



SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month

Joining us for the first time was Terry who has a Silver MG TF Welcome to the club.

I understand that the Club Car Stickers were in big demand and Bob sold all of those that he had taken to the meeting.

Recent Events

As I was unable to attend the Curry Run, Jan has very kindly prepared an account of the event

On Sunday 19th February twenty two of our members went for our annual Curry buffet at the Maharaja in South Benfleet. Quite a few of us even took our MGs for a little chilly run.

Despite the restaurant forgetting we were going there on that day and being totally unprepared for us, we still managed to have a lovely lunch. The restaurant management even laid on a cabaret of the chef and staff jumping up and down in the skips. One for the album I think, Bob.

Jan



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Secretary's News

Last month I mentioned that we had included a weekend in

Herefordshire, to incorporate the Herefordshire MGOC Mountains & Valleys Run on the 4th June.

In my absence Roy established that there was sufficient interest to take the idea forward, however we have been finding it very difficult to reserve suitably priced accommodation in the area, partly due to the uptake on this event and the Hay-on-Wye Book Festival taking place at the same time.

I will discuss the question of accommodation with all those interested at tonight's meeting.

Due to my absence from the UK I have not been in a position to submit the 0906 Roundup Report in good time for inclusion in the April Enjoying MG magazine.

I apologise in advance for this and shall include the report with the May submission.

Steve will be taking names tonight of all those who wish to join in the P & A Wood visit on the 8th April so if you wish to attend please ensure you get your name on the list as there is an upper limit imposed by them.

Barry

What's On

Sunday 12th March 2006

Pub Run to Timbers Restaurant,
Blake End

Saturday 25th March 2006

6th Annual Quiz at Rayleigh Lawn
Tennis Club

Monday 3rd April 2006

Club Night from 8:30 pm

Saturday 8th April 2006

Visit to P & A Wood Great Easton &
Pub Lunch

Saturday 22nd April 2006

Ten Pin Bowling Madison Heights
Maldon

Members Corner

At a recent meeting Bill W suggested that we should introduce a "Technical Issues" piece in the newsletter. To get the ball rolling on this he has very kindly prepared the first one for us

Midget 1500s seem to suffer unduly from a sticking throttle cable. After visiting the Bulletin Board at mgcars.org.uk, I came across this cure which I followed with very good results. The root of the problem is the spiral wire that makes up the outside of the cable. When the throttle is pressed, the wire inside the cable rubs over the rough surface on the inside of the cable, and this rough surface causes friction and therefore

sticking. Eventually the static friction is overcome, and the wire inside moves much further than required. If the cable is replaced with that normally used in a bicycle, which has a plastic (sometimes Teflon) sleeve on the inside of the cable, the wire slips much more smoothly through the cable. I took the end pieces off of the old cable and transferred them to the new cable, and the bicycle shop supplied a 'solderless nipple' to screw onto the end of the wire. This simple mod has made a considerable difference, and I can strongly recommend it.

I haven't tried using the wire from a bicycle, but I suspect the results could be even better.

*Regards
Bill W*

If you have a similar experience to share with our members please send me the article for inclusion in the newsletter.

Meanwhile my thanks to Bill for the original idea and contribution.

Peter who came to several of our meetings last year has asked me to include this:-

Due to change of circumstances my MGB is now for sale and I thought I would let you know just in case anyone you know might be interested in buying it. It is a 1969 roadster in flame red with chrome w/w and o/d. Condition is fantastic all round and is an original mk2 car. It has a 'Kenlowe' fan (original retained) and K&N filters for the carbs. Extremely reliable and attractive and absolutely no rust anywhere! I am asking

£8995 and the price reflects the condition so if you don't mind asking around Barry I would appreciate it!

Also the TR Drivers Club has sent me details of another car for sale as below:-

Hi Essex TR drivers club here we have a MGB GT for sale 1979 black re-con engine stainless steel exhaust 4 new tyres has been in MGOC since new 1/8/79 1 yrs mot from today really good car needs a home worth excess of £3000 with re-spray but still in good condition need to sell to good MG home £1850 ovno.

*If you know of anyone that may be interested in the car, which has been on show circuit for 4 yrs
Thanks Maggie Todd.*

I have the photo if anybody is interested.

From time to time people contact me and ask if I can recommend locally based companies that carry out repairs on MG cars and as I have used a company in Sussex I have to say no. However our member John Horrex has asked me to include details of the following company which he has found to be very good:-

Carlow Engineering
Unit 2,
Corton Trading Estate,
Church Road,
Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 4QN