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**TRIPLE M REGISTER
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Editorial

When I received Infoletter No. 68 in July 82 instead of making small notes about the contents on the front cover as with previous issues, I wrote across it "Last One! Damn it!". It transpired that almost everyone felt the same, and when Mike Hawke wrote his "Requiem for Infoletter" that account of so many years of effort seemed to mean that Infoletter must continue. Its contents have usually been the sort of thing that contributors would not have felt suitable for Safety Fast, especially the adverts.

Thanks are due to Barry Foster who caught up and held onto the task of producing Infoletter until he found he had insufficient time.

Ken Rees, of 29, Avondale Rd, Earlsdon, Coventry. will be scribe for Safety Fast, and whilst some overlapping of general information may occur, it is our intention as before, to place MMM advertisements, technical detail and articles pertinent to Register cars in Infoletter, leaving Safety Fast for articles of general MMM interest.

It is hoped that some of the answers sent as replies to technical questions will be printed herein so that everyone can take advantage, and here is a good place to thank Colin Tieche for his help as Technical Advisor. Colin has had to resign because of increased pressure on an already busy life, and John Kidder, our other Technical Advisor has agreed to deal with enquiries for all models until a replacement can be found.

YEARBOOK

Terry Holden and Roger Thomas urgently need articles and particularly suitable photographs which have not been printed before. Your assistance is needed NOW if we are to have a 1984 Year Book.

Since the Register was printed last year a further sixty cars have joined by the end of January 1984. In addition we have learned of the existence of some 131 more cars including 59 J2s, 25 PAs, 18 Ms, 7 Ls, 6 Fs, 5 PBs, 3 each of K and N and 1 each of C, D, J1, J3, and Q. Can anyone advise the chassis numbers of the PA and M in the National Motor Museum?

G.J.L.

TRIPLE M LUNCHEON PARTY

The third annual Triple M Luncheon Party will be held on Sunday 6th May at the Jodrell Arms Hotel, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire. The format will be the same as previous years with traditional Sunday lunch followed by a scenic run returning to the Jodrell Arms for tea. It is hoped to introduce some not too strenuous competitive element into the afternoons activities.

Whaley Bridge is situated on the A6 between Buxton and Stockport. Should you require accomodation/^{contact} the hotel direct on Whaby Bridge (06633) 2164. Luncheon tickets are available from John Kidder, 22, Storrs Road Chesterfield. S40 3PZ on receipt of SAE and remittance of £5 per adult, £2.50 per child.

Car of the Year Award Points - -
C.o.t.Y. points will appear in Safety Fast each Quarter. Results of events you have entered and points claimed should be sent to MMM Competition Secretary Tim Hunt, whos address is on the back cover.

M.G. REGENCY RUN. 20TH MAY 1984

The organisers of the above event have, since the announcement in Safety Fast, appealed for a better response from MMM Register members. The R.A.C. have given an exemption certificate, and all the police, G.L.C. and Brighton Authorities have given their approval. If driving through the London traffic to the start gives you the horrors, take heart from the hardy annual Veterans.

1984 MMM DINNER WEEKEND, Oxford Moat House.

Last years Annual Dinner Weekend was most enjoyable and is worthy of your special efforts to attend the 1984 event on the 6th and 7th October. It is hoped that a separate room can be arranged for the reception on Saturday afternoon, staffed by the Allisons, Hawkes and Wards as last year. Tim Hunt will arrange Saturday evenings Dinner, and Terry Holden will organise Sunday mornings Concours. After Sunday lunch there will be another historic run arranged by Mike Allison and Roger Thomas.

Our annual dinner will always bring nostalgia for Steve Dear's MMM events at "Cheddar" and to Madeline and Steve we are all grateful for the memories.

PLC Switches.

Apart from the more easily obtained Lucas PLC 5 and PLC 6 switches, the PLC 2 was made in alternative versions. I had been running for two years on a "proper" J2 type PLC 2 borrowed from John Kidder. Eventually however I found a new one for sale priced "only" £10 "because it was not the sort anyone wanted" the dealer said. The apparent difference is the substitution of the connection T for an L.

A test-light proved that L does take the place of the missing T, but that a loop is needed connecting F1 to F2 to get a charge when the switch was in the headlight position (H), which otherwise on this variation of the switch would give headlights only without obtaining dyno charge.

The positions of this particular switches face are OFF - Ignition only if ig. key switched on. No lights on, except red ig. warning light, and no charge.

T - Dynamo charge position, no lights on.

T and S - Tail and Sidelights on plus dyno charge.

H - Headlights on, plus side and tail lights, plus because of the loop, Dyno charge.

Technical Advisor John Kidder informs me this type is an Army vehicle switch and the T was for tail light on only for blacked-out convoys to follow

each other.

