

March 2018

**Leigh Wilson's
Top 10**



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AGM Summary

Club Van Update



Black Country Classic Car Club

March 2018

Message from the editor

Special points of interest:

- Remember to check out the website for info on Breakfast runs and events.
- Promotional clothing—see page 12.
- You can pay for your membership by PayPal on our website.

Welcome to the first club magazine of 2018 and we hope that you had a great Christmas and the New Year is treating you well.

The club has a new meeting venue for some of the Tuesday meets this year (page 6).

The AGM was held last month and a summary of the meetings is on page 4.

The club van has been in the workshop having some bodywork repairs to keep it in top condition (see page 7 for more details).

The events list for this year is being attended to and more details can be seen on the website or by speaking to Nigel and Howard at the club nights. The current list of events are on pages 15 and 16 of this magazine.

There are changes to the MOT this year, a summary of the major points is on page 3 although these are all still subject to change.

Remember, if there's something you'd like to see in the magazine or on the website, or events that you'd like to go to, let us know and the club can continue to be a success.

Here's to another year of safe classic motoring

Steve

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MOT Updates

A new MOT inspection manual will be introduced. The manual will be used by authorised MOT testers across the UK. The government has issued a draft manual which highlights the proposed changes. Changes may still be made before the final manual is issued in May.

New defect categorisations

Each defect found will be categorised as either dangerous, major or minor. Manual advisories will no longer be given.

Dangerous and major defects will cause a car to fail its MOT test and drivers will be advised not to drive the vehicle away in its current condition.

Minor defects can be considered as being similar to advisories in the current test. A vehicle will still pass its MOT if it only has minor defects. It is hoped that the changes will make it easier for motorists to see which areas of their vehicle need more attention.

Vehicle exhaust emissions checks

New limits will be introduced for vehicle exhaust emissions testing with lower limits for diesel cars.

Classic cars exemption

Some classic cars (vehicles over 40 years old) may be exempt from statutory MOT testing. To qualify for exemption, these older vehicles must be registered as a 'vehicle of historic interest' with the DVLA and should not be extensively modified.

Additional components listed

Several components have been added to the draft manual issued by the DVSA that must be checked during an MOT test.

These are:

Lamps

- Front fog lamps (fitted to vehicles first used from 1st March 2018)
- Daytime running lamps (fitted as original equipment on or after 1st March 2018)
- Reversing lamps (fitted to vehicles first used from 1st September 2009)

Steering

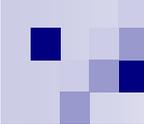
- Steering gear casing
- 'Fly by wire' steering systems

Brakes

- Endurance braking system (applies to larger vehicles such as caravans only)

Other equipment

- Noise suppression systems (including exhaust silencers and under-bonnet deadening material)
- Anti-theft device



AGM Notes

The club AGM was held on the 27th February and as per usual all the committee members were stood down and voting held for the positions. All members of the committee were happy to be re-elected and members attending the meeting were happy to re-elect the committee.

As a reminder, the committee structure is as follows

Chairman: Neil Moore

Club Secretary/Treasurer: Ellen Moore

Webmaster/Magazine Editor: Steve Morriss

Events Organiser: Nigel Evans

Events Support: Howard Stockton

Contact details for the committee members are at the end of the magazine and also on the website

Subscription costs were discussed and as the club is holding steady financially it was decided to keep the subscription fees the same as the last few years, that is £10 for a single membership and £18 for a joint membership (two people at the same address). If any member would like to see the accounts then please let Ellen know. It was also suggested by members at the AGM that in future, a simplistic “How much did we take, how much did we spend” was made available with the detailed breakdown also available for inspection.

Nigel has produced a list of events that members may be interested in going to, split into events that the club will attend officially and other events that members may be interested in attending. This will be available at the club meetings and on the website. Any members interested in going to the events that we will be going to as a club please contact Nigel or Howard at the club meetings (or any other member of the committee in their absence).

Members were asked to provide ideas for what they would like to see in the magazine, so if there are any subjects that you'd like to see covered then please let me know.

If anyone is having issues with the website or sees any mistakes, please let me know so I can assist or correct the issues.

