

## Report on the FHBVC Expo 24 January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 attended by Chairman Paul Senior

The event was held at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon in Warwickshire with 160 delegates attending from 73 clubs, some national clubs and others like the LHCC regional clubs. There was time for networking during the lunch break and at the end of the conference and time to attend the mini supplier trade show in the concourse/gallery. 'This was the largest Expo ever' the Chairman said, 'such is all the concern from member clubs with our hobby and its future'.

Prior to the conference starting I had a meeting with Peter James insurance on their stand, they will give us a bespoke insurance plan for all members based upon research on our members cars-details, mileage, location, owner age and numbers of members interested in joining a club plan.

Topics discussed are below, and these are my raw notes taken on the day: (*my comments are in italics*)

### **1. Ideas for building members' benefits** - Dave Youngs/Wayne Scott

Advertisers to sponsor club via newsletter adverts. Engage a strategic Partner such as an insurance company to get club discounts paid directly to clubs, Peter James insurance offers this. Get preferential rates from banks to save clubs money. Allow advertisers to place placards at car shows etc. and pay club fees for their attendance.

### **2. A new approach to archiving** Andrew Austin/Andy Bye

ReCollect (FHBVC) Archiving System (demonstration) for clubs accepting up to 30,000 documents for club archives cost £670 + Vat, £300 setup fee. It allows clubs to include historical pictures, Diagrams, 3D virtual models of vehicles from manufacturers' original drawings-*very clever but probably only useful to large singe marque clubs*

### **3. Motul - Lubricants for historic vehicles** Callum Goodland/Has Tahier

Engine oil analysis kit available takes 3-5 days for free analysis of your cars oil, if we join as a club to Club Motul we get 15% discount on classic oils etc for the member, and also the club gets 5% kickback + we get our Logo and a page on their website, which can help membership. They also have a portable Motul Lab that could come to the LMM on a Saturday-*I think that is a good idea*

### **4. Classic Car Loan project** Bob Wilkinson

Young drivers have had access to over 30 cars over the last 10 years, 20 are being loaned now with this program. This brings in young drivers ages 20-40 (of which 16 drivers have actually bought their own classic when they hand back the loaner), all under a partnership agreement with the FHBVC-*an interesting project for young people*

### **5. Solving the fuels challenge** Nigel Elliott

There is a UK fuel challenge-Not enough energy generation to power the government's target to be **80% of new cars and 70% of new vans sold in Great Britain to be zero emission by 2030, increasing to 100% by 2035**. This means of the 32m cars on the road 16m could be electric in 6 years requiring each car to be charged 5 hours per night at cheap rate with 10kw of electric to do an average of 30 miles per day. The current National Grid has only enough energy/day to run the country, but will need and extra 30 GW of electric/day to fulfil the UK demand for electric cars. The Government plan is **unworkable**. *They then showed real time graphs of the National Grid and since*

*March 2023 the UK is a net importer of electricity from 6 local countries via undersea cables. We are short of energy so we will still need fossil fuels to run our cars. The FBHVC believes oil and gas to be dominant in the UK till 2050. Wind & Solar always need a baseline generation as a backup from coal, oil, gas and nuclear. Nuclear normally generates 15% of our energy but many plants are offline for maintenance so the Nuclear industry only now generates 5% of our electricity. We say petrol and diesel are here to stay for our hobby, and please don't buy an electric car unless you sign a long term contract with an electric supplier-as you may regret it! *It was a most interesting research presentation and has lots of data in the slides-we also discussed E10 vs E15 fuels and the FHBVC says the EU constantly rejects the greens on requiring cars to need E15 as Europe doesn't have smog problems and there is a shortage of Bio Ethanol as it is. In the meantime check out this link of electric gen**

<https://grid.iamkate.com>

#### **6. New 'Essential Guide' products & services** Chris Cartmell

The club has created version 1 of a n Essential Guide to Parts and Services for Historic Vehicles. *Each of us were given a copy.*

#### **7. DVLA Question Time** Ian Edmunds/David Whale

Lots of DVLA issues with the Dept. for Transport as all ministers are tied up with the fallout of HS2. The bigger issue is that nobody working at the DVLA has any knowledge of older cars, and most of the Marque clubs have DVLA officers who are now in their 80's and all their previous vehicle registration knowledge that the DVLA relied upon will soon be lost- we need a fix for this. *It became obvious that the FHBVC is in a losing battle with the government and the DVLA over older cars as nobody in either department has any detailed interest in solving the many incorrect registration issues with 'barn finds, rare cars, an old DVLA files that are locked away and have never been scanned into their current database'- they have no resources*

#### **8. My Generation - Encouraging younger members** Matt Coles

A younger members presented his thoughts about working with older cars and the valuable experience gained from friendly clubs that support generation communication on how to fix older cars. *They did an instant survey of age of attendees (hands in the air) and whilst one or two were from the 1940's most of us were from the 1950's with only 2 from the 1990's*

#### **List of attending clubs**

Brough Superior Club  
Austin Ten Drivers' Club  
Armstrong Siddeley Owner's Club  
Austin Healey Club  
Austin Ten Drivers' Club  
Basingstoke Classic Car Club  
Benelli Motobi Club GB  
Bentley Memorial Foundation  
Boundless by CSMA

Bristol Owners' Club  
Brough Superior Club  
BSA Front Wheel Drive Club  
BSA Owners Club  
Cadillac Owners Club of Great Britain  
Cambridge-Oxford Owners Club  
Cavalier and Chevette Club  
Club Audi  
DAF Owners Club  
Daimler and Lanchester Owners' Club  
Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club  
Ford Classic & Capri Owners Club  
Ford Y&C Model Register  
Francis Barnett Owners Club  
GCCG  
Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust  
Jensen Owners Club  
Jowett Car Club  
Kettering Area Motor Club  
Kilsby MG Club  
L.E. Velo Club  
Lakeland Historic Car Club  
Lancia Motor Club Ltd  
Land Rover Series One Club  
Landcrab Owners Club International  
Letchworth Garden City Classic & Vintage Car Club  
Mercedes-Benz Club  
MG Car Club  
MG Octagon Car Club  
Michael Sedgwick Memorial Trust  
Midas Owners Club  
Midget & Sprite Club  
Midlands Austin Seven Club  
Military Vehicle Trust  
National Traction Engine Trust (NTET)  
NG Owners Club  
Online Austin 7 Club

Post Vintage Humber Car Club  
Range Rover Register  
Rootes Archive Trust  
Rover 200&400 Owners Club  
Rover Sports Register  
Scott Owners' Club  
SIMCA Club UK  
Singer Owners' Club  
Stag Owners Club  
Stag Owners Club Tooling Fund  
Standard Motor Club  
Steam Plough Club  
Stourbridge Pre-War Car Club  
Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club  
Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Register (STAR)  
The Delage Register  
The Midland Rolls-Royce Club (MR-RC)  
The Model A Ford Club of Great Britain  
The Traction Owners Club  
Tickford Owners Club  
Transport Museum Wythall  
TVR Car Club  
Vincent Owners Club  
VW Gold Mk 1 Owners Club  
Wolseley Register