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From the Sump

I like this time of year when the days are lengthening & spring cannot far away. I'm particularly pleased with myself this week as I've found another ABC engine that will supply all the parts I need to complete a mid 1930's Mk I engine & this I hope to be hauling around with me later this year. As they were intended for use as auxiliary power units in aircraft (the Mk I's were standard in many flying boats on the Imperial routes), they are complicated, light in weight and very well made. They will exceed comparison with any modern piston engine in terms of quality and design for purpose and I do not care to imagine what they cost to buy when new!

To make my life complete, a little Vincent 75 industrial engine appeared out of the blue last weekend, a swap for something I didn't value especially. It is complete & ready to run & I even have a contemporaneous dynamo for it to drive.

What engines do YOU like? What attracts you to a particular form of engine, whether it be a cheap-and-cheerful American hit n' miss or a run-for-ever Ruston Hornsby IP & AP series. Is it your experience in employment that has sparked this interest or – like me and Brian Baker – a long exposure to motorcycles?

Or perhaps it is the exhaust note, the curious pebbly-bop of the two stroke or the crack and rustle of a well-tuned four stroke. Tell me and I'll print it.

Engines required !

April 2nd-4th (Easter) **Virginia Ash public house Henstridge**. Stationary engines are invited to attend a three day event and **proceeds are for the Afghanistan Hero's**. Overnight camping if required.

Contact club member Terry Williams on 07845137796

April 24/25th. **Westbury Transport Gathering**. It's on the B3098 the Bratton Road out of Westbury. Can't miss it, it's in the shadow of the White Horse. Organiser, Keith Miller.

Just turn up!

May 8/9th The **Breamore Couttryside Museum**.

June 13th. **Lackham College** Nr Chippenham

Both above - Contact Eric Gay 01225 754374.

June 12th Sat **Collett Park**, Shepton Mallet.

June 19th Sat **Southwick Scout** rally.

Both above - Contact Tony Davis 01373 464982.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Fairbanks Morse 2" rotary pump, flatbelt drive. good unrestored condition,. Rotates freely. No Trolley £200 No offers. (*Ashcott*.) [Phone 01458 210929](tel:01458210929)

"Ferm" wood turning lathe, type FHB940. On tradesman built timber stand. 5 turning speeds, 36" between centres. As new, buyer collects. £130.

Turning tools. 11 assorted+large & small callipers £50
Douglas 540cc 1949/50 engine on steerable trolley. Not run for 3 years & dry stored. Buyer collects. £130.

All above, phone [Tony Davis 01373 464982](tel:01373464982)

BSA A7 Shooting Star. Near concours, many spares.

Bentall Pioneer. 1919, hardwood trolley. All correct, impulse Magneto. Needs painting. £1,200

Petter 8hp. 1919, M type. Class One prize winner, totally rebuilt, reluctant sale. Best offer near £1.100.

[Phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374](tel:01225754374)

Bamford EG3, 1946. Good runner. **Saw bench** for logging, fast & loose pulleys, good condition. **Petter A1**, rough. **Lister DK**, non-runner. **Lister D** x 2 (1936?). One runs. (*Bindon Abbey, Dorset*)

All above, phone [Frank on 01929 406212](tel:01929406212)

Lister D. 18DH. Sold to Lewis & Son, Kettering on 9/9/37. Well presented on a four wheel oak trolley.

[Phone Phil on 01933 386800](tel:01933386800) NEW NUMBER

Lister D 1942. On nice two wheeled trolley. Runs well, very tidy. Plus near complete spare engine. £85. [Phone Robin Gardener on 01373 465797](tel:01373465797) (*Wilts*)

JAP Model 55. The unusual vertical twin! & apparently unused. Easy starter. Very sexy finned manifold. Apparently in good order. Might swap for something small & interesting. £140.00.

[Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818](tel:01179646818)

Stationary Engine Magazines. July '95 (257) to Dec '06 (393) in six official binders. £50.

"On Four Wheels". Complete in 11 official binders.

"On Two Wheels", 8 binders. All in good order. **REDUCED!** £30 a set. [Phone P. Riley 0117 932 4345](tel:01179324345)

WANTED

Open crank Hit and Miss engine. What have you?

Keith Shephard: [Phone 07803 210021](tel:07803210021) or email

keith@modeng.co.uk.

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

Triumph twin WW2 genny or parts.

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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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