The club van was also discussed (see page 7 for more details)

Booking for shows/events

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



All information for shows, breakfast runs and events is on our website

blackcountryclassiccarclub.co.uk

A full list and regular updates are also available at the club meeting nights.

IMPORTANT

You **MUST** book into all shows 6 weeks before the show date (unless otherwise stated). Bookings after the closing deadline will not be accepted.

You **MUST** enter your details on the booking forms provided at the meeting nights or call Howard Stockton or Nigel Evans if you are unable to make it to the meetings

All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking if a fee applies.



Your pass cannot be ordered if the required information and payment is not supplied.

If booking via the website and paying through Paypal there will be a 50p surcharge.



Boycott Arms Club Meetings during the summer

We have arranged for some of the club meetings during the spring and summer months to be held at the Boycott Arms in Claverley. This will give people a chance to take their classics out for a run on a standard meeting night.

The following meeting nights will be at the Boycott Arms

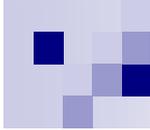
10th April
8th May
5th June
3rd July
31st July
28th August

Even if the weather is poor on these dates, the meeting will still be held at the Boycott Arms

Boycott Arms, Upper Ludstone, Claverley, WV5 7DH

Check out the club website for all information on shows, breakfast runs, promotional clothes etc....

www.blackcountryclassiccarsclub.co.uk



Club Van Update

Repairs

Although the van was structurally sound, we had noticed that some corrosion was beginning to show especially on one of the sills. As the van is important for the club (who else is going to transport all the gear to shows) it was decided to get this sorted sooner rather than later before it became a major issue.

As a result, the van has been to the bodyshop and some previous poor sill repairs have been properly attended to.

Van Storage

The bodywork repairs has prompted a discussion about the storage of the van. Currently it sits outside in all weathers, hardly moving between events which won't be helping with any corrosion issues. As a result, we are looking to get the van garaged so that it is not exposed to the elements. The committee will be looking to rent a garage for the van and any updates will be announced on the website and in future magazines.

If any members have a spare garage and are willing to house the van, even for a short time, then please let the committee know.

Insurance

The van has been insured by Neil on his multicar policy which means the club has not been paying for the insurance, thank you Neil; however with an increasing number of vehicles on his policy, increased personal mileage for Neil and the logistics of keeping so many vehicles the van will have to come off Neil's policy and be insured standalone.

This will be looked at over the next couple of months and a few club members will be on the insurance policy so that they can take turns driving the van to club events. If anyone is willing to be on this "rota" and leave their cars at home when taking the van to an event then please let Neil know.

Leigh Wilson's Top 10

Please find my top 10 car choices, they are in no particular order but one hell of a wish list! The comments are just my views on how I would wish my dream car to look. You will notice that my 10 choices are all late 50's and 60' models, my favourite era for sports car design.



ALFA ROMEO 1750 DUETTO. (boat tail) 1967
Got to be in Alfa Red with black interior. The sweetest engine that Alfa built for this model. it sounds glorious under acceleration and the Pinninfarina body is to die for.

FERRARI 250 GTO Mk1 1962

Rosso Corsa (Ferrari Racing Red). To my mind the epitome of a road going race car and one of the greatest Ferraris of all time, just beautiful from every angle. This is a 170 mph Ferrari and only 39 were ever produced. Buyers had to be personally approved by Enzo Ferrari. £40 Million might just buy one these days, if ever one became available.



JAGUAR E TYPE 3.8 Flat Floor Coupe 1961

Classic dark metallic grey with Burgundy leather. Yes Please!!

When Enzo Ferrari first saw this Jag he said it was the most beautiful car ever made. This Jag looks like it's doing 150mph standing still. I have always wanted one, only if I win the Lottery.

JAGUAR D TYPE 1955

British Racing Green. The fore runner of the E Type. Jaguar D Types won Le Mans in 1955, 56 and 1957. A true Ferrari beater and the best of British. These Jags had a distinctive unmistakable rough sound, you always knew when on was approaching, even more when one was accelerating away.



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JENSEN 541s 1963 Only 127 ever made.

