

## Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/06/17 23:39

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Hi folks

I have been a member here with a good while because I have had several mr2 both turbo and non turbo.it was always a hive of activities from projects things for sale things to buy etc etc ....but i have noticed it's gone like a ghost site.are Irish people gone tired of the mr2?

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by JOCK - 2016/06/18 22:15

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THINK irish people drowning there football sorrows lol,but on mr2 subject,maybe things are quite because less mr2 on road over irish fiasco on insurance in cars over 15 years old,that and nct centers have to be affecting peoples thoughts on the wisdom off driving older cars,the goverment is trying to get us off the roads,its not fun spending 6 months getn a car perfect and roadworthy to get some jumped up corrupt nct fella teln us our cars not roadworthy over a bulb,and things wont change unless groups like ours stand together and make our thoughts heard,  
Now thats my rant for day over lol back to looking at all the cars i cant afford over tax prices on web sites,and polishing my mr2 for next 11 years when it will be 30 years old and get cheap tax and no nct fools annoying me.

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/06/20 09:37

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Ya this insurance thing is just crazy.the fact that they can raise insurance almost double it in the space of a few years and give a lame excuse saying it's due to fraudulent claims without their claims being investigated by an outside party.grrrrr.it's crazy alright mate we keep our cars a hell of a lot better then most crowded because we want them for more then going from a to b.won't it be lovely?I have eight to go yay lol

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by Quandry - 2016/06/21 12:33

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There's a good few people who are just reading here occasionally now and using an MR2 group on Facebook. Facebook makes it easy to share photos (much easier than forum software anyway) but the downside is that if you want to put together a build / repair thread or whatever then it's very difficult to do on Facebook and practically impossible to find later on. So when people need to find stuff they will come here, and when they want distraction they will look at FB. That's how I think it's gone a bit quiet.

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by Japohara - 2016/06/21 23:16

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I guess I should probably start posting stuff again ... Just been busy with family stuff and working my ass off etc ...

this is my first time to login in ages ... seems i missed very little

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by slipsliderg - 2016/06/23 12:21

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I have gone from logging on every few hours to every couple of weeks, for me it was priorities. Family / Work / Cycling / Trackcar and the road car not being on the road leaves me very little time to post here. In fact its taken me this long to reply to this thread I seen it a couple of hours after it went up and fair play to the OP.

Also, and this I feel is one of the big ones for me. I can't seem to be able to successfully post photos from my google pictures account (or sum such thing) like I used to after changing my phone to a Nexus unit. I suppose google has a setting somewhere that I could change if I could find it. But anytime I go to research how, time runs out, work, kids, bikes and cars need to be attended to. I feel really bad about it, I loved posting here with pictures of the work I was doing to the cars, be it simple or barely within my talents. Having access to all the Mrk's was a great advantage to helping people with theirs.

But alas my own computer inability has moved me away from the site, also my workload and responsibility has increased in a big way and this means I am at alot more peoples beck and call.

This site is fantastic in every way and I think the economic recovery (insofar as it has impacted people) may have something to do with it also.

I can't remember if I set up the Facebook page or somebody else, however it was never my intention that it would replace the site and maybe a post on facebook would draw people back in here. If anybody would like to throw something up there with a link to the site that would be fantastic. If I remember and nobody has done it I might get a chance to do it tonight.

In the meantime guys keep posting, the sun is shining and hopefully most of your MR2's are on the road, enjoy :)

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by Marty J - 2016/07/05 21:16

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I can't believe how long it is since I started the thread about my 2.2 stroker and still it has not been finished.

I do visit the site from time to time to see what's happening with you guys and your MR2's.

I still have a plan for my MR2 although not as ambitious as I had originally hoped for.

At this stage I am reluctantly considering selling some parts to get it back on the road just so that I can once again drive my MR2, even if it is in a un-tuned (is that the correct term?)state.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by Quandry - 2016/07/06 09:31

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You might be better off keeping your stuff Marty and pick up a stock NA to drive around for a bit. I mean those parts will be hard to replace you will regret selling them when you finally get your project car finished.

