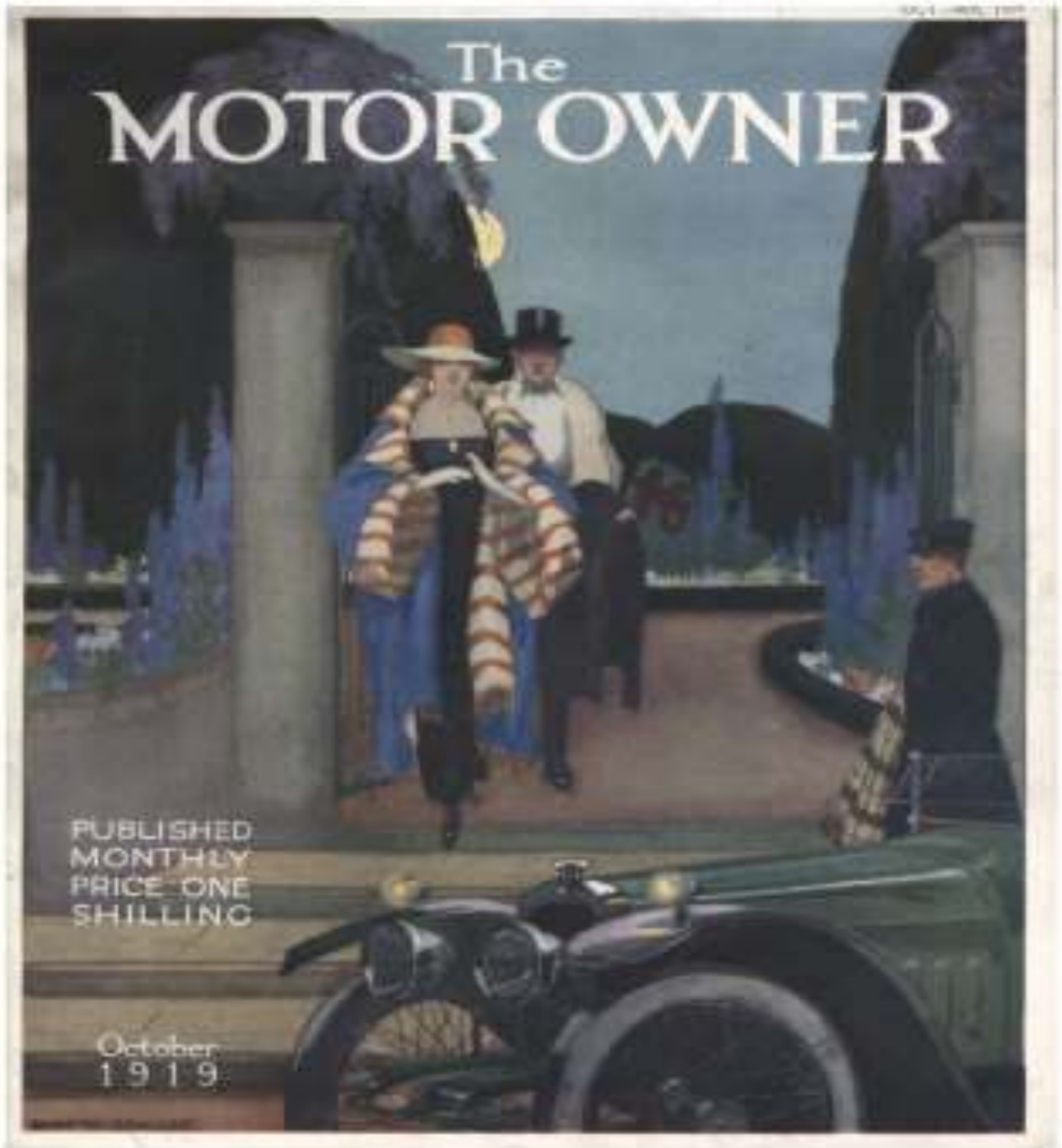


The Royale Owners Club



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Editors Rambling

The **Sabre Relaunch** is probably some of the best news for the club for some time, We need to congratulate ,and support, Malcolm in the future. The AGM was mercifully swift this year and an enjoyable time was had by all,(or at least those not staying at a certain well known hotel chain!!!) . One member needs to be congratulated for travelling from Germany with his Sabre and incorporating a certain Royale wedding. We still need more input into the magazine to keep it interesting to all and justify the cost. It is not much more for it to grow to 20 pages and make it an involving part of the club. Comments and contributions please. Thanks to the usual stalwarts for their efforts, but we need some input from all. Anyone fancy being editor for one issue? if anyone would like to give it a try I will still help to produce the issue and it may stimulate some more discussion. ? Maybe make it an annual event?

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Chairman's Chat May 2011-05-24

Well the AGM has been and gone and I find my self still the Chairman for another year, this may be no surprise to you but I certainly did not expect to be doing this for a third term. There is not that much to do really so maybe someone else might like to have a go come next May.

I think we have had a very successful year with membership rising slightly which is always a good sign, Alec does a great job on the magazine for us and David who kindly keeps our web site running even though it is a bit of a busman's holiday for him. My thanks go to them both and to all on the committee that make the club run smoothly.

Wendy and I have already, along with three other members attended the Milton Keynes Classic Car Rally which was very well supported with over 200 cars in attendance from a lowly Ford Thames van to the most expensive Ferraris money can buy, a real eclectic mix and a very enjoyable day out.

Stoneleigh was well attended and the AGM which will be reported in the pages was a very short affair and I'll leave you to read the minutes for yourselves, at least the Sun shone this year and the wind stayed away giving us all a very pleasant day out.

