

Minor Message series 3 no. 3 Beaulieu Engine Bay

Roger Briance has cast a practised eye over this photo taken by Jeff Hide. As we don't know the owner of the car we can't provide definitive answers, but Roger's reply makes interesting reading.

Loved the article on the Beaulieu Classic Parade. The challenge to name the modifications on the green car set me going so here is my 2 pennyworth!

Engine is a 1275/1300 (not MG, maybe Metro?)

Water cooled/heated inlet manifold

LCB exhaust manifold and it follows therefore larger exhaust system

Larger SU Carb, maybe 1½ or 1¾ HIF

Pancake air filter, plus the other little filter on the side of carb (not too sure what that is for?)

Alternator (and negative earth)

Replacement plug leads and presumably replacement distributor for the bigger engine (is it AC45 or something like that, the original would be a 25)

Uprated coil

Multi speed windshield wipers

Electronic ignition

Servo brakes

Replacement thermostat housing (with a bend to account for the slightly different position on the larger engine head)

Now some mods I think are there but not so sure:

Electric windshield washers

White pipe from carburetor through the bulkhead. Vacuum for economy meter?

White pipe on other side through the bulkhead. Oil pressure gauge?

The black box(es) on front of wing to the left? Is this some sort of enhanced bonnet opener as the original rod is missing.

Uprated horn. (What is that shiny thing to the side of it?)

I give up on the clip or whatever it is on the light cables to the right of the engine bay!

Thanks for keeping us informed of club activities. It is nice to hear what is going on. Roger and Liz

