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Spotted at the Radar Run

Is it a moped? No, it's 60cc and has a kick-start. Is it a scooter? Well, it does have leg shields and foot boards but it still doesn't look very scooter-like ... so what is it?

It's a Puch DS60R Cheetah.

February 1960 saw the first Cheetahs imported to the UK; this was the DS60K. It took the place in Puch's range of the VSK50L 'Scooterette'. Despite its 'scooterette' designation, the VSK50L was really a moped, but with foot boards and a kick start. The Cheetah took a step closer to being a scooter, having smaller wheels and more enclosing bodywork.

The more powerful Mark II DS60R came almost a year later, in January 1961. This example dates from 1963.

So, is it a scooter? Well, according to the FIM, no. As scooters started being used in motor cycle sport, the FIM had to come up with a definition for a scooter, and the Puch fell foul of this because of the position of the fuel tank. In September 1961, Puch solved that by issuing a conversion kit (price £5-10s) that replaced the fuel tank with one under the seat

Photo: Mark Daniels



Spotted

at the Dulce Baffedli Dash



Photo: Andrew Pattle

Ralph Richardson is forever lampooning Bev Crook's Honda 'Expire' in his West Anglian ride reports. This is the very machine: Bev's 1978 Honda NC50 Express.

The Express was a minimalist machine with its little 14-inch wheels and single tube frame. It doesn't have pedals: the UK's legal requirement for pedals on a moped had been dropped five months before the Express came here. So it has a kick-start lever ... and is guaranteed never to start first kick. This is because the lever doesn't turn the engine; it winds a spring, and *three* kicks are need before it's fully wound. Then pulling in the back brake lever releases the spring to spin the engine and it starts ... or, if it doesn't, you wind up the spring again for another try.

As time went by, the Express lost its minimalist simplicity as more features were added: a curved frame, plastic trim. Indicators, a 'proper' kick start, and so on.

Letters

The FBHVC National Historic Vehicle Survey 2016 has now been launched and will run until 30 June 2016. You can reach the survey at <http://bit.ly/22F6bsG> or via the Federation's website: www.fbhvc.co.uk

We would ask you to publicise the survey amongst your members and encourage them to take part.

In the time since our last survey in 2011 there have been many changes in the historic vehicle world. The Federation needs to update its research information in order to represent fully the interests of all historic vehicle owners and enthusiasts both to Government in the UK and more widely, including internationally to the EU.

If you have any questions concerning the survey please contact Paul Chasney, director of research FBHVCresearch@hotmail.com

Regards
Rosy Pugh
Secretary, FBHVC Ltd

Hallo Andrew,

It's been a long time I've been in contact, but the museum that used to be in Bruges, and for the last 10 years in Oudenburg close to Ostende, has been going 17 years, and the collection is still growing. A week ago I bought, very cheaply & very close to the museum, a Mobylette with friction drive, something I had before, but sold because there's always need of money. Now the collection consists of 40 motor cycles, 10 scooters, 50 mopeds and friction engines ... the oldest motor cycle is now from 1900: a Laurent-Klément pacer for two persons with a French De Dion-Bouton motor. The partnership with the 'Bikersloft Groenedijk', the biggest motorhotel in Europe has been the best decision I have made and we have made an English guidebook, because most visitors are still English or English speaking people. I hope to see you soon because this year the hotel is 20 years old and there's a lot of festivities and live bands.

Greetings,
Johan Schaeverbeke

www.oldtimermotorenmuseum.be

Tel: 003250599056

Club News

Steeple Morden Run – Thursday 15th September 2016

Following an encouraging turnout for a midweek run last year, this year's outing is scheduled for Thursday 15th September. Basically the same format starting and finishing at *The Chequers* public house in Queen Street Stotfold Bedfordshire SG7 4NX. The route runs through three counties and is around 33 miles. Mostly country lanes a bit of B-road and an unavoidable stretch of the A507. A slight revision to the route to eliminate the retrace. A bit hilly but rideable with LPA. A convenient

stopping off point is at the 355th USAF Memorial at Steeple Morden, to adjust route sheets, plugs etc. Departure at 11am, return around 1-30p in time for lunch or whatever. Info: David Osborn
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Regards,
David Osborn

South East Moped Enthusiasts

The May issue of the SEME newsletter is out. Contact Martin & Sharon for a copy or download it from the club website.

DVLA, DVSA, & FBHVC

From the March FBHVC newsletter:

Correct V5C Forms and the Vehicle Enquiry System

I have really bad news on the subject of vehicles where the V5C, and the DVLA database, has an incorrectly shown Make, often because the Model is incorporated into the Make box. This makes searching for them on the VES difficult, unless you have the V5C to hand, which will enable you to use the erroneous DVLA 'Name' entry in your search.

I have advised previously on the position.

