Classic Chat
The monthly e-magazine of Amigos de los Coches Clasicos

NEW CLUB LOGO UNVEILED!

President David Fox reveals the new club logo at the January club meeting.

The new club logo was greeted with enthusiasm by members attending the club meeting on 12th January 2017, when the design for the club grille badge was presented by David Fox.

The new logo is the culmination of work over a number of months, following a competition won by Barry Dennis, to devise a new logo for the club. The design, which will be progressively introduced to club regalia, features a front view of a sports tourer and can be viewed as an evolution of the previous theme.

The professionally produced artwork for the grille badge, shows the logo on a central yellow ground, with the club name on a red background around the circumference of the badge, and reflects the colours of the Spanish flag.

Delivery is expected in time for the February club meeting. For more information see page 8.

IT'S 'SPLASHDOWN' FOR 2016 AT BALSA DE CELA!

A splash says a 'watery' farewell to 2016, by Paul Gough

Two intrepid and fearless members braved the warm waters of Balsa de Cela, while others looked on in disbelief and amusement! The visit to the hot springs was organised by Peter and Karen Underdown as the first Boxing Day Dip Run – an impromptu event to mark the end of the club event calendar for 2016.

Seven members met at Bar Internal on 26th December and after a coffee set off for Balsa de Cela, near Tejola in the Almanzora Valley. Unfortunately Peter and Karen could not join the fun, as one of their dogs became ill the previous night, but in true club style they urged the show must go on!

After the run to Cela, Doreen, Charli, Will, Barry and Mel looked on as the waters were enjoyed with chatter and laughter, followed by a light lunch in a bar overlooking the pool. It was a warm and sunny end to our season!

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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

Welcome to Volume 4 of Classic Chat – how quickly time passes.

We believe it's important to keep things fresh in our club and so we start the year with a new look to Classic Chat, which we hope you will like.

We also start 2017 with a full programme of events, thanks to the efforts of Chas and his organisers. In fact it's one of the most comprehensive calendars for the club so far, with a weekend away, a Summertime Dinner and lots more.

Additional events will 'pop up' during year, so keep your eye on the Calendar of Events, which is constantly updated each month (page 10).

This month's club meeting was well attended as usual with 27 folks making the usual noise and laughter. A special presentation introducing our new grille badge was made by David Fox and which was well received (see front page).

Yours truly talked about the various methods by which the badge could be mounted (see page 8 for more info) and Peter and Karen presented our monthly quiz, which was won by Bill Geldeard who won a rather tasty bottle of 'fizz' and a tart (chocolate).

So, the year starts off at a pace, with more new things in store.

Don't forget it's the AGM on 2nd February...*be there*!

A New Year, a new logo and new ideas: Moving Forward!

See you all soon.

Paul Gough

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NAME THE CAR

Can you identify this car? Answer on page 7

What's on in January - ACC

15th January
Classic car meeting
Bar Laguna, Vera Playa,10.00am (non club event)

18th January
Monthly run out to Mojacar area.
Organisers:
Mike and Wendy Birtwistle
Tel: 950615050

29th January
Classic car concentration
Huercal Overa (non club event)

EVENTS SPAIN & UK

SPAIN
IV Retro Auto y Moto at Malaga
20 – 22 January 2017

V Concentracion Vehiculos Clasicos at Collado Mediano (48km, north west of Madrid)
29 January 2017

UK
Mini Fair at Bingley Hall Stafford County Showground
29 January 2107

Newark Autojumble at Newark and Notts Showground
29 January 2017

Huddersfield Auto Jumble at Brook St Huddersfield
5th February 2017

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ANOTHER 'CRACKER'

Thirty two Amigos make it to lunch. By Barry Dennis.

A good turn-out of club members assembled at the Hotel Overa for the run to Turre for the Christmas meal. The lead car for some strange reason was Malcolm; magical mystery tour comes to mind from last Christmas, but as he was the organiser the honour fell to him to lead us.

The drive to Pulpi via Huercal Overa was fine, but for another strange reason there was a 4 km detour round Pulpi instead of going through the middle. As we approached San Juan we turned right and headed for Villaricos.

By now some of the more senior members decided that a comfort break was required so an impromptu stop was had at the Goa restaurant. After refreshment we headed off to Turre and the meal at the Hostal Rural.

A very relaxed meal followed with excellent service from the staff and a very tasty meal. We all agreed that the day was a success and something very similar repeated next year.

NEW YEAR OFF TO A FLYING START!

Amigos set the pace on New Year's Day with an impromptu run. By Paul Gough

A small but enthusiastic group of members gathered, without hang – overs, at Hotel Overa on New Year's Day for a 'go with the flow' run organised by Alan and Margaret Foreman.

