#### REAR VIEW



Now here you have what is quite a rare sight. Graham (our dear President) with his wallet open. Unfortunately the moths had all flown away by the time I got this shot some years ago. Below is John Jenks and young Charlie on their way to Honeybrook Farm on the Aubrey Batt Run 2009.

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was founded in 1977 by Graham Melly and chaired in the early days by Aubrey Batt. It is a Branch of the National Morris Minor Owners Club but has its own accounts and organisation (see Constitution for further details) <u>We</u> meet on the first Wednesday of every month (7:30 for 8:00) at the Bournemouth Electric Club, Broadway Lane, BH8 OAA. We have an active calendar of events throughout the year – particularly in the Summer months when we attend many rallies and other shows. The monthly Clubnight is an opportunity to meet the other enthusiasts and enjoy a presentation or other activity organised by the Committee.

Membership currently costs  $\pounds$ 9 per year,  $\pounds$ 11.50 for joint membership.

Please ask Branch Secretary if you require a copy of the Dorset Branch Constitution .For more details contact Laurie Blewer on 01202 522673 or John Jenkinson on 01202 576690



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Spares Manager: John Bainbridge (01258 458749) Regalia Manager: Richard Cyster – (01202 526660) Catering Executives: -Sue Blewer, Lyn Gerry FRONT COVER In honour of the May clubnight talk on the life and works of Jack Daniels (by his son – David), we feature the 'Mosquito' scale model.



### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to the May clubnight. I hope you all enjoyed the Aubrey Batt Run on Sunday 19th April and the full English breakfast to start the day. The Aubrey Batt trophy for the best car of the day was awarded to Klaus and Monica from Germany/ Dorchester.



Hollybrook farm was very nice and they had a good bakery and butchery which I tested thoroughly together with the climbing equipment. The Trooping of the Colour visit is now full so I hope that we all have a good time in June. The visit to Winton MOT centre on the 14th June – Karl would like to know the numbers of members and how many cars will be going on the visit for food and parking arrange-

ments. Please could you put your name on the list on the notice board. We have had good feedback on the model of the club van so I hope you have bought yourself one – they are selling fast.

This year's Branch Rally is filling up fast so I hope you have all booked in. We are still looking for some new stalls for the Rally so let the committee know if you know of anyone who would be interested in taking one.

We went to a little Rally at Swanage in the car park by the seafront. It was very nice to see so many of the club members in their Morris's. I also won the Raffle which was a cream tea for two people in Swanage and also won the runner's up certificate (with Arthur's taxi) for the best car.

Neville is arranging a weekend away in Sidmouth next year (2010) in April, so any expressions of interest would be welcome and Jacky will be taking savings contributions as per last year.

That's all for now, happy motoring, John.

#### Next clubnight –Auto Jumble

The next clubnight (June) is our Autojumble night. So please bring along your unwanted spares to sell. Small items preferred – complete engines might be difficult.

Please let me know if you no longer wish your ad to be included in the newsletter/website. Editor.

### FOR SALE & WANTED & CLUB NOTICES

#### **BRANCH REBATE SCHEME**

You may be aware that the branch receives a financial rebate according to the numbers of national MMOC members who attend the monthly clubnights. We therefore need to update our records so that we can take advantage of this scheme. Please would you advise Des Waller (or any Committee Member) of your MMOC membership number and renewal date and make sure that you sign the attendance sheet at the clubnights. Thank you.



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#### Next clubnight – Auto Jumble

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Dear All. The following has been sent around Surrey Hants Border MMOC warning of thefts of Minor interiors from the mid Hampshire area (surrounding the town of Alton). I understand the matter is in the hands of Hampshire Police. The vehicles in guestion were in remote areas, namely Lasham near Alton and Four Marks between Winchester and Alton. "About 8 weeks ago, my friend in Four Marks had the complete interior stolen from his Morris Minor, and the other day, a Traveller had the same thing happen, this time from Lasham area. Please keep checking on your Morris, they are obviously stealing to order".

Kind regards, Giles Vodicka, Surrey Hampshire Border MMOC

We will be running the Sidmouth weekend again next year on the 16-18th April 2010 (Cost to be advised) Jacky will be running the savings scheme as before, so if you are interested, please let us know and start saving those pennies.

