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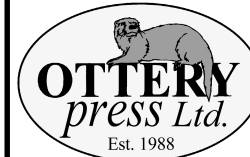
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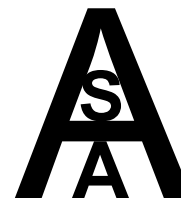
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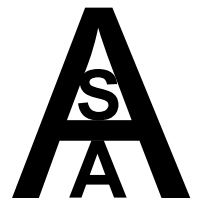
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Social Meeting of TACO

The Unicorn Inn, Plympton, Plymouth. PL7 4NE
Sunday 17th July 2005 at 3.00pm

In order to divorce the boring part of monthly meets from the social side and so keep the club light hearted, future social meetings will be preceded by a committee meeting which will start one hour earlier. Minutes of each meeting will be reported in the next Capricorn so that all members are aware of any issues raised. Any member that wishes to make any suggestions is asked to contact any committee member who will inform the others and bring it up at the next meeting.

Please remember that subscriptions are now due for the 05/06 season and should be paid ASAP to either John or Guy.



Please try and support us at these social events, it's a great way of getting to know other club members, exchanging ideas, and views, and going places that otherwise you may never visit. It is TACO's policy to stage these events approximately monthly, without clashing with the Formula One schedule! Dates are publicised on the website and in the magazine. Every other meeting will be in an alternative location to our "home pub" Chipshop Inn, nr. Tavistock, in order to be fair to those who have to travel a distance. **So if you have a local, with good facilities, who would be prepared to host an event, please let us know.**

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From the past Chairman

When TACO was formed it was agreed that Committee posts should only be held for two years, then if no member was willing to put themselves up for election, a committee member could serve a further year, or until a replacement were found, if they were willing. In this way it was hoped that new blood, and so new ideas would help keep the club growing.

I was therefore delighted when during this year's AGM it was suggested that I should be elected Honorary Life President of TACO to make way for a new Chairman. I am thrilled that Paul Hann has put himself forward to fill this post, all the more so after the monumental contribution that he has made to the club during this last year.

I am very happy to accept this post and feel that the proposition will certainly benefit the clubs long term future.

I take great pleasure in welcoming Paul to the Committee and wish him every success in steering the club forward over the next two years. I hope that all members will support him in his endeavours in the same way as most have supported me in the past. I also thank all the members that have contacted me to wish me luck in the future (I'm not going anywhere!) and look forward to any challenges that my new position as Club President brings.

From the new Chairman

Hello, I'm Paul Hann, the chap who keeps encouraging unsuspecting members to join me on mystery tours of Dartmoor every year!

At our AGM on the 19th of July Guy was asked if he wanted to be President of our club for as long as he wanted to be part of T.A.C.O. following his two years of service as Chairman. Following his acceptance, I was happy to be proposed and voted into the chair by the members present.

I hope to follow on from where Guy left off, and would like to thank Guy for all his efforts in getting T.A.C.O. started and helping it to become the club it is today. THANKYOU.

One of my main aims is to try and involve as many members in the running of the club as possible, and to keep the club as friendly as it is for everyone!

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the next meeting on the 17th of July at the Unicorn in Plympton

Paul

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Minutes of TACO AGM

19th June 2005 Chipshop Inn, Chipshop

Meeting opened at 3.45pm

Minutes of last AGM – previous meeting was not minuted.

Chairman's report:

It hardly seems possible that we are just two years old. The current mailing list is just short of thirty, although it is anticipated that this will drop as we enter our third year as some people move on to other things and let their membership lapse. We are still attracting potential members at a reasonable level and the numbers will no doubt grow even further throughout the year.

The clubs growth is due entirely to the enthusiasm of a number of core members. To them I say thank you, without your support over the last two years, the club would not have enjoyed the success that it has. Who of us would have thought that we would feature in a major publication such as Classic Ford magazine, had they been told a year ago?

This coming year poses more challenges, and with more members we should be able to grasp the opportunities that lay before us. I hope that we will soon start to make an impression at some of the major shows, we certainly have a number of vehicles that would do well. Many of those who joined with cars that had suffered from the neglect of previous ownership, have worked hard on, and taken pride in them. Members have supported each other, helped newcomers to acquire new skills and above all have had fun, which is after all what the club is all about.

