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The President Speaks

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy new year and I hope that everyone had a good Christmas. I spent Christmas in San Francisco so I was disappointed that I could not attend the Christmas dinner at the Casino. I have heard that a good time was had by all who attended.

Our club is now beginning its 3rd year in existence and in the past 2 years we have achieved a lot thanks to our past president and committee members. It is not an uncommon sight now to see classic cars on our roads and the two large rallies organised in May 02 & 03 have provided

A spectacle for the public to see. I hope that 2004 will be a good year for our club and we are able to achieve many of our aims.

Membership renewal is now due so please send your subscriptions to our membership secretary as soon as possible.

The first of our social evenings at the Fire Brigade Social Club seemed to be a success, remember that the next one is on the 15th January, the 3rd Thursday of the month. Other events are being planned for the coming months and these will be listed in the newsletter.

I look forward to joining you on many of the future events.

Happy Classic Motoring,

Stefan Nicholson

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CLASSIC FAMILY

Congratulations to Hector Capurro on the purchase of his 1948 Alvis TA14. what a beautiful car. We admire his enthusiasm to travel to England alone to buy the car and then having taken the ferry to Bilbao he drove it all the way to Sotogrande. He said that the Alvis performed beautifully without any problems on the trip. Another nice addition to the cars in our club.

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JANUARY MONTHLY MEET

The last monthly meet took place at Safeway's Carpark on Sunday the 4th of January – this saw a reasonable turn out of cars and members. We were pleased to see Peter Cross who despite a suspected overheating problem had driven his Beautiful 1965 E-Type Jaguar from Mijas Costa for the meeting. We hope to see more local cars making the effort next month, which will be on **Sunday 2nd February 2004**

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MALAGA CLUB MEETING

An invitation was extended to the GCVA by the '*Club de vehiculos clasicos y Deportivos El Sur de Europa*' to join them in Malaga on their annual 'Puerto de La Torre' get-together. It was expected that about 10 cars from the GCVA would drive to Malaga on Sunday 23rd November.

Unfortunately the weather that week had been very bad and heavy rain with gale force winds was forecast for the weekend. This caused some of our members to have second thoughts about driving to Malaga in their classics.

I went to my garage at 8am on the Sunday to take the tonneau cover off the car and fit the hood and sidescreens. Before I was able to prepare the car there was a heavy rainstorm with very high winds. To drive a Morgan in these conditions is something I did not wish to do. I gave Christian Debono a call to say that it was too bad to go in the Morgan. Christian was determined to go in the Jaguar so we accepted his invitation to join him. So Christian, Dave Risso, myself and my wife went to Malaga in the 1962 Mk10 Jaguar.



We were surprised that away from Gibraltar the weather changed for the better and there was blue sky and sunshine. After a breakfast stop where we had arranged to meet Derek Sene in his 1954 Morris Minor we continued to Malaga. Derek was late so he and his family made their own way to Malaga to meet up with us later. We now know that his Morris Minor is capable of speeds of 120kmph and more! Arriving in Malaga with the weather greatly improved I felt very guilty at not taking the Morgan.

The club at Malaga made us feel very welcome and we were given a position of honour in the drive around the city. A buffet reception was later held at the Ayuntamiento.

I urge members of our club to make an effort to drive their cars further afield and attend more of the functions organised by other clubs in the area.

S. Nicholson.

CAVALCADE REVIEW

After much debate about the cavalcade it was still not decided until the last moment how we were to represent the GCVA in this event.

The day was saved by Tony Collado who bravely drove his 1955 Ebro (Ford Thames) flatbed lorry into Gibraltar only a few days before the event. Most of us only found out about this when we met Tony at the Sunday Safeway's meet. It was not long before a crowd of us went off to the North Mole to see Tony's latest acquisition. Much walking around the vehicle and scratching of heads took place. Enthusiasm soon produced tins of paint and brushes. The number plate was substituted for a correct period plate and the doors were sign written with 'Gibraltar Motorways' & logo. The cargo was made up of painted oil drums and crates of old Avon tyres. Work continued until 10pm Sunday evening.



