



Dear SP Owner,

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019

### **The next meeting is Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September**

September is an active month for the classic car scene, no doubt seen as the season closure as the cars are 'put to bed' for the winter.

I think he did it... Alan Mason that is, in exceeding last year's fundraising total of £24,000 in aid of St. Francis Hospice. Seven SPs and their occupants were marshalling at Frankie's Classic Car Fest at the hallowed home of Ford Motor Company's Research Headquarters at Dunton, Essex on Sunday. Out on the test track, some 250+ Capris in all shapes and sizes strutted their stuff to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is thought to be there largest gathering of the model at any one time. On the day, there were over 650 classics which will hopefully help push Alan's efforts to over £30,000. It was so busy that the general public were being turned away as car parking had run out.

Earlier this year, you may recall that Alan received on behalf of the SP250 Owners' Club the Practical Classic's trophy for best contribution to charity at the NEC Restoration Show. I am sure this is a crowning glory to that endeavour.

If you can beg, borrow, pinch or steal the July and August editions of the Jaguar Drivers 'Club magazine *Jaguar Driver*' there is an excellent article on the "SP250 at 60". This is a well-researched article by the renowned Jaguar Heritage archive volunteer and enthusiast Francois Prins, who for many years has written on many aspects of Jaguar. Francois therefore has been able to delve into the Jaguar and Daimler archives to write this 10 page piece. A must-have for the SP enthusiast and historian.

I always find it unbelievable when such iconic vehicles such as this are 'found':- <https://journal.classiccars.com/2019/08/14/bullitt-mustang-gt-movie-car-mecum/> 'Bullit' and The Italian Job' must rank as the 2 greatest car chases in cinema history?

The major Beaulieu Autojumble weekend is being held this coming weekend, the **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September** and I do believe the DLOC will have a 'flag waving stand' so do pop by.

The West Midlands group will be invading the Castle on Sunday the **8<sup>th</sup> September** so if you wish to join 'the Charge' it's £15 a car and the castle is Warwick Castle. Further details can be obtained from Mark Kershaw on [westmids@dloc.co.uk](mailto:westmids@dloc.co.uk) or Jim Davis [jimdavis99@live.co.uk](mailto:jimdavis99@live.co.uk). Or grab Jim's telephone number from pasSPort.

I did think the entire motor industry going green is a big mistake; however, I am bending a little! as this Aston Martin's 'green credentials' have a great deal going for it:- <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7416225/Rare-Aston-Martin-DB4GT-owned-Donald-Campbell-sale-3million.html>

Oh dear fooled you:- <https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/03/14/james-bonds-next-aston-martin-could-be-all-electric>

And continuing in Cloud Cuckoo land.....

Have read in the press that Mini have launched the inevitable electric car. Why would you pay £25,000 plus for a small car that weighs 1¼ tons that travels 99 miles before you have to re-charge it? If you charge it on a normal point, that is at home, it would take 12 hours before you could do another 99 miles. Therefore it would take approximately 5 days to drive from London to Glasgow compared with just 7 hours in an efficient diesel engine car. One other interesting question, what happens to all the large spent batteries once they come to the end of their useful life? Do they end up in a similar fashion to those spent nuclear fuel rods in storage? If so, we are just kicking a bigger problem down the road.

On the subject of EVs, this is a thought provoking subject, the following sent in by a likeminded EV 'enthusiast' – I think not.

*"For reasons I will never be able to explain with logic, I was just watching "Geostorm" on Netflix, where the President is being kidnapped in an EV during an electrical storm - and it got me thinking.*

*We all know that if a normal car gets hit by lightning the tyres insulate the people inside and they escape unharmed as long as they jump clear of the car. But, what happens with an EV? Won't it supercharge the circuitry and fry the people inside! The tyres would stop anything from earthing out? Answers on a post card please...*

The forthcoming Goodwood Revival weekend has such a variety of stalls with clothes, cars, wine and well-dressed women and Oh, I nearly forgot, the racing itself out on the circuit. This all takes place on the Duke of Richmond's estate down near Chichester on the **13th to 15th September**. You always see a number of SPs either on the members' Lavant banking enclosure or out in the general car parks. <https://www.goodwood.com/motorsport/goodwood-revival/>

Michael Gallagher has organised a stand again at this year's Kop Hill Climb festival on the **21st & 22nd September**, follow the link to book in. <https://www.kophillclimb.org.uk/>

The SP250 group have been invited to participate with the Aston Martin Owners' Club at their national rally on the **29th September** which is being held at Holkham Hall on the north Norfolk coast. <https://www.holkham.co.uk/> gates open at 8am! There is a pre-bookable lunch in the Lady Elizabeth Wing or take your own picnic. If you wish to enter your SP for a concours – not against Astons I must add – separate Judges will be on hand. <https://www.dloc.org.uk/events/aston-martin-owners-club-rally>

We will as usual have a stand at the NEC Classic Car Show **November 8th to the 10th**. We are in **Hall 2 stand 725** in Jaguar alley. We will have 4 SPs and the Felday, the Daimler V8 engine single seater.

The offer code for advance tickets is **CC 3828** buy before the beginning of October to reap this offer, see and use:- <https://www.necclassicismotorshow.com/tickets>

Advance notice for those who wish to participate at the SPA Classic weekend next year. Alan Mason is forward planning a return visit to SPA in May 2020:- <http://walloniabelgiumtourism.co.uk/en-gb/content/spa-classic-car-rally-francorchamps>

Alan has pre-booked the same hotel and we have been given a larger club parking area within the circuit so please log your interest with Alan on [soaring.ace@btinternet.com](mailto:soaring.ace@btinternet.com)

And Finally.....

Just knew there was a marketing opportunity for these EVs! A diesel powered standby EV charging point!  
Proves the old adage 'Every cloud has a silver lining'



I quote Dr. Nancekievill again "You couldn't make it up!" (LCJ!)

*Yours sincerely,*

Laurence and Ann

Thought for the day: What this country needs are more unemployed politicians!