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From the Sump

Yesterday, I taxed my car on my mobile phone, the DVLA having records of all our insurances & MOT certification. Took me five minutes, the disk arriving this morning, 1st Class post.

Today I re-insured my bikes & was pleased with the eBike quote of £120 odd for a K1100 BMW & a Honda XBR500. I did it on the Internet & it took five minutes, the cover note arriving attached to an email, the hard copy to follow on Tuesday. The hours I've spent standing in post office queues on the 1st of the month!

Having just fallen foul of the Thames Valley Constabulary's Man with a Van, I thought I'd check the position with Points at the DVLA in Swansea. You may be aware that points on your driving license stay on it for four years. What you may not know is that as far as a Court of Law is concerned, they only **apply** for THREE years.

I do feel the Internet is a marketing tool without parallel & we (as in 'the hobby') ought to be paying more attention to it. Many of us Custodians of Rusty Iron are approaching their sell by date and it is in the nature of things that we become less able to deal with the heavy great things – I know I am! It has been said before now that this and the ever rising cost of fuel may be why we are seeing fewer large engines on the rally circuit these days.

I feel that the hobby is at a turning point & it feels very similar to the imminent collapse of the "ancient crafts" crisis in the early 70's. At that time no one had the least interest in becoming a thatcher, cooper, shoemaker, saddler, wheelright etc, etc & we were literally within a few years of a whole raft of old crafts dying with the last masters of their craft. The Heritage Movement - in which I became involved in 1980 - was just in time to capture the attention of handy young people with just an office job to look forward to & changed many, many lives - mine included!

I do feel we should be doing more to attract the attention of the younger element who can no longer fix their car or motorbike by the roadside on a Sunday afternoon & might be looking elsewhere for an oily pastime.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Lister A. 1932/34. Petrol/paraffin, tank cooled (new tank). Runner, as found, Class 2. No trolley. £175.

Lister D. Two near complete engines & many spares - £100 ono. **Amanco** mag bracket & gear £60 ono. **Magnetos**, Lucas RS1, a/c, gwo £40 each ono. EIC, gwo £80 ono.

For all above ring Eric on 01225 754374

Trailer, ready to tow away, 4ft by 6ft 6ins, painted steel body, drop tailgate, electrics, jockey wheel, corner steadies, good tyres and spare, engine ramps stowed underneath, winch. Also detachable plywood top to allow you to rally out of the rain, sleeps two if you are good friends. £65 ono. Email pics available. jeremy.adams150@btinternet.com. Phone [Jeremy Adams 01823 443000](tel:01823443000)

Hymatic engine & compressor. Unusual & interesting little unit that can be carried in one (strong!) hand. Unrestored & complete, but some parts removed (all available) prior to restoration. Email me for photo and original 50 year old advert. £180 OVNO.

Bernard Marchal engine – one of the motorcycle looking lumps. In good, as found condition. Starts & runs easily, lightweight & easily moved about. On makeshift runners. Email me for photo £180 OVNO.

Douglas flat twin engine. 1930's. Believed ex Autotruck. Fair sized lump – 750cc ish – as found with carb but no mag or starter drive. Turns over OK. Email me for photo. £115 ONO

Iron Horse 12V 300W generator. Not license built but a genuine Johnson Corporation manufacture. Electric start & runs smoothly. Restored in the correct satin black finish. Email me for photo. £70 OVNO

"Old Glory". Stack a foot high 80's & 90's – tenner. **WANTED "Stationary Engine"** Magazine. Now only need 16, 17, 18, 24-34, 36. Have early copies to swap! All above, phone [Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818](tel:01179646818)

This column really works! Let's have your engine and similar stuff that you have for sale up here for a month before putting it in SEM - you might see it at rallies if sold locally!

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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