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I say something similar every year but even I am surprised that I have now been doing this newsletter for 4 years! Where has that time gone, and as I write this, I can't believe it was only a week ago that we were at the Classic Car Show at the NEC. A massive thanks must go to Paul Moran, Pete Hubball, Paul Kendrick, Simon Whittick and new member Trevor Sherrington for allowing us to use their cars on our stand.



Judging by the attention the cars got over the 3 days it seemed we got the mix just right, I think that people like our stand because of the mix of car makes & type rather than a stand of all the same make cars.



Pete's Series 1 RS Turbo and Paul's immaculate Mini Pick-up had people swarming all over them, which kept both of them busy making sure no damage was done although someone did try to steal Pete's number plate lights!

Centre stand was Paul Kendrick's beautifully rally prepared Mk1 Escort, next was Simon's unusual black MGB GT, which was only started on Monday after a major engine re-build, and then Trev's eye-catching standard Hillman Minx. We were in Hall 8 which we thought might be a bit of a back-water but surprisingly we were very busy although the hall lacked the noisy atmosphere of the other main halls which made it easier to talk to interested visitors.



I would also like to thank Paul Vaas who came to help us set up on Thursday along with Paul's wife Chris and Pete's wife Nicole. Finally, a thank you to everyone who came and either helped man the stand over the three days or just called by to hello.

I've since submitted the usual feedback forms and asked why we were in hall 8, which was for car clubs who have not displayed before (we have only been doing this exhibition since 2000) and can we have a larger stand next year?!

Hall 8 did have its advantages when come to clearing up though, we were allowed in at 18.30 (trailers also) which meant we were cleared up and away by 19.15 and supping a well earnt pint in my local 30 mins later!

Events like this make me proud to be a member of Owen because everyone helped me, got on with jobs in a friendly jovial manner and we all mixed well over the 3 or 4 days, thanks again.



As well as the 5 cars on our stand we had Elaine's Sprite displayed on the Midget and Sprite Club stand. This made set-up day a little bit busier for me as I had to drive home just after midday to then drive her car back and position it on the MASC stand, which was in Hall 3, followed by another clean & polish.

Long-time Owen member Nick Pollitt had entered his lovely red Triumph TR3 into the 'Pride of Ownership' competition following a two-page spread on it in the previous weeks *Classic Car* weekly.

Unfortunately, he didn't win as this accolade went to the repaired pristine 'Savage-Cortina' which had rolled off the trailer and into another car when unloading for last year's competition & damaged the rear end quite considerably!



The NEC show was a good way of looking at and comparing all the different types of shelters and gazebo's that are available.

Derrick & Anton found a good inflatable shelter which was duly ordered.

This will be a great bonus for us when we are at a show and there is no one available to

transport the heavy gazebo. This can be stowed away in some one's boot and once inflated can provide shelter and a good focal point for our club.



Over the Christmas break and before January's edition I'll try and add more dates to the preliminary calendar for 2019, if you know of any local shows that you think we should be displaying at then please drop me an e-mail and we'll see how it fits into the calendar.

Well that is it for another year, thanks you to everyone who has contributed throughout the year and I hope to see you all again next year.

Finally, don't forget our Annual **pre-Christmas get-together** at Aldridge social Club on **Wednesday 12th December** where there will be **free food** available all supplied by Owen Committee members. Hope you can make it.

2019 Preliminary OMC/Classic Calendar

MARCH

16th/17th AGBO Rally (Weston Pk)

22/23/24th Resto Show (NEC)

APRIL

21st Chetwynd Deer Park Show

MAY

5th Catton Hall Show

12th Happy Landings (grass a/test)

JUNE

8th Streetly Summer Festival

9th Graham Hill Sprint (Curbor'gh)

AUGUST

10th Canwell Show

SEPTEMBER

1st Himley Hall Show

8th Ernest Owen PCT (Catton)

15th Tony Matthews Classic Run

NOVEMBER

8/9/10th NEC Classic Show

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