

September 2024 Newsletter

So here we are at the beginning of September as autumn approaches and dare I say it the nights are drawing in, so less sun bathing and get back in to the garage and get some work done. I had an unexpected garage job pop out on me but more on that later.

It has come to my notice that being perfect as I am I do actually make mistakes (this was something of a shock) in that someone can send me an article for the newsletter and for reasons completely unknown to myself (alcohol?) it doesn't go to print, for which I can only apologise, if you send in something and it's not in the next newsletter remind me of it, I won't be offended.

From our chairman

A little respite with event organisation during August but not too much, with the Testing Trial last Sunday, the social run this coming Sunday and the David Ayres sporting trial the following weekend things are soon back in to full flow.

Another terrific number of entries last Sunday for the second of our summer Testing Trial's at Trevilla. Andrew had designed several new style sections/tests for this one. That man Gareth, continued his impressive run of results in winning the Invitation Trophy once again, best motorcycle was Robert Baker. Again, there were categories for under 12s, 12-15 and under 18s so well done to all and again it was great to see the event so well supported, both by competitors and officials. We did worry a little that a bank holiday Sunday might dampen entries but by the day the attendance was very good.

Sunday 1st September is Joe's social run, again a good number committed with the limited spaces, the route will be issued at the start with an interesting display of vehicles promised for the finish venue.

The David Ayres on Sunday 8th September. A working party has assembled and carried out some clearing, the plan is to run 8 sections (probably 4 and 4) depending on marshals, Mike would be delighted to receive any offers of marshalling for this championship round and part of the Cornish Trials weekend, again the venue is at Trevilla by kind permission of the Langley family.

The Tamar Trial, our premier classic trial falls a little earlier this year on 13th October (to avoid any date clashes), progress has been positive, indeed myself, Nigel and Andrew undertook a full drive through a few weeks ago with our land owners on board and things progressing nicely. There will be a few tweaks of course as we do try to follow competitor feedback and our own observations. This year's finish returns to the Wilsey Down, which means we will be venturing back to the north of the county. We also have a sprinkling of new sections planned, including a venue we haven't been to since the mid 90's. Anything

that was too rutted from last year has been dropped. Additional trailer parking secured near the start and finish and entries should go live in the first week of September.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and the events the club are putting on. All for now.

Simon R

Joe Caudle brings us the info on the social run

To all entrants of the Launceston and North Cornwall Summer Touring Assembly, Sunday September 1st 2024 -

Thank you for your entry to this tour, I hope you will enjoy the afternoon.

Please find attached the final instructions.

The route will be provided at the start when you sign on.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It would be appreciated if you could confirm receipt of this email and let me know the details of the vehicle you intend to take part in.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards

Joe Caudle



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Start: Church Field Car Park, A39, Camelford, PL32 9TB. FREE PARKING what3words –

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Please arrive at the start no later than **1.30pm** to sign on as directed and meet fellow participants. First car will leave at 2.00pm.

Public Toilets - walk out of the car turn right and keep right to Enfield Park, WCs on left .

All entrants must sign on as this is an MSUK recognized Touring Assembly event. There is no charge for taking part in this event or a need to be a member of the organizing club to participate.

Please note the finish venue will not be open until 4.00pm and will close at 6.00pm

There are various places of interest to visit, toilets and refreshments on the route. Some will require payment if you wish to park etc.

The route will take in the north coast of Cornwall and includes a very scenic drive that is both narrow, twisty and steep in places. There is an alternative route to avoid this section if preferred.

The finish venue will provide light refreshments for cash donations to be given to the charity chosen by our hosts.

If you require more substantial food or drink there are opportunities to purchase these from venues enroute.

There should be time in the scheduled route to stop to explore places of interest, enjoy the view etc.

Please avoid travelling in a long convoy and treat all other road users with care and respect. This is a tour not a race, there is no competitive element so enjoy the drive, the ride and the view.

