

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter December 2017

CLUB INFORMATION

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Ed's Bits

First, I wish a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year to all you WYTMC members out there.

I understand that those of you who were able to make it to the Christmas Lunch in Castle Douglas on the 11th had a lovely meal in good company. Unfortunately Christine and I were unable to make it owing to a number of weather related problems associated with the recent snow and a road closure which was supposed to have been for resurfacing according to the Ayrshire Roads Alliance database. I am not sure that the white surface that arrived was what had been planned for the B741. Christine was also feeling under the weather, no, I did not cover her in snow like a small boy covering someone with sand on the beach.

I should also make it plain that the Discovery is not in disgrace as it made a faultless sortie on Friday last to Dumfries to collect a new fridge as the old one of 12 plus years picked its moment carefully and failed as we returned home with the first batch of Christmas food shopping for us and our guests. Smart move eh?

Ed.

WYTMC – Monthly Meeting Minutes for 4th December 2017.

The meeting opened at 2pm with 20 members in attendance and apologies from Alan & Judith, Lynne & Derek and Alan McW in Cuba looking at old Fords. Chairman Ian opened with a welcome to all commenting that we had had a pretty good year in spite of the weather. He also said that it is a pity we don't get a few more members turning up at the monthly meetings. We generally need a better turn out at all other events following our own show. We are a family orientated group and if you are out there come along and bring your classic.

Ian had also made a few enquiries about the Trimming lady with no success through Border cars at Stranraer and he would keep on looking. It has been reported that there was a card in the window at McConnachie's tyre depot in Newton Stewart – further investigation to follow locally.

Remember there will be no meeting in January 2018. Over now to Rudi.

Rudi had four points to make – these being:

He has had an E Mail covering future events at Thirlestane Castle, in particular a Motoring Extravaganza to be held in June next year covering all ages of vehicles. They have a private camping site and once we have full details we can give it some consideration for inclusion.

He will be getting full details about the Dalmellington Steam Railway Centre particularly for days when they will be steaming up. Sandy commented on how good an event this was on a family visit recently. Sounds like one to include in our diary.

He has been in touch with the Free Press and Our Wigtownshire Magazine with a view to publicising our Club and events. They want to talk to us with a date to be fixed. Hopefully this will happen early enough to get our Rally in the frame. Rudi asked for back up on the forthcoming meeting and Liz has agreed to go along.

Finally he asked that we, as members, look into providing photographs of our vehicles for publicity purposes – no names or addresses. Get them coming.

Liz then came in by firstly reminding us that subscriptions are due by the 1st February 2018 (*see below Minutes, Ed*). Please note that if subs have not been paid by the time of the Rally your name will come off the list. She signed off two cheques, the first to cover postage costs and the other to cover Keith's expenses for attendance at the Perth SVVF AGM. Eric then chipped in to remind us that Newsletter distribution cost 56p for postage with E Mail free. This obviously hints that we should all be on E mail to save ever rising postage costs.

Keith than told us of his SVVF visit with the opener that they have total of c. £40K in the kitty. The Year Book should be with us in January and Liz confirmed that she had already paid the bill for these. Another worthwhile point was that the SVVF had agreed a slush fund to be used to compensate Clubs for shows cancelled because of, for instance, weather conditions.

AOB. The subject of MOTs for cars over 40 years old came up with a consensus that abolition was a not a particularly good move for various reasons. Most agreed that they would carry on getting it done as it made good sense to have a neutral opinion on the vehicle concerned. Insurance companies have been silent on the subject, which fact would make anyone suspicious of their motives. This also raised the subject as to what updates were acceptable. Servo Discs for example which must improve safety on the road. We will need to wait and see what the powers that be in their wisdom believe to be in our “best interests”.

On a good news-note I am pleased to report on two of our members who have successfully gone through recent heart surgery. Joe Mitchell and Tam McClelland both had their operations at the Jubilee in November and are on the road to recovery. We send them both our best wishes and look forward to seeing them out and about among us.

Alister confirmed we had 30 names so far for the Christmas Lunch on Sunday.10th and we had room for more. Plenty of parking in the area and round the back of the Kings Arms in CD – it is not too late to add your name. See you all there at 12.30.

Ian then called on Derek to take the floor to give us a talk on the art of Automotive Electrics. Derek had brought along a fair kit of parts and equipment to demonstrate the workings of early magneto ignition from the early hot tube method through to the latest magneto systems still used on piston engine aircraft to this day. The light airplane you see above you has essentially the same ignition system as your antique car or motorcycle. Battery not required for the system to work, you cannot pull over to tinker on a Plane. He then moved on to the ‘modern’ battery ignition systems and passed round informative diagrams to back up his talk and gave practical demonstrations using his display kit. This was an entertaining presentation by Derek and was followed by a question and answer session covering such diverse points as to the best method of mounting an ignition coil vertically. We are fortunate in having a wide variety of skills within our club. Thank you Derek and well done.

Ian then thanked Derek for his informative talk and with no other business closed the meeting.

Thumper.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal on 01 February 2018.

Subscription is £15 per membership household (£1 of which goes to pay for your SVVF Yearbook that you receive in January).

