first time (now we live near 'the smoke') and I must say it is a jolly good

Next weekend we're off to the Medway International Triumph Weekend at Chatham, then to the 9th International Birthday Barbecue and then perhaps a holiday!

In August there are three major events you must get in your diary:

- 4th Leicester National. Stanford Hall, Sunday 3rd August (Tony Mee, Leicester 889079).
- Yeovil Festival of **Transport**, Yeovil, 9th/10th (Rod August Warren 0278-424234).
- TSSC INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND, 24th/25th August THE CLUB'S MAJOR ANNUAL EVENT BE THERE! Full details elsewhere in this edition.

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We have, over the past months, told you of the activities due to take place, the major events will be as follows:-

Sunday: For the past eight years the National Concours has been the Club's premier event and will form the backbone of this event. The show will be run on the normal format with fine tuning to ensure results by 5.00 pm. Plus the largest ever Trade Automart and all the promoted side shows for family entertainment.

Monday: This special day will involve the racing side of the Club, revolving around a single venue/multi stage Rally. This will be run by the Kettering and District Car Club and will involve historic rally cars. In addition to this there will be all the side shows from Sunday. For those of you not interested in Speed Events, there will be a Convoy to Woburn Abbey.

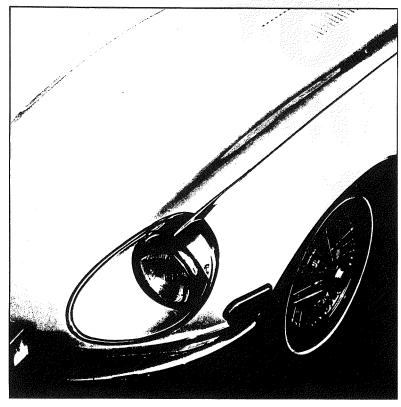
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who attended.

The normal entry price is £3.50 per adult and £1.50 per child; the offer price is £2.50 and £1.25 respectively, OAP's £2.00. There is no limit to the number of tickets but orders must be received by the 12th September. Send a cheque or postal, made out to I Wild and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope (preferably with a first-class stamp to:

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PLEASE. Ensure that you include your membership number and area code (see explanation on the front of the renewal form) when renewing your membership TRUDI SQUIBBS

Due to confusion between The Courier and Cop Shop staff, the Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (V.D.R.S.) in last months Courier contained errors. My apologies for the confusion, this is how it should be. V.D.R.S. came into effect on 1st July, 1986 with the following procedure:-

- 1. A driver is stopped by a Police Officer who finds a defect in his vehicle.
- The driver is then reported for the defect in the normal way.
- The driver is then given the option of using the V.D.R.S. If he then refuses, then he will be reported in the normal way. If he accepts he will be issued with a V.D.R.S. Form stating the defect(s).
- 4. He must then rectify the defect(s) immediately, either himself or by whatever means are at his disposal. It does not have to be a garage. He may also scrap the vehicle.
- 5. Once the defect has been rectified, the driver must take the vehicle to an MOT Test Station to have the rectified defect inspected. Charges may vary from garage to garage. The MOT Station will then fill in the back of the form (assuming the defect has been correctly rectified) and stamp it with their embossed stamp. The DRIVER must then send the completed form to the Police (the address is also on the back of the form) to ARRIVE WITHIN 14 DAYS of being originally reported for the defect.

If the vehicle is scrapped, edvidence of this must be sent with the V.D.R.S. Form to the same address

to ARRIVE WITHIN 14 DAYS.

6. If the driver fully complies with the scheme, no further action will be taken regarding the defect, this does not alter any action for any non-defect offence. If the driver does not comply, he will be liable to prosecution in in the normal way.

Some Police Forces, e.g. Kent, Nottinghamshire already run a similar scheme, where the vehicle has to be inspected by Police. If this is the case, the V.D.R.S. Form given to the driver will show this, as it

details the procedure to be taken on the form.

As you can see, 14 days is not long, so if you are stopped and accept V.D.R.S., you must comply with the procedure as quickly as possible - don't wait until tomorrow, or the V.D.R.S. Form will not reach the Police within 14 days (the 14 days includes weekends and Public Holidays). It is also worth noting that if the driver is prosecuted for a defect offence, the owner of the vehicle is also liable to prosecution. The moral of the scheme seems to be "Keep your vehicle in a proper, roadworthy condition at all MIKE CREWES times".

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If you cannot see clearly to the rear of your car, this may also

be an offence. This depends on how clear a view you have. Under part 2 of Regulation 97, it is also an offence to have

a load that is not secured to the vehicle. If it comes off at all whilst you are on a road, you commit an offence. Beware when carrying spare parts, it also applies to loads inside the vehicle if they are likely to endanger anyone inside the vehicle.

Part 3 of Regulation 97 is also worth mentioning: your load must not overhang any part of your vehicle. Yes, I know everyone carries ladders on their roofs. Strictly speaking, it is an offence and it depends on how your local Police view the matter.

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND MEET, 1986

MIKE CREWES

Shades of last years event met us in the early hours of Saturday morning. Being washed out last year, we had all been praying towards Mecca for over a week for good weather. The drizzle subsided at about 10am and the day remained dry. The field was nice and hard and the keen wind set to work drying the grass and blowing everything not tied down, over. We had managed to scrounge a marquee for the event from a local Scout Venture Unit, which proved to be very useful. Cars started arriving and forming their lines with the Trade and Autojumble stands doing keen business. People seemed to be cramming spare parts into all sorts of places. Judging got under way and it was soon evident that a very high standard of turnout had arrived, making judging that bit more difficult.

The Auto Gymkhana was won the Area's name if you apply beat the previous days results. on lads, once is enough. Bill Cop Shop. Sunderland and his ever-Club Shop in our marquee and we had a continuous video show, showing Triumph films of the '60's, all about our cars. marquee attraction, the bar, we were unable to set up. Problems obtaining a licence prevented us having a bar and we realised too

by a female; well done but come soon enough. For details contact

enthusiastic entourage set up the show running quite well and us next year, though, due to a were soon ripping money out of the evening the hardy campers involved. I would like to thank member's hands in exchange for and several, local members my two, hard-working hench club goodies. They were kept (about 25/30 in all) braved the men in this years show, namely very busy. Also in the marquee elements to have a disco in the Nick Lord (Thames Area marquee. Everyone enjoyed Organiser) and Chris Childs, booze. We all got in to the spirit have been much harder. I would There were also some more of things quite quickly and our also like to thank Andy (I really recent club films. Thanks go here DJ thought we were mad. He must join again) Kauffman for his to John Griffiths for the films and was right! I toddled off home for enthusiastic help on the Friday Multi-Broadcast for the loan of a the comfort of my duvet but the and all the Marque Register TV and video for the weekend. disco transferred at midnight Secretaries for their assistance in Unfortunately, our other from the marquee to the judging, in particular our late that we could apply for our Golly! Sunday got off to a drier mention who made the show a own licence. A note to other start but was more threatening. Event Organisers wanting a bar, Some lovely cars turned up for supporting it. you can get a Liquor Licence in the concours and some of them

I think everyone who was involved deemed it a success, but The day blew past with the we can still improve on it for realising it was Cup Final Day. In personal move. I may not be themselves with their own without whom my task would camping site, where it officially President, John, for undying began again and lasted until devotion to duty. I would also 2.00am. I didn't realize so many like to thank all the traders and people could sing Ging Gang everyone too numerous to success, and of course, you for



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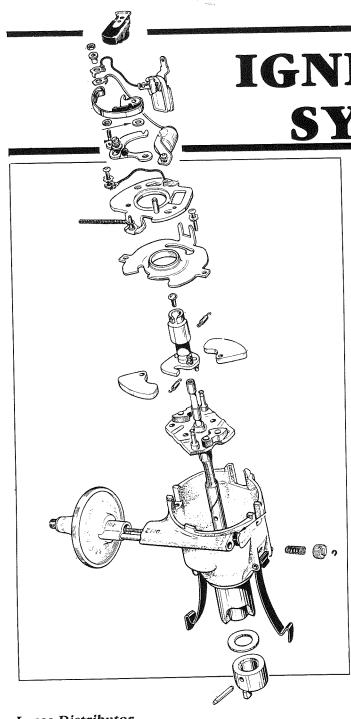
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IGNITION SYSTEM

Before the engine can give of its best it is necessary for the ignition system to be in good working order.

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THE IGNITION COIL

The purpose of the ignition coil is to convert battery voltage into a very high voltage capable of jumping across the gap in the sparking plug. At the time when the spark occurs, there is a high pressure in the cylinder which makes the voltage necessary to enable the spark to jump - very high indeed. It is usually in the region of 7,000-10,000 volts for light throttle conditions. The voltage necessary to fire the plug can be much higher as this will depend on working

conditions. The pressure in the ratios, etc. The plug gap and mixture strength can also make firing voltages higher, and a reserve of available voltage is circumstances.

