

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

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COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



Four seasons in one day jumps to mind as I write and having just about thawed out after the trip to Castle Combe in the Spider I'm hoping for a far warmer day for Spring Alfa Day. We have also had an invite to join the neighbouring sections at James Wheeler's Black & White garage, more about both below. - MB

Spring Alfa Day

Just a final reminder that Spring Alfa Day is almost upon us and for a theme for our parking area we have gone with "Alfas through the Ages", this I think allows us to be as inclusive as possible in our section parking display, in fact no-one with an Alfa is excluded :-)

The plan will be to arrange the cars by year of manufacture in our designated area, perhaps in groups of decades? If you fancy dressing up in clothes of the period for your car don't let us stop you!

Could I ask if you are planning to be at Spring Alfa Day and wish to park in the section parking display area you let me know by Friday 20th April at the latest?

Just ping me an email with the model and year of your car, we can then plan the parking area.

Hope you can make it. - Mark Grimshaw



Blag-a-ride @ Black & White Garage

James Wheeler has kindly invited us to join him and some of the neighbouring sections for another meet and blag-a-ride at his Black & White garage near Newbury on Wednesday 11th July.

For those who could not make the last visit in 2010 it was a highly enjoyable evening offering the opportunity to not only take some time to explore the collection of cars that James has at B&W, but also to catch up with and see some of the cars from our neighbours in the Thames Valley Section.

If you could give us an indication if you are intending to come along we'll pass this on to James nearer the time- MB

Coventry Transport Museum

A Cotswold contingent joined the East Midlands Section with an eclectic display of Alfas in front of the Coventry Transport Museum in glorious March sunshine. A rendezvous with John & Hazel Mills (916 GTV), Roger Lewis (916 Spider), Mark Sweeney (155 BTCC Replica), my Sud Sprint and Peter King with his Military spec Matta we made our way into the City Centre and lined up with a really mixed set of cars, from the 50s right through to the present day.

So after a good circuit of the gathered cars it was time to visit the museum and help remind ourselves how great a car industry both the region and country once had.

Another wander around the cars and time to depart. With the weather making it a great day it was good to catch up with a number of members from the East Midlands as well as Derbyshire and West Midlands. Here's hoping we will be treated to equally brilliant sunshine for the coming months???? - MB



Cotswolders at the Coventry Transport Museum

Alfaholics Track Day 2012

The regular Alfaholics track day at Castle Combe took place on Saturday 14th April and I took the Spider down, braving a cold but clear day, well clear at least until Burford when the heavens opened and the hood had to come up! So after wading through some standing water I arrived at the paddock and parked up making a beeline for the paddock cafe to get a warming cuppa. Steve Davies was already set up with a GTA display formed to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 156 GTA. Just as I was tucking into my breakfast John Mills and Roger Lewis arrived trying to warm up after a wander around the circuit. James Wheeler also arrived in his Sud and Dave Parker caught me just as I blagged a few laps during the lunch time parade. A London Taxi also joined the parade lap offering its passengers a very different view of the circuit. This must be a first!

On track the usual contingent of Bertone Coupes were joined by a pair of Alfa Suds, 105 Spiders, a handful of Giulia saloons and Jim Spackman's 75, all circulating and offering various db levels to entertain as the track dried and laps dropped and confidence rose.

Roz Shaw's beautifully turned out Jagermeister GTAm creation looked stunning and a vivid yellow Giulietta SZ Sprint Zagato had to be my favourite on track car, with a Junior Zagato being the bell of paddock for me.

A good attendance again this year on track and an equally good number of spectators braving what became a dry but bracing day. -

MB

Loxley Silver Run

After two highly successful events the Loxley Run & the Loxley Re-run this year will see another.

The Loxley SILVER Run on Saturday 18th August.

A tour of around 60 miles in Midlands / Cotswolds Countryside. There will be a limit of maximum 30 cars.

Starting from The Bell at Alderminster from 11.00am and arriving at a mystery destination from 2.00pm for a picnic lunch.

Please let John & Hazel know ASAP or by June 21st if you'd like to join the run. - MB



Gloucester Motor Show at Highnam

We have had a request from John Perkins, who is an Alfa Owner member and is organising a display of Alfas at the Gloucester Motor Show at Highnam on Sunday 10th June. Anyone interested in joining John please contact him directly johnt.perkins@yahoo.co.uk

Full details of the show are here <http://www.gloucestershiremotorshow.co.uk/>

Cotswold Alfa Day Sunday 24th June 2012

Cotswold Alfa Day will be on Sunday 24th June and the Giro Panoramico will finish at Sudeley Castle in Winchcombe, where we will have exclusive parking on the Falcon Lawn.

This was a very popular venue last time we went there and a number of people have asked to return, so we have decided to go back this year. <http://www.sudeleycastle.co.uk/>

We hope to be starting from the village of Twynning near Tewkesbury where we will have coffee/tea/bacon rolls with the cars parked on the huge village green prior to setting off in small groups for the Giro.

Full details will follow as we confirm them. - MG

