



VOLVO ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

The only club specifically for the classic VOLVO

www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk

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Issue 2

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the latest issue of our club newsletter.

The response to the last Newsletter has been really good but please could anyone with Internet Access please sign up for your copy to be sent by email. It saves money for the club and also to be honest saves me a lot of time and work, they are also better quality than the ones sent by post so please send your details to: vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk put Confirm in the subject line and your name and membership number in the main part and anything else you want to say good or bad your comments are always welcome.

Thank you all who have sent items in. For a newsletter we need news in fact anything you think may be of interest to others please send it to me Gillian vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk or my address on the next page.

Changes to Free Adverts -

Charge rates for advertising Sales and Wanted items in the club Newsletter and Web Site are as follows:-

Current members quoting a valid membership number and year code may place ads free of charge.

Non members with private sales pay 10.00 for 2 months publication.

"Trade" pay 25.00 for 2 months publication.

Payments for the advert should be sent directly to Colin Hughes (see contact page) and upon receipt of payment the ad will be released for publishing in the Newsletter and on the Website.

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EVENTS

BRISTOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

April 21st – 22nd 2012 we are having a stand at the above
Once again more details nearer the time just mark your diaries.

Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

On **5th May 2012** from 11.00 to 16.00

The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (HP13 6QT) 450th
anniversary.

A fete and vintage/classic/interesting car show is being
organized and my role is to contact the various clubs in the UK and
invite as many cars as we can get. We are expecting well over a
100 cars and there will be trophies, probably 1st, 2nd and 3rd, for
the following classes:

Star of show	Best 1951 to 1970
Most interesting	Best 1971 to 1990
Best before 1950	
Entry is free.	
Entry information requested;	
Make –	Model - Sub model -
Year -	
Contact Tel Number –	Name of entrant –
Contact email address -	
Please contact:	
Andy Main	
07798 653998	
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SPRING GATHERING 20TH MAY 2012

David Foxley has made a booking for the Spring 2012 Get
Together. It will be at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke RG22
6PG on Sunday May 20th commencing at 12 noon.

As for previous events, all current VEC members, on production of
their membership card, will get free admission and a free drink
and cake on arrival complements of Colin Hughes.

Would anyone planning to come, please drop David a message at
(davidfoxley@yahoo.co.uk) as this will give him an idea of how
many parking spaces need to be allocated.

NEC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

November 16th – 18th we will be having a stand once again more
details nearer the time just mark your diaries.

[Shows/Gatherings 2012](#)

None has been submitted at this time. Please let's see if we can arrange some meets around the country.

[This has been sent in by member John Bailey](#)

Hi Gillian,



Re the photos - in 2009 I was checking the car, 1968 144 S, for the MOT and noticed the N/S rear support arm was split at the end. I managed to obtain 2 s/hand support arms, but from a 1970/71 model. The split arm was removed for me as I could not undo the nuts working under the car on a garage floor. The person who fitted the arm also checked the O/S arm, which was OK. Car went for Test and passed. Less than 40 miles later, the O/S arm, which had been checked by us and the MOT tester was then found to be split at the similar front end. Such a fault could be very dangerous under say heavy braking as axle location would be greatly reduced to put it mildly!

So, on a 140 check both rear support arms frequently especially after 35 - 40 years!!

The s/h replacements are about 10mm longer and locating holes do not allow the axle to be in its correct position. The prop shaft now runs at a slightly more inclined angle causing some humming, and the N/S spring just touches the cross locating rod support causing metallic noises on overrun/braking (disturbing for a passenger!).

I have tried to locate new items, but have had no success. ANY help/suggestions with such would be most appreciated.

Hope this will be of use.

Regards,

John.

[OLD ADVERTS](#)

Please can you let us know when you have items no longer for Sale as we will remove anything over 3-4 months old?