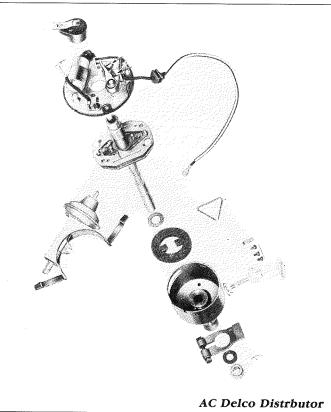
separate windings of wire known as the Primary and the Secondary. The primary coil has many turns of wire and is Breaker points. The Secondary coil has many, many more turns of wire. The ratio between the number of turns of wire on the Secondary compared with the Primary will give an indication of the step up in voltage in the Secondary. As we cannot obtain something for nothing there will be a much lower current in the high tension than in the low tension winding.

When the current flow in the primary winding is suddenly interrupted by the opening of the contact breaker points, a high voltage will be induced to flow in the secondary or high tension winding, and this will be delivered to the sparking plug by way of the distributor cap. The primary winding current must be collapsed very rapidly if the induced voltage is to be high and the condenser plays an important part in this break-down. When the points are open there is no path for the primary current to flow except into the condenser. The condenser will absorb the primary voltage, acting like a buffer. It will prevent excessive buring at the points.

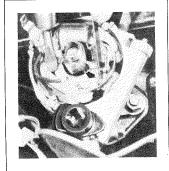
If a condenser fails it will either short circuit or open circuit. cylinder will vary with throttle In the short circuit condition we shall have a permanent earth opening and speed. The for the primary circuit even when the points open. This means volume of explosive mixture that there will be no break-down of the primary circuit, and drawn into the cylinder will be so no high tension spark - complete failure of the ignition system! greatest when the throttle is If the condenser becomes open circuit it does not do any work fully open, and the engine at all. The breakdown of the primary circuit will not be as rapid, speed low - in fact under and the high tension voltage much lower as a result. Burning accelerating and hard pulling of the contact breaker points will also occur. With an open conditions. Voltage could then circuit condenser sometimes the engine will run, but will cut rise as high as 15,000 volts out when the engine speed is increased or the engine has to do depending on compression some work. It depends on whether the condenser failure is partial or complete.

THE DISTRIBUTOR

This provides a means of interrupting the primary circuit. It required for use in these is driven at half engine speed by the camshaft. The arm of the contact breaker points makes contact with the driven cam, and The coil consists of two the points are opened. When the points open the primary circuit is interrupted. The condenser is connected across the contact breaker points. The low tension connection from CB terminal on the coil goes to the arm of the points. The current passes through the closed points, so insulating washers are fitted in joined from the Ignition Switch positions where earthing could occur. As these points open and to Earth via the Contact close at high speed the gap must be adjusted to the correct clearance quoted in the driver's handbook.



and free from pitting. The two stay closed longer) and the contacts must also be square to spark will occur later. If the arm is shorting a "click" will each other so that the adjusted bearings or bushes on the points do in fact have the distributor are worn and side correct clearance. Points can be refaced using an oil stone, but if badly pitted they should be renewed. The points must increases, the centrifugal be free on the pivot, or sticking and subsequent misfiring will occur. If necessary ease out the misfiring. If no wear has taken hole carefully. A drop of oil on assembly will prevent sticking and a smear of oil or grease on correct. the fibre keel contacting the rotor will prevent a squeak at this point. If new points are fitted they should be readjusted after about 500 miles, as the fibre heel wears down and the point gap will decrease. Always adjust points when the heel is on the "peak" of the cam.



Lucas CB Points

If the point gap is not set to the recommended clearance this will not only affect the spark but also the ignition timing and the "dwell". This is the period during which the points remain closed between each ignition cycle. It is insulation must be good measured in degrees of rotation. This dwell is primary to build up fully so that a full voltage spark can occur. A wider point setting earlier. A narrower setting Sometimes the cracks are very distributor against its normal

The points should be clean gives more dwell. (The points movement is possible, the point setting and the dwell will vary as the engine speed action can take effect. This can result in poor performance and place dwell will be correct, as long as the points gap is

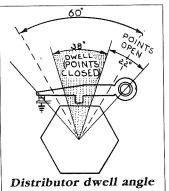


AC Delco CB Points

the high tension spark from the coil to each plug. The rotor carbon contact is fixed and a arm driven by the engine is in spring arm is fitted to the rotor. alignment with a segment in the distributor cap, at the time inside the cylinder there is a when the points open and high voltage is induced in the coil. The high voltage arrives at the centre terminal in the distributor cap - passes to the independent of speed of the rotor arm by way of a spring- engine. If our engine speed loaded carbon brush. It travels along the rotor arm and to the correct segment, and along the to allow for this delay, and still plug lead to the plug. As we are to obtain most power for the dealing with high voltage, everywhere or the spark will must occur. So it is necessary jump to earth. The rotor arm to provide some means of important, as it allows the coil is insulated from the drive advancing shaft, but cracks or oil or automatically. dampness will provide an easy path for an escape, and the will result in less dwell (the spark at the plug will be lost. points stay open longer) and Cracks or dampness in the cap will make the spark occur can also give the same result.

fine and cannot be seen.

Usually if the cap or rotor be heard each time the plug is



due to spark. Replacement of faulty parts is the cure.

Often corrosion can occur at the points where leads fit to the coil and distributor cap, and these connections should be checked and cleaned if necessary. Carbon brushes and spring do need occasional replacement. The brush should be clean and dry and move The distributor also delivers freely in the distributor cap. On some distributors the

Once the spark has occurred delay while the mixture is burning and producing most power in the cylinder. This time remains the same, increases it will be necessary to make the spark occur earlier, cylinder. The faster the engine rotates the earlier the spark the

THE DISTRIBUTOR **AUTOMATIC** CENTRIFUGAL ADVANCE

If we moved the body of the



direction of rotation, our cam would open the points sooner, if the mechanical advance will and the spark would occur earlier. By moving it in the same direction as rotation it will occur later. The same result can be obtained by moving the cam round in relation to its drive, and this is the method used for try putting a few drops of light centrifugal advance.

to the rotor is broken in the is reconnected through two spring-loaded arms. When these arms are rotated centrifugal force will throw them outwards against the tension of the springs. As speed increases the tendency will be for them to fly out further, until spring pressure will be overcome completely. The connection to the rotor is such that the outwards movement of these arms will make the rotor move against the normal direction of rotation.

The different size spring is fitted to each arm so that one arm will move out before the second one. A weaker spring will have less resistance to the centrifugal force. So we can obtain a gradual advance of the rotor position as first one arm and then the second one moves out. As engine speed decreases our arms will return to the original position, as the springs become effective. It will be seen that the start and rate of advance can be altered by changing the arms and springs. To reach these arms and springs the base plate screws and connections on the distributor are removed before the top section, with the cam, is lifted off. Make sure that you mark the position of the slot in the top, or it can be fitted 180° out and firing order changed. If arm bushes are worn or springs broken these can be replaced, but of course they must be the correct part numbers for your particular make and model.

As a quick check to find out operate, remove the distributor cap. Rotate the rotor arm against the direction of the arrow on the arm. The rotor should move a short way and spring back to its original position. If it will not do this, oil down the spindle. If this The drive from the camshaft does not free the mechanism it will be necessary to dismantle bottom of the distributor, and further and replace the damaged parts. If no springiness is felt the springs or arm pivots could be broken or seized.

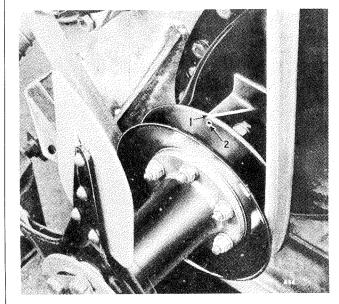
THE VACUUM ADVANCE **MECHANISM**

depends on engine speed it is necessary to provide an independent means of altering depression will advance the ignition timing. This is engine. When acceleration achieved by using the takes place the depression depression available around disappears, and the extra the butterfly valve in the advance is lost. The base plate carburettor. Depression here should move freely. will vary. It will be greatest at

when the accelerator is opened depression at this point will disappear. At cruising speeds extra advance will improve petrol consumption. but the engine would be too far advanced to give good acceleration. To provide both, ignition retard is necessary during acceleration.

The base plate of the distributor can move in relation to the position of the cam, having the same effect as moving the cam in relation to its drive. Connected to the base plate by a spring-loaded arm is a diaphragm. When a depression is applied to the diaphragm it will deflect, moving the arm and the base As mechanical advance with it. A pipe from the diaphragm is connected to the carburettor. At cruising speeds

To check the diaphragm. gentle cruising speeds, but remove the pipe, hold finger



Top dead centre markings

over the end and move base should hold the plate back for a few seconds. If the plate moves back immediately the vacuum unit should be replaced. Remove the small circlip at the end of the micro adjuster and remove the adjusting nut. Push the arm clear of the base plate and slide out vacuum unit. Again the new unit must be the correct type for your car. The rubber connections at either end of the pipe must be in good condition, and the pipe must be clear.

IGNITION TIMING

is given in the owner's handbook, this indicates how many degrees before TOP DEAD CENTRE of the piston the spark should occur.

against spring. The diaphragm engine is indicated by a hole of the adjuster. drilled or a raised boss on the engine pulley. By watching the represents 4° of crankshaft position of the rotor arm it will be possible to see when No. 1 cylinder is reaching Top Dead Centre.

Now fully retard the micro A static ignition timing figure occur at the points when they performance and economy. open. Now lock up the body of the distributor. The engine is firing at Top Dead Centre. If a Lucas Distributor is fitted you will notice a series

Top Dead Centre on the of slots on the moving part

Each of these slots rotation. Move the adjuster until the number of degrees is correct according to the owner's handbook.

