



NEWS UPDATE.

September 2021 (No. 9/21)

This month we can pick up again where we left off before the Covid pandemic quashed our EMGS events, soon after our early Spring Social at Littlecote House, near Hungerford in Berkshire, in March 2020.



Littlecote House

AUTUMN EVENT – SEPTEMBER 2021

The 2021 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 13th leaving Thursday September 16th with an option to stay for a 4th night, leaving on Friday September 17th, for which most participants have signed up.

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

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



Check-in at hotel reception is from 4.00 pm on arrival day, Monday, September 13th, and in the evening there will be a pre-dinner welcome meeting in a private bar area where everyone will receive their information package outlining the planned routes and places to visit. Dining at the hotel will be in our own private restaurant area with tables formatted to our request. Daily tour starts will be around 9.30am.



On our last visit to the Izaak Walton, in 2008, Clive Wells bagged this parking spot.



Our organisers in 2008, the Westaways, led us out each morning.

This time, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be road trips through the Derbyshire countryside, with routes and maps included in the information pack – so no need for that Sat-Nav!





We mentioned a while back that MG 18/80 Mk II, reg. no. ALB 3, has returned to the Radford family after many years of sequestration. We are pleased to see that Geoff Radford's grandson, (Andrew's son William), lost no time in trying ALB 3 for size, and found that it suits him perfectly:



Staying on the subject of ALB 3, Geoff recently found this photo of the car, taken when he raced it at Lime Rock race circuit in Connecticut, USA, in 1991.



*Geoff in ALB 3 leads Roger Thomas in his P-Type, with Peter Hague in his 18/80 behind.
This picture illustrates just why the smaller M.G.s were called 'Midgets'!*

SPARES

M.G. 18/80 Hub Studs – from Keith Herkes

When was the last time you checked the hub studs on your M.G. 18/80?
Considering the amount of rotational force they have to endure, they are prime candidates to self-destruct if the six outer nuts are not kept tight.

It has recently come to light during the re-commissioning of a Mk I 18/80, that has not been used for a couple of years, that the “wear and tear” of the rear hub studs has almost reached the point of a catastrophic failure.

A similar occurrence was highlighted in News Update No.12 November 2020, when I reported that studs had actually sheared.

The usual reasons for the studs to be replaced are: stretched or damaged threads, broken stud or they have become loose thus making it difficult to undo or tighten up. For the latter, a temporary measure is to cut a slot in the outer end and hold it with a screwdriver whilst tightening the nut.

I still have a few re-manufactured Mk I studs left from the batch I had made last year, so should you wish to tackle the replacement of your Mk I rear studs, or be prepared for a future need, these are available in sets of six. (one side only) at a cost of £21.00 plus £2.00 UK postage. Contact keith.herkes@btinternet.com or 01234 771769.

I would also suggest that the nuts and spring washers are replaced at the same time. (3/8 B.S.F.)



Are your hub nuts like this?

WATER MANIFOLDS FOR 18/80 ENGINES

Prices are being sought for the manufacture of a batch of aluminium water manifolds for 18/80 engines, as shown below:



WATER MANIFOLDS FOR 18/80 ENGINES – Continued:

The previous batch of these water manifolds, in 2014, cost £45 each, inc. VAT.
If you are interested in acquiring one, if only as a spare, please contact Rodney Kettel at alykett@aol.com



SOME NEWS FOR TRAVELLERS TO EUROPE

Green Cards no longer required for UK drivers

Following the UK's departure from the EU, all UK motorists have been required to hold a Green Card as proof of insurance cover when driving in the European Economic Area (EEA) since 1st January 2021.

This has now changed as the European Union has confirmed that drivers of UK-registered vehicles will no longer need a Green Card to take their vehicle to EU countries.

Previously, all UK-registered vehicles were legally required to carry a Green Card, but under the new changes, the UK will be admitted into the Green Card Free Circulation Zone. This means UK motorists will be able to travel to EU countries freely without requiring additional insurance documents.

Since 2nd August, UK motorists travelling to the EU or EEA area no longer need to hold a Green Card, though we recommend still requesting a Green Card from your insurer or broker until September to ensure the member countries are aware of the rules.



A note from Frank Bond:

“**W**hat's the problem? Why won't it start?”
“Crap in the carburettor!”
“Well ok... but only if it would really help!”

