



# NEWSLETTER

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Well the weather has been kind and I know may have been out and about in their Alfes. This month we have a piece from Hazel Mills about the Ennstal Classic, Alex Payne the Silverstone Classic and Johnny Hulme has been across to France in his Duetto. We still have plenty of events this year over the coming months and have the Goodwood Revival to also look forward to. - MB

## Silverstone Classic

The end of July brings around my favourite motor sport event of the year, the Silverstone Classic. Along with my good friend Tony I've been attending for the last twelve years, and the last two years with the AROC.

A good selection of Alfes turned up over the weekend, over 65 on the Saturday, and our parking slot was on the infield of the Luffield complex which proved a good vantage point for watching the racing.

This years "themes" were 100 years of Maserati, 50 years of the Ford Mustang and 50 years of AROC UK. Nick Wright organised, what for me was the high light of the weekend, a track parade on the Saturday. I was pinching myself driving my Spider in the footsteps of my heros, Another big tick in the box for both me and the car.

The Maserati display was fantastic with road cars from the 50s, motorcycles,(which I hadn't realised they made) and many of the significant race cars, both on and off track.

Sunday lunchtime saw a parade led by Sir Stirling Moss driving a 250F ahead thirty or so F1 cars from the 50s through to the 90s.

As ever on track action covered a huge variety of machines driven with enthusiasm and no lack of skill. Our very own Steve Dymoke was there with his 156 which he qualified 26<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 41. Unfortunately he didn't start the race but Neil Smith in the other NJS prepared car finished a fighting fifth, only five tenths behind touring car legend John Cleland! On track Alfes also included beautifully prepared Giuliettas and a stunning GTA Sprint driven by the Banks brothers from Alphaholics.

Probably the best action of the weekend was the "Mustang Celebration" race which involved everything from Ford Galaxies, Falcons, Mustangs, Lotus Cortinas and Minis, this race took me back to Brands Hatch in the sixties, amazing stuff.

If you have not attended this great weekend before then I strongly recommend you do, for all three days if possible. I can't wait for next year. - Alex Payne.



Photos Alex Payne





## ***Austrian Ennstal Classic 2014. July 9 - 12. 2014***

This is the fifth largest Old Timer Rally of its kind in Europe. Where were you? There was plenty of Italian interest - pre '72 Alfas, Lancias, Maseratis, Ferraris, Fiats and a beautiful Steyr Puch masquerading as the gendarmerie! As always, the main action was in Gröbming, Styria, nestling in alpine scenery and host to the famous Stoderzinken hill climb. Although a 3 day event, cars and drivers arrive on Tuesday, giving great opportunities to scrutinize and photo as they await scrutineering.

This year the two "runs" took 197 cars over panoramic and challenging routes. Day 1 was 400km, the "Geolyth Prolog", starting at 08.00 with the Stoderzinken, taking in the Red Bull Ring and arriving back in Gröbming from 18.45. This was a warm up for "The Marathon" on Day 2 - a drive over 500km to Waidhofen an der Ybbs and Lunz am See, ending in Schladming for the Friday party. These routes follow normal roads and alpine passes, giving rise to tales of chicanes to avoid cows, tractors, snow and fellow entrants.

Running alongside was the Chopard Trophy and Grand Prix. Historical racing and rally cars did a hill climb and hurtled around a circuit on a nearby airfield for the first two days. The climax was the Grand Prix in Gröbming, the town echoing with the roar of engines as cars took to the streets! Class winners were: an Austro V (Epoch 1), Morgan 3 wheeler (Epoch 2), a Lancia 037 Rallye Evo (Epoch 3).

Saturday also let us mix with personalities of the motoring world. Our own Sir Stirling was there again, driven in a C type Jaguar by Richard Frankel. When asked what it was like to be driven for a change, his driver chipped in "He had a full head of hair when we started!" For a flavour of the event including Sir Stirling see: <http://www.stirlingmoss.com/articles/news/2014-ennstal-classic-highlights>

Special cars were a 1922 Hispano Suiza (the oldest car in the line up), a rare Cisitalia 202, the CAN-AM McLaren M8 and the Ferrari GTO, chassis #3527, now owned by Irvine Laidlaw. But for Alfa fans there was a 1934 6C; a Giulietta Sprint and a Sprint Barchetta (both 1961), a 1964 Giulia TI, a 1967 Sprint GT Veloce, 1750 Spider Veloce built in 1970, a Giulia Super 1971 and a 2000 GT Veloce 1972. A special treat was a long look at an Alfa Romeo GTA 1300 Junior driven by Marco Vanoli of Switzerland a competitor in the UK and on the continent (including the Mille Miglia).

The cars were, of course, the stars. Plenty of superheroes including Moss were there too: Jacky Ickx (6 times Le Mans winner), rally driver Walter Rohrl, Jo Ramirez (ex F1 team engineer and manager - notably McLaren Team Coordinator), Hans Joachim Stuck (ex F1 and other category racing driver), Dieter Quester (ex F1 and touring car racer), Rauno Aaltonen "The Rally Professor", Marc Lieb (Race driver for Porsche) as well as European TV stars and captains of industry.

