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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

**8th May 2014 7.30pm for 8.00 pm at Horrie Watson Pavilion, Deepdene Park,
Whitehorse Road, DEEPDENE. 3103. (Melways Map 46 Ref. A8)
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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Graham Harper

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President`s Report May 2014

Hi All

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter. Unfortunately things did not go according to plan for Sue and me. Our plan was to stay with friends at Pygmy Possum Lodge, Charlotte Pass near Mt Kosciuszko and do some high country bush walking, but on the way up I started to feel off colour and on our second day there I had to go to the doctor at Jindabyne who diagnosed pneumonia and called the ambulance. I then spent five days in Cooma hospital. I`m on the mend now and should be just about fit enough to get on the plane in two weeks to go to the UK for 2 months.

As Sue and I were unwell and then away from home, we missed both of last month`s runs. I understand both runs went well and a good number of Morries attended. Thanks to Mal & Margaret Baker and Graham and Rosalee for arranging the runs. (I look forward to reading about them in the run reports). As stated before, Sue & I are off to the UK for two months. The trip is mainly to see both our families and catch up with friends in the north of England and Scotland. The highlight of our holiday is a fourteen-day cruise from Dover to Dover cruising the Baltic and visiting: Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St Petersburg, Tallin (Estonia), Northern Germany and Aarhus. We return home on the 3rd July in time for the July meeting and the Mid-Year lunch.

I have started to arrange the next MMCCCCCV (5C) week away to Cohuna on the Gunbawer Creek about 60km west of Echuca. The planned dates are 29th November to 6th December. One of our new members, Gerry Sargeant, has been up to Cohuna and has advised there are lots of great things to do in the local area. I will put further details about the trip and accommodation options in the July Generator. While I am away have some great Morry adventures. See you all in July.

Keep on Morrying

Mark

Club Captain`s Report May 2014

Hi everyone,

This month we have a couple of events for you to go to. The first being the Clifford Park Scout Activity weekend. This is a two day event in Wonga Park teaching youth members about all things mechanical. Come along and show your car and you might even learn something while you are there.

We also have on the same Sunday a Cavalcade to Yarra Glen meeting at McDonalds in Diamond Creek and driving through the hills to Yarra Glen. This event is brought to you by the AOMC.

All details are in the Generator.

Keep On Morrying

Stewart

AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

Thursday, 08th May 2014 Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park
Deepdene 3103.

1. Apologies
 2. No. of Members Present (Quorum)
 3. Confirmation of last minutes
 4. President`s Report
 5. Treasurers Report
 6. General Business
 7. Close of Meeting
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COMING EVENTS 2014

Tuesday May 13th
MID WEEK RUN

Radisson Luncheon

Buffet Lunch with a glass of wine \$14.95

Drive your morry or modern car to a Railway Station or Tram/Bus stop of your choice. Travel into the city to the beautiful Radisson Hotel at 380 William Street Melbourne for a great buffet lunch in the pleasant restaurant overlooking the Flagstaff Gardens (12noon to 2pm).

The Hotel is close to Flagstaff Station on the city loop. Tram stops on the Cnr Latrobe and William Street or at Queen Victoria Markets. The Markets are open on Tuesday so you could also for a look while you are there.

Bookings are essential through Michael Dobson or Veronica Dobson 9438 1695 or Mob 0400 273 328.

May 17th & 18th

Mechanical Weekend
Clifford Park Scout Activity Centre

If you would like to come and show of your car and learn a little about your cars internal combustion engine this could be the run for you.

**The display will run from 1pm till 6pm on Saturday and then 9am until lunchtime on Sunday morning.
7 Clifford Drive Wonga Park.**

Please contact Stewart Carr 0409 215 907 if you are interested in coming on either day.

May 18th

National Motoring Heritage Day
Cavalcade to Yarra Glen

Meet at McDonalds in Diamond Creek 8:45am for a 9:00am departure. A quiet Sunday drive through the Yarra Valley to Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove Yarra Glen. This is an informal display picnic day.

Gold coin donation entry fee.

June 7th-9th (Queen's Birthday Long Weekend)

Meet at the BP Servo Wallan, 1015 Hume Hwy outbound at 10:15am for a 10:30am departure, Friday 6th June.

