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TAKE-AWAYS

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Sorry its late. Pressure of business, same old excuse, Blah, blah, blah.

What about the weather at the Hustler at Home then , absolutely fabulous. It was nice to see a few more Hustlers in attendance this year. And Pat Moulders Force Four , it goes to show what can be achieved if you have the skill and know how.

My Hustler still soldiers on and still causes comments when parked in the street. Although it is starting to look very used now it is still very reliable and has not let me down yet. I will have to buy a new Battery before the winter sets in, but the old one has done well to last over four years. (I told em Oldham !)

One thing that did happen to me a few weeks back. My Citroen having failed the MOT yet again and requiring a crippling mortgage for repairs was dispatched to the Great Scrap Yard in the Sky for £100. Isobel and I were using the Hustler to go and view another car. Lovely summer evening, tape player blasting out, to drown noise of rattling windows. Clone car drivers pointing gleefully at strange car as they passed. Nothing unusual at all.

On arriving at destination and while ringing the door bell at the sellers home I glanced back at the Hustler and to my horror realised that I had lost a rear wheel. So thats what everyone was pointing at. On inspecting the damage, very little really, the brake drum was badly chipped where it had hit the road and the back plate was a funny shape. For some unknown reason all the wheel nuts had come off together, no sheared bolts, nothing. Three heavy clouts with a big hammer rearranged the back plate and bolted on the spare wheel using a nut off each of the other wheels to get us home. It made a bit of a grinding noise on the way home, I just needed to turn the tape player up a bit louder thats all. We searched for the missing wheel on the way back but to no avail.

Early the next day I retraced the journey of the night before in search of the missing wheel. And Lo and Behold there it was propped up against a wall about six miles from our destination. The rim was slightly dented but that was all. I quickly retrieved it, and stole off into the early morning mist.

I have still got the same Back Plate but I did have to buy another Brake Drum.

Anyway apart from that trauma I am now the proud owner of an old Rover 3.5 s with a duff clutch and leaky Diff. oilseals. But it goes like a rocket. If only that engine was in a Hustler all my dreams would be answered.

1st Southwest Kit & Sportscar Show
Bristol Exhibition Centre. Nov 28- 29th

I have received details of a new car show in Bristol. It looks to be very well supported as they have had to open up a third Hall to accommodate every one who wants to attend. They have offered Stand space under cover to Non Profit making (and that definitely is us) Car Clubs for free.

Anyone who wants to attend will they please let me know a.s.p. so that I can fix a spot.

I thought it might be a good idea to have a part completed Hustler on the Stand, as they always seem to generate interest(hint, hint John Brazier, Brislington ,Bristol) as opposed to one that is starting to show its age(Hint, hint, T Faithfull ,Warminster) It looks to be a very good show which if a success will become an annual event.

Don't forget then I need to know a.s.p. who would like to attend and the number of cars and Models.

Oh , by the way there will also be a car Auction on the Sunday if there are any of you who are contemplating selling their Hustler. Contact No. for the car auction is Robert Ewin on 0272 650465.

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The Paris car show that we were invited to , that I mentioned in the last Newsletter ,Did not turn out to be suitable for us when I received the actual details.

The idea contained in the instructions, was for us to drive to Paris on the Thursday and have the cars in the Exhibition Centre by 12 noon on the Friday. They would arrange accommodation for us on Friday and Saturday Nights. On Sunday we would leave the cars at the Exhibition and fly home. Returning by air the following Sunday to collect the cars.

They must have thought we were all eccentric Millionaires with no work to do .

It was a pity really because there were quite a few of us who would have liked to go. It could have been a good weekend.

TAX DISC HOLDERS.

I have received the Tax Disc Holders complete with the Owners Club Logo on. I have got plenty(plenty, I must have thousands) If anyone wants one or a dozen they are 50pence each P.o. & cheques payable to Hustler Owners Club.

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DEAR TREVOR,

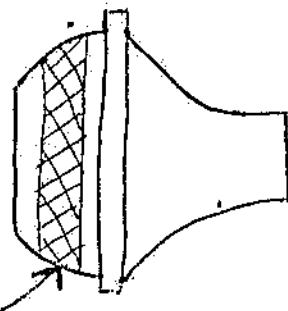
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FIRST AN APOLOGY FOR NOT GETTING TO HUSTLER AT HOME A HAY FEVER ATTACK STOPPED US.

RE MARTIN HISAM'S QUERY ABOUT SOFTENING DRY MINI SUSPENSION. WHEN RACING MINI'S WERE THE VOGUE SPECIAL CONES WITH HOLES IN THEM WERE AVAILABLE, BUT ASKING AROUND SOME RACING TEAMS THESE NO LONGER SEEM TO EXIST. AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION WAS GIVEN, DRILL THEM YOURSELF.

