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Spring is about to be sprung – in May? This cover image is taken from Motor Cycling 1913

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July 2013 deadline is 20th June 2013

From the B190

Apologies from the editor's saddle, who has had the lurgie for too long and has appeared only briefly at section events to avoid comments about a leaking nose valve! Thank you to correspondents who enjoyed the 'perception of speed' images last issue. I have included a letter, which I showed to a photographer who has offered to write up a discussion, with images, to be taken in the Coates area!

Reg Eyre KOB

Letter to the Editor

Hello Reg,

Loved the newsletter. Just for interest, (being a DR you probably already know this), on page 3 it is mentioned about the TT photo showing speed i.e. the bike and rider with the leaning board, has the photographer done something to make it look like it does? Well it could be he used a vertical plane shutter camera, with this type when the shutter button is depressed and the image travels across the picture the shutter curtain is at right angles to the image so if the photographer pans the camera to keep the bike in the middle, the background will show a lean. In a picture from Wikipedia, the opposite effect, where the camera is not panned, so the background is sharp but the car is leaning forwards (the car has travelled a short distance while the shutter has opened and closed). With a horizontal shutter (used much later than 1910) the shutter moves with the image and if 'panned' the image is sharp with a blurred background. Hence, in a 1920's car race, the 'leaning' distortion to a Dixie car is caused by a shutter wiping downward in the focal plane, (upward in the scene).

Someone out there could explain the above in fewer words and more eloquently than I but I hope it shows I read your newsletter.

Tony Lockwood

The 1960 MoT Change

I had to re-tax a couple of machines according to the renewal notice sent by DVLA. Not a problem for those who do this job regularly on-line. The first one, 1928 Ariel went through without any comments from me, or the system. I then entered the information for the 1914 Invicta. (Now exactly how do you answer the question, has it got a current Mot?) The new system says that an MoT is not required on a pre-1960 motorcycle and 1914 is some way before 1960? So I answered 'yes'. Bad move! The system came back and pointed out that all was not in order – It does not give a hint that the MoT is the problem. So a failed attempt at processing the application on-line.

It appears that if you have a pre-1960 machine, you will have to get its tax disc at a Post Office. (Remember to do this quickly because the number of local offices is being cut, again!) You have to ask for a form V112, which they may not stock, so ask for about four! This is a simple self certification sheet which says that you are happy that your machine would pass an MoT. To help readers, I have attached a V112 to the next pages for you to pull out or copy multiple times for your 1960's machines.

Evidence of an MoT test is normally required for taxing purposes. If your vehicle is exempt from MoT testing you will need to fill in this form and produce it when you tax your vehicle at a Post Office®.

If your vehicle is an exempt goods vehicle weighing more than 3500kg or a public service vehicle please fill in a V112G form.

Declaration

Vehicle registration number:

Your full name:

I declare that my vehicle is exempt as it falls into

category

from the list over the page

Your Signature:

By signing this form you are confirming that the information provided is correct and the vehicle is exempt from MoT testing.

It is an offence under Section 47 of the Road Traffic Act to use a car, motorcycle or light goods vehicle without an MoT certificate on a public road unless the vehicle is 'exempt' from MoT testing.

Categories of vehicles that are exempt:

a	Motor tractor
b	Track-laying vehicle
c	Articulated vehicle that is not a lorry or bus (including bendi buses)
d	Works trucks
e	Invalid carriages weighing no more than 306kg when unloaded
f	Vehicle used only to pass from land occupied by the person keeping the vehicle to other land occupied by them, and not travelling on the road for more than a total of 6 miles a week
g	Hackney carriage or private-hire vehicle taxed by local authorities authorised to check the roadworthiness of this vehicle
h	Hackney carriage (vehicle taxed to carry passengers) getting tax discs from Transport for London
i	Vehicle provided for police purposes and maintained in an approved workshop
j	Goods vehicle powered by electricity
k	Tram
l	Trolley vehicle that is not an auxiliary trolley vehicle (auxiliary trolley vehicles are vehicles that are adapted to run from power provided from a source on board)
m	Vehicles authorised to be used on the road by a Special Types General Order made under Section 44(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1988
n	Vehicles used only on certain islands that do not have a bridge, tunnel, ford or other suitable way for motor vehicles to be conveniently driven to a road in any part of Great Britain. If so provide the name of the island in this box <input type="text"/>
o	Vehicles manufactured or registered before 1st January 1960

Remember to tick 'o' on this side.

