

BMW Historic Motor Club UK



Newsletter Eight

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2009 Club Register

Each member should have received the detailed information kept in the register for them and their car(s). Thank you for those who replied. I will assume that those who did not answer do not need any change to their data. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** ALL your cars will be listed on the register unless you notify me otherwise. I have started working on the new register and it should be sent to all members by the end of May.

Fabienne Muschamp

Club Website

We now have a very comprehensive photo gallery of eligible cars on our website but I would like to feature more photographs of members' cars. If you would like your car featured please email photos to jvmuschamp@googlemail.com. Ideally, could you please send me three-quarter front, rear and side-on views. I wish to continue to improve the quality of photographs so please ensure that the backgrounds do not include other cars, fences, posts etc. We particularly need shots of the following models: 315/1, 327, 329, 507, 700 and Isetta. I would also value any feedback about the website.

John Muschamp

Vintage Sports-Car Club 75th Anniversary

As most members are no doubt aware the VSCC is celebrating its 75th Anniversary during the week commencing 3rd August 2009. Amongst the many events that will be taking place there will be a 'Saturday Spectacular' on 8th August at the Three Counties Showground at Malvern. Plans for the day include:

- early morning cycle ride
- cycle cars gymkhana
- world's greatest picnic
- pre-war car driving tests
- penny-farthings cycle races
- children's pedal car event
- aircraft fly past
- auto-jumble
- hot air balloon flights
- car club displays

We plan to have a display of members' eligible cars on our own Club stand and therefore would anyone who is interested in displaying their car please contact John Muschamp, on 01242 870417 or jvmuschamp@googlemail.com

Further information on the 75th Anniversary Celebrations can be obtained by visiting the VSCC website, www.vsccl.co.uk

More good stuff

Michael Parr's 328 featured in a Jaguar Club article comparing the performance of the SS100 to that of the FN-BMW. When the article was published the 328 was still owned by Michael Barker, of the now defunct Midland Motor Museum.

Mark Garfitt would like to know how many people would be interested in 328 bonnet catches, which he is prepared to reproduce in stainless steel. Price would depend on numbers, so the more the cheaper! Mark Garfitt on 01291673009 or 01633871704

David Ridley has managed to replace the clutch on his pretty 319 cabriolet, with considerable effort and ingenuity. It was not straightforward however, although it started from a VW clutch, off the shelf. After crucial measurements, machining of parts, re-lining the driven plate, and careful assembly,

we understand it works well now the car is back on the road. *(I hope a complete article will be reproduced in a future magazine. Ed.)*

Recent sightings and new owners

Brightwells, of Leominster, are holding an auction in June, and one of the entries provoked some interest. Looking like a 328 in the photos on the web-site (www.brightwells.com), it is described as a Frazer Nash-BMW Special. In fact, it has a 319 chassis (56553; EMK 824), with a Bristol engine, overdrive gearbox, back axle, and running gear.

Andrew Chisholm, recent member, has bought the BMW 327/80 f.h.c. off the Mirbach stand at Essen. Hopefully the car will be seen around the UK very soon.

John and Fabienne Muschamp have bought from Steven Glock the '39 FN-BMW 327/80 cabriolet, ch. no 74649, LMF 225. It was previously owned by Bob Fell, and before that by Hargreaves Massey. It is believed to be the penultimate import before WW 2, *(although I couldn't find it in Jenks' book. Ed.)*. It was completely rebuilt by TT Workshops for Steven Glock.

For sale

Frazer-Nash-BMW 327/80 cabriolet, ch. no. 74203, reg. EXJ 232, recently re-imported to UK after 30 years in Germany. Refurbished, rewired, engine overhaul by Stanton Motorsport. MoT'ed and ready for the summer season! Contact Richard Wyldes, tel: 01604 812188

1935 FN-BMW 319 cabriolet total ground-up rebuild, with uprated engine, hydraulic brakes with

aluminium finned front drums, 12v conversion, central lubrication system, original instruments, knock-on wheels £65k David Barker. Tel:01246 855153

Spares for sale.

