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Happy New Year!

What will you B doing in 2008? You might have been out in the B already to a New Year's Day meet up somewhere or perhaps dragged the car out for an early wash and oil change. If, like us, you'd planned lots of jobs to do over the winter, you might still be waiting for the temperature to rise so your fingers don't freeze on the garage door handle!

The batteries in the B are particularly vulnerable during these winter months. If you don't have a cut off switch wired in then the batteries will not like being left with little or no use. Invest in a good battery maintenance charger with an automatic management facility. Accumate do a good range and they are nice and small to handle inside the cockpit if you have an early car. If we do get the odd nice day it's always better to get the car out and go for a good run and by good, I mean at least twenty miles. Never merely start the car on the drive and leave it ticking over for five minutes.

It already seems a long time ago, but the Register Focus Day back in November was another excellent workshop. Our Technical Wizard, Danny Waters, showed us how to strip down a brake drum and oil seal with his typical sublime style and, due to the promised ramp being unavailable, braved a cold workshop floor on his back to demonstrate replacing the differential oil seal. What a man...but I still think he'd dismantled it all beforehand as I've never seen a B so willing to co-operate in giving up its parts!

Yvonne and Sandra from PJM Motors (01630 652873) looked after the other session and showed us how it's possible to strip a seat, headrest and the two cushions

of a GT rear seat and rebuild and recover them in under three hours! There was still time to show the open mouthed audience the correct way to retrim the cockpit rail in a Roadster without getting wrinkles. An excellent demonstration and we are very grateful for them taking their time out to come and show us how it should be done. Having had the seats in our C recovered by PJM this year I can highly recommend them to anyone considering getting those tired old seats sorted.

Dates for you Diary

April 8 - MGB Register Cotswold Run

Abingdon to Broughton Castle near Banbury - Roger Cooper
01858 463417

May 2-5 - MGB Register Weekend

Barnstaple, Devon - There may still be places left on this popular event. Tel Colin Lanning 01256 882828

September 8 - MGB Register Track Day - Castle Combe, Wiltshire

Ever wanted to take your B on a proper race track? Further details to come

MGB Focus Day, November 2007

