

IN LOVING MEMORY



It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to member John Robles who sadly passed away in July. Always a willing participant and attendee in any club event, he put younger members to shame by always volunteering to help out even in tasks that were too strenuous for a man of his age.

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# The GBZ Newsletter

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### The President Speaks

You may remember that I mentioned in our June newsletter that on the 27th May I was driving with Judith in the Morgan to England to attend two Morgan Rallies. The first of these was the Mog 04 International rally which was held at Oswestry close to the Welsh border over the weekend from the 11th to 14th June. The weather was hot and sunny and over 700 Morgans attended. I was very proud to receive the award for the farthest driven to the event and the announcement made that we had driven all the way from Gibraltar and our Gibraltar number plate caused a lot of interest. The second rally I was

involved with organising on behalf of the Morgan Sports Car Club España and this was for the duration of one week from the 24<sup>th</sup> June to the 1<sup>st</sup> July. The highlights were a visit to the Morgan Factory and a day at the Prescott Hill Climb circuit for the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bugatti Club. Bugatti's from all over the world attended this event and the machinery on display was mind-blowing. A Bugatti Royal one of only Six built drove in the cavalcade of cars. There were also other makes of cars present and almost all of the classic car clubs in England were represented. The competition on the hill climb circuit was fierce and I was particularly interested to see

the Morgan three-wheelers taking the hairpin bends at great speed on 2 wheels.

Throughout the week we stayed at good quality hotels ate good food and drove through beautiful countryside covering a distance of over 1200km.

Whilst in England we had a week's holiday on a narrowboat on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal with family and also toured Cornwall and Devon. Whilst in Devon we were very sad to receive a telephone call to inform us of the sudden death of John Robles. He was a very active and enthusiastic member of our association (even more so than those half his age) who is greatly missed. We finally arrived home in Gibraltar on the 19<sup>th</sup> July having driven 8,500km.

It is very difficult to organise outings in the hot summer months so our club activities are normally very rare during this period. The barbecue held at the Fire Brigade Social Club on the 19<sup>th</sup> August (third Thursday of the month) proved to be a huge success with over fifty people attending. Also we have had two very pleasant evenings at the Dolphin Bar, Camp Bay and it was nice to see a number of our Classics driving round

Gibraltar and then lined up along the sea front while we took refreshment.

Our next major event will be the association **annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Novemeber at the John Mackintosh Hall at 8pm.** So please be sure to attend.

A Christmas Dinner is also being planned at the moment at the Casino in December and full details will be available soon.

If anyone is interested in organising a club event or outing please contact any committee member. It is not that difficult to do and you can get a lot of satisfaction and experience in organising a club event.

Our editor is also looking for articles for future newsletters so if anyone can contribute please contact David Risso. I think that it is time we had more technical articles and personal experiences that can be shared amongst members.

Happy Motoring!

**Stefan Nicholson**

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**We still have a number of Rally programmes left over.**  
**If you want a few copies just get in touch with any committee member.**  
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## EVENTS & OUTINGS OCT-DEC 2004

|                        |                                     |             |                                                                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OCTOBER</b>         | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b>              | <b>Thur</b> | <u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u>                        |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>        | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>               | <b>Sun</b>  | <u>Monthly Meeting – Safeway's Carpark</u>                              |
|                        | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>              | <b>Thur</b> | <u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u>                        |
|                        | <b>&gt;&gt;&gt; 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Thur</b> | <u><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b></u><br>8pm at the John Mackintosh Hall |
| <b>To Be Confirmed</b> | <b>27/28<sup>th</sup></b>           |             | LA RUTA DEL POLVORON outing!                                            |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>        | <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>               | <b>Sun</b>  | <u>Monthly Meeting – Safeway's Carpark</u>                              |
|                        | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b>              | <b>Thur</b> | <u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u>                        |
| <b>To Be Confirmed</b> | *** Annual Christmas Dinner ***     |             |                                                                         |

\*\*\* MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST \*\*\*

## REGALIA SALE

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>CLUB CAR BADGE</b>                                               | <b>£20.00</b> |
| <b>CUFFLINKS (CLUB LOGO)</b>                                        | <b>£5.00</b>  |
| <b>PIN BADGE</b>                                                    | <b>£1.50</b>  |
| <b>KEY RING (LEATHER, CLUB LOGO)</b>                                | <b>£3.50</b>  |
| <b>KEY RING (METAL, CLUB LOGO)</b>                                  | <b>£2.50</b>  |
| <b>WINDSCREEN STICKER (CLUB LOGO)</b>                               | <b>£0.70</b>  |
| <b>ATTRACTIVE MUG WITH CLUB LOGO AND VINTAGE CARS (FULL COLOUR)</b> | <b>£7.00</b>  |
| <b>POLO SHIRTS SIZES M or L</b>                                     | <b>£11.00</b> |
| <b>Commemorating the Rally '03 with club logo</b>                   |               |
| <b>or</b>                                                           |               |
| <b>Non-commemorative Stone or Green with logo</b>                   |               |

## CAR IN A RESERVOIR

Does anyone know the history of make and model of the following unfortunate car? It has been heavily damaged and is showing signs of age due to the fact it is inside one of the tunnels that contains a reservoir. I am told it is somewhere near the Mosque at Europa point.



## GCVA IN THE TERCENTENARY SUMMER NIGHTS

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June 2004

Your favourite local classic vehicle association was invited to be involved in the Tercentenary Summer nights open air production by the organiser, Wendy Reynolds. Brian Ritchie's Morris J-type Van, Francis Mena's Morris 1000, David Risso's Citroën and Christian Debono's Jaguar answered the call and for two evenings became part of the stage show driving round the NOP carpark for a couple of songs. Christian's Jag was further involved in a James Bond type scene – it really suited the part, and both the crowd and the performers were very much entertained.



## GCVA SUMMER BBQ BONANZA

AUGUST 2004

This summer the GCVA held its first Summer BBQ – Hopefully this will become a yearly event as it was very well attended indeed. Over 50 members made it to the Firemen's Social Club for the event which was held in their newly refurbished BBQ patio. We even had a new member sign on that evening.

## SUMMER CRUISE

AUGUST 2004

This summer the GCVA held a 'summer cruise' in Gibraltar. A few of our members met up at Safeway's supermarket car park and just drove around Gib. Finally when hunger kicked it we stopped at camp bay and ate very well and cheaply at the Dolphin bar. There was a fireworks display courtesy of Christian Debono's Zephyr and its stuck front left brake calliper!

## NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY

Yes its Christian Debono again, and this time he has acquired that green Ford Zephyr. It's a MK2 and its got a straight 6 engine. Christian plans on bringing it back to its former glory as its current looks are a bit 'old-boy racer'. It is currently undergoing a paint job.

# Exchange and Mart

## FOR SALE

Garage To Rent in Devils Tower Road  
**Contact N.Prior 51359**

**1978 MG Midget For Sale**  
**Contact James Surridge**  
[majik@gibnet.gi](mailto:majik@gibnet.gi)

## WANTED

Yamaha GT-80, any condition considered.  
**Contact Francis Mena on 78136**

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## UK CORTINA CLUB VISIT

SEPTEMBER 2004

National Day weekend saw the unexpected visit of the UK Ford Cortina club to our shores. The GCVA met up with them on Sunday at Safeway's just before they went on their return trip back to UK. Nearly all of the Cortina models were represented from the MK1s to the more familiar (well, familiar to me anyway) recent models from the 80s.



**This recently appeared in the VOX newspaper.**

(Thanks to Derek Hemmi for providing a copy)