Please indicate on the renewal form (attached with the Newsletter) how you would like to receive the Newsletter – email is free, by post it is in the region of 56p per copy (2nd class post).

Subscriptions should be sent to me at: 5 Doon Brae, Newton Stewart, DG8 6LQ

Liz Hamilton, Treasurer

FBHVC PRESS RELEASE

18 December 2017 - For immediate release

Department for Transport (DfT) Guidance on Substantial Change of Historic Vehicles.

1. The Guidance sets out the definition of a Vehicle of Historic Interest (VHI), vehicles which will, from May 2018, be entitled to be exempt from taking a vehicle (MoT) test.
2. The Guidance reflects the outcome of intensive discussions between the DfT and the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC). FBHVC wishes to express its appreciation of the open and collaborative manner in which the DfT approached these discussions.
3. In the discussions FBHVC was careful to take account of all possible members of the historic vehicle family.
4. The Guidance supersedes all previous potential criteria released for discussion by DfT.
5. The Guidance makes clear that it does not in any way affect DVLA's registration criteria and processes which remain unchanged.
6. The Government included motorcycles in the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2017. As the Guidance implements the Regulations, DfT could not accept FBHVC's representations, based upon the requirements of the EU Directive, regarding historic motorcycles, so they are included in the Guidance.
7. Following STRONG representations by FBHVC, a vehicle may generally be a VHI if relevant changes were undertaken more than 30 years previously. This will be a rolling 30 years and replaces the fixed 1988 date previously proposed by DfT.
8. Major points of note are:
 - a. The process is one of self-declaration.
 - b. Owners will only be required to declare their vehicle to be a VHI if they wish to be exempted from an annual MOT Test.
 - c. All vehicles will still be able to be tested if their owners wish
 - d. The criteria are generic and permit changes made, less than 30 years prior to the declaration, which improve efficiency, safety, preservation or environmental performance.
 - e. Those vehicles registered on a Q plate, as kits or built up classics are not entitled to be declared as VHIs until forty years after they were registered.

- f. For motorcycles only the criteria of Q plates, kits and built up classics prevent declaration as a VHI.
9. The Guidance refers to “a marque or historic vehicle experts”. A list will be published on the website of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs by 30th April 2018. Vehicle owners wishing to confirm if they may declare their vehicle as a VHI, may choose to contact the appropriate nominee from this list
10. FBHVC will be explaining the Guidance in full in its first Newsletter of 2018 and as soon as possible on its website at www.fbhvc.co.uk.
11. Text of the Guidance is at:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/668274/vehicles-of-historical-interest-substantial-change-guidance.pdf

ENDS

Well, that would seem to be a meaty press release. I have read it through twice now and I think I follow it. Hopefully the Guidance in the FBHVC newsletter of next year will expand on the subject. I will try to pick out the most important points for you in the next few newsletters of our own. I have also taken the liberty of repeating the points raised in the minutes of our last club meeting as they give an indication of our views and what should be allowable mods.

December meeting quote - “The subject of MOTs for cars over 40 years old came up with a consensus that abolition was a not a particularly good move for various reasons. Most agreed that they would carry on getting it done as it made good sense to have a neutral opinion on the vehicle concerned. Insurance companies have been silent on the subject, which fact would make anyone suspicious of their motives. This also raised the subject as to what updates were acceptable. Servo Discs for example which must improve safety on the road. We will need to wait and see what the powers that be in their wisdom believe to be in our “best interests”.”
End of quote.

One thought that has occurred to me is that because MoTs will no longer be compulsory for “our vehicles”, will MoT centres continue to be staffed up to carry out MoTs on older vehicles?

Ed.

