



Classic Chat

The monthly e-magazine of Amigos de los Coches Clasicos

NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEBSITE!

New logo and sections added to website for 2017

Change is in the air as the website is upgraded to include our new logo and a new section – Club Support Services. By clicking on the tab members can access Ask an Amigo, the Club Technical Library and our Tool Share Board, previously only available via Classic Chat.

The section is also open to non member visitors and will clearly show what an active and supportive club we are! Since the section is open to the public domain, contact details of members supporting the three services are withheld and so club members should keep to hand December's Classic Chat, where full contact details are available.

Webmaster, Ray Perkins said "The changes continue our work to provide a 'one stop shop' for members and will enhance the experience for visitors. The inclusion of a monthly Event Roundup will complement the Events Calendar and give a real feel of the activities members enjoy, which can only encourage increasing membership".

A PACKED HOUSE FOR THE CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many folks avoid AGMs like the plague. Such meetings are often thinly attended, quiet and self conscious affairs, with people avoiding the front seats in case they get 'caught'.

Well, not in our club. Extra seats were brought in so that all could sit comfortably around the two packed tables, and hear the end of year reports from the outgoing committee.

A vote of thanks for their work was proposed and the offer by the committee to stand for re-election (with the exception of Wendy Rhodes who is not available due to business pressures) was warmly accepted, in all cases, by the membership.

So, the Committee say "Thanks for your support and we will carry on with the development of the club".

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Amigos de los Coches Clasicos

Our Mission: To provide a club environment, which supports its members in the restoration, preservation and use of classic cars

Club News and Comment

Be afraid, very afraid; there's an AGM looming. Well not in this club as 33 amigos packed the big room. No one was ambushed and all had a good time with a quiz provided for us at the end by Ken Oliver.

We were also entertained to an interesting talk about rodents and tumble driers, by Barry Dennis. Yes, I know what you are thinking: funny, rats, tumble driers, funny, know what I mean, funny Dud. Well go to page 7 and find out more!

Kenny Rodger's once had a song "Ruby, don't take your love to town". Do you remember? Well, Ruby, the MGBGT, took Barry Dennis to town, Huercal Overa infact, and was photographed in the act by the local paparazzi. Happily, she was behaving herself in company with other cars of the club. Have a look on page 7.

What did I hear at the AGM? Did El Presidente mention a new meeting venue under consideration? Well, my advice is to make sure you are on the President's run on 19th February. You heard it in **Classic Chat** first....well, second, actually.

See you all soon.

Paul Gough

Welcome to new member

Noel Verleyen

Noel hails from Belgium and joined at the AGM. He is the proud owner of a Porsche 911.

We hope Noel's membership will be a long and happy one.



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NAME THE CAR

Can you identify this car? Answer on page 7



What's on in February – ACC

19th February

Monthly run out, Velez Rubio area.
Organisers: David & Sue Fox.
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19th February

Classic car meeting
Bar Dolar, Vera Playa, 10.00am
(non club event)

EVENTS SPAIN & UK

SPAIN

4th Concentracion de Coches
Clasicos.
Rio Tinto, Huelva Minas de Rio
Tinto, north west of Seville.
18th February 2107.

2nd 2CV rally of Andalucia
Roquetas de Mar, Almería
24th – 26th February.

6th Concentracion de Coches
Clasicos.
Sorbas, Almería
5th March 2017

UK

London Classic Car Show
23 -26 Feb 2017
www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk

JOKE BOX

with Chas Longhurst

I was so close to getting off with a speeding ticket yesterday .

I told the female officer she was the most beautiful woman I'd ever seen.

Blushing with a huge grin she said, "Thank you very much."
To which I replied, "and that's not the drink talking either"

PIZZAS, AND MORE, BY THE BEACH!

Mike and Wendy's first event a great hit. By Barry Dennis.

Thirty members assembled at 'Mi Casa' in Antas for the short run to Mojacar playa, via Los Gallardos and Turre, to the restaurant Imperial Pizzeria right on the beach.



The event was the first organised by members, Mike and Wendy Birtwistle, and held on 18th January. Over twelve classics, of all makes and types, were much admired by folks along the way.

The restaurant was quite busy even before we filled it, but an area with a large panoramic window had been reserved for us.

The service was somewhat hit and miss (as Malcolm will concur) but overall it was a great finale to a good day. P.S. The pizzas were huge !!!

WHAT WILL BAR LAGUNA DO WITHOUT US?

Once again, attendance by Amigos was much in evidence at Bar Laguna's Classic Car Meeting on Sunday 15th January.

After December's cancellation due to appalling weather, around half of the cars on display were connected to our club.

Much interest was aroused by a Jaguar XJ8 which was for sale, and which may have been sold on the day.

So a good place to advertise your classic if you have one for sale.

And...a good chance to promote our club!

