

## WELCOME TO THE A C C SEP OCT NEWS LETTER.

HELLO ONCE AGAIN EVERYONE, MUCHA CALOR !!

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT MEMBERS MEET SOCIALLY EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS AT OUR NEW –

NOTE: \_OUR NEW MEETING VENUE FOR OCTOBER IS BAR LA CINTA-ARBOLEAS, NOT BAR LAS VEGAS IN HUERCAL OVERA. A FEW CLUB MEMBERS DECIDED WE SHOULD TRY OUT THIS ALTERNATIVE VENUE

I APOLOGISED FOR MY NON ATTENDANCE AT LAST MONTHS MEETING, BUT I WAS INFORMED A FEW MEMBERS WERE NOT HAPPY WITH BAR LAS VEGAS FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS.

THE COMMITTEE HAVE AN ONGOING DUTY OF CARE TO ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS, IN ADDITION MEMBERS HAVE A DUTY OF CARE TO ONE OTHER. FYI A CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING TOOK PLACE ON 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS ONGOING ISSUES ENCOUNTERED OVER RECENT MONTHS. SOLUTIONS WERE PUT IN PLACE TO RESOLVE ALL HIGHLIGHTED ISSUES WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THEIR UPDATED SCHEDULE LISTINGS.

WE WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLUB AND HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH US !!!!! WE APPEAR TO BE GROWING IN NUMBERS.

MORE PEOPLE - MORE INTERESTING CLASSICS.

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### CLUB EVENTS

A GROUP OF MEMBERS HAVE TURNED UP AT THE RECENT 950 GROUP MEETINGS AT VILLARICOS AND MOJACAR, SOME NICE CARS AT THESE CASUAL MONTHLY MEETINGS. KEEP AN EYE OUT, EVENTS ARE ALWAYS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND USUALLY ADVERTISED BY STEVE AND WILL .

AN EVENT SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL AYUNTAMIENTO TOOK PLACE IN LA CINTA VILLAGE LAST SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER. A GREAT TURN OUT OF MANY DIFFERENT CLASSICS FOLLOWED BY A RUN OUT, IT WAS VERY WELL PATRONISED WITH BREAKFAST LUNCH AND DINNER AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.

A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS ATTENDED THIS ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT, WE HAD BREAKFAST AND COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF COFFEE.

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN ORGANISING A COFFEE MORNING LOCALLY SO WE CAN **“BRING OUT OUR CLASSICS”** ???????? GET IN TOUCH WITH STEVE.

LET’S SEE IF WE CAN IMPROVE ON THE NUMBER OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. I AM AWARE KAREN AND SEAN HAVE OCTOBER IN HAND AND I HAVE DECEMBER SORTED.

WHO CAN HELP OUT NEXT MONTH IN NOVEMBER??? WHERE HAS THIS YEAR DISAPPEARED, I HEAR YOU ASK????? IT IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS IN OUR CLUB. YOU CAN REFER TO THE WEBSITE WHERE IT IS EASY TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC RUN LOCATIONS-VENUES ETC. FOR IDEAS.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE YOU THIS COMING THURSDAY AT OUR TRIAL VENUE AT BAR LA CINTA ARBOLEAS. MEETING IS A 3PM START, BUT GET THERE EARLY AND TRY OUT THE FOOD.

SPEAKING OF CLUB RUNS OUR SPECIAL THANKS GO TO JEAN AND MALCOLM FOR ARRANGING THE SEPTEMBER SOIREE UP IN THE ANDALUCÍA MOUNTAINS. MOST OF THE CARS BEHAVED WELL. ( A CERTAIN ASTON MARTIN HAD A SLIGHT OVERHEATING PROBLEM TRAVELLING THEM MOUNTAINS-SORTED NOW I THINK-THANKS TO STEVES’ ASSISTANCE BACK HOME). WE HOPE MARGARET IS RECOVERING WELL TOO. IT WAS A MOST ENJOYABLE TRIP THE HOTELS’ FACILITIES AND ITS’ LOCATION DID US PROUD. THE WEATHER WAS VERY FAVOURABLE, IT WAS ENJOYED BY ONE AND ALL. GET YOUR NAME DOWN QUICK FOR NEXT YEAR,

AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING ON THURSDAY IT IS THE INTENTION TO ONCE AGAIN HAVE A LITTLE FUN AND PLAY THE “CARD BINGO” GAME OR “HEADS AND TAILS”. HOWEVER, IF ANYONE HAS OTHER IDEAS FOR FUN-SOCIAL GAMES WE CAN ENJOY DURING OUR MEETINGS PLEASE DROP ME A LINE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORGANISE A GAME OR QUIZ FOR THE MEETING, PRIZES CAN BE ARRANGED. HAVE A THINK !!!

