

## WELCOME TO THE AUGUST NEWS LETTER.

HELLO ONCE AGAIN EVERYONE. DOESN'T TIME COME ROUND FAST !!!!  
THE COMMITTEE PASS ON GOOD WISHES AND GOOD HEALTH.

THE NEWSLETTER IS A LITTLE LATE DUE TO PERSONAL PRESSURES.

AS PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED, THE COMMITTEE CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW TO LOOK AT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SAFEGUARDING OF OUR MEETINGS. AS A COMMITTEE WE HAVE A DUTY OF CARE TO ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS, ADDITIONALLY MEMBERS HAVE A DUTY OF CARE TO EACH OTHER.

WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP UP TO DATE REGARDING THE RESURGENCE OF - COVID OUTBREAKS AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS. THE OUTCOME IS THAT ALL MEMBERS, GUESTS ETC.. COULD BE REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE A NON-INVASIVE TEMPERATURE TEST, THIS UPON ENTERING THE PREMISES PRIOR TO OUR MEETING.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS NEW RULE CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB WEB-PAGE, THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY DEPENDENT UPON UPDATED COVID RECOMMENDATIONS. (AS A MATTER OF INTEREST 'MASKS' ARE STILL MANDATORY IN ALL MEDICAL CENTRES AND HOSPITALS).

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### CLUB EVENTS

DAVID AND SUE ENTERTAINED MEMBERS AT THEIR HOSTELRY JUST OVER A WEEK AGO. IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED WITH PLENTY OF FINE FOOD AND DRINK. THANKS GO TO DAVID AND SUE FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.

WE AS A CLUB STILL SEEK MEMBERS TO ORGANISE A FUTURE EVENT. NOW THAT WE HAVE OUR MEETINGS UP AND RUNNING ONCE AGAIN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FULFIL THIS WISH.

WE HAVE AN UPDATE REGARDING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR.

JULY - DAVID & SUE HOSPITALITY

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST UPDATES 2 EVENTS TO BE ADDED VERY SOON NEW KNOWN CONCENTRATIONS

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AUGUST - VACANT

SEPTEMBER - MALCOLM SEPTEMBER - AWAY DAYS DRIVE

OCTOBER - WILL AND CHARLI TO ARRANGE

NOVEMBER -

DECEMBER - (CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND RUN) KEN & JACQUELYNE TO ARRANGE

AS A REMINDER, MALCOLM HAS ONCE AGAIN ORGANISED THIS YEARS 3 NIGHT 4 DAY AWAY TRIP. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND BELOW, HOWEVER IT APPEARED TO BE FULLY BOOKED.

DETAILS BELOW.

SEPTEMBER 2022. LOOKING AT CAZORLA NATONAL PARK. TRAVELLING VIA BAZA, POZO ALCON - 2 3 HOURS AWAY. THE COST TO BE ASCERTAINED, BUT SHOULD BE APPROX E 80 PER NIGHT PER TWIN ROOM, AND HALF BOARD ( BED BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL ). SO FOR 3 NIGHTS. PRICED AT EUROS 275 PER COUPLE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH MALCOLM AS HE REQUIRES PRELIMINARY NUMBERS. HE PREFERS CONTACT TO BE MADE VIA EMAIL.

I STILL REQUEST ANY INTERESTING ITEMS YOU MAY HAVE SUITABLE TO PRINT IN THE NEWSLETTER. I DO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM MEMBERS BUT NOT MANY, SO PLEASE GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON.

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### ITEMS FOR SALE.

STILL NO ITEMS FOR SALE (REPEAT).

PLEASE PASS ON ANY DETAILS OF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING OF INTEREST THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS.

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### TOPICAL ITEMS.

WILL CONTINUES TO WORK VERY HARD TO BRING THE WEB PAGE UP TO DATE. PLEASE HAVE A LOOK A TO SEE WHAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE.

CHAS STOOD DOWN AS CLUB EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR, STEVE HALES HAS TAKEN OVER THE MANTLE.

YVONNE (FROM HOLLAND, WITH HUSBAND LEO) HAS REPEATED SHE WILL BE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR MOTORS AT SCHEDULED MEETINGS, SO PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR CLASSIC SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE THE WEB-SITTE WITH PICTURES OF MEMBERS AND VEHICLES. WILL CAN THEN UPLOAD TO THE WEBSITE.

THE DGM ARE LOOKING TO UPDATE BREAKDOWN SIGNALLING FROM THE USE OF A TRIANGLE TO A FLASHING WARNING LIGHT, WHICH CAN BE SEEN FROM A GREATER DISTANCE.

THANKS TO CHAS FOR THE FOLLOWING:-

A DRIVER, WHO IS IN HIS 80s, WAS PULLED OVER NEAR A TESCO SUPERMARKET

THE MAN STOPPED BY POLICE TOLD OFFICERS HE HAD BEEN DRIVING WITH NO LICENCE OR INSURANCE FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS.

