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NEWS AND VIEWS.....

Trust you all had a reasonable winter and managed to get a few jobs completed on the car front despite some of the temperatures we had in the UK at least! Our D in Florida has enjoyed seemingly endless sunshine and has been out and about to several shows. It is Mike Goodwin's D0252, the second D made.



Very suitable picture for our Spring edition! The meeting was the Moose Club's 5th Annual Charity Car Show at Homestead in Florida just last month. The troupe are from the 'South Florida Hotrides' and volunteered to give out the awards and be photographed with the cars.

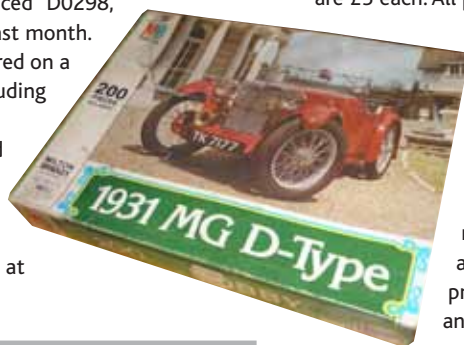
We had a good turnout at Stoneleigh last month for our casual get together at midday. I think we all agreed that the event was much better than of late for our type of cars. Few more stalls of interest and much less MGB stuff around!

NEWS ON CARS.....

By the time you read this D0263 mentioned in the last edition may well be sold; we await confirmation.

No doubt most of you will have noticed D0298, registration TK 7177, for sale in 'Safety Fast' last month. This is quite a 'famous' car in that it was featured on a series of greetings cards and other items including a jigsaw puzzle back in the seventies.

The jigsaw and the other items are included on the archive page of our website but worth showing again here as it is now very rare. It was produced in 1975 in the States; in fact I know of only 3 in existence so keep a lookout at autojumbles and flea markets!



EVENTS.....

Our Diary page on the website has been updated since the MG Live Silverstone dates were confirmed as June 23rd and 24th. Note that this year it is back to a two day event rather than 3.

At the time of writing nothing has been planned for the Drive it day celebration which this year is on April 22nd. But do let me know if you participate in one, ideally with a picture!

Pre-War Prescott is on July 21st and the D Group intend a major presence there. This is an ideal opportunity to have a leisurely drive up one of the most famous hill climbs in the country. If you wish a location map or a local accommodation list do let me know.

BITS AND PIECES.....

Firstly we have a D owner urgently needing a back axle casing – ideally with back plates. I'm pretty sure the D is the same as that on the J Types so surely there is one out there somewhere?



The latest exciting edition from the Peter Frost stable is the long awaited ignition switch. Common to D, J1 and F1 it comes complete with a properly marked blade key. I saw them at Stoneleigh and they are beautifully made to original spec.



Cost is £50 including one key – additional keys are £5 each. All plus postage. The two keys in the picture are equivalent to Lucas L4449/3 for the short one, and this is correct for P1, PLC and PLC3 switches. The longer one is equivalent to Lucas 9847 for the Rotax ignition switch, and therefore for this switch shown, but either fit. Be quick not many have been made; Peter can be contacted on frostpeter@talktalk.net or on 01162 609795

We've had further good reports on Keith Ardley's reflector re-silvering service at £4 per inch measured across the diameter. Those of you who went to Stoneleigh probably noticed his impressive stand with all sorts of lights and lamps on it. Although his email address has 'Keith' spelt wrongly it is correct as kieth@ardley8142.fsnet.co.uk; or phone 01353 778493.

Barrie Dean has for sale a brand new D/J1/F1 petrol tank. It just needs a filler neck and cap – usually salvaged from your rusty old tank. Barrie can be contacted on baz_jan@hotmail.co.uk or on 01159 208416.