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**Hi All,**

**As we are nearing the end of the season, we can reflect back on the year. The sad passing of Jim Clark was a shock to us all, however, I heard from his wife Sylvia, that £260 was raised for Saint Francis Hospice and £255 for Cancer Research at his funeral. Both worthy causes and a**

**credit to Jim. We shall not forget his involvement and dedication to the club.**

**We have had some good shows this year, including some new events, e.g. Saffron Walden, the River Orwell Boat Trip, Hertsmonceux Castle, to name but a few. Although the weather has put the damper on some, our commitment to the club was not waived. My thanks goes to all members for their help in preparing the stands at all our shows.**

As I write this newsletter, there is still no news on the decision that is to be made by the Planning Inspector regarding the Battlesbridge Show ground, although it was expected within four weeks of the appeal. I don't know whether this is a good thing or not! If the decision isn't made by 27<sup>th</sup> September, then the Motorbilia Day will go ahead at Battlesbridge. Those interested in attending, should it go ahead, are to contact me a.s.a.p. so that passes can be purchased for the show. The cost will be £10 for car, driver and one passenger.

*Doug Warren, Chairman & Editor.*



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# THE HARE BREAKFAST MEET AUGUST 2015

Once again, a meeting of the “supercars” occurred at The Hare Public House, Roxwell on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. The weather was kind to us and this assisted with bringing out once again the various cars that are rarely seen on the roads today. As this photo shows, this is an original Ford GT40 from the early 60s. Also, this shining example of a Bugatti below,



was in fact a replica. Other cars on display were a



number of Lamborghinis, Aston Martins, Porsches, TVRs and some real nice classics, including, a pair of Sunbeam Tigers, an Austin Healey 3000 and a recently restored E-Type Jaguar Series 3. If you haven't been before, it is highly recommended by those that do attend and

don't forget the owner provides coffee, orange juice and Danish pastries too for free. Full breakfasts are available at pub prices. Event starts at 9am, but you are recommended to get there well before as it gets very busy.

## CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Tickets for the annual club dinner dance will be on sale from **September Club Night**. We are teaming up with Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club again and the date fixed is Saturday 5th December 2015. 50 places have been booked and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Mary Monk for tickets.

We hope as many members and their friends will be able to attend this year and make it one of the best years we have had. It will be nice to finish off this very eventful year in this manner. Don't forget that if you do decide to attend, rooms are available to book at the golf club at very reasonable rates. Go on their website at: <http://golflangdon.co.uk>



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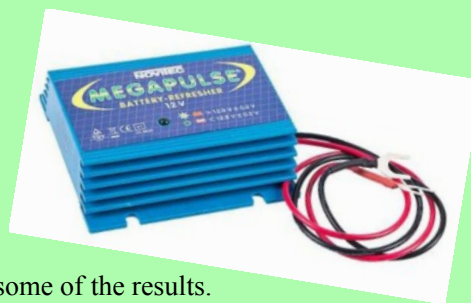
## CAN A BATTERY LAST THE LIFE OF A CAR?

Let me surprise you with two plain statements:

1. A car battery should last for the life of the car.
2. 90% of all 'dead' batteries can be revitalized.

You probably don't believe these statements?

Nor did I. So tests were carried out by a car parts supplier and here are some of the results.



### First example - a 100 AH battery from a Mercedes R129

The original Mercedes battery is probably more than 6 years old, the car is an import from Japan, and it had been standing around unused on various dealers yards.

Not surprisingly the efforts to charge this battery with a range of common battery chargers were completely unsuccessful. Apart from the remaining voltage of 12.6 volts all test parameters of the Bosch tester were negative. We used a really ancient standard battery charger (built in 1970, 2A) attached along with the Megapulse. The Megapulse needs a minimum voltage of 12.6 volts (+/- 0.2V).

Amazingly after 14 days of charging, the Bosch tester shows all relevant parameters in green! A further check with a different battery tester produced the same result: The battery is now back to a perfect, fully working order, and fully rechargeable.

