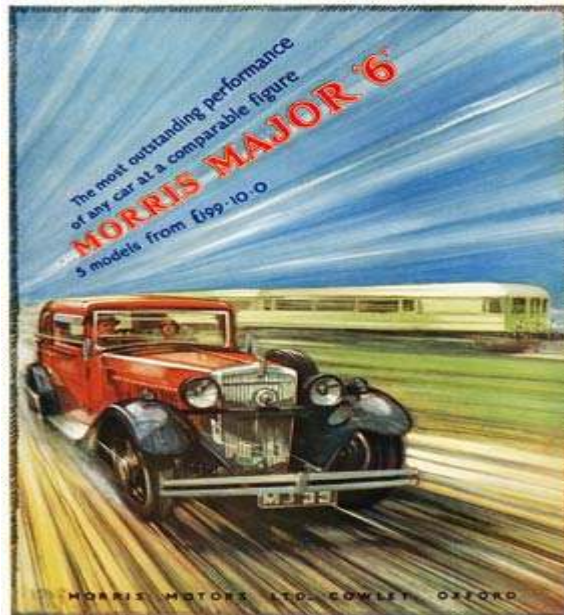


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ANNOUNCEMENT

Did you know we are on Facebook? Well, if you didn't you do now!! To find us just type 'scunthorpe advanced motorists' into Facebook search bar and up we will pop! Click on 'join group' to follow and support us and receive regular updates about the group. We also have available car stickers with our own group logo. If you would like to purchase one or enquire please contact either myself (Ben Wood), Terry Heath or Ian Walpole, contact details on the inside of the front cover of the magazine or on the web site.

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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Hello Folks, once again the A.G.M. is here. It seems to come around so quickly.

On a very sad note, I have to report that one of our long serving members, Chris Davies, from Brigg, passed away just before Christmas. Chris was taken ill just a few weeks before his untimely passing at the age of 61. Those of you who had the pleasure of knowing him will remember him as a quiet man with a wry sense of humour. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and close friends at this sad time. I was honoured to represent the group at his funeral. R.I.P.

Report for the past year:- Due to the present financial climate, we are finding it hard to recruit new candidates. So, I would like to ask you all, (yes that means you) if you have any ideas for a recruiting campaign to contact me. I shall wait with baited breath!! 10 tests have been taken this year, not many compared with other years, but two of those candidates achieved “first club” status. This is indeed an accolade to be proud of. For those of you who don’t know what the “first club” is, I would simply say that both the observer and candidate should keep striving for perfection. It’s not something you can apply for, but the examiner recognizes the required standard and applies the marking structure accordingly. However, this does not diminish all the hard work put into passing your test whether you gain ‘first club’ status or not. Congratulations to you all.

Finally I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone for their continued support, especially Roy Hindmarsh, Brian Burns and Ken Braithwaite, our area examiners, without whose help and support we would certainly find life difficult, and not forgetting our very hard working committee and people who work relentlessly behind the scenes.

Don’t forget folks, keep ADVANCING THRU SAFETY

Kind Regards to all.

Terry Heath Group Chairman

MINUTES OF THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCUNTHORPE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

Thursday 21st April 2011

Present: Mr T Heath (Chairman), Mr M Gothard (Treasurer), H Westoby (Secretary), committee members, members, associates and friends.

1/34 Apologies for Absence: B Wood, H Bessell, J Burgess

2/34 Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed by P Johnson seconded S Harris

3/34 Matters Arising: There were none

4/34 Chairman's Report: The report having been previously circulated was accepted. T Heath, personal thanks to committee members, all within the group who help and particularly R Hindmarsh.

5/34 Treasurers Report: The report having been previously circulated was accepted. What matters at the end of the years is how much we have in the back. Subscriptions have remained at £8.00.

6/34 Secretary's Report: The report having been previously circulated was accepted. A request was made for new committee members if anyone would like to help as we have had some retirements.

7/34 Driving Report: T Heath said we have had 27 tests generated with a pass rate of 81.48%. This shows we must be doing something right; thanks to all.

8/34 Formal Resignation of all Officers and Committee: T Heath announced the resignation of all committee members. After asking permission from the floor T Heath remained in the chair to announce nominees.

9/34 Election of Officers and Committee: The list of Committee members was read out by H Westoby, they are,; I Walpole, S Woods, T Woods, P Johnson, K Ward, S Harris, B Wood. These were proposed by J Taylor and seconded by P Barnby.

