

Lagondaforum: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

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Written by davidbracey at Sep 27, 2016 3:54 pm

Lord Howe drives a standard saloon Lagonda over 100 miles in an hour. The attempt takes place at Brooklands.

I'm not sure if the link to this excellent piece of film will play directly when clicked but a bit of playing about should get you there. Right click then 'Save As...' Then play from your saved position. You may need to go into settings and save in the correct format for your PC first. Worth the effort.

http://www.movietone.com/N_POPUP_Player.cfm?action=playVideo&assetno=89288

Fabulous, if brief, bit of footage.

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by Adrian at Sep 27, 2016 6:18 pm

Great clip - Thanks for posting

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by Mark at Sep 27, 2016 6:48 pm

Well found David, a great piece of film.

According to Arnold's history of the marque, the V12 FPK 550 (quite a famous development and press road test car) covered 101.5mph in the hour and that included the time taken slowing down and stopping for a puncture and changing the wheel with the car's own jacking system !

At the same 'hour record attempt' an LG6 demonstrator driven by Stan Ivermee covered 95.87mph !

For lovers of Lagonda saloons it is sad to note that FPK 550 has been converted to a V12 Le Mans replica.

Mark

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by davidbracey at Sep 27, 2016 9:44 pm

Mark, a terrible shame indeed. It must have been a fabulous saloon.

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by alecrb at Sep 27, 2016 11:28 pm

Speaking of FPK550 (or misuse of this registration)

http://www.conceptcarz.com/view/photo/162188,12699/1939-Lagonda-Rapide-Tulipwood-Boattail-Racer_photo.aspx

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by davidbracey at Sep 28, 2016 6:29 am

Quote by alecrb:

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That's an 'interesting' colour - or perhaps it's just the photo. It looks to be a very shiny, lacquered, copper colour.

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

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Written by DavidLG45 at Sep 28, 2016 9:07 am

It is clad in tulipwood hence the colour. More photos:

<http://www.conceptcarz.com/vehicle/default.aspx?carID=12699&eventID=190>

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by davidbracey at Sep 28, 2016 3:04 pm

Thank you DavidLG45. That explains it perfectly. Anyone know what the inspiration behind this unusual bodywork was? It must of been an incredibly complicated undertaking. Not to my taste to be honest, but I can admire the craftsmanship.

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by alecrb at Sep 28, 2016 5:19 pm

It seems to be a copy of this car.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispano-Suiza_H6#/media/File:HS_1924_Tulipwood_sx.jpg

Re: MovieTone clip from 17th October 1938

Written by h14 at Oct 16, 2016 11:19 am

Many thanks for the Movietone clip, great to see a V12 in action prewar.

Regarding FPK550, what a shame for such a historic car to end up as a special. That said, at least it isn't a fake Le Mans, and the design and execution appears excellent (if misguided!).

I've been compiling a register of V12s, and this one is a mystery! Firstly, the only chassis number I can find quoted is 19221, which is evidently spurious. Does anyone know the actual chassis number, and engine number?

My notes indicate that FPK550 was reregistered as NPJ680, famously butchered by Stanley Mann. Are they indeed one and the same car?

Incidentally...has anyone else noticed that this car has weirdly been converted to beam front axle?!

Laurence