If they hadn't experienced it themselves, they would not have believed it.

If you would like to see more information and get a price, go to:

<http://www.conrad-electronic.co.uk/ce/en/product/250179/VRLA-refresher-12-V-Novitec-Megapulser-12-V>

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# ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION BAR-B-QUE @ LANGDON HILLS GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 23 AUG.

About 60 of us enjoyed a bar-b-que at the Carlton Room at the Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015. 'The Curves', a Colchester based rock band, provide live music. The day started off with bright sunshine, although the forecast was that at 2pm rain showers were due. Our food was to be served at 1pm and guess what, the rain came early at 1pm as the chef was cooking the various dishes of sausages, chicken, beef-burgers, and kebabs. He carried on in spite of the



rain and provided the food for all members. He was soaked through by the time he had completed his cooking! Fortunately, the band was protected under the club's gazebo. My thanks go to Lester Magness for transporting the gazebo to and from the venue. The band played a number of songs which most members remembered and a number got on the patio area after the rain, to test their dancing techniques.



*Charlie Catchpole*



*Ann Lazarus*

A raffle was held and along with smaller prizes, there were two major prizes of in-car camera's which were won by Charlie Catchpole and Ann Lazarus. See photo's above of the winning members.

The rain eventually fizzled out just after 2:30pm and we were able to get outside and enjoy the warm breeze and sunshine once again until the end of the afternoon at 5pm. It was a great event and one that we may repeat again next year.

It was an enjoyable afternoon with good food, good company and a great band.



# HELMINGHAM CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR SHOW AUG. 2015

The day started with a number of members meeting up at junction 28 of the A12 - except one who waited at junction 28 of the M25/A12!!! He had a long dash to catch up with the rest! I had reviewed the route the night before, although having undertaken the route two years previously, I made a mistake; thought I had it right this time. Oh no I didn't!!! I ended up going the same way as I did two years previously, which meant coming off the A14 at one junction and returning to another junction along the A14. Still third time lucky for next year eh! We eventually made the



entrance to the show and parked up in one of the allocated spaces for club stands. The weather was dry and fine and we all had a relaxing day looking at the hundreds of cars on display, listening to the various music being played, dancing, Bird of Prey displays, etc. The Jaguar marque was well represented with displays from Essex Thameside Region, Essex & Suffolk Borders, XKOC, E-Type register, to name but a few. Individuals with Jaguars parked up in the main display field amongst all manner of car marques from the 20's 30's, 40's 50's and beyond. It was quite a display. On occasions, a few car

drivers were interviewed about their machines, before driving off along the main approach road from the house to the main road. It is unfortunate that the house is not open to the public but the gardens are. In the far field, I witnessed some deer grazing. Shame they didn't come nearer, but no doubt the muscle cars on display frighten them off. Anyway, all those member that attended, enjoyed the show and look forward to returning next year.





# JAGUAR F TYPE CONVERTIBLE v CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06



While visiting the Helmingham Classic & Sports car show, I saw this Chevrolet Corvette Z06 (right hand side picture) on display. As you will see from the photo's above, the similarities between this and Jaguar F-Type were quite remarkable. Note in particular the headlights as the sweep up the wings and also the interior 'grab handle' adjacent to the gear stick. This particular Corvette is the only Z06 in the country and only came out this year. However, the indications are that the body design started back in 2007. The Chevrolet Corvette and the F-Type debuts were both in early 2013 and deliveries began in 2013/4. The F-Type was conceived from the C-X16 concept car which was unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 2011.

It makes you wonder how two separate manufacturers, with separate designers, i.e. Ian Callum for Jaguar and Tom Peters for Chevrolet can get their designs so alike? The power plants however, differ greatly. Here are the facts:

## JAGUAR F TYPE

## CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06

Engine: V8 5.0L Supercharged

V8 6.2L Supercharged

HP: 550 hp 680Nm of torque  
RWD

659 hp & 881 Nm of torque  
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0 -60 4 Secs

3 Secs

Top Speed 186 mph (limited)

200 mph+

Gearbox 8 Speed Auto

7 Speed to Manual or 8 Speed  
Auto

Price: £90,855

£120,000 approx.