#### THIS MONTH'S NEW MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome to J.E. Mettler who lives in Bournemouth and has joined the Branch last month.

### WHAT'S ON?

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http://www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk

(Don't forget to check the website for latest updates to events)

#### 2009

2-4th May – Bristol Classic Car Show NOTE NEW DATE 6th May - Clubnight - Talk by Dave Daniels 16th/17th May – Beaulieu Spring Autoiumble 3rd June - Clubnight - Autojumble 5-7th June Trooping of the Colour weekend - London 7th June - Southern Regional Rally - Milestones, Basingstoke 14th June – Visit to Winton MOT Centre 21st June – Hampshire Rally 25-28th June – National MMOC Rally 1st July - Clubnight - Rally Planning 10-12th July Dorset Branch Rally – Avon Heath 19th July – Show – Muscliffe Community Park 5th August – Clubnight – Reverend Timbrell 2nd September - Clubnight - Antiques Evening with Phil Traves 6th September – IOW Rally 27th September – Area 6 Picnic at Watercress Line 3rd October – Wimborne/3 in 1 Run (Shaftesbury Carnival Day) 7th October – Clubnight – AGM 4th November - Clubnight -Call My Bluff type guiz 28th November – Dinner and Dance Quality Hotel, Bournemouth 2nd December - Clubnight - Natter and Noggin. 27th December – Mistletoe Meander

#### 2010

16-18th April – Sidmouth Weekend – Royal Glen Hotel

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to the May clubnight. The talk by the Youth Cancer Trust last month was very informative and I'm sure the donation we made to them was very much appreciated and will be put to good use. Tonight we welcome Dave Daniels along who is going to give us an insight into the life of his late father, Jack Daniels. Jack was a very dear friend to the Dorset Branch and he is greatly missed. I hope all those who came along to the Aubrey Batt Memorial Run had an enjoyable day. We must thank the staff at the café who did us proud with the breakfasts. The visit to Honeybrook Farm was very good. We'd never been there before and were quite impressed with the venue and the facilities. We'll definitely be taking Louise there again when she's a bit older and can appreciate all the animals. The day finished with a few of us taking part in Classic Cars on the Prom before we headed home for dinner. All in all a very enjoyable day out.

As mentioned last month we are taking part in this year's Muscliff Community day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. I have put a sheet up on the notice board and I would ask you to write your names up if you can come along and support the club that day. We are probably going to have another weekend break at The Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth in 2010. We have provisionally decided on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April so please make a note of the date and I will come back to you with more details as and when they are available. Once again there is a sheet on the board for you to register your interest.

If you are going to the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble this month don't forget to pop along and see us on the club stand and have a cup of tea. June is looking to be a very busy month with the Southern Regional Rally at Milestones, the HAMMOC rally at Fort Nelson and the National Rally at the Haynes Motor Museum. We are planning to attend all three.

Plans for this years Dorset Rally are progressing so please make sure that you get your entry form in to me as soon as you can. Roy has said he will host a charity auction during the Sunday in aid of the Youth Cancer Trust. Please can I ask for quality items only to be donated such as new parts etc. It would be nice if we could raise another good sum for them especially as they will be having a display at the rally themselves. If you know of any other traders or charities that would like a stall at the rally please let one of us know. The more stalls the better.

The Lowlight has now been "babyfied" with a rear seat belt safely installed. Without it, of course, we are unable to fit a baby seat for Louise. Some people will say its sacrilege to drill holes for the belt but its only 3 holes and the belt could easily be removed or even hidden behind the seat if required. So that's seat belts installed in both Minors now so Louise is able to go out in either car. This month has also seen the Traveller issued with her new MOT with no work being required at all this year. Not much to report on the engine front for Victoria. The new block has now been returned having been skimmed and re-bored to take the new pistons. Also all 17 head studs were removed so all new ones will be required. I'm only hoping that the Austin Club's spares department will reopen soon to enable me to buy all the bits and pieces required to complete the rebuild.

I think that's all from me then for this month, so until next time Happy Minoring, Laurie.



