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Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the forthcoming season. Some of us couldn't wait though and we did a local event just after Christmas... very cold. Freezing fog in fact and I don't have a heater to demist the screen. There was lots of scraping of ice as we drove along so I'm definitely looking forward to a bit of warm weather Healeying. I have to admit to just putting the car away when we got home and I haven't touched it since. Unforgivable I know, so a massive cleaning and fettling job for me in the next few weeks. Please don't follow my example and treat your car like this... but in my defence it was bl**dy cold. Hood... what hood!

Anyway, enough of all that. Your Committee met last week and finalised the calendar of events for 2017. More detail on that from Mark in a minute and it can also be found on our web site of course... and talking of technology, Mark is now involved in running the Club's (National) Facebook page and all that that entails. A bit modern for me although I am on Facebook believe it or not... tend not to use it though. Now however Mark tells me that we are getting lot's of 'likes' and 'shares' and other stuff like that too so I intend to get involved with it a bit more now to see what the youngsters are doing. I'll get back to you next time with what I've discovered, or better still, why not join me and give it a go? Speak to a kid and they'll no doubt explain it!

Finally don't forget that our first 'DMH' event is on 9th April and we're especially hoping as many new members as possible will turn up. I'll tell you all where and when as soon as I have it finalised. It's also important that we get the cars out on Drive it Day and support the FBHVC. This year it is on April 23rd so pencil that date in the diary too.

All for now and I look forward to seeing you soon and 'go Facebook'!

Rob Hudson
Director

European Ruling on Motor Insurance – You Need to Respond!

Following an accident on private land, where a man was injured by a tractor and trailer, the European Court has ruled that all motor vehicles require insurance no matter where they are being used. This could extend to SORN'd vehicles and even project cars (golf buggies, dodgems and plenty more too)! YOU need to respond the Government consultation if we are to influence the Government's implementation of this change in the law and must do so before 31 March. Link here, consultation can be completed online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/motor-insurance-consideration-of-the-vnuk-judgment>

AHC National facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/austinhealeyclub/>

News & Diary Dates

Sunday 9th April: the first 'DMH Sunday'!

You'll have seen in Rob's introduction that we plan for the first DMH Sunday in April, which Rob is organising, and which will also act as our welcome to new member's day.

It is likely that this run will be to the west, probably in the Gloucester/Forest of Dean area (successive events will run north, east and south, all being well!). The run will start at a rendezvous point for coffee and maybe a bacon roll, route out to a lunch-stop (probably informal, such as a garden centre café or pub) and followed by a 'part 2' of the drive returning to a nominated finish point. Needless to say, members will not have to do all of the day, so you can do as little or as much of it as you wish or have time for.

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General comments/suggestions to: Mark Knight: Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

Sunday 23rd April: National 'Drive it Day'

The annual FBHVC National 'Drive it Day'; format/location to be confirmed but an event designed to show our cars off to the public, as the FBHVC intends. Don't forget, if you are not involved in an organised event then simply drive out on your own or, if she's not roadworthy (the car I mean!), then push it out onto the drive so as the public can see it!

Look ahead:

May 14th – DMH Sunday

June 18th – DMH Sunday

July – TBC, supporting our nominated charity fly2help at Staverton Airport's Open Day

August 13th – DMH Sunday

September 17th – DMH Sunday (probably linked with Kop Hillclimb nr Princes Risborough)



fly2help Air Smiles Day – the 1st in 2017

At very short notice, SW'ern supported an 'Air Smiles Day' at Staverton Airport last Wednesday. The request (to fly2help) was for a young 14-year old boy who had just been diagnosed as terminally ill. Initially not even sure whether he would be permitted to fly, a programme was hastily put together and Michael flew in a helicopter and got a ride in Mike's Frogeye! Michael and his parents were delighted with the day which resulted in plenty of smiles

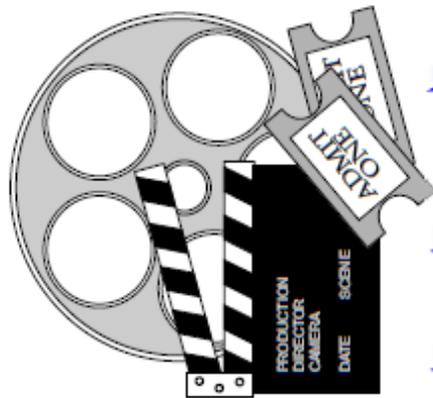


14th October: Southwestern AGM and End of Season Dinner!

A date for your diary – never too early to plan ahead! This is a very sociable evening where the formalities are invariably over and done with in an hour and then we're into the bar with a nice dinner to follow! Once again to be held at the Stratton House Hotel in Cirencester and as there is a clash with another event previously booked, the AGM is a week later than is usual.



**FEBRUARY
11TH 2017
AT 7.00PM**



AVIATION FILM SHOW

PRESENTED BY ROB FOXON OF AVIATION FILM ARCHIVE
POWERED FLIGHT

STORY OF THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS * WORLD'S LARGEST TRANSPORT PLANE
GPO MAIL DELIVERY BY AIR * FIRST TEST FLIGHT OF RB211 ENGINE
1960 SBAC FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW * THE SILVER ARROW STORY

AT
GL3 COMMUNITY HUB, CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST
CHURCHDOWN, GL3 1HX (OPPOSITE TESCO)
LICENSED BAR

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

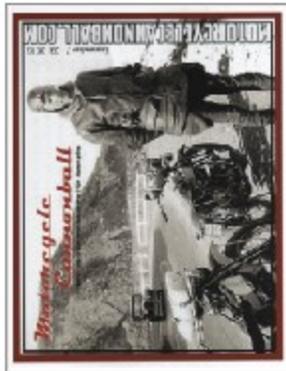
TICKETS : £7 - CURRY OPTIONAL @ £7

SpotMog

(Gloucestershire Branch of MSCC)
David McCarragher Brown Shoe Lunch and talk

Wednesday 8th March 2017
12 Noon

Prescott Bugatti Owners Clubhouse.



“An Indian Across America” with Ian Patton

Ian Patton completed a time trial in 2012. New York to San Francisco for pre-1929 motorcycles. The route was around 4,000 miles. His illustrated talk captures the spirit and atmosphere of the adventure.

£25 per person, this includes a 3-course lunch, coffee and a donation to speakers nominated charity.

For further details see SpotMog website: www.spotmog.co.uk
To book:

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All welcome

Events of Interest