Paul Gough

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1977 MGBGT in Damask Red, 29,000 miles, electronic ignition, stainless steel exhaust. Spanish historic plates. Barry Dennis
Tel:951069209. Email: bazdent8075006@yahoo.co.uk
Price: 6,500 Euros ono.
(Member)



Cooling Fan. Twelve volt, 80 watt cooling fan kit. Diameter 12 inches and never fitted. £25 ono. Peter Underdown. Email:
goatshedgarage@yahoo.com
(Member)

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HOT or NOT?



The 1938 Talbot Lago T150SS must be one of the most graceful Art Deco inspired cars, with coachwork design by the French firm Figoni and Falaschi. Only a handful were made and prices are eyewatering. The engine was a 140 bhp, 3,996 cc inline six-cylinder engine with triple Stromberg carburetors.

Hot or Not? You tell us! Classic Chat says; **“HOT”**

PUMPING AWAY AND NOTHING HAPPENING?

Age takes its toll on hydraulic jacks too, you know. So if your 'classic' trolley jack (and modern ones too) needs an overhaul try this firm for kits, they seem cover many makes. Not sure if they will mail out to Spain, but Steve Holgate can help there. The firm is worth a look for all sorts of other 'stuff' too.

<http://www.commercialsupplies.co.uk>



The A to Z of classics.....with a difference

by Paul Gough.

V is for Standard Vanguard Phase III Sportsman

Although sharing the Vanguard name, the Phase III was worlds away from the previous 'beetle back and notch back' models of the mid to late 1940s.

Launched in 1955, the design was modern and the body without a separate chassis. Mechanically conventional, the Phase III had independent coil spring suspension to the front with leaf springs and a live axle at the rear. A 2.0 litre four cylinder engine passed drive to a three speed gearbox with a column change and a later an extra gear was added and a floor change.

However, in 1956 an interesting development of the car was announced: the Standard Vanguard Sportsman. This was a tuned version with larger drum brakes, twin SU carbs and punching out 90bhp. The front was revised to include a square cut grille, various styling tweaks and two tone paintwork.

The Sportsman was intended to be badged as a Triumph Renown, since by this time the name *Standard* was beginning to be associated with 'normal or ordinary' and not patriotic flag flying connotations. Indeed, previous Standards often featured the Union Flag as a logo.

With the Triumph name, the car was intended to sound more up-market and dynamic. At the last minute though, it was decided to keep the Sportsman a 'Standard' although the grille carried the Triumph enamel globe logo.

Alas, either way, the car was not a success and only 901 vehicles were produced up to 1958, and a further 50 by special order by 1960, when production ceased. Perhaps the price worked against sales at £1231 inc tax.

A road test by Motor Sport magazine enthused about the Sportsman's performance and... "being capable of over 90 mph". The test concluded...."for those seeking a medium-sized car of reasonable economy and outstanding performance, and who can tolerate a steering-column gear-lever in a sport saloon, the Standard Vanguard Sportsman is worthy of careful consideration."



Behind the Badge

R W Maudsley was a civil engineer who began the manufacture of cars in 1903, in Coventry. By 1919 market share equalled that of Austin and in 1932 a new factory was opened at Canley, to where, by 1935, all production had been transferred.

The company resumed car production in 1945 (aircraft had been produced by Standard during the war) and in the same year the then Chairman, Sir John Black, purchased the ailing Triumph Motor Company. In 1959 the company changed its name to Standard Triumph.

Although a Union Flag was first seen on their cars in 1908, and was subsequently used on 'Flying Standards', the emblem above was introduced in 1931 and used for many years. Based on a mythical griffin, its outstretched wings suggest speed, freedom and power. The flag alludes to all British manufacture.

The last vehicle to bear the Standard name was Atlas van, which was rebranded Leyland in 1963.

UPSIDE DOWN WELDING? NO, JUST USING AN INVERTER

PETER UNDERDOWN EXPLODES THE MYSTERIES WITH INVERTER WELDER Vs TRANSFORMER WELDER

I have been welding for many years, everything from heavy industrial machines in factories; on stainless and mild steel, to lighter welding on cars.

At home I had an arc welder and a Clark 150amp MIG (metal inert gas) welder. Now, the arc welder I use for heavy fabrication work and the MIG for lighter sheet metal and section up to 4mm thick. On a recent visit, a friend of many years advised me to try out one of the newer type of inverter welders, but as always being in Spain, where can you go to try these things?

The techie bits

Now, my understanding of an inverter welder is that it uses electronic circuitry instead of the normal transformers to control the output, current and amperage, whilst using less of your household electric. Having thought about it for a while, I decided to bite the bullet and buy one. After a lot of searching and talking to other welders, I purchased a Sherman 200amp unit, which will MIG weld with co2 gas and without gas, using flux core wire. It will also do light brazing and arc welding with the relevant attachments.

