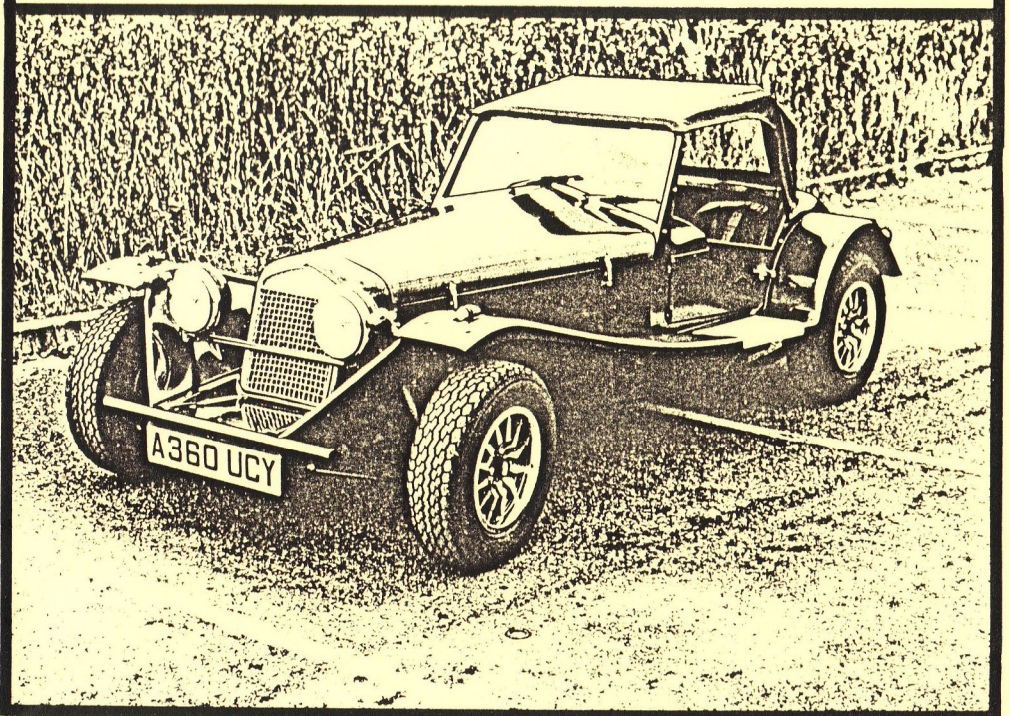
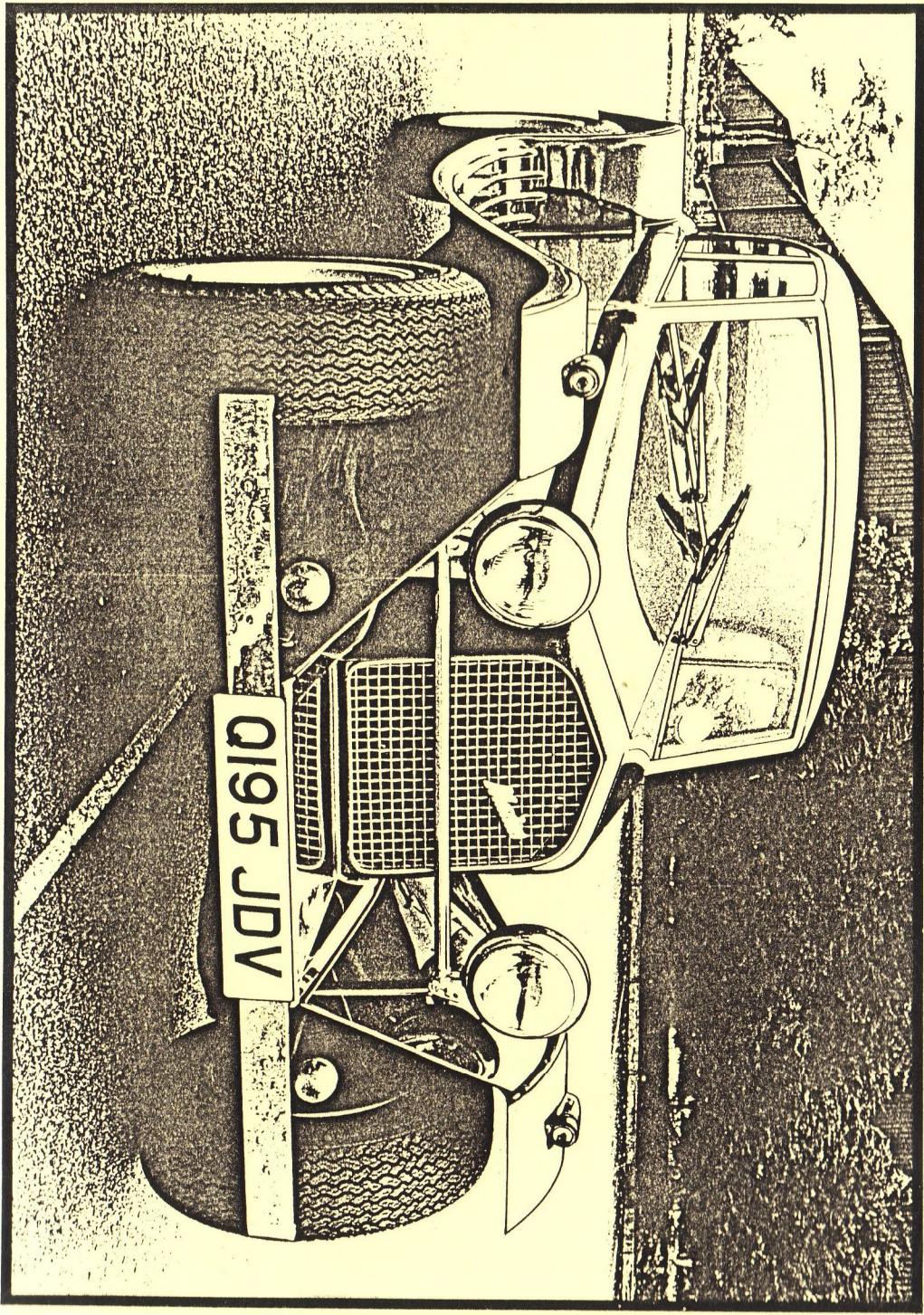