THE COMMITTEE MENTION ONCE MORE THAT WILL (WEB MANAGER) IS WILLING TO PLACE PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS WITH THEIR VEHICLES ON OUR WEB PAGE, JUST SUBMIT THE NECESSARY DETAILS AND WILL WILL DO THE REST.

## MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS:-

DAVID OUR PRESIDENT, HIS WIFE SUE OUR SECRETARY ALONG WITH WILL CIRCULATED THE AUGUST '23 MINUTES. A COPY OF WHICH WILL ADDED TO THE ACC WEBSITE.

ON THAT MATTER OUR CONTINUED THANKS GO TO WILL FOR HIS ENDEAVOURS IN UPDATING OF THE WEBSITE FOR MEMBERS REFERENCE.

A FEW MEMBERS HEARD MY PLEA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER. HERE WE GO.

SARAH AND COLIN RIACH SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING:-

### THE JOYS OF IMPORTING A VEHICLE -

ON THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023 I DROVE MY U.K. PLATED VEHICLE TO THE ITV STATION FOR AN APPOINTMENT WHICH HAD BEEN MADE A FEW DAYS EARLIER.

THE VEHICLE IN QUESTION - SUZUKI LJ80 - HAD BEEN OFF THE ROAD FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS AT A LOCAL GARAGE, IT HAD BEEN UNDERGOING A REBUILD AND HAD JUST COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE FINAL SERVICE FOR IT TO ATTEND THE ITV INSPECTION WHICH WAS ALSO FOR HISTORIC PLATES. I WAS TOLD THAT IT COULD BE LEGALLY DRIVEN DIRECTLY TO AND FROM IT'S APPOINTMENT PROVIDING IT WAS COVERED BY INSURANCE. VEHICLE HAD BEEN INSURED THROUGH MAPFRE SINCE 1986.

THIS PROCESS FOR HISTORIC IMPORTATION HAD TAKEN ALMOST 3 YEARS TO GET TO THIS STAGE. THE INSPECTION WAS ALSO TO DETERMINE THAT THE VEHICLE WAS ORIGINAL SO AS TO COMPLY WITH THE HISTORIC LEGISLATION. THE PAPERWORK FOR HISTORIC VEHICLE IS EXTENSIVE 30+ PAGES, ITV INSPECTION 4 PAGES, IMPORTATION AT LEAST 4/5 PAGES PLUS ALL THE ORIGINAL NECESSARY PAPERWORK 6/7 PAGES.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY THE LOCAL POLICE DECIDED TO FOLLOW ME JUST AT THE FINAL KILOMETRE AS I WAS ARRIVING HOME.

TO BEGIN WITH THEY WERE WANTING TO FINE ME FOR DRIVING WITH U.K. PLATES - I EXPLAINED THAT THE IMPORTATION FOR THE VEHICLE WAS PENDING AND I PRODUCED ALL OF THE DOCUMENTATION. THEN THEY DECIDED TO FINE ME FOR NO INSURANCE - MAPFRE WAS CALLED AND CONFIRMED VEHICLE WAS AND HAD BEEN INSURED THROUGH THEM CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1986.

ONE OFFICER THEN TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO TRY TO REMOVE THE REGISTRATION PLATE WITH A LARGE SCREWDRIVER THAT HE OBTAINED FROM THEIR CAR, BEARING IN MIND THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE OTHER OFFICER WAS MORE COURTEOUS AND TRIED TO COAX HIM TO STOP. HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO REMOVE THE PLATES SO HE

ISSUED ME WITH A PIECE OF PAPER I BELIEVED WAS A FINE BUT WITHIN A FEW MINUTES HIS COMPANION TOOK THE PAPER AWAY, APOLOGISED AND THEY BOTH LEFT.