If an AC Delco distributor is adjuster on the distributor, fitted no slots are there, but slacken off the clamping bolt definite clicks are felt when the retaining the distributor, and adjuster is moved. One click move the body against means 1° of crankshaft direction of rotation until the rotation. Adjust to the figure points just break. This can be specified in the owner's checked using a timing light, a handbook. Depending on piece of cigarette paper condition of the engine and trapped in the points, or fuel used, slight adjustment moving with the ignition from this setting may be switched on. A spark will necessary to achieve best

Courtesy of the Standard-Triumph Review, Volume 27, Number 1, January 1965

Fastest Lap at Macao and second in the A.C.P. Trophy Race

"We all here want to congratulate vou on a magnificent car, which, only because of bad luck. did not do better".

So began the cable from Hong Kong which gave the first indication of the performance of the specially prepared Triumph Spitfire entered in the Automobile Club of Portugal's Trophy Race and the Macao Grand Prix.

Both events were held on the Guia Circuit in Portugese Macao, and the car was entered by Z.F. Garages, Standard-Triumph International distributors in Hong Kong. On November 28th, the Spitfire came fourth in the Macao Grand Prix event over 60 laps of the circuit. It was driven by Walter Sulke, Managing Director of Z.F. Garages, and was beaten only motor racing".



by a Lotus Formula Junior, an E-Type Jauar and another Lotus Formula Junior, beating among others, a Brabham Formula Junior, E-Type Jaguars, Lotus Elans and Lotus Super Sevens.

This race was marred by an accident in the second from last

lap which caused the organisers to hang out the red flag unnecessarily, and for a time Walter Sulke was placed third. However, after a protest from one of the crashed cars, the Spitfire was put into fourth position in spite of the fact that it crossed the finishing line third.

In the Automobile Club of Portugal's Trophy race the Spitfire, driven by leading Far East driver Albert Poon, came home second over 30 laps. The only car to beat the Spitfire was the fast Warner Elan, but here again fate intervened.

After leading the field for the first six laps, the Spitfire was involved in a slight accident with a Honda which "got in the way", and the result was a slight touching of the two cars resulting in a front stub axle of the Spitfire being bent and the wishbone also bent.

The Spitfire then ceased to handle, but even so Poon was only 50 seconds behind the winner and a lap ahead of the third car. a Lotus Elan. After the accident Poon completed 24 laps of the circuit and made the fastest official lap in the race at a time comparable to the fastest car competing. The 1147cc Spitfire was competing against cars of four times greater engine capacity. Walter Sulke ended his cable with the words: "Sorry we did not no better, the car had better things in it but that's

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RECONDITIONING

read on

I read with interest the feature on gearbox reconditioning by Gareth Thomas and note the problems highlighted concerning the reconditioning of the club range of gearboxes, especially the continuing problem of unreconditionable units!

dispel certain myths the country. arising from his arti-

I would like to gearboxes and differentials in overdrive was to reduce this

Certain relationships bet- return spring and fitting a volved with all gearboxes has emerged. Most types of transmis- standard gearboxes exchanged sion reconditioning have minor to moderate wear and uprating for to the mainshaft tip; only some years, (in fact, where the main bearings have Sports Six Spares failed does the mainshaft tip was the first com- wear become severe, if the shaft was the pany to produce However, on overdrive exreconditioned change gearboxes, in excess of Vitesse/GT6 one laygears with bear- 90% have severe mainshaft tip ing steel bushes, I- wear. The reason for this is

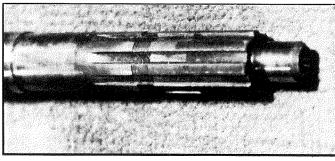
cle. Having been in- ween standard and overdrive sleeve around the cam, attachment at a pivot point to the pump piston. Also, to help matters, the mainshaft tip was greatly increased producing the 1500 Spitfire mainshaft. Life would be so much simpler same length as the

bias force by removing the

unfortunately it is some two inches too long.

The next point is that of mainshaft reconditioning. When Gareth **Thomas** was employed at Sports Six Spares, the technique of tipping the mainshaft was new and the company developing this method had not perfected this repair. The results in some cases caused compelte failure. That was more than three years ago. Another company closer tolerances and the failure rate is now minimal. A retipped shaft is infinitely superior to hand shaft. A tipped shaft, whether stan-

dard or improved,



Tip showing uneven wear

and hubs improvement).

reconditioners of club-type

type conversions, with TR7 the operation of the overdrive gears, use of forged selector oil pump. The eccentric momainshaft tion of the pump cam, is met When the statistical evidence spring resistance. This prois evaluated, certain points duces an oscillation in the has since perfected become clear. The mainshafts mainshaft, causing excessive this repair by using in standard and overdrive form bias load to the tip. The much are of the same quality and evidence of this can be readily there is no case for suggesting seen on the overdrive end of inferior steels and hardening. the mainshaft where only half The answer lies in understan- the rear tip will show any sign ding the operation of the shaft of wear. The problem is made itself. At Kingston Sports Cars worse by the fact that the the use of a secondwe are bulk reconditioners and distance from the pivot point are probably one the largest is furthest at the mainshaft tip.

by oil pressure and return

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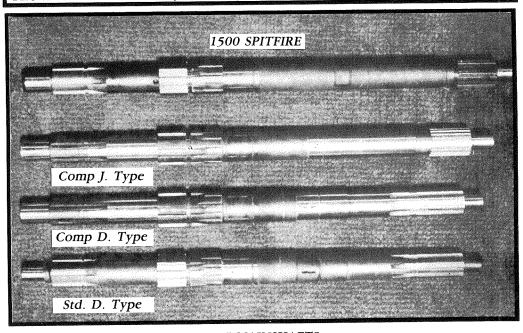
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OVERSEAS

RECRUITMENT

Jonty Wild

I am pleased to see that as a result of the Overseas Recruitment Prize offered in last months Courier, the trickle of enquiries from abroad has slightly increased. However, the massive potential membership from abroad remains largely untapped. I have recently received two pieces of information and, although they are related to two countries, the moral is probably relevant to many countries throughout the world.

cars he saw, particulary overseas members. Heralds. Unfortunately, he

already said, these stories countries. could probably be repeated about it?

Firstly, if you are going abroad, take some leaflets with

Secondly, and most

local Area recently spent a They can help in a number of weekend in Paris and was ways but perhaps I'd better surprised at the amount of club explain the TSSC attitude to

It is not our intention to steal 1. Would hadn't thought of taking any members from existing Recruitment Leaflets with him. overseas clubs, indeed we Secondly, an Australian actively encourage contact friend of mine recently visited with clubs abroad. Our aim is the U.K. and his information is to preserve and promote more disturbing. Although a vehicles based on the Herald number of clubs in Australia chassis, wherever they are. To include Spitfires and GT6's, this end we would like all none actively encourage owners to join the TSSC; this Heralds. He also said that there will give them the contacts to are literally hundreds of enable them to keep their cars. Heralds in Australia, mostly Also and perhaps equally being run into the ground and important, it gives them For instance, are there any then scrapped. This is not contact with the country that because of the owner's desire gave birth to their much loved to destroy their cars, but car. If no club exists, or motoring) in which we could because they don't know how existing clubs don't cater for to obtain parts. In short - they our cars, then we would like to don't know about us! As I have start TSSC branches in those

about dozens of countries, the can help in many ways; the NOW! question is what can we do most obvious way is to use the windscreen leaflets and keep in touch by writing to The New TSSC OVERSEAS REP Courier. Don't worry if your you. We're not asking you to English isn't perfect, it's spend your entire time looking usually a hundred times better for club cars but if you come than our efforts at your across any, put a leaflet on language (for which I apologise).

Also, we would like your obviously, we depend on our help with the following: if you



Firstly, a member from my existing overseas members. can help write to me, Jonty Wild or to the Overseas Secretary, Brian Waters (addresses can be found on inside front cover).

- recruitment leaflets printed in your own language?
- Can you provide us with the addresses of any overseas clubs catering for 'our cars'? Let us have them anyway, even if you think we already know them.
- 3. Can you think of any ways in which we can get in touch with owners in your country? newspapers or magazines (not necessarily exclusively advertise?

We would be glad to hear from you with answers to any of these, or indeed on any Existing overseas members other subject. So write to us

Patrick Jones 4866 Killarnev Street Vancouver British Columbia Canada V5R 3V5

HERALD REGISTER

CHRIS LONGHURST

REGISTER UP-DATE

The current state of the TSSC Herald Register is outlined in Table 1. There are now 3,222 vehicles on the Register; this number includes records of the cars of ex-TSSC members. Not unexpectedly, the 13/60 convertibles are still dominant (31.9%).

Table 2 gives revies of the oldest and newest commission numbers of 948cc cars. Additions since the last review in 1984 (September/October) include Y6360 LCV, Y128, Y19725, Y19767, Y22479, G720, G57536, G77937, GY1110 and G61020 SP. I would be pleased to hear from any members out there who have earlier or later cars which are not recorded. As some of these cars are probably not in use at present, a note from owners on the current state of their vehicle would be appreciated.