EVENTS GOING IN TO 2018

WYTMC 2017 Events Program

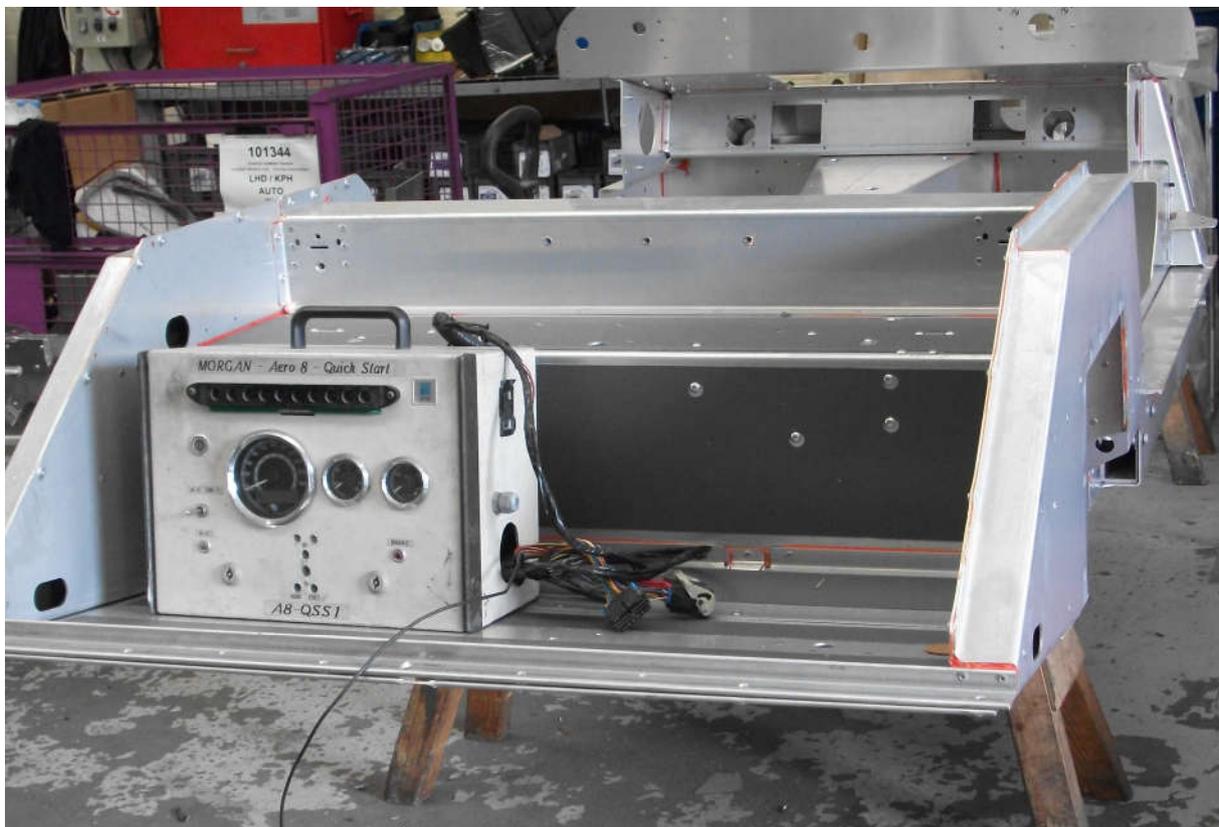
November	Monday	6	Club Meeting	02:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart. A speaker of St. John's Scotland will come to speak about this organisation.
December	Monday	4	Club Meeting	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart. Our member Derek Smith will give a talk about Classic Car electrics. At a later date he shall give the talk about Quick Response Medical Emergency.
	Sunday	10	Christmas lunch		Christmas lunch: the Kings Arms in Castle Douglas. You can find details for the time and the menu in this Newsletter.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS & HEALTHY 2018

WYTMC 2018 Events Program

January	Monday	1			NO MEETING! NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 2018
February	Monday	5	Club Meeting	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.

And now a degree of New Year optimism spotted at the Morgan factory on a recent visit -



4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES

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

Please Note. After some discussion at a 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. 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.

Miscellaneous

Club Copy of 2016 Moffat Rally Video

The Club has a copy of the excellent video of the 2016 Moffat Rally & Run. It features every car at least twice that were on the Saturday jaunt (300 entries) & shots of the rally day, many by drone. The club has made it available to members at rental of £1 per member. **Contact Rally Secretary, Keith Jakeman**, contact details on newsletter front page, for details.

Custom Car Magazines

Is anybody interested in Custom Car Magazines from the 70's and 80's bound by year in hardcovers?

If you are, please contact me, Rudy, by email (rudy.bruens@btinternet.com) so I can put you in touch with the present owner.

WANTED (Members please contact me if you want to place a wanted ad for cars or parts)

FOR SALE

BOAT

AQUASPORT 21ft Cabin Cruiser on galvanised break back trailer, with Johnson GT 200 outboard. Bargain price £2,500. Ring Alan for details. **Tel. 01988 500029.**

VAUXHALL

1986 Vauxhall Cavalier MK2 convertible, 1.8 injection, 92000 miles, leather seats, No MoT but has 4 brand new tyres and is a good runner, offers around £4000, **Phone 07517 832970**, the car is in Newton Stewart. (These cars were converted by Hammond and Thiede in Germany for Opel)

SPARES

Morris

Morris 10 Crown wheel and Pinion for sale complete with Differential and Nose piece. It has been preserved in very thick grease for the last 40 years and is in very good condition. Price is £20.00p to a good home. **Phone 01557 330668**

Saab

Saab 99 glass – 2 laminated screens and some rear side windows for Combi hatchback and 2 door booted saloon. **Saab 900 glass** - 2 rear windows and hatchback glass from 900. Free to good home. Please call Sandy on **01655 770393**

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 number is 01702 525374/528711.**

Ford Spares

Ford Enthusiasts Club for all Ford models, Dumfries Organiser, Paul Pattinson, 01387 268422

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, Commerce Road, Black Parks Industrial Estate, Stranraer. **Ask for WYTMC members rate**, Old and modern cars, m/cycles, 3 wheelers, campers & minibuses, very competitive rates for tyres, Ring Harry or Jamie on **01776 889635**

Motorwise at Holmpark Ind.Est. Minnigaff will carry out MOT's for WYTMC members for **£35.00** with no additional charge if a retest is required. Members should mention their club membership when phoning to book the test. **Telephone No. 01671 404080**

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