10/34 Election of Auditor: K Groombridge was elected by all present to serve as auditor

11/34 Members Suggestions: P Johnson and T Heath, we are always open to constructive criticism. T. Heath said advice was always welcome and anyone who wants to go onto the committee can be co-opted on at any time.

12/34 Any other business: None

The meeting was closed by Mr T Heath at 19:53.

INNER PEACE – THIS IS SO TRUE!

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you
any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

...Then You Are Probably.....

The Family Dog!



And you thought I was going to get all spiritual

Bryan Woods

CHILDREN

Monday's child is red and spotty,
Tuesday's child won't use the potty,
Wednesday's child won't go to bed,
Thursday child won't be fed,
Friday's child breaks all his toys,
Saturday's child makes an awful noise,
And a child that is born on the seventh day,
Is a pain in the neck like the rest . OK!

BRAIN STUDY

I've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numbers.

Good example of a Brain Study. If you can read this you have a strong mind:

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7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3 H0W 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0
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1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5 H4RD BU7 N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3

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3V3N 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD!

ONLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15.

Bryan Woods

PLEASE READ IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO TRAVEL ABROAD USING YOUR OWN TRANSPORT

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

How to apply for an IDP

An International Driving Permit (IDP) is valid for 12 months from the date of issue. Recognised internationally, an IDP normally allows the holder to drive a private motor vehicle when accompanied by a valid UK driving licence. Most countries require a 1949 Convention IDP but for certain countries, a 1926 Convention IDP is necessary.

Check IDP requirements by country »

- The AA is authorised to issue both the 1926 and 1949 Convention IDPs to **applicants 18 years and over** who hold a valid UK driving licence, or can obtain such a licence on the basis of a valid pass certificate.
- **IDPs cannot be issued to a holder of a UK provisional driving licence without the test pass certificate and provisional driving licence.**
- An IDP is a **permit for use in conjunction with your driving licence**, not in place of it.

In some countries, you risk being fined or worse for relying solely on **an IDP**.

Before applying for an IDP you must:

Check the IDP requirements by country to see which type of IDP you need and check for any special conditions

There are three ways you can apply for an IDP.

- By post
- At selected post offices
- At AA travel port shops.

Possible changes to rules for bikers in France

You may have heard reports that the French will introduce some new safety rules later this year, including some for motorcyclists that could affect visiting bikers as well as locals. Compulsory wearing of **hi-vis jackets for motorcyclists** has been mentioned alongside other more general measures including more severe penalties for excessive speeding, tighter rules on the use of speed camera warning devices and tougher penalties for drink driving and use of mobile phones while driving.

There has apparently been a very negative response from French motorists and the proposed rules are expected to be modified or even abandoned as a result, so watch this space.

Blue badge users parking in Europe

The blue badge is not universally recognised abroad so it is important to check what your rights are in any country you intend to visit before you park.

The Blue Badge is recognised in all European countries. When you display it on the dashboard, it allows you to make use of the same parking concessions allowed for the country's own citizens with disability. Countries parking concessions for holders of a disabled parking card do differ from country to country so it's important to know where, when and for how long you can park in each country.

The FIA European Bureau undertook a worldwide survey of reciprocal parking concessions for disabled travellers in 2010. The website www.fiadisabledtravellers.com gives worldwide information on local rules for using a disabled parking card. I

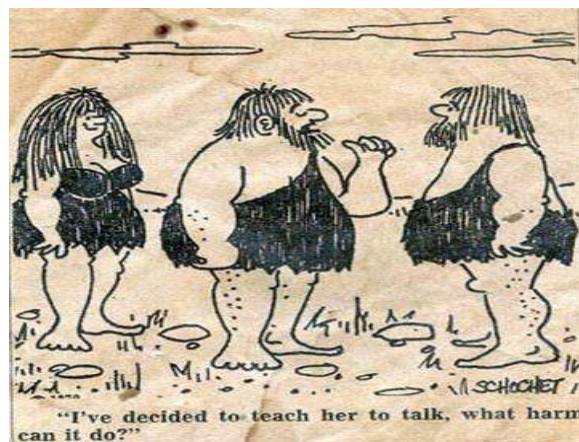
It also gives information about any reciprocal arrangements for blue badge holders visiting another country.

It's a good idea to print off the information you need for each country along with a copy of the notice available on each country page. Leaving this notice next to your Blue Badge when you park reminds the police and parking officers about your rights.

If you are in any doubt about your rights, don't park.

