

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter June 2011

CLUB INFORMATION

Our Club website is open to a wide range of readers so please remember that the content reflects on the Club and its members. Nothing derogatory, contentious or rude please. The Committee have full editorial control. No phone numbers will be shown on the site but key members will have an email address linked to the site. Thank You.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Ed's Bits

June again now, well, one could be forgiven for not recognising that when looking out of the window as the rain continues to fall. Still the Stair Park show went off well again once the rain cleared as my snap of the tractors shows and my pile of autojumble is ever so slightly smaller.

I have also promised to set out all the points about the new motor insurance law that DVLA are currently promoting. They are only informing us about two out of the three main points that relate to SORN scenarios so I will deal with their omission in the newsletter.

There is also an update to Bill Crossley's Escort recovery story.

Ed.

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING 06 JUNE 2011

There were 19 members present and apologies from Lesley Garbutt, Ian & Joan Collier, Bob & Beryl Hill, Alistair Gordon, Derek & Val Smith, Ian & Helen Macdonald.

Alan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the June meeting. Alan then went on to give a resume about the annual run and rally. He thanked Lilla for a good run, the hotel for a good buffet although the main room was a bit crowded. Alan thanked Liz for organising the rally, Joan and helpers for the good job with the tombola raising £219.50, Helen and Ian for the book stall - £110, plus another £50 since the Rally, Bob for putting out the signs, Ian for parking exhibitors, Sam for visitor parking and selling programmes, Derek and other volunteers for standing at the gate and anyone else who helped and has not been mentioned. Police safety camera van did well as did Burger and ice cream vans. It was agreed that we had a good publicity spread in the Free Press. Alan then handed over to Liz.

Liz went over the details for Stranraer Armed Forces Day on 25 June (see diary dates) and club stand at Moffat (see diary dates). Liz had been in contact with Mark regarding website and he would prefer to hand over to someone else. Liz had found out costs and it was agreed to go with NicolTech at Whithorn. They can design a new website with up to 10 pages for £190 including registration and hosting for first year and £65 per year thereafter. Copy and photos for set up have to be provided by the club so copy suggestions and any photos from members most welcome. It was agreed to go ahead with this. Liz and Eric to arrange setting up. Liz mentioned that Barr Gala had been on Saturday 04 June and that there had only been 5 cars there. Liz then handed over to Eric.

Eric went over the accounts for the run and rally. He reported a loss of £333. The balance in the club bank account is £2517.

It was mentioned that we should do more 'activities' for members. Alan and Judith are arranging a Treasure Hunt and after discussion it was suggested that this will finish up at Freddie's for a BBQ. More about this later. John Kirkland suggested a visit to newly refurbished Transport Museum in Glasgow. Ian Clarke suggested an event at Garden Centre in Ballantrae. After discussion it was suggested having the Games Day at this venue. Ian to contact them.

Alan mentioned that the garage near Innermessan, Stranraer is doing MOT's for £40 for club members. Advert being put in Newsletter.

Speakers being arranged for October and November – watch newsletter diary dates. The raffle was then drawn: 1st - bottle of wine and cash, Ian Clarke, 2nd – bottle of wine, Pat Martin.

The meeting then closed.

Liz.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE

- Sun 19 June **Sandhead School Fun Day.** Meet at Sandhead School at 12 midday. Parade leaves school at 12.30 p.m.
- Sat 25 June **Stranraer Armed Forces Day.** Display taking place in car park on waterfront in Stranraer. Space will be allocated to us. See info received so far from organisers. **Please let me know if you can attend.** Meet 10.30 – 10.45 a.m. at waterfront, event starts at 11 a.m.
“We can allocate a row of spaces in Marine Lake Car Park (Between the Harbour and Agnew Park) where other activities will be taking place. The day is a follow on from the Waterfront Festival held 2 years ago and will combine with Armed Forces Day.
So far we have a couple of Tornado’s overflying the event as an opener, The Golden Lions Parachute Display Team, demonstrations by RNLI, Coastguard and Galloway Mountain Rescue, possibly the helicopter from MHS Gannet, we are negotiating with The Royal Engineers to come and build a jetty on shore for 40 RIBS coming across from Ireland, 2 stunt planes, a raft race and live music all day in a rather large saddlespan marquee.
There will also be stands selling boat accessories and very possibly some boat sales ongoing.”
- Sun 26 June **Moffat Rally** – Club stand full. Numbers will be sent out direct to club members by Gordon Bissett.

JULY

- Sau 02 July **Ballantrae Gala Day.** Meet in usual park at 12.30 p.m.
- Mon 04 July **Club Meeting – cancelled**
- Sun 10 July **Ayrshire Road Run for Commercials.** They will be at Rugby Field, Bladnoch at approx 12.30 p.m. Well worth going along to see.
- Sun 17 July **Treasure Hunt and BBQ. Names to Judith**
- Sun 17 July **West Coast Classic Rally, Eglinton Park, Irvine.** Organised by West Coast Jaguar Enthusiasts Club. Entry charge of £3 per exhibit and all proceeds go to CLIC Sargent (children’s cancer care charity).
It was decided at club meeting that we would not have a club stand but individual entries and details can be obtained from graemebeattie.jec@gmail.com or 01294 215456
- Sun 24 July **Games Day at Ballantrae – this is provisional, more details as they become available.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY (cont'd)

AUGUST

- Mon 01 August **Club Meeting – cancelled**
- Sat 06 August **Glenluce Gala.** Meet at Tarff Yard, Glenluce at 11.30 a.m.
- Sun 07 August **New Galloway Alternative Games.** Meet in New Galloway at 1 p.m.
- Sun 14 August **Borgue Village Gala.** Meet at Borgue at 1.30 p.m.
- Sun 28 August Kirkcudbright Run and Gathering. If anyone is interested I have details. Individual Entries should be sent direct to Lesley Garbutt**

Liz

TRACTORS AT STAIR PARK 2011



Tractors for Bob, military vehicles and lorries

DVLA, SORNS, INSURANCE AND THE MISSING LINK

There is a wee flier arriving in DVLA vehicle tax communications to welcome in the tie up between the DVLA records and the many motor insurance providers and their databases under the single database called the MID or Motor Insurance Database.

