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Editors Bit

I was quite disappointed at the turnout for the 60th Anniversary Rally in July. With almost 300 members I would have thought we could muster more than 17 Isettas. At the 50th Anniversary Rally we did at least manage 35 cars. Fortunately, the rally was still a great success as far as those attending were concerned..

We, the committee, put a lot of time, effort and money into setting up the event for you the members to participate in. It is sad that so few turned up. I feel we are the club least supported by its members.

What do you want from the club? We get very little input from members although we do sell lots of spares so cars are being worked on somewhere.

The AGM will be held on October 18th and it would be good if some of you came along to give us your views. (More details on page 10).

Don't forget the Classic Motor Show at the NEC. Check out the advertisement on the back cover for pre-booked discounted tickets, quote the code when booking and save £5 on admission price. If you hand in your ticket stub to one of the committee members on the Isetta Club stand we will be able to claim £1 for each stub from the organisers.

We are in Hall 2 stand 738 close to the Silverstone Auction. Just about to insure your vehicle? Check out the good news on page 14.



Ian Parris

Chairmans Chat

Thank you to all who attended the 60th anniversary of our beloved Isettas being available in Britain. A superb turnout, not the 60 cars I was hoping for, but sufficient to get articles in Classic Car Weekly and Classic Car Buyer, the latter thanks to Terry Parkin who submitted that article, and of course the local paper. Thanks must go to the Bubblecar Museum where the event was held, Mike Ayriss for planning the road run and our own masterchef Dave Watson for burgering about on the barbecue.

It's AGM time again, Beedles Lake Golf Club just north of Leicester, full details elsewhere in this issue. Come along and join the committee and help steer the club in the direction you want it to go, we don't bite!

November brings the Classic Car Show to the NEC, we will be there as usual, pop in and see us if you are there.

Jeff Todd

60th ANNIVERSARY RALLY

What a great rally we had, such a pity so many of you missed it. Considering we have nearly 300 members, we only managed to get 17 cars to attend, although we did get other members to come and support us they were unable to bring their cars.

The rally was open to all makes of microcars but were notable by their absence. Mike O'Balance brought along his NSU Prinz 4 and followed us faithfully on our run out.

Mike Ayriss organised the run out to Woodhall Spa along roads that would sometimes not pass for cart tracks by the way we were being thrown about in our cars. In some places 20 MPH was all I could achieve and still be able to see, my eyeballs were being assaulted and I lost three fillings, it was like being on a roller coaster.

I liked the idea of the highways authorities being able to surface some of the roads without destroying the grass growing up the middle, I guess someone has a contract to mow the roads in that area.



I arrived at the Bubblecar Museum on Friday to help with the setting up and the weather was fine, a bit of rain overnight didn't spoil anything but did test my recently restored car for leaks.

I mopped up a small puddle on the parcel shelf, but being one of Terry Parkin's fibreglass ones didn't cause any problems.

Saturday's weather was perfect for the run out, wall to wall sunshine but not overly hot. Woodhall Spa was not a great distance as the crow flies from the Bubblecar Museum but Mike found a route covering 23 miles giving the cars a good shakedown (literally). We stopped a couple of times, Ken Bell's car had a couple of



coughs which later turned out to be a leaking exhaust gasket, I had a slightly over adjusted hand brake warming up the rear drum. I made an adjustment at Woodhall Spa thanks to the loan of a spanner from Ken who had the foresight to bring along some tools, problems solved, all OK on the return leg.

We were allowed to park on the grass adjacent to the Cafe and swimming pool in Woodhall Spa, very convenient for much needed refreshment, 23 miles in a bubblecar is like hundreds of miles in a modern car especially on those roads.

THE LINEUP OF CARS AT WOODHALL SPA.



Craig Knight Mike & Helen Ayris Neill Foster



Terry & Carol Parkin Brian Chadwick Ken & Rhona Bell



Ian & Sue Parris Tony Pettingill Martin Galea



Ray & Jenny Dilks Mike O'Balance

Saturday evening saw the start of a social get together starting with a BBQ presided over by Dave Watson following the mass onion peeling by Sally Turnham, Ann Jenkins and Sue Parris all having a very sad time as they appeared to be crying for most of the afternoon. (I did tell them to wear breathing apparatus but to no avail).