Solid Maroon with Biscuit Leather. These cars were fitted with a heavily modified Austin 4.0L engine with triple SU Carbs. Westlake Head, custom made exhaust manifolds and most were given the GM Licenced Rolls Royce Hydramatic Gearbox.(manual Moss Gearboxes were fitted by request). The 541s was also the first British car to be fitted with seatbelts as standard. A gorgeous long distance tourer, to drive to the South of France.

ALVIS TD21 COUPE 1961

Metallic Powder blue with dark blue leather. 3 litre straight six. Aluminium body a true gentleman's express. This car oozes class and style and has a presence on the road like no other family car of it's day. Years ago I worked with a chap who shunned the Rep Mobile offered to him and he bought a second hand one of these instead. He was of a certain age (like I am now) and he covered 20,000 miles a year for 3 years. The Alvis never ever let him down and probably is still on the road today. Before I hang up my car keys I WILL buy one of these beautiful beasts.



RENAULT ALPINE A110 1963

Has to be French Blue! What's not to love about this iconic car. Very successful rally car of the early 60's and 70's the Alpines were initially fitted with a 55hp 956cc engine but by the mid 70's it housed a 140 hp 1600 engine achieving 130mph. Very rare car to find in good condition these days.

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PORSCHE 911s Coupe 1967

Emerald Green with Factory Sunroof. Surely the prettiest 911 ever. Distinctive flat 6 air cooled 2L engine. 140 mph and one of the most collectible early 911's. It's a performance icon considered to be one of the World's true landmark cars.



ASTON MARTIN DB5 1964

Silver Birch with black leather. A British luxury Grand Tourer. 4L DOHC straight six, 140 mph. Designed by the Italian coachbuilder Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera and made famous as James Bonds car in Goldfinger. (i still have my Corgi 007 model) which was given to me in 1964.

MGA COUPE 1600 Mk1 1960

Charriot Red with black leather. At the start of this top 10 choice I said it was more of a wish list than a defined league table. Well I wished and wished and finally after hunting high and low got a car that I have always wanted, my MGA Coupe and I love it.



Funnies

A man seeing flashing red and blue lights in his rear view mirror pulls to the side of the road. Shortly after coming to a stop, a police officer approaches the car.

The man says, "What's the problem officer?"

Officer: "You were going 75 miles an hour in a 55 mile an hour zone. I'm afraid I'm going to have to ticket you."

Man: "No sir, I was going a little over 60."

Wife: "Oh, Harry. You were going at least 80!" (The man gives wife dirty look.)

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light."

Man: "Broken tail light? I didn't know about a broken tail light!"

Wife: "Oh Harry, you've known about that tail light for weeks!" (The man gives his wife another a dirty look.)

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."

Man: "Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car."

Wife: "Oh, Harry, you never wear your seat belt!"

The Man turns to his wife and yells, "For cryin' out loud, can't you just shut up?!"

The officer turns to the woman and asks, "Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?"

And so the wife says, "No officer, only when he's drunk."

Mom and dad had just given their teenage daughter, Joan, family-car privileges.

The following Saturday Joan was allowed to take the car to a party, and in addition to the usual don't-be-home-too-late admonishments she had been given one about don't-drink-and-drive.

Joan was a sensible girl. On Saturday night she stayed away from alcohol, but had lots of fun anyway. Lots of fun.

The next morning her father went out to the driveway to get the newspaper and came back into the house frowning. At 11:30 AM the girl sleepily walked into the kitchen, and her father asked her, "Sweetheart, what time did you get in last night?"

"Not too late, Dad," she replied, perhaps a tad nervously. Dead-panned, her father said, "Then, my precious one, I shall certainly have to talk with the paperboy about not placing my morning paper under the tire of the car."

With thanks to Richard Pearce for the following....

I was washing the car last Sunday with my son. Five minutes had passed when my son said "Do you think we could use a sponge instead?"

I'm not saying my wife disbelieved me when I said that I could make a car out of spaghetti, but you should've seen her face when I drove pasta.

Promotional Clothing

Promotional club clothing for sale t-shirts, hoody's, Jackets, Gilets and Caps are all available. See Ellen at meeting nights.



