

Jack & Jill's Summer Steam up, Sykehouse, 21 August 2022

Most of us (especially Jack & Jill) were pleasantly surprised to see that a magnificent collection of Interesting Cars had arrived nice and early...



It was *supposed* to be three-wheelers one side and four-wheelers the other, but heigh-ho...



Jack's "Little Car" (a Pembleton Grasshopper) on the right and an interloper four-wheeler next to it – a Lomax 224. Two original and venerable red Morgans next...



The one on the left looks fast... it'll *seem* fast even at 20mph! Jack revealed that it is the current factory-built version of his car (drawings are no longer available) – if you have a spare £33,000 you can join the 18 month waiting list...



A Lomax 223 in cream, a Morgan and a Berkeley in green with a yellow Lomax 223 in yellow.



Herr Gruber had brought his little tank.... it's Rodger Thompson's Volkswagen *Kübelwagen* on the left. *Kübel* Sitzwagen (literally: 'bucket-seat car') is the slang for this doorless open-topped WW2 German military vehicle. One of Dr Ferdinand Porsche's design efforts! A new-looking Morgan on the right.



Another Morgan (of recent date) and a classic Porsche 911, the latter owned by Mark Batchelor.



Jack said he'd never seen so many of these contrivances in one place!



But it was also a Boiler Testing Day... David Wood, Nigel and Martyn Chapman with Peter Walker bending over his *Spencer 4-6-0T*, back view of Ian Sparks, a couple of the car chaps and the Rev Jill on the right.



David Wood was having his 7¼" G *Tich* tested.



Ian was subjecting his ex Tim Pearson Sweet Pea 0-4-2TT variant *Tarragon* for test... it passed! Close scrutiny will reveal that it currently has no means of driving the wheels from the cylinders.



Boiler testers contemplating... Note the stack of tyres; we had to be a bit inventive to find suitable supports for the lengths of ex-Eggborough track we had extracted from the bramble- and wild rose-infested jungle at Jack's, where it had lain entangled for several years. Hidden from any possible prying eyes of travelling metal thieves!



Ian and Martyn, with Jack in the rear. Lengths of what seemed to be fibre-optic cable had been used as extempore string to secure the track to the eclectic collection of supports... "A bit of a lash-up", as Jack described it.



Sorry, David – we couldn't pass *Big Tich* as the injector wouldn't work! Kieran Sparks grimacing top left.



Peter Walker's tiny *Spencer* – not much different from a *Tich* in boiler, wheel and cylinder size – also had a successful test. Really, a Hunslet 4-6-0T like this should be about the same size as Don Young's Alco *Mountaineer* 2-6-2T, but it seems that Robin Dyer arranged his *Spencer* design to represent an engine that had been re-gauged to metre gauge so it's only about 2/3 the size it should be!



Bring & Buy stall or sun shelter... Geoff Shackleton and Alf Bamfield in conversation with Colin Bowes searching for a bargain, stallkeeper John Charlesworth in pink, Jack in mid-burger-chomp, Rodger Thompson, Arthur (straw hat), Bob Ashton from Sandtoft Miniature Railway, back view of Trevor Brown and Geoff Botterill who had been busy distributing Voting Papers!



Geoff & Christine Rodgers, Geoff S and Alf; Colin is still looking for that thrupple nut he wanted, Trevor is still there and Rodger is searching his bag for some suitable refreshment.



A busy group of people – Jill, Richard Bethell, Karen and Kevin Avery at the Food Stall.



Richard Bethell did a sterling job with the burgers and sossidges! It was also wonderful to see Margaret Bethell too; she has had some health problems and it was a relief to see how well she looked. I'm only sorry I haven't a photo! They had come up in their new caravan and had stayed overnight to try it out. Apparently it worked...



A little later in the afternoon, new member Julia Bickerstaff arrived with her 3" Burrell traction engine *Chuff* for a steam test.

Alistair Bootland – another member who has had to be very brave recently – offers some sage advice to Julia as pressure rises. Very slowly... it seems that the Burrell likes a *lot* of coal in a very deep fire.



Chuff, chuff!



How come so many people are looking so happy and pleased about the failure of *Wildebeeste's* injectors? Mark Batchelor, Arthur & Judith Bellamy.



And finally... plenty of three-wheelers about today; I'd arrived on the Saturday on two, as had Steve Russell. Ben Salter takes his niece for a ride on one of Jack's One-Wheeler vehicles...



The story also goes that during the course of the day, the two-year-old in the barrow took her three-year-old sister for a ride on Colin Bowes' *Deltic* locomotive on the portable track. She had obviously been paying close attention to how the controller worked, and when Colin was distracted they hopped aboard, operated the controller and off they went... luckily the highjacked train was quickly intercepted and the spring buffers at the end of the track did not need to be tested.

Anyway, here are the miscreants being good – with Mum Lizzie and Colin Bowes.



It had been a really excellent day out; many thanks to Jack and Jill for their excellent hospitality and for organising it all, and thanks to the folk who turned up on the Saturday to assist in setting-up – particularly Steve Russell and Charles Appleyard who were unable to enjoy the event as they had other commitments!

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