LAST SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST, I RECEIVED A SUMMONS IN MY MAILBOX, IT HAD NO POSTAL DATE ON THE ENVELOPE, LETTER WAS DATED 21ST JULY AND IT GAVE 20 DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL - WHICH MEANT FROM RECEIPT OF LETTER I WAS NOW DOWN TO ONLY 3 DAYS TO APPEAL. IT APPEARS I AM BEING FINED BY LOCAL POLICE FOR NOT PAYING ROAD TAX IN ANY COUNTRY.

MY UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE LEGISLATION ON TAX:

THE UK AUTHORITIES (DVLA) WERE INFORMED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS OUT OF U.K. HOWEVER, IF IT WERE TO STILL BE IN U.K. THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION ON ROAD TAX WOULD APPLY:-

- AS THE VEHICLE WAS FIRST REGISTERED 43 YEARS AGO IT IS CLASSED AS A HISTORIC VEHICLE
- HISTORIC LIGHTWEIGHT VEHICLES OF 40YEARS+ IN U.K. ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING ROAD TAX
- AN APPLICATION FOR ROAD TAX EXEMPTION WILL FIRST REQUIRE THE VEHICLE TO HAVE UNDERGONE A ITV/MOT INSPECTION
- THE LEGISLATION FOR ROAD TAX EXEMPTION CAME INTO FORCE IN 1997
- A VEHICLE CAN BE LEGALLY DRIVEN DIRECTLY TO GET AN MOT INSPECTION PROVIDING AN APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY MADE TO RECEIVE THE VEHICLE. IT CANNOT BE LEFT OR PARKED ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY/STREET.
- VEHICLE MUST BE INSURED AT ALL TIMES

LEGISLATION ON SPANISH ROAD TAX

- ROAD TAX IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRES THAT VEHICLE IS TO BE REGISTERED IN SPAIN
- TO OBTAIN SPANISH PLATES THE VEHICLE FIRST NEEDS TO BE IMPORTED
- TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS FOR IMPORTATION IT REQUIRES TO HAVE THE VEHICLE INSPECTED AND AN \*ITV CERTIFICATE PRODUCED PRIOR TO ISSUING IT WITH SPANISH REGISTRATION.
- HISTORIC LIGHTWEIGHT VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT FROM ROAD TAX

THROUGHOUT IMPORTATION PROCESS I HAD FOLLOWED THE ADVICE OF MY GESTOR WHO HAD NOTIFIED ME THAT THE VEHICLE MUST BE KEPT OFF THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES UNTIL REGISTRATION AND WITH THE PROCESS OF AN ITV INSPECTION THE VEHICLE CAN BE DIRECTLY DRIVEN TO AND FROM AN ITV STATION PROVIDING IT HAS INSURANCE.

UPON SPEAKING WITH SOMEONE AT THE DVLA THEY WERE ASTOUNDED WHEN I EXPLAINED THAT THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES WERE FINING ME FOR NOT PAYING U.K. ROAD

TAX, THEY INFORMED ME THAT AS THE U.K. IS NO LONGER PART OF THE EU IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO THEM TO APPLY SUCH LEGISLATION.

I HAVE APPEALED AND WILL LET YOU KNOW THE OUTCOME IN DUE COURSE IN THE MEANTIME PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT.

MAGGIE AND STEVE HALES:-

### CENTRE CONSOLE

IN MY MUSTANG THERE WAS ONLY THE GLOVE BOX TO STORE ITEMS IN THE CABIN. WHEN I FITTED THE AIR CONDITIONING PART OF THE KIT WAS A MUCH SMALLER GLOVEBOX INSERT BECAUSE THE A/C UNIT WAS MUCH BIGGER THAN THE OLD HEATER THIS CREATED A PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T FIT A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES IN THE NEW GLOVEBOX

I STARTED LOOKING AT ORIGINAL MUSTANG CENTER CONSOLES AND MODERN VERSIONS NEITHER HAD THE LOOK I DESIRED AND THE COST WAS CRAZY. AN ORIGINAL STYLE CENTER CONSOLE WAS AROUND \$600 PLUS IMPORT SO I THOUGHT "I CAN MAKE ONE"!