Following the BBQ was the mandatory quiz which was so difficult even the question master Bob Crompton got a couple of answers wrong, almost causing a fight to break out in the assembled throng. Neal Bircher was eventually declared the winner receiving a bottle of champagne for his efforts.



Once calm had been restored the Free Prize Draw commenced. It's not very often every ticket wins a prize with 3 left over, these O's & S's were passed on to Ray & Jenny to start them off at another meeting.

It was then time to cut the 60th Anniversary Cake arranged by Mike Ayriss. Anyone like me with a sweet tooth was in their element. After a couple of slices and the icing off another, her indoors advised me to lay off, fair warning as I soon won't be able to see over my stomach.



Background music was provided by Terry Parkin allowing friendly banter to take place without having to wait for breaks in the music. When the music and drink finally ran out most people hadn't got far to crawl back to their accommodation to sleep it off.

Sunday is of course the traditional day for showing off the cars. The cars were brought to the arena and someone had the idea of creating a curve of cars. I couldn't see much difficulty, but a straight line of cars seemed able to defeat any idea of being curved. Never mind, place 4 at the front and nobody will notice.

A journalist was arranged to photograph the cars and write a feature for Classic Car Weekly but unfortunately both his camera batteries failed at a most inopportune moment requiring said journalist to borrow a camera from Jeff Wareing our previous membership secretary.

Unfortunately the weather played us up a bit on the Sunday morning but not enough to dampen our spirits. It cleared up mid morning to a reasonable day.

This is a photo of the cars lined up in a straight curve, apart from the one to the far left that couldn't make up its mind, 17 in all.



Sue Parris, Sally Turnham and Irene Wareing were to present rosettes for the 'Ladies Choice' award. In their infinite wisdom they decided that the usual format would not apply and awarded the rosettes to members that would not normally expect to be considered. Martin Galea was overwhelmed at being the one to receive the rosette for first place, 9145 PX he still had the grin on his face as he prepared to go home. Second place rosette went to Ian Jenkins 845 UXW and third place to Ray & Jenny Dilks VXV 85. I'm sure all were proud of their awards.



MARTIN GALEA



IAN JENKINS



RAY & JENNY DILKS



Complete line up of cars at the Bubblecar Museum



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Mark & Alan Fisher



Derek Cole



Mike & Jacki Arnold



Dave Watson



Lee Turnham

The weekend came to a close with tea and cakes being provided by the club and the votes of thanks by the chairman Jeff Todd.

I would like to thank our sponsors, Hagerty Insurance for providing bags for our welcome pack, Bauer Media for copies of Classic Cars magazine and Classic Car Weekly newspaper, Thistleprint for notepads, the Bubblecar Museum for providing the venue, the Isetta Owners Club Committee Members for their input and organisation also all those club members who brought along their cars to make such a successful and enjoyable weekend and those who attended but were unable to bring their cars.

Ian Parris



Spotted in Crete in August by Julian Foster whilst on holiday there.

BUY AND SELL & WANTED

ISETTA 300 spares for sale for charity.

Offers over £200 invited for brand new (old stock) engine cylinder barrel with boxed Hepolite piston ring set 72mm and serviceable secondhand piston 71.95mm. Collect or plus P&P.

Location:- North Cheshire, close to M6/M56 interchange.

Money to go to Anthony Nolan (Trust) & Christie Hospital Manchester.

Contact:- David J Waring, preferably by email davidjwaring@yahoo.com or text 07900193394.

Wanted

Door lock barrel & key or complete door handle with key.

Contact Ian Parris on 07909 514916 or email ianparris@ianparris.com

Richard Proudlove has an Isetta to sell as a restoration project. It sounds like it is in pieces but substantially complete including log book. For more information contact Richard on rjproudlove@pedigreecomputers.com

In the absence of other articles I thought I would include my story.

