

Registro Ricambio - April 2013



The Register is a member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. The Federation exists to uphold the freedom to use old vehicles on the road. It does this by representing the interests of owners of such vehicles to politicians, government officials, and legislators both in UK and (through membership of Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens) in Europe. FBHVC is a company limited by guarantee, registered number 3842316, and was founded in 1988. There are nearly 500 subscriber organisations representing a total membership of over 250,000 in addition to individual and trade supporters. Details can be found at www.fbhvc.co.uk. Here follow a few articles from the latest FBHVC newsletter I hope you will find of interest.

NEW LOOK FOR FBHVC MARKS SILVER JUBILEE

In July this year the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) celebrates 25 successful years representing the owners of historic vehicles and the considerable industry and employment which has grown up around the historic vehicle movement.

The Federation's raison d'être has always been to uphold the right of its members to continue to enjoy their vehicles as they were supposed to be used on the roads. Working closely with the All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group this right has been preserved to this day in the UK, despite challenges along the way from regulatory authorities in Westminster and latterly from Brussels.

Over time the challenges to our rights of access have become more complex and the Federation has reformed and modernised its approach to lobbying activities accordingly. Reflecting on this and the opportunity provided by the jubilee, the FBHVC has decided to bring its visual identity right up into the twenty-first century.

From February the FBHVC will have a bright, new identity featuring British Racing Green to emphasise its national heritage and a new strap line 'Yesterday's Vehicles on Tomorrow's Roads' stating its primary objective, clearly and reinforced on all its messaging.

Commenting on the launch of the new look FBHVC chairman, David Whale, said, *"Clarity of communication is essential in all our external dealings, none more so than with national and specialist press, and we believe this new look will serve us well in this endeavour."*

The new FBHVC image will appear in February on the organisation's Newsletter and will also feature in its re-launched website at www.fbhvc.co.uk.

TRADE & SKILLS

Tony Davies

Calling all Classic Vehicle Enthusiasts - FBHVC NEEDS YOU!

In the last News Update you will have seen the results to date of the responses to the questionnaire soliciting opinions on the availability of specialist restoration skills for historic vehicles. The UK really should be at the forefront of providing such opinion rather than merely bit-part players. So, in an attempt to gather more opinions, I am going to continue with the questionnaire process during 2013. I shall open up the questionnaire to all historic vehicle enthusiasts in the UK, so please encourage your friends and colleagues to look out for it during 2013. Hopefully this approach will encourage more of you involved in the historic vehicle movement to express your concerns about the future.

We do need your help to achieve our aims of skills preservation and you, the enthusiasts and owners of historic vehicles, are key stakeholders. The questionnaire, which can be completed via the internet, can be completely anonymous as required and will be evaluated by FBHVC and FIVA.

Hence the FBHVC would like all owners and users of classic cars, motorcycles, commercial and military vehicles etc. to take part in this survey. The questionnaire only takes a few minutes to complete and you will be helping to maintain your freedom to use yesterday's vehicles on tomorrow's roads. So please either enter <http://tinyurl.com/8cpqxf> on your browser and you will be automatically directed to the questionnaire.

During 2013, I shall be expanding our search for such information to the trade and professional service providers to establish their views on the same subject. Small and very small enterprises are, I believe, the most under threat as the larger businesses can usually fend for themselves when times get difficult. As mentioned earlier the information gained will be used as a basis for investigating the possibility of providing relevant specialist training opportunities for young trainees and apprentices.

DRIVE IT DAY 21ST APRIL 2013

Keith Gibbins

Drive It Day encourages club members and their supporters plus other historic vehicle enthusiasts to use yesterday's two, three, four or more wheeled vehicles for a day to celebrate the UK's transport heritage at its finest.

All owners of historic cars are encouraged to take to the roads on the 21 April to demonstrate how many historic and interesting machines are still on the road today. (Drive It Day 2013 coincides with Spring Alfa Day so what better way to participate than taking a trip to Gawsworth Hall? - Stuart T.)

Most FBHVC members already have planned to make the most of this day by using the public roads, meeting at local venues, places of interest, including museums such as Beaulieu, National Trust and heritage properties, transport cafes, like the Ace, local beauty spots or even car parks.



Caption - Get out and enjoy your classic car on DID!

