



# Monkey Business

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A short report this month as I've misplaced the book, however I think there were 6 dedicated friends gathered at the Bulls Head, Smallwood, Simon and I said we would try a couple of alternative venues in time for this month's meeting but there simply hasn't been an opportunity where we can both meet to do this so March's meeting will again be at the Bulls Head, Smallwood.

I cannot attend this month's meeting as I will be in the hotel near Rugby so Simon has kindly agreed to be your host for the night and as he is still a young working chap (*well, working, anyway – B'er T'er*) he will start the meeting at 19.00 as he has to get from Manchester after work.

Anyway, to the meeting where Duncan was able to give a good progress report on his TD restoration; to verify the concinniti of the project we sent Eric Ody on a fact finding mission and, under the pretext of a cup of tea, the car was inspected and i am pleased to report the restoration is of a very high standard. It is a credit to Duncan and his chosen contractors. with AYF, GCG and Peter's 12/60 along with Simon's Firebird and Tim and Jane's TD21 as well as John's TC21 we are set for a really good year of Alvis sightings.

As a short mention of AYF, as promised Norman brought some parts from the chassis oiling system from his Bentley and, whilst there were more Tee and Y junctions than actual metering valves, such as there was have really helped me slow down the delivery to the rear spring shackles. Which has rebalanced the system at least in part; I still have some way to go but oil is now being delivered to both the steering bell cranks and the brake levers, which was not happening so i am much encouraged.

I am being advised and helped by Mick Fletcher with regard to my transmission line connecting the gearbox to the Laycock overdrive unit and I think a solution has been found that will give satisfaction, I am pleased with progress on the fine settings of the engine and now have the ignition timing just as I want it. My early attempts at balancing the carburettors has shown a problem with the front one so that is now in the capable hands of Jamie at Burlen, receiving his expert attention and, finally, I have the Andre shock absorber system holding pressure and not leaking from the reservoir so I have high hopes that the system is now working as Alvis intended.

I must mention that, at our sister meeting at the Coach and Horses, we celebrated Eric's 35th, or so, birthday with a cake.



So, apologies for such a short report this month as I simply have had no time and I can't believe how quickly this month's report has come round! I will sign off with the regret I can't be with you but the meeting is in good custodianship with Simon, so do have a great time on Tuesday 3rd March at the Bulls Head Smallwood CW112TY at 7.00 pm. I'll see you in April and you never know I might just be in AYF (but that's not a promise)