After a coffee together the group set off for a run to Zurgena, then to Antas via El Campico Caceres and on to Villaricos, via Cuevas del Almanzora.

After a walk along the prom. a snack and drinks were enjoyed in the square, with sunshine too!

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(Member)

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HOT or NOT?

The 1955 Facel Vega (France) designed by Jean Danious, powered by a De Soto Firedome V8 of 4.5 litres with 180bhp. Top speed of 121 mph. The saloon was a success but the cabriolet less so due to noise, vibration and lack of rigidity. Only seven were produced.

Hot or **Not**? You tell us! Classic Chat says; "Not"

The A to Z of classics……with a difference

U is for NSU Sport Prinz

Advertising for the first NSU Prinz, launched in 1957, exclaimed "Fahre Prinz und Du bist König" *("Drive a Prince and you're a king")*, which was making the most out of what was a small, 'square cut' two door saloon. Power was provided by an air cooled twin cylinder motor of 583cc, located in the rear and driving the rear wheels.

Ok, so a basic economy car, but this was the first post war NSU and was suited to the times. One of its strong points was ease and simplicity of maintenance: the four speed 'box and final drive were located in the sump sharing the engine oil and there were only two grease nipples requiring attention – on the king pins.

Fast on the heels of the Prinz saloon came a really pretty 2 door sports coupe – the Sport Prinz. It was designed by Bertone (you can see the design ques to the Alfa Giulietta coupes) who also built the first 250 bodies, after which a German firm called Drautz took over manufacture. Drautz was later purchased by NSU.

The Sport Prinz shared the platform and mechanicals with the saloon, but in 1962 gained larger 598cc engine.

In June 1959, *Motor Sport* road tested the Sport Prinz and reported ..." *On the open road it becomes a very pleasant car to drive, and ....cruised at a steady 60 m.p.h. and cornered with great verve, while on the return trip in darkness the excellent headlamps enabled a high cruising speed to be maintained. Under these conditions fuel consumption dropped to 39 m.p.g., but it is possible that the claimed 47 m.p.g. could be reached if a less aggressive driving technique was employed."* The tester went on to enthuse *"Normal cruising speed is an indicated 60 m.p.h., while the needle will swing round to 80 m.p.h. on a slight downgrade, and a more fully run-in car (our test car had covered 1,500 miles) would probably reach the claimed 85 m.p.h. top speed. Remember, this car has a capacity of 583 c.c. !"*

In all, nearly 21,000 examples were produced (1958 – 68) and in 1959, the price was £970.00 inc tax.

The Neckarsulmer Fahrzeugwerk, from which the initials NSU are derived, began making knitting machines in 1873.

From 1880 they began making very successful motor cycles. The first NSU car was made in 1905 and was the Pipe car from Belgium made under licence, followed by their own models before and post WW1.

During WW2, the company produced military vehicles, including the famous Kettenkrad.

After the war NSU resumed motor cycle production and by 1955 was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world. Car production started in 1957 (see left).

In 1969, NSU was taken over by Volkswagen AG and the last car to carry the NSU name was the Ro80 of 1973 -77.

The shield shaped emblem shows the town arms of Neckarsulm. The heraldic stag's antlers are from the arms of the former kingdom of Wurttemburg, while on their right is the cross of the knights of the Teutonic Order who had a castle in Neckarsulm during the middle ages.

WORKSHOP 'HOW TO GUIDE' – Seat re-furbishment

with Paul Gough

For the first in our occasional ***How to Guides***, we look at refurbishing a car seat. As with all things, our classic's seats will show their age, especially lumber supports and side bolsters. A re-furb. will improve the look and feel of the seat.

Car seats, post war, are in the main a steel frame, usually tubular, with steel springs either coil (like a bed mattress), 'strap' type springs or a rubber diaphragm spring attached to the frame by springs or straps. Later seats often have a steel bucket for the base into which is fitted a moulded foam cushion.

Seat covers (skins) can be made of leather, vinyl, cloth or an assortment of all. They are tight fits over the seat padding and are stretched and secured by a variety of methods, including re inforced seams, which engage with a channel on the seat frame; 'C' clips and 'shark teeth' tangs.

If the parts can be obtained then a repair of a failing seat is fairly easy. However, if not, it is best left to a specialist trimmer or upholsterer.

The car seat featured, is from my Lada Niva where the seat foam has started to disintegrate. Happily, all the components for the seat, including covers, springs and foam padding are available ex stock. While the detail may be different for other makes, the principles are the same and similar repairs should be quite within the abilities of most of us.

Seat removed with new foam. waiting.

First, remove seat trims and,

the headrest with finishers.

Remove backrest bolts and,

carefully, detach backrest.

