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FRONT COVER

Garth Matthews from Poole has just restored his car .. and passed it on to a family member in France. Read the story in this newsletter.

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2013

27th September—Skittles at Bloxworth v 2CV club

2nd Oct—Clubnight Annual General Meeting

6th Oct- CCOTP Farewell Meet at Christchurch Quay

2-3rd November—Restoration Show, Shepton Mallet

6th November—Clubnight—Feely bag competition

8th-10th November—Lord Mayor's Show Trip Weekend

4th December—Clubnight—'Noggin and Natter'

29th December—Mistletoe Meander (meet at Electric Club)

2014

Jan Clubnight—NO MEETING IN JANUARY

11th January 2014 Dinner and Dance—Liston Hotel, Boscombe.

5th February—Clubnight

5th March—Clubnight

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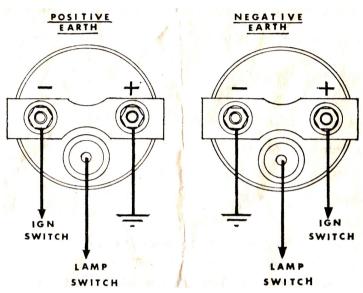
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BRANCH REBATE SCHEME

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. Thanks. good earth point. For positive earth cars, the positive terminal should be earthed. The remaining terminal must be connected to any convenient 'live' source which is controlled by the ignition switch.



The fuse box is as good a place as any; on a Minor, connect to the same terminal as the white coloured wires. Connecting the meter to a permanently live source will of course mean that it is in circuit all the time regardless ignition and will drain the slowly battery when the car is not being driven.



should also be a provision for internal illumination and the wire from

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the bulb holder must be connected to the panel lamp circuit behind the dash and the casing of the meter may need to be earthed. It is always important to make good electrical connections, soldering terminals on, insulating where necessary and keeping wiring neat and tidy.

Having eased ourselves painlessly into the world of gauges we will next look at the installation and use of those concerned with the measurement of oil pressure.



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CLUBNIGHT ACTIVITY Annual General Meeting

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

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NEXT CLUBNIGHT Feelie Bag Competition

The Dorset Branch Newsletter is published on the first Wednesday of the month and sent by post to paid-up members. It is also available for download from the Internet usually about 10 days before the clubnight.

Editorial

Hi Everyone and welcome to the October newsletter. Here we are at the end of another successful club year and tonight is the AGM. We had a good weekend at the International Autojumble in September, with quite good sales of new spares on the Saturday. It seemed a little less busy this year although there were lots of stalls and visitors, but they were not spending so much money. We went to the Waterloo Show a couple of weeks ago, at Wimborne St Giles. It was a fund raising event for Military charities and the branch made a donation of the entry fee charged (by us) to the organisers. It was just a shame that the event hadn't had more publicity since there were very few members of the public



attending. They had many displays including The Blades aerobatic team, the White Helmets, motorcycle stunt team, various military bands, lawnmower racing, etc etc. Sadly, the weather was a bit dodgy too. Hopefully the show will return in 2015 for the Waterloo Anniversary.

Don't forget to get your renewal form for membership in if not done already—it does make the job easier if they can all be processed in one big batch!

The new, improved website is now up and running, so have a look if you get a chance. Hope you like it. At the time of writing, we are just about to go to the Traveller 60th Birthday celebration at Gaydon Museum in Warwickshire. So tomorrow's job is to get our '54 Traveller out and give a clean up and check vital fluids etc for its 250 odd mile round trip.

Work on the convertible seems to have stagnated at present, since I keep finding more rust! It started out as a simple boot floor repair and has now developed into a major rebuild of the back end. However, it now has the potential to develop further into a full body rebuild... Oh dear!

Fditor's In Box

Hi All, can I please ask you all to pass on my thanks to all of your members that attended our very successful rally this past weekend? I obviously do not have contacts with all attendees, but without cars from the mainland, our rally would fail. We fully realise that the added cost of ferries impact considerably and we appreciate visitor's efforts. It is especially appreciated when Branches make a huge effort to send several cars, usually in conjunction with a holiday. Thank you once again, Dave Gilliam (IOW Branch Rally Organiser)



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"Potentially Different" (by Roger Blakeley)

The voltmeter, also known as a 'battery condition indicator' is a simple instrument which measures the voltage, or 'potential difference' across the battery.

