

The **ANDY TIERNAN** blog

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Netley Marsh & Beaulieu Autojumbles Friday 11th to Sunday 13th Sept. 2009



Well here they are again, at Netley Marsh 2009. Andy (L red overalls) & Justin (R foreground) enjoying real Italian coffee, served by real Italians, from a real Italian big shiny chrome coffee machine, fitted into the back of a real Italian Vespa Ape 50 three wheeler – all the way from Luton, probably.



Just a couple of the machines on sale. (R) A special, now what could IBS stand for – perhaps the 'Irritable Bowl Special'. (R) What a wonderful fairing this faux police bike has, it seems to be made out of a police car bumper with a screen stuck on the top!



(L to R) Out in the sunshine, the Indian club man (apologies for forgetting your name), Andy & Sammy.



A BSA A7 500 masquerading as an R.G.S., complete with touring & racing handlebars.



Andy doing the business. (L to R) Tony, Andy & Greg. 'So do we have a deal or not?' Deal done & the BSA A7 (R.G.S. pretender) goes back with Andy to his stall.



And here it is back on Andy's stall, having just been run up by Horst (sitting on the bike).



Talk about seeing red! Well three Post Office telegram delivery bikes actually. All BSA Bantams from different years. Even the van in the background has come out in sympathy.



Now here's an interesting conversion, a Citroen pickup truck, with owner!



BONZO (THE JARRETT)

BUILT IN 1911 BY E.E. CHRISTENSEN FOR GRASS TRACK RACING, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE TWO STROKE AND SIDE VALVE CLASS.

THE ENGINE IS A 1913 386cc JAMES AND THE FRAME A EARLY FRANCIS BARNETT.

THE EARLIEST REFERENCE FOUND TO "BONZO" IN THE MOTOR CYCLING PRESS IS JUNE 1914.

THIS WAS AT GRASS TRACK RUN ON WED MONDAY AT AYLESBURY.

AT THIS MEETING E.E. CHRISTENSEN WON THE "TWO STROKE AND SIDE VALVE" RACE AND THE "386cc EXPERTS" RACE ON A MACHINE LISTED IN THE RESULTS AS "BONZO SPECIAL".

PRIOR TO THIS E. E. CHRISTENSEN FEATURED IN THE RESULTS RIDING A 172cc FRANCIS-BARNETT.

IN THE LATE 60's BONZO WAS RESCUED FROM A BARN, REPAIRED AND USED FOR VINTAGE GRASS TRACK.

IN 1973 BONZO WAS REDESIGNED FOR THE ROAD AS "THE JARRETT". THE DVLA WOULD NOT ACCEPT "BONZO" AS A THE MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.

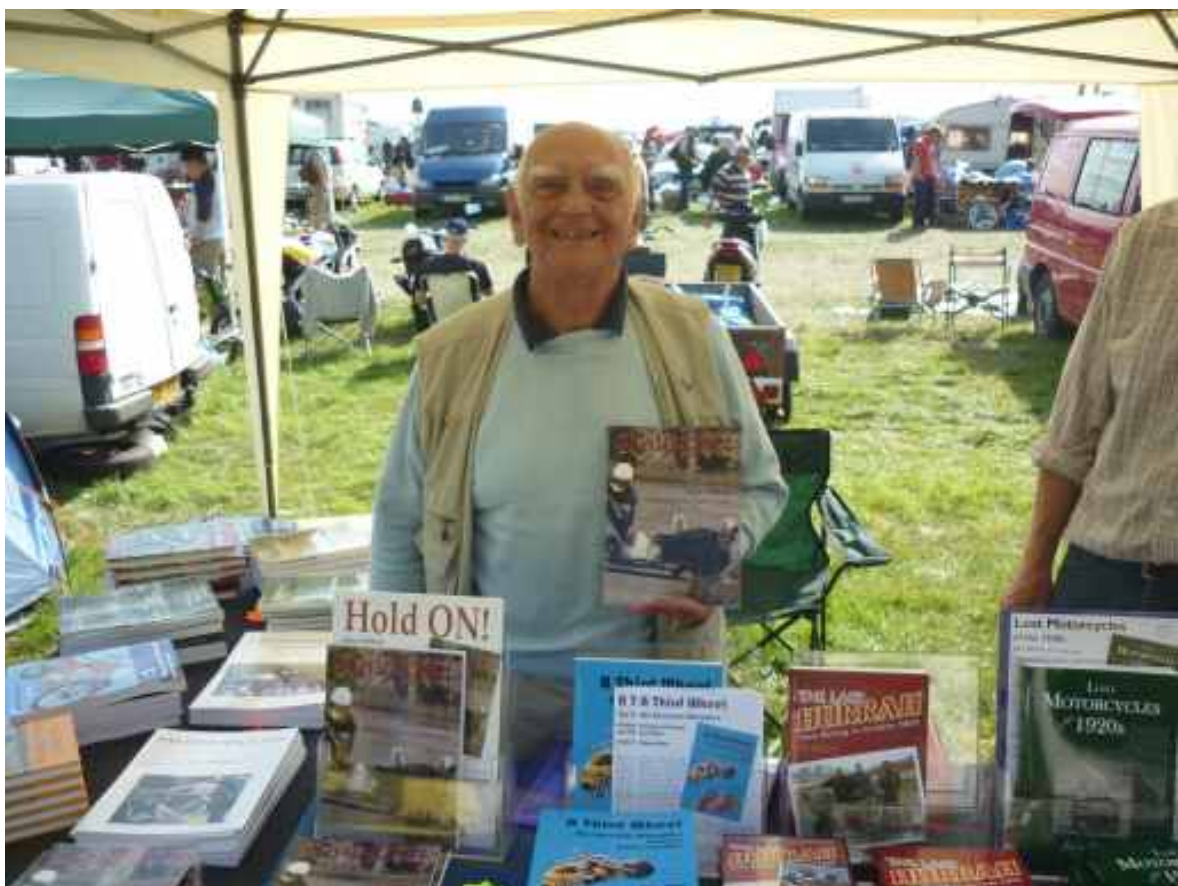
BONZO STILL HAS THE OCCASIONAL OUTING ON GRASS AT THE CHILTON TEE, GILES HILL CLIMBS.

