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From the Sump

I have been looking into waterslide transfers recently & as we all need this kind of thing from time to time, I thought I'd report what I found. I'm aware that many readers will not have access to a computer or, if they have, may not necessarily have the software to produce a transfer. However, I'm taking the view that if I put the information down here, no one will be very far from a friend or family member to whom the following WILL make sense!

It quickly transpired that an acquaintance had a good deal of experience as he'd been making transfers for many of his local club's engines for years. He has around a hundred on his computer.

He advises that if you want to make your own, the artwork is best done by scanning the image directly into the computer rather than with a camera. The latter does not give such well-defined edges to colours and it is more difficult to align the image properly. He uses Photoshop, but any good photo imaging software should be OK.

Process the image through the computer until you are happy with colour and density of image. Put multiple images on the one sheet as you are bound to muck it up to start with!

If you are using an inkjet printer, allow the sheet to dry after it comes off the printer. Printer ink is water-based, so give it at least three coats of acrylic lacquer that you can obtain from any car accessory shop.

A colour laser printer will theoretically require no topcoat of lacquer, but I'd be inclined to use it anyway to make the transfer more durable.

You will need a special paper to print on. The best decal paper is Lazertran that can be obtained from various sources but my friend gets his from Fred Aldous Ltd, 37, Lever Street, Manchester. M1 1LW. The price is very reasonable being around £15.00 (I think) for ten A4 sheets.

The transfers are not as strong colour wise as proper waterslide transfers since they use ink rather than proper waterslides which are screen printed using paint.

If you want proper waterslide transfers the man to go to is George Herbert, Ashley Farmhouse, Thorverton, Exeter Devon EX5 5LD. Phone 01392 860414. He supplies them for all the motor bike lads & his prices are very reasonable - and if you do the artwork for him then cheaper still. He is quite happy to talk on the telephone.

I hope this is of some help to our readers in search of this very limited service but so necessary to complete that top class restoration.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Petter 8hp. 1919, M type. Class One prize winner, totally rebuilt reluctant sale. Best offer near £1.200.

Vauxhall Vectra. 120K, top of the range, excellent order. New MOT. REDUCED PRICE MUST GO! £500 ono
Phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374

Wanted. Braked trailer (750 kilo) to carry a 4hp Amanco. WHY?? Phone Richard on 01722 501017

Wanted. Starting handle for Bamford 9hp. Crank 2 5/8". Phone Ron on 01749 870756

Wanted. ABC engine. Particularly 1915 250cc Firefly but anything considered. Good price paid for the right engine!

Wanted. Triumph twin WW2 genny or parts.

"Vapourising" small stack of old 'uns - £1 each.

Wanted. "Stationary Engine" Magazine. Now only need number 27! Surely there is a spare one out there somewhere? All above, Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

The 25th 1000 Engine Rally

26th, 27th and 28th of June at
Astle Park, Chelford, Cheshire. SK11 9AD

The organisers hope this year to get as close to the magical 1,000 engines as possible, if not exceed it. There will be more room for extra engines, but not be at the expense of the other exhibitors. There will still be a huge turn out of tractors, cars, bikes, miniature steam, commercials, military, Land Rovers as well as the crafts, traders & Friday auction.

On Sunday, they are aiming to set a world record for the largest gathering of stationary engines running in one place. They are hoping to get this record verified by The Guinness Book Of Records with local & national TV, radio & press alerted to the attempt.

As we go to press, there is still room available & an entry form can be download from

www.1000engines.co.uk

With the 1000 Engine Rally on the weekend after our own Gathering at Semington, you won't even need to unpack the engine!

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 should be preferably typed or word-processed or even handwritten, (**if brief**), - 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 Deathless Prose and asks all to note that opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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