The FBHVC team will be attending a number of the many events and in celebration of our 25th anniversary we have made special arrangements with the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon, which is home to the world's largest collection of British historic cars. Centrally positioned Gaydon would make a good start point, intermediate waypoint to visit en-route and an excellent location to finish a day's run.

In support of Drive it Day, the Heritage Motor Centre will offer a special admission price of £5 for museum entry for those arriving in historic vehicles. In addition a discounted rate will be offered for the Land Rover Experience. This is a ride, as a passenger, through the steep and twisting multi-terrain track, either in a modern Discovery or an early Series III.

GIULIA BERTONE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Giulia Sprint GT 1963

Credit - Alfa Romeo Automobilismo Storico, Centro Documentazione (Arese, Milano)

The first 105 Register meeting of 2013 celebrating the launch of the Giulia Bertone GT in 1963 will be held at 'Auto Italia' Brooklands Italian Car Day on Saturday 4th May. The Register will be allocated a dedicated parking area for a limited number of cars at this event so please contact me as soon as possible via email stuart.alfa@virgin.net if you wish to display your GT. Further displays will be organised at Goodwood (see below), the Auto Italia Summertine Classics on Sunday 7th July and National Alfa Day at the Historic Dockyard Chatham on Sunday 11th August.

TRACKDAY & 105 REGISTER MEETING AT GOODWOOD CIRCUIT

Classic Alfa have once again hired the historic Goodwood Circuit for their 2013 track day on the 22nd June. The circuit will be open exclusively for use all day from 9am until 5pm with a one hour break for lunch.

Goodwood will be providing an instructor for the day who can be booked through us in advance or on the day. This can either be with the instructor driving a couple of

laps and then a driver swap, or it can be all done from the passenger seat with you driving the full 12 minute session.



Classic Alfa Track Day

This year, as last, 10 cars will be on the circuit at any time ensuring more than ample track time for everyone and hardly any queuing between sessions. The ten car format track day has a 98 dB noise restriction but this is pretty loud and all normal & tuned road cars should be fine - it's the same noise level as in previous years.

You will need to wear a long sleeved shirt so your arms are covered and we will again include Goodwood's helmet cabinet so there will be a wide variety of helmets available free if you don't possess your own.

Spectators are more than welcome throughout the day (free entry, just turn up anytime - no need to book) and the restaurant and snack van will be open the entire time. If you wish to spectate and be allowed to go in the pit lane or in someone's car as a passenger you need to be signed in as a spectator at either 8.00am or 10.30am.

The price for the day for one car & driver is £190+vat with additional drivers welcome at £60+vat. This is payable in full, in advance by contacting us either by phone on 020 8688 4443 or by email - info@classicalfa.com .

This is a great opportunity to drive Europe's last remaining truly historic motor circuit still with it's original layout as driven by many of our motoring hero's in the fifties & sixties. The day is completely uncompetitive & the emphasis is on fun & safety - it's a fantastic track day whether you've done many or it's your first. Aside from the driving, its always a great day socially and a paddock full of more than 50 classic Alfa

Romeos at lunchtime is always a great meeting point. Continuing the Bertone GT 50th Anniversary, the AROC 105 Register will organise a display of GT's in one of the Paddocks behind the Pits.



GT display - Credit ST Collection

ENTHUSIASM - WHAT ENTHUSIASM??

I am somewhat disappointed my appeal in the last issue of the 'Driver' for members to share their enthusiasm for their 105's by writing a short article about their own Alfa drew a total lack of response. Not a letter, email or even a telephone call. Hopefully with the better weather arriving and with it the longer evenings, members will be encouraged to put pen to paper or fingers to keys and tell us why they drive a 105?

BENVENUTO

The register is delighted to welcome the following new members and their cars: John & Anne Giles - 1750 GT Veloce Mk2, Graham Oliver - Giulia Super, 1600 GT Junior, S3 Spider 2.0, Phil Wheeler - S3 Spider 2.0, David Haseler - Giulia Super, Patrick Doidge - 1750 GT Veloce Mk 2, Neal Courtney - 2000 Spider Veloce, David Pepper - 1300 Spider Junior, Adrian Smith - 1300 GT Junior, Chris Sharp - Giulia GTC.



Credit - Adrian Smith

Stuart Taylor

Register website - www.aroc-uk.com/105Register