



AROC COTSWOLD

Section Newsletter - September 2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

date per il tuo diario

15 Oct - regular monthly Section meet at
The Fox Inn, Broadwell GL56 0UF

7 Dec - COTSWOLD Section Christmas Lunch -
*** Venue to be confirmed ***

OTHER EVENTS - *altri eventi*

29 Sep - Auto Italia Italian Car Day Stanford
Hall LE17 6DH auto-italia.co.uk

13 Oct - Auto Italia Autumn Motorsport
Festival Brooklands KT13 0QN

26 Oct - Cars 'n' Coffee at Unity Automotive,
Banbury Road, Oxford OX5 1JH

8-10 Nov - Classic Car Show NEC B'Ham
Tickets from www.necclassiccarshow.com
Use AROC code CC2127

THE SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

gli scarabocchi del segretario

"AND SOON I'LL HEAR OLD WINTERS SONG"

A line from one of my favourite songs
(Autumn Leaves) and as we approach Autumn
not too far away.

I trust we have all had a good summer with
our Alfas and enjoyed the many events that
have been on. The highlight for us as a
section was obviously Cotswold Alfa Day
which despite 'iffy' weather was a great
success.

To a slightly lesser degree National Alfa Day
at Bicester Heritage was an overwhelming
experience for those of us who marshalled
the gate and main entrance. We had never
seen so many Alfas in one place. The icing on

the cake was a well deserved first place in
the concours for our own Rod Ashton and his
stunning "Bertie".

Anyway, winter is not upon us yet and we still
have some events to enjoy. Late September,
the 29th, sees the return of the Italian Car
Day at Stanford Hall in Leicestershire. See
auto-italia.co.uk/events for details

In October on the 13th we have the Autumn
Motorsport Festival at Brooklands. This also
organised by the good folk at Auto Italia and
is always a good day, weather permitting!.

Also in October on Saturday the 26th we have
an invite to join Thames Valley section for a
"Cars and Coffee" morning at Unity
Kidlington. There will be rides and test drives
available on the day including "Blag-a-Ride".

Also I know it may seem a little early to
mention the "X" word (far too early for me!)
but we'll be taking bookings from the
September meeting for our annual Xmas
lunch.

Finally, an appeal for more articles for the
newsletter. If you have been to event this
summer, then a few lines and some pics
would be very much appreciated.

Ciao , Alex

TELL your ALFA STORY...in words, drawings or
photos...dare to be different...

Please send your news and all other
interesting snippets for publication FAO 'The
Newsletter Editor' at least 3 days before
regular monthly Section meetings:
contact@aroccotswolds.co.uk

FUN CONCOURS



Once again August came around, much too quickly for me, and it was time for our annual Fun Concours on the green at Broadwell.

Chris Martin and I arrived early so set up the sail banners by the rather tricky entry point, (we only had one car scrape it's bottom this year!) and mark off the war memorial. The weather wasn't as kind this year as in the past but that didn't stop a good turnout. I'm always delighted that owners really make an effort, not just with preparation but also we usually see one or two cars and owners from other sections. This year we had a visitor from Bristol in a 939 Spider and a lovely lightly customised 105 that was purchased in Sweden.



Although we didn't have a "What's in the Boot" prize this year it would surely have gone to Suzanne Mitchel who had made a fabulous Alfa "Scudo" from flowers from her garden. If you didn't see it then you missed out.

With Morris Dancers entertaining us at the pub and a general relaxed atmosphere the judging forms were handed out and the results were:



- Best Modern: Chris Martin: 937 GT V6
- Best Classic: Rod Ashton : With the Best 2000GTV in the country!
- Best Non-Alfa: Hazel Mills: Abarth 595
- Cleanest Wheels: Alex Payne 916 Spider
- Landlords Choice: Neville Guibarrd : Series Two Spider
- Must Try Harder: Dave Parker: 916 3ltr GTV.
- NB: Apologies for pic's of the winners but the light(or lack of it) beat us.



A big thanks to all who took part. Alex

I was a MITCAR virgin...but all that changed on 31 August.

So the 19th MITCAR - Midlands Italian Car Day as organised by AROC East Midlands Section took place at JLR Classic Works, a completely modern facility on the site of the old Peugeot plant at Ryton.



Oh but you should have been there, not just for the 300 or so Italian cars who turned up to populate the car park but for the privileged access to the working areas of the Classic works; that E Type in restoration, those 'new' D Types...and...the hundreds (literally) of classics of all makes piled two high in storage.



You can't just turn up and get beyond the reception display area but the MITCAR day special access really was a privilege.

I know some of you Cotswold members were there...so what did you think?

Many more photos and info by searching mitcar 2019 or visit aroc-uk.com/eastmids

David Storch