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	Y9283 CV	R E Hill (Eire)	Y21929 CV	S J Henderson
Saloon	G11	A B Hart	G57536	K P Atkinson
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	G720	M Brown	G77937	c/o W Gregory
Coupe	Y128	P Matthews	Y19725	D Jenkins
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	BY939L	O Guerin (Belg.)	Y22479	G Gregory
Saloon	GY1110	G Poore	GY5841	R Reeve
(Twin-Carb)	GY2024	J Kipping	GY6854	R Tyler
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FITTING AN OIL COOLER

- By Peter Williams

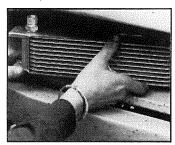
Whether driving along motorway miles, towing a caravan or just wanting to enjoy sampling the power of our more sporty machines, an oil cooler is a definite advantage. I've one which I fitted to my GT6

prior to the Spitfire Weekend in Holland last year and the peace-of-mind experienced while powering along motorways, Autobahns and around the old Ntírbtírgring Circuit made the effort of fitting one well worth while. Below shows a step-by-step guide to fitting one of the coolers on offer in The Courier this month to a

Spitfire and, as you will see, it really is easy, taking a couple of hours at the most. Probably the only thing you may want to do differently is the siting of the cooler. As the Spitfire we were working on is rather a one-off, we fitted the cooler in the bonnet nose, but perhaps the best place is just behind the anti-roll bar and bolted to the chassis. This is where the cooler on my GT6 is positioned and to do this, all you have to do is use two short lengths of the mounting plate provided and drill two or four holes along the inside flanges of the main chassis rails. No holes need be drilled actually into the box sections.



In addition to the cooler and filter sandwich plate, the kits come complete with all the necessary mounting plates, nuts, bolts and an ample supply of hose. For Spitfires, a 10 row cooler is supplied, whereas for GT6's etc., a 13 row unit comes as standard. The coolers are of high quality with extra, fine louvres stamped into the cooling vanes for improved effiency.



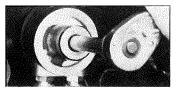
of personal choice but obviously the cooler should be fixed where it will receive a good through flow of cool air. Here, we decided to bolt the unit inside the nose cone of our Spitfire.



Once you've drained the sump, removed the old filter and checked the angles required for the sandwich block feed pipes, tighten the unions and hose 'jubilee clips'



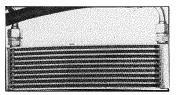
positioning (don't forget the rubber sealing ring behind)



Positioning the cooler is a matter and tightening the filter sandwich plate onto the block. This, like fitting a standard filter shouldn't be too tight. It's also a good idea to clean the casting and threads of any flashings before cooler to reduce the chances of fitting.



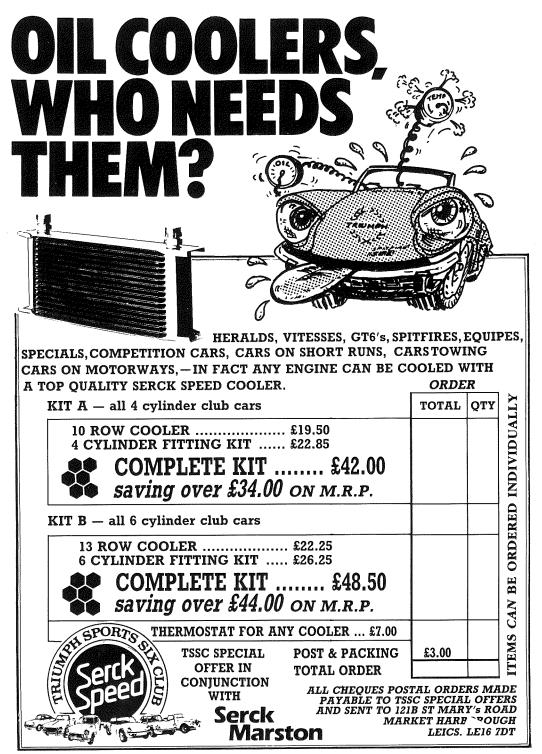
Your new filter can now be screwed into place exactly as normal.



All that requires to be done now is to cut the hoses to length (don't just cut the hose in half to start with!) and connect to, and bolt down the unions to the cooler. As is nearly always the case, it's best to use two spanners, one tightening and one supporting when doing this. Don't forget when siting the cooler that the hoses shouldn't be kinked.



Tested for leaks, there weren't any, and complete. When we've time, an extra mesh will probably be made up and bolted in front of the stone damage.



Although the above covers the fitting of an oil cooler kit to a four-cylinder car, fitting one to a Straight-6 engine is much the same. As with the Spitfire, the original oil filter is retained and no special tools are required.

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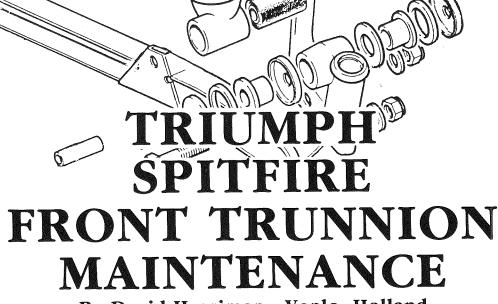
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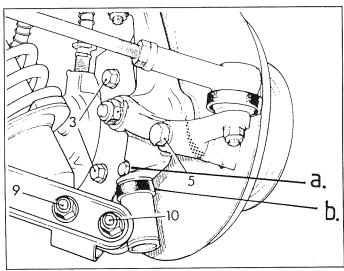


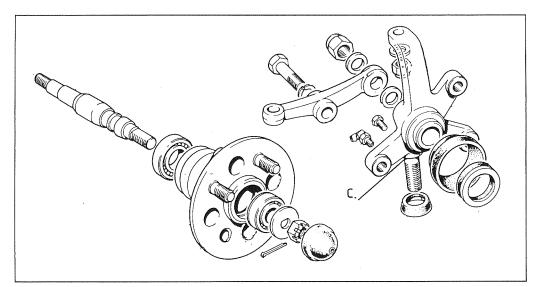
By David Herriman - Venlo, Holland

he Spitfire front suspension is often neglected by people now used to so called maintenance-free units, (although virtually nothing is maintenance-free on a car if driven long enough) The parts requiring attention are the trunnions themselves (so called after their inventor, Sir Archibald Trunnion, 1808-1893) and the trunnion bushes.

Maintenance consists of regular OILING of the lower vertical link/trunnion, Fig. 1. This is done by removing the plug, Fig. 1a (if fitted) and screwing in a ¼" grease nipple (the 45° ones are best). Pump using EP90 gearbpx oil until fresh oil appears at the rubber cap, Fig. 1b. Wipe clean and replace the plug. If you are feeling flush, you can, of course, leave the nipples in. Don't let people tell you grease will do as it won't.

Look at the lower, vertical link, Fig. 2. It has a large thread, like teeth in a gearbox, which turns against the bronze trunnion thread. This creates pressures similar to those in a gearbox or back axle, hence EP





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normally happens at parking the bit you are removing. speeds, it is an unpleasant, expensive experience and not as uncommon as you might think.

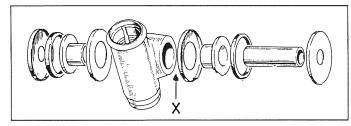
...Buy yourselves a cheap plastic grease gun...

Buy vourselves a cheap, plastic grease gun, which are available for about £3 at large and keep it for this purpose.

Check for wear in both the trunnion itself and the bushes by rocking the whole wheel it. You can usually feel wear before you can see it, so try and get someone to rock while you feel and watch.

(Extreme Pressure) oil. A lot of sides (without the trunnion itself) and cost approximately £6. While you are at it, you may as well replace the nuts and bolts have a second gun filled with which are probably very rusty. The sizes can be seen in Fig. 4.

Providing your suspension isn't too badly rusted, the bushes messy. They tell you grease is can be changed easily without having to remove the hub. Undo OK which, while being better bolt 10 in Fig. 1 and remove; loosen bolt 9. You can now get at the bushes. Drift the metal bush out of the middle and remove Lack of lubrication, perhaps the nylon bits. If you get problems you can cut one end off combined with bush wear, can between the trunnion and the washer, Fig. 3. Then drift out the cause the vertical link to break rest. Drifting is almost the same as bashing but you use a round, off at point c. Whilst this metal object which should be slightly smaller in diameter than



Clean up the trunnion and fit the new bushes. This should supermarkets. Fill it with EP oil be self-explanatory if you look at Fig. 3, not forgetting to lubricate the new bits.

Assembly is in reverse order as they say, but in this case should present no problems.

The trunnions themselves are just a little more complicated with the weight of the car on but still no problem. When buying, don't forget they are "sided". Left or right is stamped on the side, as one has a lefthand thread and the other a right-hand.

This time we have to take the hub off but it's not as difficult as it first appears. I won't insult your intelligence and tell you Replacement of both is a to make sure the car is properly propped on axle stands. Remove simple job. The bushes come in the wheel. Take the brake caliper off and hang out of the way kits which all the necessary bits with a piece of wire. Don't just let it hang on the brake pipe. can be seen in Fig. 3 for BOTH Remove the grease cap, not always as easy as it looks but a little persuasion and a medium work should hammer wonders.

Take the split pin out of the big nut (see Fig. 5) in the middle and providing you have a new one, (which yov should, of course!) throw it away. Undo the nut, take out the washer and outer bearing. Pull the hub off - you don't need a puller as your muscles will do.