I am absolutely thrilled to have been involved with TACO from concept to the present time. I have learned an incredible amount, turned my hand to mechanics, welding and even spray painting. I have researched and written thousands of words about our modern classic and have travelled to far-flung parts in pursuit of our hobby and have made an awful lot of new friends.

As Chairman I feel that I have been able to put back some of the energy that I've drawn out, and hope to serve the club for many more years to come, although in what capacity remains to be seen.

Club Magazine:

The Capricorn continues to draw comment from other clubs, no other club including CCI has the colour content that we do and as such this publication is becoming an important part of our window dressing, and has certainly drawn a number of new members into our fold.

Keeping the content interesting and varied is quite a challenge, especially when producing it in ones spare time. Submissions for inclusion are always welcomed, from whatever source, and wherever possible due credit is given, please keep them coming in.

I cannot unfortunately spare extra time trying to find paid advertising or sponsorship to help cover the costs and bolster club funds, so if any member can help please let me know.

In order to broaden Capricorn's readership without increasing its cost there is now a low-resolution .pdf download version posted on the website each month. This file is about 2.5mb and requires Adobe Reader version 4 or higher to view it.

Videos available to members.

This will (Hopefully) be extended to include other titles - (DONATIONS PLEASE!). (Hire charge: £1.00 donation to the club coffers).

"Classic Ford Cars on Show" 55mins.

"Ford Concept Cars" & "Capri for Me" Broadcast on Men & Motors

"Wheeler Dealers" - Capri 1.6 Laser Restoration!?! - Broadcast on UK Living

"A whole bunch of Capri stuff on DVD" A pretty good ripoff compilation bought off eBay.

Haynes and other manuals

We are building a library of these for members reference, again any donations would be welcome.

Titles already in our possession are;

- Ford - Capri Mk2/3 Workshop Manual 1.3, 1.6, 2.0, 2.3 & 3.0
- Pearson's - Capri Illustrated Servicing Guide 1.3 & 1.6 OHV, 2.0 V4, 3.0 V6
- Autobooks - Capri 2000 V4, 3000 V6 1969 -1976
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- Haynes - Sierra 2.3 & 2.8
- Haynes - Body repair manual

Photocopies of any relevant section of the above will be sent by request if you supply an SAE. Items marked * are club property.

Limited Edition Classic Car Pictures by Nick Luff

Nick Luff has produced a range of limited edition classic car prints, including Mk2 and Mk3 Capris. These are hand painted in water colour, signed and numbered by the artist. These may be commissioned to represent individual cars. Nick may be contacted through **TACO** or directly on 01822 834106.



NEWS

TACO Publicity Cards

These are working very well, and have already helped to increase our membership. Please ensure that you carry them with you so that you can spread the word to other potential members. If you run out, we have received another delivery so can top you up.

TACO Banner is to be joined by a TACO Flag!

Our ten foot long banner is to be joined by a flag. This will be produced from our own artwork by Significant Signs in Plymouth who very kindly give us trade rates. The flag will be flown at selected events from the pole that was donated to the club by Chris. Should any member require either the banner or flag for show use, please ask Guy in good time... we only have one of each! (At the time of printing we are still waiting for the flag).

TACO Website

The website address is www.t-a-c-o.co.uk Please send any submissions directly to capriclub@t-a-c-o.co.uk. Gail is now also helping to expand the site. There is now a Guest Book and Forum on our home page, please use them when you visit. Duchy Show 2005 has been added to the What's on? pages. The site now has 50mb of dedicated webspace and it's own icon when you add it to "my favorites" in your browser.

Club Merchandise

TACO windscreen stickers are only £1.00 each and designed to be stuck on the inside of the windscreen.

We have now found a company that is willing to **embroider our logo** onto supplied (new) garments for about £3.00 each. We need to make up orders in 10's so please, so let Guy have those T-Shirts etc.

Club Directory

If you need to contact a club member, but do not have their details, please contact Guy. If you do not wish to have your number passed on to other members, please let me know and I will mark your record accordingly. Space so far has prevented us from including other CCI branch contact details.