WHILE ON PATROL, POLICE PULLED OVER THE MAN NEAR TESCO EXTRA, IN BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

OFFICERS SAID THE DRIVER - BORN IN 1938 - TOLD THEM HE HAD BEEN DRIVING WITH NO LICENCE OR INSURANCE SINCE HE WAS 12 AND HAD NEVER BEEN STOPPED BY POLICE.

ON FACEBOOK, THE BULWELL, RISE PARK AND Highbury Vale POLICE TEAM SAID THANKFULLY HE HAD NEVER HAD A CRASH.

THE TEAM ADDED: "THANKFULLY HE HAD NEVER HAD AN ACCIDENT, CAUSED ANYONE AN INJURY, AND NEVER MADE ANYONE LOSE OUT FINANCIALLY, BY HITTING THEM WHILST UNINSURED!

"DUE TO THE INCREASED NUMBER OF ANPR CAMERAS IN NOTTINGHAM, EVEN ON THE SMALL TRIPS, YOU ARE LIKELY TO HIT A CAMERA, SO MAKE SURE YOUR DOCUMENTS ARE IN ORDER... BECAUSE IT WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU... ONE DAY."

## THE 50 WORLDWIDE WORST CARS OF ALL TIME

HAVE YOU HAD ONE ??????

AS THE NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW KICKS OFF IN DETROIT, TIME AND DAN NEIL, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTOMOTIVE CRITIC AND SYNDICATED COLUMNIST FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, LOOK AT THE GREATEST LEMONS OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, YEAR ON YEAR.

### 1899-1939.

1899 HORSEY HORSELESS

1909 FORD MODEL T

- 1911 OVERLAND OCTOAUTO
- 1913 SCRIPPS-BOOTH BI-AUTOGO
- 1920 BRIGGS AND STRATTON FLYER
- 1933 FULLER DYMAXION
- 1934 CHRYSLER/DESOTO AIRFLOW

### 1940-1959

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- 1949 CROSLY HOTSHOT
- 1956 RENAULT DAUPHINE
- 1957 KING MIDGET MODEL III
- 1957 WATERMAN AEROBILE
- 1958 FORD EDSEL
- 1958 LOTUS ELITE

- 1958 MGA TWIN CAM
- 1958 ZUNNDAPP JANUS

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- 1960-1974

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- 1961 AMPHICAR
- 1961 CORVAIR
- 1966 PEEL TRIDENT
- 1970 AMC GREMLIN
- 1970 TRIUMPH STAG
- 1971 CHRYSLER IMPERIAL LEBARON TWO-DOOR HARDTOP
- 1971 FORD PINTO
- 1974 JAGUAR XK-E V12 SERIES III

- 1975-1989

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- 1975 BRICKLIN SV1 (RECENTLY VIEWED ON FANTOMWORKS)
- 1975 MORGAN PLUS 8 PROPANE
- 1975 TRIUMPH TR7
- 1975 TRABANT
- 1976 ASTON MARTIN LAGONDA
- 1976 CHEVY CHEVETTE
- 1978 AMC PACER
- 1980 CORVETTE 305 "CALIFORNIA"
- 1980 FERRARI MONDIAL 8
- 1981 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD V-8-6-4
- 1981 DE LOREAN DMC-12

- 1982 CADILLAC CIMARRON
  - 1982 CAMARO IRON DUKE
  - 1984 MASERATI BITURBO
  - 1985 MOSLER CONSULIER GTP
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  - 1985 YUGO GV
  - 1986 LAMBORGHINI LM002
  - 1990-PRESENT
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- 1995 FORD EXPLORER
- 1997 GM EV1
- 1997 PLYMOUTH PROWLER
- 1998 FIAT MULTIPLA
- 2000 FORD EXCURSION
- 2001 JAGUAR X-TYPE
- 2001 PONTIAC AZTEK
- 2002 BMW 7-SERIES
- 2003 HUMMER H2
- 2004 Chevy SSR

**CARMAKERS EXPECTED TO SEE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE  
CHIP TUNNEL THIS YEAR.**

- WHILE SOME CAR MANUFACTURERS DON'T EXPECT THE CHIP CRISIS TO COME TO AN END TOO SOON, MARKET RESEARCH FIRM IDC BELIEVES OTHERWISE.

IN A RECENT FORECAST, IDC ANTICIPATES THAT THE SEMICONDUCTOR

SUPPLY WILL IMPROVE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR BEFORE GAINING MORE PACE IN 2023.

- IN OTHER WORDS, THE INDUSTRY IS CURRENTLY STRUGGLING WITH WHAT COULD BE THE LAST WAVE OF THE CHIP NIGHTMARE, AS THE GLOBAL INVENTORY SHOULD THEN GRADUALLY RETURN TO NORMAL, BEGINNING WITH THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, IDC WARNS THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN IF, AND THIS IS A BIG IF, THE INDUSTRY DOESN'T HIT ANOTHER MAJOR ROADBLOCK, SUCH AS UNEXPECTED SHUTDOWNS CAUSED BY THE HEALTH CRISIS.

