

THE MARCH CLUB MEETING.

The meeting was opened by Vice Chairman, Robin Lambert, who apologised for Ian Skuse's absence. He apologised also for the absence of Stuart Ashman who was to have compered the Engine Drive so as to let Rod Dring actually play the game for the first time! As it was, Robin introduced Rod as M.C. for the evening and the dice were soon rolling. The Engine Drive, for the benefit of new members, is basically a beetle-drive modified to suit engine enthusiasts and appeals to the whole family. It also enables newcomers to meet the rest of the members and mix more freely. Incredibly, it served on this occasion to prise Steve Emery away from his latest hobby, i.e. when his consistently high scoring moved him four tables on from his delightful young girlfriend!

Due to a small amount of non-participation by those members who preferred the comforts of the new bar, two tables had to run light with only three players on each, the fourth place being taken by a 'ghost' player! Fortunately each table contained an 'old hand' able to advise the novices on the rules of the game - even if it was only to put your own dice back in the shaker!

The designs of engines produced were various as ever, from Bernard Petty's schematic sketches to some most elaborate pictures - some even resembling a two-wheeled roller skate!

Eventually, after nine exciting games, the highest aggregate score was achieved by Dave Watts, who won a bottle of Beaujolais on a tray. Second was Bernard Petty who won a pot plant. Third and fourth were Andrew Burdge and Tim Emery, each winning a pictorial tea tray.

Our resident 'Joe Coral', namely Herb Gane, having sold all his raffle tickets entertained us with all the customary excitement of the monthly raffle, the winner of which was found to be Robin Lambert, who received an appropriately seasonal chocolate Easter Egg. Second prize, a box of chocolates, was won by Mrs. Alan Sweet, and third prize, a pair of mugs went to Engine Drive winner, Dave Watts.

Thanks to Rod Dring for stepping into the breach at such short notice and giving us all such an enjoyable evening. We promise we will let you play next year!

Emerson Brantingham.

WEST DORSET VINTAGE TRACTOR & STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB CRANK-UP. Sunday, March 28th.

What more could one want to whet one's appetite for the coming rally season than to find some twenty or so engines running merrily in a small meadow on a lovely Sunday afternoon way down in a picturesque Dorset village.

Such was the sight that greeted us when we dropped in on the W.D.V.T.S.E.C. start-of-season crank-up. A small, happy little gathering with a good cross-section of engines, which included Lister A's and D's, Bamfords - open and enclosed cranks, Amanco's, Coborn, Wolseley, Petter, an Ingeco and a large Ruston & Hornsby which ran superbly.

The Ingeco never actually ran, but it was not for lack of trying by the ever-helpful crowd that gathered around it. A small club stall had interesting articles for sale and there were interesting displays of old bottles and model steam engines. For the tractor enthusiasts a couple of tractors turned out, an International and an Allis Chalmers.

Free tea and cakes were laid on for all and a grand draw took place at 5 o'clock with numerous prizes being won.

Although this little get-together was at Long Bredy, some 60 miles away from home, it was well worth the trip and many thanks to the organisers for a lovely afternoon.

Rob Lambert.

A COMMENT ON RALLY TRENDS.

When I received an entry form for the Abbey Hill Rally at Yeovil, I found that engines must run 75% of the time, both days. This is fine for people with engines that don't use much petrol. It means six gallons of petrol for my ABTUS, whereas I try to keep to about two gallons a day. And we also find that the engines must be driving something. My engine drives a pump, but a lot of people have very good engines and nothing to drive, so they don't even get a chance no matter how good their engine is!

The next thing we could see is no Lister D's, no Wolseley W.D.II's, etc. Where will it end?

Good rallying to everyone this year.

C.Sealey.

(Anyone got any comments to make on this rather delicate topic? I am bound to say that I have some sympathy with Mr. Sealey's point of view. I have never considered stationary engines to be a general-public-crowd-puller and I don't think that even the Longleat Rallies disprove this. I think that any rally organiser who specifies that engines should be running 'something' is under a misguided impression that a) engines on their own are not interesting and b) that engines running one of a very limited range of machines, have a vastly enhanced interest.

