



This weekend

COTSWOLD ALFA DAY

If you are planning to drive Giro Panoramico be at the Green in Twyning between 9:30am and 10:30am for a bacon roll and a cuppa. If you are going straight to Stanway aim to arrive at around noon. Application forms for tickets are available at tonight's meeting and on our website.

Brewery trip Saturday 19th October

We have arranged to visit the North Cotswold Brewery at Stretton-on-Fosse north of Moreton-in-Marsh. The tour starts at 11.30am and costs £10 per head which includes the tour, 'free' samples and a branded glass to take away.

The tour will last approximately 1.5 hours. There will be a brief history of the brewery, followed by a look round the brewery and a talk on how beer is brewed. You will be able to 'touch and feel' the malts and hops used to make the beers and see beer in the fermentation vessels.

The brewery tour can only cater for 15 people so if we have more we will split into two groups.

We require a 50% deposit to confirm the booking so if you are interested please let us know and we will then arrange to collect the deposit from you by mid-September.

If there is enough interest we'd like to arrange a pub lunch after the tour. *MG*

Thank you if you responded positively to our planned trip to North Wales. Unfortunately many of our members seem to be busy with holidays or trips to other events in September and so regrettably we have decided to cancel the event. We may try and organise something similar in the spring of 2014. Thank you again if you were keen to come along and we hope you are not too disappointed at the cancellation. *RM*

Donington F1 Collection

Response to our planned visit to the Grand Prix Collection at Donington in August has been very brisk. Thank you if you have already confirmed your intention to join us. There are still several places available. So don't delay, register your interest with me as soon as possible. *RM*

EVENTS

June

Sunday 23rd. COTSWOLD ALFA DAY.

Sunday 30th. Simply Alfa Romeo at Beaulieu. PTO for details.

Sunday 30th. Princethorpe Festival of Motoring PTO for details.

July

Thursday 4th. Witney Motor Show. Ducklington Lane, Witney. 6pm to 9pm. Public admission is just £2 per person. Free entry for drivers of exhibiting cars and £1 for passengers.

Wednesday 17th. Regular monthly meeting at the Feathered Nest. Tonight we're extra keen to encourage wives, girlfriends and partners to join us.

Saturday 20th. Evening BBQ at Twyning with the Austin Healey Club.

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th. Silverstone Classic. AROC will have a dedicated display area.

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th. Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway, Heritage Diesel Weekend. PTO for more details.

August

Sunday 18th. Tewkesbury Classic Car Show. Free for exhibitors. £5 public entry. Under 16s free. Starts 11am at Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road.

Wednesday 21st. Regular monthly meeting at the Feathered Nest. Polish your nuts (and bolts) it's fun concours night!

Sunday 25th & Monday 26th. Blenheim Palace Festival of Transport.

Saturday 31st. Donington Grand Prix Collection. See below left.

As you know Matthew has decided to step down from the role of Treasurer after Cotswold Alfa Day, and Mark G and Steve have both said they will not be continuing as Section committee members beyond next February's AGM. If the Section is to survive as an official AROC Section we must find people to take on the roles of Treasurer and Chairman. If you are interested please let us know. *RM*

Princethorpe Festival of Motoring Sunday June 30

Princethorpe school near Rugby is holding its Summer Fete and Festival of Motoring on the last day of June. The Festival is open to all classic, vintage, veteran or interesting vehicles. In the morning there is a road run of about 30 miles through the Warwickshire countryside. Vehicles taking part in the run need to arrive at Princethorpe for 11.00am. There is no charge for classic vehicles entering the festival or taking part in the road run.

The Summer Fête takes place in the Orchard between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. There will be lots of entertainment both for children and adults alike, including a large inflatable slide for the kids, BBQ, refreshments, bar, pupils' stalls, over 30 external stalls, a raffle and many, many more exciting things for all the family to enjoy, including of course the cars.

More information and an application form can be found at www.princethorpe.co.uk/news/events RM

Simply Alfa

Response from Cotswolds members to a convoy run down to 'Simply Alfa' at Beaulieu has not been great so we have dropped the idea. The Wessex Section are co-ordinating a parking area and display, so if you are attending and you'd like to park with other AROC members please contact Wessex Secretary Nigel Varney at alf@njvarney.plus.com. The main Club will be in attendance with items from the Club shop, to support the event. RM

Classic Cars wanted at Diesel Heritage Weekend at Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway

I've been contacted by AROC member Richard Scott, who is co-ordinating the classic cars section of this event at Toddington Station over the weekend of July 27 and 28. Richard is hoping to create a show of cars from the period when diesel

locomotives dominated the railways of Britain. So owners of 1960s, 70s and 80s cars are invited to join the fun on either, or both, days. If you fancy going along Richard would love to hear from you. Email him at richardscott45@netscape.net

Richard will be at CAD so if you'd like to find out more you can catch up with him there. You can also find out more at <http://www.gwsr.com/planning-your-visit/2013-events-calendar/heritage-diesel-weekend.aspx> RM

Hazel Mills offers a suggestion for a European holiday that takes in a little known Alpine motoring spectacle - the Ennstal-Classic

If any Alfa owners have not planned their summer holiday on the continent for 2013 and want to include the chance to see a treasure trove of classic cars in action and within touching distance – then head for Austria.

A sleepy little town called Grobming comes to life in July with the roar of engines from over 300 beautiful cars all built pre-1972 as they flock to park in the streets until it is their turn for scrutineering for the events of the 3 days ahead.

These include a hill climb up the Stoderzinken, where for 'hill' read 'mountain'! This is followed by a day tour (400km) through beautiful mountain passes, which this year heads for the Salzkammergut lake district. The second day is a Marathon Tour (500km) from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. heading east to the Ybbs region, a contrast of mountains and fruit growing areas.

The final day has the 'Grand Prix' of the town, with current and former F1 drivers



and celebrities taking classic F1 cars on a spin around the town to the delight of all. Expect to see Sir Stirling and Lady Moss there, as they are frequent visitors.

So where is this? The town lies just east of Schladming in the Dachstein region about an hour from Salzburg. If you want to take part you can enter for 2,300 Euros but your car must be able to average 50km per hour! Sorry, for this year, the book is closed.

But it is great to be a spectator as there is lots to see in both Grobming on pre-scrutineering day and during the event, as not all cars do the tours.

Schladming is the end point for the two full day tours and there is nothing better than to sit at a pavement café with a glass of wine and watch them roll in.

There are good vantage points in the area for great photos or just to watch the fun! The non-faint-hearted follow the route with their cars as the routes use public roads all the way which often means dodging golden cows with Alpine bells clanging as they graze the verges.

The dates to note are 17th to 20th July! Go for it!

For more details and current registrants visit <http://www.ennstal-classic.at/en/>