Classic Chat

The monthly e-magazine of Amigos del Coches Clasicos

SHOWTIME!

All cars assembled and visitors just starting to arrive for our club's second Classic Car Display at the Harmony Community Fair & Show in La Alfoquia.

BUMPER CAR SHOW EDITION!

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Editorial

Well, how lucky were we that the rain held off all day for our car show last month! I had a feeling we would be ok, and what a great day we had…thanks to you. See all the pictures on pages 5 & 6.

And of course, we had the Saliente Run this month too, so there has been lots on. More details of the run on page 7.

In October's Classic Chat I promised an article about organising runs. Unfortunately, there just wasn't room in this month's magazine, and so the eagle eyed amongst you will know we covered it by email in late October.

I hope it gave food for thought. If you can help with an event, then thanks very much: already we have one offer.

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QUICK QUIZ

Answers on page 11

1. Which group sang the song entitled "Jaguar"?
2. In the t.v series "Z Cars", some of the Zephyrs used were yellow, as well as white in colour. True or false?
3. Who rode "Never Say Die" to his first Derby victory in 1954?
4. What is a pregnant goldfish called?

Welcome to new members:

John & Debbie Valentine

Mike & Wendy Birtwistle

We hope your membership will be a long and happy one.

That's a good one!

I never wanted to believe that my Dad was stealing from his job as a road worker. But when I got home, all the signs were there.

Magazine editor Paul Gough. Last date for copy 12th of each month. 'Stop Press' date 13th of each month. Target issue date 14th/15th of each month.

OUT AND ABOUT

A very tidy Lancia Fulvia spotted at the Spanish meeting in Lubrilla, Murcia on 18th October.

LAST MONTHS 'GUESS THE CLUB MEMBER'

The energetic chap leaping from the Austin is John Cooper. The Austin concerned is a 1933 type 65. John tells me that he bought it for £50 in 1961 and used it for daily transport, even touring Holland and Belgium in 1962. In 1964 John sold the car for £65 having met Ann and "needing something more civilised". The picture was taken as part of a Basildon Bond advert in the mid '60s. Thanks to John for telling us more at our last club meeting!

For the third time running, Chas Longhurst correctly recognised the mystery member. Is he 'hacking' my computer, I wonder? Well done, Chas.

Out and About 2
Opposite, we see members John, Duncan and Jean with their Riley RME at the Albox concentration on 1st November.

TECH TIPS

A torque wrench is an important part of any tool kit. Treat it with care and use it often. Manufactures don't list torque figures for nothing!

When you've finished always 'unwind' the wrench returning it to zero. It will stay more accurate for longer, if you do!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Already we are half way through November and Xmas is coming. Don't forget to let Malcolm know if you wish to come to our Christmas Lunch.

Payment is necessary in advance, so if you have yet to pay, please 'cough up' at the club meeting on 3rd December.

Malcolm's contact details are on page two. For more details see his email of 18th October.

This year we are hosted by Restaurante Los Conteros at Villaricos. There is a large, safe, off road car park adjacent to the restaurant. I hope we will fill the venue with our numbers and noise, so do support our end of year event.

The lunch is on Saturday 12th December.

OUT AND ABOUT 2

Photo from the past – Guess the Member

A bunch of likely looking lads, I must say! But who is the fellow leaning nonchalantly against the wing?

First correct answer emailed in will earn the lucky winner one of our fabulous club prizes at December's meeting.

The A to Z of classics……with a difference

C is for Caravelle

The pretty Renault Caravelle, designed by Frua of Italy, was based on the Dauphine and launched in 1958.The model resulted from dealers in America requesting a coupe version of the Dauphine to strengthen their position against the VW Beetle. In France, and other non English speaking markets, the car was known as the Floride. In 1962 the name Caravelle was discontinued and Floride used in all markets

It was available as a coupe, a convertible and a roadster having a removable hardtop. A Gordini performance version was also available soon after launch.