My wife, who is not an engine enthusiast, does not, for example, find rows of engines driving water pumps any more interesting than a row of engines on its own, in spite of the addition of all sorts of multi-coloured dyes to catch the eye. "What did your engine do during its working life?" "Oh, it pumped fluorescent green drinking water to a local farm!" Aspects of cost are equally valid points. Many engine enthusiasts do not have the transport to move mills, chaff-cutters and the like around the country, even if they are sufficiently interested in purchasing and restoring them. True, it is nice to see a good working rig, I appreciate and admire them as much as anyone, but I contend that to restrict rallies to working engines only is a retrograde step. What do other members think? Ed.)

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HARRY'S NOTES.

I have been a Wessex member since joining at the 100th. Frome Show in 1977, but I am now packing in rallying, except maybe a few local ones - but not like I used to, 20 or 30 a year, as my pension will not stretch to it, so thanks one and all for a friendly and helpful time since I have been with the club.

Recently I heard on the radio that in future they are taking the lead out of petrol and present day engines will not last owing to this having a greater heat on the pistons. Now how will this affect vintage cars, motor cycles, tractors, lawnmowers, sausage machines and stationary engines? Does this mean that our hobby will lose out, or is there a solution?

When I joined the Sodbury Vale NVTEC in 1972, they wangled it so that owner drivers of vintage tractors did not need to have the anti-roll bar fitted. It was the only thing they did get - they failed to get a supply of T.V.O. Also they will not be interested in the coming of lead-free petrol which will harm the old tractors. I would like to know what others think about this as it affects us all.

I read in the February S.E.Mag. that someone was having trouble getting parts for a magneto. Anyone in need of parts or complete mags should get in touch with Mr.Wills, A.B.C. Spares, Long Brdy, Dorset. He attends a lot of rallies selling gaskets & bulbs etc., for old tractors and I have found him very reliable. It is better to have the right part than to make a substitute

I liked Diana's poem in the newsletter. Why not have a Ladies section and they could then air their views as to whether they like sitting down sunbathing and looking after the engines while the old man is off boozing or hunting round for bargains!

Have you had one of those times when everything goes wrong? I came home one Friday midday and when I came to stop - no brakes! I walked to town and got some new cylinder washers as one of the drums was wet with fluid. When I got back it had started raining. I started to repair the leaking cylinder but had to give up since it was too wet. I finished it the next day but then I could not get the bleed nipples undone! So, another day of walking, One thing, it's certainly healthier!

By the way the identity of the sex shop visitor was C.B. breaker Cindy Joe, so now you know, or do you?

Harry Champion.

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WHO CAN HELP MY RESTORATION PROJECT?

The following list of names and addresses have provided useful services to one or more of our Club Members. They may be able to help you too.

EARLE ENGINEERING SERVICES. Rose Rd., Beaconsfield Rd., Bristol. Ask for Richard Earle. They 'understand' stationary engines, vintage cars and motor-cycles. Bristol 551901.

INDUSTRIAL FACTORS. 194, Whitehall Rd., Bristol 5. Tel: 556957. Paint specialists and associated supplies. Full range of Mason's paints. Members discount available.

REDFIELD MOTOR FACTORS Ltd. 56, Temple Way, Bristol. Tel: 293594. Paint specialists. Stockists of Pinchin & Johnson Nu-speed coach finish paints. Highly recommended.

LIPSCOMBE & HESSEY. 11, Victoria Rd., Boveney, Eton Wick, Windsor. Tel: Windsor 64413. Gaskets made to order in copper/asbestos. Pattern required.

CRODA PAINTS (TRACTOL). 71, Whitchurch Lane, Bishopsworth, Bristol. Good range of tractor paints. Also Lister or Mid-Green. Very durable. Tel: Bristol 641500.