Detling was attended by four members on the Saturday but the overall attendance was poor, I would have thought not more than 300 cars turned up and I have my doubts whether this show will be able to sustain itself for much longer unless the situation improves. On the plus side, for once the weather was kind to us and we had an almost unbroken sunny day and easy traffic on the motorways for a change.

One of the things the members did ask for at a recent AGM was for an overnight stay the night before Stoneleigh and although this was organised it appears this is not what you want as other than Jim Waites and me and our German member Axel and his wife no one else showed. I suspect that will be the last time we do that as although the hotel was not expensive at £55.00 I live close enough to reach Stoneleigh in under an hour so not worth the cost unless we are having a social event at the same time. Please let me know your thoughts on the subject.

Wendy and I plan to take our Sabre to France and Spain this year where for once the sun might shine as we have had a couple of disappointing trips the past couple of years so full sunshine is a must for our holidays in 2011.

The final piece of news which will also be reported in these pages is the rebirth of our beloved Sabre, I will not go into detail here as I'm sure the magazine will be full of words on the topic other than to say our good luck and best wishes are with Malcolm Badger for a very successful re-launch and the promise of our help and support if we are able to assist in any way. Looks as though 2011 is going to be a good one and I wish you all a pleasant summer in your Royale and good health to all. Peter Gibbons

Minutes of the 16th AGM

Warwick Suite, Stoneleigh Showground
Sunday 1st May 2011

Committee: Peter Gibbons, Chairman; Ando Baker, Treasurer; Jim Waites, Event Organiser; Ken Baker, Membership Secretary; Simon Carrington, Frank Moir

Number Attendees: 31

Apologies: Ian Nixon, Bill Paul, Colin Maslen

Minutes 2009: Minutes of the 2010 AGM accepted as a true representation of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The current bank balance is £ 3,127.38 as opposed to £2,896.64 at the same period last year.

The expenditure for the past year was £2,313.37. Cost of printing, postage, insurance etc will no doubt go up on the coming year. However, if the Club does not intend spending money on any unusual items, then the current balance of £3,127 should hopefully just see us through to the membership renewals in December. Stocks held ie 2 x Sabre light plinths and various items of corporate clothing are valued at just over £400.

