

## Classic Chat

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### *The Club that Delivers!*



*The first car to  
embody Head lamps  
in the front grille.*

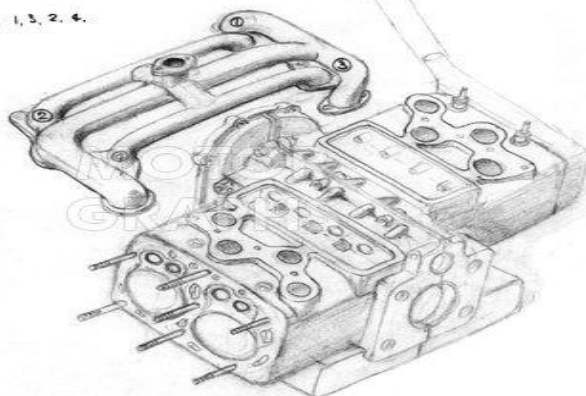
A charming pencil sketch by Issigonis of his vision for the Morris Minor (Mosquito).

"The first car to embody head lamps in the front grille"

Another sketch, this time of the flat four side valve engine originally planned for the Mosquito.

The firing order is shown along with a note about the throttle arrangement

Firing order 1, 3, 2, 4.  
Flyer throttle  
Cable?



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## Editorial

At this month's club meeting we talked about our magazine. Next month is *Classic Chat's* first birthday and a good time to think about changes, or improvements, as we look to the future.

The idea of listing trusted suppliers met with some support and contributions for the magazine are always very welcome. So, send in details of any firms (car related), which you can recommend and we will collate them in some way.

If you have an old photo of yourself, with a car, send it in for the "Guess the Member" quiz. Why not jot down a short story on your present classic: why you chose it, how you found it, etc? Members will be interested to hear about it, I'm sure. It's your magazine so why not join in!

*Paul*

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## Quick Quiz

1. What are the colours of the rainbow?

2. In ABBA's song "Super Trouper", from which town is Anni-Frid calling?

3. What is a baby turkey called?

4 What do the initials F.I.A.T stand for?

Answers on page 6

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## A Lonely Stag

The Triumph Stag is of course is well known and much appreciated, and with further development before launch, could have been a true world beater.



The concept was Giovanni Michelotti's as a 'one off' styling exercise to show case his studio's talents, and was based on the Triumph 2000, which he also designed. Triumph provided a 2000 for the project, but when Harry Webster saw the result, the vehicle was taken back to Coventry for development and launch, in 1970, as the Stag.



Giovanni  
Michelotti with  
his Triumph  
2000, which he  
owned for many  
years



The only surviving fastback Stag

The Stag was available in convertible and with a hard top, but in 1969 a body shell was sent to Turin for Michelotti to convert into a fastback. Another fastback (the only survivor) was built by Triumph in 1971 and has been restored, registration number PAE 755.

The Michelotti prototype(s) (I seem to remember there were two made) did not survive. The price of a Stag when new was around £2000 and in all 25,939 were produced.

## *Forthcoming events*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August there is a **Spanish classic car concentration** in Velez Rubio, to be held in the evening. The start time is 7.00pm and it finishes at 12 midnight if that's not past your bedtime! See David's email of 27<sup>th</sup> July for further details. Please let David know (contact details on front cover) if you plan to attend with your classic.

Don't forget the **monthly meeting** on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Put Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in your diary for **next month's run**. Starting at Ballabona Hotel, with lunch at Arboleas. More details soon.

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## *What we've been up to*

Our **monthly cub meeting** was held as usual on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August and despite being a very humid afternoon no less than 22 folks came along including three guests. It was a really 'buzzy' meeting as usual, with a quiz even I could have a go at, organised for us by Chas and Bill. The first to finish, with the correct solution, were Joel and Andrew who were treated to a 'rummage' in the Lucky Dip bag. They were of course suitably impressed with their prizes. Next quiz down to you guys, eh?

