



THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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From the Library:

Bulletins 1957 No. 54 to No. 57 are uploaded in the [Bulletin section](#).

Table top rallies

If you would like to be Clerk of the Course for a week, then do get in touch with Annabel.

This week's rally was set by Ian Dobinson who must have very good eyesight as the first section is very tight, with lots of small roads to challenge you. It would be well worth using a magnifying glass or zooming in to the map on screen

Find the rally [here](#)



Club news

Events update

Entries for an untimed, non-competitive day at Prescott on Saturday 1st August are now open [here](#).

The cost for the day at £165 are higher than we would like but we have costed the event so that it breaks even including the hire charge by the Bugatti Owners Club. To add value for our members there will be several highlights during the day including:

As many runs as our 75 participants can fit in
Guaranteed entry for eligible cars at August Prescott next year (entry fee still applicable)
James Baxter on hand to offer advice
A People's Choice Concours with wine and event ticket prizes

Entries are filling up so please enter now to secure your place

Mallory is also now confirmed with entries expected to open at 9am tomorrow. We are confirming the spectator situation with Mallory Park so please check the website for the latest information.

Our event income has been severely curtailed this year and we thank our members for their generous donations earlier this year. Your continued support is invaluable to us and supporting the few events we have been able to run helps to ensure the future of the Club for years to come.

Staff Update

Those staff who are not furloughed are working a mix of full and part time hours and their contribution has also been above and beyond the call of duty. Many of you may have seen the recent news that we are appointing a Club Accountant.

Sally Duckett is moving into a supportive role within both Finance and Membership so the Club can continue to benefit from her years of experience.

Please see more details of the Club Accountant role [here](#).

KEEP MADEIRA DRIVE OPEN - THE PETITION

Almost 5,000 people have now signed the petition to re-open Madeira Drive and the petition will be presented to the full council on 23 July. The petition runs until 22 July so if you wish to add your voice to those who want to protect the Brighton Speed Trials and the businesses on Madeira Drive you can sign the e-petition [here](#).

Birthdays

A little birdie tells us that past President and all-round VSCC legend, Barry Clarke, will be 90 years young early next week, if members wish to send him a card you can find his address in the 2013 members list and we are sure the gesture will be very much appreciated

Another well known figure celebrating this week is Mac Hubert, very many happy returns Mac!

RILEY RADIO

Live on Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 pm and repeated the following Wednesday at 11am, this is accessible through the Riley Register web site.

www.rileyregister.co.uk



You Tube Finds



[Brooklands in Colour](#)



[Shelsley in 1933](#)



[And 1973](#)

Pub meets

As pubs start to re-open we have had news that the Herts/Cambs/ North Essex area regular 'First Monday' meetings at 'The British Queen' will be happening again from Monday August 3rd. A select group of local vintagents met at the pub on July 6th- it's first day of opening since 'lock down'- and were impressed by the care taken to ensure the safety and comfort of customers. There is a large beer garden, in which a substantial marquee has been erected, and social distancing is not a problem. Screens at the bar and a thorough cleansing routine are in place. Please check the latest Government guidance before attending.

This delightful, locally-owned, pub warmly welcomes members, and there is ample parking for our cars.

Come and join us on August 3rd from 12 noon, enjoy good food, drink and chat followed, perhaps, by a short walk along the delightful river Mel, which runs at the bottom of the beer garden, where piglets may be seen scampering in the wood.

Pub website: www.thebritishqueen.com

Organiser: David Smith (01763 260378 or mobile: 07854 360 680)

Club Heroes

Is there someone you think should be featured on the Club website as a Club hero - past or present? Please do let us know by emailing tania.brown@vscc.co.uk.



Next in our list of heroes is Ian Ferguson.

Ian has been a member of our club since June 1981. Ian is perhaps best known for his work looking after the VSCC Library and this is not a role to be taken lightly. Tirelessly researching members questions and taking care of the Club's extensive archive is a huge task for which Ian has our immense gratitude.

Ian or “Ferg” as he is known within the club was recently shortlisted for a Personality award at The Royal Automobile Club Historic Awards in 2019.

Ferg’s patient assistance and support to the Club's staff and to members across the globe does so much to ensure that the world of vintage motorsport is preserved for future generations and that the encyclopedic knowledge of so many members over so many decades is passed on.