Signpost Rally, 19th May

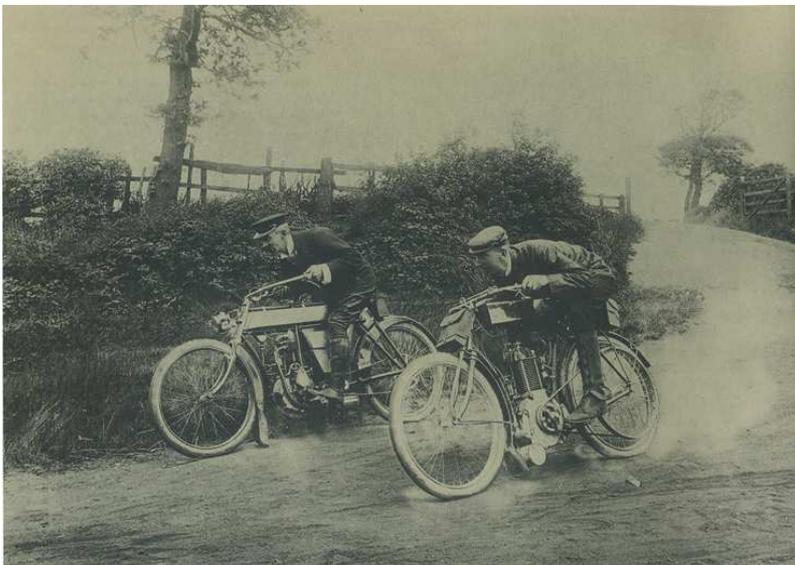
It's still not too late to enter, long and short routes are available as well as the option of a social run. You can even enter on a modern bike (as long as it's under 125cc). Due to my shoddy typing there was an error in the last newsletter. The Signpost's real web address is www.seabrookaudiology.co.uk/signpost.htm ...honest, its right this time. The Social Run starts at 11 o'clock, an hour after the competitive riders. See you at Denfurlong on the 19th

Robert Rendell



This fine shot of Tony Page's Ariel was not taken in the Cotswolds and the editor hopes that Robert will not include the signpost in this year's event

Look what I've found!



This image shows an early example of French motor bicycle racing in 1902. Two Werner powered bicycles on a typical French back road, riders in a racing crouch, dust flying, etc. But no! This is a fraud, with the machines propped up and all the 'speed' features added later by the cunning photographer. This image was found too late for the previous issue.

Felix-Burke Road Trial

All in all, the weather did its best for us on the 6th and 7th April: a window in Winter's Wall opened just long enough for our Social Run and Cotswold Road Trial, before slamming shut again.

Chris Roberts led us on a well-balanced selection of lanes and main roads round the South Cotswolds on Saturday, after threatening us with terrible things if we didn't keep to the Rules of the Drop-off System. And it worked! Markers' Discipline at junctions was exemplary! Lunch was at The Royal Oak, Wotton under Edge, and the line-up of real ale, and the quality of the lunches, was excellent. A certain Young gastronome couldn't even complain about the English Mustard sachets... At a later stage we visited The Falcon in Painswick, and sat out in the sunny yard to digest the day, before returning to The Carpenters Arms in Miserden.

Sunday was The Business. A frosty haze persisted, to the extent that there was ice over the deeper muddy puddles in parts of the Fosse Way Green Lane. But never mind, the rest were easy: indeed, Sparrowthorn appeared to have been resurfaced! Is there a conclave of Romans thereabouts, one wonders. The ford at Harford Farm was flowing brisk and full, and made a nice change from Kineton. Great drifts of snow 'up on top', in the Hawling area in particular, were a reminder of unfinished Arctic business. Question Master Ken Tilley pitched his checkpoint posers very fairly, I thought. The marshals were easy to find, and marked our route cards with no more than stifled laughter at some of our silly answers.

