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News & Reviews

Hundreds of British car enthusiasts invade Fort Langley April 27, 2010

Words and Pics Martin Ross

THE LANGLEY Area Mostly British car Club, held their annual St George's day British Car show on April 25th in Fort Langley. Over 70 cars were on display at the show plus a Sopwith Camel Bi Plane from the Langley Museum of Flight. Hundreds of visitors took advantage of the great weather to see, 2010 Lotus Elise, 1952 Bristol 400, Morris Minors and a few unique vehicles such as a London taxi and British troop



carrier and 1951 Land Rover. The show ran from 10-4 on the Sunday and by all accounts was a huge success. The LAMBS Car club is based at Willowbrook lanes and meets every second Thursday of the month. For more information and to take a look at other cars in their collections see their website at www.lambscarclub.com

Morris Minor Drive it Day - South Wales Branch of MMOC

Words Ray Dawes Pics Mathew Coles

IN 2009 I was asked if I could organise a branch run in the South Wales Area, after pondering, I came up with the idea of Cardiff – Newport – Chepstow & the Wye Valley. The Sun shone but all that was missing were Morris Minors. Because of reasons like "my cars not ready" and illness only three Minors and a Rover took to the road. We had such a great time that our branch Chairman asked if we could organise another one for 2010.

With this set in mind, I already had a route but needed to get the message out to the owners of South Wales. With word of mouth, the help of Russ at Minor Monthly and the Internet, interest became stronger. As April 25th was National Drive it Day the date was set. South Wales, like most parts of the UK were recovering from a very cold winter, Spring would be a perfect time to get these much loved cars back out on the road. In total 26 Morris Minors, almost all designs were signed up.

A few other Classics and a few more modern day cars were booked in and on the 25th April the South Wales Morris Minors Branch assembled outside its meeting place near Llantrisant just off the M4, in total 13 vehicles left The Barn and headed for Newport where another 7 cars were waiting for us and after a few minutes we were heading for Caerwent. We made a stop at the Coach & Horses for a much-needed cup of tea/coffee and a slice of home baked cake. While there I asked the landlady if she would look over the assembled vehicles and choose a vehicle that she thought was her favourite. Unfortunately, she chose mine and I had to ask her to pick another. Her choice was Val & Tom Allen's 2dr saloon a plaque was presented to Val and Tom at the end of the run at Raglan Castle.

We pulled up in Chepstow Castle and were greeted and welcomed by the Towns Mayor and stopped for a quick photo along some of our cars. We stopped for lunch at Tintern Abbey, a raffle was held and £60 was raised for our clubs nominated charity the Welsh Air Ambulance Service. We followed the picturesque river Wye as far as Monmouth and took the A40 to Raglan Castle. Everyone went home with a smile upon their faces with the exception of John and Lou Rocke, who came all the way from Birmingham only to be taken from Tintern on the back of a recovery lorry after break failure.