B.S.S.(British Steam Specialities). Kingsland Trading Estate, Midland Rd., Bristol. Tel:292161. Suppliers of all types of pipe fittings.

FUEL INJECTION SERVICES. Chandos House, Durley Lane, Keynsham. Keynsham 4922. Ask for Tom Day. Specialists in diesel pumps and injectors for tractors, commercials & Lister diesel engines.

SAVILLE TRACTORS. King Road Avenue, St. Andrew's Rd., Avonmouth. Avonmouth 825410. Agents for all Lister spares. Branches in other large towns.

SAUNDERS & RALPH. Ashley Rd., Montpelier, Bristol. Bristol 47391. White-metalling service.

JON CRUSE. 22, Swan Rd., Hailsham, Sussex. Engine fuel tanks. Send s.a.e. for price list.

A.C.SPOONER. 30, Old Drive, Polegate, Sussex. Reproduction silencers & other light alloy castings. Send s.a.e. for list of silencers available ex-stock.

WHO CAN HELP MY RESTORATION PROJECT ? (Cont'd.)

B.COOKE. 42, St. Pegas Rd., Peakirk, Peterborough. Silencers for Ruston, Amanco, Fairbanks.
TERRY LINES. 28, Glebe Rd., Hayes, Middlesex. Amanco igniters, Petter M starting handles.
Mr.JENKINS. "Oklahoma" Pensarn, Carmarthen, Dyfed. Piston rings & cylinder liners for tractors and engines. Send s.a.e. for list, or send sizes required.
MILLER BRIDGES FASTENINGS. Malago Rd., Bristol 3. Suppliers of nuts, bolts, washers, etc.
GRATON & KNIGHT Ltd. Clift House Tannery, Coronation Rd., Bristol BS3 1RW. Tel: 661542.
Stockists of all types of leather & balata belting and fasteners. Members discount.
TERRY PINNELL. 4, Dorothy Walk, Warminster. Tel: Warminster 215289. Sign-writing and lining out in paint and gold leaf.
MEETEN'S INDUSTRIAL LTD. 263/269, Coombe Lane, Wimbledon, SW20 ORH. Tel: 01 946 4244.
Villiers, J.A.P., M.A.G., Kohler spares, Wipac Mags., Amal & Zenith carbs., & spares.
N.J.SUPPLIES. Hyland House, Rudge, Frome. Tel: Frome 830230. Ball & roller bearings, belting, gasket materials, petrol tank fittings, spark plugs, H.T. cable, brass terminal lugs, etc.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

MAY 2/3 ROAD RAIL 1982 at the East Somerset Railway, Cranmore. A transport festival organised in conjunction with the Somerset Traction Engine Club. Stationary engine entries to Steven Marcks, 7, Beech Road, Street, Somerset. Free train rides.
JUNE 19 THE GRANGE BIKE SHOW at The Grange School, Tower Road North, Warmley, Bristol. Engine entries to Brian Davis, 38, Gages Road, Kingswood, Bristol BS152UG.
JUNE 27 WINGS & WHEELS at the Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet. Engine entries to Tony Andrews, Stoneleigh, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells. Tel:- Priddy 482.
AUGUST 15 BLAGDON GYMKHANA are very keen to have a good display of stationary engines this year. Engine entries to Pauline Purvis, tel:- Axbridge 732569 for entry forms.

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CLUB EVENTS.

