

BOND

EQUIPE

NEWS

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First of all let me say thank you to all those members who helped make the Bond Equipe stand at Stoneleigh over the Bank Holiday weekend such a success. In particular I must thank those who brought their Equipes for display...Gill Bowden(GT4S),Trevor Brotherton (GT4S), Keith Dungworth (GT4S Convertible) and Mike Osborne (2-litre convertible) Thank you also to Mike Osborne for loaning us some of the cups and trophies he has won on hill climbs etc. in his Equipe, and to Gill and George Bowden for bringing along their Barbecue and helping to sustain us all!

We took with us a quantity of spares...hopefully to attract the eyes of Equipe owners...especially non-members...in order to show them that we're not all talk when it comes to spare parts, and by lunch-time on Saturday, in spite of a morning of continuous drizzle we had almost sold out. Having not arrived at Stoneleigh until 5am on the Saturday morning anyway, it was three very weary people who drove back to London on Saturday evening to restock! We arrived back at the showground at 3am on Sunday and managed a few hours well-earned rest. However Sunday turned out to be a scorching hot day and judging by the rate at which the parts were bought it had been well worth the return trip to London. Monday was also a very hot day and we were able to rate the whole weekend a great success.

Having sold far more spares than we ever imagined we would we now have a healthy Club bank balance and will therefore be able to supply members with a bigger range of Special items than we would previously have thought possible. As things become available we will let you know in the magazine.

A large number of Club members attended the rally, but unfortunately some of them did not make themselves known...I only found they had been after the event! However, Thank you everyone who did attend...I know of at least one couple who dropped in on the way back from their holiday.

All the club members who displayed their Equipes have received commemorative plaques from the Show organisers and we have one for the Club itself.

To all of you who didn't quite manage to get your cars ready for the show, you have eleven months in which to get cracking!! I know many of you who attended the rally have been fired with enthusiasm...Lets hope it lasts!!!

NEWS & VIEWS

Since the Bond Equipe Club began I have absent-mindedly been saving all the stamps from the envelopes that come in. Eventually I got round to sending them to the Spastics Society on behalf of the club and received this reply:

The Spastics Society

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International Year of
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9th September, 1981.

Bond Equipe Club,
55, Otterfield Road,
Yiewsley,
Middlesex.

Dear Sirs,

Thank you and your staff for collecting used postage stamps and sending them on to us. I do hope you can continue to save them for us.

With thanks.

Yours faithfully,

David P. Saint.
Appeals Officer.

I shall continue to save the stamps from your letters, as this is something we can contribute to very easily.....June.

Mr J Evans would like to meet up with any Bond owners in his area... his address is 108 Sleaford Road, Boston, Lincs. Tel: 0205 68107. Anyone who is in the area is invited to contact Mr Evans. Perhaps this could be the start of area meetings?

Mike Osborne, of Beckenham, Kent also wants to meet up with local members with the idea of holding regular get-togethers. He has a list of his local members so he may be contacting you soon if you are in his area.

WHAT'S IN A WORD

...The English language is full of many little peculiarities and difficulties, consider the word "Plough" pronounced "Plow". Take the word "rough" which is pronounced "ruff". We don't say "row". Then there is the word "either" pronounced 'ither' or 'eether', so when we come to the word "Equipe" we pronounce this "Eekwip". By this reasoning the word should be pronounced "Eekwipe", but don't tell this to a Bond owner. "Ekeep" is the correct pronunciation. If in doubt, ask Le General...

Taken from the Bond Four News March 1968.

Hopefully this answers the question many people have raised...we can do no better than to take note of what the manufacturers themselves decreed!

SPARES

SPECIAL OFFER!!!!

Windscreen wiper blades for the 2-litre.....£2.90 pair including postage. HURRY with your order...stocks are limited!!! The lowest retail price available (as far as we know) is £2.50 each, so this is a BARGAIN! If you don't need any at the moment why not buy a pair for the future?

GT4S WINDSCREENS.....NEW.....£ 9.00
As these are not 'postable' we can keep them for anyone who wants to pay for one and collect at any time they are in the area. At this price, why not buy one now as an investment?!!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Classic Car Show, Brighton Metropole Hotel. October 31/November 1st.
10am - 6pm. Admission £2.00.

Grand London Autojumble, The Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall,
Vincent Square, S.W.1.(near Victoria Stn)
Sunday 25th October. 10.30am - 4.30pm.
Admission .50p.

NEW MEMBERS

Paul Booker, 284 Wordsworth Avenue, Parson Cross, Sheffield.
1967 GT4S Reg No RLK 292E

Alan Green, 31 Rupert Street, Lower Pilsley, Chesterfield, Derbys.
2-litre convertible 1969 Reg No VRF 802H

Peter Nicholson, 'Eastfield' Mattersey Road, Sutton-Cum-Lound,
Retford, Notts.
1970 2-litre convertible Reg No TCX 704H

John Rowlands-Roberts, 14 Tall Trees Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge,
West Midlands.
1966 GT4S Reg No HOK 29D

Non-Equipe-owning members

Mr J Evans, 108 Sleaford Road, Boston, Lincs.