No queries were raised by the floor and the accounts were accepted (Proposed W Gibbons, Seconded Ken Hamlin)

Membership Secretary's Report: There are currently 104 paid up members in the club compared with 92 at the same time last year. 99 members renewed their subs, 4 new members joined during March and 1 joined at Stoneleigh preceding the AGM.

We were agreeably surprised to find that all renewals were in by mid-February. This was helped by offering payment by three options, namely cheque, bank transfer and by use of the membership secretary's personal paypal account which made life easier for our European members.

Chairman's Report/Events: 2010 was a good year for the club despite the mostly inclement weather.

Web Site: Continues to be of value and interest, thanks to David Foster who is continuing to maintain this for us.

Rocket News: Thanks go again to Alec Patterson continuing as editor of the magazine. This will continually to be printed externally and the professional finish has been appreciated. However, Alec does need more articles for inclusion. Technical articles to aid those members who are still building their cars especially, but any items of interest, social club events, visits to car shows, local car rally reports or even just a wonderful day out with your car, all would be welcome.

Merchandise. Any members who wish to place an order for any of the corporate clothing items as shown in the magazine should send their request to Peter Gibbons stating quantity, colour required and stating exact chest size (in inches) that is required

Events: Jim Waites reported the following:

Detling: Only 3 members were present at Detling 2010 and that as previously stated, the Car Shows appeal mostly to those still building their cars who now are fewer in number and there is currently less interest for general members.

Date for the 2011 Detling show is 21-22nd May - Jim Waites and Peter Gibbons will attend if weather forecast is promising.

Classics in the Walled Garden, Luton Hoo: 2 Cars attended last year, when the weather was superb, and 4 cars are currently booked for this year's event taking place on 6th July.

Classics on the Common, Harpenden: 3 Cars attended last year despite a ferocious downpour, and there will be at least 3 participating in 2011 taking place on 27th July. NB Booking must be made in advance, and it will commence a little earlier this year at 2pm to aid traffic flow.

Cotswold Weekend: This took place in July. The weekend commenced by meeting and parking up in front of the Motor Museum at Bourton on the Water. The weather was again kind and we had a pleasant day in Bourton before travelling on to Tewksbury for an overnight stay and another excellent meal at My Great Grandfather's Restaurant on the high street.

Woburn Festival of Transport, Woburn: A good turn out for this event as always, and the weather again was quite kind. It took place mid-August and as usual those attending contributed to a shared picnic table with Pims, lots of home baked food, salads and cakes. The 2011 event will take place on 14th Aug and will be the last one organised by Mick & Jim the current organisers. Hopefully someone else will take up the challenge for 2012.

Valentines Weekend: This took place in Feb 2011 at a Buckingham Hotel with 19 couples attending. Most arrived early in the day to spend some time wandering around the town before checking in, enjoying drinks, dinner an overnight stay and good company.

MK Classic Car Tour: 4 Cars took part in this event in glorious sunshine on 17th April. It was a fantastic day out, well organised and planned. The rally began at a Woburn Sands Garden Centre, and then travelled though lovely country lanes to Millbrook (Vauxhall's proving track where participants were able to do 2 circuits of the Alpine track), Quainton Rail Museum for Coffee, before finishing at the Porsche showrooms at Silverstone Race track (where participants could take their cars on to the skid circuit) and enjoy a hog roast or picnic lunch.

Kimbolton: Colin Maslen is organising an event at the end of June. More details to follow.

It was mentioned that the majority of the events taking place reported tend to be in the Midlands and South of the country, where a predominance of current members are located, but several members would welcome an opportunity to travel to other parts of the country, ie East Anglia, or North West etc should an event be proposed and staged there that could include a social gathering, as most owners have now completed their build and interest in Kit Car shows is waning. If any members have an idea for a car show, transport festival, or just a really interesting day out in their region that they believe could be of interest please let a member of the committee know and we will assist with any necessary organisation and advertising to the membership.

