

BLOG June 2014 : by Jerry Filor

Sorry this is a bit late....I thought I had done it already ! (its my age).

Club night ventured into Rutland to the Grainstore public house, behind the Oakham Railway station. Chris was already there and had registered us as a quiz team....it appears that Wednesday nights are Charity Quiz night !

The questions came fast and furious, plus 2 picture rounds and with eager anticipation we awaited the results....We WON !, well the booby prize at least. For coming last out of 8 teams we won a mars bar each ! quite a result.

That's the culture bit out of the way, back to the cars !

Gary's car is awaiting some TLC to return it to the road. This he hopes to have done before the summer has began (or almost over). Jon's mini is resplendent in its surf blue respray, while the engine has been painted and is awaiting reunification with the cars body. Doors, boot and bonnet has yet to be sprayed, but should be by the end of June !

Chris has managed to spend some quality time with his orange minis errant rear suspension. He has checked the radius arms and is looking also to replace the rear wheel bearings soon.

Matt has bought a brake bleeding kit which uses air pressure, from a spare wheel, to maintain the pressure in the system, rather than having to pump the peddle like a lunatic. He has now bled up his brake system, finding only 3 small leaks (which have now been rectified). Next up is his engine build, which is yet to start.

My Blue Cooper Sport is currently being repaired following me getting too close to the

garden fence, and the handbrake deciding not to hold it on the small slope....once its been sorted I am going to sell it as I don't really want to be the custodian of 2 minis, having the expense of keeping them both on the road and prefer my green one.

The Green Spi Cooper, however, is still suffering from an over fuelling problem. I am currently negotiating some replacement Spi bits from someone who has gone over to twin webbers so I hoping to repair it soon and get competing again.

JERRY'S MOTORSPORT

Although I have not so far this year been competing, I have been officiating as time keeper on the Loughborough Car Club Autotest and Autosolo nights. Its like marshalling, without the timekeepers it just doesn't happen !

So far the turnout has been good with 50 + cars turning up to do battle with themselves and the clock on the grass at Paddy's lane. There have been a few minis attend as well as a pick-up.

I will be on the clocks again tomorrow (1st June) and also marshalling at Rockingham Raceway the week after for a Greenforce electric car race so I'm doing my bit for local motorsport even if I am not competing !

SOCIAL BIT

Next Events :

Wednesday July 2nd : Club Night : Meeting at the GHW 7.30pm for 7.50pm departure.... venue : a mystery route into the countryside !