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Triumph: Andrew Priest - to be notified.
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DIARY DATES

May	17	Cheshire Kit Car Show, Capesthorpe Hall, Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire.
May	17	Colchester Classic Vehicle Show
May	30-31	Cheshire Autojumble at Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire.
May	30-31	Sth Wales Kit Car Bash, Bank Farm, Horton, Gower.
June	20-21	Newark
June	27-28	<u>Annual General Meeting and Marlin Owners Club Annual Event, Meriden.</u>
June	27	Kit Cars & Specials Action Day, Mallory Park.
June	28	Bromley Pageant of Motoring.
July	12	Classic Car Open Day, Cricket St.Thomas Wildlife Park, Chard, Somerset.
July	25	Kit Cars & Specials Day, Ingliston.
August	8-9	National Component Car Show, Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey.
August	16	Fleetwood.
August	16	St.John Ambulance Vintage Vehicle Rally, Gt.Yarmouth.
August	29	Harewood Steam Fair (Yorks.K.C.C.)
September	19	Kit Cars & Specials Day, Castlecombe.
September	19-20	South West Motor Show, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
October	4-9	Club Trip to France, 1987. Portsmouth to Caen, then based at Le Mans, with tours of the Loire area. Contact Jim Jackson 0532 524 721

MADAM CHAIRMANS PAGE

Sorry about the short notice on the house move, but just 4 weeks after the For Sale sign went up, Andrew and I are officially homeless and camping out in Mum's dining room!

We hope to move in sometime between Newark and Meriden but still hope to make both shows. If we miss Meriden there is no food and no trophies, so fingers crossed all round please.

We still made Stoneleigh and were delighted to see so many new faces and old.

The Club had a tremendous weekend and a full report is later in this newsletter. Thanks to Val and Doreen for manning the 'table' whilst I was on other Club business. I believe camping was a lot quieter than last year but the Rank Village took the brunt of the noise. Is anywhere going to be quiet in 1988?

Great to see everyone and hope that all and more will join us at Meriden.

Margaret.

EVENTS AND LOCAL MEETS

Forthcoming Events:

Harewood Steam Fair 29 August

Yorkshire Kit Car Club have invited other clubs to join them at Harewood with free entry to Kit Cars provided they have obtained a windscreen pass IN ADVANCE. Contact Bryan Stanton on York 58212 or send s.a.e. to 32 Rosslyn St., Clifton, York YO3 6LG, with details of your car and registration number. Numbers must be with Bryan by 28-29 June.

South Wales Kit Car Bash, Horton 30/31 May

Games for drivers, partners and children - treasure hunt - beach competitions - etc. etc. Camping/caravan site overlooking the sea. Cost £4 per unit per night. Interested? Then contact Trevor Lewis on 0443 225676.