This cover is retained by 'sharks teeth' or 'tangs'.

Carefully, prise the tangs to a vertical position,

and release the cover.

Gently, pull the cover away from the backrest, noting how internal webbing is routed. This webbing gives definition and shape.

Remove the backrest foam from the frame and check the frame for faults.

Clean and lubricate the reclining mechanism.

That's better!

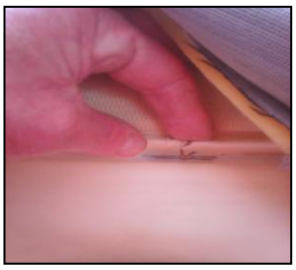
Rebuild the backrest, Stretching the cover into place. Re use the existing holes in the cover.

Take the opportunity to 'de-pil' the cover if nec.

Unfasten the cover from the seat base.

Lift the foam cushion away with the cover.

On this seat, the cover is attached to the foam cushion with rails...



attached with wire clips. Locate all the clips and twist to open out.

Carefully, reassemble the cover to the new foam using the clips in the same places.

Re-fit the foam and cover to to the seat base and engage the cover with the tangs as before.

And, in the manner of all step by step guides: reassemble the seat frame in reverse order!

This one turned out very nicely with no wrinkles and good shape and definition.

Take the opportunity to clean the seat with upholstery cleaner and lubricate the seat runners before refitting to the car.

So, if you undertake a workshop repair, why not take photos, make notes as you proceed and let us have your 'How to Guide' for *Classic Chat*?
It may give someone the confidence to have a go!

Name the Car – Lea Francis Lynx 1960
The Lynx was announced at the 1960 Earls Court Motor Show. Fitted with a Ford Zephyr straight six engine and a TR3 gearbox, the car featured Dunlop disc brakes and a rack and pinion steering. Despite high hopes, the car was not a success and only three prototypes were made. All survive.

OUR NEW GRILLE BADGE!

The club grille badge will grace any of our cars and the initial order of 25 will soon fly off the shelf.

Fixing is via a stud and nut on the reverse side and a washer or small plate may be required when fitting.

Alternatively, the badge can be fitted to a badge bar, using an adaptor plate and clamp.

The price (subject to exchange rate fluctuations) will between 18 and 20 Euros (badge only). Delivery is expected for February's club meeting.

Contact Peter and Karen Underdown goatshedgarage@yahoo.com to reserve your badge!

Should you choose to mount on a bar:

This firm has the least expensive bars and accessories we have able to locate: http://www.classic-car-accessories.co.uk/acatalog/BADGEBARS.html

There doesn't seem to be many suppliers of adaptor plates at a reasonable price, but here is one, at least:

https://www.angloparts.com/en/catalogues/group/2328/mgtc-badges-badge-bars-clamps

Alternatively, it's a fairly straight forward task to fabricate such a plate. We have an example available as a pattern if it helps.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held on Thursday 2nd February 2017. A formal notice will be emailed to all members, by the President, two weeks prior to the meeting.

As is customary, the present Committee stands down after its period in office, enabling every paid up cub member to stand for election, or re-election, for any committee post.

A full list of committee positions are shown below, together with a summary of the role. All the roles shown are currently delivered by the existing committee.

Any member wishing to stand for election should contact the Secretary, Sue Fox, without delay.

Any member wishing to raise issues for debate, including items which may impact existing club rules, should contact the Secretary, Sue Fox, without delay and before the Agenda is emailed out. Each item for discussion must have a proposer and seconder.

The Committee urge everyone to attend as it provides the opportunity for members to have a say in how the club is run and influence plans for the future.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

President: To ensure the club complies with appropriate regulations and to oversee the delivery of club activities and policies.

Vice President: To act on behalf of the President in times of absence or when requested.

Secretary: To ensure that proper minutes of all meetings are taken and records maintained.

Treasurer: To ensure that club financial matters are maintained in transparent and proper manner and that financial records, reports and accounts are available for inspection.

Membership Secretary: To maintain records of new and current paid up members and ensure that membership renewal requests are emailed annually.

Webmaster: To develop and maintain the club's internet presence.

Regalia Controller: To ensure adequate stocks of regalia, in line with club policy, and maintain records of purchases and sales. To produce and issue club membership badges.

Event Co-ordinator: To encourage and support the creation of events, shows and other activities, in which members may participate. To facilitate the communication of event details to members.

Magazine Editor: To prepare, publish and issue 'Classic Chat' on a monthly basis.

Press Officer: To promote the club though press releases, articles in the press and advertisements in line with club policy.

Club Printer: To develop and print club Membership Packs and other printed material. To arrange out -sourcing of printed matter when directed by the committee.

Systems Controller: To monitor and update club information systems used by the committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

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

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