IF ANY ONE HAS MORE INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF "BONZO" PLEASE SPEAK TO THE OWNER: BOB SHIWIN.

Andy's found a really interesting machine.
A James vee twin side valve engine in a Francis Barnett frame.



Finally it looks like someone is going to buy the Laverda triple crankcases, & they did.



Who do we have here? None other than the great Stan Dibben, who rode sidecar, for among others Eric Oliver. Stan was here to promote & sign copies of his autobiography, aptly titled 'Hold On'.



Andy showing off his buy of the day, a nice little New Hudson autocycle in good running condition.



Friday evening after arriving at Beaulieu. Everyone is fed by 'Chef de Cuisine' Franco (originally from Venice), who prepared a very tasty risotto. Horst (L) & Franco (R).



Dog's dinner? No not Franco's cooking, but Eric seeing Katie has her dinner.



Can you imagine a Venetian having a meal without wine? (L to R) Ginger, doing the honours, Franco & Horst, with an obscured Eric in the baseball cap at the back. Whether Eric was obscured due to too much wine, nobody was sure!



A fair Saturday morning & 'Yesterday's Motorcycles' stall displaying some fine early American machinery.



All the way from Austria. Mark up bright & early to catch the best deals.



Another early riser. Therdoor aka the 'King of Darkness' from Holland.



Andy (L) & Eric (R) looking at some 'new' works transport. This old Peugeot lorry was up for grabs in the Bonhams auction.



As was this Vauxhall Cresta from the 1960's. Eric reminiscing about his courting days & trying to remember whether the seats were fully reclining or not.



But this was the real prize for Andy, an early 1920's BSA & sidecar taxi.



