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Hello everyone,

As I write we've got news of our most enjoyable Xmas Blues Run, perfect for getting out and driving for a day before the New Year arrives!

The AGM was quite well attended and was held in a new venue this year which was well-received it seems with nice surroundings and a good quality End of Season Dinner following the Meeting itself.

The SW'ern Committee has already met to begin event planning for the 2016 Season and we'd like to include some new and different events, so if you have ideas of what to include please let us know. Many of you will know what is being held in your own local area so please do tell us if you feel such an event would suit a Club stand! That said, you may wish to organise an event yourself – a rendezvous and drive for example? Again, let us know!

I mentioned 'driving events' and whilst direction to members will follow shortly please do note that NO road events of any kind may be held without the co-ordinator applying for an MSA permit/exemption. Please email if you wish to have further information on this important consideration (which is likely to apply for non-AHC events too!).

Finally, safety – both of ourselves and others – should be of the utmost concern to members and consequently there is news of a report on the dangers of driving on old tyres – please see my article below and also in the forthcoming Revcounter! Email me if you need more detail on this topic.

I hope to see some of you whilst at the NEC Classic Car Show this coming weekend!

Mark Knight, Ed



Rock Oil 'Strata 20W50' Engine Oil - We have spoken to the Technical Department at 'Rock Oil' and following our discussions they have recommended 'Strata 20W50' as the best choice for our Austin Healey Engines. We have also been able to negotiate a very good price for the Club so we are able to offer **5 litres of Strata 20W50 for just £12.60 inc.VAT.**

Speak to Tony Alden on 07786 000921 or e-mail him at tony.alden@btinternet.com to discuss how to get your items and to place your order.

News, Event Reports & Diary Dates

29th December: The Xmas Blues Run!

Once again kindly hosted by our own AHC member Bunny Lees-Smith but run by the Fairford Classic Car Club and always a great finale to the year! This year we start at The Royal George Hotel at Birdlip, GL4 8JH (please arrive for 10.00) and following a 50 mile scenic drive will finish with a carvery lunch at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club. Always a great day out and with a good mix of classics cars, so don't miss out! Flyer attached; applications & details: Tony Alden tony.alden@btinternet.com or 01367 850363

4th October: Autumn Classic at Castle Combe

If you weren't at either or (ideally) both of these you missed an fantastic weekend!



5th October: Autumn Classic at Prescott Hillclimb



Classic Car Weekly (available every Wednesday) reports on the danger of owners ignoring the age of their tyres with seemingly 25% of cars being driven with potentially dangerous tyres, an even more likely occurrence now with many classics no longer being checked annually in an MoT test. Blow-outs are more likely and perhaps most importantly, braking distances are markedly increased. In tests, with old tyres fitted, an MGB GT took 56.45m to stop from 50mph and yet a markedly reduced distance of 37.55m when fitted with new tyres! The FBHVC says: 'Tyres are the only contact between the car and the ground and must be in first-class condition'.
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