For those going on Saturday 7th June, there is no meeting point, just make your own way up. Registration is at the North Albury Sports Club Ltd at Alemein Avenue, Albury, NSW, 2640 between 10am and 2pm Accommodation is available at the Boomerang Hotel 02 6025 1711, 312 Wagga Road, Lavington, NSW or cabins at the Albury Motor Village & Tourist Park (Top Tourist) (02) 6040 2999, 372 Wagga Road, Lavington, NSW

**Come along for a great weekend away.
Contact Stewart Carr 0409 215 907 for Entry Forms**

July 20th

**Mid Year Lunch
Bridges Restaurant Hurstbridge**

\$30 per person for a 3 course meal, soft drink will be provided by the club.

Alcohol can be purchased from the bar.

The club is now taking booking so please forward all money to Neil Cheney. He accepts cash, card, cheque or direct deposit. Electronic fund transfer details are listed at the bottom of the generator's 2nd page. Members using eft are reminded to include their name with the other ref details. Contact Neil Cheney on AH: 5428 6584 BH: 0407 565 075 for more info or to book.

August

T.B.A.

September 14th

Trip to Yea and the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway



Meet at McDonald's at Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading (cnr Springvale Rd) at 9am for a 9.30am start or meet us on the way at Yarra Glen or at Yea. Bring your modern if your Morris isn't ready or running.

Come along for a great run and a trip back in time to the world of train travel.

One group will be travelling in convoy from Nunawading via Lilydale, Coldstream, Yarra Glen, Yea then Kerrisdale. (about 100km's)

Others will join us at Yarra Glen travelling via Eltham. We will be at the McKenzie Reserve in the main street of Yarra Glen for morning tea. Either BYO or buy it there.

We will have a BYO Picnic/BBQ lunch at the Historic Yea Railway Station or you can buy your own at nearby cafés and bakeries. This precinct has a children's playground, skatepark, BBQ facilities, toilets and the historic buildings and plenty of parking for cars.

After lunch, we will move on to the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway where we have a group booking to ride the 2pm train.

Afternoon tea will be available to purchase at the site.

A Concession Price of \$12 per adult (train/museum entry) has been negotiated. (Children \$10)

This includes an Introductory talk explaining development of the railway then the train journey (35 minutes return) accompanied by a talk at 'Summit Station'

For more information, contact Graham/Lesley on 98367415 or 0409062866

October 5th

Mechanics Day

Come along to my property at Buln Buln East. Here you will learn all you want about your morry and find out how to do the day to day jobs around your car. Bring along a picnic lunch or something for the BBQ.

Please contact Stewart Carr 0409 215 907 if you are interested in coming

November 2nd

Day of the Morris Minor

This year, the venue will be The Morris Minor Garage at North Harcourt. There will also be a theme this year "An Escape to the Country". If you wish to make a weekend of it there is no shortage of venues in the area. More details as we get closer to the event. (See Braidy Davies report on Page 17)

November 29th to 6th December

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Other Events

**Seymour Swap Meet
May 4th**

**Soldier On
September 17th-20th**

Please think of runs you would like to do this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

31/03/2014		01/03/2014 to 31/03/2014	CM	YTD
<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>Income</u>		
MMCCV Cheque A/C	\$6,144.30	Advertising	\$0.00	\$100.00
		Club Raffle	\$58.00	\$175.00
		Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Interest Earned	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Membership Dues	\$295.00	\$2,065.00
		Regalia Sales	\$273.00	\$398.00
		Badges	\$0.00	\$7.50
		Donations	\$0.00	\$50.00
		Library fees	\$0.00	\$36.50
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>Total Income</u>		
Unpresented cheques	\$0.00		\$626.00	\$2,832.00
<u>Closing Balance</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>		
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00	Bank Service Charges	\$36.30	\$112.72
MMCCV Cheque A/C	\$6,380.39	Hall Hire	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$8,000.00	Club Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Total Balance</u>	\$14,380.39	Licence & Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Newsletter costs	\$127.21	\$308.82
		Office supplies	\$82.84	\$112.84
		Postage	\$6.00	\$42.00
		Professional fees	\$0.00	\$120.00
		Regalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Consumer Affairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Suppers	\$30.56	\$130.92
		Trophies	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Post office box rental	\$107.00	\$107.00
		BMC Experience Subs	\$0.00	\$83.00
		Webpage Hosting	\$0.00	\$44.00
		AOMC	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Refunds	\$0.00	\$20.00
		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	\$389.91	\$1,081.30
		<u>Net Income/Deficit</u>	\$236.09	\$1,750.70

RUN REPORTS

Midweek Run April 9th

The day dawned with appropriate British weather for our Morries to relish, steady rain and overcast although quite mild temperature wise. 5 Morries splashed through puddles, showed off their windscreen wiping skills and were very much at home. 2 moderns added to the field.

