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## From the Sump

I'm writing this at the end of September as, it being our fortieth wedding anniversary this year, Hazel and I are driving from San Diego to Boston the pretty way & are spending a month doing it.

Continuing my Wroughton saga from last month, I really wanted to see the Napier Nomad they have there. This fascinating engine, a flat twelve sleeve valve two stroke Diesel compounded with an axial flow gas turbine & compressor was conceived in good time but born too late, development running from '42 until '55. Although I persuaded them to let me walk along the back of the L1 hanger and have a good stare at the gas turbines they have hidden there (20ish, I suppose) it was neither in L1 or D4 with the Lockheed Super Constellation. Eventually, a senior man was found who knew where it was: in L3 where even the staff are not allowed to go as concrete is falling from the roof! I did find an engine I'd never thought to see, an inverted vee 24 Daimler Benz 610, two vee 12 DB605's ganged onto a common crankcase, the two inside banks almost vertical. There were lots of other aero engines too, including a display version of the Napier Dagger. No Merlins. no Griffons, but more DB's and a couple of Junker Jumos of odd configuration.

A few stationary engines - not many at all - and lots of unrestored motorbikes and cars. A couple of Commer (?) TS4 prototype lorry engines. A Kelvin four cylinder marine. Lots of push bikes.

L1 only had the central aisle open, but there were racks of interesting stuff including submersibles & the last Fleet Street printing press - the size of a house it was! I could spend a happy day or two with a powerful torch and a forklift.

I caught the end of the VMCC sprint taking place on the main runway - by 'eck, that took me back! - & saw a 1929 500 Douglas blat away a standing quarter in 13.45 with a terminal velocity through the trap of 92 MPH.

You can see the 130+ pictures I took at :-

<http://good-times.webshots.com/photo/2750921060036810695WhsOyZ>

## Moving the Metal

### For sale

**Amanco 3hp.** Restored & ready to exhibit. £500.

Phone R. Savage, 0117 962 2028

**Amanco 2.25hp.** £650 ONO. Restored using many new items & mounted on 4-wheeled trolley. Was exhibited at Mells 2006. Getting too much for me now.

**WANTED - Flywheel magneto** for 1.5hp Ruston PB. Must be complete & with brass starting dog.

All above - phone Richard Gill - 01934 517322

**Allan scythe/mower.** Circa 1950. Spare engine.

**Generator,** needs attention. £30.00.

All above - Parsons, 01761 452565

**Chaff cutter.** Good condition - £20.

**Grindstone,** foot operated £25.

All above, phone Dennis Hudd 01225 754749

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

**Briggs & Stratton ZYP** generating set, restored. £150.

**Ruston Hornsby PT** on trolley, restored. £150.

**Wolseley WD** 1.5hp on trolley, restored. £170.

**Bamford EG1** 1.5hp on trolley, restored. £180.

**Lister D & Lister H1** pump on wheels, restored. £180.

All above - phone Mr P. Newton. 01373 812461

**JAP 2A** driving a small compressor. On a steel carrying frame, Unusual first exhibit. £95.

WW2 **Lauson engine** driving a small compressor. On a steel frame. Even more unusual first exhibit. £95.

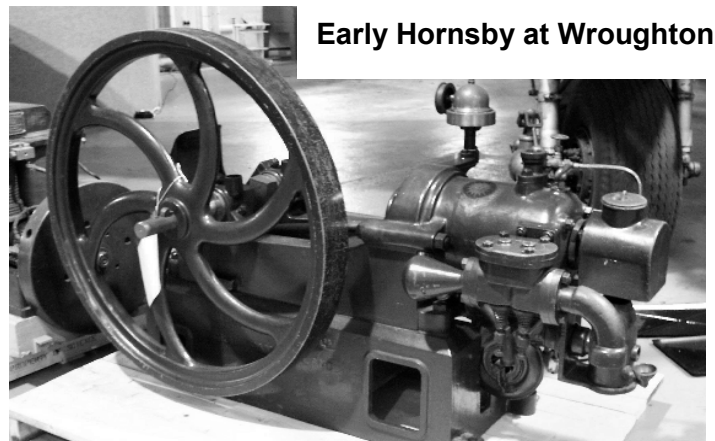
*Both restored & painted to a high standard.*

**Petter A1** on four-wheeled trolley. Still in its Admiralty grey paint. Frugal first time starter. £95.

**Petter PU8,** rare WW2 marine engine on wheeled carrying frame. Not run for a couple of years £95.

**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



Early Hornsby at Wroughton

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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