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TAKE-AWAYS

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Issue no. 20 and in my reckoning that makes it five years the club has been in existence. We still have a sprinkling of the original club members. Overall we have had 120 members, but many, needless to say have dropped by the way-side. Nevertheless we still have new members joining all the time.

We have usually got about 50 members at the start of each year, which rises to about 80 by the end of the year. We then drop back to about 50 the following year.

I often see Hustlers for sale in the kit car Mags. and in the local papers. I dont know if they are ever sold but very few second owners ever join the club. It makes one wonder what happens to the cars that dont sell. I have never yet seen a Hustler in a scrapyard or ever heard of one having a terminal accident. Maybe once they become redundant their owners relegate them to some shed or corner of the garden to be discovered by car collectors of the future, or for use as Greenhouses.

Recently there have been completed some long term Hustler projects. 5 years would you believe? Three have come to my attention. The first is John Brazier's superb wooden six which many of you have already seen at Stonleigh, or on the Television, as John and his car had a super spot on H T V one evening and a big spread in the local paper.

Also John Osmond who is a club member of some years, visited me last week with his recently mobile Hustler Huntsman, the interior is not yet trimmed but the time and patience spent on the engineering and mechanics is fantastic.

The other long term project hails from Sparkhill in Birmingham. This is a Hustler six but as yet I have not seen it. I wonder how many other long term projects there are scattered about the country?

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Dear Editor,

Wooden 2 Plastic 3
(Articles in the last newsletter!!)

Things are looking up!!!! Only one page this time. Leaving room for ALL the articles from the rest of you!!

It's been fairly quite on the Hustler front as far as the car is concerned. It did pass it's 4th MOT at the end of August. It has now been on the road for 3 years.

Managed to find time to give it it's annual 2 coats of varnish.

It's now begining to look as if it has been out in the sun to long----it's getting darker and darker every year!

I did manage to find time to 'adjust' the trim of the Hydro suspension. It meant cutting approx 1cm of all of the 4 rear "rods" that connect the radius arm knuckle joints to the hydro units. The idea was that the backend would now be lower and bring the front end up. Theory OK but in practice didn't work! When going over large lumps in the road like "sleeping policemen" there was a nasty metallic 'clunk' coming for the rear end! Back to the think tank. Eventually decided to replace the 4 rear rods for ones of the proper length. This meant a couple of unpleasent hours scurring around on all fours in oil and s--t at our spotlessly clean friendly breakers yard to put it back to what it was before I 'adjusted' the suspension. Instead I've put spacing washers between the knuckle joint and Hydro unit at the front. Seems better. This promblem is all because I've got a heavier engine in the front. It just goes to show, modify one thing and that leads to another mod, which leads to another mod because of the last mod, and so on!

Hustler-at-Home 1988

Well I knew we couldn't be lucky with the weather two years on the run. Saturday wasn't to bad but Sunday wasn't good at all. We were on our way home with a very very soggy trailer tent at about 5 o'clock on the Sunday and we were very nearly the last ones to leave. Even so we had an extremely good time again and look foreward to next years meet. Be nice to have a few more Hustlers though. Only another lovely Winter to go through!!!!!!

Holidays can come at inconvienient times somtimes can't they. Because I was on holiday in August I missed some good shows. One of them being Sandowne but perhaps that is just an excuse cause Esher is rather a long way away. Did anyone go again this year?

As this is the last N/L this year I'll take this oppotunity to wish fellow readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (frightening isn't it! Where's the Year gone) but hope to see some of you at Bristol backend of November (26/27th).

Till then keep Hustlin'

K(S)³ (That OK Martin??!!)

