



NEWSLETTER

Sept 2014

As I write I'm hoping for the Indian summer to continue to give us all the chance to enjoy a good Autumn before SORN and winter projects take over. We have the Prescott breakfast meeting in October as a season finale along with the Alfa Romeo owners Club Gala evening to also look forward to.

Fun Concours

Our regular August meeting featured our 'Fun Concours' held outside the Fox Inn on the Village Green in Broadwell.

We were lucky with the weather and had a number of new faces and cars including Steve & Di (S2 105 Spider owners) from Australia who were on holiday in the UK and saw our meeting on the Section website. They are part of AROCA Queensland Division who hosted this years Alfesta gathering as reported in the last club magazine.

We also had 2 new Bertone Coupes and Rod Ashton's other Alfa 90 which he bought from Matt Willmott and has been tinkering with over the early part of this year.

We had the usual categories along with a couple of new ones this year.

Best Classic went to Rod Ashton with the Alfa 90 and best modern David Hunt in his high spec'd Giulietta. Best non Alfa was a two horse race this year with a lack of Fiats meaning a landslide victory for Johnny Hulme's Renault Alpine which also fared well in the 'Weirdest thing in the boot' – the Engine!

Cleanest wheels went again to Mark Grimshaw with the Zender wheels that really do set off the S3 Spider. Tidiest engine bay went to new face Terry Pugh in his Bertone Coupe which he's owned for a number of years and has been undertaking some extensive work recently.

Weirdest-thing-in-the-boot was also a close run thing with inflatable Spider, Rat Trap and Registration plates all featuring but won by a Mob of inflatable kangaroos in the boot of my GT. (ok I had a heads up that we had an Australian presence but Steve & Di's vote didn't change the outcome – honest).

Must try harder went to John Gardiner in his 916 Spider, Johns obviously a punisher rather than a polisher!

Our last prize went to the furthest travelled, which was obviously won without question Steve and Di from Brisbane who we hope enjoyed the Cotswold Section welcome.

Thanks to everyone who came along and we have a few new categories in mind for next year.

- MB



Johnny Hulme's Alpine - Weird place for an engine ?



Di & Steve Jones from AROCA Queensland Division



A Mob of Kangaroos - A bit weird !

Kinton – Classic Car evening

On the 1st Thursday of the month there is well attended but casual meeting of Classic Cars and bikes at the Kinton Sports and Social Club with plenty of parking on the grass adjoining the cricket field.

And on the September visit we attended as a section with 2 Bertone Coupes, my S2 Spider, a 916 Spider and a Guilia Sprint Speciale. We would have another Spider and Bertie but a they failed to proceed for various reasons – oh the joys of Classics!

The weather held and we enjoyed the BBQ and wandering round a real mix of cars.

From Alvis and Aston Martins through Healeys, Jaguars and Triumphs of many guises to Studebaker and Volvos it is an eclectic mix made all the better with a little Italian flair.

For those inclined by two wheels it also attracts everything from BSA and Triumphs to the more modern sports bikes and even the odd Ducati and Moto Guzzi and a few scoters to complete the Mods v Rockers feel.

With a good location especially on a warm evening it's something we'll look to attend again during 2015 along with the similar event at the Norman Knight at Wichford. - MB



Not a bad line up of old bangers ?

Coming Up.....

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 so we can finalise arrangements. – MB



Hazel & Enzo adorn the GTV with the Italian tricolor at Compton Verney



Guilia Sprint Speciale was star of the show at Kinton!

Compton Verney Visit

I've driven many times along the "Fosse" like many of us, and have often passed the brown sign for Compton Verney and wondered what is there.

Well the weekend of the 13th/14th September answered all my questions, thanks to John Mills we were invited to show our cars as part of an Italian theme of events that was taking place during September.

As the main 18th century house at Compton is mainly an art gallery there was a large selection of fine paintings, some superb furniture, and porcelain with a Neapolitan theme. All very interesting and informative.

The upper section of the gallery held a superb display of items made behind the "Trenches" during WW1 which were in amazing condition and very varied.

On the car front, Saturday saw about nine cars attend with a good spread of Alfas, two Lancia Delta Integrales (yes please Father Xmas!) and a Fiat 500.

On Sunday the Alfa display had, among others, four generations of Spider, Dave Hood's lovely Maserati 3200, Alec's 500 Abarth, and a superb Lancia Beta Monte Carlo.

For me the icing on the cake was provided by a wonderful musical ensemble who entertained us with two performances during the day, held in the Family Chapel. The music was Italian based with pieces from Vivaldi, Handel and various composers. The playing was superb and the sound in the Chapel was divine.

From my part a weekend very well spent, and a fine introduction to a splendid venue, I'll be back!

- Alex Payne