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Getchya Motor Runnin'...

It is always difficult to know where to begin when putting these letters together, particularly when there has simply been so much going on.

Tradition dictates that chronology is always a logical method of reporting (but since when did logic ever fit comfortably with classic car ownership?!) and who am I to argue with that?

A break with tradition has however been apparent within the SWJOC recently. Our last two meets have indeed be based upon, shock and horror, classic Car Shows – it'll never catch on...Thanks at this point must be extended to those members who have attempted to ensure some semblance of normality has been apparent by supplying red wine and indeed champagne to enjoy at our last meet at Abergavenny Steam and Classic car show – more on that later however or I risk losing the chronology thread.

So, back therefore to chronology (I told you it was difficult to stick to), which leads me to the first of the events since the last Newsletter – the fabulous meet at Sandwell, West Bromwich, in honour of the 40th anniversary of the Interceptor's production. And what a fine sight to see so many cars in attendance, which included my own car, Ed's Convertible, Bodfan and Bev's Interceptor and Richard and Pam's lovely Mark 1. A couple of the cars however did not arrive at Sandwell quite as intact as they were when they set out.... Indeed, my own had decided to part company with two of the central wheel badges. These have been easily replaced and these replacements have now been superglued to the wheel. My top tip at this point is to ensure that absolutely no glue makes its way on to your fingers. Whilst the badge itself was very securely fitted to the wheel, in turn, my digits were equally well secured to the badge... My loss of badges, whilst inconvenient, could have been worse however, on a couple of points.

Firstly, I'd rather lose the badges than be following a car that did, and secondly, at least the wheel itself remained attached to the car which is more than can be said for Ed's, the rear wheel of which decided to part company from its own rim...

The remains of Ed's wheel...



Here are pics of many of the other cars at Sandwell, but due to the fantastic turnout, it has not been possible to fit them all in just one pic...



Not only was Sandwell a fine event and a great chance to meet other members from around the country, but, whilst her wheels may not have been quite intact, my car did return from Sandwell running far better than she ever has. Many thanks again to Steve Payne who so generously donated so much of his time to tuning many cars, amongst them mine. The difference in the way she drives is simply enormous.

Whilst never lacking in either the 'go' or the 'smooth' departments, both of these have been significantly improved. The verdict from Steve was somewhat alarming – nowhere near enough fuel was being delivered...here she is being fettled...



Just a couple of weeks later was another car show, this time safely back in Wales for the Abergavenny Steam and Classic car show.

I thought that prior to attending this show, having had such huge improvements made to the engine, my car could benefit from a spruce up of her interior. Having used to little effect leather cleaners and conditioners previously, I was somewhat sceptical of the results claimed by the makers of the reconditioning kit that I ordered from Woolies. My scepticism was however ill founded and the results of this easy to use product are quite amazing. Whilst retaining the patina developed over the last 36 years and unlikely to threaten any Gold Concours entrants, the claims are indeed justified. I wish I had taken before and after pictures to make a comparison, as the difference is again significant. For any members cars whose interiors, like mine, were looking a little tired, I cannot over recommend ordering from woolies – take a look at their website at www.woolies-trim.co.uk for details. Anyway, back to the event itself held over the end of May bank holiday weekend.

The Monday was largely dry, (except of course on each occasion when Ed thought it safe to drop the roof of the convertible) and again a tremendous turn out was enjoyed, our stand dominating the field as can be seen from the pics below. It was great to meet Bill Morgan and his family at this event and we look forward to seeing you again at many more. Still enjoying the significant improvement as a result of Steve Payne's tune up, my car has now been further complemented by the performance air filter fitted, so generously donated on long term loan by Alan Smith.

These two events are surely tremendous adverts for the generosity of the people who comprise this fine club and represent yet more superb examples of the advantages of active JOC club membership.



The next event is of course The International being held near Milton Keynes. The next local event for July is yet to be confirmed and details are to follow. In order to communicate details of this and indeed future events quickly and efficiently, I would be very grateful if each member that receives this letter could e-mail to me their e-mail address if appropriate. Many thanks.

Looking further ahead, quite possible the biggest and best car show in the South Wales area is of course that held each September at Tredegar Park. Whilst September may seem a long way off, the deadline for forms to be returned to the organisers is **1 July**. If anyone that wants to attend has not yet received an entry form and would like one then please either let me know and I will either issue one to you or submit one on your behalf. Alternatively, the form is available to be downloaded from our own website www.joc.org.uk of course – see the event section. The Tredegar park show really is a great event and should not be missed – but please ensure that the organisers receive your entry in time.

So with the weather improving all the time, a wide choice of events, what more excuse do you need to grab the keys and get out in your car? I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Rich.

Note From Ed...

Hullo everyone,

As you can see our editor has really got the bit between his teeth and bought Jensen/SW area activities right up to date! I should just like to say a thank you to everyone that turned up and supported the Abergavenny Steam & Classic bank holiday show, with a particular mention for Kevin for bringing along the S/W area marquee and new local member Rob Lewis for the generous time he gave in so practical a way all day Sunday. Also some of you may not know that Alan and Shirley had to leave their CV8 in France due to a faulty starter motor only days before the Abergavenny Show but Alan still put in an appearance all be it in his superb vintage Morris Bull nose. Along with John & Barbara in their vintage Buick we did have the show organisers scratching their heads a bit!

You will have noticed a picture of one of NED's wheels - I intend to illuminate more on this occurrence once I have all the facts to hand. As they say watch this space!

Looking forward to meeting up with many of you at the JOC INTERNATIONAL

Joy in Jensen

Ed.

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