The Miserden Village Hall provided a welcomingly-cosy end-point to all our official sixty-mile stints, along with the usual excellent buffet, and a barrel of Goff's Joustler ale. Superb! I hope to see more of the inside of this Hall at future events, it's the best for a long time.

To Clerk of the Course Brian, and the small army of back-up personnel without whom the CRT couldn't take place, my sincere thanks. It was great! Encore, please!

Paul Button

Cotswold Lanes and fords



Riders and their machines



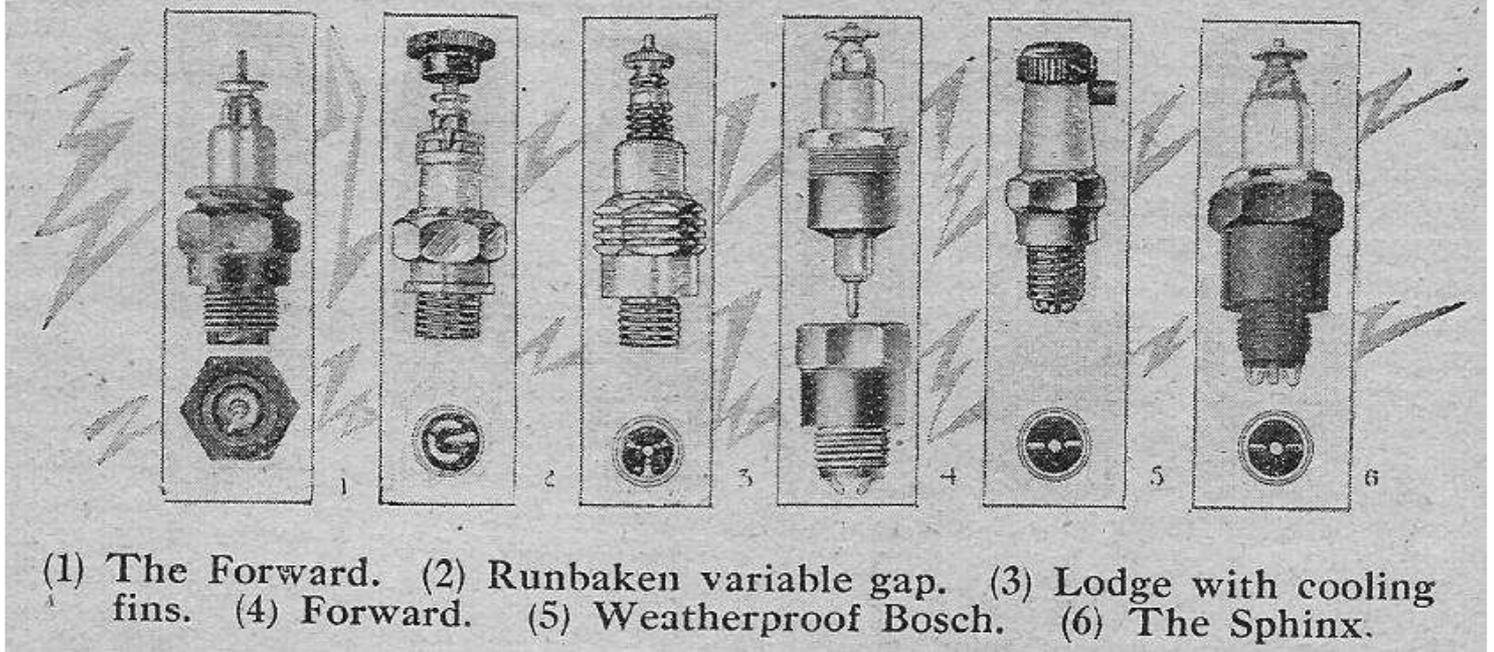
A cheer for hard working bikes!



