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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's monthly

From the Sump

Over ninety members replied to our questionnaire & you will find a breakdown as an insert into this newsletter. This is an excellent response – and frankly, something of a surprise as this kind of mail shot rarely gets a reply rate of over 10%. Thank you all for taking the time to reply & for the many who had more to say and wrote on the back of the form. In particular, these were very illuminating. It is pretty obvious that most of you want an annual event. 87.9% of the respondents were in favour of an annual club do & by far the greater percentage wanted a rally. The further comments indicated the sort of things you wanted to see from craft stalls to an auction, steamers to a barbeque. The October committee meeting discussed the results at great length & we are now looking into possible venues, infra-structure & likely costs. It may be that we cannot afford everything we were asked for, but I assure you that every avenue will be explored. More news next month, but jwe'll be expecting your active support & are looking for volunteers to share the work load. Eric Gay is the man to speak to as he was appointed by the committee to investigate costs.

Internal Fire Museum Autumn Crank up photos can be seen on the Internet here.

<http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/campingstoveman/InternalFireEndOfSeasonCrankUp#>

The WSEC Third Party Liability insurance has been examined this year & the committee has been looking carefully at various options in order to give you the best value for money deal for 2009 & beyond. A decision was made this month that will give better cover for a lower annual premium and give our members greater latitude in the kind of driven machinery they can exhibit. Full details will be set out in due course, but you can rest assured you'll be getting more for less.

Along with many others, I went to the new "Sodbury Sortout" at Newbury on October 5th. I say new because it's under new management. Anyway,

Moving the Metal

For sale

Triumph Dolomite (r.w.drive) 1977 Red 4 door saloon. Garaged and family owned since new & only done 12.000 miles. £1.500.

Telephone Robin on 01373/463526

Lister A type, 1925 single flywheel, angled exhaust caged valves, Rally condition with original maker's cooling tank & three way tap etc. Trolley needs much attention. £340 ono.

Wico A series magneto. V good condition with impulse unit. £35

Vauxhall Vectra. 120K, top of the range, excellent order. Sold with new MOT at time of sale. £890 ono

All above, phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374

BSA Winged Wheel, Circa 1052. Fitted to ladies dropped tube frame. Barn fresh, 90% complete, magneto reworked. Needs TLC – offers invited.

Phone Peter Stacey on 01373 47328

WANTED - Starting Handle for Bamford 9hp crank 2 5/8" Please ring Ron on 01749 870756

WANTED Triumph twin WW2 genny or parts.

"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

I understand that the reason the last organiser stopped doing it was because of traffic stacking on the M4, effectively closing the eastbound A34 Chieveley junction for the best part of an hour. The Thames Valley Police were less than enthusiastic that this should happen again! This time, parking was free so there was no traffic bottleneck & you had to pay on the gate. Took ten minutes to get in.

At a fiver I thought it was expensive. Vintage equipment & tool stalls were thoroughly mixed up with Land Rover stuff and it was noticeably less well supported than in previous years. I was in and out in an hour, including transporting to the car the Bernard W810 that I'd found & scrounging a heave off a passer by!

Welcome to new members Mr M Brown and Keiron Junior from Radstock, Somerset.

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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