

Dear SP Owner,

20th August 2020

An August Newsletter - Just

The Pandemic continues to bit us hard, trips to the continent are somewhat restricted with a moving feast of various aspects of quarantine guidance. However, many have found ways to enjoy their vehicles in this most of restrictive times, holding garden parties, short rallies and the like – we persevere in this most trying of times.

Feeling frustrated, petrol heads, need to get out and exercise the SP? We have been invited to attend a showcase of racing cars at Titan Historic Racing on Sunday 6th September see details :-

<http://www.titanhistoricracing.co.uk/2020/07/25/titan-historic-open-day-sunday-6th-september/>

Details of what cars will be showcased see:- <http://www.titanhistoricracing.co.uk/our-team/the-cars/> Mitchell has promised they will get a number out and running to deafen the neighbourhood. When I spoke, he was just awaiting final clearance to run the event. There is plenty of space as he has a meadow in which to park. Therefore, keep an eye on the – **open- day-Sunday-6th –September** highlighted link above. Just turn up.

Whilst those frustrated owners on the same day up in the West Midlands will be able to visit the combined Gaydon Museums of British Motoring in the main building and the JDHT collection. The cost is £8 for both. Please contact Mark Kershaw for finer details as he will co-ordinate entries westmidsw@dloc.co.uk if you promise to go, Mark will obtain the tickets and you pay him on the day

Here is an excellent opportunity to see the ‘Alpha & Omega, the first and last SP’ that are in the JDHT collection. There was a comprehensive article in the July edition of *Classic & Sports Car* magazine If you were not able to secure a copy then read on:-

<https://www.classicandsportscar.com/features/daimler-dart-never-was-and-earliest-sp250>



The Oregon Trail is so much part of the fabric and backbone of American folk lore, which connected the eastern states to those of the west, along which many settlers travelled in search of a better and golden future. However, for us it ends towards its western extreme in a barn in Eugene*, Oregon. It was here that Charles Hibberd uncovered two languishing SPs instead of the prized agates and thundereggs he was searching. *Eugene is a hive of Rockhounds that search for the semi- precious stones that abound in the area - well is not an SP semi – precious !

With these two little gems, we are aware of 1703 known SPs out of approximately 2650.



The Oregon barn find twins, out of their long-term hibernation, now basking in the sunshine, make a triplet with another that Charles had up his sleeve. Should keep Charles busy in the coming months? Most pleased that these have been saved from a possible eternal destruction. I do hope their journey will not be as eventful as that of the early pioneers from Independence on the Missouri to the Californian gold fields.

Staying on the same side of the Atlantic RMSothebys sold an SP for \$62/- see <https://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/mo20/shift->

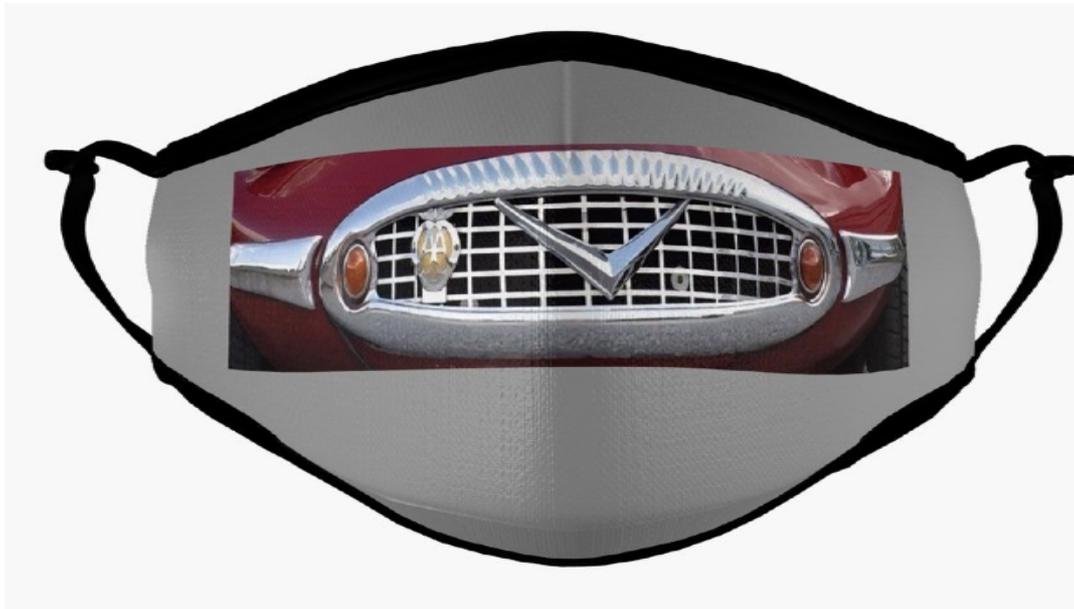
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RMSothebys have another coming up for sale next month. <https://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/af20/auburn-fall/lots/r0423-1961-daimler-sp250/975733>

Over here, we still see keen activity for the SP with a number of potential buyers.

It seems following last month's cautionary note on coils a number of owners have been buying the NGK model U 1601 this being suitable for not only the SP but the V8 saloon also.

And finally..... The latest must have face mask!



Your sincerely

Laurence & Ann

Thought for the day: No wonder he worships the grounds she walks on, her father owns the estate.