

## Loose Condenser

On my way to the excellent club lunch on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, the engine faltered three times during the nineteen mile journey. No too unusual for a 1926 Austin you might say but nevertheless needed to be corrected. I did the usual checks of fuel, points, plugs and all leads, but found nothing glaringly obvious. I checked the timing but still nothing. Remembering a similar instance in the mid sixties, I rechecked the distributor cap but again this seemed fine, although it is difficult to see any arcing that may be taking place,

However, as I was about to replace the cap I noticed that the condenser seemed loose. To explain, the condenser was soldered under a pipe clip shaped clamp next to the contact breakers; quite accepted practice on early cars. What was happening was, the earth through the body of the condenser was making and breaking, thereby causing an intermittent loss of connection.

Just thought I would share this with you ... Mike Ward