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Car 18 "all Bristol fashion" at the Bristol Classic Car Show

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Register News

New Members...

Nothing to report.

4/4 Bottom Hose - warning..

As a precaution and in preparation for the 'Via Mala' tour I decided to upgrade the radiator to a Mulfab Aluminium one. A nice piece of engineering but meant fitting some new brackets that are supplied with the kit, alteration to the standard air filter and lowering of the front cowl (as new radiator is considerably deeper giving increased capacity).

In the process I removed the bottom hose that comes from the engine to the stainless steel pipe that crosses the front of the engine (behind the steering rack). On inspection I was shocked to see that the pipe had nearly worn through due to it continually rubbing on the engine mount.



A replacement was sourced (via Richard Thorne) and fitted together with a new top hose as that had also rubbed on the air box.

It was necessary to remove the small section that plugs into the air filter and seems to act as a silencer for air intake turbulence on the Ford Focus it was originally fitted to. It took/fed air from below the air filter so does not seem to perform any useful function and car seems to drive OK without it.



I also fabricated a bracket to suspend and fix the stainless steel pipe from the cross brace and this keeps the new pipe away from the engine mounting and also keeps the piping a bit more rigid.



All seems to be well now. We will see!

Wheel Rubbing

Ever since I owned my car I have been concerned at the fact that the front tyres rub on the inner wing edge (near the indicator) and struggled with checking tyre diameters as a way of solving the problem.

I have now come to the decision that the best solution is to restrict the amount of lock so the tyres do not make contact. To do this I am commissioning some 'roller blocks' that will fit in place of the existing 'rub plates' on the chassis. These existing factory fitted rubbing plates are non-functional as they need to protrude around 20mm from the chassis to make contact with the tyres on our

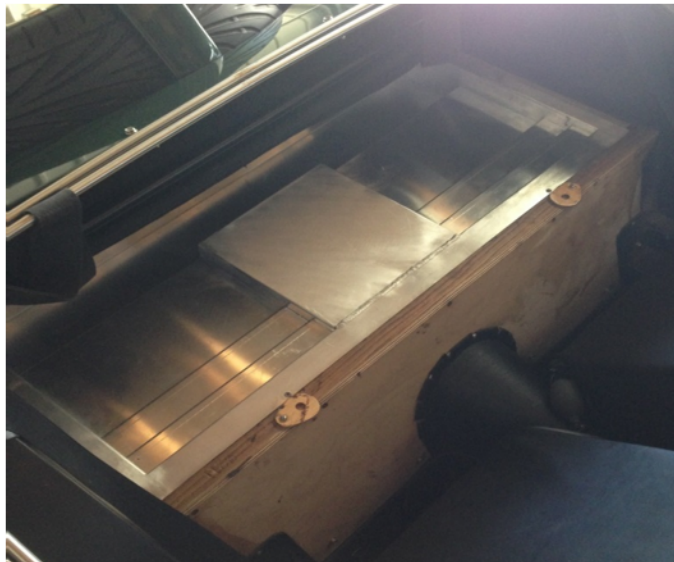
cars. I investigated an item that Melvyn Rutter had fabricated for much earlier cars (he sent me a sample to try) but these are flush with the chassis and not suitable. But I enclose a photo so you can see the concept.



I have therefore commissioned Mulfab to make a tailor made roller that will solve the problem. If anyone is interested I can keep you informed as the project progresses.

Additional Storage Space

For a hand built car I always felt that the rear tray that holds the jack and a few smaller items was less than an ideal solution. I had been thinking about constructing a better solution and allow for greater storage of tools and spares.



A fellow Morgan owner obviously had the same idea and this was shared on the TalkMorgan website. I have now purchased one of these and very pleased with the result. A better solution and far more flexible for storage.

If you are interested contact:

Kevin at ksaluminium@btconnect.com

Approx. £ 130 incl. UK P&P.

'Thrill on the Hill'

It was good to catch up with Christopher Yates (Car 17), Paul Evans (Car 18) and Keith Ahlers (Car 69) with TOK



2015 - Tour 'Via Mala'

As described in earlier Register Updates and Bulletins the final planning for the trip to Silvaplana is now, well and truly completed.

We now have 12 cars registered for the hotel in Silvaplana and a group of 4 cars travelling together from the UK and meeting up with others en-route.

It may be too late to register your interest but might be worth contacting Robert Merker directly by email Robert@merkers.ch or you will miss out on this great opportunity to drive through Europe to some of the most beautiful roads and scenery in the world!

Touch Up paint

It has taken some time! But we now have a 'Le Mans Green' touch up kit available from Chipex. Check out their product range www.chipex.co.uk and use the code "Le Mans Green SPECIAL" for the correct colour for our cars. As an incentive I have been able to negotiate a discount for the Register so enter the code "Large" in discount field for an order for the smallest kit 'Chipex Lite' for £ 22.95 to receive a Chipex Road Rash Kit worth £ 37.95 for no extra charge (excl. post and packing). In addition you can order aerosol sprays (400ml) for £ 15.00 but these have to be ordered directly through the owner Johnny@chipex.co.uk. Details will be on our website under 'Regalia'.

Another issue full of stories about what I have done... it would be really nice to hear some of the stories that you have been up to. I promise the next one will be full of pictures of the Swiss Alps!!

Keith & Rita Hofgartner - Le Mans 62 Registrar.