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COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



Spring really feels as if it has sprung at the minute and thoughts are turning to the season ahead. Spring Alfa Day kicks things off and David Bridges has agreed to bring along a selection of his cars on the day to make a stunning centre piece. -

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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 50 miles in Midlands/Cotswolds Countryside. There will be a limit of maximum 30 cars and initial expressions of interest are welcome. Full details and application deadlines available after Easter. - MB



Loxley Re-run 2011 - Photo M Grimshaw & R Morris

Spring Alfa Day

Spring Alfa Day this year will be hosted by the Cotswold Section and held at the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Sunday 29th April. Parking will be by Section and each section has been asked to put on some form of themed display within their allocated parking area, with the best display being judged on the day.

So any ideas for the Cotswold Section display would be very welcome. We have had a number of volunteers but if you would like to get involved on the day do let us know. As I mentioned David Bridges has agreed to display a number of his stunning collection and to see them is worth attending on its own! - MB



Serpent Slayer ?

Italy recently saw a rare heavy fall of snow as was seen on the TV during the 6 Nations Rome didn't escape!

This picture sees one of the Carabinieri's classic car collection defending Italian honour from a Serpent slaying Brit. And for a change it's not Batman performing open heart surgery with a twinspark engine!

Great to see that the Carabinieri are keeping the classics going and reminds me of the Italian Job, although poetic licence must be remembered as no way would a Mini out run a Giulia, and certainly not Dave's old banger. - MB

21st Century Disco Volante

It's back! Carrozzeria Touring's mental fifties Disco Volante gets remixed for this year's Geneva motor show.

The Disco Volante, for the uninitiated, is not a rave held inside a convertible Aston Martin but one of the most beautiful Alfa Romeos ever made. Officially known as the C52, the 1950s-era Alfa prototype – of which only four were ever made – was named Flying Saucer (in Italian) because of its aerodynamic shape. It was based on the Alfa Romeo 1900 but rebodied to its streamlined shape by Carrozzeria Touring.

That coachbuilder had long since disappeared into obscurity but was more recently revived to give us some very alluring designs, from concept cars like the Gumpert Tornante and Maserati A8 GCS to coachbuilt conversions of existing vehicles like the Maserati Quattroporte Bellagio Fastback, and perhaps most enticing of all the Bentley Continental Flying Star.

Now the reborn Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera is preparing to reinterpret the Disco Volante in modern form. The show car unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show is reportedly based on the 8C Competizione (another one of the most beautiful Alfas ever made) so we are expecting the 450 horsepower, 4.7-litre V8 to carry over, though reportedly mated to a paddle-shift transmission.

What we are looking forward to, however, is the form that aims to modernize the design believed by many to have inspired the Jaguar E-Type. All we have to go on for now is the rendering above but we'll be watching for more.

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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/>

Full details will follow as we confirm them. - MG

Alfa Romeo Championship



April 8th see the first two rounds of the Alfa Romeo Championship at Silverstone. That's Easter Sunday and on track will also be the BRSCC cars.

This year Neil Smith's ex WTCC 156 will be joined by another one; Steve Dymoke has bought chassis no.4, the car Giovanardi won the 2002 European Touring Car Championship with. The car is undergoing preparation at NJS Pershore and should be racing this year alongside Neil's car. Steve's car has been raced in Brazil and Portugal since leaving n-technology. Everyone is more than welcome to come and see the cars at anytime at any of the ARCA's race meetings this year and can get up and close to the cars unlike in the days when the works team ran them a real treat for any Alfa nut !!!!

Extract from post on Alfaowner

