



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS.

Congratulations are in order to member **DAVE LEE**. Dave not only won Best P5B at Charlcombe in early September, but also walked off with Best Post 1960 vehicle at the Rally. So, Well Done, Dave.

It seems strange to be writing this before the AGM knowing that you all will be reading it afterwards, so here are a few suggestions to set the ball rolling for the coming year... Firstly, we need a venue for our Christmas Dinner and this year I have a very good group called Borderline to do the entertainment, if required. Or do you wish to go to a night-club instead of a restaurant? Let us know, so that we can start ringing around. During the winter months we hope to get more of a Social going with films and talks etc, and perhaps a challenge match of skittles or darts. The 750 Motor Club and TR Drivers Club seem keen to take us on, so again, let's have ideas.

Lastly, subscriptions are due on 1st November. I hope you have found the Club worth-while and will join again for another fun-packed year!!

RAT TRAP - ALIAS ROARING RAT

Those of you who read these tributes to literary genius may remember me saying that Roaring Rat had been fired up and running for the first time in 9 months. The car in question is my coupe and true to her name she certainly did roar. So far, the welding is now in progress and the inner wings and inner spacer and outer sills are complete on the driver's side and so is the chassis at the spring hangers. The battery no longer hangs by its two wires, and the car is actually sitting level on the ground on new springs at last. (Who said "Spring wasn't here yet!"). I now have to take the padding off the top of the dashboard so we can repair the corner of the windscreen with new metal. Problem is, can anybody tell me how this padding is removed?? Please contact me on Tadley 5194. Any advice greatly appreciated.

Chairman.

MASHER'S LAST BUT ONE REPORT

All members with P5 and P5Bs check your vacuum brake reservoir. This is situated under the front driver-side wing, because they will rust through, which results in failing brakes. You will find the weak point on the top where the mud and water rest. (If Dave Lee's rusted, Well, so will everyone's).

WANTED

Rover 2000 series 1.

Does anybody know if rear bumper overriders were ever fitted to these cars? 62 - 71 vintage. Member Ken Drackett has one of these cars and would like to know as he is after a set. He can be reached on Fareham 0329 284666 to be put out of his misery.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Last month you read about **Toby**; this month meet :
SON OF TOBY.

Yes, your Secretary has given up driving around in an Opel Manta and is now the owner of a Series 2 Land Rover - **WOW!!** Well, **WOW293** actually, so give me a wave if you see me around.

Just a thought, Andy my predecessor also ran a Manta. Is this now a tradition for HBRO secretaries? If so, have I now got to stand down for another Manta owning member?

As everybody else has been on holiday, there isn't much to report this month, so I'll go straight into the calender.

9th Oct. **AGM** Hinds Head
23 Oct. Hampshire Bowman
25 October Amsterdam.



SPARES & TECH.

Tip for car owners. When servicing your car save the old engine oil. Remove the door tread plates and drill a series of small 3/16" to 1/4" holes under each plate. ie the area along top of sill. Example : one hole for each tread or one at each end of sill length. Pour oil through the holes and where the oil pours through plug gaps with plasticine or similar. Now, take the car round some nice twisty bends so as to get the oil to coat the metal areas. Upon return, drain out the oil by drilling a small hole at the rear of the sill at the bottom of the wheel arch and allow oil to drain out. Plug hole with rubber bung until the next time. Great and cheap way to preserve those inner sills and with the door tread plates in place you can't see the holes along the top. If this is done on a regular basis, the car should last much longer.

Gavin Withey informs me that he still has a quantity of P6 parts and is collecting all the time. Give him a ring on Tadley 4555.

Wanted : map/interior lights to fit headrest of P5B. Cash waiting. Tadley 5194.

P5 + P5B ROC Denmark Rear light housings, cast in bronze : expected price to be £35.38 per set including chrome. Contact **Leif Norredal** through **Andy Smith** on Tadley 3395.

FOR SALE : 1961 P4 100 48,000 — blue/slate grey 10 months MOT 3 months tax
5 new tyres / new exhaust. **Offers : £600** B.Element Tdley 6786.

A.G.M.

The H.B.R.O. will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Hinds Head, Aldermaston on 9 October 1985 at 8 pm.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election of Club officers
5. Motions submitted to the committee
6. Any Other Business.

All Club Officers must be elected, so now is your chance to make changes. The Treasurer will not be standing for re-election.