As I live about 10 miles from the Hagerty Insurance office I thought I would take my newly restored 'Susie' to show them what they were covering for me.

I met Marcus Atkinson Marketing Manager for Hagerty's who invited me to their rally 'Hagerty Festival of the Unexceptional'. Their idea is to show off cars that are

unlikely to be represented at major events. Mostly, those cars that we all used in our everyday life in the past and nobody thought worthy of saving at the time so very few survived.

Luckily the rally was held on a beautiful sunny day between a very wet Friday and a very wet Sunday on the driving range of a golf course at Whittlebury Hall next door to Silverstone with the Silverstone Classic going on in the background.

Most makes of 60's & 70's cars were represented and because my Isetta

was so small they perched me on top of a mound in the centre.



Ian Parris

The AGM of The Isetta Owners Club of Great Britain will be held on Sunday 18th October at 2PM at Beedles Lake Golf Club, 170 Broome Lane, East Goscote, Leicester. LE7 3WQ All members are welcome to attend.

The Club is pleased to welcome:-

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On Saturday 4th July 2015, which was probably the hottest day of the year to date, over three thousand people made their way to the playing fields at the rear of Westhead Primary School for the annual Village of Westhead Carnival, near Ormskirk in Lancashire. This popular carnival is a non profit family event which raises money for many local charities and also the British Red Cross.

There were many stalls, displays, a large marquee, a Punch and Judy show, a fun fair, and an events arena. The proceedings opened with the crowning of the Carnival Queen and many attractions kept people entertained including a Carnival procession, the Skelmersdale Brass Band, a Pipe Band, a Theatre and Dance Display, and a dog display team.

A number of vintage and classic vehicles were on display in a roped off designated area including a selection of MG's, Austins, Fords, and various motorcycles.

The Northwest Microcars Group had been invited to the Carnival and a number of the group attended with a variety of "bubble cars" which brought great interest and amusement to all.

Dave Garner who lives locally displayed his yellow Messerschmitt KR200 and generously allowed others in the group to use his house as a base, with his charming wife Moira, laying on plenty of tea, coffee, and a delicious buffet during the course of the day,

Others who attended were Alan Town with his Isetta 600, Paul Wren with his Trojan, David Tattersall with his silver Messerschmitt KR200, and Tim O'Neil with his Heinkel Kabine.

Many members of the public visited the display and asked pertinent questions with some reminiscing about seeing or owning similar vehicles in the past, while many younger ones had photographs taken of themselves sat in them.

All the microcar owners agreed it was a wonderful venue with many attractions and a great social event for them all.

Paul Wren's twin sons, Nathan and Declan, are pictured sitting in his Trojan.

Tim O'Neil



Alan Town at last week-end's Messerschmitt Rally in Kettering, with the WHEELER DEALER TV programme presenters, Mike Brewer & Ed China, for their mid-September UK showing to 120 million world viewers, of their Messerschmitt purchase, re-build then selling on, for a Profit, or loss.

Second Hand Parts Garage

I have often been asked for a list of “your second hand parts please” well I don’t have one written down but I do have one in my head.

I have been trying to address this situation over the last 12 months or so by adding used parts to the Isetta Club online Open Cart Spare’s Shop with some success as several parts have been sold using this system so it is working. One of the advantages to Open Cart is you can see the part you are buying and get that info instantly in the same way you can get a new part price and availability, now some owner will not be able to use this because they do not have access to a computer or indeed they are not “technical” enough to know one part from another but if that is the case there chosen mechanic can access the shop on there behalf.

Do have a look from time to time and view our online shop be it for new parts or used ones if you don’t see the parts then mail me in your usual way for an answer on used parts but don’t be surprised if thin tin or shiny parts are not in the used parts stock after all the metal moth has had over 50 years to eat its way through any thing made from steel!



Mike Ayriss



Just getting our Isetta 600, with its 700cc engine transplant, ready for the NMCR trip, I ventured beside England's largest man made lake on a perfect summers day in Southport.

Before I could shout, "Look out, swans about!", we were ultimately engulfed by over twenty of these lovely white creatures.

