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Hello everyone and on the behalf of the SW Committee may I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

As Mark reported last time, the Committee are now busy pulling together a programme of events for the 2016 season. The skeleton is now in place and your various committee members are contacting their allocated event organisers to thrash out the details as we speak. As soon as the various dates and booking details are finalised we'll be uploading it all to the two web-sites... ours and the National site and we'll also get everything into the Revcounter event planner so watch this space.

This year we've decided to focus on more 'Driving' events which will allow us to get the cars out on the road a bit more. We're trying to do some new things... things we haven't done before to try and freshen things up a bit and although the usual shows etc. will still be happening this year we probably won't be booking a Club presence. Instead we are looking to attend new attractions or events a bit further afield making the format for these events more about rendezvousing at a start point and then driving to an event as a group of cars. You'll get the gist as details are published I'm sure. Some ideas being worked on include an event for Drive it Day (a secret at the moment but a visit to an attraction), Stratford Festival of Transport, Churchill Car Show, Mark's 'BAT' events (those with drives), and many more.

Mes will also be running our usual AutoSolo Championship and this year we hope to start the series off with a 'Starter Event' for those wishing to get involved for the first time. It's great fun so please consider getting involved if you want a relaxed and pressure-free introduction to motorsport. Additionally Mes is currently working on our own square bodied Sprite which will be available for a couple of those who would like to get involved but do not have a suitable car. Again watch this space for details of how to register your interest in this opportunity.

And finally can I just remind you all of a couple of key dates that are already 'in concrete'... Mark is again organising our entry to the 2016 Le Mans Classic and the deadline is fast approaching to get on this event. If you want to do it, don't hang about... you literally have days! More details from Mark later in this newsletter. Secondly don't forget that the Club's trip to the Black Forest in July still has a few places left. Currently just over 100 of the 120 places are booked and I'm sure there will be a last minute rush... there always is! so again, if you want to join us on this fantastic event don't hang about. Full details are available on the National web-site.

So until next time, let's all get busy fettling the cars in anticipation of the season to come and here's to a successful and enjoyable 2016.

Rob Hudson

Rock Oil 'Strata 20W50' Engine Oil - We have spoken to the Technical Department at 'Rock Oil' and following our discussions they have recommended 'Strata 20W50' as the best choice for our Austin Healey Engines. We have also been able to negotiate a very good price for the Club so we are able to offer **5 litres of Strata 20W50 for just £12.60 inc.VAT.**

Speak to Tony Alden on 07786 000921 or e-mail him at tony.alden@btinternet.com to discuss how to get your items and to place your order.

News & Diary Dates

20th February: Jet Age Museum Aviation Film Show

Following our visit to the Jet Age Museum at Staverton several months ago, we have been invited to an evening of aviation films, mainly about the WWII combat aircraft! There is a bar and also a curry for those that wish to eat (beforehand or during the break). A flyer is attached and do please note that this evening is NOT held in the museum but close-by!

Please pre-book with: Mark Knight: Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk or 07719 417256

10th April: Cirencester Car Club Corinium Run

A very popular event which has been running successfully for many years now and places always fill up very quickly! This driving event is based on the 'Economy Run' style of road rallies of years gone by and which is now an HRCR Scenic Event. If you wish to participate

DO NOT delay applying!

Details here: <http://www.cirencestercarclub.com/coriniumrun.html>

24th April: FBHVC National Drive it Day (DiD)!

This year's DiD is Sunday 24th April – just the day after St George's Day! We are exploring plans for an event in the Swindon area where the public will see the cars, this being the FBHVC's aim for DiD. We will not be able to cater for all members throughout the South Western so if you know of an event being held near you or you could organise one in Devon/Cornwall/South Wales let me know and we'll get it publicised! Contact: Mark

Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

South Western AutoSolo Series

This year's AutoSolo series starts with a 'starter' day in May, probably Sunday 15th but TBC. If you want to get your hand in earlier than that then 2 other events precede this, both at Kemble, and both open to AHC members. The first is on 21st February and held by Devizes MC and the 2nd on 10th April and held by Bath MC. Information on all AutoSolo events to:

Mes Edwards on 01285 7405129 or mes.edwards@tubelines.com

South Western @ Le Mans Classic 2016

Hopefully you will not have missed the inserts in recent Revcounters but if you are thinking about heading to Le Mans for the Classic (8-10th July) then please get in touch for more information and/or an application form. Don't forget that the next event will be in 2018 – yes - in 2 years' time and they're only staged every other year! Entries close Sunday 22nd January! Mark Knight 07791 417256 or Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

A reminder – check your tyres – both condition and production date where shown (or known!) as you prepare your car for the coming season!

Classic Car Weekly (available every Wednesday) reports on the danger of owners ignoring the age of their tyres with seemingly 25% of cars being driven with potentially dangerous tyres, an even more likely occurrence now with many classics no longer being checked annually in an MoT test. Blow-outs are more likely and perhaps most importantly, braking distances are markedly increased. In tests, with old tyres fitted, an MGB GT took 56.45m to stop from 50mph and yet a markedly reduced distance of 37.55m when fitted with new tyres! The FBHVC says: 'Tyres are the only contact between the car and the ground and must be in first-class condition'.

Source: CCW Wed 4 Nov



JET AGE
MUSEUM

**FEBRUARY
20TH 2016
AT 7,00PM**

AVIATION FILM SHOW

AVIATION FILM ARCHIVE PRESENTED BY T.U.A. FILMS

LICENSED BAR

THE COMBAT AIRCRAFT OF WW2

AT

**GL3 COMMUNITY HUB, CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST
CHURCHDOWN, GL3 1HX (OPPOSITE TESCO)**

**FIGHTER PILOT - A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WW2 PILOT. THE WOODEN WONDER
- MAKING THE MOSQUITO. THE AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY - THE FERRY PILOTS
TARGET BERLIN - LANCASTERS MADE IN CANADA. LANCASTER RECOVERY -
RESCUING A DOWNED LANC IN LINCOLNSHIRE. THE MASTER PLAN - BOMBER
RAIDS OVER GERMANY. SPITFIRES FLY AGAIN - THE FILM "BATTLE OF BRITAIN"**

**TICKETS FROM JET AGE MUSEUM, METEOR BUSINESS PARK, CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST,
GLOUCESTER GL2 9QL - CHEQUES PAYABLE TO JET AGE MUSEUM**

TICKETS : £7 - CURRY OPTIONAL @ £7