

Thanks to Darrell Webb for the following article.

14th September was a beautiful day this year so decided to take the President for a spin and to do some research in preparation for our club hosting the European Studebaker Rally in 2020.

For the 14th we decided to head for Lavenham, a rather splendid market town full of timber frame houses and old barns, the route from our house takes you along the Stour Valley famous as the location of Constable's Hay Wain, painted at Flatford Mill. It was a delightful drive through classic English Countryside along a meandering A road. We passed Long Melford famous for it's junk shops, sorry Antique Emporiums, and had a steward waving for us to turn onto a green outside Melford Hall, we could see quite a few cars lined up for small rally.



Arriving in Lavenham

we found the main car park in the centre and spotted a parking space, but as we manoeuvred an Aston Martin slipped in our spot, so we found another around the back and parked. Within seconds the President was being used as a selfie background, we left them to it but noticed the Aston was void of tourists.

I had prepped the car Saturday, and the head is still weeping from a thin crack unfortunately the quick fixes haven't fully worked although they do seem to have slowed the water loss down.

I've spoken to Rex Miltenberger and gave him the head number, hoping he would have a spare head, turns out mine is a high compression head 6.5 : 1 instead of standard 5 : 1 made April 26th, 1929. Unfortunately he only has a standard head available.

At least I have a little more history to put in the car dossier.

As we are talking a non-pressurised cooling system, I am thinking of just sealing the head from the outside rather than stripping the engine down to have some form of welded or stitched repair.

Apart from the cost none of these solutions are guaranteed, as who knows what might happen to 90 year old castings in the repair process.

The car is still very capable of being driven with out losing too much coolant, we drove to the Helmingham Festival of Classic & Sports Cars Sunday 4th August 2019 on another gorgeous summers day, well worth a visit if you get the chance.

My brother in a 1990 Corvette ZR1, and an old school chum in his 2019 Corvette ZR1 both went on the Corvette club stand.

There are always plenty of American Classics in East Anglia due to the USA airbase legacy.

The President was allowed on the driveway cruise and the commentator had done his research to give a good briefing to the large crowd. We appear fleetingly around the 50 second mark of this you tube clip. <https://youtu.be/bQVY-1IGE3Q>

There and back, around 140 miles or 3 hours, we consumed around 2 litres of water and no high temperatures shown on the temperature guage.

Hope you all enjoyed driving your Studes as much as we did.