Martin Smith, 24 Roadside, Christleton, Chester.

Stephen Jarmyn, 69 Stanley Road, North Rainham, Essex.

ADS

WANTED: Late Immaculate 2000 with sunroof and overdrive.
Fullest details to Mr Fenn, 3 Darenth Cottages, Shoreham,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

FOR SALE: Door trim panels, black, for GT4S. In very good
condition. Offers. Phone Slough 26990.

Jane Russell

Advertising in Bond Equipe News costs 4p per word. Send details to
55 Otterfield Road, Yiewsley, Middlesex.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR BOND EQUIPES!!!!

With this copy of Bond Equipe News you will find some cards to
place under the windscreen wipers of any Bonds you see on your
travels. This has been organised because of requests by several
members who feel that each member can, in this way, do his/her bit
towards letting Equipe owners know that there is a club for them.
If any member would like more cards they are available from the
above address.

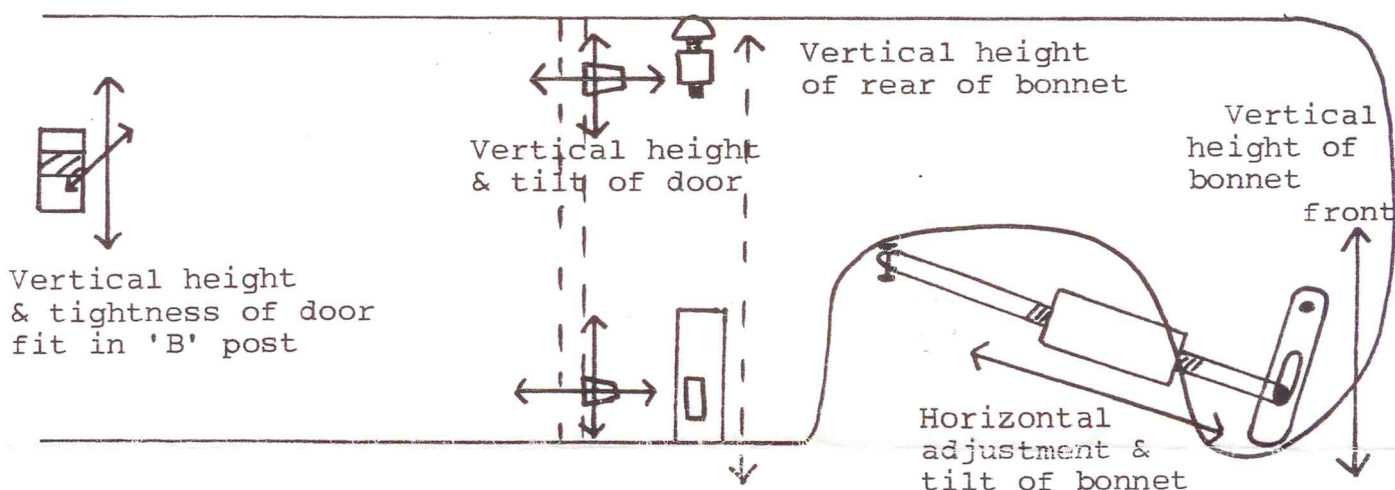
Also, membership forms are available to members who feel they may
be able to recruit new members at any events they attend.

We'll keep a record of how many cards are returned to us and let
you know details in future magazines.....June.

TECHNEQUIPE

We have had a lot of response to the idea of a Trouble-shooting section, so we shall make it a regular feature of the magazine. Many of you wrote in to say you suffered the common problem of badly fitting doors and bonnet, and Norman O'Riley sent in his comments regarding the problem. Here are his suggestions.....

...Regarding the readers problems of malfitting doors and bonnet, yes, it is a tricky one. I must have spent a total of six hours positioning mine and they are still far from perfect. However I believe that with a lot of patience there are enough adjustable fastenings involved to secure a reasonable fit in most cases. The point to remember is to take one direction at a time rather than just fiddle about with no logical thought. Remember that the door hinge plates are free to move in any direction, as are the striker plates and catches. If the bonnet doesn't seem to fit right, don't be frightened to move the doors about to meet it.



These crude diagrams summarise the various degrees of movement available, but never forget, they are all interdependent...adjust any one and they all need fine tuning to bring them back into line. It is a very difficult operation to explain, but I will reiterate that even when you know what to do it still takes a lot of time and patience...

Thanks for the hints, Norman.

Have any other readers done anything which could be added to Norman's efforts? Don't forget that the more information we can gather on problems of this nature, the more we can help each other perfect jobs on our cars.