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June Events



Of course, as already reported, June kicked off with the massive BVAC Classic at Thirlestane. Now that the dust has settled, we can reflect on the achievement of record numbers of both entrants and public and a great day out for thousands of people. Naturally, there is always room for improvement and the committee has already met to discuss what could and should change, but overall the response has been positive with lots of congratulatory feedback and only a couple of complaints – well, you can't please everybody!

If you missed the show or just want a reminder of the day, you can find a video from The Paddock Co on You Tube by following this link.



Of course, no sooner was the show over than normal service was resumed with our monthly meet at Milestone on June 9th. This event just keeps improving with an eclectic selection of cars turning up and some great chat to be had with the owners in the car park or over coffee in the Greenhouse Café. Here are a few pictures to give a flavour of the event.

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There were also two other events in June, not organised by the club but attended by quite a number of members. On Wednesday the 12th, the 'Coffee and Classics" meet happened at the Carfraemill Hotel. This monthly event moves between venues in a wide area of Eastern Scotland, turning up from time to time in the Borders. Join their Facebook group for details.





The following Sunday, club members Letitia Mace and Rob Jenner joined forces with Scott Brown Cars in Reston to put on 'Tea and Torque' where the garage forecourt was stuffed with interesting cars – Rob and Letitia's enthsiasm for Jaguars and Scott Brown's preference for Mustangs meant there were plenty of each with a sprinkling of others for variety. One sight not commonly seen was two Citroen SMs side by side, Jim Holyoake's maroon example with David Marks' blue US spec model visiting from the south (see over).

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Barbeque

If you haven't already booked, there's still just time to sign up for the barbeque and concours on Saturday July 6th. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends. Helen and Ken Grimes have very kindly agreed to host this event at their home in Innerleithen. This will be a relaxed event and a chance to chat in the company of friends. Our hosts hope that we will want to stay and enjoy the evening together. The 'Concours' will also be informal, with the chance to vote for the car you'd most like to take home, so we hope that you will let your cars shine for the evening.

Please note that our hosts have asked that you don't all arrive on the dot of the previously advertised arrival time of 5pm as that will lead to parking congestion – any time from 4.30 onwards will do.

- Where: 29 Tweedbank Ley, Innerleithen. EH44 6PE
- When: Arrive from 4.30pm, view cars, chat and relax
- Food: From 6pm – when it's ready.
- 2 courses: B-B-Q meats and salads, choice of sweets, drinks included.
- Cost: £15 per person
- Booking: Please book with Chris Biggs – chrisjbiggs@btinternet.com giving names of those attending. Brief details of the car you intend to drive to the event would be appreciated. All bookings will be acknowledged.
- Payment details: by cheque made out to BVAC Ltd and sent to Chris Biggs at 15 Hendersyde Park, Kelso TD5 7TU in advance (preferred method) or by cash direct to Helen on the night.
- **Deadline for bookings – Tuesday 2nd July.**

More Dates for your Diary

The second Sunday in July is of course the 14th and that means it's time to get along to the Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells from 10am to join our regular breakfast meet. No need to book!

Looking further ahead, we're planning to hold another car treasure hunt on Saturday 24th August. Put the date in your diary, more details in the August BVAC News.

Our programme of visits to other clubs' car shows continues and you can find details of these on the website at bvac.org.uk/events/category/club-visits-car-shows. Some of these are for information only so you can enter individually, while others have an official BVAC stand. Watch out for entry deadlines, some have already passed – don't delay, book today! Moffat is upon us (bookings closed) and the next one is the Kingdom Classic Car Rally in Fife on July 21st.

Free to a Good Home

I've been donated a sixties-era wing mirror which looks like it would clean up fine although you'd need to cut a new thread on the spindle. If this is what your car lacks, contact me at entries@bvac.org.uk, although due to holidays I won't be able to deliver immediately.





From the Web

Thanks to Chris Biggs and Fred Magill, here are some online items that might be of interest.



A unique and interesting special built in the MG factory using the MGA twin cam as a basis is featured on the Abingdon and surrounding areas facts and history Facebook page - nothing like a snappy title!



To learn about the man behind some of the finest cars of the first half of the twentieth century, try this article: Ettore Bugatti: The Man and the Legend on the Deviraz & Ives website.



If you're missing fine old cars from Delage since Geoffrey Minter sold 'Napoleon', admire the pictures in this article on PreWarCar.com

Xclusively Jaguar Magazine July 2024 from Letitia Mace

It's always great to receive feedback, especially when it is positive. Fred Hamilton from Florida, USA recently discovered Xclusively Jaguar magazine, and this is what he had to say about it: "Just discovered your great e-magazine through a post on our local JAG Club website (Suncoast Jaguar Club, West-Coast of Florida) and am very delighted in this discovery ... so happy to find your publication and have already enjoyed the past issues and look forward to the next new issue ... CHEERS!"

Last month we had our magazines "perfect bound"* instead of "stitched"* so we look forward to hearing from anyone who subscribes to our printed magazine with your thoughts and preferences on which type of finish you prefer. Personally, I've always thought that it looks very professional from the outside, so this is the finish I was ultimately aiming for, however, seeing it used on my own magazine for the first time I think that losing the middle of pictures that cross the page spoils the whole effect and not being able to have any pictures larger than one page wide is a lost opportunity. So, which style do you prefer? Other editors might like to pose the same question for readers of their printed magazines?

**"Perfect bound" is where the central spine is glued, and "stitched" simply means stapled!*



This month the focus is on Le Mans and Jaguar's racing history, with items of interest including looking back at Jaguar's return to Le Mans in 2010 and the XKR RSR GT2; the XJR-4; a replica long-nose D-type; the Saturday Club and Nigel Webb's XJ220 V12.

Other related features include a recent racing report and even the obituaries are centred around racing personalities we've recently lost, or those associated with them.

A glimpse of Jaguar's Heritage is covered in a feature by Howard Hunt; we've devoted 4 pages to XJ40's; we've extended our clubs and registers page; our "new old stock" Jaguar merchandise is selling fast and we still have lots of events and articles waiting for a space in future issues of Xclusively Jaguar magazine! So, if you see it now, buy it before it's gone and if you don't see it, come back next month and find out what's new!

Amongst all of this there should be some good reading!

You will find the latest issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine (along with all back issues) at https://www.xclusivelyjaguar.org/

Contact Letitia Mace via 07836 68 78 98 or Letitia@xclusivelyjaguar.org for more information or if you have any problems accessing the new website.

Until next month, Happy Motoring!



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That's all for this month. Thanks to all who have contributed – new material is always welcome (hint!).

Clear roads,

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