Information taken from the AA web site

THE ORIGINAL SIN



80 MILE PER HOUR ON MOTORWAYS?

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond has announced his intention to consult on raising the national speed limit on motorways from 70 to 80 miles per hour. The Government plans to launch a full public consultation on the issue later this year with a view to implementing any change in early 2013.

The current national speed limit was set in 1965. Technological advances mean that cars are significantly safer than they were back then. There has been a 75% fall in the number of people killed on British roads since 1965. That is why the Government feels it is now time to look again at whether the 70 mph speed limit is still appropriate today.

The Government has been taking action to tackle uninsured driving and help police enforce against drink and drug driving. However, the Government believes safety cannot be the only consideration when setting speed limits. Previous analysis shows that raising the motorway speed limit would generate significant economic benefits, worth hundreds of millions of pounds per year from savings of travel time. Initial work by the Department suggests that setting the motorway speed limit at 80 mph is likely to represent the best balance of costs and benefits and it is similar to the motorway speed limit in other EU countries. As many as 49% of drivers currently break the 70mph limit. Ministers believe that raising the limit to 80mph would mean that millions of otherwise law-abiding motorists would be brought back inside the boundary, restoring the moral legitimacy of the system.

Philip Hammond said: “I want to make sure that our motorway speed limit reflects the reality of modern vehicles and driving conditions, not those of 50 years ago. While we must ensure that our roads remain among the safest in the world, we must also consider the huge economic benefits that can be created by shortening journey times. Increasing the speed limit on motorways for cars, light vans and motorcycles could provide hundreds of millions of pounds of benefits for the economy and I will put forward formal proposals for making

these changes later this year.”

NOTE

1. An increase to the national motorway speed limit would apply to England and Wales. Responsibilities are devolved in Northern Ireland and are planned to be devolved in Scotland.
2. Increased motorway speed limits would apply to cars and motorcycles. Lorries on motorways are subject to lower speed limits and no proposals to increase them. The consultation is however likely to seek views about the position related to vans/light goods vehicles on motorways.
3. A thorough impact assessment which takes account of the full environmental, social and economic costs and benefits is being progressed.
4. Some stretches of motorway would be likely to retain a 70 mph limit because of their engineering and environment.
5. They are also considering the case related to increasing the speed limit on other high standard, near-motorway dual carriageways. Changes would be implemented case by case and they are not proposing to consult about raising the default national speed limit of 70 mph for all purpose dual carriageways

Let me have your views on this proposal.: Do you think it will work? Do you think any of our roads are built to accommodate this speed? What about car emissions? We are trying to embrace eco driving, how do you think it will all fit in? Will the otherwise law abiding motorists stick to 80mph or will they do 90mph instead? Who will this speed benefit? not companies moving their goods by lorry. Has the thinking time and reaction time of a driver at times of an emergency been looked at. The fact a vehicle is supposedly safer doesn't automatically make the driver safer. What about petrol consumption, wear and tear on tyres and bodywork? Three guesses where the cost for that will end up!!

This is a very important change which will effect us all whether we drive at 80 mph or not. Give me your thoughts on this important matter, I will put some of them in the next newsletter.

Sue

SUMMARY OF LIFE

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats..
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair..
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy..

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional...
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions...

- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus..
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

SUCCESS:

- At age 4 success is Not piddling in your pants.
At age 12 success is . . . Having friends.
At age 17 success is . . .Having a driver's license.
At age 35 success is . . .Having money.
At age 50 success is . . . Having money..
At age 70 success is . . . Having a drivers license.
At age 75 success is . . . Having friends.
At age 80 success is . . .Not piddling in your pants.

Pass this on to someone who could use a laugh.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way;
BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.

E-mailed to me



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE
I.A.M. TEST

STUART DUNSMORE - OBSERVER
KAL SIGNH

RYAN TYSON - OBSERVER,
RICHARD CREASER

JENNY PULLEN - OBSERVER,
SUE HARRIS

RICHARD PARTINGTON (FIRST CLUB) -
OBSERVER, BRIAN VINEY

JOE LEE -
OBSERVER, PAUL CASSELL



WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A WARM
WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS

GEORGE ROBINSON - MESSINGHAM
ALEX GREETHAM - BARTON

MEMORIES

Do you remember your very first car, the one you felt so proud to own because it **was** the first.

