

spalding classic car club

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Club Night: Tuesday 10 February

Talk by Chris Chandler, ex-Aston Martin.

Chris was at Aston at Newport Pagnell in the Victor Gauntlett (pre-Ford) era and is going to cover subjects such as:

- The AM build process during that era
- His memories of doing factory tours
- Pictures of special AM produced vehicles
- A visit by Prince Charles (?!!)
- plus general Aston stuff

There's a small charge of £2 per head.

Whaplode Manor, 8pm start. **Non-members welcome.** More information from Nigel Mann, 01775 723856.

MG Car Club Inter-Marque Quiz Night

This will be held at the Abbey Lodge public house, Tattershall Road, Woodhall Spa on Friday 13th February 2009 starting at 8.00pm. We need a team of up to six members, please! Volunteers, please call Adrian Cunnington 01775 761520 or email acunnington@eemc.co.uk

Contour Autocraft visit: March clubnight

This clubnight visit will be held at the premises of Contour Autocraft who make high quality body panels for Jaguars at Lordship End, Thorney, PE6 0PP. It's actually nearer Gedney Hill! If you would like to attend, please call Ian Stancer on 07973 725592 or email i.stancer@farming.co.uk. Pre-booking is essential. £5/head charge.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Club subscriptions fell due for 2009 for all members on 1st January.

Our subscription rates remain at £10 for single membership and £15 joint.

Please ensure you have renewed your subscription (remember that payments must be made to **East Elloe Motor Club Limited**) as soon as possible.

A renewal form is included on page 4 and more information can be found at www.seecc.co.uk

2009 SEECC Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Venue/organiser
Tue 10 Feb	Talk	See above (Nigel & Joy Mann)
Fri 13 Feb	Inter-marque quiz	MG Car Club, Woodhall Spa
Tue 10 Mar	Visit	Contour Autocraft, Gedney Hill (Ian Stancer)
Tue 24 Mar	Committee	Whaplode Manor
Tue 14 Apr	Pub night	A trip out to a hostelry (Brian Gilham)
Sun 26 Apr	Club display for FBHVC <i>Drive it Day</i>	prov Baytree, Weston to be confirmed (Steve Saunders)
Tue 12 May	Noggin' & natter	TBC
Sun 17 May	EEMC/SEECC Historic Rally	see The Romer (Adrian Cunnington)
Tue 09 Jun	Evening Run in the Bourne area	TBC (David Shepherd & Alan Lyon)
Sun 14 Jun	Bourne CC Show	(Alan Lyon)
Sun 14 Jun	Holbeach Vintage Show	(David Shepherd & Steve Saunders)
Fri 10 Jul	BBQ & gliding	Postland airfield (Nigel & Joy Mann)
Sun 19 Jul	Kings Lynn DMC 32nd Vintage & Classic Car Rally	Venue TBC (Ivan & Adrian Cunnington)
Tue 11 Aug	Clubnight visit	TBC
Sun 09 Aug	Boston CCC Show	Kirton (TBC)
Sun 09 Aug	Wisbech DHVC Run & Show	Wisbech (David Shepherd)
Sat 15 Aug	Maxey CC Show	Maxey (Bill Fisher)
Sat 05 Sep	Sleaford CV Show	(Bill Fisher & Steve Saunders)
Sun 06 Sep	EEMC/SEECC 12 th Annual Classic Car Run	(Alan Lyon)
Sun 06 Sep	Moulton Show	(Jeremy Satherley)
Tue 08 Sep	Noggin' & natter	TBC
Tue 13 Oct	Clubnight	TBC
Tue 10 Nov	Clubnight	TBC
Tue 08 Dec	Clubnight	TBC
Wed 16 Dec	EEMC AGM	Whaplode Manor

If you have any suggestions for events, especially for the autumn months, please give the Club Co-ordinator, Adrian Cunnington, a call on 01775 761520 or email acunnington@eemc.co.uk



January club night: Quiz

I entered the quiz not knowing quite what to expect, but in the event the questions and puzzles so carefully concocted by Adrian were specifically aimed at my specialist subject. I often say that my mind is jam packed with useless information on many subjects which makes me quite suited to quizzes in general but almost certainly leaves me sorely lacking when it comes to remembering anything at all useful.

It all started in the late 60s when my favourite habitat was standing on the transmission tunnel of Dad's HB Viva "drinking in" the traffic, this was all very well but there was little space for the maths or spelling that a young mind is better occupied with, so whatever you do, don't bother asking me those sorts of questions.

A little later my most absorbed education came at school lunch time courtesy of the "Spalding Car Library" opposite Mann & Son in Hall Place. If you are not familiar with the establishment, it is more commonly known as W.H. Smith! I suspect that as Nigel Mann also did very well in the Quiz, he probably studied quite hard at the same academy. Home life also involved studying Dad's favourite rag "*What Car*" with which I developed a love-hate relationship because over time the constant mistakes in the data and editorial offended my sad obsession so much that I have never bought a copy for myself (I still read Dad's when he buys it) .