# SAFFRON WALDEN MOTOR SHOW.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August, seventeen members of the club ventured north of the county to Saffron Walden for its first visit to this show. Fortunately the weather was favourable and there was a good turn out, albeit, not as big an event as Battlesbridge. There were a few clubs in attendance, e.g. Ford Granada, Volkswagen Campers, Vauxhall FD, to name but a few, but no other Jaguar clubs. There was plenty of room for us to park and we parked at the top of the field, so overlooking the main area of the displays. Various trade and food stands were in attendance, although the motor trade stands were quite absent. Being adjacent to the town, it gave members and partners the opportunity to walk around and see what Saffron Walden is all about. However, as experienced when we first visited Faversham in Kent for their show, most of the shops in the town were closed. This has to be a missed opportunity for some shop owners and perhaps, in time, they will wake up to the fact that this show brings in many people to the town and the opportunity is there for them to profit from it.



*Mario Varnava beautiful S Type*

A couple of members who haven't displayed their cars before, attended this show and we were privileged to see them for the first time. I do hope this will encourage them to bring there cars out again.

There were various individual displays from other classic owners and it was good to see some of these cars. One in particular was a converted Citroen 2CV into a three wheeler. The body was made completely of wood and shaped. I am told that there was 8 coats on laquer on it and he still wanted to give it more! Unfortunately, I failed to take a picture of this!!!

One of the cars on display was a lovely silver Mercedes 190SL (W121) Roadster produced between May 1955 and February 1963. It had obviously been meticulously rebuilt and repainted as it was in such good order and gleaming in the summer sunshine as you may see from the photo on the left.



*60's Mercedes 190 SL Roadster on display.*



*Laurence Holder's wonderfully restored E-Type*



# SAFFRON WALDEN CAR SHOW - MEMBERS' CARS ON DISPLAY







REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS				
MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
				<b>2015</b>
SEPT	TUES	1st	8pm	<b>Club Night:</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
SEPT	SAT	5th	9.00am	<b>The Hare Pub Breakfast Meet</b> Bishop's Stortford Road, Roxwell, Chelmsford. Just turn up and see the display of various super cars, inc., Lambo's, Aston Martins, Ferrari's, etc.
SEPT	SAT	5th	9.30am	<b>XK8/R CLUB BREAKFAST MEET</b> Come and join in for a hearty breakfast and great conversation. The XK8/R club will be meeting at the Toby Carvery, Badgers Mount, London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 7AD at 09:30. Come along and say hello.
SEPT	SUN	6th	8.30am	<b>AMOC (Aston Martin Owners Club) 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT BRANDS HATCH</b> , featuring Jaguar Racing. Weekend racing, club is to attend on Sunday. Cost is £10 if booked in advanced or £14 on the day. Go to: <a href="http://www.brandshatch.co.uk/calendar/2015/september/bh-amoc-80th-anniversary.aspx">www.brandshatch.co.uk/calendar/2015/september/bh-amoc-80th-anniversary.aspx</a>
SEPT	SUN	27th	8.30am	<b>BATTLESBRIDGE 29th GRAND MOTOBILIA DAY</b> Subject to appeal being won.
OCT	SAT	3rd	9.00am	<b>St. Annes Castle Breakfast Meet (New Venue instead of The Hare)</b> Main Rd, Great Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 1NE Just turn up and see the display of various super cars.
OCT	TUES	6th	8pm	<b>Club Night:</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club. Visiting Speaker from EDT.
NOV	TUES	3rd	8pm	<b>Club Night:</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club.
DEC	TUES	1st	8pm	<b>Club Night CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENING</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club.
DEC	SAT	5th	7.00pm	<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club. Tickets are £35:95 each. Only 50 tickets purchased, so will be on a first come, first serve basis. On sale from September club night.
NATIONAL EVENTS				
				<b>2015</b>
SEPT	SUN	27th	10am	<b>JEC WESTERN DAY</b> The Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club is at Bodelwyddan Castle and Warners for our first ever Western Day. Booking forms available from the national JEC: <a href="http://www.jec.org.uk">http://www.jec.org.uk</a>
NOV	FRI/ SUN	13 <sup>th</sup> - 15th	9am	<b>LANCASTER NATIONAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW NEC B'HAM.</b> If you don't do anything else this year, then this is a must. Tickets available on-line with discount using code <b>Single Ticket - CSCMS15 - Family Ticket - CFCMS15</b> Booking codes are only applicable Saturday and Sunday Visit: <a href="http://WWW.NECCCLASSICMOTORSHOW.COM">WWW.NECCCLASSICMOTORSHOW.COM</a> or call: 0871 230 1088