Election of Officers: The chairman asked if any members present would like to take on any of the committee posts which were all available. However, as no volunteers came forward the current committee will continue in their posts. Peter did however, express the view that it is important for the committee to change on a regular basis to bring new ideas and fresh impetus to the club and would like members to consider if they would be prepared to stand for any positions next year.

AOB:

Sabre back in production: Peter advised those present that he was immensely pleased to announce that Malcolm Badger a member of the Royale Owners Club for several years now had acquired the rights to Royale Sabre and invited Malcolm to address the meeting directly.

Malcolm confirmed the above and that he has and has had hopes for the last couple of years to bring the Sabre back into production. He has acquired the rights to produce the Royale Sabre through his company, Automotive Creations Ltd, which will be based at Yarm in Middlesborough. Malcolm has acquired the moulds etc which are now in their premises and that they are checking the inventory at the present time. They have the chassis drawings and hope to start a build within the next 3 - 4 months. The car will be based on BMW 3 Series engine, suspension etc and will still be known as a Royale. The meeting was delighted with this news and the chairman confirmed that this is excellent news for everyone in the club in terms of parts and promotion of the model. He offered to provide Malcolm and Automotive Creations with every assistance that the club

can give, and suggested that should any potential purchaser wish to see or ride in a completed Royale, perhaps a local club member may consider showing off his car to them.

New Contact List: Simon Carrington asked if we could have a new membership contact list issued in the near future. It was agreed that a new listing will be sent out with the next issue of the Rocket News. It was also reiterated that members contact information will not be posted on the Club's Web Site for data protection/security reasons

Car Club: Frank Moir took up the point about car show attendance decreasing and therefore the opportunity for getting together with other owners like minded car enthusiasts being reduced. He has noticed this in the North West where he lives and has joined another car club in addition to the Royal Owners Club in order to be able to participate with them and become locally active with their social and driving events. Wendy Gibbons

Sabre Re-launch

This is the news we have been hoping to read for some time now, the Sabre is to be produced again after many years in hibernation.

Malcolm Badger has been a member of our club for many years, and it's to Malcolm who **has** now taken on the rights to manufacture the Royale Sabre.

The company is called Automotive creation Limited and is based near where I live in Yarm.

We have moved into a tow storey manufacturing unit in Thornarby where the Sabre is to be built, and kits prepared.

Turnkey cars and self build components will be offered for those who wish to undertake the build themselves.

We know most Sabre's are and have been built using Ford Granada engines and running gear, but we intend to use BMW engines and running gear. A considerable amount of research and development is being carried out to accommodate BMW components.

No decision has been made so far as to engine size, however manual gearbox will be the standard, however should any customer wish to own a Sabre with an Automatic Gearbox that will be no problem.

A full spares and after sales service, will be in place to help existing owners of current Sabre's. There will be no changes to the design of the body, just some slight changes to the interior; also the name of the Sabre will remain the same.

We have a web site under construction www.automotivecreation.com and mail@automotivecreation.com. The web site is open to view, check on a regular basis for updates. Our address is: Unit 6, Bon Lea Trading Estate, Wilson Street, Thornaby, Cleveland TS17 9AQ. Give me a call should you wish to visit us, 01642 783 883, Mob: 07973 897783.

Many thanks for your support.

All the best

Malcolm L. Badger

guess what this is...

Hint: picture was taken in 1956...

It's a top of the range hard disk drive back in 1956... with **5 MB** of storage. In September 1956 IBM launched the 305 RAMAC, the first 'SUPER' computer with a hard disk drive (HDD). The HDD weighed **over a ton** and stored a 'whopping' **5 MB** of data.

Appreciate your **8 GB** memory stick a bit more now?



Given a start time of 9.15 on a Sunday morning, 12 miles from home, was scary enough. Worse my neighbour said it was the better part of half an hours drive and I'd asked my brother (Jerry, see photo page 2) to meet us at my house 15 minutes before the sign on time of 8.15, luckily he turned up a little early and we got to the start venue, at Frosts garden centre in Woburn Sands in 12 minutes.