Getting started

On receiving the welder I decided that the first job would be to adapt the trolley which would house the new welder and bring it up to a better working height, perhaps getting used to the machine on some 4mm metal would be easier.



Well, the controls on the inverter are totally different to the normal welder but it didn't take long to get the settings right and I was away and mightily impressed. The welding had far superior penetration when compared to the other machine and in all burned a lot smoother.

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Let's try it on a car!

After adapting the trolley, it was time to try welding some thin car body sheet metal and so I changed the MIG to 0.6 wire. I must admit to being worried that the new welder might be a bit fierce, but this was needless as the inverter is infinitely variable with voltage controls as well as amperage.

My conclusion is that for everything that I normally weld I should now be able to use the MIG all the time. So now after all the practising I will be back to welding some rear quarter repairs to the MR2.

MORE TO WORRY ABOUT

If you are feeling strong enough, you can go to this link <https://shar.es/1O8i8S> where the thorny issues of matriculation (registration to UK plates) are rehearsed....again.

One particular reference causes concern and that is the alleged concerns the authorities have in registering r.h.d cars. That's a new one! What will they come up with next?

Thanks to David Fox for sending it in.....I think!



FANCY THAT

Placing Swirl tumble drier towel in a warm area inside your car will keep pesky mice and rats away from your classic.

This was the message from Barry Dennis, when he entertained members at the AGM with his interesting talk about the problems he has experience with our tailed friends camping out in his MG.

It seems they don't like the 'pong' given off by the towels, especially when the towels become warm. More info from Barry Dennis bazdent8075006@yahoo.co.uk

Barry Dennis and Joel Darget bring the club to press (below) with photos of their cars at the Huercal Overa Classic Car Meeting on 29th January.

Well done, chaps!

A day of classics
By Eleanor Hawkins

HUERCAL-OVERA'S first classic car and motorbike meet was deemed a great success by the council, with more than 50 vehicles turning up to take part.

The event was organised by the Tourism Department and Asociacion de Coches Clasicos del Marmol and saw the vehicles travel through Santa Maria de Nieva, Urcal, El Gar and San Francisco, stopping off at the Museo del Agua, before continuing through the streets of the town centre and parking on Plaza Mayor, where locals and visitors flocked to ogle at the cars.

Participation, Tourism councillor Monica Navarro said, exceeded expectations and the event was welcomed by local motor fans and attracted visitors from nearby towns and villages including Vera, Albox and Lorca and others further afield.

The event is expected to be repeated in the future and is part of the council's plans to promote and consolidate Huercal-Overa as an inland tourist destination.

CLASSIC CARS: The first meet was declared a great success.



Name the Car – BSA Scout 1937, Series 4.

The Scout Series four was available as a two or four seater (£149 and £159 respectively).

The car was fitted with a four cylinder 1200cc engine driving a three speed 'box. Surprisingly, it was front wheel drive! Nothing new under the sun.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISED BY	TEL No	COMMENTS	MORE INFO
12 th January	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		Completed
18 th January	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Mike & Wendy Birtwistle	950615050	Lunch in Mojacar	Completed
2nd February	Thursday	Club meeting and AGM	David Fox	663738498		Completed
19 th February	Sunday	Monthly run out	David & Sue Fox	663738498	Velez Rubio area	
2 nd March	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
8 th March	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Peter & Karen Underdown	950167156	Saliente area	
6 th April	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
18 th April	Tuesday	Monthly run out	Alan & Margaret Foreman	634319746	Pozo del Esparto	
4 th May	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
10 th May	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Team Riley Duncan & John	610018818	Almanzora area	
27 th May	Saturday	Flower Show	Team Riley Duncan & John	610018818	Chapel at Alhambra	
1 st June	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
TBA June		Weekend away	Stuart & Barbara Kerfoot	673067767	2 night away event. Almansa Gorge	More info soon
TBA June		Social Lunch	Peter & Karen Underdown	950167156		More info soon
6 th July	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
13 th July	Thursday	Summertime Dinner	Paul & Mel Gough	694429029	Dinner at La Vida	Includes mini-run
3 rd August	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
17 th August	Wednesday	Cool BBQ	Chas and Judy Longhurst	684215018		
7 th September	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
20 th September	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Barry & Brenda Dennis	951069209	Taberno area	
5 th October	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
21st October	Saturday	La Alfoquia Community Fair & Show	Paul Gough - liaison	694429029	Individual entries at Fair for classic car category	No club stand this year
2 nd November	Thursday	Club meeting	David Fox	663738498		
15 th November	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Bill Geldeard & Brian	666277294	Tahal	
13 th December	Wednesday	Xmas Lunch and run (No club meeting in December)	Will & Charli Gater	671171340		

NOTES Items in **bold** are changes from last month