With the vehicle 'at rest' it is the voltage of the battery alone which is indicated: a decent one will show 12-13 volts. With the engine running there should be a slight rise in the reading, 13-15 volts on an alternator-equipped vehicle, owing to the charging system coming into play.

Traditionally, an ammeter would have been used in conjunction with a dynamo charging system but there is nothing wrong with using a voltmeter, although its 'on charge' reading will be slightly lower than with an alternator, typically 13-14 volts. The two-wire output found on most aftermarket alternators creates a problem fitting an ammeter; a voltmeter is a much easier alternative.



Unlike an ammeter, a voltmeter does not indicate the amount of current going in or out of the battery. Instead it samples the voltage of the system and offers the suggestion that if the reading is within satisfactory limits, all is well.

Both types of meter have good and bad points, neither can give total assurance that your electrical system is perfect but they will alert the user to fundamental problems.

Wiring up a voltmeter is extremely simple, as there are only two wires. and they don't need to be of heavy gauge because a voltmeter merely takes a taste, unlike ammeters which have the entire current passing through them. It doesn't matter which way round a Smiths meter is connected, but some makes of meter are fussy about polarity, these will have their terminals marked + and in the usual fashion. If your car is negative earth, connect the negative terminal of the meter to a

Battery condition indicator

Code BC

Disconnect the battery. Fit one end of the green wire supplied to one of the instrument terminals. Connect the other end to the A4 (auxiliary equipment) terminal or any terminal of an instrument wired through the ignition circuit.

Fit the Lucar connector on the black wire supplied to the other instrument terminal. Connect the bare end to a suitable earthing point on the car. It does not matter which of the instrument terminals is earthed.

Check that the electrical connections are secure and properly insulated. (The insulating sleeves on the wires should be pushed over the Lucar connectors.) Then reconnect the battery. Switch on the ignition and the pointer on the instrument should move slowly towards the green sector in the 'off charge' position, providing the battery is adequately charged.

The instrument is designed so that the pointer adjusts slowly giving a clear and steady reading. It should not oscillate rapidly.

Classic Cars on the Prom



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For Sale & Wanted & Club Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the fact that the January Clubnight falls on 1st January, we have decided NOT to have a clubnight in January. We are sorry about this, but we felt that not many of you would want to come out on this evening, when some might be away or otherwise engaged. The hall is booked by others for the week after. We will, of course be meeting at the Electric Club a couple of days before, for the Mistletoe Meander, so we can have any announcements etc that day instead.

The February meeting will go ahead as usual on February 5th.

The Committee have also decided that the next newsletter will be a combined November and December issue.



The Branch Website has a 'Spares Shop' which advertises (mostly) spares. Why not browse the bargains or send me an ad or two with a picture.





Please find a picture of the cheque presentation by the Classic Cars On The Prom made to the Lifeguards on Sunday 15th September 2013 at Bournemouth. The weather was windy & light showers but it did not deter the enthusiasm from all parties concerned. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the collection bucket during the course of the 2013 season which enabled the CCOTP to donate £250 to a good & worthy cause. We look forward to continuing our good working relationship with

the RNLI Lifeguards in 2014. All the best, Ashley Miller.

Don't forget the farewell meeting at Christchurch Quay on 6th October 12-5pm



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Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to the 2013 AGM. Thanks to everyone for their support throughout the last year and I hope that you've all enjoyed the activities we have provided. Many thanks to Phil for last month's very entertaining talk on his Sri Lanka holiday last Christmas. Next month we will be having a mystery object "feelie bag" competition.

September has been another busy month for us starting off with the Isle of Wight Rally weekend. For a change the weather was kind to us and we managed to have the hood down all weekend! Saturday morning was spent on the beach building



sandcastles and digging a tunnel to Australia! The Saturday afternoon road run went to Brading Roman villa. This was not everyone's cup of tea but I personally found it very interesting and could easily have spent much longer there. The sun shone again on Sunday and we had a very enjoyable day at Havenstreet Steam Railway. Brian and I were asked to choose the best Island of Wight Branch car again which is getting harder to do each year. We enjoyed the open top bus ride which this year went up to Carisbrooke Castle on roads that can only be described as "very narrow"! Anyway – thanks to the Isle of Wight Branch for another very good rally and we are looking forward to next year's already.

