



## VSCC Chatsworth Trial March 2012

A 6am start from Saddleworth on a wet and gloomy morning saw us on our way to Chatsworth for our VSCC trial.

This was our second event as the SCARCE " - see previous editorial for credits", and much fettling had been done to the Chrysler since the Cotswold.

This was mainly removing the Zenith carb, cleaning and checking, replacing, testing. Acquiring a Carter carb from the US (supposedly a better option). Having an adaptor made and taking to Rick Wood in Stockport for rolling road checking and fitting of new carb.

In the event, Rick found the hydrocarbon exhaust indicated

a good burn, and amazingly the carb was set up well.

Anybody want to buy a Carter carb and flange!?!?

Ok next time I will have the rolling road check before parting with some of the hard earned!

Another lesson learnt!



Bounce !!



The reason for all this was the poor starting and low top end power. We are getting 48 bhp instead of 70.

New diagnosis suggests removing the head and reseating the valves and maybe skimming the head if there is enough meat there. Watch this space.

Anyhow, we arrived half an early for scrutineering but were still 20 cars or more back in the queue. Keen these trialers you know.

We set off for our first hill " Maureens meadow" in fine spirits. (Drop of good stuff in the coffee).

Arriving at the field we were requested to park up off the entrance to the run. First problem! We struggled to get into position as the park area was on a grassy slope. This did not bode well!!

We did very well however when we attempted the hill being only one point off clearing. ( The hills have 25 flags along the side and you gain the number of points indicated



by the last flag you pass.

This involves an amount of skilful driving and bouncing in order to gain traction by the passengers.



During the course of the day we met up with SCARCE members who witnessed some of our runs and had a gourmet lunch at a pub along the way! (hmm).

Other hills included evocative names such as Powder House/ Butts Bank/McEwens track /Dudwood Dragon and Ruperts revenge to name a few.



Lovely Day for a drive through / in the country

With an entry of over 100 vehicles the SCARCE members were kept entertained by cars ranging from Austin 7's / Bugattis / Frazer Nash / Singer and Riley. We ended up with a creditable 159 points only a few behind veteran Chris Williams in his much lighter and shorter Model A. He decided the Napier Bentley was overpowered for Trialling! Anyhow, ignoring the odd occasion the old girl decided not to proceed, everything went very well.

I am now searching for my spanners for the head removal.

Mike Littlewood.

(Pictures courtesy of Martin as Mike says he was too busy to take any )



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