We met at McDonalds, enjoyed coffees and then headed down to Waverley Antiques where we spent a couple of hours looking at the items. Ken resisted the radios on offer. At around midday we headed down to the Café at Jells Park for a pleasant lunch and chat.

Despite the weather and as per the Morrie way we had an enjoyable day with great company.

Attendees were, Michael and Veronica Dobson, Ken Urquhart, Henry Edwards, John and Ann Druery, Percy and Cheryl Scicluna, Ross and Ann Carr, and Mal and Margaret Baker.

Bruno's Garden Marysville Sunday April 13th

6 Morries met at McDonalds Nunawading at 9am for a 9.30 start.

A late starter arrived at 9.30, with the excuse "we went to Mt Waverley instead" no names but he writes a good line !!!

Took off along Whitehorse Rd through Healesville to Maroondah Reservoir for morning tea at the Ibis Pavilion. A surprise huge retirement cake (courtesy of Lesley & Rosie) arrived for Graham Dines (the Mt Waverley man) to celebrate this event. Welcome to the Great Retirement Club Graham.



Stephen Dynes arrived in his MGTD for a short visit & managed a huge piece of cake.



Apparently the Harper's car had a problem with their black dog? in their car necessitating the windows being wound down !!!!!!!

Off to Marysville, huge crowds, the local market was in full swing so we all found a park & explored this small market, unfortunately no food stalls, where we met Gwen & Stephen Coleman. Later parked near a small green space for lunch, many of us took advantage of the local bakery. Perfect weather for sitting under a huge tree & sustaining ourselves with more food.

A short drive took us to Bruno's Art & Sculpture Gallery & Garden, enchanting, beautiful with surprises everywhere, wow what a man, artist, sculptor, raconteur & funny man. He gave us a short talk on how he arrived in Marysville & the establishment of the sculptures & the garden.



Great to see the photos of the devastation of the 2009 bushfires & the amazing progress to replant & rebuild this beautiful garden & gallery, it is a statement to Bruno's talent & perseverance. He managed to rescue some of his paintings plus an unknown black dog (not the same one as in the Harper's car)

The garden has recovered remarkably well & many of the sculptures have been repaired. The local community pulled together to help rebuild the Gallery & rescue many of the large eucalypts in the garden.

What a unique place, beautiful sculptures, unique & humorous with a South American & Asian influence.

Another short drive to visit the Steavenson Falls.

A late afternoon tea at Beechworth Bakery ?!!! definitely not in Beechworth, but in Healesville, then fond farewells to all & a pleasant drive home.

A great day, thanks to Rosalee & Graham Harper.

Attendees: 7 Morries 1 MG plus 1 modern

Ann & John Druery, Cheryl & Percy Scicluna, Barbara & Ken Urquhart, Tim Lengyl, Rosalee & Graham Harper, John Mason & Nicole Brnjak, Gwen & Stephen Coleman, Stephen Dynes & not forgetting our late arrivals, Lesley & Graham Dines.

Barbara Urquhart



TRADING PLACES

May 2014

Contact: Graham Dines : 0400 893 483

Or email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au



For Sale

I have my mother's 1955 morris minor that is to be sold. It has been well maintained and is in good original condition, and although it has rarely been driven over the last 15 years, I believe it is in good running order. One owner, car located in Ardeer near Sunshine. Four door split screen. Blue in colour. In going order as car has been regularly started.
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Joanne Collins

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regards

Wayne Jones
Mob 0406384941.

I'm looking for my old 1956 MM Ute I built way back in the 80's. It was black and had "Borrowed Time" on the back tail gate. It had big wheels, exhaust stacks, Datsun 120Y motor etc. If you ever see it could you please grab the persons contact details as I would like to buy it back for my 15 Y O daughter to have as her first car.