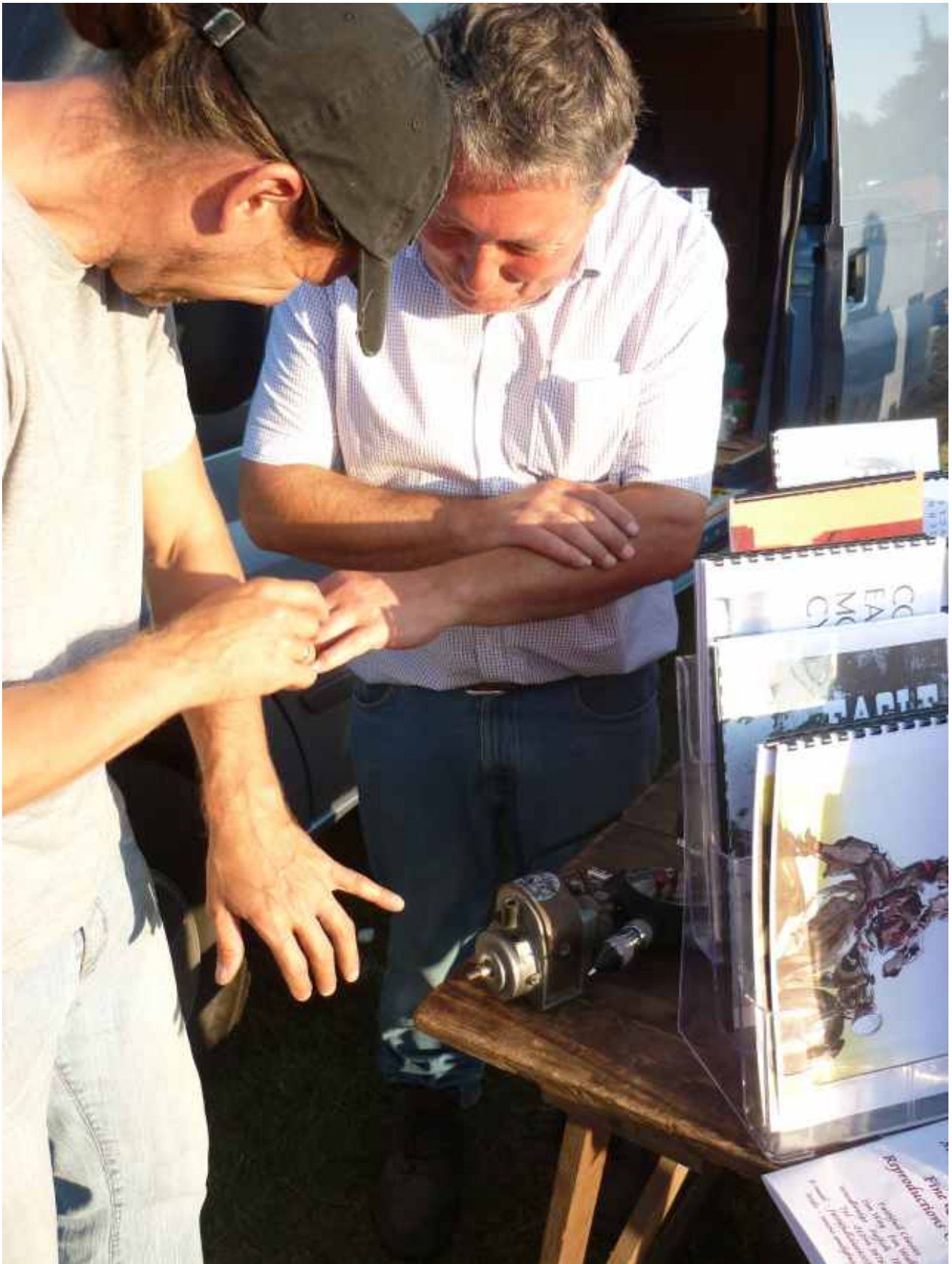
Meanwhile back in one of the autojumble fields this little gem was spotted. It is an extremely rare cyclomotor called a 'Baby Star'. It is a single cylinder & not as some people thought a twin. Although it appears to have two finned cylinders, upon closer inspection there was only one with a spark plug in the top, the other side probably being a finned exhaust.



Andy trying to entice Mr. Bibendum away from Michelin to come & work at the 'Old Railway Station', but Mr. Bib wasn't having any of it & thought the offer was just a load of old pneumatics!



To add to the atmosphere there was some good entertainment laid on.



Now if you're wondering what happened here, the clue is in the magneto lying on the table.

Horst (L) had bought a Runbaken magneto tester, & Franco (R) decided they should find out how it worked. They got a magneto, connected it to the tester & started spinning it. Well they never found out how the tester worked, but they did discover how well the magneto worked when it sent a high voltage shock shooting through both their arms!



Ginger having lunch while Katie wishes she could have lunch..



Don't know what happened here, but whatever it was Eric's definity amused by it all.



Ginger wading through all Andy's rubbish (sorry – that should read quality merchandise) to free off the jammed side door of the van.



(L) Franco preparing Saturday nights dinner. (R) Horst serving & Franco directing.



Andy has found the perfect present for Franco 'Just one Cornetto', but at £175.00 it was given a miss!



Andy (L) & Ginger (R) take a fancy to a 1950's Yank tank in the Bonhams auction.



Yes he's bought it! Andy's early Xmas present, the prize of the Bonhams auction – BSA Model E 770cc side valve with Canoelet two seater (side by side) taxi sidecar.
(L to R) Justin, Horst, Ginger & proud new owner, Andy.



Another weekend over & all loaded for the journey home. (L to R) Andy, Ginger & Justin.

Until Next Year