Promotional Clothing



Practical Classics and restoration show



We have been allocated a stand at the Classic Car and restoration show this year and thanks to the following members for agreeing to take their car to the NEC on behalf of the club

Sylvia Evans—Fiat 500
Leigh Wilson—MGA Coupe
Paul Raybould—Morgan

They will be on the stand along with the club van

The show last year was deemed a great success by the club members that attended as they felt it was more relateable when compared to the November classic car show where almost every car was in concourse condition. The range and condition of the cars at the March show was much wider and shows more of the passion for the older cars than row after row of “garage queens”.

2018 Club Events

Club Events currently planned for 2018. website will always have a more up to date list than the magazine so please check regularly

March

23rd -25th—Classic and Restoration Show NEC

April

Saturday 14th—Pride of Longbridge

May

Sunday 27th—Ragley Hall

June

16th—23rd—BCCCC does Top Gear

Saturday 30th—Gornal Fun Day

July

Saturday 7th—Netherton Park Fun Day

Sunday 15th—Walsall Arboretum

August

Saturday 11th—Far Forest Countryside Show

Sunday 19th—Warehouse 701 (new show hosted by us)

Monday 29th—Enville Show

September

Saturday 8th—Bumble Hole Boating festival

Sunday 23rd—Red House Glass Cone

October

Sunday 7th—Three Counties Showground

We will also be planning some breakfast/lunch runs throughout the year and if enough members are interested in the alternative events listed then some of those could become club events too.

2018 Alternative events

The events listed on this page are not currently planned to be club events but may be of interest to club members. If enough club members express an interest in an event then potentially it could become a club day out. The website will always have a more up to date list than the magazine so please check regularly

March

Sunday 25th—Cars and Coffee, Redditch

Saturday 31st— Shakespeare's Model and Collectors Rally, Stoke Prior

April

Sunday 1st—Weston Park

Saturday 14th—Cars and Coffe, Coventry Transport Museum

May

5th-7th—Llandudno Transport Festival

Sunday 6th—Straftord festival of motoring

Sunday 6th—Catton Hall

Sunday 13th—Cars and Coffee, Coventry Transport Museum

TBC—Baggeridge Park Classic Car Show

June

Saturday 9th—Cars and Coffee, Coventry transport Museum

16-17th—Kenilworth Castle

Sunday 17th—Trentham Gardens

Saturday 23rd—Feck 'n Wake Car Show

Sunday 24th—Really Retro & Classic car Show, Seighford Areodrome, Staffordshire

July

TBC—Cars in the Park, Lichfield

Saturday 14th—Cars and Coffee, Coventry Transport Museum

August

Sunday 12th—Tortworth Vintage Rally

Sunday 12th—Breamore house

26th-27th—Knebworth Park

25th-27th—Pershore Plum Festival

September

Sunday 2nd—Himley Hall

Saturday 9th—Cars and Coffee, Coventry Transport Museum

15th-16th—Stoke Prior Steam Rally

30th-1st Oct—Belbroughton Scarecrow Festival

October

Saturday 13th—Cars and Coffee, Coventry Transport Museum



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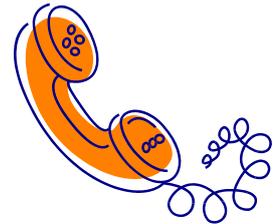
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Club Rules

As with all clubs and organisations, we have rules that MUST be abided by at all times. Serious breach of these rules may result in withdrawal of membership and any associated benefits.

- 1) To become a member you DO NOT need to own a classic vehicle.
- 2) All members vehicles representing the club at a show must be at least 25 years old, hold a valid insurance policy, hold a current road fund licence, in a clean presentable road worthy condition and have a current MOT certificate if appropriate to the year of registration. All vehicles should also display the BCCCC car sticker, in accordance with our Public Liability Insurance Policy. Any variations to this ruling will be at the discretion of the committee.
- 3) Any conditions, including speed limits, time of entry/exit or any other rules imposed by show organisers must be strictly adhered to.
- 4) Membership runs January to January, as such your membership will fall due on the 1st January irrespective of the date your membership commenced with the club.
- 5) Membership may be refused or terminated at the discretion of the committee without notice or reason.
- 6) Vehicles over 25 years of age will be eligible for judging at our own event or at the discretion of the committee.
- 7) Members due fees are to be paid at the time of booking for organised events attended by the BCCCC. Failure to do so will result in the member and their vehicle details not being put forward for the event.
- 8) The Committee's decision is final.