The following weekend was the Beaulieu Autojumble. Unfortunately, the weather broke and rain was the order of the day - but then it was Beaulieu! The branch spares stall appeared to be busy throughout the weekend and we actually ran out of membership packs. I was very good and didn't buy myself very much at all.

The following week was the 3 In 1 Run to The Waterloo Show. After a very early start we drove out to Wimborne St Giles for the show which was very good. Unfortunately the dreadful weather forecast did put the general public off and the foot flow seemed very sparse. The White Helmets put on their usual fantastic show and the military bands were very good. This show was a dummy run for the 2015 bi-centenary of the Battle of Waterloo when another show will be held and hopefully some lessons will have been learnt from this year.

I'm writing this just before we head up to the Heritage Centre at Gaydon for the 60th anniversary celebrations of the Traveller. Let's hope the sun came out again and we have a good weekend.

There are still some events left this year. Classic Cars on the Prom event at Christchurch Quay next month, the Restoration Show at Shepton Mallett and the NEC Classic Car Show in Birmingham in November to name but a few.

That's all from me for this month apart to say – Roy, I didn't know you could go that fast!! You know what I mean.

Happy Minoring Laurie.



board. Obviously I have very mixed emotions, however if I have done right by the car then that is all that matters. Recently I have discovered a great website for telling called story "storypress.com". I will send you my story of my first car. also a Morris 1000.

I have sent some photos, covering my dearly beloved car and its journey

to just outside Paris (at this stage) to be with her new, equally loving owner - my cousin's son Edouard Morena. She carried him and the family (Mum and Dad) safely to the destination, via Portsmouth, Le Havre, Yvetot, Beauvais, arriving without a hitch this



evening. The average fuel consumption was well over 30mpg. I CANT TELL YOU HOW PROUD I FEEL. There are plenty more photos from the trip, if you would like to see a couple? Best wishes to you and the Club's interest meant a lot.

Why does the Club not give some thought to a trip to Mortefontaine next year? Mortefontaine is a lovely French country village, the countryside around is fantastic anyway and there are several BIG interests for 2014

- (I) the prestigious Mortefontaine Jazz Festival in July each year (the Morenas are part of the organisational team).
- (2) the centenary of the beginning of WW1 (Mortefontaine is in the heart of WW1 country- many iconic sites nearby).
- (3) the birthplace of Alexander Dumas is in nearby Villers-Coteret

If the visit appeals, perhaps you would like to email Judy Morena, to discuss the possi-

Best wishes to you and to all in your club. Garth Matthews (formerly DMMOC member 274)

"A Minor Export" (by Garth Matthews)

Dear Brian, I am a former member of the Club, however moved to Southampton some years ago. (I can hear you say: "So why not still a member?") I was good friends with the Pegararos at the time and Dad and son were very helpful.

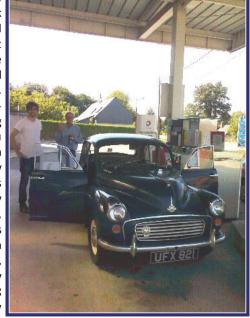
We used to always sit together at the Club meetings, perhaps 20 years ago. I brought some unusual memorabilia along once and it was auctioned. I wonder if anyone remem-



bers that? I thought you would like to hear the latest story of the car herself. She has lain neglected (but not unloved!) in the car park at the back of the flats where I live in Southampton, for more than 4 years. People were even talking about her being scrapped (unthinkable). This year I thought "Enough!" The car has been in our family, since a few months' old. First registered 15th. March 1963, it was my Dad's car and

when he died in 1986, I took her over. I must say I have spent literally THOUSANDS on her over the years but it has always been worth it. My Dad was Henry Matthews and he

was well known in Poole. I really believe his spirit lives on in that car and on black days in my life I have driven that car and felt comforted. Anyway with a big effort from myself and a great spares service from GS Jones, she is now fully restored to her former glory. A picture is attached. She successfully passed her MOT yesterday and will be re-taxed today. Having said all this, I thought I should tell you that the time has come to hand her on in the family. I have now given her to my favourite cousin's son, who lives with his young family in Paris. My cousin, Judy [Ashdown] and I both grew up in Oakdale, Poole and her son Edouard has always loved the car, They are coming over on Wednesday and on Thursday morning, she is booked to board the 7am ferry from Portsmouth to France, UNDER HER OWN POWER, with himself and his family



Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to October's Clubnight. As you all know, it is AGM night, so that means another year gone! The weather has been a lot better this year so the Rallies and weekend breaks, autojumbles and fetes were a lot better for the classic car owners. We had a little rain at the Beaulieu International Autojumble and also at the Waterloo Show. The Waterloo show at Wimborne St Giles was a 'practice' run in anticipation of the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo in 2015. Make a date for this in your 2015 diary— it should be a good show! The Lord Mayor's Show trip in November is all booked so I have arranged for a coach to pick us up at 11:00 at Pelhams Community Centre, Millhams Road, Kinson. By the time you read this magazine, Ann and myself will have moved into



our 'new' bungalow so there will be no parking space like we had at the old house. If you can arrange for a lift to Pelhams, that would help or you could use the public car park in Kinson (at your own risk). The Classic Cars on the Prom are having an end of season meeting at Christchurch Quay on 6th October from 12 to 5pm. Don't forget to fill in your slips for the Mistletoe Meander run on 29th December—with Fish and Chips, sweet and mince pies. Also dont forget the slips for the Dinner and Dance on January 11th 2014 at the Liston Hotel. That's all for now and thanks to all who have helped the Branch in this Centenary Year, from the Chairman, John, Happy Motoring.

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DORSET BRANCH SPARES NEWS

For the benefit of newer members who may not be aware of it, the Branch operates a Morris Minor New Spares service. All profits go back to the Branch to help keep subscriptions low. We usually have a spares table at the monthly branch clubnights and we have a presence at some shows (particularly the Branch Rally and the Beaulieu Autojumbles). Spares are available most other times using the contact details given below. The spares are mostly sourced from ESM (East Sussex Minors—who support our branch rally also) and the prices charged generally reflect their prices. The advantages are availability of parts and usually no postage charges. Some locally reconditioned items are also available, such as fuel pumps, carburettors and radiators. . ..

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been located and arrangements are being made to transport it to the display. He then referred to the upcoming new year Dinner and Dance in January which is to be held in a new venue – The Liston Hotel in Bournemouth. He also thanked Russ and Mandy Harvey for attending the meeting to talk about Morris Minor Magazine.

Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis (President) thanked the Committee for all their efforts over the past year.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman: John Jenkinson - prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware Secretary: Laurie Blewer - - prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware Treasurer: Jacky Wood - - prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware Membership Secretary: Des – prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood - - prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware

New Committee Members: Brian Ford and Eddie Pateman.

Elections carried 'en-bloc' on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

Manina Trickett raised concern about club events which utilise common parking areas instead of dedicated ones - and the incident suffered by her car at the Isle of Wight Show. The Chairman replied that this particular event was outside of our control and couldn't comment on it. The comments would be borne in mind when arranging future events but it was not always possible to secure segregated areas. Attendance at any club event is at the owners risk and should be covered by adequate vehicle insurance

No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 20:50

Signed

Laurie Blewer - MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3rd October 2012 20:30

Apologies: Nick and Val Palmer, Des and Tina Waller, Kate Noon and Helena Carr, John Trickett, Steve and Michelle Brown, Mark and Theresa Wetherell.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Sue Blewer sec. Theresa Moxley.)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2012-AGM. He said that the previous year had been another good one and proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and especially the Chairman and then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

Here we are then again at another AGM. I think we'll all agree that this year has been dominated by the truly dreadful weather which has ruined and cancelled lots of events. Despite all that, we have had a very busy vear once again. The Devon weekend to Sidmouth was very popular once again. The Aubrey Batt Memorial Run had to be rearranged at very short notice due to flooding and I think was still enjoyed by all those who came along. We had a very successful weekend at the Spring Beaulieu Autojumble with a very good display of vehicles on show to promote next year's big event. Our own Dorset Branch Rally was very nearly a disaster due to the 36 hours of solid rain which we endured. Despite the weather on Friday and Saturday, the sun shone on us on the Sunday and the Rally turned out to be an enormous success. The Mid Summer Saunter finishing at Dave and Jacky Walker's was very enjoyable despite more rain!. A few of us went to the MG Club show at Athelhampton House and enjoyed one of the few scorching hot days of this year's rally season. 37 Dorset Branch Cars went across the Isle of Wight for another very enjoyable weekend. Our final even of the year was the 3 in 1 Run to Dukes Auction Rooms in

