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From the Sump

Saturday 17th, I went to the Air display at RAF Fairford. Now there's a big show for you – reports on the telly said there were 80,000 people there. We started out at 6.00am and were on site before 8. Even so, the traffic queue started at the bottom of the ramp at junction off the A34 & continued for 12 miles until we got out in the car park. We were not keen to rush home, but one way traffic on 'B' roads made it relatively easy once you were out of the site. Nose to tail both ways, but at least it moved!

The show was spectacular with all sorts of amazing displays of raw power by military jet aircraft doing unlikely things. The Red Arrows were great & I thought better than the French team but not by much. As it is the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, there were a plethora of WW2 combat aircraft, Spitfires, Hurricanes, two Messerschmitt bf109s – some 14 aircraft altogether. Very nice to see and hear but all they did was fly along the runway. It was a delayed Father's Day treat from my daughter & although it involved a LOT of walking, I thoroughly enjoyed myself. One thing, if you go in another year, TAKE A CHAIR!

Our own rally was rather lower key, but very enjoyable for all that. I was surprised to see so many already on site when I arrived mid afternoon Friday and I quickly "marked my spot" with a box and tarpaulin so I'd have somewhere to run my engine the next day. Fairground rides, miniature cars and a bouncy castle made it fun for the kids. The traders had a long double row to themselves and are likely to be back with their friends in tow next year as they all seemed to do a good trade. The beer tent & catering did a good trade and entertainment was provided on Saturday evening. A row of tractors, aged commercials, motorcycles and gleaming cars made a great addition to the day out and the horticultural machinery and craft displays really made a rounded whole to the weekend.

But it was the 103 and 106 engines present on Saturday & Sunday that made it for me, especially as I wasn't able to attend the Astle Park 1000 Engine rally the weekend after. Eric has things to say within, but I thought it was very much the annual rally that the members had asked for, supported and attended. Well done us! ;o))

Moving the Metal

For sale

Wood-effect glass lined barrels about a foot high. Just the thing for a small cooling tank. £15 each
Phone [Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818](mailto:Kim.Siddorn@blueyonder.co.uk)

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](mailto:Eric.Gay@blueyonder.co.uk)

Lister D. 18DH. Sold to Lewis & Son, Kettering on 9/9/37. On a four wheel oak trolley. £90 ONO
Phone [Phil on 01933 386800](mailto:Phil@blueyonder.co.uk)

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. £130.00.

Both above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

Lister CS spares or complete engine – anything considered. Phone [John Ivens 01934 742144](mailto:John.Ivens@blueyonder.co.uk)

Lister L type. Fuel & oil pipes to & from the pump & crankcase vent, (the square holed one).
Phone [Graham on 07843 583855](mailto:Graham@blueyonder.co.uk)

Set of four 6" or 8" iron wheels
Phone [Richard Gill on 01934 517322](mailto:Richard.Gill@blueyonder.co.uk)

ABC engine. Particularly 1915 250cc Firefly but anything considered. Good price paid for right engine!
All above, [Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818](mailto:Kim.Siddorn@blueyonder.co.uk)

Bristol & SG SEC Rally, 4th July

By Kim Siddorn

I attended the Bristol club rally as I try to every year. The weather was kind and there were around seventy engines on display. There was a miniature steam engine giving rides to kids of all ages. There were several traders and I bought a few odds and sods including a Villiers Mk3 "Midget" mounted on a display stand. I'm very pleased with it as it starts and runs very easily. I exhibited my favourite, the Stuart Turner flat twin and also a floodlight powered from a Tiny Tim gen set. There was a steady trickle of passers by to talk to & several Wessex friends to chat to - another enjoyable day out.

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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