My education from the Spalding Car Library was not entirely free as the groaning rafters in my loft will testify, where a sizable and eclectic collection of mouldy magazines now reside. *Hot Car*, *Street Machine*, *Custom Car* (guilty pleasure), *Performance Car*, *Autocar*, *Motor*, various classic and sports/supercar journals, *Kit Car*, *Motoring News*, and for the last 20+ years a full collection of *CAR* magazine.

Adrian's painstaking cutting out and sticking skills produced a wide ranging and well judged test for even the saddest car bore like me and the "touchy-feely mystery bags" with car parts provided a welcome diversification for the more, hands-on, car enthusiast. Likewise, the famous and not so famous faces extended the test to the more motorsport inclined.

A good night was had by all and great thanks should go to Adrian for spending hours in preparation, a labour of love in itself I get the feeling, as there seemed to be a few themes running through all the questions. So, as he painfully revealed the winners, I realised that perhaps coming second would be rather cooler than first, as I'm now marked as a sad case of misspent youth....

Ian Stancer

Quiz top 10

1st Ian Stancer 77%, 2nd Paul Haylock 72½, 3rd Nigel & Joy Mann 71, 4th Chris Wadsley 67½, 5th David & Janet Dykes 64½, 6th Adam Cunnington 62½, 7th Ivan Cunnington 57½, 8th Jeremy Satherley 55, 9th Steve Saunders & Liz Bollons 53½, 10th Tony & Jamie Duckhouse 53.

20 entries (30 people) took part in total. Thanks to all who came along.

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My Classic Story (dedicated to KEG 509Y)

The dedication will become obvious as you read but to keep the story in some sort of chronological order we had better start at the beginning. You see – it could be argued that I have never had a modern car – so it's a totally classic tale.

Back in the late seventies, aged 18, I was off to buy a motor bike. My friend was selling a Honda CB125 and I wanted it, much to my parents' disgust. Motor bikes, you see, are dangerous - or so they kept telling me! This, despite the fact that I already rode a Honda PC50 – VJE 942L, which I still own to this day, even if I haven't ridden it for years. Anyway, to cut a long story short, I ended up with a car, HFN 617D a 1966 850cc Mini, blue with a white roof (just like a Cooper), bought for me by my dad. Problem was I hadn't passed my test, but lots of practice with either dad or my elder brother alongside, plus manoeuvring around the yard at home, the test was a formality – first attempt and with no professional lessons!

Anyway, the Mini kept me mobile for a year. Water came up through the floor and I sealed it with fibreglass, the hydrolastic suspension fluid pipes rusted away and, with the help of my brother, we patched it up and kept it going.





As we got to know the car better, we knew the rear sub-frame was rotten and it would not MOT again without work, so I needed a replacement car. Some time later I took the rear sub-frame off to find severely rotten mountings – I was contemplating a new body shell but that's as far as it got – the car is still on blocks down at the farm in 2008.

Enter TFL 678H – a 1970 Ford Cortina 1600 super Mk 2. I used this car for 2 years and it saw me through my college days. In that time I rebuilt the engine and replaced the front struts, amongst other jobs, but in replacing the struts we noted that the inner wings were pretty rotten and it would need more work soon.

Graduating from college age 20 is never a good idea, because everyone goes their separate ways and then starts having 21st birthday bashes. So I was driving all over Lincolnshire, getting drunk and sleeping it off in the back of the Cortina – what I really needed was a camper van!

By this time, the family were getting into classics. Dad had found a 1935 Austin 10 to restore. My brother had an MGB and a Midget. I wanted a camper van and could not afford anything other than an old one. Following extensive research the shortlist came down to a choice of Bedford CA or VW. By chance I found CUO 916C – a 1965 VW Devon Caravette in the local

paper, it was for sale privately in Shouldham, near Downham Market. 12 months MOT, £395. I drove it on the Friday, quite liked it but wasn't sure. I mulled it over for the weekend then called the vendor back on Monday – "If you still have it, I will buy it from you" – he had, and I did. He even delivered it to me, as it was not taxed at the time. So, on 1st September 1982, the Cortina was retired to stand in the yard at my parents' farm, where it still is to this day, and I became a camper van driver.

CUO remained my only transport for a few years, but to date – yes I've now owned this Camper for over 26 years – we have done well over 100,000 miles, mostly in the UK.

Inevitably the camper needed work but, in 1984, I was offered a 1968 VW Beetle registered as TCE 526K, as it was an import from Malaysia. It had a broken engine and I paid £70 for it. I put an engine in and that car became my daily driver for the next 8 years. TCE currently lives under my car port awaiting TLC. It was only retired when I fancied a more modern car... (of which there will be more in **part 2**, next month... *Ed*)

Steve Saunders

Do you have a classic story to tell? If so, please send it to the Editor at acunnington@eemc.co.uk or by mail to Adrian Cunnington, 4 Miles Bank, Spalding, Lincs. PE11 3EZ.



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