

CLASSIC SCENE



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COVER PICTURE

1934 American Ford A(?) Model Found in a dark dusty sherry warehouse in Jerez on holiday last month.

CHAIR BITTY DECEMBER 2014

The talk on the HMS Natal was certainly different. I now know why the ship was called the Natal – the Natal government bought it for our navy. But somehow I don't think that commonwealth nations are that generous to our navy anymore. I know now how to identify [the Natal] from 4 identical ships using a little art work on the funnels. I know who was



or wasn't on board when the disaster struck. And why even the ships cat got press coverage – national front page news no less. Thanks to Paul Monk, chair of the Cromarty Lighthouse Trust, for a very sobering talk on the event. We are also making a small donation to the trust.

Did you notice that The Story of the Tax Disc was so complex it needed to be spread across 3 editions of our magazine? Who would have thought that something as boring as tax could be such a captivating read? I didn't see anyone owning up to writing it, but well done to who-ever put that story together.

I mentioned last month that the Council marked up our street for patching. In the end the Council dug up our street without telling anyone, with the actual work bearing little resemblance to what was marked out on the street. It did mean that for the duration of the work we couldn't move our Smart out the drive owing to several deep potholes in the road. Our neighbours weren't too pleased either as some patches were right outside their drives too, with one of them deep enough to halfway submerge a traffic cone (it was raining). The new patch that starts at the top of the street and finishes half way across our drive is 1inch higher at this point than the rest of the road surface I think that may upset the snowplough when it comes down the street this winter! It is also very obvious where the patching was done in good weather (top of the street) and when it was raining (the rest). Definitely a big difference in the quality of the road surface,

which makes me wonder how long these patches are going to last. Not very long judging by the amount of loose tarmac already appearing at the end of the street.

Anyway, due to holidays there will not be a printed January newsletter, although our Editor is considering an on-line version. Hence this month I am rambling along a little bit more than usual to make up for that. Which means that the next newsletter will be issued just in time for our AGM. As mentioned in previous months, we want **you** to come up with ideas for things to do / places to visit / interesting subjects for a talk for next year's program, so put your thinking caps on.

Our December meet is our Christmas dinner at the Maple Court, Inverness. Dinner will be at 7.30pm, do try to arrive somewhere nearer 7.00pm. I have a feeling that Santa may make a visit to re-distribute our secret santa gifts (of token value off-course).

Remember that our annual auction will be on the **second** Thursday in January (Thursday 8th). It will be at the Old North Inn, Inchmore (Kirkhill) and the state of their car park is no longer an excuse for staying away as repairs have been carried out to their car park. The auction is a well attended and fun packed evening. Bring along your vehicle related spares, gadgets and other assorted goods. This is **the** event where you can pick up some good bargains. As usual 10% of the proceeds will go towards the club funds.

If I don't see you at the Dinner, have a Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year.

Trish.



Not too much to rant and rave about this month, just an apology for being a bit late. This retirement lark is very time consuming and when Jane thrust a flyer from the Cruise Club under my nose I thought it unwise to refuse. Did manage to find the Ford featured on the front page in a dark dusty sherry warehouse in Jerez. It was used to transport the King and Queen around the warehouse when they fancied a few bottles of sherry.

So to fill in a few pages there is a preview of the short quiz that I'll be using to baffle the Rotary club.

The first page is name the car companies whose badges are shown, also there is a short explanation of these badges. Some interesting some mundane.



Answers and explanations on the back page.

The second part of the quiz is a list of mainly car companies that either started out making something else or turned their hand to other things.

1. Ford
2. BSA
3. Peugeot
4. Saab
5. Singer Sewing Machine
6. Lamborghini
7. Morris
8. Daewoo
9. BMW
10. Yamaha

QUIZ ANSWERS

Badges. From left to right.

Alfa Romeo. Based on the Coat of Arms of Milan. The myth of a man eating serpent and of Givannii Du Rio, the first man to plant a Christian cross on the walls of Jerusalem.

BMW. A spinning aeroplane propeller against a blue sky.

Daewoo. No significance whatsoever, a bit like their cars.

Ferrari. The symbol of Count Francesco Baracca an Italian First World War fighter ace.

Honda. Simply a stylised letter H. The winged motor cycle version is much better.

Subaru. Is the Japanese name for the Pleiades star cluster and alludes to the original six companies that formed Fuji Heavy Industries.

Toyota. Derived from the Japanese word for 8, thought to bring luck and success.

Hyundai. A stylised letter H. About as boring as their cars.

Maserati. Chosen by one of the three Maserati brothers who started the company. Apparantly taken from a statue of Neptune in Bologna.

Skoda. A winged arrow. Although not included in the second part of the quiz, Skoda made Panzer tanks during WW2.

Quiz answers part 2.

Ford. Aeroplanes, their own Trimotor, in the 30's. And "during the war" in my best Uncle Albert accent, they made B24 Liberator bombers and the Bren Gun Carrier.

BSA or Birmingham Small Arms. Obviously rifles. Their badge depicts 3 stacked rifles.

Peugeot. Pedal cycles

Saab. Very good military aircraft.

Singer Sewing Machines. Wartime production of rifles, pistols and bomb sights.

Lamborghini. Tractors. If Enzo Ferrarri were still alive he would say that they still make them!

Morris. Wartime production of the ubiquitous Bren Gun Carrier.

Daewoo. It would be quicker to say what they don't make. Involved in making buses, cranes, ships, dams and skyscrapers etc.

BMW. Remember the spinning propeller on a blue sky. Aeroplane engines, including some of the early jets.

Yamaha. Pianos and reeds for musical instruments. The Yamaha badge is three intersecting tuning forks.

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