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## From the Sump

It would have been an unusual trip across the USA for a man of my tastes to not find a stationary engine or two. There was the vertical twin Fairbanks-Morse at Mount Wilson observatory, the Wisconsin vee four pump by the side of a reservoir miles from anywhere, a barn full of Jim Dunmeyer's iron toys and even a big steam engine looking for all the world like vast Stuart Turner Number 1!

"Moving the Metal" is very popular, four engines, a pump, grindstone & chaffcutter selling last month & a long-sought after magneto purchased. Stuff is advertised for one month and I ring the vendors before "Cranking" goes to press to confirm sale or no sale, offering them a further month if required. It is hard to contact some people though. Please do try to call me if you sell the thing you've advertised. If space is at a premium & I've not heard from you, it will only appear for one month. This month, there has been a bit of a clearout, older ads being removed with people looking to re-advertise in the spring. This service is FREE to members - why not have a poke about in your shed over the winter & turn those unused items into handy-sized drinking vouchers? Finally, to speak of adverts, this little gem graced in a recent edition of the Oldham Evening Chronicle.

*"A branch of the local RSPCA is offering free neutering and spaying to anyone on benefits."*  
Don't all rush at once ....

Generally speaking, people have nothing but kind remarks in respect of this publication. However, I've heard some comments that there isn't enough news in the newsletter. Well, I print what I'm sent, so it is up to all of you to send stuff in.

Having missed the Cranmore do, I went to the Enstone sale on 10<sup>th</sup> November. It's only about 70 miles from Bristol and a nice run out on a pleasant day. It was a lot bigger than on previous occasions with a wide range of stuff for sale from tractors to raw materials, sewing machines to stationary engines. I saw a vertical Hartop for £370 in very incomplete state & an unusual aircooled Stuart Turner model 'K' single cylinder fourstroke minus cowling caught my eye but not my wallet as at £400 it was about twice my estimate of its value.

## Moving the Metal

### For sale

**Drummond lathe.** Good condition, bench mounted with .1/4hp motor. £80.00 - phone Gordon 07941 724625

**WANTED - "Stationary Engine " Magazine.** Now only missing 16,17,18,19,24-34,36. Have early copies to swap!  
All above - phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

**WANTED - small trailer** for carrying camping gear.  
Phone Jeremy, 01225 470057

Lister D's were holding their (expensive) end up, but a Kelvin twin cylinder marine engine - on a trolley complete and ready to go - was sold before the sale opened for £125. The vendor also had a Petter M & A.N. Other engine, all bearing a bit of masking tape & "sold" at 8.05am.

I came home with a couple of half frame cameras and some WD electrical stuff.

### Security

As engine prices continue to spiral and power tools become ever more common, a well-equipped workshop and engine house become a tempting target for thieves.

Firstly, make sure you are adequately insured. In pursuit of which, take several photos of each engine, record the serial numbers and special features on the back and put them in a safe place. You could lodge another set in a sealed envelope at the bank & send a set to your broker to go in your file. You might be able to extend your house insurance to cover them, but special purpose and agreed value insurance is also available.

When you've got your spanners etc on the wall boards and tidied everything, take several photos of it all. It will make any insurance claim a lot easier. Practical security is the best aim. Don't leave power hand tools in the workshop, keep them in the cupboard under the stairs etc. Fit good locks on the doors. It is a really good idea to have two separate locks. For instance, a cross bar and padlock obscuring the mortise lock, means they have to get the bar off before they can even begin on the door .

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Articles, cartoons, photos etc are always very welcome - this is not a one-man band, but an expression of all our thoughts and experience. Submissions can be handwritten, (if brief), typed or word-processed - it is the content we're after, not the grammar or spelling, so please don't feel your efforts will be ignored. The editor reserves the right to change, edit, augment or lessen your

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