Cheers,
Scott Nathan - P 08 9417 5005 - 0414 333 909

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1949 lowlight two door - colour burgundy, registered 'MM 1949' and RWC, Esmeralda is in very good condition - very original, new tyres - brakes - front end, history and receipts from 1949, offers over \$10,000.00

John 0425 778 051 or jgbjgb@bigpond.net.au



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership statistics as of APRIL 28 are as follows:-

Posted 41 Email 113- a total of 154 members plus 8 Life members

68 cars registered with the Club Permit Scheme

If any member would like a membership card sent to them, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the PO Box. Should you have any Membership queries or suggestions do not hesitate to contact me at

9817 5385, or email - membership@morrisminorvic.org.au

Club Name Badges :- are available for \$7.50 per person, contact me to order a badge. Wear your badge to a meeting & be in the running to choose a prize from the raffle table.

NEW MEMBERS

Ross & Carol Ingram, member #1646 update of details, owners of a 1957 Black 2 door awaiting restoration.

Gerard & Margaret Sargeant, member #1648,

Christine & Peter Langton, member # 1649 owners of a 1957 blue sedan reg # GTB 488.

A welcome to you & hope you have a long & enjoyable association with the Club

WELFARE



To those members of our Club who are not well, we wish you the best & hope you recover quickly. If you know of any member/s who are on the sick list, please let me know.

*****MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY*****



Dearne Jackson	02	Freddie Arp	02	Barry Barnett	02	Kevin Dorney	02	Jim Gourley	02
Karen McKay	05	Bernadette Witcombe	07	Rosa Balestra	07	Garry Kerr	07	Lily Milligan	09
Russell Witcombe	10	Mario DiPilla	12	Daryl Clark	13	Lisa Barton	14	Nicole Bryjak	15
Sheri Bowes	16	Sue Roberts	16	Sally McKaige	19	Peter Walker	27		
Margaret Sargeant	22	Mark Parritt	23	Anthony Buc	29	Jill Townshend	29		



Barbara Urquhart
Membership Officer

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**MINUTES OF MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPDENE ON THURS 10 TH APRIL, 2014**

Present:- President, Mark Parritt; Vice-President, Braidy Davies; Secretary, Michael Dobson; Regalia, Graham Harper; Membership, Barbara Urquhart; Club Captain, Stewart Carr

The President welcomed the members present and opened the meeting at 8.03pm.

Apologies: Graham Dines (standing apology) , Neil Cheney; Phil Plumbe, Wayne Cunningham & Lyn Waites, Veronica Dobson

Attendance: Approx 34 members were present at the meeting as recorded in the attendance book

Visitors and New Members;) a new member Peter Langton and visitor Stuart McLeod (a former member of the Macquarie MM Club now living Melbourne) were warmly welcomed by those present.

Minutes of the previous meeting: were accepted on the motion of Tim Lengyel, seconded by Mal Baker

President's Report Mark mentioned that report was as per the Generator and indicated he would be away for 2 months from early May during which time Braidy Davies would be performing his duties as President

Vice President's Report - Nil

Secretary's Report: Secretary listed the following correspondence:-

- (a) Newsletters from two other clubs which he circulated after the meeting
- (b) Advertising material from the Bendigo Bank and Ashmore Palms Holiday Village (Gold Coast)
- (c) Letter from Albury Wodonga Morris Minor Club requesting a financial contribution towards the running of the 17th National Rally next year. The Secretary advised the meeting that the Committee during its earlier meeting had agreed to donate \$250 for that purpose

Treasurer's Report:

The President on Neil Cheney's behalf indicated that as per the Generator and the current balance of \$ 6,390.63

Membership Officer

Barbara reported that currently there were 154 financial members and 8 life members. She also indicated that she had recently received the 1st request for gift membership.

Club Captain: Stewart gave a brief run-down of recent Club events and mentioned future events as listed in the Generator including a \$14.95 buffet lunch at the Radisson Hotel, 380 William Street, Melb on Tues 13th May(bookings essential through Michael Dobson) and the mid-year lunch on 20th July

(Bookings for the mid-year lunch at the very popular Bridges Restaurant at Hurstbridge (\$30 pp for 3 course meal and soft drinks provided by the Club) are now being taken by the Treasurer Neil Cheney. He accepts cash, card, cheque or direct debit. Electronic Funds Transfer details are listed at the bottom of the Generator's 2nd page. Members using EFT are reminded to include their name with the other ref details)

Stewart also indicated that he was looking for members to volunteer to organise club runs for the months yet to be covered.

