

Newsletter – December 2018

The Autumn Classic weekend in October brought the hillclimb season at Prescott to a close with the now traditional razzmatazz event celebrating all things American. Sadly, the weather was typically British with heavy rain on Saturday and a frosty start on Sunday. However, it did nothing to dampen the spirits of the competitors and spectators who stoically braved the elements and ensured that the year of hillclimbing at Prescott finished on a high.

At this meeting, nine Bugattis competed and it was great to see the Bugatti handicap class so well supported. Mark Miller took 1<sup>st</sup> place in his Type 37A with a best time of 65.20 seconds – 0.42 secs below his handicap. Well done Mark. Tom Dewhurst in the family Type 40 came second and Ed Burgess in his Type 51 was third. Congratulations to all. Many spectators commented how delighted they were to see the Bugattis competing on their home hill and with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bugatti Owners' Club taking place next year in July, we hope to see many more of this iconic marque "coming home" to Prescott for this very special event.

Congratulations to Trevor Willis for winning the 2018 British Hillclimb Championship. This is Trevor's third Championship and it was won in a nail-biting finish at Loton Park in September after a season of 34 rounds. Trevor fought a season long battle with Will Hall who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wallace Menzies in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Before they could all relax and put the cars away for the winter, it was off to Gubbio in Italy for the FIA Hillclimb Masters competition which is a gathering of the very best hillclimb drivers from 21 different countries. This time, Will Hall took the gold medal in category 4 followed by Scott Moran and Trevor Willis. Matthew Ryder won the "Under 25 Years" award and Nicola Menzies took the "Fastest Time by a Lady" award. A great result for the Brits! Congratulations to the many UK drivers who made the trip and helped contribute to the UK finishing a very creditable 5<sup>th</sup> in the Nations Cup. We were able to watch the hillclimb via live streaming with excellent commentary keeping us informed and entertained.

In October we said a fond farewell to Nigel who has looked after the grounds at Prescott for the past 27 years ably assisted by his wife, Jenny, who retired last year. We wish both Nigel and Jenny a long and happy, well deserved retirement and thank them both for all their hard work. I am especially grateful to Nigel for helping me in the storeroom when more muscle than I have available has been needed. Greg, our finance manager, has also retired and, again, we wish Greg a long and happy retirement. Of course, we hope that our retirees will keep in touch and visit Prescott regularly where they will always be assured of a warm welcome.

#### New items

I now have in stock felt washers used on the rear axle input shaft, front of differential casing. This washer is suitable for early Type 57, GP cars, Brescias and touring cars. Part no is C3L.

I also have a source for the starting handle for the Type 57 and the wheel spanner for the T57. I have samples of these in the stores so if you would like more details, please contact me.

Back in stock are the very useful Bugatti Automobile cloths – part no M16. These have been used as dusters, oily rags and even table placemats. They can be used in many imaginative ways!

Finally, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 2019. Thank you so much for your custom, help and advice in 2018.

Tricia Davis

### The Spares Department

Please remember that the Spares Department functions as a service to Club members and can only operate with your support. Our prices remain competitive in relation to the quality standards that we insist upon from our suppliers. Stock items are readily available. Over the years much information has been compiled with regard to a **source of supply** for many parts which are not listed in the spares catalogue. If you cannot find the parts you require listed in the catalogue then please do contact me giving full details of your requirements and I will pursue the matter for you.

### Payment for Purchases of Spares

The Club prefers payment of invoices at the time of despatch. We accept all major debit or credit cards with the exception of American Express. It is helpful if you quote the card details at the time of placing the order. Cheques from overseas must be in £Sterling and drawn on a British Bank. Regrettably we can no longer accept Eurocheques. All cash payments must be in £Sterling.

### Refunds

Full refunds will be given on any parts purchased providing the part concerned is in the same condition as sold and the original invoice can be shown. The maximum term for a refund is two years.

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