Undo the nuts (3 and 5 Fig. 1) and the brake disc shield can be removed. Unfasten the trunnion as described in the previous bit. The trunnion itself should now unscrew (with just your hand).

Wash the vertical link in parafin and clean all the nuts and bolts (except when replacing, of course). At this stage it is a good idea to take the rear wheel bearing (Fig. 5,3) out by carefully taking the rear felt oil seal out (Fig. 5,4). Wash both bearings out in parafin (or petrol if you're a non-smoker) and let them drain on a clean piece of paper. Also, you can check the rubber suspension bushes at this point. Replace where necessary.

Pour some EP oil in the new trunnion which you have, of course, already fitted with new bushes (normally supplied). Screw the new trunnion on to the vertical link, not forgetting the new rubber dust seal. Make sure it can now turn sufficiently in both directions. If in doubt, compare with the other side.

Work plenty of grease into the wheel bearings and refit them, again using plenty of

99.9% of you aren't in a

position to measure this information and if you do it as described it will be OK. Let me just say this: a little bit of play which you feel when th weight of the car is on the wheel and you try to rock the wheel with your hands on the top and bottom, is better than having the hub binding which will cause rapid bearing wear.

hub, tighten up the nut until it

(the hub) won't turn. Slacken

the nut until the split pin will

go through the hole in the

middle and the hub will turn

without binding. According to

the official Workshop Manual,

the play should be 0.0508 to

0.1270mm. Now considering

Assembly is again very grease. Push the hub back on simple but don't get your it? Next time we shall move on and then, whilst turning the grubby, oily fingers on the to the rear trunnion bushes.

disc. If you do, wipe with amount we shall disregard that clean petrol before you fit the caliper. Pump the new trunnion full of nice, new RP

> Tighten up all you nice, new, nyloc nuts and refit the wheel, tightening the wheel torque of 6.6 kg/m (or 48 lb/ft for the old fashioned) like you always do.

> Now that was'nt too bad was

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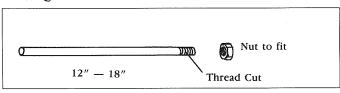
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By Iain Atkinson

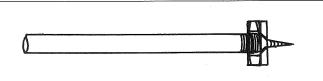
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A very useful tool to pull out dents in the bodywork where you can't put an ordinary dolly behind, i.e. a dent in the sill, and incurring no further damage is a slide hammer.

To make this tool, you will require a rod of approximately 12" x 18" in length and approximately 1" diameter. One end will have to have a thread cut and a nut to fit this thread will be required.



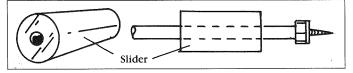
Put the rod aside - we will come back to this in a while - the nut is what we are interested in at the moment. Cut a piece of flat plate ½ " thick and mig-weld (yes, that mig-welder again!) to one end of the nut.

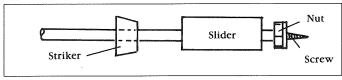


When this is done, find a self-tapping or PK screw and drill in the exact middle of the plate, just big enough to fit the screw through. This is then fitted to the threaded end - as Fig. 2.

The next stage is to make the slider: this has to be a circular piece of metal, $1\frac{1}{2}$ dia, with a 1/64 hole right through the middle so it can slide over the 1 rod.

Next you need the striker (no, not football). At about % of the way up the rod, weld on a piece of metal like the slider to it and you will have the finished article (as Fig. 4).





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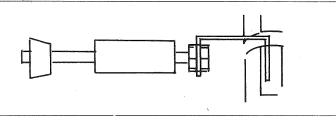
Wear gloves when you use this particular tool because if you catch your fingers between the slides and striker, you'll certainly know what's what!

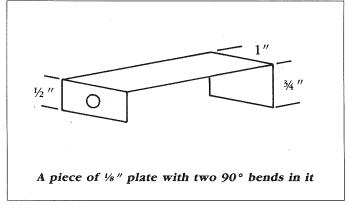
Now to use your slide hammer. Let's take, for instance, the sill problem: a dent that does not require a new sill. Get your slider down to the nut at the end of the rod; this will push the PK screw into the lowest point of the dent. Now screw right up to the nut. Once this has been done, carefully bring the slider up until it hits - I mean hits the striker - DON'T YANK IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT! Just hit the striker as if you were clapping your hands and do it more than once. Don't try to pull the dent out in one hit, take as many hits as is required. Be careful not to pull the screw out of the sill and cause more damage.

When you have the required shape back, lead-load the hole and you will have a perfect repair in approximately half an hour - quick, easy and cheap.

Another attachment useful to those of us who have banged the front of the door and the back of the front wing, is explained as follows:

Change the PK screw for a nut and bolt the place bolt through the nut on S.H. - now fit the attachment.





Place the attachment onto the bolt, put the nut on and tighten the bolt. Now take your S.H. with the attachment and place the end behind the dent on the door and the back of the front wing. Use the same method as that used with sill pulling and pull out until the correct shape is achieved. Planish crease on door and wing carefully, so as to get a flat surface.

This job takes approximately half an hour - no taking off and re-hanging doors and just a skim of filler to finish off.

TREASURER HUNT ...

The club is searching for a new *financial wizard* since our present, long-standing Treasurer will be resigning at the next A.G.M. The ideal person should be a Chartered Accountant who has an interest in the club and is willing to devote some time to managing the financial aspects of the Club's affairs. This role is extremely important and is considered by the Council of Management as a key post.

The day-to-day administration is carried out at the club's office. The Treasurer has the responsibility to ensure that compliance matters are attended to on a timely basis such as VAT Returns, Corporation Tax Returns, dealing with the completion of the statutory accounts in conjunction with the Club's Auditors etc. However, it is not intended that the new Treasurer will personally prepare these items since the Club's staff will deal with these routine matters. It is, therefore, a management function that is required.

In addition to the above, the Treasurer will be required to report to the Financial Sub-Committee on budget forecasts, evaluation of growth, and deal with appropriate tasks allocated by that Committee. The Treasurer will be a member of the Financial Sub-Committee who meet approximately four or so times per year. It is not intended that the Treasurer will be a member of the Council of Management initially. However, once our new Treasurer feels comfortable with the role, a position on the Council would be desirable.

Glyn Ridgewell, our present Treasurer, will continue to deal with the Accounts for the year ending August 31st, 1986. He has been our Treasurer for five years now and wishes to retire from this post because of business reasons.

A brief description of professional experience should be sent to Bill Sunderland. It is envisaged that candidates will be interviewed by the present Financial Sub-Committee as soon as possible.

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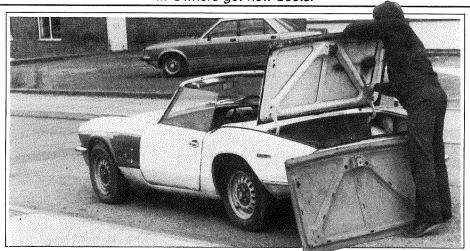
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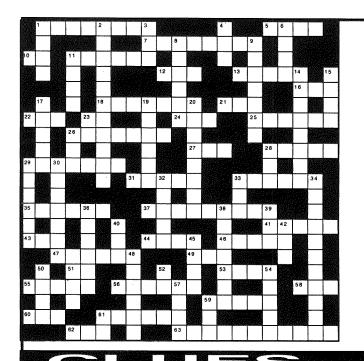
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- 27. Biro fluid
- 28. Short HGV1, perhaps
- 29. You need this for foward and back motion
- 33. You need these to stay in business
- 35. Nm or 16ft
- 37. It fires an engine
- 41. Dutch TT venue
- 43. Word of agreement
- 44. Inflatable wheel rim?
- 46. Cook in oven
- 47. You need this for work
- 49. Noah's boat
- 51. Opposite off53. Ancient Peruvian tribe
- 55. Car's outer covering
- A drive gripper
 Bottom of skirt
- 59. Car deal for certain company
- 60. Snow skate
- 61. Open top car
- 62. Flightless Australian bird
- 63. Hot or cold?

DOWN

- Warning device An engine needs this
- 'plane engine
- Against
- Small pebbles

- Back-up Proverbial tin worm
- Company boss
- 15. Immediately 17. Tow truck equipment
- Boats sterring device
- Water cooler
- SEE 23 ACROSS
- 26. Vehicle
- Put more to
- 29. Proper place for a hoist
- To inform Not full
- 30. 32.
- Lubricating juice
- Haste indicator
- Required quickly
- Leaving car
- American petroleum
- Clothes line implement
- Eye inflammation
- 45. 48.
- Golden colour
- Car lifter
- Spielberg's friend
- Expenditure
- 59. Sight target Carb make

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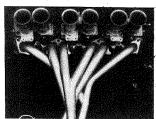
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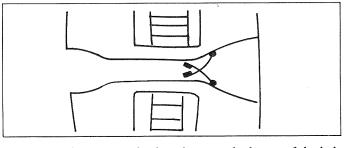
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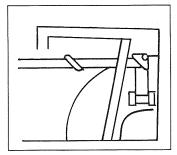
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Do not try manufacturing brackets to mount the retractor units on their side in the hoodwell as it will not work. One or both your retractors will not work unless vertical.

