



THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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From the Library:

Bulletins 1958 No. 58 to No. 61 and 1959 No. 62 to No.65 are uploaded in the [Bulletin section](#).

In Bulletin News I have posted a link to a definitive list of the 1930's Bulletins that were printed and once back in TOPO I hope to load those that are missing. *Ian Sykes Asst. Lib*

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 challenge offers a rare opportunity for a rally in central London, with no traffic or one-way systems to worry about and a Royal Garden Party at the end of the route.

Find the rally [here](#)



Club news

Events update - A message from the President

Track day - 1st August:

You will have recently seen an email from Tania which announced the extension of the Club's track day at Prescott to all road-going cars, eligible or otherwise. As advised, the BOC has imposed a limit of 75 cars and we need to fill that to break even, an objective I hope all members will understand and support. However, I had separately asked the BOC for their help in achieving this objective, and they have just now come back with their response. They have reduced the charge to us of hiring the hill which will enable us to offer an entry fee of just £145, a saving of £20. However, we still need to fill our allocation of 75 to offer that discount, so I need your support in taking up the few remaining places. We have responded to members' requests by providing an August Prescott event, and made it as flexible as we can to maximise its appeal - from tuition by James Baxter for those keen to improve their skills, to removal of all restrictions for non-competitive cars. Given the current guidelines, we feel we have been as accommodating as we can in providing something for everyone. Nothing can compare to the first time you take a car up Prescott, even a non-competitive car at a leisurely pace, and see those beautiful parts of the hill that are excluded from spectators. You will develop a new-found respect for those drivers regularly winning classes and breaking records. In all, an experience to be savoured.

Long Course - 26th September:

Great news, this will now be run as a competitive event, with timings, awards etc. You will recall that we thought we could only run this as a track day, so this is a positive development. Even better, there is a reasonable chance that spectators will be permitted, although that is not yet confirmed. Further details will follow as soon as they are agreed, but in the meantime I'd urge all hill climb regulars to confirm the date in their diaries. In what has been a very challenging year for the Club I hope that we have now offered you two really attractive events at the Club's leading iconic venue that you can support.

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

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



[Tom Walker talks](#)



[R4D](#)



[Angouleme](#)

Facebook Live Quiz

This week our quiz will be hosted by Robin Batchelor and we are trying something a little different. For those of you who do not 'do' Facebook, the quiz is going to be hosted on Zoom. If you join us there, please keep your microphones muted, hosting is scary enough without heckling!

For those that follow on Facebook, we will still be streaming the Zoom video through Facebook Live so you can watch as you normally do. Please note that gives two mediums for the host and the Club Secretary to try and keep up with questions and scores so please be patient, especially on a Friday night.

Hopefully we will see lots of you tomorrow at 8pm.

The meeting invitation is below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88237278089?
pwd=bFF3R3phNGRvSGtaTmdKcU0ybHdUdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88237278089?pwd=bFF3R3phNGRvSGtaTmdKcU0ybHdUdz09)

Club Heroes - Geoff Sheppard

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.



Geoff had been the Vintage Sports-Car Club's Chief scrutineer for many years and had recently retired from the post when he passed away. The Club had planned to present him with an award for his services to the Club but sadly he died before that opportunity arose.

For many, many years Geoff attended virtually all VSCC Race and Speed events in his role as VSCC Chief Scrutineer and could always be relied upon for a quiet but detailed understanding and appreciation of the specialties of Pre-war sports and racing cars. There was seldom an issue that he did not understand or deal with firmly but sympathetically. The level of respect that Geoff enjoyed among his fellow licensed scrutineers was obvious to see and this was a perpetual stability in the world of historic motor sport. Geoff had threatened to retire from this post over many years but his heart was so much in it that he found it difficult to pass on. It is a great sadness that, when he did, he was not able to enjoy more motor sport without the responsibility of office.

As well as his love of motor sport, Geoff was a major contributor to the Model Engineering hobby in general, and the Bristol Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (BSMEE) in particular. He held several management posts within BSMEE culminating in his appointment as President in 2012. He was also known internationally for his editorship of Model Engineers' Workshop and his involvement in model engineering generally manifested itself in encouragement to others which was echoed in testimonies from that side of Geoff's life.

Geoff was a lovely, kind-hearted man and, when asked for a favour or advice, nothing was ever too much trouble for him. His popularity was echoed at his funeral which saw over 300 mourners and standing room only at the Westerleigh Crematorium in April 2013. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

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)



DO YOU LIKE A HAT?

VSCC BASEBALL CAPS

Visit the online shop to view all of our club merchandise



Available from the VSCC merchandise shop is a choice of three Baseball Caps.

Designed in the traditional VSCC navy blue with a contrast peak you can choose from the traditional round logo or the modern stylised logo or alternatively we have the limited edition Black Formula Vintage cap, so a great choice.



The caps are made from 100% brushed cotton drill with a pre curved peak to keep its style. They have a six panel cap with stitched ventilation eyelets to keep you cool in summer.

One size fits all with a self fabric strap and a matt silver effect buckle and grommet to adjust the cap for a perfect fit.

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.

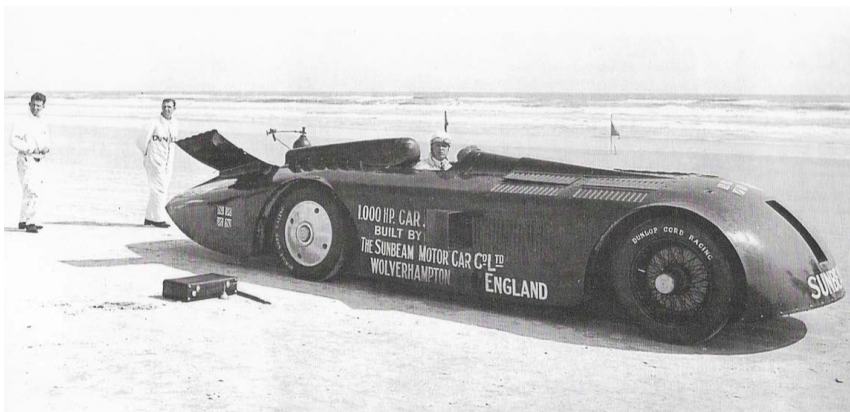
The car was the first car to exceed 200mph when Sir Henry Segrave broke the land speed record at Daytona Beach in Florida on March 26th 1927 achieving an average speed of 203.792 mph. The car has two Sunbeam 22.5 litre V12 Sunbeam Matabele aero engines rated at 450HP at 2000rpm. The engines were positioned 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.
Sort code = 30-98-29 Acc = 02899425