Here is what is now on the website pages:

<http://volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk/vehiclesale.htm>

FOR SALE

I have a 1991 Volvo 240 Torslanda with Volvo roof rack, towing hitch & mud mats (Hayes manual included) for sale. I took it off the road (SORN) last September after more than 11 years faithful service. MOT until April 2012. In need of some TLC. If you know anyone who would be interested I can be reached by email or on 01531 890606 and I can give details of the things that I am aware of that will need attention.

Email Carol: carolsfeet@gmail.com

Various 1800S parts available please email for more details,

pictures and prices contact Trevor: at volvo1800httpsolutions.co.uk

Volvo 1800/S rhd dashboard in very good condition no cracks or tears in the top or splits in the metal:

Volvo 1800/S speedo vgc needle free clear glass but has a split but otherwise ok

Volvo 1800/S rev counter vgc needle free clear glass ready to use

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Volvo 1800/S oil pressure gauge vgc clear glass

Volvo 1800/S fuel gauge vgc clear glass

Volvo 1800E Kienzle clock vgc clear glass

Volvo 1800S reversing light glass clear, clean and no crack

Front windscreen for 1800 no cracks or chips.

Volvo 1800/S interior lights 1 complete and 2 bases as on C post

Volvo 1800ES, 140 Grand Lux, 164 later produced 4 red wheel centres

Volvo 1800/S handbrake with fittings no leather cover

Volvo 1800/S rear seat upper – black trim/cloth

Volvo 1800/S 2 window winders

Volvo 1800/S chrome washer surrounds

Volvo 1800S n/s door handle no key

Volvo 1800/S 2boot locks no keys

Volvo 1800/S boot latch and plate

Volvo 1800/240 badges

WANTED

Good dashboard top or bottom (dash top from early ES suitable as smooth grain), early type steering wheel, early jack, steering column for 1800S. Also interior window winders for 69 S. I would purchase a cheap car for spares as well.

Also wanted Jensen type hub cap wanted, condition not too important.

Also looking for VEC magazines.

Please contact Keith @ keith_r_f@hotmail.com

FUEL ADDITIVES

As you may have read has now been delayed until 2013 now I for one am pleased as I said I would write a piece for this newsletter and I did not realise how much information there is, as we have no experience never having used it.

I would be grateful to anyone having used these products or something else, please can you send me details of your experience so other members can benefit. The following is from the FBHVC:

The permitted Ethanol content in petrol is to rise from 5% to 10% in 2013.

Ethanol causes damage to engines that were not designed to withstand it... Those most likely to be affected are vehicles ten years old or older, carburettor vehicles and first generation direct spark ignition vehicles should not be fuelled on E10 (10% Ethanol) unless the manufacturer can state the vehicles are compatible.

The problems are numerous and include Corrosion when 2 dissimilar metals are in contact with an electrolyte like Ethanol.

Rubber components like hoses, seals, gaskets etc which may become hardened, distorted or dissolved by Ethanol.

Ethanol holds water and can expose fuel system components as steel gas tanks to rust.

Here are some websites that contain a lot more information:

www.flexolite.co.uk has started selling a product called Ethanolmate (<http://www.flexolite.co.uk/cat.asp?cID=10>) in response to concerns and are a good source of information.

FBHVC article <http://fbhvc.co.uk/2010/01/21/ethanol-in-petrol/>

Frost's <http://www.frost.co.uk/protect-your-vehicle-against-ethanol>

Parliamentary Questions:

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2011-03-29a.1082.1>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2006/feb/16/travelandtransport.oilandpetrol>

<http://www.petrolprices.com/green-fuels.html>

<http://fbhvc.co.uk/fuel-information/>

[SCRAP WARNING FOR CLASSIC CARS](#)

I have been reading about this in the newspapers it seems that as the price paid for scrap metal has gone sky high in all areas of the country that thieves are stealing classic cars to scrap and sell the metal. Not knowing (I don't believe this myself) that they are old, loved and in some cases worth thousands. So beware check your security.