Well....Our car (really it was Mick's car because we were only courting at that time) was a Morris Oxford, MJV 142 was the reg.no. Do you remember them? Such beautiful big cars. It cost Mick £45, a lot of money at that time.

Ours had maroon paintwork, at least it looked that colour in amongst the rust. The bench seats were leather, it was so comfortable. Thinking back they were probably the only part of the vehicle that was in a decent condition. It didn't have seat belts as they had not been made compulsory at that time.

As I've already intimated the bodywork left a lot to be desired, the front wings flapped as we travelled along and the floor had its' own air ventilation which I found out to my horror when we went through a puddle and my feet got wet. Bodywork was not included in the MOT.

It's a good job that emissions weren't either as it blew smoke from the back every time Mick changed gear. It drank petrol like it was going out of fashion, and you could hear it coming from a mile away, but to us it was a Rolls Royce, freedom, a way to get around and have days out, it was great not having to worry about public transport to get home from a night out and of course Mick was able to travel to and from work, that was a bonus, being a policeman he worked strange shifts.

A very good friend of ours, in fact he was best man at our wedding, thought the car was hilarious and he nick named it 'rent a wreck' that name stuck and we still refer to it as that to this day.

Eventually it gave up the ghost and ended it's days in the scrap graveyard in the sky. It was a very sad day. Of all the cars we have owned over the years the Morris Oxford still holds a special place in our hearts.

I am sure that you must have fond memories of vehicles you have owned in the past whether it was your first car or not. I would like to hear your stories and hopefully with your permission put some of them in the next newsletter.

PLEASE send them to me, my e-mail address, home address and phone numbers are just inside the front page. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue

NEXT BED PLEASE

During a fact finding tour of an asylum, a visitor asked the medical director how it was decided whether or not to institutionalise a patient.

"Well" said the director "we fill up a bath tub, we then offer a teaspoon, a tea cup and a bucket and ask him or her to empty the bath".

"Oh I understand" said the visitor, " a normal person would obviously use the bucket as it's bigger than the spoon or the cup."

"No" replied the director " a normal person would pull the plug out. Do you want the bed next to the window?"

Happiness keeps you Sweet,

Trials keep you Strong,

Sorrows keep you Human,

Failures keep you Humble,

Success keeps you Glowing ,

But Only Friends Keep You Going!



NEWS RELEASE

MOTORWAY SERVICES – SHOW THEM NO MERCY

Drivers continue to part with more cash for everyday items at motorway service areas, shelling out up to 40 per cent more for everyday items than they would on the high street.

A large Snickers bar costs 90 pence from a motorway service area compared to 68 pence from a high street branch, 32 per cent more, while a regular coffee costs 16 per cent more on the motorway. A packet of McCoy's crisps was almost 45 per cent more expensive than a shop on the high street, and a packet of Walkers crisps was marked up by 36 per cent.

With petrol prices averaging about ten pence per litre more than at off-motorway forecourts the IAM is calling for a complete review of motorway prices, together with filling stations being forced to advertise their and their competitors' fuel prices, as is the case in France.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "We must end this motorway madness. Everything from sweets to petrol have an outrageous mark up.

"Our advice for tired motorists is always to take your rest break and have a coffee to help you freshen up. The danger is that rip-off prices will discourage people from getting the rest they need. Parking fines for drivers who sleep for longer than two hours put people off taking rest breaks."

Research has been undertaken by the IAM using motorway service areas and high street shops. See opposite page for the results.

| Product | High street prices | Motorway services | Difference |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Regular cafe Americano | £1.90 | £2.20 | 15.79% |
| Regular flat white | £2.40 | £2.80 | 16.67% |
| Regular hot chocolate | £2.40 | £2.80 | 16.67% |
| Snickers duo | 68p | 90p | 32.35% |
| Double Decker | 77p | 80p | 3.90% |
| Walkers cheese and onion | 70p | 95p | 35.71% |
| McCoy's cheddar & onion | 66p | 95p | 43.94% |
| Coca Cola 500ml | £1.67 | £1.72 | 2.99% |

GAMES HERITAGE



London hosted the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948. Each time, we left our mark on the Olympic Movement with our innovative approach.

Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games. In the 1880s he was inspired by Thomas Arnold at Rugby School and the Much Wenlock Games in Shropshire, UK, founded by Dr. William Penny Brookes.

London 1908 Games

The 1908 Olympic Games were originally awarded to Rome, but the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 1906 meant another Host City was needed. London stepped in and, despite the time constraints, the city's offer to host the Games was accepted by the International Olympic Committee.

