

BMW Historic Motor Club UK



Newsletter Seven

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December 2008

The Chairman and the Committee would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and Happy Motoring in the New Year



New Club Address:

The Club has got a new postal address:-

**BMW Historic Motor Club
PO Box 315
Cheltenham
GL50 9NS**

New Club Register

Fabienne Muschamp says "I am in the process of sending each member the detailed information that the Club holds for them and their car(s). So far I have contacted 60% of you. I anticipate everybody will have been contacted by the end of December. As requested in my accompanying message, kindly let me know if your details are correct, or send me any required updates. If I do not hear from you by the end of February I will assume that the information that I sent you was correct.

IMPORTANT: Please note that ALL your cars will be listed on the Register unless otherwise notified.

The new Register will be sent in the second quarter of the year to those members who renew their 2009 Club subscriptions."

2009 Subscriptions Renewal

It is that time of the year again - Subscriptions Renewal. This gentle reminder is only for those who did not raise a Standing Order last year; we hope that you will do so this year. By now all of you should have received the instructions and a form to be used for the renewal. Kindly ensure that your payment reaches us by 1st January, 2009. If you have not received or have mislaid the Renewal Form please contact Fabienne Muschamp on 01242 870419 or email: secretary@bmwhistoricmotorclub.co.uk

2009 Events

10th January 2009 Pre-Brooklands VSCC Driving Tests Supper Party

John and Pauline Malyan have very kindly agreed to host this event at their lovely home at Brooklands Barn, Wisborough Green, RH14 0DQ, W.Sussex
Arrival time between 7 and 7.30 p.m.
To reserve places please contact Ken MacMaster, Insetton House, Belbroughton, Nr.Stourbridge, W.Midlands, DY9 0BA, Tel. (home) 01562 730796, (works) 08707 590799, (mobile) 07711 431 383. e-mail: kenanddimacmaster@btinternet.com
All applications will be acknowledged in writing and directions to Brooklands Barn will be provided.

**27th - 29th March 2009
Annual General Meeting**
will be based at The Lythe Hill Hotel and Spa, Haslemere, Surrey. Rooms are limited and those wishing to attend should book as soon as possible, please tel.:01428 51251;
e-mail: lythe@lythehill.co.uk

**6th - 10th May, 2009
Annual Spring Rally, Norfolk**
being organised by Chris Wadsley, based at the Caley Hall Hotel, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk - a first class car recovery service

is guaranteed !

27th - 29th July 2009 Classic Silverstone Social week-end

organised by the same team who brought you the highly popular '06 and '07 events !

25th-27th September 2009 Stanley Cup

The revival of this event will be open to all members of The BMW Historic Motor Club and The Frazer Nash Car Club. It will be as suitable for touring cars as sports cars, and is intended to encourage those members to enter, who don't often compete. The organising committee is also comprised of members from both clubs. In 2009 this event will be based in Llandrindod Wells, but limited to about 30 entrants, in 10 teams, from the two clubs. There is a flyer included with this newsletter, with more details.

3rd Anniversary week-end Early October (tba)

Return of Club Trophies

The Chairman says "as I need to get the 2008 winners names engraved before the AGM week-end, would members who are holding Club trophies, please ensure they are returned to me by no later than the 1st March 2009."

"I will be able to collect them at the Frazer Nash Club Christmas Party in Hereford on Saturday, 13th December, at the supper party at the Malyans on the 10th January, or at the VSCC Brooklands Driving Tests on Sunday, 11th January."

New Web-site

We will be launching a new updated and improved web-site in the first half of January 2009. One of the new features will be a larger Gallery of pictures with data sheets on the original specifications of eligible cars - John Muschamp.

Wanted

Michael J. Coates is looking for a Z8, if anyone is thinking of selling theirs, or knows of one for sale. Tel: 01903 871285
Mob.: 07831466613
e-mail: michael@michaelc.flyer.co.uk

For Sale

1938 Frazer Nash-BMW 327/80 Cabriolet, chassis no. 74203, registered EXJ 232. Fully restored with 12m. MOT. Blue/cream. Phone Richard Wyldes on 01604 812166

Results Round-up

Brighton Speed Trials 13th Sept 2008

VSCC Handicap Class
1st 1903 Humberette 50.39
2nd Alastair Pugh, FN-BMW 328, HTU446, 16.3 secs.
FTD Suzuki Hayavusa m/c 8.89secs !!
Terminal speed 157mph !!