Jim & Jean Waites arrived shortly after, with the same start time as us. Sadly Peter & Wendy Gibbons were given a much later start time and so was Colin Maslen who, I think, was co driven by his son. (Apologies if that is incorrect)

The Plan was for everyone to be signed on 45 minutes early so that they could enjoy the delights of a cooked breakfast at the cafeteria, I can't comment on the food, only to say that it smelled delicious, but we'd only had breakfast at home a short time before, and I wanted the car to be as light as possible. (I nearly left my socks at home)

Anyway Jean & Jim had coffee etc. aboard their Sabre and we chatted in the car park until the off.

The organisers did a good job getting nearly 200 cars in, signed on and out of the car park, at approximately 1 minute intervals.

There were some serious cars on this run, quite a few Ferrari's and Porsche's (all modern) Morgans aplenty and obscurely enough, a handful those timeless classics, Chrysler Crossfires. The first part of the tour took us 15.6 miles, through pretty lanes and countryside, skirting around the Woburn estate to the Millbrook proving ground, where we were let loose to do 2 laps of the Alpine circuit, see photo.

Millbrook is used by motor manufacturers to test new models. Mostly used at one time by Vauxhall at Luton, where according to Jim Waites, there used to be a British car factory. It was a beautiful sunny day and I really enjoyed this, I can't say the same for Lesley who was terrified and it's taken me until this week, to get the impression of the fingers of her left hand out of the upholstery on the passenger door cap, see photo.

Actually it's more about handling than speed because of it's twists and turns, negative cambers, banked corners, hairpin bends and blind crests. In fact I don't think I was in fourth gear, hardly at all.

Next it was a 40.1 mile leisurely drive along the backroads, around the southern extremities of Milton Keynes, to Quainton Railway Museum, where if you handed in your coupon from the entry form you got a free tea or coffee from the café.

I must admit that as we had parted from Jean & Jim when we left Millbrook and the route ran through our home town of Winslow, we cut part of the route out and called in at home, I needed a "comfort break" and Lesley needed tranquilisers.

At Quainton it was getting on for lunchtime so we had a sausage roll with our free drink and we had plenty of time to enjoy the museum or wander around chatting to other classic car owners. Before we left there we met up with Jean & Jim again and Jerry caught up with us in his Marlin Berlinetta. Jerry & his wife Judith (all these J's) bought themselves a sizeable lunch from the café, which with hindsight we should have done.

Anyway from Quinton it was a 33 mile drive along rural roads to the finish at Silverstone circuit. I have to say that as I marshalled at Silverstone for 25 years and had to find 100 different ways of avoiding Grand Prix day traffic, I know all these roads like the "back of my hand" so, you guessed it, as we got near to the Oxford entrance to Stowe public school. I deviated from the route book once more and missed out the delights of such villages as Biddlesden.

Now full marks to those who ventured there, I worked there once, fitting a kitchen in an old council house where an old brother & sister lived. They used to go the nearest shop, her on the trailer and him in the driving seat, of the rotivator. (Deliverance & duelling banjo's) suffice to say that I think the people of the Appelation mountains in the USA may well have originated in Biddlesden. I had no intention of "squealing like a piggy", so I took a short cut to the circuit. At Silverstone we drove around the perimeter road outside of Woodcote, Copse, Maggots, Becketts & Chapel curve, to arrive at the "Porsche experience" circuit, alongside the Hangar straight.

We only did 3 or 4 corners of this, although there was an optional loop of about 4 more corners that entrants could do, but that involved either getting soaked or putting up the roof, because it was a "skid pad" with lots of hoses pointing skyward, like fountains.

We parked up and waited for the others to arrive, most drivers of open cars opted out of the soaking, but parked next to me initially was Lotus Elise and the driver had put up his hood before entering the "skid pad". He said it was fantastic, like driving on ice. I wasn't jealous, each to his own.