Back in April, at a meeting at DVLA we discussed the issue fully. The actual problem seen by the owner, namely that the actual Make is fully known and can be easily demonstrated, was very fully explained. Indeed a specific Make with repeated problems was identified. We could not have been clearer in speaking to DVLA.

[...]

Then, at the Swansea meeting in September, attendees were assured that correction of incorrect data in a V5C would be easily achieved with evidence. This assurance was given, we understood, in the full light of the problem as we had explained it. Indeed that point was raised at Swansea and we were reassured.

Later we asked if a defined procedure to provide individual vehicle evidence could be used as a 'template'. While we were told that DVLA did not wish to use a template as such, no indication was given that the implication at the meeting that, provided individual evidence could be supplied the correction of the V5C could be made, was incorrect. I therefore suggested in a previous edition of the Newsletter that that procedure be used by those applying to have make designations in V5Cs corrected.

Well, it is with some regret that I have to tell you that we, and all the people who attended at Swansea, were misled.

Several requests to correct V5Cs where the Make was shown erroneously have been made and rejected. Some applications actually used the approach I suggested, and at least one related to the precise example we had discussed.

Additionally, in the case of one newly imported, but pre-war, car an application where in the V55 application form the Make and Model were absolutely accurately shown, resulted in its first ever V5C being issued with the Make and Model combined!

DVLA are now saying these factual errors on their part are system created and cannot be corrected. They say it is a data entry issue, which has to do with how the system reacts when the Make and Model descriptions are not automatically provided by codes supplied by motor manufacturers. We understand that these codes are provided by the relevant motor industry trade associations as new models are introduced. There appears to be no current methodology for DVLA to create or acquire a code in respect of any vehicle which is not in the current product line in the United Kingdom/EU of one of the current vehicle manufacturers. This, if true, means the DVLA system cannot correctly register imports or vehicles from manufacturers who no longer exist and therefore cannot provide codes.

I impute no lack of honesty in the advice we were given. But, overall, the position of DVLA as an organisation demonstrated by this unhappy affair, does not give reason for confidence.

This position, which means simple use of the correct make and registration number in the VES can be impossible, is unacceptable in the digital age, when users are entitled to assume accurate input will provide an accurate output.

We will keep working on this.

An MoT Issue

Towards the end of last year we received a few reports of difficulty being experienced with the new MoT test online system if the chassis/frame number of the vehicle contained characters other than alpha/numeric (e.g. '/' and '-'). Whilst it took some time for DVSA to respond to our request for information they have now told us that the correct procedure is for the tester to enter the chassis/frame number omitting the non-alpha/numeric symbols. DVSA claims to have tested this procedure and confirms that it does work. Anyone still experiencing problems should check if the tester has followed the recommended procedure.

Calendar

Every Tuesday **EACC and FMCC evening meeting** at the *Half Moon*, Walton, Felixstowe, from 9:30pm ... or even later!

Wednesday 8 June **Lancashire Slow Riders monthly meeting** at *The Farmers Arms*, Chorley Road, Bispham near Parbold, L40 3SL. Meet from 8:00pm. Everybody is welcome to come along. Contact Paul Morgan if you need to know more.

Sunday 12 June **North Hertfordshire Section: The Herts & Essex Cruise.** The run starts from Clavering Village Hall, CB11 4QS. The hall will be open from 9:30am and the run is scheduled to start at approximately 11am. The route is about 25 miles long and covers a selection of lanes and

B-roads around some of the most scenic countryside in the area. There will be a stop for lunch at *The Bull*, Lower Langley where we will be able to catch up on chat and to have a light lunch if required. If you need further information please contact either: Peter Smith on 07977 936123 or Andy Cousins on 07969 369062.

Tuesday 14 June **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Meet in Long Stratton & ride to the *Ox & Plough*, Old Buckenham for one of their 'Two Wheel Tuesday' nights. Contact Dave Watson on 07483 210625 or e-mail david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk to find out more

Sat 18 & Sun 19 June **The Lancashire Slow-Riders show stand at Woodvale Rally**, Southport. Public camping is available. If you wish to join us with your bike you will need an entry form, details are available on the Woodvale web site. Some of us will be there on the Friday night too. Food and drink, camping, etc, all on site.

Sat 18 & Sun 19 June **Club stand at Journey Through The Ages Vintage Rally and Country Fair**, Palgrave, IP22 1BA. Dave Watson (david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk or 07483 210625) is our co-ordinator for this event.