But you can't beat meeting up once a year with other fans over a drink and a "hausgemachte torte". Maybe next year you will join us in Café Wieser on the main street for pole position - close enough to share a "high five" with the car crews! Maybe you will even enter? Closing date is Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2015

[http://www.ennstal-classic.at/en/ennstal\\_classic/participants/registry/](http://www.ennstal-classic.at/en/ennstal_classic/participants/registry/) - Hazel Mills



*Photos Hazel & John Mills*



## ***Finally! The Museo Storico will reopen!***

At last some really encouraging news for quattrorute with respect to the re opening of the Alfa Romeo Museum at Arese.

After much rumour and a prolonged period of closure it seems that once again we may have the chance to visit. A number of us visited in 2010 as part of the Centenary celebrations and what better an excuse for a road trip to Milan than to take in the museum !

The message we have waited for so long: the Ministry of 'Beni Culturali' and Fiat have come to an agreement and the museum *will reopen!* October this year the work on the museum will commence. Restoration, renewal and expansion will be according to a masterplan that was already presented in 2007, yet simplified. Time is not on the museum's side, it seems that the work will not be finished by May 2015, when the Expo opens. However as it will open in the summer of 2015, the museum can welcome many of the Expo's visitors.



Impression of reopened Museum



Many details from the agreement haven't been disclosed, except for an important one:- the bond (preventing any of the cars being sold or relocated permanently) remains untouched.

## ***Duetto en France***

Johnny Hulme has been over to Normandy with the Duetto and as all good Spider owners should do spent the whole trip with the hood down. All though hood down motoring ccan be a little tiring it really is how these cars were meant to be driven and seen ! Johnny also met up with his friend Jean Marc in Le Havre who has a lovely TR250 which looks great with the Duetto -MB



Photos Johnny Hulme



## Coming Up

### **Kineton Classic Car & Bike evening - Thursday 4th September 6.30pm Onwards**

The regular Kineton Classic Car and Bike evening is scheduled for Thursday 4th September and what better way to add a little Italian flair than to get a few Alfas attending

The event is a relaxed affair at the Kineton Sports and Social club, with bar also serving light refreshments and a BBQ cooking up sausages and burgers from the very good local butcher.

We don't need to formally register but if anyone fancies meeting up and arriving together let me know by return. Little Kineton – CV35 0DT

### **East Midlands AROC - Leicester Aero Club Open Day at Leicester Airport - Sunday 7th September 10.30 am Onwards**

We have been invited to join the East midlands section at the Leicester Aero Club Open day at Leicester Airport, Gartree Road, Leicester.

The event includes Special Alfa display, air displays, family fun (bouncy castles, archery etc), bar and hot food available, and chance for FREE pleasure flights given by Aero Club members.

FREE ADMISSION TOO!

Last year we were treated to a Spitfire and Mustang flying in and also the Vulcan Bomber doing a fly past as there are a number of local air displays near by.

### **Prescott Breakfast Club and GWR Toddington - Sunday 12 October 09.00am Onwards**

As the season heads to a close we are looking at a final run out to Prescott Hill Climb for their popular Breakfast Club meeting.

It's the same format as Shelsley Walsh that we attended at the start of the year with the chance to park up, have a look around the gathered cars and have a breakfast in the Club House.

After that we are looking at a short drive across to either Toddington or Cheltenham to the Gloucester Warwickshire Railway

We need to register with Prescott if we wish to attend and will also get in touch with GWR if we have interest in taking a journey on the railway.

Please let me know if you would like to attend as soon as you can and ideally by the end of August so we can finalise arrangements.

## Christmas Meal - Saturday 6th December 1.00pm

### **Christmas Meal - Saturday 6th december - The Three Ways House Hotel - Mickleton**

We have been asked to confirm numbers for this years Christmas meal at the ever popular Three Ways House Hotel in Mickleton.

The cost of the meal is £23 per head and we have 36 spaces and need confirmed numbers asap and a £5 Deposit by the **30th August**.

If you could confirm attendance by return email and let John Mills have your deposit at our next regular meeting on 20th August or by post to : Mr J Mills, 0Edge Hill Cottage, Loxley, Warwickshire, CV35 9JT.

The balance and menu choices will be needed by **25th November**.

Menu Options	Puddings
<b>Starters</b> Homemade Minestrone Soup with Pesto  Salmon and Spring Onion Fish Cake with a Lime Mayonnaise  Baked Goat's Cheese Parcel with a Sweet Chilli Sauce  Chicken Liver Parfait with Apple and Quince Chutney	The Pudding Club's Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce  Pears Poached in Mulled Wine with Homemade Ginger Biscuit  Salted Chocolate & Pecan Brownie with Homemade Banana Ice Cream  Double Gloucester and Stilton Cheese with Biscuits & Homemade Chutney
<b>Mains Courses</b>  Roast Local Turkey with all the Trimmings  Braised Blade of Beef with a Parsnip Puree and Thyme Jus  Baked Fillet of Salmon with a Mussel and Tarragon Broth  Wild Mushroom and Chestnut Risotto with Fresh Parmesan	