We also talked about the **Christmas Lunch**. Okay, so it seems a long way off, but these things can take a while to organise and of course, good restaurants get booked early. One menu was talked through but there was concern about the date. Another restaurant was suggested and so we will return to this next time with more information.

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## MEMBERS' CORNER

It was great to see Peter and Karen back with us at the monthly meeting. Peter looked very well after his recent operation. Take it slowly and enjoy being driven around, Peter!

All will be pleased to hear that Cathy Hillier is out of plaster and recovering well. Look forward to seeing you again soon Cathy!

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## *Wandering around the Web*

They say nostalgia isn't what it used to be but looking around this site takes me back!  
<http://www.automobilia-uk.com>



Continued,

Some things are rather pricey (I've seen a Crypton carb balancer on ebay for £22), but there's loads of fun looking.

David Fox emailed: "Traffico have a very helpful website and Facebook page in English, which gives loads of info on regulations etc. The website is: [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) "

Milanuncios is a favourite site for many when looking for classic cars in Spain. My liking for the unusual / bizarre / unloved is becoming well known - have a look at this: <http://www.milanuncios.com/venta-de-coches-clasicos-en-murcia/austin.htm>

It's an Austin Victoria, new to me, based on the BMC 1100. It was built in Spain by Authi at their Pamplona plant between 1972 and 1975.

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## OUT AND ABOUT



An SL Merc, in good nick too, near Albox.



A 1944 Willis Jeep complete with Steve McQueen base ball bat and glove, somewhere near Arboleas. It's for sale. If you are interested, let me know.

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## Tech Tips

Okay, so perhaps not everyone will agree with this, but it works for me. The Herald, as many will know, has been languishing in the garage since April. I start it from time to time, of course.

To help get the oil circulated with a bit of pressure up, I crank the engine over a number of times, in bursts of four or five seconds (with the coil disconnected to prevent starting). Then I start as usual. I've found this reduces the time taken for the oil light to go out and for full pressure to be achieved.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISED BY	TEL No	COMMENTS	MORE INFO
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	Christmas Lunch, and a run out	Chas and Bill	684215018	More info w/c 15.12.14	Completed
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Wednesday	Social Lunch – El Castillo, La Cinta	Paul G	652297157	Includes 'Mini Run'	Completed
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday	AGM and Club meeting	David	663738498	Venue is Hotel Overa. Junction 547, E15	Completed
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	Monthly run out	Harry	629529656	Start El Perejil nr Cuevas de Almanzora	Completed
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Ray	646691813	Albox to Olula del Rio	Completed
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday	Monthly run out	David	663738498	Velez Rubio to Orce	Completed
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	Social Lunch and mini run	Paul G	694429029	Hotel Ballabona to Villericos	Completed
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Chas	684215018	Sorbas to Tabernas	Completed
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Malcolm	607719691	Los Gallardos to Turre	Completed
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	'At Home' with Malcolm and Jean	Malcolm	607719691	Mojacar	Completed
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Spanish event at Velez Rubio</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>663738498</b>	<b>Evening concentration</b>	<b>See email of 27.7.15</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Monthly run out</b>	<b>Duncan</b>	<b>610018818</b>	<b>Start at Hotel Ballabona</b>	<b>More details soon</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday	La Alfoquia Family Day	Paul G	694429029	<b>Static show including lunch</b>	<b>More details soon</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday	Saliente Monastery Run	Paul G	694429029	Lunch at the monastery	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	
tba December	tba	Monthly run out	<i>Volunteer needed</i>		<i>Volunteer needed</i>	

### NOTES

Advance dates for your diary 2016: 14<sup>th</sup> May Wacky Races, Villaricos. Static show at the event for member's cars.

**Quick quiz answers.** 1. Red,orange, yellow, green,blue,indigo,violet. 2. Glasgow, 3. A Poult. 4. **Fix It Again Tomorrow.**