“AUTOMOTIVE SEMICONDUCTORS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A LIMITING CONSTRAINT ON THE AUTOMOTIVE MARKET THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF 2022, BUT BARRING ANY UNFORESEEN SHUTDOWNS OR SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING ISSUES, SUPPLY SHOULD GRADUALLY IMPROVE THROUGH THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR,” NINA TURNER, RESEARCH MANAGER WITH IDC'S ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES AND SEMICONDUCTOR TEAM, EXPLAINS.

“ADDING IN THE TIME TO MANUFACTURE THE VEHICLE, THIS MEANS THE AUTOMOTIVE MARKET WILL BEGIN TO IMPROVE TOWARDS THE END OF 2022 AND INTO 2023 IF THERE ARE NO OTHER SUPPLY CHAIN SHOCKS.”

CERTAINLY, THE FORECAST IS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL CARMAKERS OUT THERE, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, IDC PREVIOUSLY SHARED A RATHER WORRYING PREDICTION. DUE TO THE INVESTMENTS IN PRODUCTION CAPACITY, THE INDUSTRY COULD END UP FACING AN OVERSUPPLY OF CHIPS NEXT YEAR.

IN OTHER WORDS, CHIPMAKERS COULD END UP MANUFACTURING MORE SEMICONDUCTORS THAN CARMAKERS NEED, AND THIS COULD ONCE AGAIN LEAD TO OTHER DISRUPTIONS IN THE MARKET. OF COURSE, EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THE GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUE, SO RIGHT NOW, NO FORECAST SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

## RAISING THE SALOON BAR: FRAZER NASH-BMW 326



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SOMETIMES GOOD THINGS COME OUT OF BAD SITUATIONS.

FOR INSTANCE, HAD ADOLF HITLER NOT IMPOSED TAX RELIEF ON NEW GERMAN CARS IN THE EARLY 1930s, BMW MIGHT NEVER HAVE MADE THE UPMARKET MOVE THAT ITS NEW 326 SALOON REPRESENTED IN 1936.

THE GERMANS HAD IN EFFECT INVENTED THE AUTOMOBILE, YET AS A SOCIETY PROVED SURPRISINGLY IMMUNE TO THE CHARMS OF MASS PRIVATE-CAR OWNERSHIP.



AS DANGEROUS AND WAR-MONGERING AS THE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS WERE, THEY AT LEAST ASPIRED TO MAKE GERMANY A NATION OF MOTORISTS AND SAW THE VALUE OF A DYNAMIC AND TECHNICALLY ADVANCED MOTOR INDUSTRY.

THE BMW 326 WAS THE BRAND'S ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE AN UPMARKET AUDIENCE

THIS MODERN SIX-CYLINDER SALOON, BUILT TO STORM THE FRESHLY LAID *AUTOBAHNS* OF THE THIRD REICH AT 70MPH, PERFECTLY CAPTURED THE MOOD OF THRUSTING TECHNICAL PROGRESS THE NAZI REGIME HAD STRIVED TO FOSTER SINCE TAKING POWER.

IF THE 328 WAS THE LEADING SPORTS CAR OF ITS TIME, THEN THE 326 WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF EUROPE'S FINEST SALOONS.

A LIGHT BUT ROOMY FIVE-SEATER, IT HAD A MODERN, FULLY WELDED ALL-STEEL BODY, A STIFF CLOSED BOX-SECTION CHASSIS – WELDED TO THE FLOOR OF THE BODY AND MUCH MORE RIGID THAN THE PREVIOUS TUBULAR TYPE – AND NOTABLY SOPHISTICATED SUSPENSION ARRANGEMENTS.

IN DIFFERENT WHEELBASE LENGTHS THE 326 CHASSIS WAS THE BASIS OF THE CHEAPER 320 AND 321 MODELS, AND ALSO ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF THE BIG 3½-LITRE 335, PRODUCTION OF WHICH NEVER REALLY GOT INTO ITS STRIDE BECAUSE OF THE WAR.

PENNEED BY PETER SCHIMANOWSKI, THE 326'S SWOOPING LINES SET THE TEMPLATE FOR BMWs OF THE FUTURE

THE 326 WAS ALSO A GOOD-LOOKING CAR. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF BMW'S IN-HOUSE STYLIST PETER SCHIMANOWSKI, BUT THE FLOWING, ROUNDED LOOK HE DEVISED FOR THE 326 FORGED A VISUAL KINSHIP WITH THE WIDER BMW RANGE.