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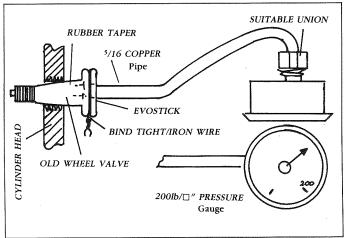
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Having recently joined the ranks of club members competing in the TSSC Sprint and Hillclimb Championship, I am surprised to see so few members actively involved in actual car racing. I am a novice to all types of motor sport and my visit to Buntingthorpe this May was my very first outing on a track. Driving the Kingston Sports Cars prepared Vitesse MKII, I found the experience exhilarating, if not unnerving. My best outing was at Goodwood on June 8th. With the improved anti-roll bar, reinforcing bars and 36psi in the P6 tyres the car performed much more to my liking. I must add the car can go much faster than I am, at present, able to drive it. my best time achieved was 120.54.

With some weeks to go before the next club sprint, I looked was to discover, the organisers rush hour. Fortunately I and, although the Vitesse with by going on the outside. By the lap race. injection was not strictly eligible next lap the field had opened up by RAC Blue Book rules, they agreed to my entering. After 10 BMW, which I out-manoeuvred minutes or so of practice, I realised racing was quite hard work. The practice session by the same manoeuvre. By this enables drivers to familiarise time I had moved up to eighth themselves with the course and also to enable the timekeepers to bolt connecting the gear-lever to time the drivers, thus producing the selector linkage decided it about some more club entrants? the grid positions. Unfort- was time to vacate, leaving me There are two Vitesses lined up unately, with one plug-lead stuck in second gear; I duly so far. Entry forms can be hanging off, my practice time retired. was less then impressive and I was subsequently placed as dangerous as I was led to thirteenth on the grid out of believe, it is also less demandfourteen.

BMW30CL, a Viva and a 1275 beginners. Mini.

After a warm-up lap, we all sat and I found myself persuing a the interesting race with a line-up of at the bend before the hair-pin. The Opal Manta was duly passed position. But, unfortunately, the August 31st, with Event Seven

ing on the car than sprinting The other cars racing included which has caused some clutch two Lotus Sunbeams, several problems. Lydden is a one mile RS2000 Escorts, a Golf GTI, an circuit, so speeds are not MG Metro, an Opal Manta, a excessive and is a good track for

Also racing is much better SPORTSCARS

value than sprinting: for on the grid revving-up, waiting instance, the Goodwood Sprint around for some alternative for the green light. Then we cost £24.00, where with good venue. As a member of B.A.R.C., were off; at the first, long, organisation, one can notch up I could enter the Road-Going double apex bend it was like three or four runs. At Lydden the Challenge at Lydden Hill. As I Kingston one-way system in the race entry costs £33.50 where you can have approximately are keen for any new contenders managed to pass a few other cars eight laps for practice then a ten

I think it would make a very club cars. Even if there is not enough interest to have a strictly club car race, at least club cars can enter the other races.

The next race at Lydden is for road-going saloons. So how obtained from Mrs S Viola, 12 On reflection, racing was not Smithbottom Lane, Purley, Surrey, tel: (01) 660 8633 and you can apply for B.A.R.C. membership at the same time if necessary. Incidentally, you must have the RAC Restricted Licence.

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Whilst visiting a local scrapyard, the circular segmented display fitted to a Triumph saloon caught my brother's eye. £1.00 and half a day later, what he referred to as his 'Christmas Tree' was fitted in the glove compartment of his MKII Spitfire. Following an incident with a wall one winter, it saw service briefly in a Ford Cortina before a return to the Triumph fold, this time in the guise of a MKIII GT6.

At the time, my brother was heavily into kit-cars and from them he got the idea of a roof-mounted console, containing the said display plus a clock and spot-lamp/fog-lamp switches.

First a box was constructed from plywood (see dia).

This was covered with black vinvl material to match the dashboard and cut unwanted reflections to a minimum. The rear of the box section XY was connected to a bracket between the two sun shades, while point Z was fixed to the sunroof. A multi-coloured, 40-way ribbon removed from the saloon

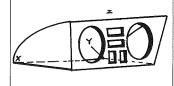
cable was taken from the console via a small hole in the front windscreen pillar down to the dashboard. It was necessary to roll up the ribbon cable to fit it through the pillar.

Wiring up the console was a simple task, greatly aided by the colour-coded ribbon cable. In the attached circuit diagram;

- Ignition warning light. - Fuel warning light and switch.
- Right hand indicator.
- Handbrake on light and switch.
- Choke on light and switch.
- Left hand indicator.
- Oil pressure warning light.
- Main beam warning light
- Clock illumination. CI CLK - Clock

complete with choke cable and fitted directly into the GT6. appropriately. A handbrake is used in the circuit drawn. microswitch had to be made unsuitable; its principle is the same as that of the chock cable as a model.

choke, fuel and oil lamps all use a common + 12V supply, becoming illuminated when accident, yet placed just above connected to earth. The clock, clock illumination, spot/fog use and see. lamp, main beam and indicator lamps all use a common earth, having survived any number of becoming illuminated when connected to a + 12V. It is a occasional Portsmouth Polygood idea to keep these technic Goodwood Sprint (the supplies separate and to use car was lapping in 1 min. 52 several of the ribbon cable secs.) without even rattling strands for each of the (which is more than can be said



removed from the saloon larger current. I don't know what the current rating of ribbon cable is but it is NOTThe fuel tank unit from the enough to connect your saloon also fitted but the float quadruple 55W Halogen spotarm had to be bent lights to, which is why a relay

While not for the purists, the up as the saloon's was finished "head up display" has provoked many favourable comments. Even in a car as which can, therefore, be used small as a GT6 it is not intrusive, the lights are not in The ignition, handbrake, direct line of sight and so do not affect night vision; it is well out of reach in the event of an the mirror; it is comfortable to

It is surprisingly durable too Treasure Hunts and the The choke microswitch was common returns, due to the for the passenger - me!)

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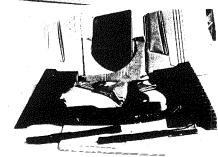
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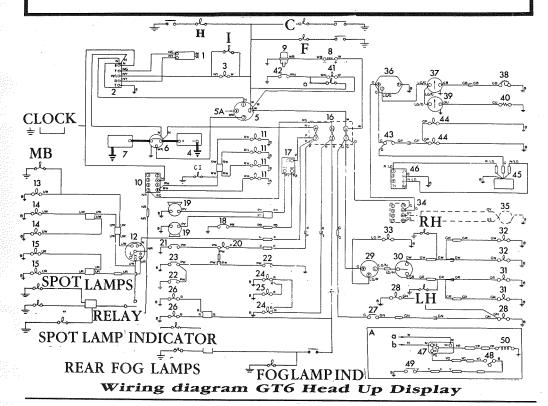
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### CANTERBURY -GERALD SPENCER:

Had a nice, little car rally all ready and prepared for the meeting on 8th July shame nobody turned up! Well almost nobody, nice to see you Ray and Dave. Isn't it strange how the members from the furthest afield are often the most regular and reliable. Attendances over the next few metings may well decide whether the Canterbury Area is to survive. For those puzzling over the last months Area report, please read '90 mph in reverse down' after 'done' in line 4 - should make more sense now! Matt has also fixed his reverse gear! Meetings for August include and convoy to The Duck on the 12th and possibly a barbecue at Mike's later in the month.

### **DORSET - ANDY TOPP:**

The last meeting in June was well attended with, of course, the 'Bonnet's Up Competition' being the main attraction with at least ten cars from the Somerset and Dorset Areas competing. The best car of the evening was judged to be a MKII Spitfire belonging to Clive Antell from Sherborne. It was immaculately clean. Well done Clive.

Now for my report of the Caldicot Castle Weekend: even though the weather was fine, it could have been hotter, but that did not seem to worry people. Counting up attendancies, there were at least 140 club cars. I would like to thank John Reese for organising a smashing weekend and I am looking forward to next years' event.

Back to this year now and the next event being The Festival of Transport on the 9th and 10th August. If you're a member and have not come along to any of the meetings at The Antelope Hotel, Sherborne, come along to Yeovil as we would be pleased to meet you. There is a barbecue in the camp site, so I'll see you all there. Next club night August 27th at 8.00pm.

### HASTINGS -ADRIAN THOMPSON:

This is it folks! The last report from yours truly as A.O. I'm moving to sunny basingstoke. The Area I can now say is definitely on the up. By the time this is printed the first barbecue will have taken place, which I will leave the report on until Jeane takes over next month.

The Area had a fantastic trip to Bromley; one car actually made it to my knowledge! Holidays, blown engines and various other excuses spoilt the day. Anyway, well done Steve (even

though it was in an Astra).

Well, that's about it. Not á lot to report except there are a lot of members in this Area - I know, I've written to at least 20. How about coming along to the meeting - you never know, you might find that part that you've always wanted, the tool for taking off Rotoflexes or even just a chat and a jar or two.

Don't forget the next two meetings: 11th and 25th August down at The Wheatsheaf and the convoy to the Hill Climb at Goodwood on the 3rd.