#### EDITORIAL

Thanks very much to Bruce Eggleton for his piece on hose problems recently encountered. The pictures were very clear too. Good article. I have often wondered what is inside those braided hoses and how long it lasts. If it's only function is to hide the perishing process, then 'one' is probably better off with out them! Probably a case of 'you get what you pay for'. (Thanks also for the AutoCad manuals, Bruce).

Not much activity in the Wood garage this past month, what with the 'Easter' project to fit a new kitchen (which could be finished by Christmas – with a following wind!). (Please note '*Christmas*' is not accurately defined!)

Last month's clubnight was a talk by Derek Smith representing the Youth Cancer Trust – which is being supported by the club this year. Sounds like a very worthy cause indeed. I must offer my humble apologies for the failure of the presentation equipment. We had hoped to use the 'new' LCD projector to show the short videos, but unfortunately, my laptop computer decided otherwise. I have still to connect it all up again and hold the official 'post mortem'. When I find out what the settings should be, I will write them down. Can't really blame the equipment then, it was definitely 'finger trouble'.

The Aubrey Batt Run went well. We were very lucky with the weather and had a great day. See write up and photos in centre pages. Also there are some photographs on the website (www.dorsetmmoc.co.uk).

I got a phone call whilst on a visit (in Cornwall!) a few weeks ago from Jacky who had gone out in the 4 door and broken down! (That's the second time in 28 years – not too bad a record, I suppose.) The usual advice to bash the petrol pump was followed and about 2 or three neighbours stopped to assist and took turns to bash the poor old petrol pump. The RAC man, however, found that the wire from the coil to the distributor had come adrift. Simple! We found out that they will only tow you a maximum of 10 miles under 'Roadside Recovery' (which we had, but didn't need on this occasion). If you are 11 miles (or more) away it will cost you £100 plus an extra charge for the mileage. To include the unlimited mileage cover meant that our subscription would increase by about 85%. They used to just charge you a mileage rate when you needed it but I guess too many people were taking advantage of the cheaper annual subscription.

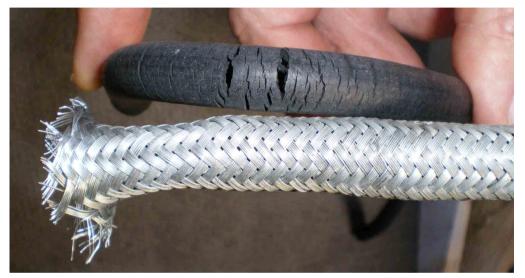


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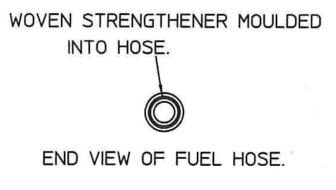
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### HOSE PROBLEMS (BY BRUCE EGGLETON)

I recently stayed with Dave and Jackie Walker and Dave went through some basic servicing on the Traveller I bought from them when we noticed a leak of fuel where the hose clamps to the float chamber.



We tightened the clip – but it still leaked – fitted the hose from his Traveller \_ no leak. Inspected my hose, pealed back the sexy stainless steel braiding and the cracks in the rub-



ber were horrendous!!! See photo and the section above. We then checked Dave's hose , peeled back the brading and no

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### THE 'MOSQUITO'

The model shown on the front cover is the 1:10 scale model of the prototype Minor which was, at that time, provisionally going to be called the Morris Mosquito. It is not known when the model was made but the first fullsize prototype emerged in 1943 and exhibited many new features. Most striking was the front end styling. It sported a large front grille with concealed headlights. Bulbous front wings and a bonnet with louvered slats gave rise to the view that here was something new and innovative. This view was strengthened



by the effective use of internal space. Working on the same philosophy that 'people who buy small cars are the same size as people who buy big cars, Issigonis sought to maximise the space available and eliminate any feeling of claustrophobia. Even on the earliest prototype, it was evident that the objective of seating four passengers comfortably within the wheelbase.