A stock NA MR2 is still fun anyway and they are (or were) pretty cheap to pickup. Any thoughts?

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by Marty J - 2016/07/06 11:37

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Sadly, being unemployed and lack of cash is what's preventing me from driving my MR2. So buying a NA MR2 is not an option.

I would still have a 2.2 stroked 3SGTE to drive. :)

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/06 13:38

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[http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz\\_imag0045.jpg](http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz_imag0045.jpg) im,in same boat as you sadly matty,with not working,but i look at the upside,have loads off time to do all the work myself on my mr2,i troll the internet for parts,at lower prices,just put in denso platinum spark plugs yesterday at just the cost off 25 euro,got my braided brake lines for 65 euro,have just resprayed my original alloys in gloss black,at cost off 5 euro a corner,interior done in blue metallic with black,blue gear and handbreak levers,total cost 20 euro for that,great bargains out there for getn car driving and looking great at a low cost.

[http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz\\_imag0047\\_burst001.jpg](http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz_imag0047_burst001.jpg)

[http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz\\_imag0046.jpg](http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz_imag0046.jpg)

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by Marty J - 2016/07/06 15:25

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It's posts like yours JOCK that keeps sites interesting for me.

You don't have to spend thousands on the MR2 to post something new.

I welcome tips like that. In fact I have considered doing something similar with my own wheels.

I'll try and keep mr2.ie up to date with my own MR2 projects.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/07/06 15:29

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Nice to see a bit of chit chat on here again. B) B)

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/06 16:00

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Thanks marty,im wheeling and dealing at moment,trying to get the money together for a turbo Mr2,just restored a motorbike,i picked up for 50 euro and sold for 1200,now getn a daihatsu charade detomaso in next few days to restore,out off bike money,hopefully when that done will have enough to get a mr2 turbo to restore yay.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by shanec - 2016/07/07 13:28

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JOCK wrote:

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Sounds like Bike Brewer trading his way to his ferrari!! :woohoo: :woohoo:

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/07 15:20

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lol,yup getn there slowly,wheeler dealers is where i got the idea.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/07/07 16:35

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50 to 1200 sounds like a tall tale

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/07 23:20

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[http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz\\_image\\_18b2f82b4416b708ea4c4c8a86c1c9fc25fc09dab152f27208c82f644edf3e34\\_v.jpg](http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz_image_18b2f82b4416b708ea4c4c8a86c1c9fc25fc09dab152f27208c82f644edf3e34_v.jpg) [http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz\\_imag0033\\_burst001.jpg](http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/rsz_imag0033_burst001.jpg) no mr white its called hard work,im 44 years old dont have time to make up stories

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/07/07 23:22

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Ah fair play to ya then

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/07 23:31

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theres a before and after,kinda sad im having to prove this though

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/07/07 23:33

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As I said fair play to ya then I didn't ask you to provide any evidence at all mate.bike turned out lovely

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/07 23:37

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[http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\\_20160528\\_153627.jpg](http://www.mr2.ie/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_20160528_153627.jpg) yup but last bike i will do irish market gone bad,the time,gone into that bike just not worth the effort,2 months to complete that in my shed,just picked up a daihatsu charade detomaso ,so that will keep me busy for next month or so,looking forward to it.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/07/07 23:40

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Ya man you could hardly give away a bike in this country between weather and crazy insurance prices the bike game is at a standstill any bike I ever had for sale I had to sell for next to nothing.that will be an interesting project I never even knew they existed.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/07 23:43

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there is a pic,fun little car,125 bhp from 1.6 injection engine,there only about 700kg in waight,will be nice when done,very rare car,where just for jap market

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by white97mr2 - 2016/07/07 23:52

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Ha gas little yoke feckin scary quick I'd say.I wouldn't fancy doing over a tonne in one of those ha it's scary enough in an mr2.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by shanec - 2016/07/08 08:56

