

105 GIULIA REGISTER

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UK LEGISLATION

Bob Owen

Consequences of Discontinuance of the Tax Disc

Plain English disease seems to have struck the DVLA. With one exception (the contents list under refunds) everything refers to tax ending when you 'sell' or 'buy' a vehicle. It is really hard to find out that tax actually expires whenever you transfer registered keepership. Nowhere, except in that contents list, is the word 'transferred' used.

So innocent fathers, widows and partners of those unable to drive anymore, who simply send off the front page of the V5C duly completed to change the registered keeper don't know that they are cancelling the tax immediately DVLA receives the form. Nor indeed do they know when DVLA receives it, as in some of the cases listed above, the transfer takes an unacceptable time to complete. Suggesting that enforcement action will not occur until they have been reminded is not good enough, as it remains illegal to drive an untaxed vehicle. The Federation will, on behalf of all vehicle users, continue to campaign to have all the relevant DVLA publicity corrected.

EVENTS AND TECHNICAL

Tony Davies

Things are starting to quieten down a little now the darker evenings and inclement weather are with us once again. Nevertheless, it doesn't stop us from getting the 2016 calendar out and pencilling in some dates from the 2015 calendar. Those scenic and classic tour dates won't change much from 2015 for 2016 so now's your chance. If you didn't manage to get out on one or two of last year's series then make sure you do in 2016; they are great fun. A visit to the HRCR website http://www.hrcr.co.uk/Scenic_Tours/ will provide you with further information.

You may not wish to enter Le Jog, a full-on rally for historic cars in early December, but you could always offer your services as a marshal. As the rally travels from Land's End to John o' Groats it must come fairly close to where some of you live! Have a look at www.heroevents.eu/Events/LeJog/2015/ for an overview of the event and www.heroevents.eu/Events/MarshalSignup/?e=547f47ab19d7d945d1df7b30 to sign up as a marshal. I can assure you that you will see a great cross-section of historic cars on the event as the entry list contains many of the international crews that compete regularly on the top UK events. I hope to see you out and about on this great winter event.

Also don't miss the HRCR Open Day on Saturday 16 January at Gaydon. This is always a good day out (free too!), especially if you want to see what various organisers are putting on for our enjoyment during the coming year.

HERO/CRA's Winter Challenge to Monte Carlo returns once again in February 2016. This is always an enjoyable event and, as well as visiting some of the famous roads frequented by the WRC Monte, you could get the opportunity to practice your driving on snow. A real adventure and should not be missed; I hope I'll see you there.

A little further afield and Bart Rietbergen's Winter Trial to Norway springs to mind. This has a Trial class and a less difficult Club class. Having done a few of Bart's events over the years I can recommend them so please have a look at www.thetrial.nl.

By the time you read this the 2015 FIVA General Assembly will soon be upon us. This takes place on 23-24 October in Krakow this year. Hopefully I and others can persuade the FIVA Members gathered in Krakow to accept the proposals for the revised FIVA Structure and Statutes. If we don't, I and a few others will have worked since last November for nothing. Let's hope we can win the day via the democratic process.

It won't be too long before the lighter nights are with us once again and we can enjoy our historics in the better weather too. Meanwhile, for now, I guess it's back to the garage to make sure they really are fit for purpose when we take them out for their next outing.

TRADE AND SKILLS

Karl Carter

Vehicle Restoration Apprenticeship Scheme

There is further good news about the scheme as we move into the second year.

The 11 students at Bicester College all completed the year and we expect to see them all come back in September to complete the second year of the level 2 course. The good news is the level of interest to start the course this September and we would expect a further 12 students to commence the course, with many travelling quite a distance to do the training. There have also been enquiries from a Belgian student who is very keen to do the course which is not available in any Belgian college.

With the success of the apprenticeship course the college has decided to offer schools the chance to put students on the course as an extended learning whilst they finish their studies. Twenty applications have already been received and 17 students offered places. The result is now 40 students on the course which has already put pressure on the space available and the need to look more long term on where best to hold the course - more about this in the next newsletter.

We have been disappointed that S & B Automotive Academy in Bristol has not gone ahead with the course, but we are delighted to announce that P & A Wood, the Rolls-Royce dealership and restorer in Dunmow, Essex has decided to run its own apprenticeship scheme and will be using the FBHVC training modules.

P & A Wood have appointed the North London Garage Group Training Association to deliver the course and we have been working with them to ensure the course meets the exacting requirements of P & A Wood.

North London Garages have now decided to launch the apprenticeship scheme from their Enfield base and are now looking to find restoration businesses in London and the Home Counties who would like to train an apprentice. This is all planned to start in September/October with 12 lucky students starting the level 2 course.

Overall the student numbers look as if they will rise from the current 11 to nearly 60 as we spread the course to other centres.

The next phase will be to get other colleges to come on board and be able to offer the course in other parts of the country.

BENVENUTO!

New Register member registrations have quietened down over this past couple of months. So much so I have only managed to add two cars to the database since my last report. If you buy or sell your 105, please drop me an email so I can keep the Register up to date. Thanks!



This lovely red S3 Spider 2.0 Green Cloverleaf is owned by Bill Baker. Imported from the USA in 1989 and was possibly converted to right-hand drive by Bell & Colvill. Bill has owned his car for nearly four years and in that time, other than regular maintenance, has had the seats re-upholstered and lavished the bodywork with plenty of polish! And it shows Sir!



Martin Stephens has recently acquired this delightful medio blue 1750 Spider Veloce. The car has been recorded on the 105 Register since 1998 and was stored for a long period before being restored and returned to the road. Now sporting a set of GTA-style alloys, this 1750 Spider is an ideal companion to Martin's other Alfa, a stunning red 4C!

CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE!

As many of you know, I can rattle on all day about my passion for 105's but this is YOUR register and I would love to hear what makes you think they are so special? Just a few lines or even a 500-word article, anything and everything is more than welcome. How you came to acquire your 105, what work or improvements you have made to your car? Feel free to share your ownership experiences with other Bertone coupe, Spider or Giulia saloon owners. Articles will appear in this column and on the Register website.

FACEBOOK FANTASY

This photo recently did the rounds on Facebook and got a fair few people talking. A 'real what might have been'. What do you think of this shooting brake GT?



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