PREVIOUSLY ON OUR COBRA KIT CAR BUILD IN THE UK I MADE THE DASHBOARD AND DOOR CARDS SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE STRAIGHTFORWARD TO DO A CONSOLE.....NOPE.

AS WITH ALL PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE IT'S BEST TO START WITH A DRAWING AND TEMPLATE OF WHAT YOU WANT BEFORE MAKING THE FINAL PRODUCT SO I CUT A LOAD OF CARDBOARD AND HELD IT TOGETHER WITH GAFFA TAPE.

AFTER A FEW TRIES I WAS HAPPY WITH IT AND PURCHASED SOME 5 PLY PLYWOOD AND SOME BLACK VINYL CLOTH WITH A SIMILAR GRAIN TO THE REST OF THE CAR.

AFTER DIS-ASSEMBLING THE CARDBOARD AND USING IT AS A TEMPLATE TO CUT THE WOOD I HAD MY FIRST PROBLEM, WHEN TRY- FITTING THE BASIC BOX SHAPE IT BECAME APPARENT THE FLOOR OF THE BELL HOUSING/ TUNNEL IN THE CAR SLOPED AS YOU MOVE TO THE REAR OF THE CABIN AND THE GAP BETWEEN THE SEATS IS NARROWER THAN I THOUGHT (THE CARDBOARD SQUEEZED ITSELF IN THE GAP THE WOOD DIDN'T).

I MADE THE NECESSARY CUTS AND ALL WAS HAPPY.

NEXT TEST FIT WITH THE SECTION AROUND THE GEAR LEVER ATTACHED SHOWED THAT THE GEARBOX/ LEVER IS OFFSET TO THE DRIVERS SIDE!!!!!!

SO AFTER A BIT OF THOUGHT I MADE SOME RELIEF CUTS VERTICALLY IN THE SIDE THAT HAD TO CURVE INWARDS AND CLAMPED IT IN PLACE OVER THE NEXT WEEK I SPRAYED THIS AREA WITH WATER AND ALLOWED IT TO DRY OUT MANY TIMES THIS ALLOWED THE RIDGED WOOD TO BEND TO THE DESIRED SHAPE.

DURING THIS PERIOD I WAS A VICTIM TO AMAZON AND BOUGHT A USB AND CIGARETTE LIGHTER PANEL TO FIT IN THE CONSOLE ALONG WITH A 6 FUSE FUSEBOARD FOR UNDER THE BONNET.



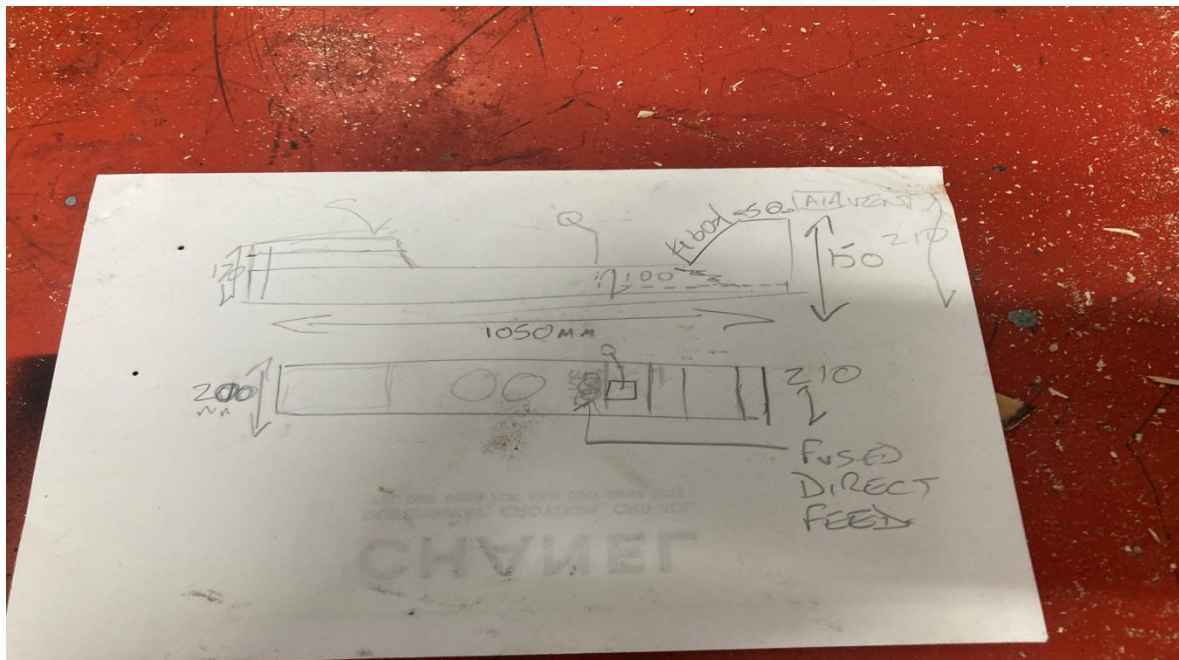
THE NEXT STAGE WAS TO COVER IT IN MATERIAL. I HAD SOME 2 MM FOAM TO PUT UNDER THE VINYL TO COVER SCREW HOLES AND IMPERFECTIONS IN THE CONSOLE, THAT WAS QUITE EASY TO GLUE IN WITH SPRAY CONTACT ADHESIVE