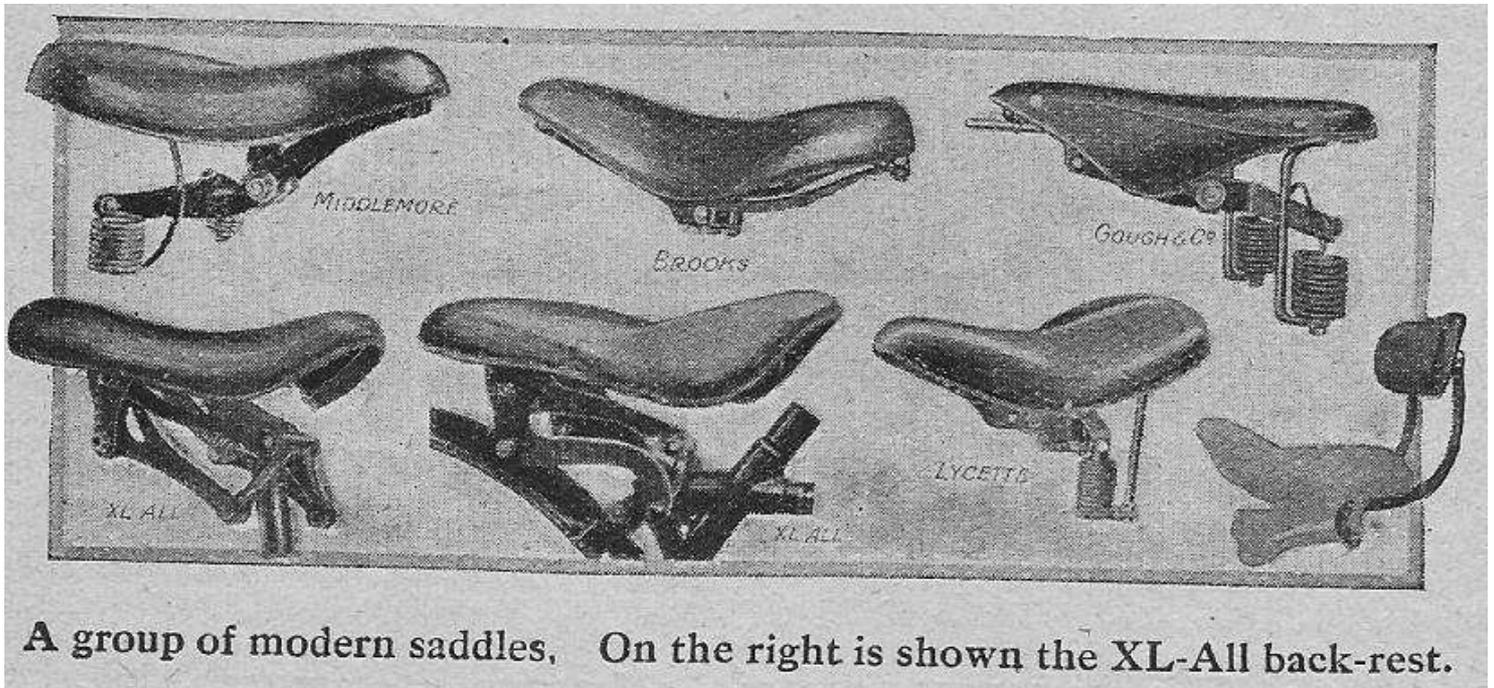
St. Patrick's Night Quiz

This year's quiz was held at the Flat Tank Section's prison headquarters on the basis that they won last year's quiz. The word went round that the aim was to finish second! Quiz Master Ian Young set a fair selection of questions, which could be answered correctly, incorrectly or randomly with the result that Colin Seaton set the highest score and the Cotswold Section will host the event in 2014. The editor then searched the guest publication of *Motor Cycling* November 1913 to find these questions, (and answers), for you to try at home.