Interesting Websites

www.ebay.co.uk - Europe's largest on-line auction - always worth a look for Capri related goods, a lot of bargains to be had. Bid late but don't get carried away!

www.autotrader.co.uk - Looking for a new Capri? Here is a good starting point.

www.fordcaprilaser.co.uk - A terrific site, full of useful information, images, advice and sales - remember Guy's free graphite grey competition winner last year? It came from here!

<http://cerberusracing.hostinguk.com/cci/> - Capri Club International new home, lots of information here as we as links to other clubs.

www.fordcapri.co.uk - Used to be Simon's site.

<http://www.zyworld.com/caprisport/> - Caprisports, the home of some great mods.

<http://www.t-a-c-o.co.uk> - Our very own site!!!!

Website:

The website is growing fast and is achieving a very high number of hits. It again forms part the overall picture that people have of us.

There is a downloads page where there is a TACO screensaver available, this is in the form of a slideshow of pictures, taken from the earliest thoughts of forming our club through to this years Dartmoor Run.

I am trying to include as many of the club cars as I can, and would be grateful if everyone who wants to be included could let me have a potted history of their vehicle, and to that end I shall be circulating a simple questionnaire.

More technical information, hints and tips would be useful and suggestions for other items of interest. If you want to know what is going on and you have access to the web make sure that you drop in regularly.

I am most grateful to all our members and supporters. Each and every one of you has had a part to play in making this club the success that it has become.

Guy Massey

Treasurer's report: Apologies were received from John. Report received via e-mail.

Tony, John and Guy are account signatories

Lloyds/TSB have credited our account with £25 as an apology for their poor handling of the change of signatories.

Balance of account at 19th June 2005 - £626.89

Members were urged to renew membership ASAP

All future expenditure to be voted on

Although the account is healthy fund raising ideas are always needed

Committee Posts:

Tony proposed the Guy is to become Club President, seconded by Simon.

Paul volunteered as Chairman, seconded by Simon

Tony volunteered to remain as Vice Chairman, seconded by Gail

Gail volunteered to remain as Secretary, seconded by Guy

John to remain as Treasurer, seconded by Guy

AOB:

3 new members have joined, one with a 2.0 Laser and another with a Janspeed Turbo. The third new member has a concours 3.0S and lives in Ottery St Mary

Linda, the Chipshop Land Lady made a presentation to Paul Hann for being the Member who has contributed most to the Club in the last year. The Chipshop Inn now officially sponsors TACO, and will be displaying Club trophies

Guy said that it would be good to have other trophies and awards for presentation at the AGM and would like suggestions for other categories as well as having one for the Member who's car has most improved during the year.

It was suggested that Committee meeting are held separately from Social meetings. This was proposed by Guy and seconded by Tony.

Committee meetings to be held approx 1 hour before Socials.

Gail has volunteered to become Events Co-Ordinator

Paul Hann is trying to organise a disco (Richard Jay) for the show and thinks he may be able to get the booking at £80 for the Saturday night.

Guy reminded everyone about Ford Capri Day at Critch Tramway on 11th September.

TACO Show: We reviewed the notes made from previous meetings regarding the show. Guy to help Vicky organise the Trophies following technical problems that she has experienced casting resin.

Meeting closed 4.50pm

Paul is presented with his trophy by Linda after the AGM



Members Cars

Great News! Jess who contemplated giving up Capri ownership, has had a change of heart and now intends to keep her Capri as a second vehicle and continue to support the club whenever her busy work shedule allows. Sadly she will be abroad on the 17th but hopes to be involved with our soiree in August.

Graham phoned Guy and told him of a Mk1 that was being sold in North Devon. It was a car that Guy had looked at a year previously and had admired then. Graham didn't fancy an automatic, so as soon as the owner returned from holiday Guy sealed the deal and became the proud owner of PEL 611M, More about this car on the centre pages.