As the innards of many PLC switches have become very worn this ex WD part is a usefull alternative.

Brakes.

Blowers Manual shows an illustration on Page 390 which must have puzzled some MMM re-builders. It is not correct as it shows the cables leading off in the wrong direction from the grooves in the brake cross-shaft ends. The cable in the inner groove should go to the rear (not forward as shown) having first taken $\frac{3}{4}$ of a turn around the grooves.

On my own J2 the holes in the chassis for the in-board cable adjusters were not opposite each other. I could only imagine they were drilled after the cables had been originally offered up at the factory to make up for unequal length of cable.

Final Tuning for Midgets - Ignition.

There is a difference between M.G. Workshop Manuals and the following written for Newnes "Modern Motor Repair" magazine, Part 1 by Cecil Kimber, in 1933.

The best gap for the 14 mm. plugs is .018 in. Correct gap for distributor points is .020 in.

With hand control ignition the points should be breaking at top dead centre, with the ignition fully retarded.

There are two types of automatic ignition fitted - one gives a 10 degree and the other a 13 degree advance (20 and 26 degrees on the crankshaft) On most Midgets the number 10 or 13 will be found stamped inside the distributor base. With the 10 degree advance type the points should be fully open at T.D.C., and with a 13 degree type the points should be half open. When I checked my own J2, WN 5807, which is chassis No. J2700 and engine (original) No. 1396 AJ, I found the distributor so stamped - but - with 8 degrees

Silverstone M.G. Weekend 1984

It is intended that MMM cars not entered in the Concours will be parked in an area immediately behind the sparkling ones. Terry Holden will be in charge of the MMM area.

Dynamo Voltage.

The way to ascertain the voltage of an unknown dyno is as follows; Connect a wire from a car battery (positive pole) to the dyno case. A second wire with an ampmeter interposed is then used to connect the negative pole of the battery to the field connection on the dyno.

If when the circuit is made the ampmeter reads 8 amps, then you have a 6 volt dynamo. A lower reading however of only 4 or 5 amps. shows the dyno. to be wound for 12 volts.

For Sale, Wanted or Exchanged.

Mike Hawke 117, Upper Westwood, Bradford on Avon Wilts, BA15 2DN, has on order a J2 crankshaft, fully counterbalanced, large journals for P rods EN 40 B, Nitrided- the top specification. He added his order to make up a batch - order so that another J2 rebuild somewhere could benefit. If anyone wants to take over the order, please contact him for details.

71/1 Wanted P type Marles Weller steering column and box. Have J type to swap if necessary. - Sean - Smedley, The Granary, Heaverham, Nr. Sevenoaks, Kent. Tel. Sevenoaks 62839.

71/2 Bob Williams has had a GARAGE CLEAR OUT and offers the following: - "PA" SPAINES Dynamo 12v. Rotax DDS14 - offers, Dynamo Bevel Gear - offers. Exhaust Manifold (repaired) £40. Water Manifold (Good) £15. Water Manifold (Just repairable) £5. Clutch Pressure Plate skimmed - offers. 3. Camshaft Bearing Housings no caps some damage £10. Camshaft with Gear & Thrust washers £40. Camshaft bare requires recon. £15. Oil Filter Housing no cover £10. Cut out & Junction Box - offers. 1" Carburettors 2 off 1 angled bowl no linkage £25.

P.B Spares

Quicklift petrol filler cap(original Equipment)
re-chromed.£50.2 sets 57mm Pistons +.020"-£10
per set.3 only 57mm Pistons +.240"-free for pp.
57mm Piston 1off +.030" 200 miles only.£50

Wolseley gear box mated to P type bellhousing
+ Spare gears,£60.

M Type Spares.Front axle beam £10 Rear Springs
with shock absorber mountings & U bolts£15pair.
Good Half shaft with hub £18.Rear Axle hubs -
with bearings £5 each.Rear axle cover with oil
filler £10.Front axle hubs with bearings £5ea.
Prop-shaft spider back axle £10.Diff unit six
hole not MG but suitable.£25.Dynamo bevel gear
£15.19" wheels large hub (late)£18.50 each.
19" wheels small hub (early)£12.50 each.Wheel-
hubs 1 large 1 small £3 & £2.Track Rod with -
steering arms £15.Four wheel nuts £1. Lucas -
suction wiper motor £20.J2 gear box remote con-
trol (no turret) £10.Water manifold clamps£2each.