Spark Plugs

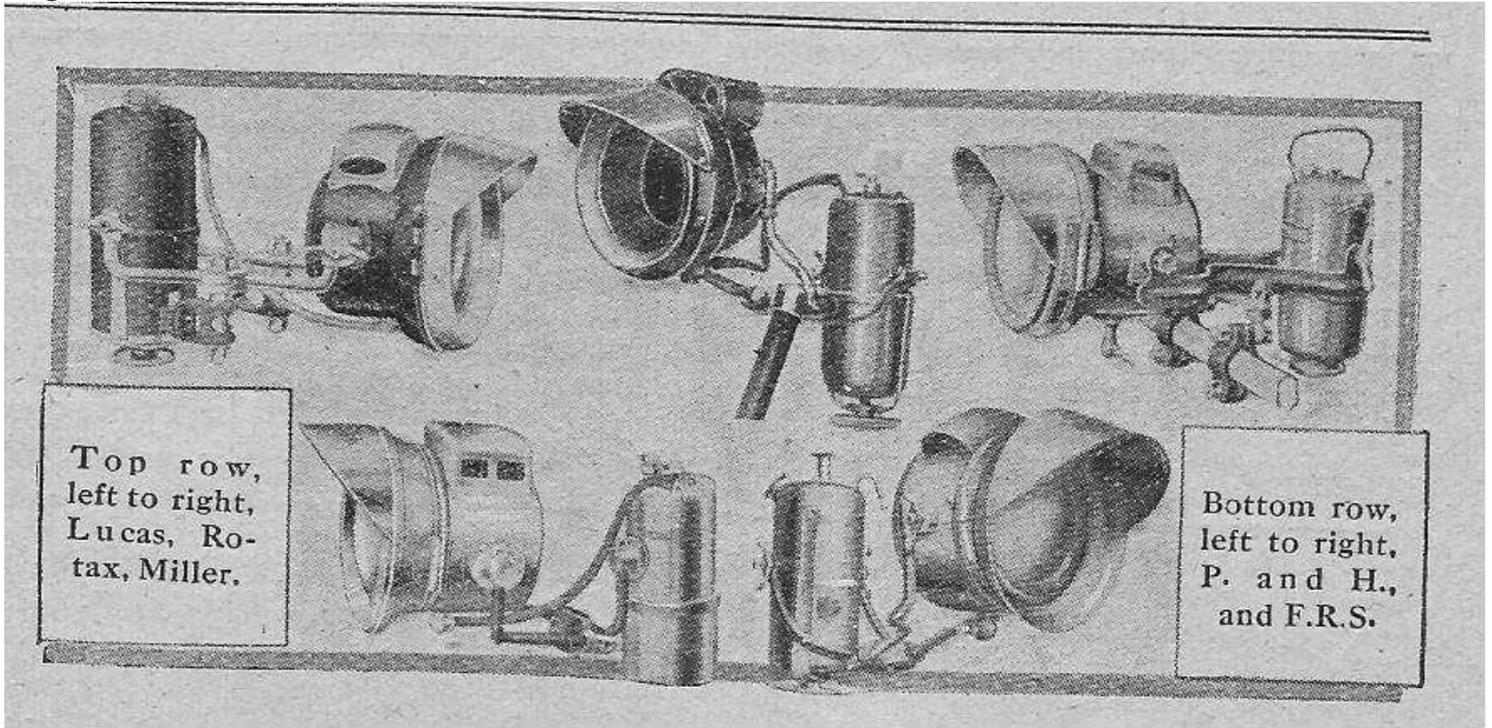


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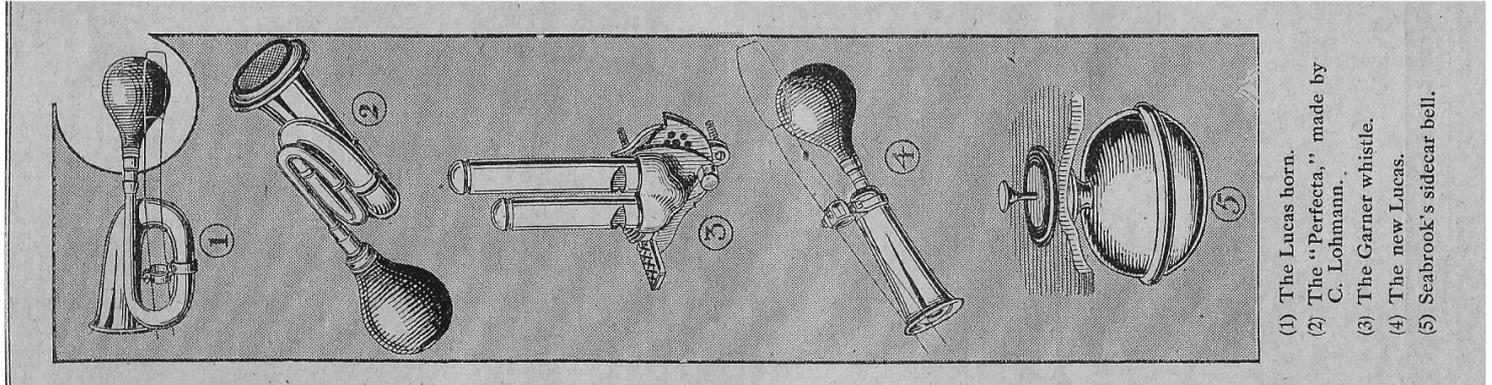


