



Dear SP Owner,

7th Jan 2020 2019

The next meeting is Wednesday 6th February

Please note that the January meeting has been cancelled as Ann has been called for Jury service

The recent General Election threw up an interesting own goal, in that the Rebellion/Climate change activists glued themselves to the Lib Dems electric battle bus thus causing the Lib Dems to resort to more usual forms of transport those fitted with an internal 'gas guzzling' engine.

And speaking of own goals, that 'sweet little Swedish' girl Greta Thunberg described by Jeremy Clarkson as some sort of brat heavenly criticised the Germany railways for its overcrowded trains. She was pictured sitting amongst her bags on the carriage floor. The German response was rapid, pointing out she was given 'first class' travel across its network.

And more own goals scored this time by the BBC when putting a presenter on a flight to Sweden to meet climate activist Greta Thunberg "felt awkward", the editor of BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme has admitted.

The 16-year-old campaigner, who was a guest editor on a special edition of the show, avoids air travel because of its environmental impact.

The BBC sent presenter Mishal Husain on a return flight to Stockholm to interview her.

"We did discuss that among ourselves," programme editor Sarah Sands told the *Sunday Times*. "It felt awkward but we did not have the time for trains or boats."

The paper said the trip to Stockholm is estimated to have amounted to almost half a tonne of CO2 emissions per person. – that old saying springs to mind 'do as I say, not do as I do'!

I was watching Harry Callahan aka Clint Eastwood in the 1973/74 Film *Magnum Force* and 35 minutes from the end of the film Harry Callahan sweeps into his apartments' underground garage in his high powered Ford and parks next to an SP.

More on the SP in the following clip:-

<https://www.carandclassic.co.uk/magazine/daimler-sp250-cult-classic-not-best-seller/>

Whilst over in the 'states there is a 'Barn finder general' by the name of Tom Cotter who has one hell-of-a-job! Seeking out cache after cache of hidden classics – not a bad life? See: - https://youtu.be/X6t_dqQnR80 if you have time view the entire clip, if not start at 14.34 minutes in. This is a staggering collection in that it contained 3 SPs, 2 x 'B' spec and 1 'A' spec. all were unknown knows which take our total of extant SPs to 1684 we get ever closer to our own goal of 2000. We were helped in tracking down their identities by Nigel Matthews of Hagerty insurance sponsors of the 'Barn Finder' series, Gordon Hill out in the Carolinas and Dave Philpot from Wales all of whom brought these cars out into the open. Oh, by the way all are for sale.

The limited edition brochure, which features XHP 438, is available directly from JDHT: - <https://shop.jaguarheritage.com/collections/technical-publications/products/daimler-sp250-brochure-60th-anniversary-limited-edition-reprint> cost is £25 plus p&p.

Alan Mason has a couple of the SP250 calendars in both wall and desk versions left. Alan's contact details are soaring.ace@btinternet.com or 01277 200715. All monies support the SP250 section.

The publication pasSPort is the binding element for us all, we are able to link up with neighbours and make firm friendships. There is a downside to its publication, the cost year-on-year rises. We need more funding to help bring the 2020 edition into the open and onto your doorstep. There are close to 750 copies listing some 1000 SPs and the cost is knocking on the door of £3500 which makes each cost about £.50 including postage. If you can help by assisting its funding please send some monies to Glyn Overy or through the SP250 Owners' Club website donating section of pasSPort. Thank you

Hard on the heels of the successful litigation against JD Classics, there are rumors of nonpayment of monies by Coys Auction House. Although Coys have said there is a valid defense, it must have been embarrassing for one of their

auctioneers whilst on a rostrum to have been 'approach' by debt collectors at a Prestigious European Auction venue. No doubt we will see more in the press later.

Rolls-Royce have announced a surge in sales of some 25% powered mostly by the Gullinan their gas guzzling SUV! A somewhat remarkable achievement, given all other motor companies are reporting lacklustre sales. Just take the poor climate over at Aston Martin which also announced a SUV. Its share when listed were about £18, then slid to £3.71 before a billionaire enthusiasts bought a slice of the company at around £6 a share for his Christmas stocking. This wasn't enough as today its share price drop significantly by 16.50 % to 435p as its announced a profits warning.

And now for something completely different, you may recall this well engineered car at The NEC a few years' back. <https://www.classicwise.co.uk/cars/triumph-tr4-v8/> We understand its creator has passed away and the reason it's up for sale.

Just a reminder that The V&A Museum in London is running a motoring exhibition until **19 April**. https://www.vam.ac.uk/whatson?type=exhibition&gclid=Cj0KCQiAiZPvBRDZARIsAORkq7f9EQVkJQ-fMVCWqCjgf3ydsEeWzWnxtTJ6wmp12jvyO2xj5dUzqIRMaAi4WEALw_wcB

We have been invited by Stephen Best for a free day's activities on Drive it day the 26th April <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-peter-best-drive-it-day-2020-tickets-73952362507>

We are going over again to The SPA Classic **22nd to 25th May**, we will have an extended club display overlooking the start/finish straight and the historic Eau Rouge corner. Alan Mason is the linkman, details above.

For those in the Midlands, a different rally at SPA, this time being held adjacent to the Royal Pump Rooms in the Regency town of Leamington being on Sunday 28 June cost is £10 :- www.carsatthespa.co.uk.

And finally.....



What happens when old SP guys go to a nursing home....

Yours Sincerely

Laurence and Ann

Thought for the day:- A crank is a little thing that makes revolutions.