National Component Car Show, Sandown Park 8-9 August

Quite a large event this one. We won best club stand last year!?! I've written for confirmation of prices, but at the moment Club Members get half price entry if they show their membership card, also half price camping. FREE entry for Kit Car drivers, one passenger gets half price ticket.

Fleetwood 16 August

This event will follow the usual format but this time will include a sandcastle competition and, if we can persuade the Jagos to let us join them, a 'burn-up' on a local beach. We are hoping to include a couple of trade stands with a view to making this an even bigger and better event than usual.

Events Past:

Sports & Kit Car Show, Belle Vue, Manchester

Well we attended without our baby-blue Marlin as this was not a large enough venue to exhibit your own kit car. It was sadly the last show at Belle Vue - we understand that future events may be held at the new G-Mex Centre in Manchester. The show was still quite popular but rather less supported by manufacturers than usual - perhaps the enthusiasm had waned knowing it to be the last Show. There was plenty of room to browse the stands but I think the lack of 'general' kit cars detracts from any show; maybe other Shows which include all kits have the right idea!

Val

Stoneleigh

As last year, the weather did us proud with temperatures soaring into the 70s on Saturday morning and staying there until Sunday night and probably later. One or two of our stalwart members were seen camped out on Friday night and by 11.00 on Saturday numbers were already into the 20s. The day was to see 42 Marlins with an impressive display of Berlinettas. Terry Dutton and Steve Robinson gave us a good start, as a Club, on the standing quarter with the combined times eventually giving us 3rd place overall. Unfortunately Peter House, our renowned driving skills expert, was a 'no show' and with it all hopes of any trophy. Still two members did have a go and thanks go to Terry and Steve (again). Our Tug of War team fought nylon rope, slippery grass and the Spartans, to end a veritable 3rd out of 7 in the competition.

Sunday saw 37 Marlins and a Concours team of 2 Berlinettas, Chris Rushworth and Don Collins, and one Roadster, Peter Hare, Nigel Ellis also participated. Then, the best surprise of the weekend, Chris was awarded 3rd in the Open Concours!! The Club gained 17 members with 3 more enquiries. So thanks to Chris (who also won the Marlin Trophy), Don, Peter, Terry and Steve and the Tug of War team (Tim Teece, Phil Steele, Geoff Knight, Terry Dutton, Ben Caswell and a nice bloke dark haired, all in white, whose name I have forgotten).

Margaret

MARLIN OWNERS CLUB ANNUAL EVENT AND A.G.M.

The Queens Head, MERIDEN 27 - 28 June

A weekend not to miss. The weather is ordered as is the food. All it needs is you lot to get behind the steering wheel and point the Marlin in the right direction.

We have booked 3 doubles and a single room at Church Farm, same place as last year, for those interested. First come, first served - contact Val for your reservation.

The rest can either camp or just simply come for the day - BUT DO COME!

The weekend starts with the 2nd A.G.M. at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday in the camping field. 6.30 p.m. sees the barbeque lighting up (I promise to be able to feed at least one hundred of you this year!!).

Sunday sees judging and prizes at 2.30 prompt to ensure everyone (including me) can get away for 4.00 p.m.

Lunch will also be available at 12.30 on Sunday.

Cost?

Bar-B-Q consisting of: Pork chop, beefburger, 2 sausage, various salad bits and pud.

Lunch will be: Choice of pie, salad, bread and pud.

All in for £4.50 per head.

Just Bar-B-Q £3.00 per head.

Lunch £1.50 per head.

There will be no charge for camping, the Club will bear this and all overheads and additional costs.

Margaret

SALE BOARD

Mk.II Marlin, FWK 312L, L.W.B. Scholar tuned 1.8 engine Alfa Red, rigid side screens, folding hood, many extras, immaculate throughout. £2900 ono
Contact: Ian Love, Shottisham 411728

Complete Roadster Triumph 1147 cc based. Two tone grey. White 8-spoke wheels, s/s exhaust, immaculate condition. Registered, taxed, MOT'd £2400 ono
Contact: Mark on 0276 22267 (Surrey).

Marlin Logo for sticking to wheel covers/bodywork/dashboard etc. e.g. 2"x6" Marlin Logo on sticky back 10 year Vinyl in Silver £1.25 each.
Neil Cross, 155 Woodplumpton Rd., Fullwood, Preston
Tel: 0772 729 497.

Marlin Roadster for sale. Triumph based rigid sided. X Reg. 2000 Vitesse engine. 12 months MOT. £1300 ono
Contact: Bradford (0274) 567533.

Marlin Owners Club Badges chrome on brass £11
Ron Woollacott, 37 The Hollows, Wilford, Nottingham
Tel: 0602 819454.