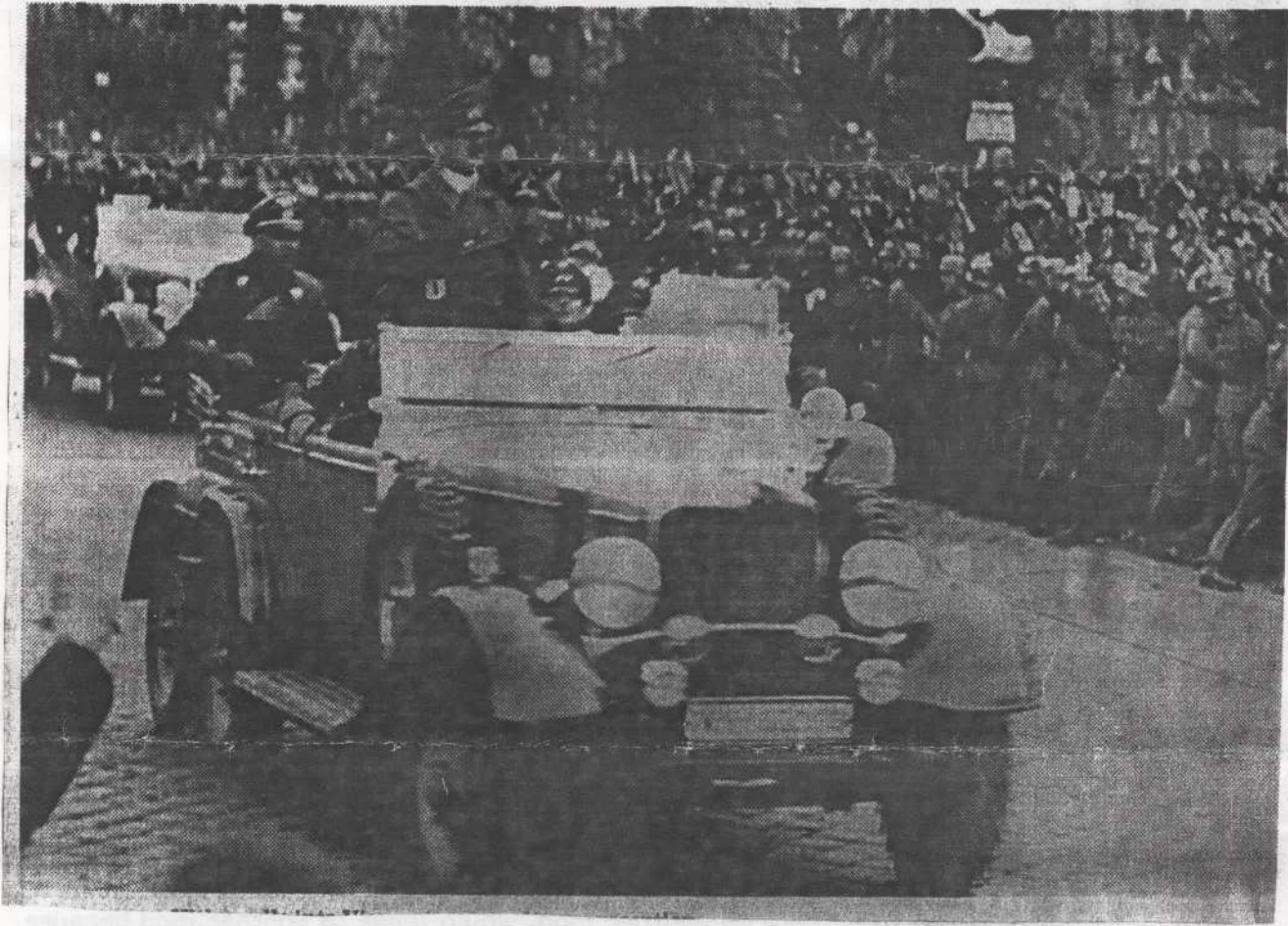
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This chap was spotted a few years ago at a Rally in his early model Hustler Six. The face looks familiar but I cant quite place the name. I must chase him up for his Club subscription.

As you have probably gathered from the content of this Newsletter, I am getting pretty desperate for articles to publish.

Next Newsletter is due for publication January 1989 Any articles please by the third week in December otherwise I will have to photo copy my old Xmas cards, if I get any.

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Date 1st. August 1988

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Dear Club Members,

It gave us a lot of pleasure to see you all enjoying once again everything that we arranged for you at Newark 88.

Next years show is already under way so please book your club spaces in good time so that you are not left out and we will prepare your Club sign if you had to make do with a temporary one this year. Thanks for returning then all and thanks for looking after your camp environment - it all helps us to stay on good terms with the showground committee. The 'Its a Knockabout' competition will be on next year so book your team early and we will give all help we can to make it fun. Keith Chegwin will be running this with Dave Gordon on the Saturday so please make sure everyone in your club knows. By the way the date for Newark 89 is June 17th. & 18th.

Now for the results of Newark 88.

Kit Car Driver of the Year 1st. Martin Bates from Elmdon Essex in a Scamp. 2nd. was Daniel Vander, West Sussex in a Scamp, 3rd was Simon Hutton from Sheffield in a Spartan. Winning time was 236-72 seconds, 2nd. was 239-17 seconds, 3rd. was 240-97 seconds.

Best Roadster

Winner. Michael R. Bell from Clevedon with a J.B.A. Falcon.

Runner up. Nigel Ellis from Sutton Coldfield with a Marlin.

Best. G.T.

Winner. John Farnsworth from Derby with a Marcos

Runner up. Michael T. Hale from Coleford with a J.B.A. Javelin.

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Best Utility

Winner. K.J.Brown from Sheffield with a Scamp.