The London 1908 Games were officially opened on 27 April 1908 by HRH King Edward VII and stretched out over a three-month period. A total of 22 nations sent 2,008 athletes – 1,971 men and 37 women – who competed across 110 events.

The majority of the sports at London 1908 remain central to the Games today and will feature at London 2012. However, there were also those – including motor boating and tug of war – which have long since ceased to feature on the Olympic programme.

Revolutionary venues

The Olympic Stadium, White City, was built especially for the Olympic Games. Taking less than a year to build, it was widely regarded as a technological marvel. It held 68,000 people and contained a running track that was enclosed by a cycle track.

When the Games closed on 31 October 1908, Great Britain topped the medal table with a total of 145 medals. The United States were second with 47, while third-placed Sweden claimed 25.

Despite the short notice, the Games were widely declared a success and lay the foundations for London's Olympic legacy as a Host City.

NEW IN 1908

- Athletes paraded under their national flags at a Ceremony at the start of the Games
- Every competitor had to be registered with their Olympic Association and entered as a member of a national team. Qualifying standards were laid down and a set of rules for each of the sports was agreed by the majority of the competing nations. The distance of the Marathon was fixed at 26.2 miles, which was the distance from Windsor Castle to the Royal Box in the Olympic Stadium

London 1948 Games

London again stepped in at the last minute to host the first Games after World War II. Despite a shortage of time and resources, the city rose to the challenge to host another fine, morale-boosting Games.



The Opening Ceremony took place at Wembley Stadium on 29 July 1948, with HRH King George VI officially opening the Games. The Olympic Flame was lit by athlete John Mark, and the Olympic Oath taken on behalf of all competitors by Donald Finlay.

136 events were contested by 4,104 athletes from 59 nations. At the end of the Games, the USA topped the medal table, taking away a total of 84 medals. They were followed by Sweden with 44, and France with 29.

New in 1948

- Starting blocks were deployed for sprint races
- A volunteer program was created to help run the Games
- The Empire Pool was the first covered Olympic pool in history, although its length exceeded the regulatory 50 meters so had to be shortened with a wooden platform. The competition was also shown on home television for the first time, although few people actually owned television sets at the time

[More info on Olympic Website](#)

GRUMBLE



Do you have parking problems in your street? Do people obstruct your drive or block junctions?

What is it that makes drivers believe they can park anywhere they like? We have that problem. Most of the neighbours, obviously being in the same position as ourselves park in their drive or if they haven't got a drive they park a little further down the road. We have a very short road which narrows towards the end into a public footpath, so it's literally a matter of a few yards to walk. The problem is visitors or workmen. I realise for the latter access to the vehicle may be required for equipment and on the whole you try to be patient, but it is annoying if you need to get your car out and then have to trawl the neighbourhood to find out who the vehicle belongs to. We always ask our visitors to park down the road where there is an area behind the local library that they can use after hours. But people are lazy and I'm sure would park in the front room of the house rather than take a step.

There is an un-adopted lane off our road down which are two residences. Not so long ago an ambulance was needed for one of those residents and because someone had been exceptionally thoughtless, it couldn't get down the lane. Luckily we saw this all happening and we knew who the car belonged to so was able to come to their aid. But we shouldn't have had to do that. With a little forethought there wouldn't have been a need. Someday the position could be reversed, I wonder how they will react?

Some of our neighbours have put No Parking signs on their gates but these are often ignored.

As IAM members I'm sure you are more thoughtful, but if you see someone parking in an area that is going to cause difficulties please ask them nicely not to, after all, you never know, it could be a matter of life or death.

Moaning Minnie

WD-40 USES AND ITS SURPRISE INGREDIENT

A vehicle was vandalised overnight with red spray painted. The owner was advised to use WD40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm the original paint that was on the truck.

The product began from a search for a rust preventative and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth attempt thus WD-40. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you...

WD-40 uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors' that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleanses stains from stainless steel sinks.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zips.
9. Untangles jewellery chains
10. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
11. Keeps ceramic/terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.
12. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
13. Cleans and Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
14. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
15. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
16. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
17. It removes tar and black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! It doesn't seem to harm the finish.
18. Dead bugs on body work will eat away the finish if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
19. Gives a children's playground slide a shine for a super fast slide.