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Lights

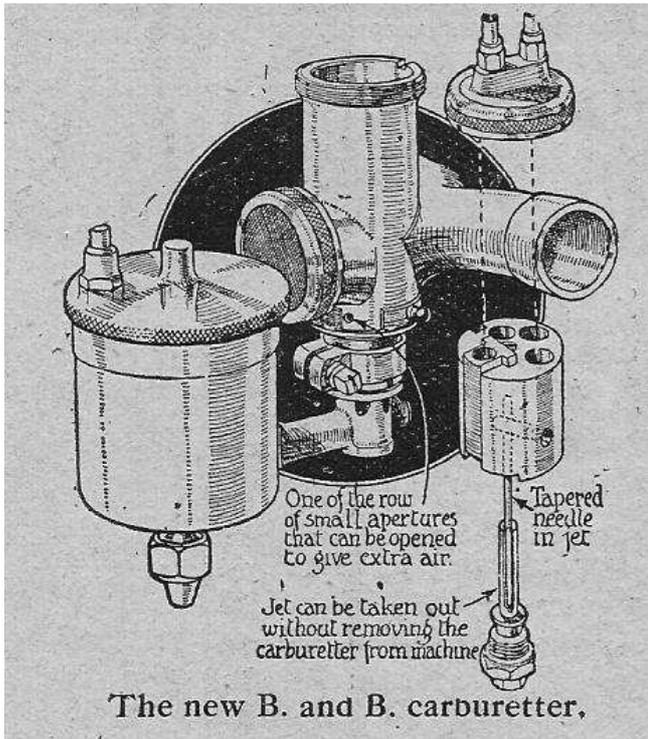


Horns



Editor's note – would you prefer the answers on a later page?