IT ALSO USHERED IN THE NEW, SLIMMER VERSION OF THE CORPORATE 'KIDNEYS' (*NIEREN*) THAT ESTABLISHED A THEME OF FAMILY IDENTITY THAT HAS BEEN SUCH A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE BMW SUCCESS STORY EVER SINCE.

AS A CLOSE SIBLING OF THE DASHING 327 AND FABULOUS 328, THERE'S AN ARGUMENT THAT SAYS THE 326, A VOLUME PRODUCT THAT ESTABLISHED THE TEMPLATE FOR WHAT BMW WOULD COME TO REPRESENT, WAS A MORE SIGNIFICANT CAR EVEN IF THE TWO-SEATERS GOT ALL THE GLORY.

YOU CAN FIND THE 326'S FUEL-FILLER CAP TUCKED NEATLY INTO ITS SPARE-WHEEL COVER

IT WAS INTRODUCED AT THE BERLIN SHOW IN FEBRUARY 1936 AND WAS THE FIRST BMW PRODUCT TO SERIOUSLY CONFRONT MERCEDES-BENZ.

PRODUCTION GOT UNDER WAY IN JUNE OF THAT YEAR; BY THE TIME IT WAS CURTAILED BY THE WAR IN 1941, 15,936 EXAMPLES HAD BEEN SOLD, MAKING THE 326 BMW'S BEST SELLER UP TO THAT POINT.

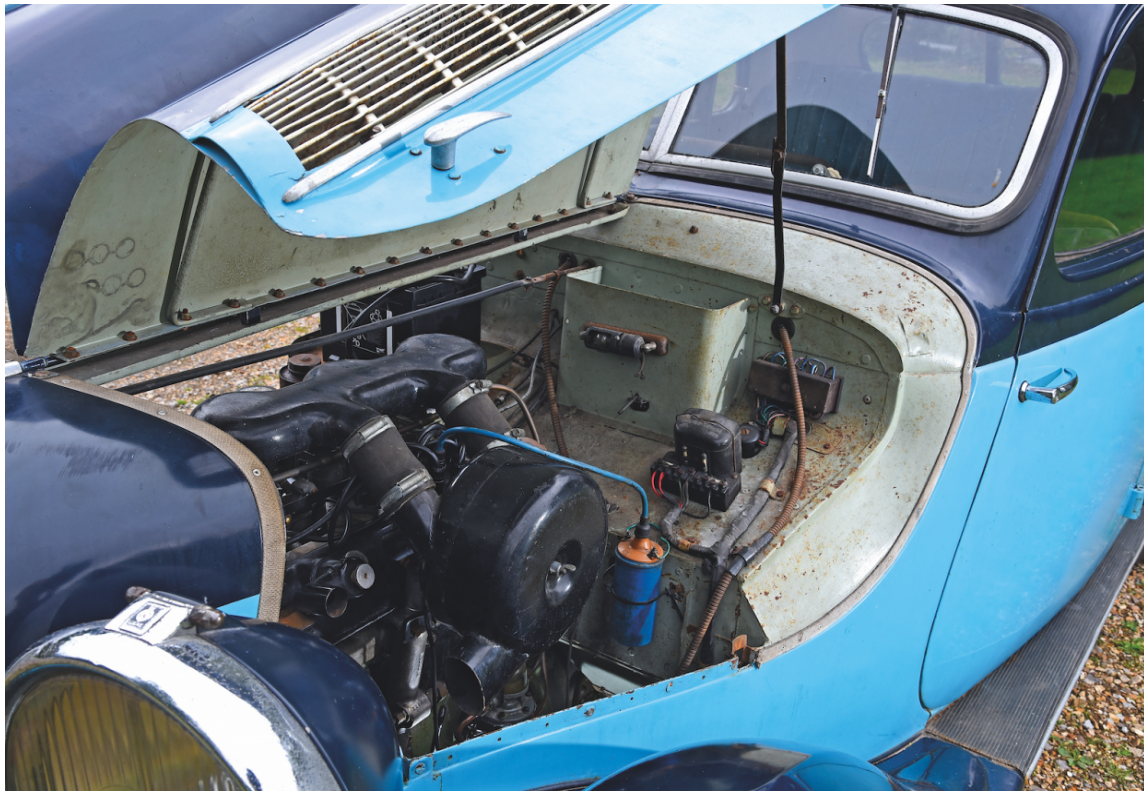
ABOUT 13,000 OF THOSE WERE SOLD AS FOUR-DOOR, SIX-LIGHT FIVE-SEATERS WITH HARDTOP BODIES BY AMBI-BUDD OF BERLIN.

LATER 326s, SUCH AS THIS CAR, CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR PERFORATED WHEELS

CABRIOLETS BY AUTENRIETH OF DARMSTADT WERE ALSO OFFERED IN FOUR-AND TWO-DOOR FORMS, CATERING TO THE GERMAN TASTE FOR LARGE OPENTOPPED CARS.

