

The Society of Automotive Historians in Britain

Spring Seminar
Sunday 11 March 2012

at: The People's History Museum, Left Bank, Manchester M3 3ER
0161 838 9190
www.phm.org.uk

Members will be especially welcome at this seminar, to be held at a new venue for the SAHB. Reflecting the SAHB's first visit to the northern counties, the lecture programme has in part a northern flavour. The accommodation is at the Midland Hotel, where Rolls met Royce. The Saturday evening dinner is at a restaurant two minutes' walk from the hotel. In addition to the formal programme, there will be a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry ('MOSI') in central Manchester. Members' guests are welcome to join us for any part of the programme.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

9.30 to 10.10 Arrival and coffee
10.10 to 10.15 Introduction and welcome (Craig H or Tom C)
10.15 to 11.00 Scapegoats and Chauffeurs – a social impact of motoring. (Craig Horner)
11.00 to 11.45 The Crossley Streamline – an aberration, or a Tatra / VW layout pioneer? (John Humphreys)
11.45 to 12.30 Motoring Quiz (Bryan Goodman)
12.30 to 2.00 Buffet lunch at the People's Museum
2.00 to 2.45 The Sheffield Automobile Club, 1902 – 1914 (Malcolm Dungworth)
2.45 to 3.30 Conflict, Austerity and Optimism – motor manufacture in the 1940s and 1950s (Malcolm Bobbitt)
3.30 to 4.15 Tea and dispersal

Cost - £25 per person

Venue – The People's History Museum tells the story of the struggle over the last two hundred years of ordinary people in Britain in getting the vote. Its galleries first opened in May 1994 in the Pump House in central Manchester. This is the only surviving Edwardian hydraulic pumping station in the city, and it used to supply power to the warehouses via a web of pressure mains, and even wound the Town Hall clock! A multi-million pound re-development took place from 2007, and the galleries were reopened on the same site in extended premises in 2010. The museum has a café and can accommodate two cars for disabled badge holders by arrangement.

Accommodation and Dinner

For SAHB members intending to stay overnight in Manchester, accommodation has been arranged for the night of **Saturday 10 March**, at the Midland Hotel, Peter Street, Manchester M60 2DS (<http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/the-midland-manchester.aspx>). This is at the special price of £95 for a single room, or £105 for a double/twin room. This price includes breakfast. However, this deal is subject to the first fifteen rooms being booked and only holds until 28 January 2012. Members should contact the hotel directly to book before this date, quoting reference SAHB. You can book online (web address above) or by phoning the hotel direct on 0161-236 3333. In addition, there are alternative hotels in central Manchester or the suburbs that can offer a wide range of types and grades of accommodation. See <http://www.visitmanchester.com> for more details.

For the evening of Saturday 10 March, a dinner has been arranged at Don Giovanni's, 11 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 4PB. Dinner will be at 7.30 and includes a three course meal plus coffee, for £27.50. We have our own private room for the evening.

Early arrivals on the Saturday are most welcome to join the organisers at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) (www.mosi.org.uk). The exhibits include many locally made motorcars and motorcycles as well as aircraft, bicycles, railway exhibits and so forth. The Museum includes the surviving building of the world's first passenger railway station, the terminus of Stephenson's Manchester and Liverpool railway of 1830. We will meet informally in the Coffee Shop on the ground floor entrance restaurant at 4.15pm.

Parking

Parking is expensive in central Manchester but there are plenty of car parks. Hotel parking is available at the NCP Manchester Central (formerly known as G-Mex Centre) to the rear of the hotel. Disabled badge holders may park their vehicles at the People's History Museum by arrangement.

Trains and buses

If you arrive by train, there is a free tram (included as part of your rail fare) from both Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria stations direct to the hotel; you should alight at St Peter's Square. A free bus service operates every day in the city centre; the number 3 bus loops all day between Piccadilly station, the Midland Hotel and the People's History Museum.

Maps:

Getting to the Midland Hotel:

<http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/the-midland-manchester/how-to-find-us.aspx>

Getting to the PHM:

<http://www.phm.org.uk/visit-us/how-to-find-us/>

Getting to MOSI:

<http://www.mosi.org.uk/media/30544841/mosimap.pdf>

Tram and free bus map:

http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/698/metroshuttle_map

Queries may also be addressed to

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Attendance Application Form

Name.....

Guest (if applicable).....

Address.....

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..... postcode.....

Telephone number..... mobile.....

Please reserve ... place/s at the PHM Seminar @ £25 each

Please reserve ... place/s for dinner on Saturday 10 March @ £27.50 each

I have/have NOT reserved Bed & Breakfast for people directly with the hotel.

Total £.....

Please make cheques payable to: Society of Automotive Historians in Britain

Please return this form with your payment to:

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