Issigonis' preferred method of working was to commit his ideas to



paper. Through his sketches, which have become stuff of legend, he was able to convey his ideas clearly and succinctly. Notations elucidated the key points, but it was down to Jack Daniels and Reg Job to use their expertise to convert these into accurate engineering drawings. Such was the trust and level of understanding between the three core team members

that few problems emerged. In today's parlance it could be said that there was 'synergy' between them. Even for the layperson, the sketches are compelling and in the case of the Mosquito, clearly illustrate how the designer's ideas emerged and changed.

From 'Morris Minor-60 years on the Road' by Ray Newell (www.velocebooks.com)

#### 2009 BRANCH RALLY



You are invited to join in with our annual celebrations at this year's Branch Bally for the weekend or just Sunday for the Rally. The Rally will be held as usual on the green near the visitor's centre at the Avon Heath Country Park.

There are some interesting countryside walks and the facilities provided on site include toilets and a café where snacks and drinks can be bought. Avon Heath Country Park is situated just a

few miles away from the historic towns of Ringwood, Wimborne and Christchurch and just 10 miles from Bournemouth with its famous sandy beaches.

Camping will be available on site from 4:30pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July with the pre-rally party being held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The main rally day will be on Sunday 12th July and will feature judging of all your favourite classes. There will be a separate section for vehicles, which have won at concours level. We will have trade stands, raffle, cake stalls and a 'Working Minors' Class and a Post Production Convertible class.

Entry forms for Minors and other 'visitors' classic cars are available from the branch or on the website www. dorsetmmoc.co.uk

A map showing the directions to the Country Park will be sent with your Rally entry number.

#### 2009 MUSCLIFFE COMMUNITY FUNDAY

We have been invited to display our cars at the 2nd Muscliffe Community Funday on Sunday 19th July from 11am to 4pm at Muscliffe Community Centre in Bournemouth. Muscliffe Community Centre. Shillingstone Drive, Bournemouth, BH9 3LR



### HOSE PROBLEMS (CONTINUED)

(Continued from page 6) splitting. but found the rubber hose was different in so far as it was reinforced hose, not cheap solid rubber like mine. See photo below. The replacement hose obtained





from an Auto Factors in Ringwood has the producers name and hose conformity printed on the hose. No sexy stainless but I am less likely to be incinerated.

Dave also showed me some Kevlar hoses that had not been in use for very long.

See photos above and left for more cracks.



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### 2008 PHOTO ALUBM ON DVD



The 'official' record of the Dorset Branch events is now available on a DVD which plays as a 37 minute 'movie' extravaganza set to music. There are 14 sections covering most of the activities and events of the 60th year of our favourite car from the Plowmans Lunch in January to the Mistletoe Meander in December. There are one or two actual 'movie' scenes but most are still photographs with many provided by Branch members who are credited at the end of the DVD.

It is amazing value at only £3.00 'while stocks last' *(as they say).* If you would like one sent by post, please contact Brian Wood by email or phone. Please add £1.50 to the cost for P&P.

#### AUBREY BATT RUN 19TH APRIL 2009



The plan was to meet up at Avon Heath Country Park at the unheard of time of 9:00 (for a Sunday) to have an English breakfast. Most of us were there on time (no names, no pack drill) and we all enjoyed a super meal. We then set off on a short run to Honeybrook Farm near Wimborne and enjoyed a lovely, spring day in the sunshine. As we arrived, Dave Walker suffered a mechanical failure which took the form of

a broken clutch linkage. It turned out to be the short 'bent bar' link between the pedal and the relay. I was very impressed that he quickly produced a pair of later style linkage plates (and made of Titanium!). Well done to Jackie for scrounging some temporary bolts and to Andy and other willing assistants who quickly jacked the car up and fixed it.

We had a look round the farm, which seems to be a popular place and somewhere to take the kids to see a bit of nature. It seems to be quite well subscribed.

Well done to Klaus and Monica who were awarded the trophy for the 'car of the

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day' with their Maroon Traveller. Whilst they are from Germany, we hasten to point out that they had not come over just for the day! Some of us then went



off to Bournemouth We suspect David was fac-Sea Front for the ing East (possibly in prayer)



weekly Classic Cars on the Prom meet. Could have almost called it a Spring '3 in 1 day'.

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