NEW PA SPARES - Water manifold (fabricated) -
lightweight 8½oz.£25.Rocker bushes(Dural)£15
set.Rocker shafts L/H & R/H £6 pair. Clutch-
centre plate alignment tool £3.Pinion setting
gauge(Regent) £1.Rev counter drive attachment
L/H thread £3.Oil metering pin brass(cy.head)£1
Vertical drive oil seal housing £5.Twin spare
wheel carrier,Two items requires K/O £25.
Spigot bearing housing with new bearing £15.
Vertical drive forks puller £5.Cylinder head-
dynamo alignment tool £5. Aluminium front apron
(primed 3lbs.)£45.Postage applicable on all -

items.Would consider SWOPS on the above for
the following WANTS for a P type or buy.

Bishop cam steering box and column. Cylinder
head (bare).Vertical drive oil drain housing.
3 times 12" brake drums,8 x 12" brake shoes.
Back axle casing.Gear lever.Firewall supports-
L/H & R/H.Rear mudguard stay O/S.Steering wheel.
For J2 2 brake drums.For all the above contact
Bob Williams,19,Leyland Drive,Saltney Ferry,
Chester.CH4 OBG.(0244)672692.

71/3 Wanted for J2.Engine,brake lever,acceler-
ator pedal, instruments,Petro-lift by Derek-
Baty,22, Lade Braes,Dalgety Bay, Fife.

71/4 For Sale - 1931 M.G. Brooklands Replica 12/12
A very rapid and totally restored example, finished
in brown and cream. Handles beautifully, an ideal -
sports competition car. Realistically priced at around
£5,600. Mr. P. Gardner, 32, Eastwick Drive, Great Book-
ham, Surrey. Tel. Leatherhead 376633 (Day) Bookham 52133pm.

71/5 Alan Whitham of 35, Kensington Road Halifax
(Tel. 0422-57573 Evenings) has the following for sale
2 J2 brake back plates, 1 pr. J1 Brake shoes, 2 J2 hy-
draulic brake back plates complete with shoes, 2 P
brake back plates converted for hydraulics (rear).
2 N outside laced 18" wheels, 3 MMM size inside -
laced 18" wheels, pair of new 4.50 x 18" Dunlop -
tyres, 4 cyl. scintilla vertex (anti clock) magneto,
M clutch cover plate complete with clutch fingers etc.
M flywheel, J2 remote control (incomplete), L main-
bearing oil feed pipe, P/L/N oil pump driving gears,
L/N/P/F four seater aluminium spare wheel hub with
packing block, new BTH magneto coil covers, M type
oil pump, rear axle casing x Morris Minor but fits
J/M etc. EXCHANGE Good F radiator for similar J,
complete set J brakes for similar P. WANTED pair J2
mild steel rocker shaft bearers, one 506M Hartford
Duplex front S/absorber, J4 divided track steering
assembly, J2 oil pump, 3rd brush holder for J/F/P/L
dynamo.

71/6 L.J. Bennett, The Bungalow, Park Lane, Kimpton
Herts. Tel. Kimpton 832413 WANTS P type con rods,
diff dip stick & following J2 parts, wheels, rocker
cover, plus 40 thou. pistons, o/s bonnet side, engine
dip stick, door locks, FOR EXCHANGE P type remote,
two 18" centre laced wheels, two 19" side & centre
laced wheels, M type rocker cover & cam shaft pinion.

71/7 Hugh Barnes, 6, Pepys Terrace, Impington, Cam-
bridge. CB4 4NT WANTS M type screen, early front wings,
19" wheel, 160 lb. oil gauge. Has to SWOP rad shell,
core, head-lamp brackets, gear box, engine parts, -
axles etc.

71/8 FOR SALE Two non cross tube ENV gear boxes,
1 pr. J1 doors, 4 P type brake drums, & one Ll or Fl
prop shaft tunnel (new) Laurence Moore, 9, Ellwood -
Rise, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks. HP8 4SU. Tel. 024-07-
2580.

71/9 WANTED J2 gear box first motion gear, (clutch shaft), chromed rim for speedometer, bakelite cover for cut-out box, side screens, seats, minor instruments, switches, all for J2. FOR EXCHANGE 8" brake drums, backplates, shoes, and a rough P type gear box. David Winter, Eureka North St. Blowfield, Norwich. NR13 4RH.

71/10 WANTED for J2 Rad shell, windscreen frame, carbs, accelerator pedal, carb linkage, rocker - cover, sump, dip stick, oil filler elbow, water - manifold, rear back plate brackets for brake - cables, oil pressure gauge, water temp. gauge, ig. coil, clock, wiper motor, door striker plates, - starter switch, round junction box, clutch release bearing with holder and cover, complete clutch - assembly, flywheel, Brooklands steering wheel - seats, rear view mirror. John Clarke, 26, Brook Rd. Thulston, Derby. Tel. Derby 753446.

71/11 WANTED Bonnet or two good sides, wiper - motor, front apron, threaded centre boss for spare wheel holder, all for P type. Also wanted K1 tourer windscreen & side screens any condition, 3" Jaeger rev counter and any engine parts. FOR EXCHANGE P windscreen with glass.