Just before Jim & Jean arrived a V8 Cobra replica went round the same few corners that we did, but he smoked his tyres away from the start. He had a headrest on a rollover hoop, but his poor wife didn't and her head went back so far that I thought her neck was broken, each to his own.

When all the others arrived we laid out on a patch of grass by the car park for an impromptu picnic. Jim & Jean were well prepared and carried table and chairs. I hadn't even put a blanket in the boot, mostly because I didn't expect the run to be over so soon, as it was only 1.30ish.

This is where I regretted not having more to eat at Quinton because I opted for the hog roast at £10 a head for me & Lesley. This consisted of a piece of pork in a bap with a bit of salad, drink not included. Mine was barely edible and was mostly fat, Lesley's was even worse, to the point that she took it back complained and got a replacement. It takes a lot to make something so bad that Lesley complains, but she was definitely right and the people in the queue behind her, that had not yet been served, all said that they wanted their meat from the second hog, not the one which should have been taken off the spit about 15 minutes before we arrived.

So to summarize this was a really good day out and the organisers deserve a pat on the back for their efforts. All profits made go to The Little Lives appeal, a charity raising money for the Neonatal unit at Milton Keynes Hospital. The venues were all top class from the start to the finish. The route was good and not too hurried, with only the overpriced disappointing "Hog Roast" to spoil an otherwise really enjoyable day. bkbphotographics took pictures at the start, Millbrook and Silverstone and have posted them on their website for drivers to view and order prints or digital images from.

I bought the included photo of my Sabre at Millbrook from them and they were kind enough to give me permission to have it printed in this club magazine, in order to encourage more participation next year. So maybe I'll see you there.

I think some more new members may be interested in back issues especially if they are still building.

The ROC Newsletters were launched in January 1995 as the Royale News, changing titles to the Bulletin in January 2000 and then again to the Rokit News (deliberate misspelling, for obvious reasons) in September 2005. Having now scanned all back issues to CD the club is able to offer members

Back Issues in hard copy single issues at £1.50 inclusive (UK) and £2.00 inclusive Europe.

Alternatively CD copies, 5 years per CD at £5.50 inclusive (UK) and £6.50 inclusive Europe are available.

As you will appreciate this is more or less cost to the club, however the prices have been "rounded up" and any profits will be saved in the Peter Hare Memorial Fund and then donated to a Charity chosen by the ROC committee.

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Please order any copies from Simon Carrington by Email or telephone, details page 2 (please have a list of which years or copies that you want to hand) before phoning.

Hi all. **THE WOBURN RALLY 14th AUGUST 2011**

As this could be the last Woburn Rally, can we all make a special effort to get there this year and try and make it the best ever attended **Royale Owners Club** event ever.

Eating and drinking is the order of the day with our lady members bringing along some of the best home made cakes and savouries I have ever tasted.

Down load an entry form and get it posted off.

Once you have done that could you let me know. This would be helpful as on the Saturday I will be going over to Woburn to peg out our pitch and if I know roughly how many will be attending I will know what size plot to peg out.

As it took me 3 hours last year to peg out and clear the site of reindeer poop is there anybody that can spare a couple of hours on the Saturday from 2.30 pm onwards to give me a hand.

Regards Jim



I did this and thought although it is a bit amateurish you might like to offer a competition in which the Paintings / Pictures are voted on by the members a small prize is offered to the winner, Kind Regards Peter

What do you think,let's get some response!!!



Detling



Some events for your diaries:

The Cumbria Classic Weekend on 20th/21st August. Details www.wigtonmc.co.uk The Saturday comprises the Rose and Thistle Challenge, which is a rally tour of some of the most spectacular scenery in the North Lakes and South Scotland. The Sunday consists of the well known Cumbria Classic Car Show, which is now one of the most successful and widely attended shows in the north of England.

The Selkirk Rally takes place on 18th September at Sunderland Hall, Selkirk, and is now recognised as being the most widely attended and successful show of its type in Scotland. Again, this comprises a scenic run on the 17th, followed by the Show on the 18th. Full details on www.selkirkvintagecarrally.org. As with the Cumbria Classic Show, both events can be entered individually.