BLACKPOOL ADVENTURE.

Saturday dawned bright and mild and by 9am the two cars had met up at Newbury for the long drive to the "wilds of Blackpool", both cars looking very bright and clean and all concerned keeping their fingers crossed that the weather would stay dry! Some hope! As we approached spaghetti junction on the M6, as well as dodging all the lunatics driving at 100 plus miles per hour we had to dodge the raindrops. After a quick lunch stop we started off again and after an otherwise uneventful journey we arrived at the end of a road which joined the promenade. Of course we turned right to look for our hotel and very soon found we were going the wrong way so after a detour round the back streets we returned to the point where we had started and this time we turned left and shortly found the hotel which was only a few yards from the Pleasure Beach - much to some peoples' delight. After a very effusive welcome from 'mine host' we were shown to our rooms and after unpacking and a quick wash and brush up Dave decided we would go for a walk along the promenade as the sun was shining. As we walked along we could see very black clouds approaching and a little old lady warned us we would have to hurry to miss the rain! No sooner said than the heavens opened and we all made a mad dash for a shelter where we were ensconced for 30 minutes by driving rain and gale force winds - in future take no notice of Dave when he mentions a walk! When the rain stopped we decided enough was enough and we returned to the hotel - the total distance of our walk was 300 yards!! After an extremely good meal we decided to 'paint the town red'. Loaded down with camera equipment, the gale force winds were now hurricane force, we set off to walk along the front to see and take pictures of the lights and to try and find the venue for the following days' show organised by the P6 Rover Owners Club. As soon as the photographers saw a suitable shot they both lurched towards the nearest lamp post or rubbish bin in order to minimise camera shake! Most embarrassing for we ladies in the party!! The lights were marvellous with the theme changing every 200 yards or so. We arrived at the Tower - about 2½ miles - and espied a waxworks. Yours truly thought at least it wouldn't be windy in there so promptly went in with 'ball and chain' whilst the Lee contingent continued on to find the show venue with a promise to meet up in 1½ hours' time. After duly re-grouping we set off on the journey back to the hotel with the wind now in our faces and double hurricane force with sand. The Lees took to the back streets whilst we braved the wind and were blown into the Pleasure Beach - all systems go, up, down, over and round, stopping upside down, sideways, frontways any ways you mention! Found a food place so

replenished nutrition and eventually returned to the hotel not having had a go on any of the rides but with Janets' eyes lit up with anticipation for what was to follow the next night!!! On return to the hotel we found two Rolls Royces in the car park and all the cars were covered in a mantle of sand, salt and rain! Depression all round!!


The wind howled all night and the rain hissed down (yes hissed!) all night. Next morning saw a very depressed Mr Lee - so depressed he didn't really enjoy his breakfast. We eventually set off to the show and the promenade looked like an extension of the beach with sand all over it. We arrived at the show venue which was on a lower promenade right by the sea - a beautiful setting in nice weather. There was an exceptionally good turn out, considering, and some very beautiful cars. We stayed a couple of hours and then decided to visit friends (yes we do have some!) leaving the Lees to stick it out and a promise to meet back at the hotel for dinner. Dave received the Best in Class Award for his efforts. By the time the group re-formed Dave had decided to call it a day and return to darkest Hampshire but we decided to stay on as we had plans for the Pleasure Beach that evening. The Lees duly departed and within 10 minutes the wind had dropped and it was a lovely evening. Off we went to the Pleasure Beach and we had a great time and spent a great deal of money. After the Roller Coaster yours truly decided he would never feel the same again!! It took two hours before he thought he could manage hamburgers and chips! On return to the hotel the traffic along the lights was very little so we decided to drive along the whole length of them and it was well worth it.

After breakfast the following day we wended our way home, praying for heavy rain to wash the bottom of the car and guess what? - yes, you are right - at Birmingham the heavens opened and stayed open. On arrival at home yours truly was out in the pouring rain washing the car!


All in all a very enjoyable week-end but Andy will need another holiday to get over it as it took the rest of the week to clean every nook and cranny in the car of salt.

Andy Smith.

Cutting taken from Blackpool Advert.!!
What has our Chairman been up to???

Children's Entertainer
Peter Nightingale twice
daily in Sheriffs Bar, 12
noon and 7 pm. 

Every weekend until 26
May and then daily - Un-
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children's show, 12 noon,
and 7 pm in Sheriffs Bar.



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