Paul Dudley, 39, Ebor Gardens, Battysford, Mirfield Yorkshire. WF14 9BU Tel. 0924 496678.

71/12 Mike Hawke, 117, Upper Westwood, Bradford-on Avon, Wilts. BA15 2DN has a 1933 Wolseley - Hornet Special Instruction Manual for sale - grubby £5.

71/13 David Gilhooley, Tel. 01 935 7306 WANTS - a J type gear box.

71/14 Derek Beatty, Tel. 0383 823250 WANTS a J type engine.

71/15 FOR SALE 4 special con rods to take Morris 8 shell bearings balanced and as new intended for use on Musselwhite crank. Andrew Bradshaw, Old Forge, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB5 0LD. Tel. Newmarket 742878. Andrew NEEDS a temp gauge. for J2 & also wonders if someone will give Info - letter a really detailed article on properly sorting out a Marles Weller steering box?? Andrew also WANTS bucket seats for J2 (shells only will do).

71/16 WANTED for J type by Mike Ellis, Vaasetter, Willow Lea, Well Læ, Mollington, Chester CH1 6LW. Tel. 0244-851005. " back plates, brake shoes, brake actuating rod, clutch pedal, instruments, 3x19" wheels, accelerator pedal, lower front wing stays, cut out, WANTED for M type, steering wheel, dash panel, hand-brake, gear lever, instrument except speedo, switches, windscreen, petrol tank, bonnet, wings & castings, cut-out, headlamps, sump, rocket cover, oil filler & cap. hood frame, carburettor, distributor, door locks, - advance retard clips, late pattern wheels, starter button switch.

71/17 WANTED for P type. engine (anything considered) headlights, front trunnion boxes, complete set brakes, rad & shell, 18" or 19" centre laced wheels, for EXCHANGE P type bonnet, windscreen, spare wheel - carrier. Graham Wilkins, Thornfinches, Sharpthorne, West Sussex. RH19 4HU. Tel. Business 044 412694 Home 0342 81 0771.

71/18 FOR SALE Vernon Marks, 56, Rochester Ave., Bromley, Kent. BR1 3DW Tel. 01 460 2354. has the following J2 spares for sale 5 Con rods, 7 pistons + 40 thou, 9 inlet valves, 6 ex valves, 10 valve guides, 1.1/8 inch. carb, carb linkages & bits, 3 distributors in various states but with rotor arms & condensers, rear main bearing and flange, front bearing, front bevel gear, front skew gear, front engine mount, front thrust rings, oil pipes, 6V starter, rear wheel bearings (double row and single) suction windscreen wiper, petrol pump, horn, door hinges, grease nipples, accelerator and clutch linkage, voltage regulator (not original) shock absorber spares, two front hubs, TA rear wheel bearings, 2 PA rear hub carriers and PB clutch release bearing.

71/19 WANTED J2 undershield, J2 original steering wheel, George Jarrard, 59 Central Street, Apartment G Millinocket, Maine, 04462. U.S.A.

71/20 WANTED Two 19" J type wheels in exchange for 4 early M type wheels. Gordon Lilley, Beech Cottage, Upper Holloway, Matlock. Derbyshire. DE4 5AW Tel. 062 984 254. Also WANTED, P type Diff. carrier.

71/21 WANTED for K Special, Supercharger suitable for 1100cc. Various K/L/J engine bits to exchange if required. J2 gear box For SALE Tony Jenkins, Bridge Farm, 80 West St. Comberton, Cambridge. CB3 7DS. Tel. 022 026 3751.

Most advertisers expressed in their letters how pleased they were that Infoletter is to continue after all. Tony Jenkins however, (above) was actually willing to take on the job of Editor which had become vacant. His offer of support however came in after I had been appointed at the 5/2/84 Committee Meeting, but we are grateful for his offer and he will be remembered no doubt if/when I displease Ed.

Brake Cable Dust - Excluders.

Brian Sumner has advised Infoletter that MMM cars have an acceptable alternative for the above. The Metro heated rear window wiring protector (top left of tail gate) is described in the Parts list as a "sheath" and is priced at 97p.+ VAT. Part number is HAM 2035

NEXT ISSUE - We have some valuable and detailed information about building J2 bodywork from Ian Hoper, Andrew Bradshaw, and Barry Foster. -Thankyou.

John Kidder recommends 'Auto Cool Radiators' of Peak Unit 1 Foxwood Rd. Sheepbridge Chesterfield. Tel. 0246 455142. for vintage rad repair, manufacture & repair of petrol tanks, and making up of Number Plates while you wait. Ask for Mick, the Proprietor, who is ex Serks.

Well, - it's all been said before -- more material for Infoletter means more issues.

G.L.

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