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THE 8/33 MG MIDGET SPORTS SERIES D (LONG CHASSIS)

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NEWS AND VIEWS.....

Well, it's that time of year again and Bill and I wish you a delightful Christmas and a delectable New Year. Firstly, a thank you for the super response to our 80th issue which marked 20 years of the D Group.

Apart from all the Centenary celebrations going on this year it also saw the launch of the new Chinese MG sports car – the Cyberster. This was first shown at MG Live at Silverstone back in June but John Emmett and his D0430 was invited to attend the launch of it at Guildford dealers on 1st October and pictured here.



Onno Koneman pictured in his orange D0495 last issue tells me that it couldn't have been Silverstone that the picture was taken as it had the noisy exhaust fitted which isn't allowed there so must have been one of the other circuits, probably Cadwell. However, there is no mistaking where this picture of Onno was taken



This was the annual street circuit race meeting in Angouleme in France back in August.

Also in August was a display by the MG Car Club Luxembourg at the Diekirch Museum on the MG100 theme.

The D was well represented by D0366 of Mike Schmit pictured here. Some of you might recognise the blow up of the Hack Christmas card for 2021 in the foreground!



Tom Goodyear's restoration of D0494 continues apace in Maine, USA as this picture testifies:



BITS AND PIECES.....

Firstly, a great tip from Huw Davies (D0353) – he had one of his brake cables repaired while he waited at Speedograph Richfield (Nottingham), great service.

I have for sale, at cost, an original D Manual. Complete and in excellent condition. £100 plus postage.



Garry Waiting has for sale some brand new gear knobs as pictured here:



Both suitable for the D and other Triple M cars but I 'm sure the round one is correct for a D Type. They can be drilled and tapped to any thread but again, I think the D is unusually 1/2" BSF but please check before ordering. Both in black only and are £25 each plus postage; contact Garry at gmwaiting@hotmail.co.uk

Garry also has for sale, believe it or not, a D Type Remote Control! Pictured here:



Excellent condition, £300 plus postage. Contact Garry by email as above.

CARS FOR SALE.....

Historic D0252 advertised back in Dispatch 79 has found a new home and has moved from Florida to Michigan. 2 more D's for sale:



Lorraine Noble-Thompson has regretfully decided to sell D0481. In very good condition benefitting from a new fuel tank, indicators, hazard lights, rebuilt dynamo, new electronic cutout. Fitted with more powerful later PA engine and gearbox with twin carburettors and stainless steel exhaust system. Asking £25000 Contact Lorraine on 07882377422 or lorrainet@btinternet.com



A 1932 MG D Type Midget Chassis No D0285 Engine No 533 AD MMM Register No 1911.

For Sale as part of the deceased owners collection of Triple M MG's. Purchased by the owner in 2020 as a fully functioning car, this pretty D Type special is understood to have been restored circa 2008 when the current two seater slab tanked door-less bodywork was installed. It is also understood that the engine was modified in 2019 to include a Phoenix crankshaft and rods with shell bearings together with an uprated clutch. It also has the benefit of a four speed gearbox which has replaced the original three speed D Type box. It is fitted with a front mounted supercharger and with hydraulically operated brakes replacing the original cable brakes.

The car is in very good overall condition with only the slightest amount of tidying being required. It has been dry stored in its current ownership where it has had little or no use due to the owner's ill health.

This car is being sold by the widow of the deceased owner. For more information please make initial contact with Mike Bradbury (mike.bradbury71@googlemail.com) Price guide circa £24K

Both above cars are on the D Group website under 'cars for sale'.