Ferg is not only our Chief Librarian, past Committee member, event organiser, chief biscuit bringer or general all round top bloke but he is also often out on marshaling duties and competing too.

Without him, we would be lost!

If there is anything you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send it to the Club Secretary (tania.brown@vscc.co.uk)

VSCC REGALIA LIMITED EDITION RANGE

The Regalia Team like to listen to our members suggestions for new and exciting merchandise ideas for the club shop, just a few lines now on sale.

Remember when they have gone they won't ever be replaced

On the move?

Keep your drinks cold. Reusable drink bottle and kind to the enviroment

VSCC Water Bottle



Working on the car?

Keep your drink hot and no spills

VSCC reusable drinks cup



Great size Canvas Messenger bag

Usefull for work, storing paperwork or even as an overnight bag

New for 2020



VSCC ripper Wallet

Lightweight wallet 9 x 13cm (closed)
Ideal for holidays and the teenagers in your life



Visit www.vsccl.co.uk shop to see the whole range

From the STD Register :
1000HP Fund

Those of you who take *The Automobile* may have already read the article about the fundraising efforts being made. Please see the fundraising appeal below.

Objective.

To help raise funds in order that the restoration of the engines from the 1000HP Sunbeam land speed record breaking car can be completed so that the car can run under its own power.

The fund will raise money for a specific item and once that target has been achieved a decision will be made on whether or not the fund continues. If it continues a new item will be nominated and the fund will try and achieve that target and so on.

Target number 1.

Raise £6000 to enable the National Motor Museum to have the dismantling of engine number 2 and the reconstruction of engine number 1 filmed so that there is a documented record of how these engines are assembled. The target date for handing over the money to the NMM will be June 22nd 2021 at the STD National event.

Background.

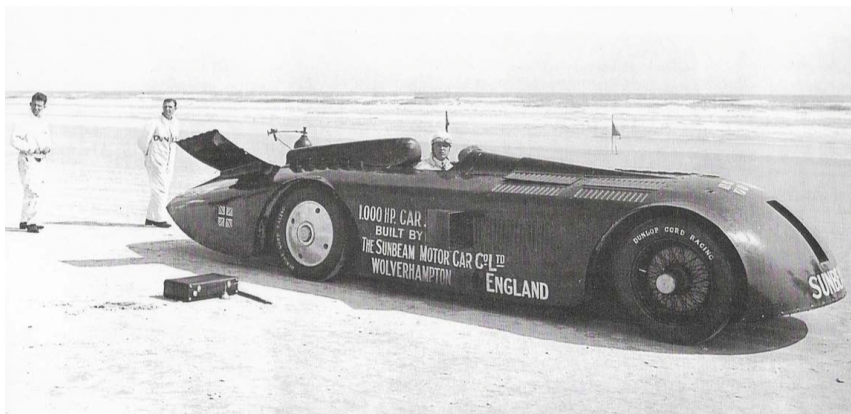
The car was the first car to exceed 200mph when Sir Henry Segrave broke the land speed record at Daytona Beach in Florida on March 26th 1927 achieving an average speed of 203.792 mph. The car has two Sunbeam 22.5 litre V12 Sunbeam Matabele aero engines rated at 450HP at 2000rpm. The engines were positioned in line, with the driver sitting between the two. The engines are referred to as the rear and front engines.

The National Motor Museum have had the car in their collection since 1958 and endeavour to ensure all of the engines in their care are turned over and kept in the best possible condition. Part of this process is to survey the mechanical well-being of vehicles they know are not capable of running. The 1000HP Sunbeam is one such vehicle.

In 2016 Doug Hill the Museum's Chief Engineer embarked on a project to restore these two engines with the aim of getting the car to move under its own power once again, which can be achieved with just one of the engines working.

The STD Register already has a history of assisting the NMM with the sourcing of spare parts for the restoration of the 350HP Sunbeam and by holding an event at Beaulieu to raise funds to help towards the cars restoration costs. As THE club for pre war Sunbeams it is very much in the Register's interests to see this wonderful car driven again under its own power.

Therefore I would ask that STD members and others rise to this challenge and make a donation to the STD 1000HP fund.



Donations can be made by cheque or bank transfer:

Please send your cheques made payable to the STD Register
to: Dudley Smith, The Ridge, 15E Copse Hill,
Wimbledon, London, SW20 0NB marked
1000HP fund.

By bank Transfer: STD Register.
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