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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's monthly newsletter

From the Sump

One occasionally sees unusual and large engines at events. The three cylinder Vickers-Petter that turns up from time to time, the massive blue Gardner 13HF & the Ruston VC4 four cylinder. All permanently lorry mounted and they must cost a fortune to drag about the place. There are others: the Maybach Tiger tank engine that I saw in a couple of locations last year – although I understand that it may have been wrongly identified and is in fact a 46.3 litre V12 diesel type SS Isotta Fraschini – an Italian tank engine. Peter Grieve has at least one trailer mounted Merlin engine that is fully operational – and a very impressive beast it is too. His mate has an Alvis Leonides radial in similar condition. We all like to see these things but in my experience you only discover they are present at an event when you've got there! This newsletter reaches a lot of odd corners of the hobby and I thought it would be worthwhile mentioning that if more of a noise was made about where one might expect to see these real labours of love, more people would go and see them. I'm sure I would.

Our visit to the Avon Valley Railway is on 31st May, a Saturday. We still have a few places left so if you would like to come along and bring a small to medium sized engine, please let me know.

Last year, our crank up in early June fell on the sixth – D-Day of course. I mentioned this & quite a few people turned up with military stuff & if you have a military generator, pump etc that you'd like to bring along, (Wednesday 4th this year), so much the better BUT please don't let this stop you bringing an engine that isn't so related!

Our annual rally is at Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford on 14/15th June. Application forms went out last month, so don't forget to get yours in the post to Arthur Smith with an SAE for your Rally Pass. We are expecting a good turn out for this once a year event, so do come along if you can.

The other day I came across a man with a trailer with a puncture. I know it did, I followed him for a couple of miles along the M4 at between fifty & sixty! It took a lot of horn blowing & light flashing to get his attention by which time the tyre was – erm – broken. Use your mirror

Moving the Metal

For sale

Lister D, shaft drive mag, running order. £75.

Lister A, 1925 single flywheel type, caged valves, original Lister water tank & 3 way tap. Trolley a bit rough but all wheels & ironwork present. Ready to rally! £340. Both, phone Eric on 01225 754374

Trailer, 4'x3'x2'3" high. Wood sides, good condition & ready to tow away. Camp or engine - £75.

Phone Phil on 0117 9324345

Trailer, 5'x3'. Tailboard, ramp, winch etc. Professional trailer manufacturer & made especially for stationary engine. Two spare wheels. £125 OVNO. Phone Tony after 8pm on 01373 465189

ATCO Ride on Lawn Mower. Free to a good home.

Phone Ken on 01373 826265 (Near Frome)

Lister D, On wooden trolley with rubber wheels, complete, runs well, needs sprucing up: £80

Petter AS, 3HP, 1500RPM, no trolley, complete, overhauled, runs, painted green hammerite: £45

ONAN O5AJ-224PM. 28 volt 500 watt generator set in cradle. Matt green, meters, runs fine: £80

Compressor, small single cylinder, V belt drive, pressure gauge: £20

Iron wheels, qty 8 (one broken), with axles, for engine trolleys £20 (*All in Shepton Mallet area*)

All above, phone Richard on 01749 343876

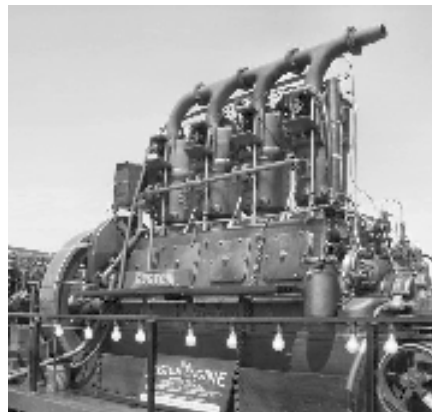
WANTED Oil filler/drainer for **Ruston PB 1.5hp**.

Phone Richard Gill 01934 517322

"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



The big
Ruston VC4
engine seen
at the Lister
Tyndale rally
in 2003

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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