IN THEIR HOME MARKET THE SALOONS WERE PRICED AT 5500 REICHSMARKS; THE CABRIOLETS, WITH THEIR BEAUTIFULLY MADE IF RATHER PRAM-LIKE HOODS, COST 7300RM, OR YOU COULD BUY A CHASSIS FOR 4450RM.

IN ALL CASES THE WHEELBASE WAS 9FT 6IN, WITH WIDER TRACKS FRONT AND REAR THAN PREVIOUS EISENACH-BUILT MODELS.



THIS 326'S 1971CC BRISTOL 85A ENGINE WAS FITTED IN SEPTEMBER 1948

BMW HAD LONG BEEN ENTHRALLED BY THE SWEETNESS AND REFINEMENT OF SMALL-CAPACITY STRAIGHT-SIX ENGINES, AND THE ORIGINS OF FRITZ FIEDLER'S LONG-STROKE 'M78' UNIT EXTENDED BACK TO THE EARLY 1930s.

IT WAS A CONVENTIONAL BUT WELL-CONCEIVED POWERPLANT THAT ENJOYED A POST-WAR CAREER IN THE BMW 501 THROUGH TO 1958, LATTERLY WITH 2077CC AND 72BHP.

FOR THE 326 IT WAS, IN EFFECT, A BORED-OUT DEVELOPMENT OF THE 1911CC 319 ENGINE: NON-CROSSFLOW BUT WITH OVERHEAD VALVES, A DUPLEX CHAIN DRIVING THE SIDE-MOUNTED CAMSHAFT AND WITH FOUR MAIN BEARINGS FOR ITS DYNAMICALLY BALANCED CRANKSHAFT.

THE 'M78' ENGINE WAS SOMETHING OF A GENERATIONAL LEAP, WITH DECENT PERFORMANCE AND RELATIVELY HIGH RELIABILITY

IT SHARED THAT BOTTOM END WITH THE CROSS-PUSHROD/HEMI-HEAD UNIT DEVELOPED FOR THE 328.

WHILE THE NOISY, RORTY CHARACTER OF THIS SPORTS CAR ENGINE WAS NOT DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR A BOURGEOIS SALOON, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED THE 2480LB 326 WAS NOT EXACTLY SLOW BY 1936 STANDARDS.

WITH JUST 50BHP AT ITS DISPOSAL, AND BREATHING THROUGH A SINGLE DOWNDRAUGHT SOLEX CARBURETTOR, BMW'S FIRST FOUR-DOOR CAR COULD CRUISE AT SPEEDS CLOSE TO ITS 80MPH MAXIMUM WITH A MARGIN OF RELIABILITY RARELY FOUND IN 2-LITRE ENGINES 80 YEARS AGO.

YOU ALSO GOT AN AUTOMATIC AND NON-OVERRIDEABLE FREEWHEEL ON FIRST AND SECOND GEARS (FOR CLUTCHLESS CHANGES IN TRAFFIC), AND THERE WAS SYNCHROMESH ON THE THIRD AND TOP RATIOS OF THE HURTH GEARBOX.

DESPITE ITS LIMITED POWER, THE FRAZER NASH-BMW 326 WAS STILL AN ENGAGING CAR TO DRIVE

WITH 1971CC AND A 6:1 COMPRESSION RATIO, THE 326 WAS BUILT FOR SMOOTH STAMINA RATHER THAN ULTIMATE URGE, ALONG WITH AN ABILITY TO HOLD ITS TUNE FOR LONG PERIODS EVEN WHEN DRIVEN HARD.

THE EMPHASIS WAS ON LONG-DISTANCE CRUISING ON THOSE *AUTOBAHNS*, WHERE A CAREFULLY DRIVEN BMW TYPE 326 COULD COVER MORE THAN 300 MILES ON ONE 13½-GALLON TANK.

BUT FOR ENTHUSIASTIC DRIVERS THE REAL JOY OF THE 326 WAS IN ITS SENSITIVE RACK-AND-PINION STEERING AND ITS SUPPLE SUSPENSION.

THE LATTER COMPRISED AT THE REAR LONGITUDINAL TORSION BARS – ATTACHED TO THE AXLE CASING VIA CRANK LEVERS – AND AT THE FRONT FULL INDEPENDENCE WITH UNDERSLUNG TRANSVERSE LEAF SPRINGS ACTING AS THE LOWER CONTROL ARMS, WITH INTEGRAL, DOUBLE-ACTING SHOCK ABSORBERS.

TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS FULLY HYDRAULIC DRUM BRAKES SET THE 326 APART FROM PREVIOUS BMWs

IN A WORLD OF BEAM AXLES AND CART SPRINGS THE 326, WITH ITS MUCH-VAUNTED 'INTER-AXLE SEATING', OFFERED THE REFINED BLEND OF AGILE HANDLING AND A LUXURIOUS RIDE THAT HAD THUS FAR BEEN CONSIDERED TO BE INCOMPATIBLE AIMS.