VSCC Madresfield Driving Tests 21st Sept. 2008

Class C Modified and Special Cars
2nd Class Award Mark Garfitt, FN-BMW 319/55, FMC119

VSCC Autumn Sprint Goodwood 25th Oct. 2008

Classes 3 and 4 (merged) Standard and Modified sports cars 1100 to 2000ccs unsupercharged and up to 1500ccs supercharged

1st Ken MacMaster, FN-BMW 328, EPP770, 113.09secs - new class record
2nd Alastair Pugh, FN-BMW 328, HTU446, 115.14secs
1st Handicap Tony Day, BMW 327/80 DHC, LFF116, 152.9secs
Class 9 Special and Modified Sports Cars 1101-1500ccs unsupercharged and from 750 - 1100ccs supercharged
3rd John Muschamp, FN-BMW 315/1 Special, COM863, 124.76secs

AC Owners Club Sprint Goodwood 1st November 2008

Class 21 BMW Historic
1st Ken MacMaster, FN-BMW 328, EPP770, 136.66secs
2nd Steve Stanton, FN-BMW 328, HTU446, 144.31secs
3rd Chris Forster, FN-BMW 329 Special, J9521 147.54secs
4th Michael Parr, Bristol 400, 153.78secs
5th Andrew Stevens, Bristol 401, 164.88secs

1st Handicap Michael Parr, Bristol 400

Recent sightings & new owners (by Mark Garfitt)

An unusual Frazer Nash-BMW 326 saloon (84120) owned by new member Roy Pollard, from North Shields, was spotted at the Goodwood Revival meeting in September. It came into the UK, as a rolling chassis, with nose cowl, bonnet and bulkhead, and was bodied by Freestone and Webb, as a four-door saloon, with a boot. The AFN Archive Sales ledger only has notes post-war, starting, in June '47, with the name of C.T.R. Kelly, Brookmans Park, Herts., when it had reconditioned shock absorbers for its torsion bar rear suspension.

There was also a note saying "sold and used by Billy Cotton during the war". He was the well-known show band-leader, who bought new the 328 JHX339 and raced such cars as ERA and MG.

The 326 is presently running on an age-related reg. no. RSV888, but we are hoping to re-unite it with its original LMF434, after satisfying DVLA by ticking all their boxes. Roy has told the story, with photos, of his ownership, for the next Club magazine.

The FN-BMW 319 based special registered in March 1940 as LMF37 (54158), now owned by Nick Upton, was driven, by Rob Hubbard, in the VSCC Cotswold Trial in December. *(see article in the next BMW HMC magazine for a full story - Ed.)*

Another car which has recently changed hands is the Willis Special. This car, built for competition car just after the war, and based on the FN-BMW 315/40 Sports ANP904 (51203) but using a 328 engine and pre-selector gear-box, has been bought from John Baker by Phillip Evans, who intends to use it for both road and track events. It had a lot of success with its builder, Ron Willis, let us hope it has more. We wish the best of luck to this rapid piece of Frazer Nash-BMW history, Phillip!

I am sure Charles Bulmer will be keeping a close eye on proceedings, as he was involved both with the development of the Willis and its subsequent splendid rebuild by Proby Cautley. John Baker rescued this car in bits, about 40 years ago, and bought it back again to satisfy a burning lust to drive it, but now he feels it is too fast for him - what the passing of time can do... *(you wait - Ed.)*

Really useful tips (by David Ridley)

'Vintage Headlamp Restoration' have used my spare Bosch headlamp lenses to reproduce these in polycarbonate for BMWs and other makes that fitted these lamps. Those that I saw before Beaulieu, for Alvis, Lagonda etc., were of very high quality and indistinguishable from the glass originals. Contact Lee Appleyard on 01142 853555 or e-mail Lee@vintage-headlamp-restoration.com

A discovery at Beaulieu was that the windscreen wiper blades of the type fitted to my 319 - with a rectangular fitting to the arm, secured by a screw - are available from stockists as they were used on all 2CVs and Renault 4s. Much cheaper than the German imports!
(Thank you, David, for these gems - always happy to print such useful tips - Ed.)

Four-star cultural additive

Richard Wilkinson says the film "Easy Virtue" starring Jessica Biel, Benn Barnes, Colin Firth and his 328 Frazer Nash BMW GHX514 is now on general release and is well worth going to see. Richard says "it is a most enjoyable film and very refreshing in this day and age, avoiding bad language and violent behaviour."