During its lifetime various upgrades were introduced to the engine, gearbox and suspension. In the UK the Caravelle's contemporary was the Triumph Spitfire, which had similar performance. Due to tariffs existing at the time the Caravelle was more expensive at £1039, against £666 for the Spitfire.

Changes to import / export tariffs and competition from small Italian sport cars resulted in falling sales and production ceased in 1968.

Specification
Engine: 850, 950 and 1100cc OHV
G/box: three speed to mid 1960, then 4 speed
Brakes: drum front and rear, after '63 discs front and rear
Length: 14ft
Width: 5ft 2 ins
Height: 4ft 4 ins
Produced: 1958 – 1968, 117,000 units
Available as convertible and with hard top.

An example is for auction at Charterhouse Auctioneers, Dorset with a guide price of £7000 to £8000. Lot of motor for the money, I'd say.

24th OCTOBER - CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY at LA ALFOQUIA

Well, thanks to you, we achieved our goal of 20 classics on display! Thanks to everyone who exhibited and also those who came along on the day to support us. Although cloudy there was no rain, so that was a blessing.

Cars in place and judging under way! There's no hiding place from the judges: bonnets and boots open please.

Prospective members Fred Reid and Rosie with their 914 and Wendy, looking pleased about something!

On the left, Steve Holgate's Royal Enfields were a great attraction. On the right, members pose.

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After much talking with visitors, about our club and cars, a well earned lunch for members and guests at Bar La Union. On the left, judge Will Gater tots up the scores.

Then, the awards. **Car of the Show** went to Malcolm Smallwood with his Austin Healey 3000, and **Most Original Car** was awarded to David Manning and his Citroen Ami 6. Well done both.

The VW Beetle convertible of Theo and Karin was the **Members Choice** (a good one) and new members John and Debbie Valentine were presented with a bottle of 'fizz' as they had **travelled the furthest** to our event.

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We had the chance to see Alan & Margaret Foreman's MGB GT on its first appearance after arriving from the UK. Alan joined last month. Will & Charli Gater came along in their newly purchased Jeep, again for its first club outing.

Another new car on show was John and Debbie's NG, in which they came all the way from Galera, Granada.

We achieved our goal of 20 cars on display and no less than 30 folks sat down to lunch. This makes it the most popular event since I have been keeping records. Also, we contributed over 35 euros to the day's charity funds and the club donated a prize for the day's raffle. So, well done all!

So a great turn out and thanks to everyone including our two judges, Will Gater and Alan Foreman, and Sean Mahaffey for help setting up and car movements. Last but not least thanks to our President David Fox for presenting the prizes.

AWARD WINNERS: Car of the Show – Malcolm & Jean Smallwood, Austin Healey. Most Original Car – David Manning, Citroen Ami 6. Member's Choice – Theo & Karin Aelen, VW convertible. Furthest distance travelled – John & Debbie Valentine, NG.

THE SALIENTE RUN – 12TH NOVEMBER

The weather was glorious for our second annual run to the Virgin del Saliente Monastery on the 12th November. The run started from the Ballabona Hotel, where our 'Runners' had arrived early, many having a breakfast before the 'off'.

The first leg of the run took in the villages of Zurgena and Arboleas, then moving down through the Almanzora Valley to Almanzora town and Cantoria, where many locals waved us on as we drove past in good order; our exhaust notes bouncing from the walls of houses along the streets.

After an hour of winding roads and towns, welcome refreshment was taken at the restaurant 'Los Albardines' The adjacent petrol station was closed, which gave us the chance of shade under the canopy. Baz and Brenda joined us here with their BGT.

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Onward after coffee, then, taking a super road through Partaloa, Oria (where John and Debbie, in their NG, joined our ranks) and over the hills to Chirival. Then the final leg to Saliente, where all 14 classics lined up infront of the old monastery buildings.

The cars are important to us, but it's the members who make the club and it was an opportunity too good to miss having no less than 29 amigos in one place for a great group photo!

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At last time for lunch, where in the restaurant (the monastery is now a hotel) we enjoyed a great meal and good friendly service, with much light-hearted confusion with the Spanish waitress over drinks!

