



Area 57 (Enfield) Newsletter

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We had a very busy meeting with ongoing discussions about the cost of using the Club room at the Museum. You should all be up to date following last month's newsletter, and the reply from Alex Watt which Roy forwarded to members, in which he said that they could reduce the cost from their original request of £80 per meeting to £60, which was still considerably more than the club can afford. Keith O, however, has worked on our behalf to get it reduced to £50, making an annual cost of £600. The majority of the people who were at Monday's meeting said they wanted to stay at the Museum for our meetings, but the only way that this could be done was to increase our subs to £25, an increase of £5. As agreed, Doug has been making contact with the "sleeping" members who we rarely see. There were only two people that were not spoken to. Everyone was immediately OK with the rise and the necessity to do it, with the exception of Brian Ferrett who has sold his E-type and would not be rejoining anyway. Doug and I did visit a pub not very far from us which has a private dining room, for which they make no charge. The view was expressed at the meeting that pubs are well known for changing managers and what one agreed to at one time might not be what another manager or the brewery might choose to do. The matter will need to be decided definitely at the October meeting.



Obviously though, the first thing we talked about was the very sad and sudden death of Harry Gomez. We all agreed that you couldn't meet a more genial man and we will always have a permanent reminder of him with our Club logo.



The end of the season has been quite busy and gone some way to make up for the earlier part of the year. I don't think anyone went to Waltham Cross this time but the Whitewebbs Museum was invited to take a few vehicles to Hoddesdon although the main show was cancelled.



I gather that Area 33 day at Hyde Hall was very successful as you can read in Lesley's report.



Despite some very threatening clouds, the weather stayed dry at Tewin and although they said that numbers had been limited to 400, it seemed just as busy as usual. The normal wide range of cars were in attendance and Triumphs in particular were on display. I think there were seven of our cars on the field in various places but unfortunately there is nowhere nearby to meet up first.



The first weekend of September is always busy with Buntingford and Capel Manor on consecutive days. Normally there is a queue to get into Buntingford High Street but this year Keith W got there early and was sent almost to the far end of the street. We were asked to go in the area where the NUTS group used to park. Eventually the normal amount of cars turned up with plenty of visitors.



Capel Manor could not have been better, with wall to wall sunshine and plenty of cars. I don't know if the numbers had been limited but it still seemed very busy. Brian W put the bonnet up on his XK150 to be judged and the car received the 2nd in class award. The Museum had brought along a 1928 ambulance which got a lot of attention.



Don't forget that everyone is welcome at Brian and Mandy's this Saturday from 2 p.m..



While talking to Ed Marks, he said he intends to sell his 1998 XK8 coupe as, living within the congestion zone, it is not practical. If anyone wants more details give him a ring.



AREA 33 DAY – Hyde Hall – Sunday 15th August

Report by Lesley Winter

On Sunday 15 August Alan, Barbara, Keith, Tony and I went to area 33 day at RHS Hyde Hall. The day started a bit cloudy, then the sun came out, thank goodness for the breeze, as it was very warm. The cars were parked either side of the main entrance path to the gardens, when the gates were open to the public at 10am there was a surge of people looking at the cars.

One that took my eye was an Austin which had a trailer on the back with a replica pedal car, and an Aston Martin with my initials on the number plate.



Tony and I have been before and the show has grown from just 100 cars to quite a large event in nice surroundings. Exhibitors have free entry to the gardens, which would normally cost £12.15 per adult, free to RHS members.

There were over 200 cars, all different from vintage Austins, classic MGs, Bentleys, Aston Martins. There were ten different car clubs including two JDC areas 33 (Essex) and 3 (Cambridge), JEC Thameside. We wandered round the gardens getting inspiration and looking at the view of Essex from the hill top restaurant. We will be returning next year if the event is held again.



On another note, Area 33 are looking at organising an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 18th September at the East Anglian Railway Museum on board an old carriage from 4.00/4.30pm. The Afternoon tea is £19.95/person and they would only do it for a minimum of 12 guests. Entry to the museum is extra. For further details contact: Celine Elson, Club Secretary on 07876-391949.