MAY 24 BRING & BUY NIGHT. If the Missis feels strongly about spring cleaning, let her have a go at your garage & workshop, then you can watch her flog it all to some other poor chap while you sit and have a pint! Magic!
JUNE 19 WESSEX BARBECUE, DISCO & GARDEN PARTY. Should be a grand do, this! See the attached form for all the details. Get your tickets well in advance.
JUNE 28 CRANK-UP at the Old Down Inn, it's what your right arm's for!
JULY 17/18 CLUB RALLY to be held again at the Yatton R.F.C. ground. Open to all comers. Engine entries can set up stalls by their exhibits free of charge and all other stall holders are welcome for the modest sum of £3 for the two days. Bric-a-brac, collectors items, junk, engine & tractor & all vintage spares etc., welcomed. Pass the word around. We hope that the 'flea market' atmosphere will be a real public attraction.
JULY 26 THE LONGHEDGE COLLECTION of vintage tractors, engines and agricultural tool & equipment, including some steamers, owned by John Forward of Corsley, near Warminster. Visit begins at 7.00p.m. and afterwards our party will be made welcome by the landlord of the Royal Oak where meals, bar snacks and the usual liquid refreshments will be available.
AUGUST 23 Hopefully an illustrated talk by Martyn Brown of the Folk Life Museum at Glastonbury.
SEPT. 27 RAILWAY MISCELLANEA, an evening of steamy nostalgia with the Rev. A.G.Newman.
OCTOBER 25 FILM NIGHT with JOHN FORWARD. Films of steam rallies and steam traction engine restoration.
NOVEMBER 27 W.S.E.C. DINNER & DANCE goes live with SIROCCO, a local band with music and entertainment for all tastes. Venue once again, the Masonic Hall, Frome.
NOVEMBER 29 KENNET & AVON CANAL, an updated illustrated talk from Bob Scudamore.
JANUARY 31('83) THE CROFTON ENGINES. More details later.

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NO NEWS IS NOT GOOD NEWS!

In response to the Editor's plea for more members to submit material for the newsletter, the following bit of doggerell may be pertinent:-

IF LISTER D's WERE PAPER,
AND ENGINE OIL WAS INK.
IF PENS WERE STARTING HANDLES
WE'D WRITE MORE OFT ---I THINK!

with apologies to the Midlands Austin Seven Club, modifications by Anon.

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WESSEX BARBECUE, DISCO AND GARDEN PARTY.

To be held on SATURDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1982 in Tony Jones' garden at
59 MARSH ROAD, TROWBRIDGE.

Situated on the B3105 Hilperton to Staverton Road.

Dancing to the D.Y. Disco Show (7.30 to 11.30)

Tickets will be £1.00 each to include 2 hot dogs, plus a cup of coffee
or tea.

There will be a Raffle. (Donations of prizes will be very welcome.)

Please bring your own alcohol and glasses.

Engine entries will be open to all Wessex Members, and will be limited
to the first 30 engines entered.

All engines must be small, and most important, trolley mounted (3'
maximum width.)

There will be ample car parking next to the site, and anyone wishing
to stay overnight will be most welcome. Engines can be brought on site anytime
during Saturday.

Any profits will be in aid of the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood
Trust. (C.L.I.C.) PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT.

And don't forget admission will be by TICKET ONLY.

I require _____ tickets £1.00 each for the Wessex Barbecue on the
19TH JUNE, 1982. Please make cheques etc. payable to A.B. Jones, Esq. Closing
date for tickets will be the 17TH MAY, 1982.

Please enclose a S.A.E. envelope for the return of your tickets, and
send to:-

MR. A.B. JONES,
59 MARSH ROAD,
TROWBRIDGE,
WILTSHIRE.
BA14 7PR.

I will/will not be bringing a Stationary Engine.

WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB
BALANCE SHEET 1981

SUBSCRIPTIONS	521.50
DINNER DANCE	515.00
JUBILEE SALE	84.04
1980 BANK BAL. B/F	241.31
RAFFLES	112.19
BADGES, PLAQUES& CARDS	31.60
CAMERTON STALL	35.26
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YATTON - STALLS	62.98
RAFFLES ETC.	118.28
PROGS.	29.50
FOOD	69.00
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DINNER DANCE	590.50
DISCO	25.00
TICKETS	8.00
PRIZES	20.00
YATTON - PLAQUES	99.59
FOOD	80.00
ADVERTISING	37.17
YATTON ETC	12.50
RAFFLE PRIZES	14.75
C.I.I.C.	244.01
JUBILEE SALE	50.00
STATIONERY	13.39
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RAFFLE PRIZES	15.00
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