[Any DIY tips to help other members](#)

Have any of you got any tips to pass onto other members as I am sure there must be many owners who do their own maintenance and body work. So any tips will be welcome please visit the website: <http://volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk/tips.htm>

[Driving Routes](#)

Have you got a favourite route that others may enjoy, perhaps we could build up some continental routes for some of our more adventurous members to see what's on the list already: <http://volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk/subpages/drivingroutes.htm>

[LONDON TO CAPE TOWN](#)

Amazon Cars rallies historically a 144 and a PV have recently undertaken London to Cape Town if you feel like supporting the good causes the links are there or just revel in a classic Volvo being up there in the placing. See here www.amazoncars.co.uk. News items 'L2CT' more images of the 144's epic journey <http://www.flickr.com/photos/74710921@N06>. And also on <http://www.londoncapetownrally.com/>

A brilliant website here which is packed with info on all makes of cars and history from the last 100 years: www.carhistory4u.com

[NORTHERN GROUP MEET](#)

Any suggestions for a venue for a Northern meeting August, September, and October --- can you contact Russ with your ideas rossjevans@tiscali.co.uk

We are only a small but very friendly group and everyone is welcome we cover quite a large area including Scotland and Northern England

[World's Oldest Running Motor Vehicle](#)

This is the oldest motor vehicle car in the world that still runs.

It was built one year before Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler invented the internal combustion engine.

The world's oldest running motor vehicle has been sold at auction for an astonishing \$4.62 million, more than double the pre-sale estimate, as two bidders chased the price up in a three-minute bidding war.

The 1884 De Dion Bouton et Trepardoux Dos-a-Dos Steam Runabout drew a standing ovation as it was **driven up onto the stage** at Friday's RM Auction in Hershey, Pennsylvania to prove that this 127-year-old car really does run! - and attracted a starting bid of \$500,000 which was immediately doubled to \$1 million.

Encouraged by the applauding crowd, the bidding went swiftly up to \$4.2 million - 4.62 million including the 10 percent commission - before the car was knocked down (sold) to an **unnamed buyer**.

The Dos-a-Dos (Back-to-Back) Steam Runabout was built in 1884 by George Bouton and Charles-Armand Trepardoux for French entrepreneur Count de Dion, who named it 'La Marquise' after his mother.

In 1887, with De Dion at the tiller, it won the world's first ever motor race (it was the only entrant to make the start line!) covering the 32km from the Pont de Neuilly in Paris to Versailles and back in one hour and 14 minutes (an average of 25.9km/h) and, according to contemporary reports, hitting a breathtaking 60km/h on the straights!

La Marquise has only had four owners, remaining in one family for 81 years, and has been restored twice, once by the Doriol family and again by British collector Tom Moore in the early 1990's. Since then, it has taken part in four London-to-Brighton runs and collected a double gold at the 1997 Pebble Beach d'Elegance in California.

Trevor has put the pictures on the website.



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Membership Renewal Form 2012

Subscription Rates cover 2 persons and are:-

UK Full year (1st January – 31st December) £22.00

Overseas Full year (dates as above) £25.00 payable in sterling

I/We hereby apply to renew my membership of the "Volvo Enthusiasts Club"

Name(s) _____

Address _____

County _____ Post Code _____

Home Phone No. _____ Mobile No. _____

Email address _____ Occupation _____

Your Current Membership No. _____

Vehicle Details

Model _____ Year _____ Reg No. _____ Colour _____

Model _____ Year _____ Reg No. _____ Colour _____

Model _____ Year _____ Reg No. _____ Colour _____

Permission to give details to 3rd party? **Yes/No**

Would you be prepared to display your vehicle? **Yes/No**

As a Club member do you intend to insure your vehicle(s) with Footman James **Yes/No**

I enclose cheque/PO for £ _____ made payable to "Volvo Enthusiasts Club"

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return completed form with payment to:-

VEC Membership Co-Ordinator, 21 Woodford Close, Hightown, Ringwood, Hants. BH24 1UT