THE FULLY HYDRAULIC DRUM BRAKING – A FIRST FOR BMW – WAS BY LOCKHEED, THE SIX-VOLT ELECTRICS BY BOSCH.

INSIDE, RARELY SEEN LUXURY AND CONVENIENCE DETAILS THAT ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED TODAY – A STEERING LOCK, SELF-CANCELLING INDICATORS AND

RAKE-ADJUSTABLE FRONT SEATS – ALL ADDED TO THE SENSE THAT THIS WAS A REAL CONNOISSEUR’S MOTOR CAR.

WW2 PUT A DAMPENER ON FRAZER NASH-BMW 326 SALES

THE ALDINGTON FAMILY, OF FRAZER NASH FAME, CERTAINLY THOUGHT SO. IT HAD BEEN PROMOTING THE BMW NAME IN GREAT BRITAIN SINCE THE MID-’30s.

WITH THE POPULARITY OF ITS CLASSIC CHAIN-DRIVEN SPORTS CARS ON THE WANE, THE FALCON WORKS AT ISLEWORTH WAS KEEN TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THIS STILL-YOUNG, ULTRA-MODERN GERMAN MAKE IN THE UK, HAVING STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE FRIENDLY BAVARIANS TO IMPORT AND EVEN ASSEMBLE THE CARS – OFTEN WITH LOCALLY PRODUCED BODYWORK – AND SELL THEM AS FRAZER NASH-BMWs.

IN THE FACE OF INCREASING HOSTILITY TO ALL THINGS GERMAN, SALES OF 350 CARS UP TO 1939 HAS TO BE DEEMED A MODEST SUCCESS.

OF THOSE, ABOUT 60 ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN 326 SALOONS, THE MODEL THE ALDINGTONS SAW AS A BREAKTHROUGH CAR THAT WOULD HAVE APPEAL BEYOND THE PURE ENTHUSIAST MARKET.

EVEN BY TODAY’S STANDARDS, THE FRAZER NASH-BMW 326 WAS SOMETHING OF A BARGAIN

‘GLIDE IN DIGNITY DOWN BOND STREET,’ RAN THE ADVERTISING COPY FOR THE NEW ‘BIG 2 LITRE’ 326, ‘OR SWEEP IN SECOND UP PORLOCK...’

PRICED AT £475 WITH CLOTH SEATS (£495 WITH LEATHER), 326s WERE LOCALLY RATED AT 15.71 RAC HORSEPOWER, TAXABLE AT £12 15s ANNUALLY.

FRAZER NASH CALLED THE 326 ‘THE FINEST TOURING CAR IN THE WORLD’ IN ITS DEDICATED BROCHURE, AND SOLD THE CARS WITH FACTORY RIGHT-HAND DRIVE AND ‘IMPERIAL’ MPH INSTRUMENTS.

WITH ITS LOCKING FUEL CAP, ONE-SHOT CHASSIS LUBRICATION AND REMOTELY CONTROLLED RADIATOR BLINDS, THE 326 WAS A LOT OF CAR FOR LESS THAN £500 EVEN IN 1937 – ROUGHLY £36,000 IN 2022 MONEY. THAT FIGURE HARDLY GETS YOU INTO A BATTERY-POWERED RUNABOUT IN THE CURRENT BMW RANGE.

APART FROM A STINT WITH THE RAF, LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THIS CLASSIC'S WARTIME HISTORY

CBT 600, CHASSIS NUMBER 113302, WAS ONE OF A BATCH OF THREE 326S DELIVERED TO ISLEWORTH, ALL UNPAINTED, IN JUNE 1939, WITH THE LATER-STYLE SINGLE-BLADE BUMPERS AND PERFORATED WHEELS.

IT WASN'T REGISTERED FOR THE ROAD UNTIL NOVEMBER 1941, AT WHICH POINT THE THEN SILVER BMW SALOON WAS SECONDED TO THE RAF.

NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW IF CBT HAD A PRE-WAR CIVILIAN OWNER, BUT IT FIRST APPEARS IN THE FRAZER NASH ARCHIVE IN 1947 WHEN IT WAS OWNED BY A MR JH HARVEY OF LONDON SW6.



NOTE THE CENTRALLY MOUNTED 'IMPERIAL' SPEEDOMETER IN THIS FRAZER NASH-BMW 326

HE HAD THE 326 RECOMMISSIONED BUT IN AUGUST 1948 SOLD THE STILL NOT 10-YEAR-OLD SALOON TO A PUBLISHER OF TECHNICAL BOOKS CALLED BERNARD BABANI OF SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

THE ARCHIVE SERVICE NOTES INDICATE THAT A PISTON HAD SEIZED, BUT BABANI WAS EVIDENTLY ENTHUSIASTIC ENOUGH ABOUT THE CAR TO COMMISSION ANTHONY CROOK MOTORS TO FIT A BRISTOL 85B ENGINE, COMPLETE WITH GEARBOX, PROPSHAFT AND REAR AXLE.