### N HERTS/S BEDS - STEVE BEDFORD:

Our camping weekend at Caldicot Castle was, again, very successful. We had 17 Area members present this year. The drive down was certainly interesting with Steve Antollic's 2.5 GT6 leading our convoy: it's a shame we had to keep waiting for Peter Scholles! On Saturday we played rounders with Central Somerset Area and this was great to build up an appetite for the barbecue in the evening. The fact that we lost does not matter. I tried the Driving Test and had the dubious honour of coming last. My excuse was that I was not driving my car. Never mind, I shall be getting my own back when running the Cambridge Driving Test (because of the deadline for The Courier, I cannot give the results with this report). A thoroughly good weekend with plenty to do and see. The South Wales Area should be very pleased with their efforts for a successful

Our July Whitwell club night saw nearly 40 people present with 15 club cars (and one Morgan that wouldn't start) in the car park. Summer has finally arrived. It was the first opportunity to be outside for the whole meeting.

The Treasure Hunt on Sunday 6th July saw 18 cars competing for our coverted trophy. Congratulations to Dave and Val Young who came first and to Bob and Steve Probble who were second. Well done to Jayne Sparkes the organiser from the Triumph 2000 Register who came fourth. The top ten places were very close and I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves for what was a very good day out. I know there was a lot to look at and find along the route but this kept everyone guessing right to the end. Well, at least I enjoyed myself!

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 3rd August - Stanford Hall.

Wednesday 6th August - meeting at The Eagle & Child, Whitwell.

Saturday 9th August - Golf Match

against Triumph 2000 Register. 6pm at Stevenage Golf Course. Bats (or is it clubs!?) will be provided. You don't have to be able to play to come and laugh at us

Sunday 17th August - Rounders of Redbourne Common. Further details at our meetings.

Tuesday 19th August - meeting Bird In Hand, Henlow.

24th 8 25th August - Family Weekend at Cranfield. We are running the low speed driving test at this event, so come along and join in with the fun. Further details at our meeting.

Saturday 13th September - evening canal trip from Watford Marina. Food will be provided so names to me a.s.a.p.

Wednesday 24th September - further course on Tempsford Skid Pan. All day course run by Police. Numbers are limited so names to me a.s.a.p.

### **EAST KENT - DAVE BRIDLE:**

Hot off the typewriter comes news of the success fo the first ever Medway international Triumph Weekend. organised at the Chatham Historic Dockyard by the E. Kent Area. The event was publicised on the local Invicta Radio and in all the local newspapers. People came from far and wide to see the event: from Finland and Germany they came in droves and seven from the Spitfire Club Saurland in Germany, The event was marred on the Saturday by heavy rain until lunchtime but we still had 50 cars there at one time. The Sunday dawned a little brighter and, thankfully, the weather held all day, Sunday was better than Saturday, with various competitions attracting support. especially the Tug-of-War and the Herald Pull. Wait for the full report in next months Courier.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

17th August: Sports Day Spectacular. Venue to be announced. Lots of silly games. Bring a picnic. Fun for all the family. Please contact Clive for details - tel: 0474-359974.

3rd Sept - monthly meeting at The George.

### WEST KENT -RICHARD & SUE FRANCIS:

The Bromley Pageant of Motoring, held on Sunday 29th June, turned out to be the biggest ever Pageant and in fact, has now become the largest event for the car enthusiast in Europe. There was a terrific turnout and some splendld cars on show. Our

stand this year featured the following: Bond Equipe - Dennis & Diana Watson Vitesse MKI - Paul Matthews

Herald 948 - JDX, brought by Barry and Maureen Newitt Vitesse MKII - Peter Williams (should have been Ernie King's 1500 Spitfire but this was, unfortunately, involved in an accident not long ago) GT6 MKIII - Richard and Sue Francis - this was the first

GT6 MKIII - Richard and Sue Francis - this was the first year that we had a decent enough car to have on the stand ourselves

Spitfire MKII - Carl Heinlein

Our thanks go to the above people for bringing their cars and for their support. Special thanks to Dennis and Diana Watson and sons, who always end up working at the Bromley Pageant due to the lack of help from our own Area members. Thanks also to Bill Sunderland and Jonty Wild for working the stand this year.

As always we entered the Tug-a-Car and Throw-a-Tyre competitions and we came second in both. The prizes were given to us by Brian Jacks. Thanks to the teams that took part.

Boot Sale, held on Tuesday 1st July. This proved again to be successful as previous years have been, with many people turning up, including many new faces.

Change of Venue and Day of our Meetings: don't forget that our meetings are now held at The White Horse, Sundridge on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to East Kent Area for a great day at Chatham on 5th July.

### NEWBURY/READING/BASINGSTOKE - STEPHANIE STURGESS:

We've now held a few meetings and things seem to have settled down. We would like to thank East Berks for coming along to our first meeting to lend a hand, it was much appreciated. We have a number of regular attendances and hope to start getting events organised soon (treasure hunt, social evening and a trip to a brewery!).

As from the date of this copy of The Courier, we will be

As from the date of this copy of The Courier, we will be holding our meetings on the first Tuesday third Thursday of each month, still at The Royal Oak at Padworth Common on the Tadley to Burghfield Road). We look forward to seeing more owners of club cars in this Area!

By-the-way, we have a steadily growing 'For Sale/Wanted/Exchange' list of spares for club cars. Pay us

a visit to see what's on offer.

### **NORTHANTS - IAN MCKEGGIE:**

As you will know, our Area is largely responsible for the Family Weekend. If you can help, please give me a call. Our Sunday meetings are well under way now but I would like to find a better pub, so if you have any ideas, let me know. Lastly, the Wednesday meetings are hitting new heights. If you are a new member and have not been to a meeting yet, come and join us - you will enjoy it!

### **NORTH EAST - JOHN ATKINSON:**

First of all this month, I want to say congratulations to Tony and Doreen Lambert on the birth of their son Mark, born on 30th June at 10 past midnight, weighing in at 6lb (our newest and youngest member ever!). Anyway, it should give the rest of us some time to try and catch up to the standard of Shadowfax, somehow I don't think Tony will be spending too much time working on cars for a while!

I know in the July Courier I said that John and I wouldn't be there and that there was to be no quiz at the meeting, well, there was a change of plan and what a nice surprise .... we had 7 new members turn up. Mind you, we had a few regulars that didn't turn up due to colds - I quess it's

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First was a pair of new members -Paul and Jane, with a score of 63 - our highest yet. Second was Graham and third was another new member. Micheal with 60.

I will let you know what happened about the run to Keilder, The North of England Motor Show, and the summer meeting in next months Courier.

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sunday 17th August - Treasure Hunt and floating meeting. Meet at The Bowes Incline, 1.30pm to start at 2.00. There will be a small charge of £1.50 per car to cover trophies and admin. Anyone not wishing to take part in the treasure hunt, the evening meeting is to be held at The Rose and Crown, Winlaton (back room). Directions to pub: A695 to Blaydon, at roundabout take turniung to Winlaton, go up the bank, turn right after The Huntsman pub, follow the road to Give Way. Rose and Crown on your left.

Thursday 21st August - Theakstons visit (Cleveland Area). Anyone interested please contact Kathy Sleightholme, This is an evening visit.

Sunday 24th and Monday 25th August - TSSC International Family Weekend. At the moment we are arranging a convoy to this event. If anyone is interested, please get in touch as soon as possible with one of the committee members.

Yorkshire Concours and Moors Run. Anyone interested in a convoy to this event, please meet at The Bowes Incline car park at 9.00 o'clock or as above, get in touch with one of the committee

A reminder of North East committee members:

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### **NORTH LONDON -GRAHAM MOUNTFORD:**

Our meeting at Chingford (9/6), was a great success with about 20 people turning up and 9 club cars (4 Vitesses convertibles, 3 Heralds and 2 GT6 MKIII's). Surprisingly, for June, it was a dry and warm night which enabled the meeting to be held outside in the pub carpark. The meeting at Arkley (30/6), had our worst turnout for ages (6 people and 4 club cars), which was slightly embarrassing as one of the six was West Middlesex Area Organiser, Bob Rowland, paying a visit to our Area.

The Mini Treasure Hunt, planned for 28/7 had to be cancelled as the report missed The Courier deadline for copy. It has been suggested that we have a

Sunday 31st August - 5th North small collection at each meeting of 50p each in order to build up Area funds to finance Area promotion, events, etc. and perhaps eventually spares and equipment.

Our August meetings re at The Old Hall Tavern, Chingford E4 on 11th and at The Rising Sun, Arkley Barnet on

### **NORTH MIDLANDS -ALAN MOSEDALE:**

It's been fairly quiet over the past couple of months but the Area still has a steady appearance of new members and cars, especially Spitfires which we had very few of.

We all had a great time down at the South Wales Meet and likewise at the local Nottingham Area monthly meeting at Donnington (good luck with the speed boats Clive) and the club was also represented at the Leek 'Automania Show', at which I collect a plaque.

As you read this, four club cars namely a Spitfire, GT6, Herald and Vitesse will have appeared at the 'Austin Healey 25th Anniversary' at Stafford Showground, representing the club and each marque, so more news on that next month.

On the spares front, I'm desperately seeking a good Vitesse bonnet for a suicidal friend and a right rear overrider

for the Vitesse but that has to be a new one as I can't seem to find either anywhere.

For the future months, the Area has a treasure hunt in the planning and also a darts team, so any budding Eric Bristows please come forward.