Pay particular attention to the two bullet points at the end of the text set out below under the heading “What this means for you”. I will address the issue following the extract on this page and where I will set out the advice given to me by the DVLA on May 20th last.

What this means for you

- ⤴ If you are keeping your vehicle for use on the road and it is not insured, insure it now.
- ⤴ If you are keeping your vehicle off the road and it is not insured you must make a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN). If it is taxed you need to return the disc (including nil discs) on a V14 form to DVLA.

The points set out by DVLA are correct to a point, but the missing link that is not stated, but that should be there as a third bullet point, pertains to vehicles that have been off the road since before 1998. The advice I was given by DVLA when I enquired about the situation of my Series 2 Land Rover SWB and my 1976 Capri, both having been kept off road since before 1998, and registered on V5s at DVLA also since before 1998, but NOT SORNed, is below -

If your vehicle is “SORN exempt”, as in the case of the above vehicles, then there is a) no need to declare a SORN and b) no need to insure.

Consequently I believe that those of you with Austin 7 Chummys tucked away in boxes in your loft from prior to 1998, and registered with DVLA from prior to 1998, need not worry about insuring them unless you are concerned about the strength of your joists.

Sandy

BILL CROSSLEY'S ESCORT RIDES AGAIN

Bill has sent me an update to the sorry tale of the accident that befell his Escort and how the insurers finally helped.

Having declared in November last to the insurers that the accident damage would repair OK he decided to exercise his right to keep the car. I didn't know this but apparently cars over 20 years old can be retained by the owner free of charge, that is, the car would stay with him.

I can believe this from my own experience when he says he has a correspondence file of some considerable size of the insurance documents associated with the accident. He says that they finally agreed to pay £1550 and demanded the documents for a write off, but that he refused to accept this and finally wrote to the CEO returning their money. The CEO then put his claim in the hands of a senior claims coordinator to deal with his complaint.

Bill says that they eventually came to an amicable settlement over the Repair costs. He says he pointed out the difficulties of matching the colours when repairing such an old car and that a total respray was the safest solution to that problem. The insurers agreed to pay one third of the cost of a total respray, but eventually paid the whole cost stating that his costs were such that this was possible.

We don't often get such good deed stories from the insurance industry that I thought I should pass this one on.

Thanks Bill.

4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES

(Deadline for inclusion is 10th of the month of issue to allow for processing)

(Please also note that ads will continue to appear until the advertiser tells me to remove the ad either by phone or email, thank you.)

CARS

Citroen DS20 1972/3, Historic Road Tax, lhd, 5 speed column change, no MoT, complete car for project, some work was done a few years back, car will need to be trailered and I will deliver anywhere on the Dumfries & Galloway peninsula at my cost. I would like £250 for the car. Please call Sandy Millar on **01655 770393.**

SPARES

MG

MGB panels & wheels – Free to a good home, 2 MGB Roadster front wings, 1 roadster passenger door, 5 Rostyle wheels with part worn tyres, all these in good condition, 1 driver's door that needs to be reskinned. Please call Graham Seel on **01776 853694**

Saab

Saab 99 glass – 2 laminated windscreens and a selection of rear side windows for Combi hatchback and 2 door booted saloon. Please call Sandy on **01655 770393**

Saab 900 glass - 2 rear windows and hatchback glass from 900 hatchback. Free to good home. Please call Sandy on **01655 770393**

Vauxhall

Water Pump to fit the following – Magnum 1800/2300 saloon/coupe with viscous fan, 1973 on, free to good home, phone Alan Hadfield **01988 500029**

Tyres

2 Michelin Cross Ply tyres with good side walls and roughly 3mm of tread. Size 4.75/5.00 x 18". Free to a good home. Buyer collects. Contact Bob Hill **01671 404426**.

Please Note. After some discussion at a recent club meeting I have been asked that Club Members who want to advertise their cars or spares as “reasonable offer” please help their fellow members by quoting a price.

TRADE SUPPLIERS

Batteries

Lincon Batteries, Southend on Sea, Essex, supply batteries by post if required, the acid is also supplied complete with instructions on how to fill the batteries. (Their prices compare very favourably with more local suppliers. Ed) **Their number is 01702 525374/528711.**

Upholstery

Lyon Leathers Ltd, Northampton, can supply **leather skins** for small and large projects. Small parts, e.g. straps and gaiters, can be made to measure. **Telephone 01604 639346**

Engineering

Thomas McKean, Precision Engineers & Engine Reconditioners, 66 Annan Road, Dumfries - tel: **01387 253091** Fax: **01387 259877**

MoTs

Edinburgh Hill Autos, Stranraer will offer a deal on MOTs (both classic and more recent vehicles), mention the club when booking in, **Phone 01776 702451**

Sandmill MoT Centre, Cairnryan Road, Stranraer,
MoTs @ £40, old and modern cars, very competitive rates for tyres,
Ring Harry or Jamie on **01776 889635**