WITH A $\frac{1}{4}$ " OR $\frac{5}{16}$ " BIT DRILL A FEW (3-6) HOLES ROUND THE MIDDLE AREA OF THE RUBBER CONE MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE NOT TO CLOSE TOGETHER, ARE NOT IN THE FIXING AREAS & HAVE THE SAME NUMBER IN EACH. REFIT & TRY, IF STILL TO HARD DRILL A FEW MORE HOLES & TRY AGAIN.

CONTINUE UNTIL SOFT ENOUGH.



DRILL THIS AREA

THIS SOUNDS DRASTIC & I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE BEST WAY BUT IT DOES WORK!

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June & August/87.

Dear Trevor,

Newark 'kit car' Show,
June 20th - 21st.

Not as Kit Car mag bill it as 'the best show in the country' I still think Stoneleigh is by far the better show, only to be fair, the Sunday was better than the Saturday last year, and you do get a commemorative sticker which is my only crit of Stoneleigh.

The weather was quite remarkable in so much that it was appalling up to the Friday, dry over the weekend, then tipping it down again on the Monday!

There was a super Force 4 there owned by Dave Lockett from Bedford who at the time was not a member of the club, so pointed him in the right direction! (Incidentally he won the "best utility" section in the Concours d'elegance)

Andrew Spolton was also there trying to sell his car.

Swollen 'Glains'

A word of warning, or in my case, words of warning. If your using Ash as the white wood make sure that you seal it from the elements extremely well, 'caues I've had a number of occasions where the wood has swelled due to moister penetrating it. If I were contemplating building another wooden Hustler I think I'd choose something other than Ash. Don't know what, but Andrew Spolton has used Oak and that looks OK. George Lincoln used Mahogany. That too looks OK and is also cheaper than Ash and easier to get hold of.

- What's required of a white hardwood is:-
- a) it's cheap
 - b) it's plentiful
 - c) not to coarse a grain
 - d) easy to work with

Anybody come up with any suggestions? My knowledge of the different woods around is 'saply' lacking.

**The Annual Hustler
at Home**

Well what about the weather again. Some said it was to hot on the Sunday, but for me I can stand any amount of it. It must have been warm 'cause I ended up swimming in the lake on both Saturday and Sunday! I forgot to count how many Hustlers were there but it was nice to see some old faces. Still not as good as '84 when there must have been a good 38'ish cars there.

Combrooke Fair seemed to be a success. Didn't see to much of it tho'. Saw most of it last year. To busy cooling down in the lake this year!!

Soggy Mini

In reply to Martin Hisom's 'Help !!!!! Would immersing the suspension in water and making it soggy make it softer?!?'

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Seriously, I've heard of 2 ideas for making the rubber softer:-

1. Apparently you can purchase 'softer' rubber units, or
2. If you put the units in the freezer so that the rubber is nice and solid you can then drill holes in it and having holes in it obviously takes away some of the rubber making it more spongy. A WORD OF WARNING THO' If there is too much heat generated whilst drilling, the temperature difference, so I'm told, causes the unit to explode!

MOTS

Well I've just taken the Hustler in for it's 3rd MOT and IT FAILED !!! Nothing to seriously though. One track rod end (which isn't to bad as it was one of the few parts I didn't replace and I have had 2 years motoring out of it) so I changed both of them. And as always the handbrake was a bit 'iffy' so we adjusted them on the rolling road on the retest. The garage was very good as they didn't charge me for a fail.

Leeds Kit Car Show Queens Hall

This years event is being organised by a different firm this year and also it's title has been changed to 'The Northern Kit Car and Specialist Car Show' so thought I'd give it another go (it can't be any worse than last year - can it?). I'm in the process of waiting for a reply from the organisers to see if I can be there as a rep of the HOC.

Also had a letter from the organisers of the Kit Car Show held at Belle Vue Manchester earlier this year (same people that organised the last Leeds Show) but as Belle Vue is no longer standing so the show has been moved to Bingley Hall in Stafford, which is nice as it is only 12 or so miles up the road from me.

The dates for that are the 12 and 13th March. At this point in time I shall give it a go also.

Did anybody go to Sandown Park?? What about a report eh!?!?

Well winter draws on! It doesn't seem 5 minutes ago that everyone was looking forward to the first real show of the season, namely Kenilworth. Before next years show we've got a winter to go through. Never mind time to tittle the old motor up. I've managed to give my Hustler it's 2 coats of Woodcare to see it through the winter. I'm going to see if I can fit an oil cooler and front shocks this winter, as usual money permitting.