### **NOTTINGHAM** -**CLIVE ROULSTON:**

Yet another good meeting. The good weather does bring people out with it being light 'til late, a lot of time was spent in the car park admiring the shiny

ones and laughing at the rusty ones.
After my request for assistance to get some events going, David Manning kindly volunteered; so for August 13th meet, we will be meeting at the School of Agriculture at Sutton Bonington, which is only 6 miles from our regular meet. There will be a barbecue and some sports organised, so come along - it's going to be fun. Barbecue £1.75 all welcome on the night, but advance booking does help catering. Entries please to:

**David Manning** 50 College Road **Sutton Bonington** Leics LE12 5RD

or myself - Shepshed 504387

This is not a permanent move, just a one-off. So, September meet at Donington as usual.

### RIBBLE - BILL COULSHED:

It really is nice to see how many new members are appearing and with such a variety of cars too. The prize for 'overthe-topness' must go to Keith's Spitfire, which is nothing if not eye-catching. Anyone who has seen this car will know exactly what I mean! I must mention the Nolan brothers (!) from Coppull, too. Amongst their collection is a totally original Herald Saloon, which still has its original tyres (and they're legal).

Our meetings seem to be getting bigger and bigger but I know there are a lot of you who still don't come along. Don't be shy - we won't bite!

When this appears in print the Woodvale Show will be either imminent or over. Hope the weather is/was better than last vear ....

### **CENTRAL SOMERSET -**ROD WARREN:

A number of Somerset Area members attended the Wales Meet at Caldicot Castle which proved to be a very good event and I think a good time was had by all. Thank you to those members who represented the Somerset Area.

August 9th/10th will again see the Yeovil Festival of Transport at Barwick Park, Yeovil. The Somerset Area will be representing the TSSC at the show with a stand in the Motor Club Corner with help from the Devon and Dorset Areas. The Festival is one of the largest

motoring shows in the South West and hosts a whole range of vehicles including vintage and veteran, military vehicles, traction engines, motor cycles, new cars and, of course, Motor Club Corner. The show is a two day event and is generally attended by thousands.

We have a number of nice cars lined up for the TSSC stand and it would be nice to see as many members as possible attending the show and showing your support for the Area and the club as a whole. The Barbecue has been organised for Saturday evening which will be held on site. Please bring your own bangers, burgers, etc., as I am sure you will appreciate the prospective difficulties in catering for an unknown number of persons.

The show will be sign-posted from Yeovil and is generally very easy to find. Hope to see many of you there!

### SWINDON - IVAN KIRK:

Another superb turnout. Can we carry on parking together? It makes a good sight and starts many a conversation as people arrive.

Those of us who went to Caldicot had a great day out. A GT6 and 4 Spitfires in a convoy on the M4 got some admiring looks. Swindon Area took the driving tests by storm but did not win anything except my 'booby' - sorry folks. Are women better drivers or just more cautious? As the ladies beat the men! Some of us just touched the odd cone (Paul); well, it's not like a wall or another

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### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

Next meet August 4th at Blunsdon House Hotel. Hopefully, we will have a room suitable for some films.

Please let me know if you are coming to the Family Weekend (full details and Booking Form in this mag). Autumn events: Treasure Hunt and manoeuvrability competition.

### THAMES - NICK LORD:

As this is my last report. I would like to thank all those who have helped me, especially Mike and Tracy; and, of course, you the members for turning up and being there. My successor is Darren Ramshaw and I'm sure you will give him equal support. He will no doubt be introducing himself next month.

We didn't bother with the camping convoy to the West Midlands Fun Day - when we rang up it turned out to be just an Area event; so instead we zoomed up the A1 to the Bond meeting and had a very enjoyable weekend on a really good site - I certainly hope they do it again.

Unfortunately, the Honda Bike Club couldn't make our social evening, though they promise to be at our barbecue. One Honda did turn up though; that was Dave Ellis, having managed to lose a running battle with a BMW in his Triumph (?) Chevette. More filler Dave?

Eleven of us went to the Wales Meet at Caldicot Castle: thanks John for a good weekend.

Bromley Pageant of Motoring was an excellent day out, with many Area members enjoying the hot sunshine and the many vehicles on show. We won't say anthing about Darren's brakes, pistons or AA Relay trucks on the previous Saturday night!

Our treasure hunt against the Gatwick Area didn't quite materialize. We had the treasure hunt but saw no Gatwick Area members! Where were you?

Treasure Hunt results - ha. ha! Well done to Steve, Barbara and little Robin Saunders in their Bond Equipe: they took first place. Joint second were Darren and Karren, and Phil and Mark.

### WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST?

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd - Leicester Event. Convoy leaves the New Inn at 2.00pm on Saturday. Tickets in

Sunday 10th - Lunchtime drink at the New Inn.

Thursday 14th - 'Guess The Part' quiz at the New Inn. Start 9.00pm.

Sunday 17th - Summer Photo Call, Meet at the New Inn at 10.30am. Drinks afterwards.

Sunday 24th/Monday 25th - TSSC International Weekend. Convoy leaves the New Inn at 2.00pm on Saturday. Tickets in advance.

Thrusday 28th - Social at the New Inn. September Saturday 6th - Special

Treasure Hunt, Start 7,00pm at the New

That's the lot! I'd just like to wish Thames Area and Darren the best of luck for the future. Please grab Darren now with your ideas for Christmas and the programme for October onwards. This is the most difficult time of the year to organise because of the dark, cold evenings. The Area can only do what you want if you give us your ideas. Au Revoir and Happy Motoring.

### S WALES - BRIAN WAKELY:-

It's all happening and a lot to report on this month.

ROSPA - Lecture: This was most successful and very well attended at this repeat event; mostly by the other car club involved but a few TSSC members took their second chance to listen to this most informative lecture. Once again, anybody interested in taking their Advanced Driving Test, contact me for all forms and details.

Cardiff Castle was again very well attended. About 15 club cars came. many of which were very good examples and made an impressive line-up.

This show gets bigger and better every year. The cars, old and new, seem to be in better condition each year. The Arena events get better and more interesting and the Driving Tests get more competitive as more people can do them. And to round this years event off, we were blessed with glourious weather all day.

The Caldicot Castle, TSSC event was such an action-packed weekend and there is so much to talk about. John Reese is, I believe, going to do his final duties to this event in writing a full report for you. But I'd just like to mention a few things: the weather could have been better but at least it stayed warm and dry. On the Saturday about 150 beautiful cars set the scene beside this most interesting of castles. Everything, in a nutshell, went as planned: competitions attracted good crowds; autojumblers had a constant stream of potential customers; the entry fee on the gate was reaching the necessary targets and, of course, the beer tent was packed - this kept Fiona, our budding Bet Lynch (in minature) our of my way for most of the

day.
Saturday evening ended with a barbecue, disco and even a football match on the green. Then the day was rounded off nicely with the bar open 'til late and the campers retired in a merry mood. Not to mention THE GOOSE - I said not to mention the goose - but that's another story.

Sunday dawned with breakfast at the barbecue, which when it wasn't going up in smoke, went down well for those who could face it. Then departures began - either for home or on the Treasure Hunt.

Finally, thanks to all those who helped throughout the weekend - your help was priceless. Also to those who video-filmed

the event, which made good viewing at the last meeting and of course, to John Reese, whose baby this was. So good it was, that I think he should do next years too, but he will need a bit of persuasion I think.

N.B.To the owner of the green MK4 or 1500 Spitfire, reg. PBW 577P, I have your adjustable spanner and wasn't able to sell it on the autojumble. So, if you'd like it back, please contact me.

Next meeting Wednesday 6th August.

### **WORCESTER -BILL & BEV DIXON:**

A very good attendance, with a few new faces. In all there were about 28 people attending. It was nice to see the car park so full of Triumphs and Spitfires, surrounding a lonely MG (not a club member!). Apologies for there being no write-up in last months Courier. blame the Post Office. I would like to thank this month Tony and Janice Spicer for supporting us. I don't think they realised it was that far! The quiz this month was won by Vikki.

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Some of us are going to Stourport at the invitation of the 'Old Mill Classic Car Club', to their Fun Day and booze-up.

W.A.C. '86 is now finalised and we hope to have your full support but turning up to see us (full details - see advert in Courier).

### NORTH YORKS - SALLY HURD:

This month we held our first and probably last meeting outside with 14 members and very enjoyable it was too. The last two months have been very busy with car shows, air fairs, day outs and pub lunches. August proves no exception. Diaries at the ready!

Sunday August 3rd: we have been invited to join the West Yorks Area on a Day Out. Meet Market Square, Otley 10.30am for a Scenic Drive, followed by a Pub Lunch and finishing at 'Automobilia' museum, Hebden Bridge at approx. 3.30pm (refreshments available).

Sunday 17th August: a Day Out in the Dales (No. 2). Meeting opposite the 'Harrogate Horseless Carriages' garage at 10.30am. Picking up West Yorks members at Bolton Abbey at 11.15am for a mystery tour (nowhere near water!) and the all important pub lunch somewhere in the Dales; back to Ripon for 3.30pm.

Thrusday 21st August: TSSC Leeds meeting - new Area setting up. Contact Kevin Rosser (0532) 787955. Meet at 8.00pm onwards in The Duke of Wellington pub, East Keswick near Wetherby.

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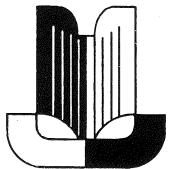
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