Sunday 26 June **The Reservoir Dogs Moped Run** will leave from Wyevale Garden Centre, London Road Stanway, Essex, CO3 8LT. This year we are starting the run at a different garden centre, just down the road from last year's venue. It has a good café and is on a quieter road so we should all be able to get out together and not lose anyone. I will print up some maps to hand out as well. Last year had a far better turnout than the previous years, so it caught me out a bit (lot). Normal 11:00am start, stopping at the *Railway Tavern* in Kelvedon (same as last year). Please e-mail if you are interested: reservoir.dogs@cloudbase.biz

Friday 1 to Sunday 3 July **The second EACC Camping Weekend** in the Broadland village of Martham, held in conjunction with Martham Fun Carnival. Basic camping facilities in the pub grounds, electric hook up available. Road runs and meals out, taking in local attractions and the Broadland scenery. No need to book, turn up and stay for as long or short as you wish. Day visitors welcome. Friday Chip shop run, Saturday day out with a road run to a local attraction, then evening entertainment on the village green, Sunday Breakfast run for a Full English & a look around the local area returning to Martham for the afternoon carnival procession. Contact: Dave Watson on 07483 210625 or david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk.

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Weekend 23 & 24 July **Club stand at the Llan Bike Fest 2016.** This is the Llangollen International Motorcycle Festival to be held at The Royal International Pavilion, Llangollen, North Wales, LL20 8SW. I wonder if any other members from the north would like to take part? Details are available from Deb Rogers on 07960 693398 for a postal entry, or enter on-line at office@llanbikefest.co.uk or book through the website www.llanbikefest.co.uk. Closing date for entries is 1st May. Contact club member Clive Fletcher on tel 01622 678011 or clann67@tiscali.co.uk for more details.

Wednesday 10 August **Lancashire Slow Riders monthly meeting** at *The Farmers Arms*, Chorley Road, Bispham near Parbold, L40 3SL. Meet from 8:00pm. Everybody is welcome to come along. Contact Paul Morgan if you need to know more.

Sunday 14 August **North Hertfordshire Section's**
Periwinkle Run from Cottered Village Hall as usual, the hall will be open from 9:30am for an 11:00am start. Ride through some of the prettiest villages, lanes and roads in Hertfordshire. Stop at the *Three Tuns* in Great Hornead for lunch and a chinwag. Danny will be there as usual with his spares & accessories. If you require any particular item can you let Danny know in advance as his stock is too vast to bring it all along. If any members want to donate a prize to the raffle, could they please bring it along on the day where it would be greatly appreciated. If you require any further information please contact Peter Smith on 07977 936 123.

Sunday 21 August **South East Moped Enthusiasts:**
The Bluebell Run. Meet at Horsted Keynes Station, Station Approach, Horsted Keynes, RH17 7BB. 10:30am for 11:00am start. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085

Sunday 11 September **South East Moped Enthusiasts:**
Section display at Edenbridge Motor Show, Gabriel's Farm, Mill Hill, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5PP. 10am to 4pm. For details phone Mike Follows: 01732 700280 or 07887 950921.

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Sunday 2 October **Club stand at the 25th Copdock Bike Show**, Trinity Park (Suffolk Show Ground), Ipswich. Please e-mail danny@mopedland.ukfsn.org or telephone Mark Daniels on 01473 659607 if you'd like to help or supply machines for the stand.

Sunday 9 October **West Anglian Section** run to the LMS Branch Line at War Weekend at Rushden Transport and Railway Museum. Further details in due course.

Wednesday 12 October **Lancashire Slow Riders monthly meeting** at *The Farmers Arms*, Chorley Road, Bispham near Parbold, L40 3SL. Meet from 8:00pm. Everybody is welcome to come along. Contact Paul Morgan if you need to know more.

Duloe Daffodil Dash

A chilly but sunny morning greeted us for this year's Duloe Daffodil Dash. 28 riders signed on although attendance must have been over 40. Joining us were friends from the East Northants Classic Bike Club on their bikes, ranging from Suzuki 'kettles' to ES2 Nortons. All set off OK at about 11am but seem to, as usual, 'go their own way' to arrive at the Yeldon pub stop. Bev's untrustworthy Honda 'Expire' seemed to have more whiskers on its spark plug than on his chin! But it arrived under its own steam at Yeldon. The main topic of conversation was 'which way did you go?' or 'where have you been!' (Map reading courses are available on line.) The return journey was problem free so Alex had no takers for his backup trailer. Tea, cakes, jumble, and good company made for a good day out as riders departed. Thanks to everyone who came along, and for help from Chris, Alex, Matt, Owen, Lyn, and Mal in running the event. Hope to see you all at the next run.

Regards
Ralph.

The EACC

is the club for all cyclemotor, autocycle and moped enthusiasts, everywhere.

Membership is just £4.00 a year for UK residents (and it's £6.50 for the rest of Europe, & £9.00 for the rest of the world). The membership form is available from our website... or just ask and we'll send you one.

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Standing information

Contact details for all club officers are on the club information sheet that you get when you join or renew your membership. Spare copies are available from the website or from the Secretary.

Information Sheet Changes:

Dave Watson (Norfolk Section) has a new phone number and e-mail address:

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