

A WEATHER VANE WITH A DIFFERENCE

BY SHIRLEY

When a couple in Yorkshire decided to have their outbuildings re-roofed, it seemed an ideal opportunity to erect a weather vane. Being proud owners of a Naylor, what better than to use the silhouette of a "TF-1700".....something of a change from the usual choice of cock, fox or witch etc.

As luck would have it, one of the builder's regular drinking pals was the local blacksmith and after some discussion he agreed to come up with the goods.

Jim drew the outline of two "TF-1700s", one with the hood up and one with the hood down. These were duly cut out on stiff card. All concerned voted for the more sporting version and after several weeks, the vane arrived.

Dark green was the colour chosen to compliment the owner's Naylor, which is British Racing Green and two coats of paint later, all was ready for the builder to fix the vane in place. The result: two delighted Naylor Car Club members !!!! Anyone interested ? Contact your local blacksmith ! For more specific details, ring Jim Burnhill on 01274 872470 (evenings please)

A HERESY

I have had the new Spax shockers on and off the front of "Bitz" now so many times I am now getting to know the front end quite well. Lying flat on my back, I set about securing the anti-roll bar once again.....independant front suspension was such a wonderful improvement on the old solid beam axle.....

At this point I had an heretical thought ! Why do the two independant front suspension units have to have this damn great steel bar virtually locking them together....I know, its an anti-roll bar and I know what it does !but is it really needed and it must reduce the "independent" action.

With a bravery I didn't recognise I took off the anti-roll bar and drove off without it. Gingerly at first and then a bit quicker down our back lane. The effect is difficult to describe.....perhaps supple, without harshness is about right. I tried one or two corners without going mad and came back home. I have lost my nerve for the moment and the bar is now back on.....I need to think this one through.....but there are distinct possibilities here and particularly so if your co-pilot finds the car at all uncomfortable !

REGALIA

With the last Newsletter you received a new order form for regalia, sweaters, shirts and the like. Freda and I have just received from Tim Chapman, who is running the scheme, a matched pair of V neck woollen jumpers embroidered with the octagon and the club name. These are supplied from a new source. The quality is very fine indeed and good value. This could solve a Christmas present problem perhaps.