Dorchester and many thanks to Phil for inviting us along. Looking ahead to next year, plans for the big Centenary event at Beaulieu Spring Autojumble are coming together well with over 200 interested parties already registered. In fact, John and I have had another meeting with Beaulieu today. The National Rally next year is near Oxford, the home of Morris and the centenary event will not be one to miss!

Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone. I hope you all have a copy of the accounts with this month's newsletter. Once again, the Branch is looking very healthy financially - which is mainly due to the hard work of your committee members and those of you who help with their various activities and ideas. It was decided in March to purchase a rare left hand drive Minor which was worked on to bring up to a suitable standard for resale. The sale was achieved at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble to a German couple who have taken it back to the Black Forest. We understand that they are pleased with the car and the club made £1,351.89 towards club funds when all expenditure was deducted. The Club Spares, run by Brian have also done very well with a healthy surplus made over the year. I am sure that those of you who use the facility are very grateful to Brian for the rapid availability to most of the requests for parts. We had £100 rebate from the MMOC for those National members who attend 4 or more clubnights. So please keep signing the blue folder at each clubnight and if you don't see your name on the list, please speak to Des. Two holiday trips have been organised this year: Sidmouth in spring and Isle of Wight at the end of August. The Branch Rally this year made a surplus of £424.09 but this would not have been possible without the cake stall, raffle and bric-a-brac – so please continue to support these in future. We have purchased a good quality gazebo for club use at a cost of £200. The nominated charity for this year is the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and a cheque for £350 was presented to them at the September Clubnight. A further amount of £56.72, raised mostly by Norman Aish on the bus rides at the Rally, was also donated to them. The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares and Regalia are also here if anyone wishes to see them.

Questions were then invited.

The accounts were then accepted (p.Dave Walker, s. Lyn Gerry)

Editor's Report

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to the newsletter with short emails or longer articles with photos etc. As I said before, it does make the job a whole lot easier. I can usually include material straight away - such is the 'hand to mouth' nature of the editorship. I try to keep it mainly Morris Minor related, but often include other stuff as necessary. Please let me have any constructive criticism on the content if you feel the urae.

The new look website was started just over 2 years ago and we have had a good service from the hosting provider we joined about then. We got a 50% reduction in the first subscription but it is now up for renewal. It is a bit expensive at about £60 per year, but it is competitive with other providers. The number of hits is now rapidly approaching 30,000 and this time last year was about 21,500. The previous yearly total was about 5000 for both 2011 and 2010 – so it seems to be growing again.

We have added a few extra pages to the website this year, namely the New Spares page – which has access to a downloadable price list and the Technical pages – on which we can put any little technical gems we come across. There is currently a servicing checklist, instructions for the Accuspark electronic ignition kits, brake pipe lengths (if you fancy making your own), registration number codes and some articles on silicone brake fluid. The spares turnover this past year was about £14,000 and we now carry a stock of about £4,500 of new parts - most of which is here tonight. We have done guite well at the two Beaulieu Autojumbles this year (£1.150 and £1.260). The average margin on the sales was about 13.5%. We have only rarely had to make a direct charge for postage on any value of order so this has meant that postage costs have had to come out of the margin which would otherwise be a bit higher. Hopefully, members find the service

useful. We have a few special offers on tonight, so please feel free to come

Chairman's Report

up and have a look.

The Chairman began by thanking everyone for their support, not only for the good turnout to the AGM but also to the rest of the committee and for everyone's support for the events. He asked that any views good or bad on the events be passed to the Committee. He referred to the big Centenary event next year for which he had been to a progress meeting at Beaulieu today and requested volunteers nearer the time for marshalling duties. It seems likely that we will get between 200-300 vehicles. A 1913 Morris has