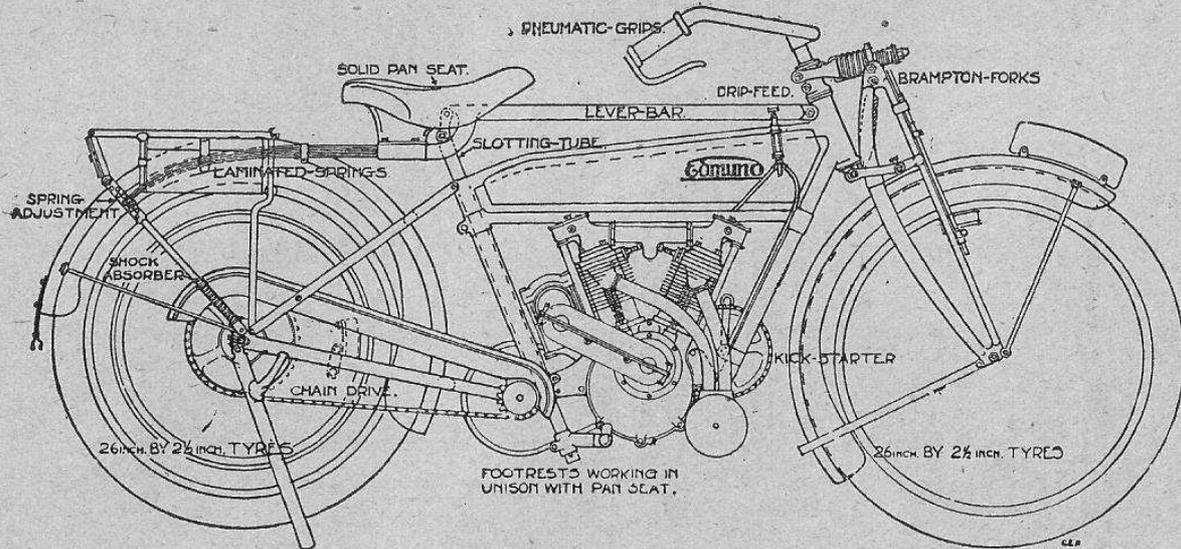
1913 Version of the B&B carburettor



The Edmund frame

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call at **STAND 39** and see the comfortable

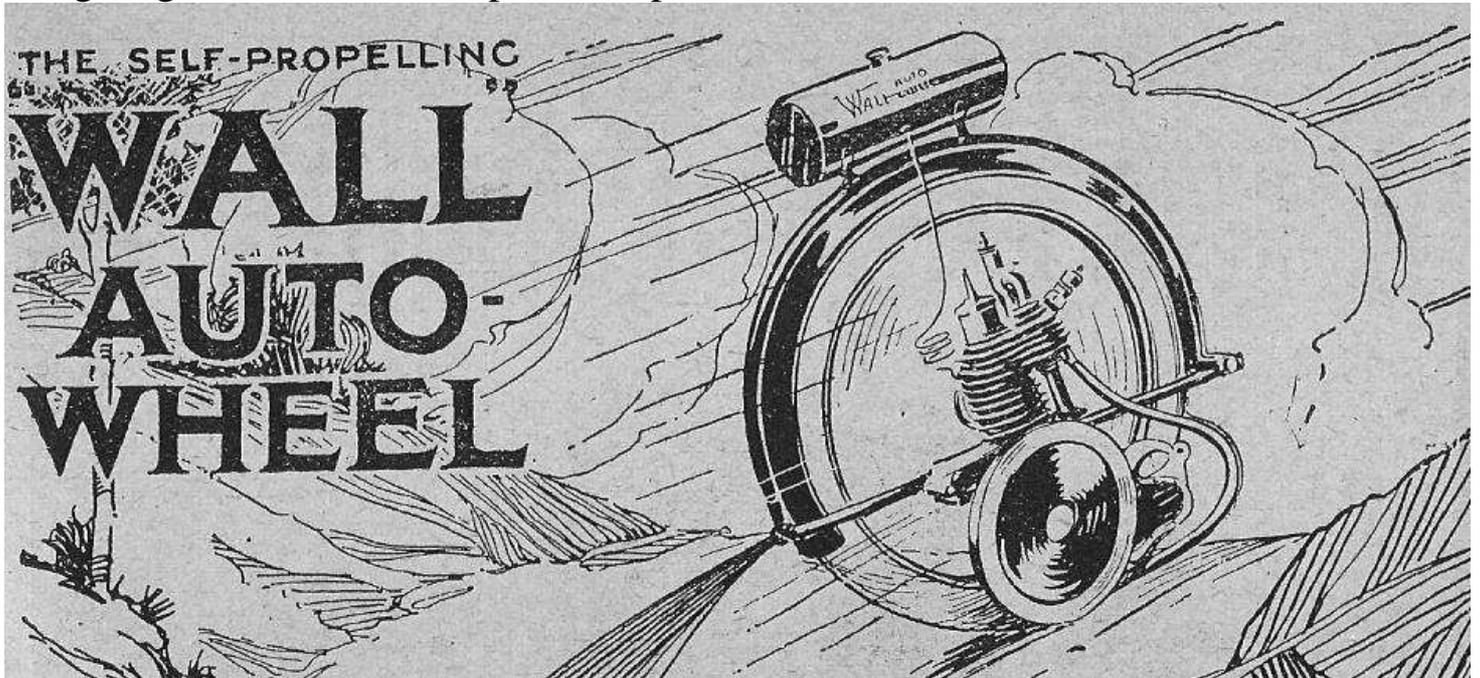
EDMUND.



