

Winter Storage:

Unless I carry out a complete rewire Emma is now up to date on the rolling refurbishment jobs with just one exception, the inoperative Tachometer. I've been putting this job off as I'm not looking forward to grovelling under the dashboard.

Last week I had almost used up the last of my Esso petrol (the expensive stuff with a lack of Ethanol) so I decided that rather than fill up with E10 I would prepare Emma for winter storage, this was also prompted by the fact I'd given her a wash after covering her in dust after my latest activities doing some fibreglass body repairs on 'Mungo' my Lomax 224.

Unfortunately Emma won't have the luxury of being kept in the garage but instead will be kept under the carport. To keep her free of dust I invested in a breathable car cover, sold on eBay by 'Happy Frog 2011 Mobile Garage'.

They don't make a cover especially for our style of car so I just purchased 'M Sedan 380-425cm 3 Layer Waterproof UV Resistant Breathable Strong Car Cover' for £44.97 with free postage.

I've never tried one of these covers on a car before but I have tried them on motorcycles and they work pretty well. I was so impressed with Emma's new cover that I quickly bought another one (designed for a VW Beetle) at £41.97 and that is now covering 'Kermit' my Aero Cyclecar, who although having the luxury of a garage was not immune from dust etc.

So that's Emma stored away for the winter although I will try and find at least one sunny day a month to remove the cover, give her an airing, start her up and re-charge the battery. Hopefully on one of those occasions I'll find time to fix the tachometer.