Hope to see some of you at these events. Bill

Celebrated the advent of Spring today with the purchase of a set of wire wheels. Something I've been meaning to do for ages. I think they just complete the car. I'll leave these on for the summer and put the old ones back for the winter. Now ready for this year's shows! Regards, Bill





Detling and Valentine dinner

I would like some feedback and perhaps some discussion about insurance after this request from a member. It's that time of year again and in three weeks the insurance is due for my 11 year old, 2.4 V6 Sabre. So it's with the greatest respect I'm requesting your feedback on insurance premiums. I appreciate premiums are based on an individual's circumstances and I don't wish for any personal information, but if you don't mind I'd be interested to know what are typical rates and who might be providing the best cover/deal in these constricted financial times. Currently, with my insurer (Glynwood based in Staffordshire) I'm covered fully comp, full NCD at £230 but for only 2000 miles per year. (I have another car and a motorbike, but I can't find a mainstream insurer - the type that do multi-vehicle deals - who will cover a self-build car.) Thanks, and I look forward to any replies.

This might be something different!!!!

Subject: People for TV programme, We have been asked by Maverick TV if we know of anyone who would be interested taking part in one of their programmes. They think people who can build cars might be just the kind of people they are looking for. So if you feel up to the challenge, or you would like more information, contact Paul on: p.shenkin@mavericktv.co.uk

When we were at the Valentines dinner I mentioned to one of you, can't remember which, about the Kimbolton Country Fayre. We've visited for the last two years with the grandkids and it's a jolly good afternoon out. They have a section of kit and classic cars and last year there were 900 cars on display and I thought it could be a fun day out for our club. It's all a charity affair, costs a grand total of about £8 per car I think and is held on Sunday 10 July. Location is Kimbolton in Cambridgeshire just off the A1 at St Neots, so very local for me and Stuart. I've been in touch with the organiser and he says if we give him details of numbers attending etc, he'll give us an area to ourselves. Are you OK to circulate this to all ROC members and see if we can maybe get a members day out? If anyone's interested in staying in the local area on the Saturday evening I'll happily have a chat with a couple of local hotels and maybe I could even arrange a RoC BBQ or something. Depends on numbers etc. Maybe we could do a run out in our cars could also be a good idea too. What do you think? I'm quite happy to pass this over to you or anyone else to co-ordinate or I'll happily do it, whichever's best/easiest Kimbolton Fayre. For info on Sporting Bears click on the link on the Kimbolton Fayre homepage - it seems a good cause and I think I'll join them anyway.

Oh and they raised about £20K last year for charity. Good eh? .

<http://www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com/>

Unknown Artist ?

Firstly I thought that it had to be by the Scottish born artist Jack Vettriano. It is certainly his style as he often used vintage, veteran and classic cars as a backdrop to his "elegant people" paintings, however, this painting is by Canadian born artist ,Brent J Lynch. It is titled " Coastal Drive" and 700mm x 700mm prints are available from www.allposters.co.uk priced at £29.99.

As for the car in the background, that is still in question.

Cheers Peter Gurton

The picture on the front of the January 2011 magazine is Coastal Drive by Brent Lynch,available from Allposters.co.uk.You can thank my wife Sue for this information-she is much cleverer than me on computers!!! It took her about ten minutes to find it!

Regards,Stan

I'm back again Alex. (I'll get you next time!!!,,Alec)

The "guess what car " caption. I know this to be a 1937 Peugeot 402L Electric Transformer.



The car in the background of the Lynch painting I would guess it to be a Mercedes 540K.

Regards Peter

Hi, Alec,

They seem to have nice weather out there in Hollywood. Perfect to enjoy the 1938 Peugeot 402 Eclipse DeCapotable.

Happy motoring.

I'll join you all when clutch is back together.

RegardAlan

The pictures attached are specialised in auto period the pictures is my daughter.



by an artist that paintings the girl in Peter



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