Misc. Dolomite Sprint/TR7 parts for sale. Head Gasket (new); 16 Valve head complete; 3 as new timing chain sprockets; new Duplex timing chain; 2 new tensioner & running plates; timing cover; sump; inlet manifold; front pulley; alternator, Spring Pipe Magnum HR285 camshaft (new); TR7 rear springs; TR7 master cyl; TR7/Spring Jackshaft; Mountney Leather Steering wheel. Offers invited. Contact: Pete 0472 882021 evenings

For Sale from the Club:

Leather key fobs with logo	£1.00
Gear knobs with logo	£2.25
Round centres with logo	50p
1" lapel badges with logo	60p
Peaked M.O.C. hats	£3.00
Leather belts	£6.00
Cloth M.O.C. badges	£1.75 or 3 for £5.00
Back issue of magazine	25p
Extra Windscreen stickers	75p.
Coasters @ 50p each or 6 for	£2.50

Contact: Val Hoyle Tel: 061 485 7444

LOCAL MEETINGS

1st Sunday (lunchtime)

Whitegates Inn, Broadway, Chadderton,
Andrew Priest 0625 33191

The Goat Inn, Hertford Heath,
Charles Lancaster 0256 29830

Hoskin Arms Hotel, Oxted.
Simon Smith 0883 712245
HELP! Could someone take over this area as Simon
has sold his Marlin?

Coach & Horses, Fieldhead, Marchfield
off Jn 22 M1 - A50 to Leics
Ken Dando 0530 39289

1st Monday (7.30 p.m.)

Rushpool Hall, Saltburn, Cleveland
Tony Redcar 480480

1st Tuesday (7.30 p.m.)

Crooked Billet, on A30 in Staines
Kevin Newton Deepcut 836545

The Running Pump, Catforth, Preston
Steve Purves Preston 715633

2nd Sunday (Lunchtime)

Kings Arms, Market Place, Melksham.
Nick Marsh, The Cottage, Prestleigh,
Shepton Mallet.

The Churchillian, Portsdown Hill,
Cosham A333 West of A3/A3M
Andrew 0705 469139

3rd Sunday (Lunchtime)

Buckles Inn, A64 nr.York
Bryan Stanton York 58212

Ye Olde Bridge Inn, Oxton, A6097 East
Dick Smith 0602 616930

Dorchester Arms, A30 between Hook and
Basingstoke
Kevin Newton Deepcut 836545

Last Tuesday (7.30 p.m.)

Old Barn Pub, Central Milton Keynes
Brian Davis 0908 661094

Last Monday (7.30 p.m.)

Northern Rugby Club, Gosforth.
Graeme McAnelly 066 574 210

Last Sunday (Lunchtime)

The Spread Eagle, off Junc.12 of M6,A5
to Telford.
Howard Dobson 0782 638405

TECH TIPS

Re Cooling:

Thanks for all the responses, both letters and phone calls. Here are some of the findings:

1. An expansion tank or bottle seems an essential asset as this stops you losing water.
2. Marlin Engineering say a firm in Devon can make up a 4 core rad using Vauxhall Chevette or Viva shell - claimed to cool up to 3500 cc!! at reasonable cost!! If you're interested their address is
Shadowfax Radiators,
Unit 13-14 Rydon Ind.Estate,
Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, Devon.
Tel: 0626 51015.
Or you can of course contact a specialist in your own area.
3. It is essential to make sure that the available air hitting the front of your car passes through the core and not around or over it.
4. My personal thoughts on the subject are that due to the shape and tightness in the engine compartment it is essential to ensure maximum air is passing around the engine. Side louvres do ease the problem but bonnet louvres could be considered.
5. Sorry, no comments yet on oil coolers. Not too many of you have them fitted it seems, and those who have need longer to assess them before giving opinions. When information is available I'll put it in a later mag.

Graham Hoyle

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

What a glorious start to the show season. Sunshine in abundance - doesn't it make you want to be out there in the Marlin taking in the air. All those of you who haven't completed their mods. over the winter period are wishing they had, and those of you who haven't done their mods. are considering a quick look while the weather's good!

As mentioned, we had some hard workers at Stoneleigh. The standard and turn out of cars was superb - a real credit to the Club. Sorry about the sore hands for those of you who were in the Tug of War, but it was worth it wasn't it! Little James Rushforth slept his way through the afternoon's celebrations, but I've a feeling his Dad was happy with the weekend.

Don't forget to keep in touch for the Local Chin Wags in your area and let's have some reports on turn-out etc. for the mag.

I hope you're all reading the Kit magazines - we're doing quite well at the moment with pieces in Which Kit, and articles and a full page on the French Trip in Kit Cars and Specials. All very interesting reading.

