



Dear SP Owner,

5th August 2019

The next meeting is Wed 7th August

Engines seemed to rule our lives, what with the excellent Turner V8s and the more modern use of 'search' engines. I did some research into the name *Google* as to where that name originated. I was therefore somewhat amazed to find the answer lay in the first edition of *Dart Talk* the magazine of the SP250 Club of New Zealand, wherein they used the expression 'Yabbayatbbadatbadabba googlygooglygoo' when on local trial (club tour). The phrase was coined / invented by Jim Ferguson and Craig Pouting the organisers of the run. So there we have it, a derivative of the word most people type into their search engines has a direct line connection back to the Turner V8S. Perhaps the then Chairman Peter Altman and now that club's secretary could give us a clue as how to pronounce the words!

Next year sees the anniversary of the LeMans Classic, over the years it has grown exponentially so much so it's no longer a pleasure driving down with the resultant overheating traffic jams onto the circuit. However, for nostalgia to those that need a fix, here is a clip of the first Jaguar win. Such great historical footage:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmclYtEbKo0&feature=youtu.be>

Elon Musk the founder of Tesla Cars continues his troubled ways with headline grabbing news that the company posted a second quarter loss of \$408m in this this after a bad first quarter showing where losses were £702m. A number have asked "is the company running out of monies?"

Mind you the entire motor industry is in a state of flux, Jaguar is going 'all electric'. Who in their right mind is going to buy a second hand 'Jag' at 10 grand when the battery pack is £27,000 to re-place? I am of the belief that very shortly one will not be able to buy a new vehicle, only lease due to the impact of disposing the 'spent battery packs' – an environmental nightmare.. Mind you, we the taxpayers have been forking out millions in subsidies to the EV industry and with this coming to an end no wonder sales of EVs are falling through the floor.

Clarkson when commenting on greenhouse gases: "Then you have Theresa May's idiotic promise that Britain will produce no greenhouse gases by 2050. That's not possible either. If you built a new generation of carbon-capturing power stations, and removed every car with internal combustion from the road, and replaced the boiler in every single house, and made the eating of meat illegal, you could reduce our carbon emissions by 96%? But 100%? That would require technology that hasn't even been invented yet"



Spotted in *The Times* letters' page recently – seems Colin Payne from Dorset is also a fan of the SP.

The next West Midlands event is on Sunday 11th August at Attingham Park, Atcham Shrewsbury where they will join in with the local classic car show which is in aid of a local Hospice. Post code SY4 4TP. Website :

<https://www.severnhospice.org.uk/support-us/events/severn-hospice-events/?ec=1387>

It's £15 a car to enter, If you would like to come then book yourselves on the website – mentioning DLOC, but let Mark Kershaw know as well so he can arrange to all be sited together. westmids@dloc.co.uk or Jim Davis jimdavis99@live.co.uk.

Alan Mason and Tony Cartwright are organising 'Frankies' Car Fest at Ford's Dunton research centre just off the A127 on **Sunday 1st September**. Please do bring your SP and help with the marshalling - it's a most worthwhile cause to fund raise for St. Francis Hospice. Alan would like to exceed last years' total of £24,000. <https://www.sfh.org.uk/frankies-classic-car-fest>

The major Beaulieu Autojumble weekend is being held on the **7th & 8th September** this is an adventure in itself!

The Goodwood Revival meeting is being held on the **13th to 15th September**, where a number of SPs are around. <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/> Last time we had a grand display and a great day out.

The SP250 group have been invited to participate with the Aston Martin Owners' Club at their national rally this year held at Holkham Hall on the north Norfolk coast. It's being held on **29th September** <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.

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. A slight change in plan in that we will have 4 SPs and the Felday, the Daimler V8 engined single seater. This very successful hill climb car was championed by the late Peter Westbury and so magnificently restored by current owner Ron Walsh.

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

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

Alan has pre-booked an 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

And Finally.....



Yours sincerely,

In the words of infamous Dr. Nancekievill "You couldn't make it up!" (LCJ !)

Laurence and Ann

Thought for the day: The word 'Almost' is the longest word spelt alphabetically.