Regalia Graham reported all going well and plenty of regalia available for sale

Editors Report;

President reported that Editor had advised all going well

A O M C-

Stewart indicated that he had nothing to report

National Rally

Richard McKellar indicated that the organisers of the 17th National Rally to be held at Albury between 3-6 April ,2015 had receiving many applications (over 40 registrations to date) so members intending to go are advised to book their accommodation asap. (Barbara indicated that she had booked the entire Boomerang Motel of over 30 rooms at Lavington for MM Clubs)

Richard further indicated that a survey of attendees had been undertaken to ascertain preferences of type and length of runs and food catering during the rally. Details of the rally and survey on official website.

Touring Club: (Geoff & Bev O'Donnell):

Nothing further to report since the previous meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. The Committee is currently considering the East Malvern RSL as a possible venue for this year's Christmas function and will visit the venue over a meal before making a final decision.

2 (a) Day of the Morris Minor- Mark indicated that the venue at Harcourt has been confirmed and that a great day was being planned with Richard endeavouring to create a country fair atmosphere with a market of local produce and crafts, bands and art display. The Organising Committee for the event consists of Richard, Braidy, Mark and Stewart and club members with queries on the event or wishing to volunteer assistance are requested to approach any of those individuals.(b) Braidy has kindly offered to prepare articles for the Generator leading up to the DOMM with information of interest including tips on vehicle preparation so members are advised to read their Generators closely over the next few months for interesting and useful information on the DOMM.

3 Ross Carr told the meeting of he and wife Anne's recent visit to Marysville and the town's recovery after the Black Saturday bushfires and of a CFA award presented to Anne for her volunteer work at the time of those terrible fires. Anne's selfless contribution was acknowledged by spontaneous applause of the meeting.

Guest Speaker

Ken Urquhart indicated that he had had further contact with the Antique Tyre Co to arrange a guest speaker but the firm is still unable to nominate a suitable date

Tips and Hints: nil

For Sale / Parts Sought nil

There being no further business

The Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Michael Dobson
(Secretary)

"Day of the Morris Minor 2014"

May Report:

Get your diaries out now! Click those little calendars! Make sure you don't miss Sunday 2nd November. We have an exciting new venue at the Morris Minor Garage in Harcourt North- a morry museum par excellence. This venue is about one and a half hours from central Melbourne and its worth making a weekend of it. The date is Sunday of the Cup Weekend. Take Monday off – I know I have. Lots of great ideas being bandied around to make the day really memorable.

Harcourt Farmers market, parts stalls, and live music are being organized -even a jumping castle was mentioned! There is a café on site and a sausage sizzle by one of the local charity organizations is being looked into.

The cost as worked out \$2 per person entrance to property and \$10 to enter each car for registration. This is to pay for loos, indemnity insurance, advertising, morning tea, raffle and trophies – and still the club will need to pay for some of the event. Who knew so much is involved?

In the coming months I will be writing articles about the DOMM trophies and awards (want to know how to get your name on a trophy without washing a Morry? – see next month), about accommodation, attraction and runs in the area and about the history of the DOMM.

Any ideas, suggestions, improvements, anyone wanting to hold a stall, volunteers, entertainers, buskers, historical stories, etc please contact me at vicepresident@morrisminorvic.org.au.

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17th National Morris Minor Rally Bulletin Number 4

3rd – 6th April 2015

Hello and welcome to the Number 4 Bulletin of the 17th Morris Minor National Rally 2015.

1. Accommodation – We have mentioned this before but we have to repeat ourselves – accommodation particularly close to central Albury Wodonga is filling up fast – please book early to avoid disappointment. Book your accommodation first if necessary and register second but get in soon. Entry numbers are rising and we do want to make sure that all Rally participants get to stay where they would like to.