SEE YOU AT MERIDEN - OR ELSE!?!?

Val.

Papers for Meriden, Marlin Owners Club Annual Event

A G E N D A

1. Chairman's Report
including Membership.
2. Secretary's Report.
3. Treasurer's Report
- utilisation of funds (any ideas?)
4. Technical Reports.
5. Election of Officers for 1987.
6. Any Other Business.

MARLIN OWNERS CLUB REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

INCOME

Balance brought forward to 1986	463
Subscriptions	1850
Interest	123
Profits	<u>75</u>
	<u>£2511</u>

EXPENDITURE

Printing	355
Postage	337
Stationery	210
Trophies	28
Unsold items	385
Sundries	142
	<u>£1457</u>

Carried forward to 1987 £1054

Bernard Carpenter started it all. Peter came to me from Stoneleigh 1983, green with envy over something called a Marlin Roadster - a small open two-seater car - at his age! Later, drooling over the brochure, me, fairly non committal and hoping it would all go away, Peter decided it would be financial suicide. Nevertheless much later, after a trip to Plymouth when he had had a ride in the Alfa Romeo version, I gave in gracefully (well fairly!) and a cheque was despatched to Marlin Engineering.

Now began the search for a Marina, known to officianados as the donor. After quartering the potteries, the perfect rusty specimen turned up round the corner, literally, and eventually a disreputable white motor wilted in the drive. It was quickly disemboweled and put out of its misery by being sawn in half, leaving behind its greasy bits. These took up most of Peter's spare time for weeks, 'til - wonderful day - the kit was ready for collection. So we departed with modified boat trailer, to stay with our daughter in Somerset. On our second visit to Plymouth the kit, which much to my surprise looked like a car, was very efficiently loaded up and with some trepidation we set off in our VW Polo to tow the outfit all the way back to Cheshire.

The next few months remain a mystery to me as every, and I do mean every, evening and weekend Peter disappeared into the garage. Occasionally I was summoned to admire and photograph this or that unrecognisable object for posterity, and then one day to witness the engine being dropped (euphemism!) into the chassis. This seemed not to go too well, as husband and son struggled while I proceeded with my in depth photography. Eventually, very frustrated Peter and Chris abandoned the attempt and gloom descended. However, a call to Paul Moorhouse next day worked like magic and, problem solved, behold an engine on wheels. Incidentally, the only two mechanical bits I recognise!

Another long adjournment to the garage, interspersed with lengthy discussions about colour and trim. The only thing we agreed about was that it would not be red; at that time the colour of 50% of Marlins we had seen. After weeks of black, metallic blue, green and many other permutations, we ended up with - RED! But with a difference. Our masterstroke was to have a grey hood, easier to organise than we thought, with trim to match. Having found a small upholstery workshop in the potteries and chatted up the old boy in charge, Peter switched allegiance from garage to loft, with recommended materials. When my electric sewing machine refused to co-operate, our family heirloom, an ancient Singer hand machine, came into its own and gobbled up yards of grey vinyl with aplomb. A month later, two upholstered seats emerged triumphantly from the sweatshop and, when in position, the kit began to look like a car. The dashboard was the cause of some dark mutterings and lengthy perusing of a 70 year old text book on veneering and staining. Peter did somewhat reluctantly draw the line at "dissolving the beeswax in turpentine over a stove". Then the hood arrived, the perfect colour but with a vital piece missing, the only black mark earned by the Moorhouse elite; quickly remedied after a phone call.

Having just become used to seeing a complete car, I was dismayed to see it spread around garage and garden. Weeks of spraying and rubbing down produced a beautiful gleaming red finish and rather pink garage walls! Just a few more weeks work, then one day - HALLELUJAH! - a completed Marlin emerged ready to be taxed and MOT'd.

One delightfully sunny day the Marlin was launched with popping corks and rides round the block for friends and

neighbours. Rather to my surprise I have become quite fond of our new off-spring, although the sight of me climbing in, or worse out, of it is rather less than elegant. Among many trips, we have been to two M.O.C. meetings and to Stoneleigh where we have received a very warm welcome.

As for the marvellous Marlins at Stoneleigh, I wonder how many other usually sensible people were seduced by the sight of them into thinking "If they can do it so can I"??

Doreen Hare

Editorial Comment:

Modestly, Doreen hasn't mentioned that Peter took award after award during 1986, and the Best of Show at the Marlin Annual Meet at Meriden. Well done Peter!

The build up photos are on show at events and I'm sure Doreen will show you their scrap book of interesting goodies!

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