

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

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COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



Winter certainly has arrived with the first significant snow fall of the season but I know that a number of projects and winter fettling has begun ready for a busy season once we head into Spring. As you will have seen we have confirmed Cotswold Alfa Day as Sunday 24th June and have Spring Alfa Day to kick things off on Sunday 29th April both at great locations in the Section area. - MB

Scalextric Challenge 2012

January saw our first regular meeting of 2012 and our Scalextric challenge at the Horse & Jockey in Ganborough. Once again Rod Ashton put together (with the help of Dave Hood) another challenging layout that fitted well into the cleared skittles alley in the pub.

A similar format to last year with an initial head to head on both sides of the track whittling down the field to the fastest 8 racers. Those making the cut progressed to the quarter finals after a much needed pit stop and buffet laid on for the competitors and spectators alike.

Rod, Dave, Mark G, Matt W, Richard Morris, John Mills, Keith Gilks and Richard Whitby were left to battle it out for the 2012 title.

Richard, Rod, Dave and Matt went into the semi final stage, with Rod and Richard winning to set up an exciting final.

Richard Morris set a storming time on the first 15 laps before the change of lanes with Rod coming back to win the second round. However that initial 15 laps put Richard ahead on aggregate times and won overall by 12 seconds. Congratulations and the trophy went to Richard.

What a great evening, a decent pint of Donnington beer, a filling pit stop buffet, a great track layout and good company.

Thanks to John Raper's help in securing the venue, Rod for all his organisation and effort in making it another successful night, Dave for his track building and car tweaking efforts, the diligent marshals who coped with the heavy index fingers and all who came along. I've got my eye on the James Bond set to get some practice in before next year, well that's my excuse anyway. - MB

Cotswold Alfa Day Sunday 24th June 2012

We have not yet finalised all the details but please put the date in your diary **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/>

Full details will follow as we confirm them. - MG



CAD @ Sudeley 2009



2012 Scalextric Challenge



Hello Steve got a new motor !

The winter often brings about a few projects, and not least Steve Dymoke's latest. Steve has bought the 2002 ETCC championship winning 156 driven by Fabrizio Giovanardi. Adding a second Alfa Corse car to Neil Smith's ex-Tarquini car. We'll keep a close eye on Steve's season in 2012. -MB



Anything but Red ?

An Alfa 8C owner in Italy has decided to paint the car in the Dukes of Hazard General Lee colours, as shown by the photo below, which comes from [TRC Off](#). The image was reportedly snapped in the proximity of Balocco, Northern Italy, where Alfa Romeo has its test track but this is where the details end.

I wonder if they have installed the same hillbilly horn ?

Although a massive fan of Daisy Duke and them good old boys. I think best to stick to an original Dodge Charger and V8 Hemi, although surprisingly the price difference between an 8c and an original General Lee from the TV series is a lot less than you would imagine. - MB



Coventry Transport Museum

We have had an invitation from the East Midlands section to join them at the Coventry Transport Museum.

We'd be delighted if you would invite the guys from the Cotswolds to be part of our Alfa display at the museum on **Sunday 25th March** 11.00 -4.30pm, it is ESSENTIAL the people pre book a parking spot to get the required pass into Millennium Place. There is a decent on-site restaurant and a craft fair taking place inside, plus admission is Free. If you are interested email me with your details. We will obtain the passes from John Griffiths and get them out to you. - MG

A brief History of Steve's ETCC 156:

□ Car #5 built in 2002 for ETCC championship. Driven by Fabrizio Giovanardi during the season – he won the ETCC championship that year with it.

□ In 2005-6 was refurbished to 'as-new' condition for use in Brazil in an Endurance racing championship. Brazil Customs have punitive import duties are applicable if the vehicle is second hand or kept in the country for longer than 2 years. Hence it has the face-lifted front end.

□ In 2007-8 it won the endurance championship both years. Was then quickly exported to Portugal for use in the Portuguese Touring Car Championship (PTCC).

□ Was refurbished by Bastos and campaigned in 2009 by the AMOB team by Luis Barros. But they are 'Gentlemen Drivers' and with the car needing time for set up they didn't have the time/wherewithal to devote to it and decided to concentrate on Mk1 Escorts with BDA engines.

□ With the Tarquini car owned by Neil Smith (#10) we now have 2 of the 10 cars built by Alfa Corse/N-Technology.

Plans are to give it a quick spanner check and take it out for a spin. - SD