New member Dennis Barnes, gives the following detail about his 1984 Mineral Blue 2.0ltr Laser; It was purchased in June 2002 and was absolutely spotless. SW climate has since made a few modifications in the form of added ventilation around the rear window, front wings and below rear bumper. Hoping to take care of that soon after a cylinder head swap and fuel catalyst has been added. It had two former owners who had obviously taken good care of her. It



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Your captions... *please!!!*

From Guy: *"Vicky, do you think customs would search under here?"*

Diary Dates (red indicates TACO involvement)

If you are planning to attend any of the following shows, please inform the editor and if possible provide a write up and photographs after your visit.

9th & 10th July 2005

32nd Historic Vehicle Gathering

Powderham Castle, Kenton, Nr. Exeter

7th August 2005

Mount Edgcombe Classic Car Show

Plymouth

7th August 2005

Ford fair

Silverstone

13th 14th August 2005

TACO Summer Soireé

The Old Rectory, Gulworthy, Tavistock.
Camping will be available for overnight Friday and Saturday. Once again this will be a private event, limited to enthusiasts and club members. Admission will be by way of a temporary membership payable on the gate plus camping cost as required. Charges have not yet been set.

27th 28th & 29th August 2005

Morval Vintage Rally

Bray Farm, No Mans Land, nr Looe, Cornwall

?th September 2005

Capri Bumpkin Show

The Lenches, Evesham

Contact: Puggy 01386 424147

11th September 2005

Critch Tramway Village, Ford Capri Day

Critch, Nr. Matlock

Contact Cara or Roy on 0870 75 TRAMS

or email enquiry@trams.co.uk

Saturday 3rd December 2005 TACO Christmas Meal and Party incl. DISCO
7.00pm at Chipshop. Expected to be about £10 per head.

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Tales from Dagenham 3 - The Learning Years

During the four years of a Ford Motor Company Apprenticeship, you are supposed to learn your trade. This is by means of College and training at the Apprentice School, and by learning from other tradesman by working along side them. Normally things go quite well but sometimes you have to forget what you have just been taught and put it down to experience.

This happened to me while I was an apprentice in the Engine Plant. I was asked to go with a plumber who was known by the title of "The Mad Plumber". I was soon to find out why!

All the toilet and washing facilities are above or below ground to give maximum footage to production. We were asked to go to a toilet block, as there was a blockage in the main down pipe. This pipe happened to run on the outside of the block so was very easily accessible. The mad plumber got a ladder and up we went to the offending pipe. "Undo that end plug on the pipe" he told me, "then get a connection so we can attach a half inch air pipe to it". Sounds simple I thought, so off I went in search of the necessary tools and reducing pipe work. Upon my return, he had erected a small frame for us to stand on. I then unscrewed the end plug and screwed the new pipe work onto it. We then attached the air pipe and slowly opened the flow valve. At first, there was no indication that any thing was happening then with a loud "Pop" the air started to flow at full pressure. "Great job that cleared the bugger" said the mad plumber. I turned off the air unscrewed all the pipe work and replaced the end plug.

After clearing away our small stand, we entered the toilet block to find the janitor and inform him that all was well. As we entered a sight for sore eyes greeted us. The walls, ceiling, floor and everything else were either running with water or coated in a layer of S**T. Oh hell, I thought, the janitor is going to kill us. Quite the contrary actually. He was sat in the corner crying with laughter, curled up and just hysterical. It took us a further 10 minutes to get him to calm down and tell us the joke. "No one told me you were coming," he said, "so I never put an out of order sign on the doors". "At the time your air came through one of the toilets was in use by a big African, and all I heard was his screams". You can image the next bit I know! "He came out of that toilet his trousers down his ankles covered from head to toe in S**T and screaming like a banshee". "I just couldn't move and started to laugh and said he must have got his own back. It's worth the mess just to witness that sight".

I must say that after this I always wondered which of the production workers who used that toilet block it was, but never had the courage to ask.

I decided that this was probably not the best way to clear a blockage and thought I would not take in this bit of learning. Something that I never understood was why the guy never beat the living daylights out of either the janitor, the mad plumber or me.

As I said in my introduction, some stories will be sad some funny but all will be true. Believe me this is true and actually happened!

is very much a day-to-day working car. No modifications other than to add a CD player in a centre console.

