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As ever, there is a lot going on in the SVW world. John Bates took part in the Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show held in March this year where he displayed his VA Tourer (1279). The photo shown here was taken by his daughter Helen Allman. John has owned his VA for over 60 years!



Via MGSVW, Tom Wilson sent a photo of an SA Tickford taken in 1949 at a concours event in the USA. Tom wondered whether the SA still existed, although he had already found it registered with the DVLA. Up popped Andrew Pearce saying “that’s my car”. Tom has documented what he knows of the early days of this fine SA and Andrew has brought me up to date about his ownership of SA1944. It’s a nice story that will be documented in a bigger article than we have space for in this SVW section – more to follow on this.

Keith Munro of the Guernsey Old Car Club came across a photo of another SA, this time a Saloon, that belonged to one of their late members. We know the car (SA2427) as it was at the SVW weekend in The New Forest in 2000, now believed to reside in Cheshire. If the current owner reads this, perhaps you could get in touch.

Elmar Gailitis in NZ is producing a batch of VA badges that fix to the centre of the VA rear bumper. Elmar has had the mould made and plans to cast the new badges in brass for later chroming. If you have missed this conversation and you would like details, please get in touch.

Finally, the annual SVW Event in Yorkshire in July is coming together nicely. I’m doing everything I can to ensure my VA Tourer (1737) can make the 270-mile drive staying off the motorways as much as possible. Top priority will be to avoid any of the dreaded ‘smart’ motorways! I’m less worried about the drive home as I have the AA on speed dial.