- Original 319/55 camshaft. Good condition - £50
- 326 Crankshaft - Worn but salvageable:- £100
- 319/328 Oil cooler with pipes and take off unions - £100
- 319 Cylinder head, bare, pressure tested, O.K. - £150
- 319 or 328 Radiator slats, not thermostatic, good condition £30
- Inlet Manifold for 319/320/326 to take two 1 1/2" S.U. carbs £200
- 319 Gearbox Good condition £200
- Two half-shafts with bearing carriers; each £25
- Volvo Gearbox suitable for 315/319/326/328 £50

OR! £500 for the lot!

David Barker 01246 855153 or e-mail david.barker5@hotmail.co.uk

Pair 328 competition wheels Kron Prinz 3.62F x 17DIN 8-38 drilled with 10 holes of 50mm dia. It is understood that this type of wheel was used, with aluminium rims, by the BMW Works on their competition cars. This pair is all steel, with knife-edge rims, the type that was made available to the public. Mark Garfitt 01291673009 or 01633871704

Results Round-up

VSCC New Year Driving Tests 11th January 2009

Class 4 Modified Sports Car:-

3rd Class Award – Fabienne Muschamp, FN-BMW 328 Sports, LMF 435

3rd Class Award, but 5 points behind! – John Muschamp in the same car

Mark Garfitt and Rob Hubbard also competed.

VSCC Measham Rally 24/25 January 2009

Class 1 - 2nd place and the Richard Dames-Longworth Trophy - Mark Garfitt, FN-BMW 319/55, FMC 119

Class 2 – 3rd Class award – Graham Juffs, FN-BMW 327/80, FGC 512

Team Result:- 2nd - 'Hutchings Heroes' – Mark Garfitt, Graham Juffs, Mike Sythes

VSCC 'Spring Start' Race Meeting Silverstone 25th April 2009

Member Richard Wills was racing his '52 Ferrari 212 Inter amongst some other fast machinery.

2009 Events

24th-28th July – Silverstone Classic social week-end

based at the Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome, Northampton, www.aviatorhotel.co.uk. Formerly a WW2 RAF aerodrome, the building has been renovated to its former glory. The 1930's Art Deco bar and restaurant were used during the war as a club house and officers mess. The programme includes:
Friday – supper at the home of the Rally organisers – Richard Wylde and Eliza Morgan;
Saturday at the Silverstone Classic Race Meeting www.silverstoneclassic.com on the Club stand with views over the Luffield complex of bends;
in the evening party at the home of Neil and Anne Perkins with a delicious meal to live music!
On Sunday there is a scenic drive to Rockingham Castle www.rockinghamcastle.com followed by lunch before leaving for home.

25th-27th September The Stanley Cup Revived

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. This year the event will be based in Llandrindod Wells, but limited to about 30 entrants in 10 teams from both Clubs. Contact Anthony Littlejohn 01730 281993 or anthonylittlejohn@btinternet.com

9th – 11th October – Anniversary week-end in Cheshire

This year's anniversary weekend will be spent in the lovely county of Cheshire (the Surrey of the North!), based at the stunning Wild Boar Hotel, near Tarporley, just off the A49. www.wildboarhotel.com. We have secured an excellent rate of £119.50 per night per double room, inclusive of dinner bed and breakfast (£79.50 for a single). On Saturday, we'll visit Quarry Bank Mill in Styal, www.nationaltrust.org.uk until recently a working cotton mill.

Here you can experience hands-on exhibits and view demonstrations of cotton processing, gaining an insight into the lives of the people who worked there. You will be amazed by the sounds and smells of steam and water-powered engines and see the most powerful working waterwheel in Europe.

Further information will be available in July, and we look forward, very much, to welcoming you to this lovely part of England – Catherine Webb.

6th November – dinner on the eve of the **AC Owner's Club Sprint** at Goodwood.

7th November – **AC Owner's Club Sprint at Goodwood** with a class for the BMW Historic Motor Club UK.

Sad

to report the recent death, in his 90s, of Robert J Wilkinson, who owned, since 1946, a 329 Reutter cabriolet FN-BMW ch.87040 EGH 902 first registered 28.9.1937. Richard lived in Newark and ran The Auto Exchange Bureau, which appears to have been an up-market breakers yard.