

SCARCE Newsletter

Saddleworth Classic And Rare Car Enthusiasts

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Sally Harrison 15th August 2010

SCARCE Drive Out

Today's event was absolutely fantastic. Starting out with a quick meet at the Kingfisher, our home, we were provided a complete set of instructions and two maps. The first, a set of cryptic questions and directions in between, that left us all confused and a little concerned about getting lost! The second, a little more comprehensive with a mileage tracker to help our navigators keep up!

We set off and joined the Yanks display to watch their parade get under way.

With the first set of our clues well in hand, we headed out towards Holmfirth and passed through several small villages, arriving tentatively and with big gaps in our answer sheets at the Bulls Head in Slaithwaite for a well earned lunch stop.

Although there were just 8 cars in the group, we all made it to the same spot at almost the same time, but certainly not having all

followed the same route!! There wasn't a single overheated engine in sight just a stream of beautifully turned out classics, and of course Russell in a 'not so old' car (bit of a cheat I think).

After lunch, we embarked on the final part of our route to bring us safely to our destination, The Swan in Dobcross. How could I possibly forget to mention the Yanks Dakota Flyover, Mike and Dave quickly claimed their involvement in arranging this....hmmmm?!! After Heather kindly sorted out the totting up procedure, the winners were announced – Martin and Alison jointly won with Heather and Tony. No fix, I have to say, it was quite clear that Mike and Dave really enjoyed having all the answers and sharing none until the end.

Tip number one drivers – just get stuck in, all becomes clear very quickly!

Tip number two – drive slowly, it helps the navigators a lot! Keeping up with directions and the clues proved to be a bit tricky in parts!

Tip number three - make sure you are well fuelled and oiled (in the engine!) before you start out, some of the hill starts required were a little testing on our old angels.

Tip number four – remember it is a competition and the club has some very competitive members!

Tip number five – turn up next year, relax have fun and have a great day out with your cars.

Enough thanks cannot be given to Dave and Mike for all their hard work, in the rain I believe, to get the route and clues together. They have very kindly agreed to make this an annual event. I really hope more members will come along next year, it was truly the SCARCE event of the year.

See the website for all photo's

Members Profile Anita Scholes

My first car was a 1964 VW Beetle (Bahama Blue) bought in 1967 for £500 and with a 3 year no interest loan from the Zambian Government where my husband and myself worked for 6 years.

My dream car was always a Morgan Sports car which in those days had a 2 year waiting list. I think this made the car more desirable.

My favourite car is my Mercedes 230 SL Pagoda. I never thought I would have

one!

When we lived in Zambia we travelled extensively and as we were young and newly married we were more daring than in our later years.

Our first Christmas in 1967 was spent staying with some friends who lived in a bush school in the north of the country.

We had to take all the Christmas provisions which together with our friend who had hitch hiked down to our town had bought together.

Luxury items such as a turkey and French wine! Consequently our little Beetle was overloaded.

In order to reach the destination we had to cross the Congo Pedicle - a strip of land 40 miles wide with a customs post at each end.

The road was rough and potholed and although one strictly speaking should drive on the right the best route
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..... was to avoid the holes which being the rainy season were full of water and of an unknown depth.

At the border we were stopped by two Congolese soldiers complete with rifles who wanted a lift to the other side of the pedicle.

When we refused to take them they began to check over our car but luckily everything worked or we would have had an on the spot fine.

On reaching the Zambian border we had to go on a ferry by driving up two planks and drive down on the other side.

By this time it was becoming dark and we still had a long way to go. I was driving on a rough dirt road with our friend in the back when suddenly he

exclaimed that he could smell burning and I applied the foot brake with no effect.

What had happened was the battery cover under the back seat had become dislodged and shorted the battery onto the hydraulic brake pipe which had leaked the brake fluid.

Consequently we had to be without a foot brake for the rest of the holiday as there were no garages or anyone to fix it.

The return journey was rather exciting with my husband operating the hand brake.

The manoeuvre onto the ferry was a challenge but eventually we made it home.

Anita Scholes
Aug 2010



Anita's car

Members Car Profile

Dave's Triumph Spitfire Mark IV

Dave's Picture's



I was 10, and at a family gathering my cousin was giving my dad a drive in his new Triumph Spitfire. I was crammed in behind the seats and remember watching the rev counter bounce around. I had to wait another 9 years to gain my second drive in a Spitfire. This was a mark III owned by a university friend and fitted with a motorcycle exhaust as a back box! I knew I had to have one and during my first year of work I purchased OPY 882M.

Can you spot the differences between the newly acquired second hand Mark IV in 1979 and my present car photographed nearly 30 years later?

VCM 331M is slightly unusual as it is tax exempt. Built in August 1972, it was not sold and registered until August 1973.

For the fantastic cost of only £5 you can trace the previous keepers of your car from the DVLA. I wrote a letter including my reasons for requesting the information plus an up to date photo of the car. It is now possible to download a form V888 at:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Dv11/DvltOnline/DG10016794>

From the information I received from the DVLA

I was able to create a full history of all the previous keepers as well as the dates of transfers and change of addresses

There was also a copy of the original green logbook. As yet I have been unable to trace the garage where my car was originally sold from but the search continues.

Thanks for reading
Dave Harding
Club Webmaster



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COMPETITION Update

I am afraid I plan to be a little cryptic with the competition update – the Winner was an absolute deserving winner, having submitted several options of design for our club logo. The designs were all so fantastic, we have asked

our Winner to combine a couple and produce a final copy for us. Hence I don't feel I can do the Winner justice in this newsletter.

A full spread with the winning logo image will be provided next month.

*Sally Harrison
Club Secretary*

Member Interaction Corner

Calling All Members.....

the key topic of conversation at our latest Club meeting was getting more interaction from our members. We had just eight cars arrive for the Drive Out on 15th August and we would really love to see more members join us for some of the great events we have planned for the future.

So here's the appeal: Please email Sally, Tony or Dave with details of what you want from our

small and friendly Classic and Rare Car club. Just let us know whether you want to attend social drives, trips to classic car events etc. What kind of events do you prefer?

We want to meet our members and enjoy our cars together. We also want to deliver communication which is of interest, is there anything in particular you like to read about in newsletters? Any events you would like us to make you aware of?

Any suggestions are very gratefully received.

Thank you for your participation.

SCARCE Committee