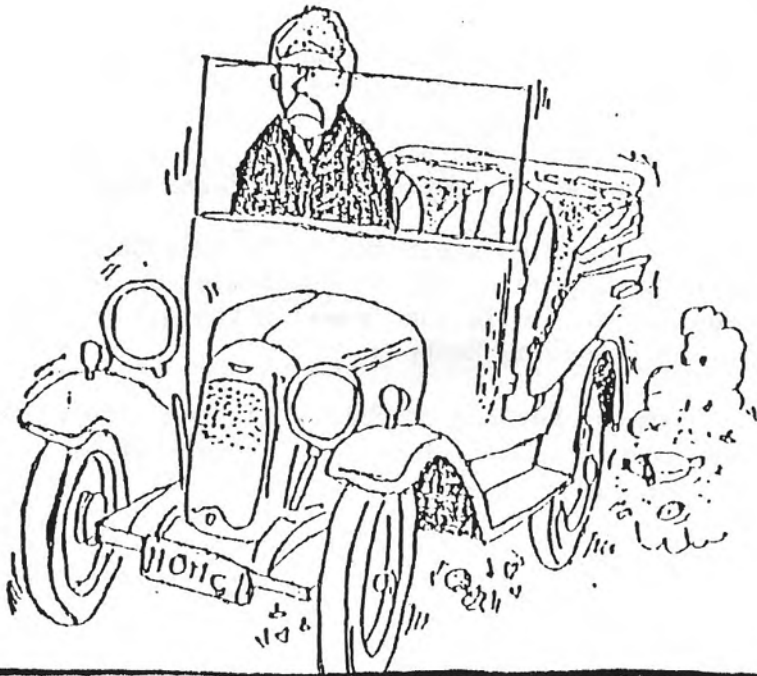


HODE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB

NEWS SHEET



Dear Member,

As most Members will know, we had a reasonable day for this years Rally, with fine weather in the late morning, and all afternoon, which attracted a good crowd of visitors to see an excellent display of vehicles, which were brought by the entrants from the surrounding district, and as far away as London and Buckinghamshire.

Many thanks to those Members who helped at the Rally, and who supported the events.

Several Donations to our charity 'Kidney Research' and to the club were received from wellwishers during the year.

The losses of the previous two years were overcome by the good attendance of the public at the Rally, and the generous donation from our sponsor 'Vicarys of Battle', who has supported us over the last two years.

The raffle is still held each Month at meetings, as we badly need a new fence for the Rally Field, and this will be a great help towards it. Please sort out unwanted gifts and raid the larder etc for donations to this worthy cause. Thank You.

The Monthly meetings since the Rally have been fairly informal, but at the November meeting, we had a video, 'A Tribute to the Trams' which was enjoyed greatly by attending Members.

At the December meeting on Friday 4th Dec, a Quiz has been compiled by Marion Booth, there will be a prize for the winner.

Our Annual Buffet will this year take place at the meeting on 8th January 1988 (not New Years Day). Members attending this are asked to pay £1.00 per head towards the cost. Please let me know if you will be coming by 20th December, as I have to book the number with Keith.

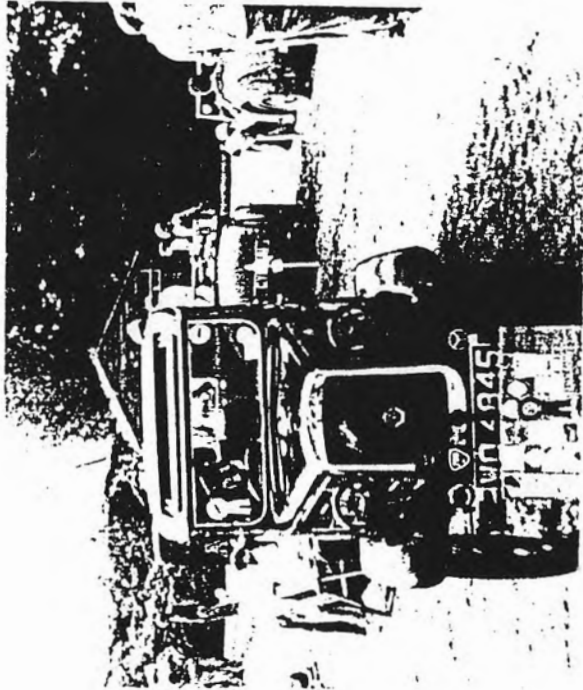
The date for our Annual Dinner has now been booked for Saturday 5th March 1988. 7.30 for 8.p.m Dinner, at 'The Castle Inn' Bodiam. An order form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please return completed form to me, with monies, by Tuesday Feb 16th 1988, as numbers have to be booked. Thank You.