## DVLA LAUNCHES HISTORIC VEHICLE CRACKDOWN

The DVLA is investigating owners of classic cars with Historic Vehicle status and demanding they send evidence to prove that their cars qualify for it - but won't reveal the scale of its activities.

The agency has been sending letters to owners asking them to send information to prove their cars qualify for the tax-free category for pre-1974 vehicles. In one of the letters, the agency warns that it may issue the owner of a 1936 Bugatti with a 'Q' registration plate, depending on the quality of information it receives. John Vale, Vehicle Registration Policy team leader, said in the letter: 'Initial investigations have confirmed that some historic vehicles have been built using replica or replacement parts, or a mixture of period and new components, and have therefore been incorrectly registered.' He added: 'A period manufacturer date has been recorded in error and a registration number allocated based on this date. The DVLA requires information about the provenance, construction and origin of your vehicle - you should provide it. Once our investigations are complete, we will write to you again explaining our conclusions. If any amendments are needed, these will be made and a new vehicle registration certificate issued. This could involve the issue of a new vehicle registration number - and in some cases Individual Vehicle Approval may be required or a Q registration number may be appropriate.'

*Classic Car Weekly* understands that so far around 100 letters have been sent out - primarily to owners of Bugattis and other pre-WW2 cars - and that the DVLA is not planning a blanket initiative covering all Historic Vehicle owners.

The DVLA has confirmed to CCW that it is sending letters to Historic Vehicle owners in order to investigate if their vehicles are eligible for the status, but did not respond to requests for information on the scale of the initiative.

An agency spokesman said: 'DVLA has been made aware that some vehicles recorded in the Historic tax class may have been incorrectly registered. We have a legal responsibility to ensure that the records we hold are accurate. Where doubt is cast over the accuracy of the records held, thorough and proportionate investigations are necessary. We have started to contact the vehicle keepers involved. Where investigations establish that the original registration was incorrect, these vehicles will require re-registration under an alternative number appropriate to the age of the vehicle.'

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs confirmed its representatives met with the DVLA on 9 July to discuss the issue.

It said in a statement: 'As the representative body for many of the historic vehicle clubs in the UK we see it as a prime responsibility to ensure that clubs and their members are not unfairly or without grounds required to engage in such an exercise. On the basis of the meeting we are clear that there is no current intention to send a letter to all historic vehicle owners.'

'Rest assured that the Federation will stay very close to this situation and will vigorously defend the interests of bona fide historic vehicle owners.'

The Bugatti Owners Club declined to comment on the latest letters but shared a copy of a letter it sent out to its members warning them of the DVLA's initiative. In the letter, chairman Charles Trevlyan said the club was 'deeply concerned' about the notification the DVLA received.

He wrote: 'The club has been concerned as to the potential impact on our members and indeed the wider historic vehicle movement, of the DVLA's review of the registration of Bugatti cars in the UK.'

'In view of this we have been in discussion over the past two years with the DVLA, as the vehicle licensing authority in the UK, in order to resolve some of the issues that have arisen.'

Other clubs are also aware of the issue, and the MG Car Club and the Vintage Sports-Car Club have said they are monitoring the situation.

*Information advised by member, Peter Davey.*

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