I think it was down to the need to see if any bread was available, or maybe they hadn't seen a '600' before. **Alan Town**

An Interesting Isetta Story.

(From a recent IsettaWorld posting)

A busy executive needs a way to relax after a long day in the boardroom. For Kurt Donath, CEO of the Bavarian Motor Works, happiness was hunting, and to please their chairman, BMW built him a "Jadewaggen," or hunting car. Essentially a golf cart for the wilderness, this car was based upon a stock Isetta chassis and running gear, with custom bodywork designed as a mount for two gentlemanly sportsmen, and it offered space in which to haul home the spoils of a successful hunt.

The original Jagdwagen was lost long ago, but one has since been recreated to the exact specifications of the original. The result is this car; a painstaking recreation constructed on an Isetta chassis, as the original was lost nearly six decades ago. The current owner of this Isetta purchased it from the Bruce Weiner Microcar Collection. It is virtually identical to



the car built for Donath and it is the ideal automobile for the BMW enthusiast looking for something a little different. The Jadewaggen is sure to get attention and curious looks at every automotive event and is to be auctioned by Auctions America of Florida and California.



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Terry Parkin



The Warrant of Fitness (WoF) Disputes Procedure New Zealand

By FOMC executive member and retired vehicle inspector.

So your classic pride and joy has failed its 6-monthly Warrant of Fitness (WoF). You now have 28 days to rectify the problem and have it re-inspected at the same depot at no charge.

If it passes, you are legally back on the road (provided your rego is still current). But what happens when your vehicle fails and you don't agree with the WoF inspector's reason for rejecting it? They don't know everything - do they? is their decision final? No, and you do have several options available to you.

1. Ask the inspector to show you the failed item and then if you think they have made an incorrect decision ask to see the VIRM (Vehicle Inspection Requirement Manual) which is available online. As all WoF inspection premises are required to have an Internet connection in order to issue WoF's this won't be an issue.

The VIRM will have the legal specifications and requirements set out, and also outline the various reasons why an item should be rejected and thus fail.

2. If still not convinced, you can ask for the manager or another senior inspector to provide a second opinion.

3. Go to another inspection centre (you will have to pay) and get them to complete a check. If you pass you have good grounds for a dispute resolution with the original inspection centre. Most reputable inspection depots belong to the Motor Trade Association (MTA) or similar, and can provide access to a disputes resolution service through an 0800 phone number. Another avenue for advice is a Citizens Advice Bureau.

4. The Consumers Guarantees Act also states that the seller or service provider must be given the opportunity to rectify any problems.

As part of being an Authorised Vehicle Inspection Centre (AVIC), they are all subject to regular audits by NZTA inspectors. Having a disputes resolution procedure clearly displayed in the inspection premises is part of the audit requirements, and also the names of all the vehicle inspectors working for that inspection centre.

Hagerty International Ltd.

Good news for club members.

The club has agreed a discount on insurance premiums for club members insuring with Hagerty International Ltd. By quoting our club code CCIOC members will receive a 15% discount on their premium.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

National Micro Car Rally Review Meeting 2015

41st National Micro Car Rally Review meeting will be held on Sunday 25th October 2015 in Pinxton Village Hall, Kirkstead Road, Pinxton Derbyshire NG16 6NA at 1.00pm to discuss this year's rally and plan for next year's rally. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend – further details contact Jenny on 01773 782688 or 07712 654777. Centre will be open at 12.30pm.

At the meeting this year we will be looking to elect a new fund administrator to replace one of the outgoing administrators; and also, for someone to take over as webmaster to look after the NMCR website. For further details contact Jenny, Grant or Grenville via the NMCR website.

Directions: Leave M1 at J28 heading towards Pinxton/South Normanton on B6019. After approx. ¼ mile take the first road on the left "Pinxton Lane" and then at the traffic lights turn right "Victoria Road". Take the second road on the right "Church Street West" (Chip Shop on the corner) and then the next left. The Village Hall is on the left hand side (approx. 1 mile from J28 of M1). There is adequate off road parking at the side/rear of the hall.

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