PTO

20. Lubricates gears and mower lever for ease of handling on riding mowers...
 21. Rids children's rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
 22. Lubricates tracks in home windows (and sliding doors), and makes them easier to open..
 23. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
 24. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers
 25. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
 26. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
 27. Lubricates wheel sprockets on bikes.
 28. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
 29. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
 30. Removes splattered grease on stove.
 31. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
 32. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
 33. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
 34. Removes all traces of duct tape.
 35. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
 36. The favourite use in the state of New York , WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
 37. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time.
 38. Use it for fire ant bites.. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
 39. It removes crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
 40. Saturate the lipstick spots on clothing with WD-40 and wash as normal.
 41. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start..
 42. It also kills wasps and nests
- P.S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL.

I have been told by someone who has tried it that you should never use it on brass.

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL!

SHRUBS and TREES: There still is time to plant trees and shrubs. However, by mid-month it will be a little late to transplant large trees or shrubs, so do them now. The months of March, April and May are ideal for pruning evergreens e.g. Juniper, Cypress or conifer. Remove all dead, diseased, and undesirable wood. Do not prune back into the bare wood part of the plant. Prune your Forsythia after it finishes flowering. Broadleaf and needle leaf evergreens benefit most from lightly spreading a high nitrogen fertilizer around their bases.

PERENNIALS, ANNUALS and BULBS: April is the month for planting summer flowering bulbs like dahlias, gladiolas and lilies. Mix bulb fertilizer, processed manure and peat moss into the planting soil. When all danger of frost has passed set Tuberous Begonias and Canna move your fuchsias and geraniums outdoors, trim them back, feed and re-pot if necessary and water well. Plant seeds of asters, cosmos, marigolds, zinnias in the garden. Deadhead your spring flowering bulbs as the flowers die. Do not cut off the green foliage the green leaves continue to grow for a few weeks, and provide the bulb with food for the next year. Divide Daylilies, Delphiniums, iris, chrysanthemums, Daisies, and Phlox. Hybrid Tea Roses should be fertilized prior to buds beginning to bloom. Use a systemic fertilizer to help prevent insect infestation as it feeds your rose. Plant new rosebushes before growth starts and buds swell.

If you have a pond or pool you should set aquatic plants any time after the middle of the month.

FRUITS and VEGGIES: Control weeds and aerate the soil by cultivating between the rows of plants. April is a great time to plant fruit trees and berry plants, preferably in full sun. Plant vegetables like asparagus, rhubarb and horseradish. It's also time to plant peas, carrots, beets, spinach, cauliflower, cabbage, etc.

Root crops like potatoes, radishes, parsnips and onions can be planted at any time. Late this month you can plant beans and corn. Crops like tomatoes; squash, cucumbers and peppers should not be planted until

next month.

Cut out all the dead canes from your raspberry patch. The new canes that will bear this year's fruit should have new swollen buds along the edges. Thin these to five canes per foot of row to allow good air circulation and prevent overcrowding. When danger of frost has passed uncover strawberry beds and keep them well watered.

THE LAWN: The application of a spring type of lawn fertilizer should perk up the lawn. If there is moss growing in the lawn use spring lawn fertilizer that has the moss-killer included. Spring is also a good time to thatch and over-seed the lawn. Thatch build up can smother your lawn and provide an environment for diseases, use a rake or a de-thatching machine. Over seeding will help fill-in the lawn and deter the re-growth of moss and weeds. Use about one pound of quality grass seed for every 300 square feet of lawn area. Apply a light compost or soil over the seed to keep it moist and in place. Aerating the lawn will allow water to penetrate deeper into the lawn soil and reduce the need to water during the dryer months ahead. Use a garden fork and punch holes over the surface of your lawn. As mowing becomes necessary, be certain that the blade is sharp to prevent tearing the grass tips. Set the blade at 2 1/2 inches to avoid scalping.

ODDS and ENDS: Keep all transplants well watered during dry spells. Check the plants in containers and those under the eaves of the house and under tall evergreens to see that they are getting enough water. If you receive mail-order plants or can't resist the urge to pick up a few perennials before you are ready, make a trench and heel them into the ground in a protected area.

Sue

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**ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY
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April 19th AGM...7.30pm for 8pm - Speaker is Ed Weedon - Ed's city talks of the States.

May 17th –Speaker is Lois Hindmarsh - Cruise Bereavement and Mental Health Work

June 21st - Speaker is Andy Greenslade - The Queens Chauffer spills the beans and not the Champers

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2012

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If you would like anything discussed at the committee please contact Terry Heath

MEETINGS START AT 7.30PM

