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From the Sump

As you will see, this is a six pager this month. This is because we are falling behind with rally reports and other articles I've been given for publication. Particular thanks this month to Carol and Mary who fold the 200 plus newsletters and stuff the envelopes. An extra page means more work for them!

About ten years ago I had a break in. Some little tyke kicked in a wooden panel in the rotten old garage door and ran off with a load of spanners and similar stuff. As they were all on a white board on the wall and I had photos of them complete with spanners etc, it was not difficult to persuade the insurers that they were genuinely stolen. Since then, I have regularly taken up to date photos of tools both hand and power set out on that days newspaper on the kitchen table. It only takes a few minutes and hopefully they will never be needed, but they are a great comfort when they are!

Similarly, an hour spent photographing your engines as they are in store (context is useful as the assessor can see the engine against a background that is recognisable) is a good idea with clear close ups of engine and serial numbers. Imagine that you are the assessor and see if you can think of ways to make his life easier!

Anyway, this isn't what I set out to talk about! When the garage was equipped with its new high security steel faced doors, I changed the access into the back lane and had half of it bricked (well, blocked) up, intending to put shelves up. Last Thursday I finally completed the shelves and transferred some of the clutter from the bench – only took me ten years Now, as you must all be aware, I'm always on the look out for new "human interest" stuff for the newsletter and here's a new one. What was – or is – your longest project? For openers, I bought a 1931 Velocette Mkl KSS in 1961. I still have it and it still needs restoring!

The perennial discussion about "entry ticket engines" is going the rounds again – a sterile argument if ever there was one! Difficult issue this, one that requires a good deal of judgement, diplomacy and nerve. If any club was serious about policing this type of entry, it would have to start with the entry form where it specified what was expected of an exhibit. Would those club officials who are brave enough to say "Sorry, we have 10 Lister D's booked in already" or "The Suffolk Punch line up is complete now" please stand up.

Quite so, me too, it does rather go against the grain of our friendly "all welcome" ethos. Aside from anything else, it would require an active (not passive) decision, attention to what is being offered as an exhibit & – oh joy – checking on the gate that the actual exhibit that has turned up is the one that was promised. Any volunteers to do that?

Once ensconced in their tribal hideage, the erstwhile exhibitor is going to take some shifting. Any volunteers to do that too?

I'll not labour your brow, but I'm sure we can all see both the point and where it reluctantly leaves us.

Where we started, really

Moving the Metal

For sale

International "Famous" 1hp Circa 1911. LT, hit & Miss. £1,100 ONO.

International "Famous" 1hp Circa 1911. Converted to HT, hit & Miss. £650.

Stover KA, 2hp, Wico EK Mag. Missing 1 mag trip & crank guard – Good project. £300.

Lister D. As found, turns over. £50

Stuart Turner P3H 3hp. Marine engine, complete, turns over. £100.

Bamford rapid grinding mill, good condition. £75.

All the above Phil Marshall 01761 471461

Petter Junior "Safety" engine, 1924. Fully restored, 1st class on hardwood trolley. £650 ONO or may PX for small steam boiler & engine etc. WHY? Cash either way.

RS1 Magneto £60. ML CK type1 magneto – good spark £60. I have other mags – give me a ring.

All the above - Eric Gay 01225 754374

International, M type, LT, 3HP, 1920, £450. Tel John: 01225 340432 or email wjohnfire@virginmedia.com.

Slate switching board by Nevill, 38" by 28". 6" brass cased instruments. In totally unmolested and unrestored condition. Photos available by e-mail. £450 ONO.

WW2 Lauson engine driving small compressor. Unusual little unit with underslung petrol tank and diaphragm pump. Restored. On steel frame ready to rally.

Both above. phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

8" or 10" iron wheels – can you help? Eric Gay 01225 754374

Four to five inch **flat belt pulley**. Petter A1 starting handle.

Phone R. Champion 01275 892944

Vincent industrial engine powered compressor.

Pultra lathe or parts. 1510 Or 1710 considered.

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

Stuart Turner flat twin generator complete. Alternatively, I just need the (apparently!) special **Electro-Dynamic Corporation** dynamo. PLEASE look under your bench for one!

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PLEASE NOTE

- In future I'll run ads for TWO months. If you want to run it again, you'll have to phone me.
- I'm prepared to print a SMALL photo of your engine etc in this column IF I have space.
- The picture must be clear and contrasty .
- If you have given me an ad for publication and it didn't appear. Phone me – don't just leave it!

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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