I know it's a bit early for Christmas but the next N/L is due out in January '88, so I'll take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keep Hustlin'

KSSS (Keith Sharp-Stone-Staffs!!!!)

PS Could the chap who 'phoned for advice and information and who I promised I would send some 'photos too, please write or 'phone again as I've mislaid your name and address

Trevor

Firstly, as mentioned at Stoneleigh, we will be delighted to be at Park Farm on July 4 & 5. Lets hope the weather is kind and the Hustler turnout is high.

If good intentions are anything to go by you would have had several articles by now, but like you I am finding that a few more hours a day and an extra day or two a week would be useful. My particular job has "attracted" several additional (time consuming) responsibilities in recent months and like yourself I am sure, there is never a shortage of things to do.

Incidentally since having moved to Norwich over a year ago I realise that the Hustler "spirit" is not confined to just Hustler owners. I discover the local car park attendants in the centre of Norwich have been making sure that the car comes to no harm in my absence as anyone who approaches and "Loiters" is quickly engaged in conversation to make sure intentions are strictly honourable. This apparently applied to two inquisitive W P Cs who had seen the car pass by and curiosity.... Their questions were answered by the now knowledgeable attendants.

I also came across similar goodwill when I collected a replacement window from Park Farm many months ago. I had just pulled into a layby for a quick swig of coffee when a car braked heavily and pulled in just in front of me. Someone who I had never met before but had seen the car in Lowestoft (about 120 miles from where I was parked) stopped in case I was in trouble to lend a helping ^{hand} if needed. It wasn't (the flask undid easily) but the kind thought was very much appreciated

I was intrigued at some of the names for Hustlers as mentioned by Keith Sharp. Popemobile is of course the favourite closely followed by a mobile greenhouse with obvious comments about tomatoes. An aquarian on wheels is another common one and I have to confess we often call it the batmobile. We have not covered anything in the back with a white sheet since someone called it a hearse. And we almost refused to speak to two dear old ladies who asked if it was one of those Sinclairs? A small girl who enquired if we had made the car was asked by Chris if she could guess what it used to be (will she guess it was a mini by the wheel size?) She thought for a moment then answered "A tree"

For those who have not used their rear subframe to locate a fuel tank another use is a space for a spare wheel. Mine has hung under there for over 12 months now and it certainly saves space in the car without cutting down on ground clearance at all.

I also discovered one solution for sun visors (remember the sun?) for those who have difficulty in finding one big enough. Having failed to find one big enough I replaced the solid piece by a piece of Perspex which was in the darkest tint I could find. It is quite effective even against the sun which is low on the horizon which is more than I can say for the ones in my Cavalier. The visors also swing to the side which can be very useful.

Look forward to seeing you at Park Farm.

Andy

Andy Elvin, Norwich

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8th. July 1987.

Dear Trevor,

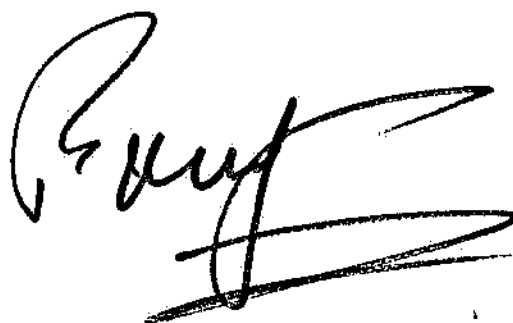
Yet another warning based on a personal mishap - I seem to be thriving on them lately!

Not long after my wheel-sheering experience I became aware of a most poisonous smell emanating from my Force 4 - since I knew that the exhaust system was leaking and overdue for replacement (and that's another story in itself...) I just put up with the smell, opened all the windows and tried not to breath - much.

The second day it really was almost unbearable and I began to feel sick - danger signal! The smell was slightly like burning glassfibre by now, I thought, so I checked the exhaust system all over and found that there did not appear to be any signs of burning glassfibre even though parts of it were very hot near where the leakage was obvious.

The smell, my headaches and feeling of sickness grew and in the end I cut short a visit I was making and drove to a garage friend of mine. One sniff and he said, quite simply - 'Battery'. It was too. The alternator had been overcharging and 'cooking' the battery with the result that by the time the fault was discovered there was barely an inch of electrolyte left in the battery - thank God there had been no sparkes in the engine compartment, or that I smoked (which I do not) otherwise there would have been a rather large flash and bang. The smell and health problems I had experienced were, of course, hydrogen poisoning. Be warned, fellow Hustlers, if you start smelling a mixture 'twixt burning glassfibre and exhaust fumes but cannot find any obvious causes, check you battery and alternator.

Barry Gibbs.



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