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Great to see people working on something rare and different.  
Most irish roads are now flooded with modified diesels which for the most part have been modified in the same way so all look boring even with plenty of money and time spent.  
Best of luck with it

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by Quandry - 2016/07/08 11:01

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Was that an FZR250? I had one years ago although I think it was the next model after that. Fun times, great memories :)

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by JOCK - 2016/07/08 13:56

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yup quandry fzr250,just bought to sell,but have to say great little bike on back roads,took awhile to find parts and set up carbs right,but once done,great wee bike,thanks shanec,and i agree just diesels everywhere lately,cant see the advantage off them myself,most people that have diesels use them for going shopping and dropping kids to school,dpf systems cant clean themselves out at that kind off driving,its why so many diesels turbo giving trouble.

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by Bommie - 2016/07/09 14:59

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Great to see there's still some life here. Much the same as the others, life just seems to have gotten in the way of the mr2! Always swore it would never happen to me but apparently it has! Over the last 12 months I've gotten married and just finishing the renovations to our first house so my focus has been elsewhere. Really sad to see the mr2 sitting up but hopefully will be back in it again soon. Moving into the house in 3 weeks so hopefully will have a bit of spare time soon to give it the attention it deserves haha

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by Luksander - 2016/07/21 16:06

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Plan to get my MR2 back on road for another 3 months. NCT booked for 30th July. My friend is taking care of her now and few more parts on the way so he may take some videos on how To's.

One already available on site:

<http://mr2.ie/mr2-forum/28-how-twos/79157-how-to-replace-speedometer-cable-in-mr2-mk2#79157>

Hope to have some sun in August/September so I can drive with Top off :)

See ya around on Co. Galway Roads...

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by Spidey - 2016/07/22 12:53

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I think it's really down to insurance etc I was hovering around the €350 for 8-10 years. Now, am up to €650 - and this increase is just in the last 2 years.

If we add up all the modified / jdm cars in Ireland, we make up a tiny percentage and because of that, insurance companies just don't care. They can just price us out of the market and if they lose us, they're not bothered.

Plus, dumping another €750 in tax for the year :(

You can see it with all the posts re classic insurance, only taxing for 3 months etc

Do we wait it out and get the 30 years classic tax - €50 :) And before the 30 years for classic tax, a lot of places will offer the classic insurance for 20 / 25 years.

My own personal experience was that family life got mad busy in the last few years. Added to that, my huge to-do list, plus some issues on the car. It all went from being fun to a bit of a burden. I'm now living in Barcelona and have a garage for the first time in my life !!!! So, i can think about projects where the car can be on blocks / dismantled for weeks at a time and not have to worry about blocking up the driveway :)

@Jock - fair play to you to keep the enthusiasm

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by Quandry - 2016/07/25 11:42

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What is tax/insurance like in Barcelona Rob?

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## Re: Site has gone so quiet!!

Posted by Spidey - 2016/07/25 13:50

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Quandry wrote:

What is tax/insurance like in Barcelona Rob?

Not sure yet. Am on temp Irish insurance for the mo. From what i have been able to gauge from Uk forums (not MR2 but motoring in general), it's not much better than the UK. So, around the same as the UK is a lot better than Ireland ! :)

Tax isn't straight forward either. There is a calculation and then it can vary between different regions, size of the municipality. It takes number of cylinders, power and emissions into account.



I've just actually sent off a form to a company who specialise in importing. Will post when i get a reply.

Based off my research of other cars, i'm hoping for around a max of €300, which is a lot nicer than then €700+ yearly in Ireland

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**Re: Site has gone so quiet!!**

Posted by TurboD - 2016/08/07 21:14

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Well old friends I understand how the site has become quiet , we are all busy and I assume not many of us are driving our Mr2`s due to tax and insurance etc . I have not been on the site in a long time either . I restored my mk1 years ago and I have lots of photos of all the work carried out but I`ve forgotten how to upload them on here . I must put up a thread someday . In the meantime I`d like to thank all of you who do keep the site going with your interesting threads and information on all the Mk`s . I will tune in daily from now on as I used to before .

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