THE VANILLA WAS A PIG BECAUSE I HAD TO TRY AND STRETCH IT 3 WAYS AT THE SAME TIME AND BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION IT NEEDED PARTIALLY FITTING BEFORE I COULD FINALLY STICK DOWN THE VINYL

ONCE COVERED AND THE ELECTRICS FITTED IT CAME TO SECURING THE CONSOLE IN PLACE I JUST BENT SOME THIN BAR INTO 90 DEGREES AND PAINTED IT BLACK ALONG WITH THE SCREWS

AT THE END I WAS VERY HAPPY WITH THE CONSOLE IT NOW HAS A CUBBY HOLE AT THE FRONT A SMALL SPACE FOR A PHONE 2 CUP HOLDERS AND A BOX/ ARMREST AT THE BACK

TOTAL TIME ABOUT A MONTH ON AND OFF ( POSS 20/30 HOURS) AND AROUND €250 FOR MATERIALS







PICTURES FROM FRANCE. THANKS DICKIE:-





THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR REQUESTS ANY OTHER 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.

### ITEMS FOR SALE.

FROM CHAS AND JUDY:-

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I HAVE TO SELL MY CAR OF 8 YEARS. TRIUMPH VITESSE CABRIOLET (HC 56700CV) REGISTERED 01 01 1970 (IN SPAIN). 06 10 1970 (IN UK AS RAK 61J). CURRENT MILEAGE AS PER RECENT ITV 94575. ITV 22 02 2023 (CLEAN NO REFERRALS) UNTIL 02 2028.

THE CAR IS RIGHT HAND DRIVE ON SPANISH HISTORICAL PLATES AND IS MECHANICALLY SOUND FOR A 2L

A large, 3D, yellow and orange gradient text graphic that reads 'SOLD' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly tilted and have a shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

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VEHICLE. BODY COLOUR IN RED.

BODY WORK REFLECTS AGE AND BEING HERE IN SPAIN FOR 12 YEARS..

IT IS A CAR THAT IS FOR A PERSON THAT LIKES A SMALL PROJECT TO BRING IT BACK TO CONCOURSE.

IT COMES WITH A FULL SET OF NEW CARPETS AND RUBBER DOOR TRIMS ( TO BE FITTED BY NEXT OWNER)

ANY REASONABLE OFFER CONSIDERED BY CURRENT OWNER CHAS LONGHURST....NOTE TRANSFER PAPERWORK AND COST TO BE DONE BY PURCHASER.

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR ITEMS FOR SALE, HIRE OR LOAN.

IF YOU HAVE A VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT FOR SALE OR KNOW OF ONE THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS PLEASE LET WILL OR MYSELF KNOW.

WE CAN ALSO LIST EQUIPMENT THE MEMBERS HAVE READILY AVAILABLE TO BORROW. PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR THE FULL LIST.

I CAN LOAN OUT:

50 LTR PROFESSIONAL COMPRESSOR, WITH GUNS ETC..

CAR RAMPS.

ALAN HAS A PIT AT HIS HOME.

SEE YOU ON THURSDAY, OUR NEXT MEETING 3PM OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023.

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BAR LA CINTA – ARBOLEAS.

