



From the Sump

by Felix Furtak

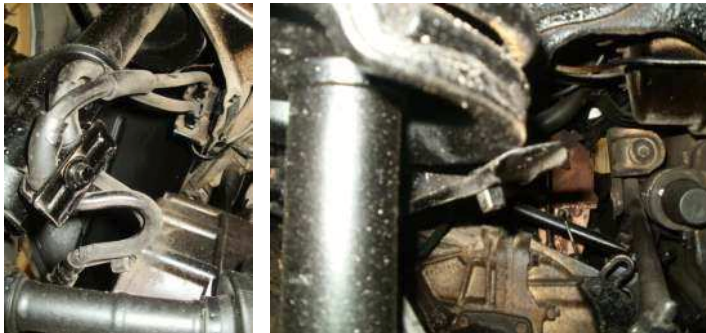
Due to a recent lack of mechanical disasters, I was about to question the sustainability of this blog. Has the world of mechanics unexpectedly made a turn for the better? Such doubts were surely dispelled.

As was presented to us a perfectly polished car formerly known to us for its rather tatty condition.

How much greater the surprise after a test drive, as all previous rattles had mysteriously disappeared. Still some squeaks and overall dodgy feel made us put it on the lift for further inspection. While the overall list of disaster uncovered will only be made available on request, and certainly was not pleasant for the owner, here are just a few highlights:

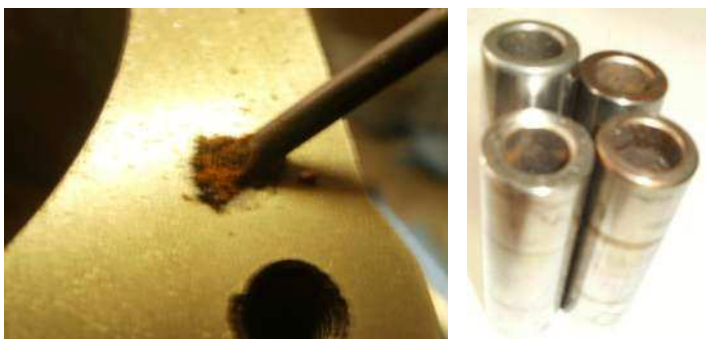


That parts of the body were bent right in the way of the suspension strut to facilitate removal of the gearbox (which was not necessary in the first place) may appear permissible, however to forget to reverse such action afterwards hardly is. Here is one noise explained. Another shock was the strangely convoluted routing of the brake-hoses, which surely lead to cracking of same.



Needless to say it will give me another weekend of agony in oil and grease, as the list of defects is long and painful. Not that we get more encouragement from the ones that should know better: This engine block we just received from one the most acclaimed establishments in town:

It has conveniently been forgotten to clean the oil galleries while cleaning and boring the block.



Never mind that inside the pistons we found 3 different gudgeon pins: That would have rather been an unbalanced motor!

"La bibliotheque"

By Ron Sheldon

Many of you will know that George Kinnes, one of the founder members of The Crankhandle Club as it is known today, was an enthusiastic collector of books of all types. In due course his huge collection formed the basis of our present library. Today, as the library team continues its task of sorting and recording each and every book on computer, we continue to find more duplicated books to be set aside for sale. We are keen to dispose of these surplus books at the earliest opportunity as they are offered at very reasonable prices! You can do this at the annual book sale in August, or by visiting the library at any of the regular clubhouse meetings throughout the year.

Two weeks ago, the library team moved on to the process of sorting and recording the Category C books. This section covers the subject of "Design and Engineering". Although many of the books in this category are approaching one hundred years since they were published, they still provide genuinely useful information about the earliest motor cars, motor cycles and industrial power systems. These books still provide the ambitious

owner and or restorer of the veteran and vintage cars a great deal of useful information about these early designs.

From a librarian's point of view, this is a large and difficult category of books to sort through owing to the number of editions or apparently similar books. Our early research revealed there was a lot of duplication, even complete sets. This is a great opportunity to buy these rare books, many leather bound at 'bargain' prices.

To conclude this month's report, I wish to mention a subject that is only loosely connected with the library. For many months now, the library has become the CHC Lost Property Office! A number of gentlemen, particularly those who attend the monthly Seniors' meetings, appear to suffer lapses of memory? The library seems to have become a depository for various items of clothing left behind by individual members. If you have mislaid a quilted jacket or sleeveless 'fleece', do please come and reclaim them or we will dispose of them at the next auto jumble. As the temperature is now falling, I'm sure you will appreciate these items!



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