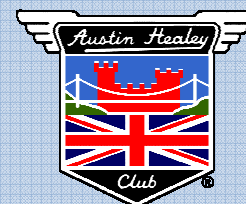


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The Director's Cut

Well we're off and running on the 2013 season after a very long, cold and wet winter. As I write this we've already been to a couple of events, Coleford in the Forest of Dean which was bitterly cold although well attended and the second round of the SW AutoSolo championship which was also well attended. Many thanks to those who brought their cars up to Kemble last weekend... it does make the organisers feel a bit better when members support their efforts... we need more of the same please!

What's next then? Well April always looked like a busy month when the Committee were putting the calendar together and we still have two more very important dates in April to come. Firstly on the 21st April, Mark has organised the first BAT (Breakfast at Twyning) of the season and has joined forces with our friends at the Alfa Romeo Owners Club to produce a rendezvous and road run to celebrate the FBHVC's National 'Drive it Day'. This is a very important date in any classic car owner's diary and is the day when all of us need to get our vehicles out on the road. Even if you do something on your own, please use your classic on the 21st. The FBHVC do a huge amount of work for the classic car fraternity in the UK and all they ask is that we all come out on this one day to demonstrate just how many classic vehicles are still in use in 2013. Personally I think we have a duty to support them, so I for one will be there at Twyning and I hope you will be too. As with all our events, details, booking forms, contacts etc. can always be found on our web-site. It's the main source of information for the SW Centre so please make good use of it.

As a result of the busy April schedule, our 'Season Opener' isn't really an opener at all this year! We are returning to Tyntesfield on the 28th for the 'season opener' and the format will be as always... simply turn up on the day and enjoy a visit to the National Trust property and socialise with your friends. Cars must be in place by 10:30 as the venue opens to the public at 11:00. If you know you are definitely going to be there drop a line to Tony Alden and let him know please. It's always good to have some idea of numbers. We are being given free passes to the House however visitor numbers are limited, so if you want to make sure of getting in, make sure you contact Tony beforehand. As always details on the web-site.

OK I've rambled on long enough I hear you say, but I just want to mention two other important events that you should be at. Firstly our SW BBQ which we had to postpone from last year... rain if you remember. We are going to run it on Sunday May 12th. We will meet for breakfast at the Puesdown Inn on the A40 for Breakfast followed by a road run which ends at Pike House in Fossebridge, where we will tuck into a BBQ. This event is open to SW members only and we'd very much like you to come along and join in. I'm organising this event personally so if you want to come just give me a ring or drop me an e-mail. You can of course just turn up on the day but an idea of numbers would help us plan the catering. I'll give you 3 guesses where you can find all the info!

Finally, as you know, we decided not to organise our own event at Prescott this year but we have been invited there as guests of the Jaguar Driver's Club 'E-Type Register' on June 9th. This was a great day last year and promises to be so again in 2013. Places are limited to just 20, so if you want to come you MUST book early and you should know by now where to get the details!

Looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in 2013.

Rob Hudson,
Director & Chairman

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Please Note!

Cotswolds Noggin & Natter!

The Noggin remains at The Kilkeney Inn south-east of Cheltenham. But please note that we intend to hold a 'roving Noggin' as from the May N&N; the location for which will be promulgated at the April N&N and thereafter the following location one month in advance!

Details of the Kilkeney: <http://www.kilkeneycheltenham.co.uk/>

FBHVC National 'Drive-it-Day' and Breakfast at Twyning – Sunday 21st April

The first BAT of the season and planned to coincide with and support the FBHVC's National 'DiD'. So far as we know, this is the only planned DiD rendezvous in this area so we hope for a strong turnout and a good mix of interesting vehicles.

Details of the National DiD are on the FBHVC website, so look up the events list to see what is taking place close to you if you cannot make it to Twyning.

<http://fbhvc.co.uk/2013/01/11/drive-it-day-sunday-21-april-2013/>

Remember this is the one day in the year when your classic should be out on the roads and in the public eye – it is designed to act as a demonstration of the historic vehicle movement across the UK, so we very much need your support! If you have friends with classic vehicles, get them along too, it should be a fun day out with a really nice drive around the Malverns! Please pre-register so we can cater for you and also print sufficient route cards.

Latest – 20 cars already booked in!

AH SW'ern AutoSOLO Champs, Kemble, 7 April Results – What a great turn-out, thank you!

	Test 1	Test 1	Test 2	Test 2	Test 3	Test 3	Test 4	Test 4		Final Positions	
Driver	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Total time	Overall	Champ Heat 2
Rob Hudson	51.82	51.59	62.03	61.09	46.56	45.32	88.94	85.41	243.41	4 TH	2 nd
Patrick Reardon	59.91	60.15	70.62	68.90	53.03	54.35	101.2 2	99.59	281.43	8 TH	5 TH
Mike Burstow	49.44 W.T.	55.62	87.03	66.69	49.22	47.50	91.97	91.97	261.78	7 TH	4 TH
Steve Merchant	54.96	55.16	64.44	63.19	-	-	-	-	DNF		
Keith Ashby	51.31	50.59	60.88	57.41	46.66	44.56	83.54	82.22	234.78	2 ND	
Chris Ashby	63.53	55.21	53.53 W.T.	59.62	42.31	42.03	82.25 W.T.	80.21	237.07	3 RD	
Paul Mead	53.19	52.62	63.44	61.75	47.97	47.40	88.50	87.25	249.02	6 TH	3 RD
Mes Edwards	48.00	47.28	66.06	55.94	43.53	42.06	80.10	79.90 Grass	225.38	1 ST	1 ST
John Iles	59.16	54.50	61.65	60.66	46.94	47.44	86.82	83.69	245.79	5 TH	



Reminder!

Season Opener – NT Tyntesfield – Sunday 28th April

So busy is April, that the 28th is the first opportunity to hold the Season Opener! We had a great turn-out 2 years ago, as you can see from the panorama above, with cars not only attending from the AHC, but also from several of our other associated clubs.

Free entry, whether NT members or not, and lots to see in magnificent grounds, gift shop in the old – but fascinating - cow-shed and café.

Please contact Tony Alden to notify him that you will be attending and please note that you must let him know if you wish to reserve house-tour tickets and you will need to be in position no later than 10:30 !

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tyntesfield/>

Diary Dates – Forthcoming Events

3-5th May – Donington Classic – see Revcounter for AHC National stand entry

30th May – a visit to Thornley Kelham’s workshop nr Cirencester

9th June – invitation to join the JDC at Prescott Hillclimb (limited numbers)

Please register!

South Western Road Run and BBQ – Sunday 12th May

As Rob has mentioned, the event we had to postpone last Autumn due to the very wet weather forecast! Breakfast rendezvous at the Pusedown on the A40 outside Cheltenham, then head off into the beautiful Springtime Cotswolds countryside for a scenic drive to return to Jim Hutson’s house for a BBQ finish. This should be a great day out and is largely free to all SW’ern members, please make the most of it.

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NEWS!

Some of you may have seen the article in CCW recently which broke the news of a trial which will see Footman James and a selected few classic car clubs supporting the **insurance for 17-24 year olds** to be able to drive classic cars. The question of how to get younger people into classic car ownership and/or involvement is something we know we all need to work, at so this is good news. Maybe we’ll see the AHC promoting the scheme for Sprite owners..?

Budget special: Historic car tax extended by one year from 1 April 2014. So, if you own a car manufactured in 1973, you will be able to claim historic taxation status from next year! No suggestion that this will become a rolling cut-off, but it’s a move in the right direction at least! Don’t forget, this is the sort of cause the FBHVC is fighting for!