CHAS. EDMUND & Co.,
Crane Bank, Chester, & 20, Clavering Ave., London, S.W.

STAND
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The Edmund Spring frame was featured not too long ago and the following advert brings together the recent aspects of speed and the wonderful Wall Auto-Wheel!



COTSWOLD SECTION CALENDAR - MAY 2013 to JULY 2013

May

1 st	Mid-Week Social Run	The Greyhound Inn, Littledean, Cinderford
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5 th	Breakfast Run to Nymphsfield Gliding Club	Free Car Park near Churchdown Club
8 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Carpenters Arms, Miserden, Stroud
11 th	Social Run to Devon Section's Scrumpy Run	Free Car Park near Churchdown Club
12 th	Summer Meeting	The Duke of York Inn, Berrow, Malvern
15 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Ferry Inn, Chaceley Stock, Gloucester
19 th	24th Cotswold Signpost Rally	Denfurlong Farm, Chedworth, Cheltenham
22 nd	Mid-Week Rally	The Old Badger Inn, Springhill, Eastington, Stonehouse
28 th	Committee Meeting	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
29 th	Club Night	The Haw Bridge Inn, Tirley, Gloucester

June

5 th	Mid-Week Social Run	The Rising Sun Inn, Hiams Lane, Hartpury, Gloucester
5 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Rising Sun Inn, Hiams Lane, Hartpury, Gloucester
12 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Rising Sun Inn, Moseley Green, Cinderford
19 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Black Horse Inn, Naunton, Cheltenham
20th	Deadline for July 2013 Newsletter copy	
25 th	Committee Meeting	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
26 th	Club Night	The Haw Bridge Inn, Tirley, Gloucester
30 th	Midsummer Madness Breakfast Run to Sammy Miller's Motorcycle Museum	Free Car Park near Churchdown Club

July

3 rd	Mid-Week Social Run	The Butchers Arms Inn, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud
3 rd	Mid-Week Rally	The Butchers Arms Inn, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud
7 th	Summer Meeting	The Snowhill Arms Inn, Snowhill, Broadway
10 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Lower Lode Inn, Forthampton, Tewkesbury
12 th	25th Cotswold Weekend - Social Gathering	Tobacconist Farm, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton
13 th	25th Cotswold Weekend - Road Trial	
14 th	25th Cotswold Weekend - Social Run	
15 th - 19 th	Cotswold Touring Holiday	Tobacconist Farm, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton
17 th	Mid-Week Rally and Barbecue	Tobacconist Farm, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton
19 th	Veteran and Vintage Weekend - Social Gathering	Tobacconist Farm, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton
20 th	Veteran and Vintage Weekend - Navigational Trial	
21 st	Veteran and Vintage Weekend - Social Run	
22 nd	15th Anglo-Dutch Reliability Trial and	Cotswold Water Park Hotel, Spine Road, South Cerney, Cirencester
27 th	Touring Assembly	
24 th	Mid-Week Rally	The Old Boat House Inn, Spine Road, South Cerney, Cirencester
30 th	Committee Meeting	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
31 st	Club Night	The Haw Bridge Inn, Tirley, Gloucester

Another image was sent in as a follow-up to the feature on the cycle car. Now who was it that had a Rollo Cycle car? Oh look, here's one now



Just for ABC year