BY LATE SEPTEMBER CBT 600 WAS IN THE FRAZER NASH WORKSHOPS, WHERE IT WAS FOUND THAT ITS NEW ENGINE WAS RUNNING ‘VERY BADLY’, WITH OIL IN THE RADIATOR. IT WAS ALSO SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE CASE OF PRE-IGNITION.

AFTER AN EXTENDED STAY AT BRISTOL’S FILTON FACTORY, CBT 600 FOUND ITS PERMANENT HOME IN THE CITY

EVEN AFTER A DECOKE, A TUNE-UP AND A SET OF NEW VALVE SPRINGS IT STILL WASN’T RIGHT, SO TONY CROOK HAD THE SICK CAR SENT DOWN TO THE BRISTOL FACTORY AT FILTON.

THERE IT WAS FITTED WITH THE LOWER-POWERED BUT LESS TROUBLESOME 85A ENGINE IT STILL HAS TO THIS DAY.

FROM THAT POINT FORWARD, CBT 600 NEVER LEFT THE BRISTOL AREA.

ITS ’50S HISTORY IS UNKNOWN – MAYBE SOMEONE READING THIS WILL CLEAR IT UP – BUT BY THE EARLY ’60S IT WAS EARNING ITS KEEP AS A PARTS DELIVERY VEHICLE FOR A LOCAL GARAGE.



THE PSYCHEDELIC LATE '60S GOT TO CBT 600, TOO – NOTE ITS GOOGLY-EYED FRONT-END AND TWO-TONE PAINT

BETWEEN 1967 AND '70 IT WENT THROUGH THREE MORE CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP IN THE CITY, ACQUIRING A SET OF LUCAS P100 HEADLIGHTS ALONG THE WAY – HENCE ITS WIDE-EYED FRONT-END LOOK – AND ITS CURRENT TWO-TONE BLUE PAINTJOB.

CLIFFORD TUTTLE, WHO COMES UP AS THE FOURTH OWNER IN THE BUFF LOGBOOK FROM THE EARLY 1970s, SOLD THE 326 TO BRISLINGTON-BASED GARAGE OWNER TED CHICK IN THE EARLY 1990s.

CHICK, WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2020, HAD ALREADY RESTORED A BRISTOL 400, BUT IT HAD BEEN THIS VERY 326 THAT FIRST CAPTURED HIS INTEREST IN THESE LOCALLY BUILT CARS, HAVING DRIVEN IT AS AN APPRENTICE IN THE EARLY '60s AT THE GARAGE IN WESTBURY WHERE IT SERVED AS THE WORKS RUNABOUT.

APART FROM HAVING THE ENGINE REBUILT, AND DRIVING IT AROUND THE BLOCK A COUPLE OF TIMES, HE DIDN'T DO MUCH WITH THE CAR OTHER THAN KEEP IT SAFE, DRY AND MOSTLY HIDDEN AWAY: FEW PEOPLE EVEN KNEW HE OWNED IT.

CAREFUL PRESERVATION HAS ALLOWED CBT 600 TO DEFY ITS AGE AT EVERYSTEP OF ITS JOURNEY

CHICK WAS FRUSTRATED THAT HE COULD NEVER GET TO THE BOTTOM OF ITS MISSING 1950s HISTORY, ABOUT WHICH CROOK REMAINED CHARACTERISTICALLY TIGHT-LIPPED. NOW THE FAMILY IS SELLING CBT 600 THROUGH SLJ HACKETT, EPICENTRE OF ALL THINGS BRISTOL-RELATED.

FOR AN UNRESTORED 80-YEAR-OLD VEHICLE IT HAS SURVIVED REMARKABLY WELL.

HAVING PERSUADED A SLIGHTLY DUBIOUS-LOOKING RICHARD HACKETT TO LET US GET THE 326 MOBILE FOR PICTURES, WE FOUND THAT IT STARTED READILY, STOPPED (SORT OF) AND ACCELERATED THROUGH ITS GEARS SURPRISINGLY BRISKLY.

THOUGH BEETLE-BROWED AND NARROW INSIDE, IT GENERALLY FEELS MORE LIKE A CAR FROM THE '50s THAN ONE FROM THE '30s, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY IT STAYED TAXED AND ON THE ROAD SO LONG POST-WAR.

CBT 600 CRUISES AWAY TO AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE



WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD FOR AN UP-AND-TOGETHER 'BARN-FIND' SUCH AS THIS.

I CAN SEE HOW, HAVING RECOMMISSIONED THE ENGINE AND BRAKES, YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO REPAINT IT, THEN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE RATHER, ERM, 'VIBRANT' 1970S VINYL RE-TRIM.

ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU COULD ALWAYS DRIVE CBT 600 AESTHETICALLY 'AS IS' IN TRIBUTE TO ITS HISTORY AS A SURVIVOR CAR THAT MADE IT

THROUGH THE WAR AND DODGED THE PRODDING SCREWDRIVERS OF ONE TOO MANY POST-WAR MOT MEN, BEFORE FINDING SANCTUARY IN A SUCCESSION OF BRISTOL LOCK-UP GARAGES. FRAZER NASH-BMW 326

- SOLD/NUMBER BUILT 1937-'40/C60
- CONSTRUCTION STEEL CHASSIS AND BODY
- ENGINE IRON-BLOCK, ALLOY-HEAD, CROSS-PUSHROD OHV 1971CC 'SIX', TRIPLE SUs (85A)
- MAX POWER 50BHP @ 3750RPM (80BHP WITH BRISTOL POWER)
- MAX TORQUE N/A
- TRANSMISSION FOUR-SPEED MANUAL, RWD
- SUSPENSION: FRONT INDEPENDENT, BY WISHBONES, TRANSVERSE LEAF SPRING REAR LIVE AXLE, TORSION BARS; TELESCOPIC DAMPERS F/R
- STEERING RACK AND PINION
- BRAKES DRUMS
- LENGTH 15FT 1IN (4597MM)
- WIDTH 5FT 3IN (1600MM)
- HEIGHT 5FT 6IN (1676MM)
- WHEELBASE 9FT 6IN (2896MM)
- WEIGHT 2480LB (1125KG)
- 0-60MPH 29 SECS
- TOP SPEED 78MPH
- MPG 25
- PRICE NEW £475.00. PRICE NOW £50,000.00.

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### This month's foto quiz





CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE CARS ABOVE FROM THEIR IMAGES.  
ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO ME ON [KEN.OLIVER@SKY.COM](mailto:KEN.OLIVER@SKY.COM) (ALL LOWER CASE).  
A SMALL PRIZE IS WAITING FOR THE FIRST CORRECT ANSWER !!!

### QUIZ

1. WHICH ANIMAL FEATURES IN THE LOGO FOR LAMBORGHINI?
2. WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL COLOUR FOR ALL FERRARI MODELS?
3. WHICH ICONIC CAR MANUFACTURER ALSO MADE AIRPLANE ENGINES?
4. WHO WAS A DRIVER FOR ALPHA ROMEO BEFORE FOUNDING HIS OWN COMPANY?
5. WHAT IS THE WORLD'S ALL-TIME BEST SELLING CAR?
6. WHO DESIGNED THE VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE?
7. IN WHICH YEAR DID HENRY FORD ESTABLISH THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY?
8. WHICH SPORTS CAR FEATURES IN THE BACK TO THE FUTURE TRILOGY?
9. WHAT DOES VOLKSWAGEN MEAN?

10. WHAT IS THE BEST-SELLING ELECTRIC CAR IN HISTORY?
11. JAPANESE CAR COMPANY TOYOTA WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED AS A TEXTILES MANUFACTURER. TRUE OR FALSE?
12. WHICH RACE CAR IS KNOWN AS THE WIDOW MAKER?
13. WHAT DOES BMW STAND FOR?
14. WHICH IS THE FASTEST ROAD-GOING CAR IN THE WORLD?
15. WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE FIRST 'PONY CAR'?
16. WHICH ICONIC CAR HAS APPEARED IN SEVEN BOND FILMS, MAKING ITS DEBUT IN THE 1964 GOLDFINGER?
17. WHAT IS THE OLDEST CAR COMPANY STILL IN BUSINESS TODAY?
18. WHAT IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE CAR IN THE WORLD?
19. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE 1984 PONTIAC TRANS AM, WHICH CO-STARs WITH DAVID HASSELHOFF IN KNIGHT RIDER?
20. WHICH IS THE FAMOUS CAR THAT WAS DESIGNED TO COMPETE WITH THE FORD MUSTANG?
21. WHAT IS THE CAR DRIVEN BY MR BEAN, THE HAPLESS CHARACTER PLAYED BY ROWAN ATKINSON?
22. WHAT KINDS OF FEATHERS ARE USED TO CLEAN JAGUAR CARS BEFORE THEY ARE PAINTED?
23. WHO BOUGHT ROLLS ROYCE IN 1998?
24. WHAT WAS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE ORANGE 1969 DODGE CHARGER IN THE TELEVISION SERIES THE DUKES OF HAZZARD?
25. HOW MANY RINGS ARE IN THE AUDI LOGO?

LAST MONTHS (DECEMBER) WINNERS WERE STEVE & MAGGIE HALES THE FIRST TO RESPOND WITH THE CORRECT ANSWERS ON IDENTIFYING THE CAR PICTURES.

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FIRST PERSON TO ANSWER ALL WILL RECIEVE A GIFT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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