2. Registrations - We now have over 40 registrations on a first in first served basis and more and more indications from future registrants. Would club secretaries please note that where we have had indications of blocks of future registrants – please tell your club members to get in early particularly with accommodation bookings. Our bookings have been made for the majority of rally venues with the Saturday night venue taking place at “The Cube” Wodonga, Victoria and the Sunday night formal dinner to take place at the Civic Centre Albury, NSW. The next Bulletin will provide more detail and include a response about a Friday night function. So far our survey responses have been strongly in favour of a Friday evening meal and we are making arrangements to book a venue and fit this into the program.

We also have our concourse area booked on the banks of the beautiful Murray River at Hovell Tree Park Albury, NSW and our registrations at the Gateway Lakes venue on the Victorian side of the river. So we are truly both sides of the river for meals, registrations and concourse as well. Further information can be viewed on the website.

3. Proposed runs for the National Rally – Our survey has been of great assistance with the majority of people favouring a medium or longer run. We are now sorting out and finalising our runs to tailor these to survey results and the next Bulletin will provide details and approximate distances of the proposed run or runs to show case as much of the beautiful district and mountains of North East Victoria as possible.

4. Club Sponsorship – Once again could individual Morris Minor Clubs let us have a response to the request for financial assistance with sponsorship for trophies or specific events. Budgeting and finances are always of importance to a National Rally and as we begin our budget for 2014 we would like to have some idea of sponsorship assistance from Morris Minor Clubs Australia wide for the 2014/2015 budget.

We now have one year to go before the National Rally and our planning is stepping up a pace. Could Club secretaries please note that we would like to receive any specific proposals for rules or rule changes by 31 December 2014 to ensure that these are placed on an agenda and that the Albury Wodonga Club can facilitate all Clubs wishes with specific proposals well before the 2015 17th National Rally.

We are starting to get excited as we book venues and visualise those venues against the backdrop of hundreds of Morris Minors! You can expect a further Rally Bulletin in 2 to 3 months with full details of venues. We also expect to be able to provide approximate prices for meals and memorabilia which are in the process of being chosen and ordered as well.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 17th National Morris Minor Rally.

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TECHNICAL TIPS

Cracking up?

The Morris Minor is a pretty reliable car, but occasionally we have to do a bit of deep engineering. It's often easier to buy a new part as bits are cheap, but some parts are worth a serious effort, especially on the earlier cars.

One member had a problem with the car showing signs of a head gasket failure, but on taking it apart the gasket itself looked OK.

The proper solution is to take it to an engineering shop, but these are getting rare now and often have a backlog of work. So he reverted to the old trick of using a piece of plate glass as an indicator to check the head for flatness.

To do this, you need a piece of plate glass a little bigger than the head. Apply a little moisture to the head - the steam from a kettle is ideal - and then put the glass on the face of the head.

Any distortions will show up, as the glass will not sit down on the low bits.

The visual effect is a little like air trapped under the ice on a pond.

If this comes up good, the same trick works on the block itself, but you have to remove the studs from the block. A distorted block is very rare, but occasionally the block has pulled up a fraction where the stud goes into it. The solution here is to use a countersink drill to remove the raised area. Go gently here and be very careful to remove any metal particles before they go into the engine. I use my trust Henry vac to deal with any bits as they occur, as a way of stopping nasties getting into the works.

If the block is OK too then you are looking for cracks. Finding hairline cracks can be tricky to say the least, but fortunately a company called Ardrex makes a useful crack-detecting kit.

This consists of three relatively expensive aerosols. The first is a degreaser, and a good spray with this in the affected area will get rid of the gunk. The second is a dye, which you apply and allow to soak in for at least half an hour, then wipe off with some kitchen towel or cotton rag and a good bit of elbow grease.

Of course if there is a crack, the dye will seep into it and won't come off on your rag. Finally you apply the third aerosol, a developer, and even the tiniest crack will show up red.

Here you can see where I used it on an aluminium engine block. The crack was initially very hard to see (Fig. 1) as it was much thinner than a human hair, but after using these aerosols, it looked as if someone had run a red felt tip pen along it (Figs. 2 and 3). So if you think you have a cracked head, especially in the valve seat area, this is brilliant stuff.



Fig 1
The crack was very hard to see
With the naked eye as it was
Much thinner than a human
hair.



Fig 2
The block after applying the
red dye



Fig 3
After wiping off most of the dye
and applying the developer, the
crack is clearly visible as a red
line

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