Dennis, who recently married Lillian in Botswana, has sent in a wonderful tale of romance and a wedding photograph. With his (and her) permission we will reproduce them next month.

Why do I like the Ford Capri motor car? by Mike Dobson

Well for me it all started about 30 years ago when I was still an apprentice working in Devonport Dockyard. I was walking past a Mk1, there were several of them parked inside the Naval Base in those days. I remarked to the fitter who was looking after me that "one day I am going to get one of those". His reply was "no, you want one, you'll never be able to afford one!" He was of course correct, and even though at that time there were two Iranian ships in for refit and I had asked the young naval staff on board, who owned Capris, to sell one to me for a small price when they were about to leave to go home. Of course this never happened, much to my disappointment. Oh by the way, I still could not drive then and had not had any driving lessons!

Well as most of you know I am now a proud owner of a MK 1 Ford Capri 1.6 GT XL 1971 – colour Ford – Evergreen. Just right as I am a PAFC supporter, even though it has WBA (West Bromwich Albion) number plate. It does require a fair bit of bodywork on it to bring it up to a good standard. Hopefully, this will be done sometime in the future. I do not know when, as I am already in trouble at home – if you know what I mean! So then, why I am so crazy about the Capri and especially the MK 1? Well to me it is a poor man's sports car. It is the best car Ford has so far produced. It gets lots of remarks from different people – normally they say my "Dad use to have one of those" or "it's a very nice car". As you know I also own a MK 3 1.6 Laser (one of the last manufactured in Nov 1986) again different to the MK1 but looks great. I do hope to keep this one, but not sure. Both cars can keep up easily with modern cars and do not cost much for insurance and petrol. In fact my MK 1 is tax exempt!!!



I must also admit to all that I am going through a funny phase in my life at the moment (hence buying Ford Capri's), but hey, you only come this way once so I like to thank the TACO members especially Guy and Barrie for helping me and of course Senior Management (the wife) for letting fulfil my dream and have "The Car You Always Promised Yourself".

When the bodywork matches under the bonnet of Mike's Mk1 he's bound to capture a few trophies.

Crownhill Charity Event on 2nd July

On Saturday 2nd June six members of TACO supported a small charity event in Crownhill, Plymouth. Sadly the weather was wet and so the show was not very well attended. To Gail's obvious delight we outnumbered the MG owners by a ratio of 2:1, this of course could have been very different if the weather had been dry! The organisers still succeeded in



putting together a fun afternoon which included a gun fight staged by the Westerners road show. We all enjoyed ourselves and went home with various bargains from the table top sale, including six fluorescent jackets, purchased for the club by Gail for the princely sum of £3.00!



PEL 611M and the Cornwall Classic Tour.

PEL 611M is a 1974 1600 GT with a Ford three speed automatic transmission. It was first owned by a Mrs. Pell in Bournemouth and during her ten years of ownership it covered less than 10,000 miles. The cars next owner locked it away in a heated garage for another seven years. The car was then put back on the road and pampered for a further decade before a further change of owner kept it garaged again, this time in Dundee. Two years ago the car came south via Kent before finally arriving in North Devon, where it languished in a drive until discovered and purchased by Guy aided by a considerable contribution from his father (thanks Dad!). The total mileage it had covered from new was a mere 19,888!

A light tidy and several coats of Autoglym and she was ready for entry into Newquay Auto Clubs 2005 Cornwall Classic Tour on 3rd July. This annual run attracts a wide entry of cars from all over the country. This year was no exception with over forty assorted classics from as far afield as Hampshire.

The route followed the Cornish coast from Newquay to St Ives, Zennor, Penzance, Praa Sands (for lunch), Goonhilly, Coverack, St Keverne, Mylor and finally to finish at Trelassick Gardens for a cream tea and the presentation.

To Guy's delight PEL was judged the best in class and he received a trophy from Chris Jarman. This is the event that Guy's grey Mk3 did well in two years ago and is certainly

worth supporting, The scenery was breathtaking, the organisation 2nd to none and the participants friendly. Newquay Auto Club raised £1000 for Mount Edgcombe Hospice, well done guys!