I look forward to meeting you on Sunday. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Joe Caudle

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Committee Matters

The committee met on the 22nd of August with the usual exciting items to debate, there have been some proposals to a few changes within the classic trials rules which were discussed. The proposal to limit overhang in class 8 vehicles, having been discussed and it was decided no change was necessary. A similar view was taken with regard to all terrain tyres, the third item was for a split in Class 3 vehicles between those with solid rear axles and those with "live" axles, again it was decided no change was necessary.

Summer Testing trial

Once again this was held at Trevilla, Marshgate by kind permission of David Langley. Seven sections/special tests were laid out and all against the stop watch. A bumper entry of some 28 contestants put their chosen steeds to the test. The varied vehicles were a spectacle in themselves, everything from trials

cars and outfits to a beautiful vintage Matchless to a very modern day Peugeot 308 GTI, and bargain basement £200 cars all proving you can enter the event in pretty much anything.

The appeal of this event is “fun” and it was evident on everyone’s faces whether it was young children or grown up ones they were beaming, even the weather behaved itself with only one minor shower.



Concentrate and just keep the damn thing upright

Overall winner Gareth White giving it all



It’s that Fiat of Brian Alexander’s getting lost again, but happily.

The Seaward family spreading the turf at anyone who comes in range.



Yep a modern Peugeot being put through it's paces and proving it was no slouch.



The postman always "Knocks Twice" film buffs might just work this one out.



For me this was favourite vehicle of the day the beautiful Matchless, and yes it was competing.



Mr Oates's Liege being double thrashed by Ashley Ruby and Nigel Cowling.

Results: Bikes:- M/cycle trophy Robert Baker; class win Mark Courtney;
Junior: Under 12 Finley Wilson; Junior 12-15 Joe Martin.

Cars:- Invitation Trophy Gareth White; Best front wheel drive John Sandercock;
Class win Bernie Muir; best under 18 cars Ashley Ruby.

Well done to the organisers and thanks to all the marshals, a full list of entries are available on the website and our facebook page. J.T.

Forthcoming Events

08/09/2024 **David Ayres Sporting Trial** to be held at Trevilla Farm, Marshgate by kind permission of David Langley. This is a championship round of the MSUK, ACTC and ASWMC. This will bring in contenders from far and wide, please do come and marshal Mike Wevill would love to hear from you 01566 784451, without marshals we can't run events.

27/28th September is the MCC Edinburgh Trial, otherwise referred to as the Derbyshire Trial, no doubt members of our club will be making the long trip up North to compete, I shall be going up to marshal and hopefully take a few pics, good luck to all competing.

13/10/2024 Tamar Classic road trial for bikes and cars, work for this event is well under way with a couple of new sections. Starting in the centre of Launceston at Maunders car park, lunch break at the Fox & Grapes, Lifton and finishing at the Wilsey Down Hotel, Halworthy. Once again we will need marshals please so do get in touch with any of the committee members, details on the website.

Tailpiece

So there I am in the 2CV trundling up the A30 at a sedate 60mph, grandson sitting beside me, I commented to him that the engine wasn't sounding right but as needs be we push on regardless, well until just before the Trewint turn off there was a loud bang and complete loss of power, fortunately we roll in to Trewint and decide that what ever it is there is no choice but phone Viv's recovery services (this is a bit of a standing joke in our house), OK she says (trying not to sound too excited) be with you soon.

In the meantime a car pulls up beside me (partially blocking the road, well it is Trewint) driver gets out and exclaims "wonderful car" and proceeds to me all about his family and how they had eight Citroen's at one time, after a long chat he takes off to do the family shopping (not in a Citroen), recovery service arrives and we are towed home.

Once I am allotted some garage time a quick compression test reveals zilch, no compression, no choice but to get the spanners out. Remove the cylinder heads, jaw drops, “gurt big ‘ole in piston” along with a valve poking down about an inch further than it’s supposed to, these are not supposed to touch, let alone make contact as they obviously have.

Short term remedy is that I have fitted a slightly tired but running engine which means we are at least mobile again, hey ho.



So that’s all for this month folks, as always please keep the contributions coming.

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