

## President's Patois - from John Horne.

**Lector:** That's a fine looking motor you have there, Author, where did that spring from?

**Author:** This, my friend, is a car I owned when I lived in Ash Vale in the early '60s, but I sold it in 1968 to a garage mechanic in Bexhill. I heard he sold it in 1970, and since then it seemed to have vanished - until Mike got a message via the club website from Marilyn Owens in Canterbury, saying it had lain in her late father's garage for over 40 years, and she was now looking to sell it and wondered if anyone in ASCO would be interested in buying it.



**Lector:** Wow!! That's an amazing story - I guess its a Singer, but I don't think I've ever seen one like it before.

**Author:** Well, its a 1934, 1½ litre Sports Saloon and has a 1482 cc, 6 cylinder OHC engine, with twin Solex carburetters. When I had the car it was all grey - a very popular colour in the 1930s. I think there is another one in Poole. I gather from what Marilyn wrote that she has an MOT for it from 1970 to 1971, so that might be the last time it was driven. Her father loved cars and collected them - the family



counted 26 at one point and supposed he thought he would do them up - but that rarely happened. He sold a lot of them about 15 years ago to someone who hired cars out to film companies. For some reason this one didn't get sold, maybe because he'd lost the key to the garage it was in, as when he died the key couldn't be found, and it was over a year before they managed to unlock the garage it was kept in - they knew it was there though!



**Lector:** And judging by the condition it must have been a pretty dry garage - that upholstery looks almost as good as new - had the car ever been restored?

**Author:** As I said earlier, when I had the car it was grey, so it must have been one of the rare ones that Marilyn's dad did 'do up' - at least he must have given it a respray, and to emerge after 40-odd years in storage looking so good, a very good one. I hope it finds a good home.



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