It was a spectacular entrance into Gibraltar for a vehicle which had been discarded many years ago and had been neglected in Rota until Tony came to its rescue.

The whole of Gibraltar must have seen the vehicle being driven up Main Street and even our Chief Minister was interested enough to enquire about its age. The amount of pictures being taken and GBC coverage will provide a record for the future.

In all we had five classic vehicles in the Cavalcade. Thanks to all who took part and helped out, the people of Gibraltar know we are still alive and very much active!

Stefan Nicholson

'Le Boutique'

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**Commemorating the Rally '03 with club logo
or
Non-commemorative Stone or Green with logo**

ALL ITEMS AVAILABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH MEETINGS, OUTINGS AND FROM STEFAN
NICOLSSON (CONTACT 44643)

With Regret...

*The Gibraltar Classic Vehicle Association members
would like to express their deepest sympathy and
sorrow at the sad news of the passing away of
Horacio Danino's Wife last Friday.*

MEDINA SIDONIA TRIP

30th November 2003

After bad weather ruined last year's chances, this year it was decided to commemorate the club's first outing in 2001 by going regardless of weather. On the day the weather was a bit iffy but cleared up and proved to be a perfect day for motoring. The roads were of good quality and not very busy at all. The 'Aromas de Medina' factory was another story, this was very busy indeed and full of people seemingly spending their life earnings on 'mantecados' and 'polvorones' and the like.

On the way to Medina we came across what appeared to be one of our classics broken down on the side of the motorway. A quick stop to help and clearing of a lot of steam revealed a London Austin Taxi that had burst a coolant hose. The owner was a Spanish Chap from La Linea who used to be a London Cab driver, coincidentally in an area where club member Victor Borg (who was with the convoy that stopped to help) use to live. What a small world indeed.



Bizarrely the owner had a spare hose for the one that had ruptured but not enough water or coolant and faced a long walk had we not stopped to help and offer him what we had available. His grateful occupants had hired the taxi and were on their way to a round of Golf in Benalup. Good to see classics still in use for the job they were made for.

Ed.

EVENTS & OUTINGS JAN/FEB/MAR 2004

JANUARY	4th	Sun	<u>Monthly Meeting - Safeway's Carpark</u>
	5th	Mon	3 Kings Cavalcade - Classic Car Entry
	15th	Thur	<u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u>
	18th	Sun	Outing to Castellar and Surrounding area. Meet at Frontier 9am.
	24/25th	Sat/Sun	RUTE AUTO JUMBLE An outing can be arranged if anyone is Interested. Also there is the option of an Overnight stay. Please let us know if you are interested so we can make the necessary arrangements.
FEBRUARY	1st	Sun	<u>Monthly Meeting - Safeway's Carpark</u>
	7/8th	Sat/Sun	EXPO MERCADO ESPARTINAS 2004 This is in the Seville area, if anyone is interested we can organise a day trip or even an over-night stay on the Saturday. Please let us know as soon as possible.
	15th	Sun	Sunday lunch – “St. Valentines” Why not give your wife a treat. Venue to be confirmed. Please let us know if you wish to attend.
MARCH	19th	Thu	<u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u>
	7th	Sun	<u>Monthly Meeting – Safeway's Carpark</u> For those who wish to go for a drive to Spain after the meeting, we are organising Sunday Lunch at the San Roque Hotel. Lunch is a Carvery-Bufferet, cost about 23 Euro per head plus drinks. Please let us know if you wish to attend so we can make the booking.
	18th 13th or 20th	Thur	<u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u> (Exact Date To Be Confirmed) We are Organising a weekend in CADIZ. Hotel ATLANTICO. Cost around 74 Euro per couple, double room including Breakfast. Journey is mostly flat so ideal for Classic Cars. Please let us know if you are interested, hotel has secure garage parking.

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