The Committee wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Very Happy New Year.

Elaine Honisett (Secretary)

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Please make any Cheques payable to: HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB.



THINGS HEARD & THINGS
SAID TO ME AT RALLIES

1. 6 Year old girl
looking at my car
and others, pointed
at the Vent Flaps
and then said:-
'Daddy why do these
old cars have
Letter Boxes.'
2. Rather posh lady
about 50 years old
in a large Ascot
type hat called
over to her husband
and pointing at my
and pointing at my
'Darling look just like my Sewing machine'.
(Petrol powered Sewing machine may be for making Oil Skins)

3. 2 Gentlemen who knew everything? about old cars talking
about my A7, one said to the other:-'Nice car pitty it has
the wrong wheels' not bad? when the car was built in 1930
they put those wheels on it. (Of course they Knew it all)
4. Lady in her late 50's. asked me if I drove my A7 to the
Rally. I said yes, she said:- That's amazing how did you do
it, it has NO Petrol Tank. Before I could explain that the
Petrol tank is under the Bonnet, she walked away with a
puzzled look on her face.

5. Standing talking to friend about his Bullnose Morris, a young lady with her small daughter stopped to look. The daughter seeing the rally No. 10 on the windscreen said to her mother:-'Mummy why dont you buy one of those it only costs £10.'
6. A middle aged lady looking at the steering wheel and levers on the steering wheel, IE. Throttle and Ignition asked me and she thought I set them like a Compass before I started out. You can imagine we will go North today and the car goes North. (Perhaps she thought it was a Boat?)
7. A man and his son aged about 14 stopped and look at my A7. The man then said:-'How fast does it go', I said:- About 40 MPH down hill and about 10 to 15 MPH up hill. As they walked away the 14 year old son said to his dad:-'That must have been the Driver and car you were Swearing about when we were stuck in that line of slow moving traffic this morning.
8. A lady and her Two children were looking at a row of old cars mine included and said to her two children:-'My Dears these people are all Cranks' (Referring to the owners of the cars.) My friend standing talking to me turned to the Lady and said:-'Madam a Crank is a most useful piece on an old car'. She went Bright Red and with her two children hastily disappeared into the crowd.

Eric Wycherley.

Super charge for Bugatti

THE famous London auctioneers Sotheby's confessed they were amazed when something looking like a tea-towel reached £260, and a dozen 3in. brass hinges fetched £1,400 at a Monte Carlo auction. But they carried a special monogram—"E.B."

The two lots were part of a collection of memorabilia from the family of Ettore Bugatti, the famous motor car designer and manufacturer who died 30 years ago. Though best known for his cars, Bugatti was also a sport and boat fanatic.

Hence the hinges, a collection of shackles and cleats that went for £6,600 and the plan of a hydroplane that found a buyer at £4,800.

The auction, in a Big Top marquee next to Monaco's Royal Palace, saw 86 years



of motoring history fall under the hammer. More than 50 precious cars were on sale, fetching a grand total of £2 million.

Undoubted star of the show was the two-tone blue Alfa Romeo that the great Italian racing driver, Nuvolari, drove past the chequered flag in the 1933 Le Mans 24-hour event. A supercharged 8C 2300 Cabriolet, it went to an anonymous

FANATIC: Ettore Bugatti also loved sport and boats

telephone bidder for an astonishing £275,000.

Other cars that caught the eye of more than 500 buyers who jetted in from three continents were a 1948 Drophead Jaguar Mk. IV, first owned by Edmond de Rothschild; Nubar Gulbenkian's pink 1969 Mercedes 280SE, finished to his personal specification and registered in his wife's name; a couple of De Loreans (remember them?); and a fabulous white "Great Gatsby" Tourer from the early Thirties, an Isotta-Fraschini Tipo 8A, which crossed the finishing line at £155,000, and a 1923 Rolls-Royce "R" Series Silver Ghost.

TONY ROCCA

DIARY OF EVENTS

- Friday 4th December. Club Night. Quiz compiled by Marion Booth.
- Friday 8th January 1988. Club Night. New Year Buffet
(NOT NEW YEARS DAY) £1.00 per head.
- Friday 5th February. Club Night. Films of Old Car Rallies 60's & 70's
- Friday 4th March. Club Night. A Talk by :
Peter Wallage
Editor of
The Automobile Mag.
- Saturday 5th March. H.O.M.C. Annual Dinner, at
The Castle Inn, Bodiam. 7.30pm
for 8.00pm Dinner.
- Friday 1st April. Club Night. A.G.M.
Subs Due £1.00.
Car Stickers. 25p.

THINKS...

**I hope my dog
licence covers
me for this**