Runner up. Robert East from Colechester with a Jago Geep

Best Buggy

Winner, Nick Pridding from Chester with a U.W. Buggy

Runner up. R.Verity from Harrogate with a U.W. Buggy.

Best Interior.

Michael R. Bell from Clevedon with a J.B.A. Falcon.

Best Engine Bay

Michael R. Bell . "

Best Paint

Michael T. Hale from Coleford with a J.B.A. Javelin

Best Engineered

Nick Pridding from Liverpool with a Gentry.

Club Awards.

The Best Club Display was won by Jago Owners Club.

Runner up North East Kit Car Club.

The Best Club Attendance was won by Spartan Owners Club

The Club Par Excellence was won by Jago Owners Club

Its a Knockabout was won by the Jago Owners Club Team.



TEE - SHIRTS

1. SIZES Chest or bust size in inches. 2. See steps

1. Inches	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
2. Ladies' Bust	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
3. Men's Collar	14	14	14	15	15	15	16	16	16	17	17	17	18	18	18
4. Children's Ages	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30

A. LOOK AT THE PRICE GUIDE

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	From	Average
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Sweatshirts	4.95	8.95
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On the A3 next to the 'White Lion Pub!

Club Badges as on the right.

Cloth, Black & White.

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Club Keyrings as on the left.

30. pence each.

Cheques made payable to Hustler Owners Club.

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Trevor Faithfull
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HUSTLER ON THE "ISLAND OF WIGHT"

No, It's not a spelling mistake, it's what our 4 year old Son Matthew insisted on calling where we went for our holiday.

We had never been before, so it was a bit of an adventure (adventure? - we must have led sheltered lives!) but we quite enjoyed it.

On the Friday before we went I decided to check over the Hustler and found the brake fluid level low. Yes you've guessed - a leak somewhere. Turned out to be a rear wheel cylinder, and of course the linings were soaked in fluid as well. Good old Murphy! One set of new linings and a new cylinder later we were on our way.

The journey to Southampton was uneventful if wet, and we arrived in plenty of time for the ferry. After loading our Austin 1800 Estate, (I did tell them it was a Hustler, but got blank looks), we had a very pleasant crossing. We arrived at the Hotel and unpacked. End of day.

Next day I thought I'd better check oil, water etc., and guess what, the brake fluid was low. I checked the rear wheel backplates for fluid and they were all dry so where is it going I wonder? Master cylinder? no. Front calipers? no. Only one thing left - must be going into the servo. Sure enough I drained about half a pint of fluid from it. Oh well, good job I brought some spare fluid with me - just have to keep topping it up until I can do something about it when I get home. Never gets boring owning a Hustler does it?

As to the Island, it was very pleasant and we went to some interesting places. Plenty for the children to do and see as well.

The Hustler attracted quite a lot of comments; like - "doesn't the Pope use it in the week then?" - "how much are your tomatoes?" - "can you get a coffin in there?" and in a Southern American drawl, "Do you have trouble with termites?" All the usual ones.

It performed quite well too, returning 30 m.p.g. - (of petrol) and did 500 miles per pint - (of brake fluid). Must do something about that soon. The sunroof came in handy but the wiper was much more useful, which speaks volumes about what sort of weather we usually have when we go away. I am writing this the following week and it's glorious. Never mind, try again next year.

Regards

Martin Guinan

Martin Guinan
(Kidderminster)

MAXI HUSTLER Part 11

The progress on my car up to date is absolutely zero. The engine and sub frame are still sitting where I left them 4 months ago. The only difference now is that there is a thick layer of dust and dirt over it all. I have a firm promise that work will re-commence? next week without fail.

I live in hopes.

I have not been able to use the car for the last couple of weeks, as the owners of the land where I rent the garages have decided to excavate the lane where the garages are situated, to inspect the Medieval culvert that runs beneath this part of the town. This major crevasse 10ft wide , 8ft deep and 200yds. long passes right in front of the yard where the garages are. I just hope and pray that they do not strike oil while they are down there.

INFORMATION REQUIRED - PLEASE!

I shall shortly need to seriously consider repainting the frame of my Force Four and since it obviously is an almost impossible job to respray it, I have to consider using hand-painting as the method. Most owners' cars I have observed are painted with Hammerite which is easy to apply; however I do not like the 'random metal-look' finish. Can any member who has experience with other types of suitable paint please advise me on the best type and manner to undertake this operation? I would point out that the finish on my Force Four was, from new, truly abysmal and I would imagine that the frame must have stood outdoors during a winter and then sprayed on without undercoats etc! I would like to endeavour to retain a similar colour to the original grey-greenish hue.

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Long Crendon, Bucks. HP189ET.

P.S. I still have a few spares from the original Mini Clubman - i.e. tail lights, instrument cluster, heater, etc. - first offers secures!