Then, finally, we were shown around the monastery, the bedroom suites and the monk's old living quarters, followed by a visit to the wonderfully decorated church. After chatting to the owner and thanking him (as best we could) for his hospitality, we took our leave of Saliente, high in the hills, and made our way home – to all points of the compass!

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

As usual the meeting room at the Hotel Overa was packed and buzzing for the start of the meeting.

We welcomed guests Alan Johns and Mike and Wendy Birtwistle, the latter joining the club at the end of the meeting.

It's really good to see new faces each month and welcome new members to the fold.

Events, past and forthcoming were discussed and our treasurer began the task of collecting money for the Xmas lunch. A certain editor didn't have enough cash and promises to pay next month!

Chas sorted out a quiz this month and the clever winners were Team Geldeard. Well done and enjoy the fabulous prizes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Saturday 5th – visit to SRS Vehicle Services

Saturday 12th – Christmas run and lunch

WHAT CAR?

The answer to last month's mystery car is an Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane, made from 1946 to 1953. A 1953 example is to be auctioned at ACA in November with a guide price of £12500 - 14500.

Thanks to John Cooper for the pictures. It was correctly identified by Chas Longhurst. Well done Chas.

WHAT CAR?

This car was seen at a Spanish classic car concentration in Lorqui, near Murcia (8.11.15).

It is in daily use. But what is it?

Answers in next month's Classic Chat

The Spanish event in Lorqui was the first to be organised by a fellow called Jorge, of Classic Motor Festivals, who was a very interesting chap and was keen to establish links with us, which we have done.

The editor's Herald, bonnet up, causing much interest.

Jorge, of CMF, has a small collection of classics, all in excellent condition, some of which are shown here.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISED BY	TEL No	COMMENTS	MORE INFO
8th January	Thursday	Christmas Lunch, and a run out	Chas and Bill	684215018	More info w/c 15.12.14	Completed
21st January	Wednesday	Social Lunch – El Castillo, La Cinta	Paul G	652297157	Includes 'Mini Run'	Completed
5th February	Thursday	AGM and Club meeting	David F	663738498	Venue is Hotel Overa. Junction 547, E15	Completed
15th February	Sunday	Monthly run out	Harry	629529656	Start El Perejil nr Cuevas de Almanzora	Completed
12th March	Thursday	Club meeting	David	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
18th March	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Ray	646691813	Albox to Olula del Rio	Completed
2nd April	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
17th April	Friday	Monthly run out	David F	663738498	Velez Rubio to Orce	Completed
29th April	Wednesday	Social Lunch and mini run	Paul G	694429029	Hotel Ballabona to Villericos	Completed
7th May	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
20th May	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Chas	684215018	Sorbas to Tabernas	Completed
4th June	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
24th June	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Malcolm	607719691	Los Gallardos to Turre	Completed
2nd July	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
11th July	Saturday	'At Home' with Malcolm and Jean	Malcolm	607719691	Mojacar	Completed
6th August	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
22nd August	Saturday	Spanish event at Velez Rubio	David F	663738498	Evening concentration	Completed
3rd September	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
23rd September	Wednesday	Monthly run out	Duncan & John	610018818	Start at Hotel Ballabona	Completed
1st October	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
24th October	Saturday	La Alfoquia Community Fair & Show	Paul G	694429029	Static show including lunch	Completed
5th November	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	Completed
12th November	Thursday	Saliente Monastery Run	Paul G	694429029	Lunch at the monastery	Completed
3rd December	Thursday	Club meeting	David F	663738498	Hotel Overa	
5th December	**Saturday**	**Visit to SRS Vehicle Services**	**Paul G**	**694429029**	**Includes refreshments**	**See email 26th October**
12th December	Saturday	Monthly run out & Christmas Lunch	Malcolm	607719691	Lunch at Los Conteros	**See email 18th October**

NOTES

Quick quiz answers. *1*.The Who in 1967. *2*. True. In black and white t.v, yellow appears as white. *3*. Lester Piggott. *4*. A twit.