



Dear SP Owner,

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The July 2021 Newsletter

We had better commence with 'matters arising' from my last newsletter. In that you may recall I stated that Esso were selling Ethanol free petrol from pumps marked E0. My super sleuth trolled their website and found the following statement:-

"Although our pumps have E5 labels on them, our Synergy Supreme+ 99 is actually ethanol free (except, due to technical supply reasons, in Devon, Cornwall, North Wales, North England and Scotland). Legislation requires us to place these E5 labels on pumps that dispense unleaded petrol with 'up to 5% ethanol', including those that contain no ethanol, which is why we display them on our Synergy Supreme+ 99 pumps.

There's currently no requirement for renewable fuel, like ethanol, to be present in super unleaded petrol although this could change in the future, in which case we would comply with any new legislation."

Again, you may recall early last month the great and good G7 members travelled down to Cornwall, for a well-earned break! Another reader wrote to add "it seems they left their mark behind on the peninsula" :-

"I have business contacts in Cornwall and they are NOT amused by the 'super spreader' G7 shindig. The Covid rate of infection rose over 2000% *in St Ives, making it the third largest in the UK (after Manchester and Leeds)...! (*as at middle of June – LCJ)

Back to basics and the SP, Barry Thorne wrote to inform me that both the inlet and exhaust valves on the SP were produced of a special steel alloy that is unaffected by lead free fuel, those of the inlet En.52 and the exhaust XB. Mind you, Daimler and/or Turner built the engines with the US market in mind where low octanes fuels abounded (back in 1959); the SP was designed to run a low 87 Octane rating with its 8.2 to 1 ratio.

Robert Grinter rang the other day and said, "You won't believe what's just turned up to the workshop" It is a one-owner-from-new SP, a very late 'C' less than 30 from the end of production making this the 1717th unknown known. Oh, by the way the owner is 93 years young!

It seems the barber that James May uses (or not) is still on furlough judging by this clip as May rants on about his Tesla: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NsKwMryKqRE>

What a crazy world we have now found ourselves in. Forget gazumping houses, now it's the turn of the second hand car market where prospective buyers are outbidding one another to secure a vehicle. The cataclysmic fire at a semi-conductor plant in the Far East on which a number of manufactures rely has caused this phenomenon - too many eggs in the one basket. It seems the old diesel engine is back in fashion and the EV after such a headlong-misguided rush is heading for the scrapheap (another problem - no scrap yard will take these highly carcinogenic time bombs!). Oh well, it's down to us taxpayers to pick up the tab through higher road fund licences.

All rolled into one, Beauty and the Beast, it just amazes me where they find these long forgotten titans:- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=u6-Z4FIZSGI&feature=youtu.be> skip the ads and just listen and take in the aroma (well imagine that part)

This SP made an excellent price last month at:-

<https://www.barrett-jackson.com/Events/Event/Details/1960-DAIMLER-SP250-247950>



This is the anti-roll bar arrangement on ‘Wicked Wanda’ the SP race car designed and run by Steve Sannet and Bill Holland.

However, not too sure from this photograph how it is located on the front cross tube. Is it a static fixing or is there an inner bar running within the cross tube?

For a full synopsis of what Steve and Bill get up to in their SP ‘lair’ see below.

<https://daimler80.com/>

A new pressure group, Historic and Classic Vehicles Alliance <https://www.hcva.co.uk/> has been formed to add further influence to our motoring heritage. It seems that Governments might impose more stringent regulations as they drive the misguided headlong move towards electrical propulsion. We should join their organisation.

It is most sad to point out that the Goodwood Festival of Speed Team have taken ‘The Kings’ Shilling’ by taking on board an electrical theme. If you plan to attend The Revival, it is planned for **17 to 19 Sept** and will pay a tribute to Sir Stirling Moss. Tickets:- https://www.goodwood.com/motorsport/goodwood-revival/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIprHmieDz7wIVAdtRCh0TJgUZEAAAYASAAEgLGK_D_BwE

Plan to attend Kop Hill on the **25 & 26 Sept**? <https://www.kophillclimb.org.uk/> When booking asked to be situated with the DLOC stand hosted by Mike and Hattie Gallagher

And finally.....

We and the Anderson family are kindred spirits: we both have SPs and both live in Essex County. The Andersons are out in Marblehead, Essex County, Massachusetts, and we here in the UK. Seen here is Ken clothed in his pandemic gear, having just blown the cobwebs from his SP. Ken has been wiling away his lockdown time by cleaning the fuel lines and ensuring the brakes work, much more to do though. We wish Ken well as he continues the process of getting the car roadworthy. Mind you would like the truck too.....



Yours sincerely

Laurence & Ann

Thought for the day: Remember; always remain firm friends with those that have access to your toothbrush!