



NEWS UPDATE

January 2020 (No.1/20)



The 2020 AGM was held on January 12th at The Lambert Arms in Oxfordshire. Forty members and spouses attended the meeting. Twenty-five attendees stayed overnight before the meeting, and sat down for dinner together on Saturday evening.



Michael and Marie-Christine Applebee brought with them a huge silver cup that was awarded to their Bullnose M.G. some years ago during their long ownership of the car. They presented the cup to the current owner, Barry Faiers, and asked that the cup is always passed on to the owner, should it change hands again.



Michael Applebee holds the cup prior to passing it to Barry Faiers.

The Old Speckled Hen Trophy, which was inaugurated by the Applebees, to be presented annually to the member who does most to uphold the ethos of the Society, went to your humble Scribe, who used it as a leaning-post whilst delivering his words of thanks.



The main business of the meeting took only an hour, during which the existing committee was re-elected en-bloc, whereupon the congregation retreated to the bar until Sunday lunch was served.

After lunch, our guest 'speaker', Tom 'Spats' Langham, the virtuoso jazz banjo player, entertained us with tales from his musical adventures and played a variety of tunes on ukulele and banjo – all greatly applauded by the audience.



Tom began with some songs on his ukulele ...



... and finished with some outstanding banjo numbers – including by request, a rousing encore!

E.M.G.S. SPRING SOCIAL



The next event on the EMGS calendar in the UK is the Spring Social gathering at Littlecote House Hotel, near Hungerford in The Royal County of Berkshire for 4 days beginning on Monday, March 2nd 2020.

Full details of current availability and prices can be found at www.warnerleisurehotels.co.uk/littlecote-house or you could contact Mike or Hazel Heins either by calling on 01270 780656 or e-mailing mikeandhazel57@gmail.com



‘Loire & Cher’ June 14th to 24th 2020



Details of the trip were published in July 2019 and most of the 15 places were soon taken.

**At present there is just one place (for two travellers together)
still available.**

The tariff is £1515 per person, which includes return overnight ferries with cabin accommodation, 8 hotel-nights in France on bed & breakfast, plus 6 evening meals included.

For full details please contact your Scribe at c.keevill@btinternet or speak to Helen at Travel Destinations on 01707 329988.



AUTUMN EVENT – SEPTEMBER 2020

The 2020 EMGS Autumn Event will be in the Derbyshire Peak District, based at the Izaak Walton Hotel in Dovedale, Ilam near Ashbourne. (www.izaakwaltonhotel.com)



This will be mid-week for 3 nights, arriving Monday September 14th leaving Thursday September 17th with an option to stay for a 4th night until Friday September 18th which it is hoped most participants will sign up to.

The event is being organised by Rodney & Alyson Kettel and John & Katie Wileman with a full touring programme, visiting places of interest.

We have negotiated dinner, bread & breakfast at £200 per night for two people, regardless of a 3 or 4 night stay. We have arranged a provisional booking of the best 20 rooms, until February 29th 2020, but they do vary and will be allocated on a “first come first served basis”.

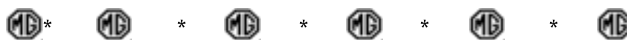
There are car parking facilities within the hotel grounds and adequate space for trailers.



To ensure a reservation please contact Shura Prince, General Manager, The Izaak Walton Hotel on 01335 350981 at which time you will be required to pay a £50 non-refundable deposit.

If you haven't seen it yet, there is now a short video of the EMGS Autumn Event held in September 2019 at The Deer Park, Honiton, Devon, available to view here:

<https://youtu.be/QquTytaEOL4>



SPARES

Kevin Atkinson in New Zealand, who is restoring a Mk I 18/80 sent this request for help acquiring a pair of the brake cross0shaft levers pictured below.



Wanted for RX7207, ch 6629. Brake cross-shaft end levers.

Late mk1 (possibly mk2 also) with both holes equidistant from the centre. Casting number 605, as in the attached photo.

Any help sourcing a pair gratefully received

Kevin Atkinson
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FOR SALE



Bill Grudgings has decided that it's time to let one of his Mk II M.G. 18/80s go to a new owner – i.e. his 1930 2-seater, reg. no. MG 1021.

This car still carries its original Carbodies 2-seater coachwork, which was ordered in September 1929. University Motors used the car as their demonstrator until 1930.



The car remained in England until 1963, when it was exported to America, where it stayed until 2001 when it was brought back to England again and Bill was able to acquire it. Although the car was virtually complete, it required full restoration, which Bill completed in a couple of years. The full story of the car featured in a 'Profile' article in the Early M.G. Society magazine in 2013. (Digital copy available to interested parties from your Scribe)

Since completion the car has been used sparingly and remains in Concours condition for the next owner to enjoy for many years to come.



Bill hopes that the car will go to a new owner who has around £80,000 to spend on this superb rare example of a vintage M.G. in perfect order.

Bill can be contacted by telephone on 01303 274508.

Here are two pictures left over from last month, when the Memsahib and Scribe had just returned from a trip to Rajasthan, showing some typical local transport systems :



You can get around by road ...



... or by rail.

If you're out and about in your M.G. in the UK, don't forget that a frosty road can still catch you out at this time of year :



... so do Drive Safely.

