



FROM YOUR EDITOR

Peter and Jackie Werfel, who were two of the founding members, have decided after much thought to leave the Sporting Bears. All the Polar Bears would like to thank them for their kindness and support over so many years. We'd like to welcome new member Stewart Brown, with his Lagonda.

PETITION

Europe has been at it again in proposing alterations to legislation relevant to the continued use of our old and historic vehicles. The European Commission is proposing to outlaw the use of any modifications and non-original components to historic vehicles by introducing the following legislation;

Periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC"

Many elements of this legislation make good sense, however the legislation in its current format would immediately render thousands of historic vehicles illegal because of 'common sense enhancements'.

Please consider adding your name to the e-petition asking that our Government takes a more considered approach. Go to :- <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/37784>

CAR NEWS

Pete Catchpole has a new Porsche in a very Fiona colour - Cassis - and Robert Daniels has a stunning new Rolls Royce in Wild Berry with Parchment interior. Both cars have beautiful interior detailing shown in the photos taken at the Shiny Day 2 event.

TWICE AS SHINY?



The sequel... Sunday 16th Sept. A well supported event, once again turned into a social weekend in the Dales.

The chance of a scenic drive on Saturday 15th was good fun, obviously starting off with a breakfast as Bears do!



John and Lorna arrived back from their Hols in the early hours, and woke up their willing accommodation hosts. After a delayed flight and a satnav



misunderstanding???? they joined the rest of us for a wee hurl. To see such cars as The "Infamous Pink Porsche" (911 Carrera Sport), Phil and Kendal's Jag XKR and Robert and Helen taking on the narrow lanes and the water splash



in their Rolls (Flying Spur Number 50 of 50) was quite a spectacle. The sun shone brightly just as we had ordered and remarkably no one got lost! More tea and stickies were of course consumed in true Bear tradition at Aysgarth Falls. Saturday evening was another excellent group meal at Penley's, who made us all welcome and their "Special discounts" were appreciated, which made settling the bill for 20 folk so much easier. An early start on the Sunday morning for the "Part 2" vehicle detailing was supported by an enthusiastic group of 25.

Do's & dont's were explained, with Kate's Audi TT kindly acting as the Demo, once again we all learned a few tricks to keep our machines a little sparklier! The Yorkshire Carvery Lunch was well received and everyone returned to ask more questions and to consume Mary's cakes, just in case they were still peckish?

Thanks to everyone for their support and generosity, we managed to raise £142 towards our ongoing Clown Doctors donation total.

So, you think that's it then? Nothing else to learn? We told you quite a bit, but definitely NOT every little dodge towards a potential Concours competing Show car. Brian & Jim challenge you to see if you can do better! Come and have a go if you think your car is clean enough????

Jim and Brian have prepared some notes on detailing to help you. If you would like a copy of these in exchange for a small donation to children's charity please contact Jim Harris jimmini@btinternet.com

Brian & Jim.

SPORTING BEARS AT THE CLASSIC SPEEDFAIR Knockhill, 12 September 2012

We have traditionally ended our summer activities by attending the Selkirk Rally, but after 3 successive years of bucketing rain and treatment for trench foot, we decided this year to try something different – the Classic Speedfair at Knockhill Race Circuit.

As well as the normal static classic car show, we were promised a full programme of Scottish Classic Sports and Saloon races to watch, as well



as other entertainment, including stunt driving, stunt motorcycles, and an air display. Knockhill, as the name suggests, is higher than most of the surrounding countryside, and has its own micro-climate, so you never know what weather you're going to get. Four seasons in one day, usually. So the first step is to pack various assorted items into the car: waterproof coat and trousers, umbrella, sun cream, a pair of wellies and some beach shorts, along with a bag of teddy bears, some "rock peg" tent pegs for holding down tents on gravel surfaces; a big hammer to knock them in

with, and big crowbar to get them out again.

Fortunately, when I get there, I find that I know the steward who is allocating spaces, so we are miraculously able to blag a prime spot right beside the donut van and across from the burger van, and with a view of the circuit and lots of passers-by watching the races and returning to the static display areas in between. You can't get better.

We get the tent and displays set up, and line up the cars: we have my Cerbera, Ron and Brian in TVR Chimaeras, and Hamish in his TVR T350, Jeff and Mary-Jane's AC Ace



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2 December Christmas Lunch at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill-on-Tweed. **Now fully booked**

29 March Children's Dream Rides at Teeside Autodrome contact Tony Beverley 07968823172 email - tonybev52@gmail.com.

3 – 5 May The Capar Revival Tour new participants especially welcome contact Paul Bonsall 01539623242

2 June Dream Rides at Thirlestane Castle contact Fiona

Brooklands, Mike's Lancia Delta Integrale, Kate's Audi TT Quattro, Dick and Pat's Jaguar XJS. It was especially good to see new member Ralph Kelly and his Lotus Esprit at its first Sporting Bears event.

Mummy Polar Bear also recognised the driver of a passing 1928 Lagonda, and went sprinting off up the road to persuade him to return and place it on our stand. It was beautiful, a real attraction, and even won a trophy from the show organisers. And he joined the SBMC as well, so a big welcome to Stewart Brown!



Unfortunately, Tony Beverley hadn't been able to make it with his Marcos. He was at the Aintree event the previous weekend, and had to be trailered home with a faulty distributor module. Getting that fixed led to a missed appointment for tyres, so the car couldn't be ready in time.

James McLauchlan was attending the event with the Porsche Club and took the opportunity to stop by and say hello as did Phil Anderson who had just come from kitchen duty at Rachel House in Kinross. Good to see you both. We were selling bears and running the Cool Wall of this year's Dream Rides cars in aid of CHAS, the Children's Hospice Association Scotland, and raised a total of £263 on the day.

Many thanks to all the Polar Bears who brought their cars along and supported the event, you all helped to make the day special. And, unlike Selkirk, it even stayed dry!

Oh – and I also remembered to pack Brian's fire extinguisher that I borrowed at Thirlestane. Unfortunately, because my head is sometimes full of mince, I forgot all about it while I was at Knockhill, and brought it home again. I haven't forgotten, Brian!

Andrew

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MUMMY POLAR BEAR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

I would like to thank everyone for their friendship and support in the last 12 months and to wish you all a very enjoyable festive season. I look forward to another successful year and invite you to join in the Polar events we are planning for 2013.

Fiona

If you have any ideas about next year's activities please let me have them by the end of November. Fiona

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CURBOROUGH TRACK DAY



Mike Webber has forwarded some photo's of this event taken by the organiser Dave Mutton. Room for only one in this issue but a fuller report to come next month.

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Season's Greetings