



Issue **135** Sept/Oct 2014

Monthly Event - Local Kent Gathering

First Monday of the Month
7:30pm, Cock Inn, Boughton Monchelsea (nr Maidstone) ME17 4JD
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Plan your diary to ensure you don't miss the motoring events that matter to you. Maserati Club events are highlighted and marked with the Trident.

If you have a date you would like included in this section please email it to newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk

October 2014

3rd - 5th October 2014

Autumn Meeting
Metropole Hotel,
Llandrindrod Wells
Contact: Dick & Mary Pole
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3 - 5 October 2014

Japanese Grand Prix
Suzuka

10 - 12 October 2014

Russian Grand Prix
Sochi

12 October 2014

**Brooklands Museum
'Autumn Motorsport
Festival'**
Brooklands
www.gingerbeerpromotions.com

31 October - 2 November 2014

United States Grand Prix
Austin

November 2014

7 - 9 November 2014

Brazilian Grand Prix
Sao Paolo

14 - 16 November 2014

**Lancaster Insurance
Classic Motor Show**
The NEC Birmingham
www.necclassicismotorshow.com

21 - 23 November 2014

Abu Dhabi Grand Prix
Yas Marina

December 2014

7 December 2014

Christmas Lunch
The Bluebird Cafe
Contact: Andrew Hutton

January 2015

25 January 2015

Northern Lights Lunch
The Mere, Knutsford
Contact: Gail Mosley
Email: deedas1@hotmail.co.uk

April 2015

23 - 26 April 2015

**Cameron Millar Spring
Meeting**
Cornwall
Contact: William Jackson

May 2015

2 - 4 May 2015

Donington Historic Festival
Donington
www.doningtonhistoric.com

September 2015

24 - 27 September 2015

**Maserati Clubs
International**
France

October 2015

9 - 11 October 2015

Autumn Meeting
Yorkshire Dales



A Mexico in Monterey
Photo Henry McNeill

The Best Maserati Centenary Celebration Ever! Event reports inside



Photo: James Wheeler

The A-Team take a well-earned break



Photo: Dave Smith

Classics on display

Peter Holmes taking part in the parade



Photo: Dave Smith

Returning from track parade



Photo: Dave Smith

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Become the next
Trident Editor
We await your call!

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Ghosted background image: Wilton Classic and Supercar - Details on page 4.

The big picture at Silverstone Photo: Dave Smith



Editor's Agenda



Henry McNeill,
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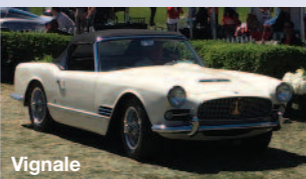
I am now looking forward to my first UK based Maserati event of the year in the form of Dick and Mary Pole's autumn meeting in Wales. I am probably the worst-placed Editor of any Maserati publication during this Centenary year. But, it has not stopped me attending a few others outside my geographical remit.

Highlight for me since the last Newsletter was a 'day trip to Monterey', more detail will be appearing in the Trident sometime.

Concorso Italiano took place at Black Horse Golf Course a few miles out of Monterey town. While a Lambo 400GT won the Best in Show, a number of Masers pushed it close, including a stunning 3500GT Vignale Spyder Prototype in white. The Maserati Club selected a very shiny Ghibli Spider SS as its winner. In fact, the Concorso started about 20 years ago as the Maserati Summer Picnic.

I have noticed from afar the intense club activity in the UK. Roger tells me 21 cars will be leaving for the Centennial Gathering – I really wish I had the time. It looks like Silverstone was a great success with many plaudits – generating 11 new members (including one from Switzerland) and 2 ex-members re-joining. Do have a search on Youtube for some video evidence of this largest of events.

Auction season was in full swing with a new glass ceiling being reached at \$38m inc. premium for



Vignale



Ghibli

a 250 GTO in Pebble Beach. A '56 250F driven to victory by Moss in its only GP outing made \$4.6m and a '70 Ghibli SS hit \$265k at Gooding's. Coys were able to offload a 1963 Maserati

3500 GTi for £150k. As a slight aside I see that the proposed Alfa 6C coupe is drawing on the looks of the Maserati Alfieri concept. With the Alfieri already confirmed for production in 2016, possibly the 6C will follow in 2017 with a highly-tuned version of the Ghibli's 3.0-litre twin-turbo V6 under the bonnet (hence the 6C name). Too many cars, too little time!

Look out for Car magazine's Maserati special due in the November issue (probably released early October). The latest Auto Italia has a few good Maser articles, including a Silverstone and Centenary review, Villa d'Este and a tour around the Italian lakes in an MC Stradale (I wish!).

Ci vediamo in Galle,
Henry McNeill, September 2014

Chairman's Note By Nick Heywood-Waddington



Nick Heywood-Waddington

The first day of autumn has arrived and once again it's raining. I blame myself for this as we have carried the rain with us most of the year. While everyone was basking in the sun and occasional thunderstorm in England we were enjoying one of northern Italy's worst summers in memory. The day we returned to England the weather broke with heavy rain. So since the 8th of August I cheerfully accept full responsibility for the weather!

The day after our return to England I headed off with my Vignale Spyder to Wilton House for their Classic and Supercar show supported by a gathering of Maseratis organised by Nigel McMorrough of Meridien Modena. The journey down from Sussex was a pleasure – 6am start, towels to catch the rain leaking in over the side windows, cloths for the condensation, wipers making an occasional dent in the rain, man on the gate sending me astray, redirection via boggy field, arrival with half Wiltshire under the wheel arches. But Nigel's warm welcome to his intrepid guests included shelter and coffee so all was well. Roger Lucas arrived in his Vignale Spyder

shortly after me also feeling a bit damp!

The weather brightened during the day allowing us to look around the show including the Maserati Centenary display which had a good range of models including Indy, Mistral, Khamsin, Biturbo, Gransport, Granturismo, Grancabrio, QP 4 and 5 as well as the new QP6 and Ghibli. The main show contained some jewels that caught my eye including a lovely Lancia B20 GT and a fabulous Bristol 401 cabriolet. Apart from



Vignale Spyder at Wilton House - Roger Lucas

the rain the only thing to spoil my day was a visitor telling me my car would have been his favourite if Roger's Spyder had not been there! I took it well. The sun came out for the journey home and the day that began with a scowl ended with a smile.

July and August saw some other great events which unhappily I missed. Edwin Faulkner and his team, generously assisted by Maserati GB, amassed the greatest number of Maseras (over 200)

ever gathered together in the UK for a spectacular display and parade. This will be written up in detail in Trident. More regional events open to all club members were Clive and Pamela Brandon's summer picnic at "Brandon on the Water" and Jim and Penny Buss' annual summer garden party at Pluckley which was open this year to other car clubs. Members will now be looking forward to Dick and Mary Pole's autumn meeting in Wales, the Concours of Elegance at Hampton Court and the Goodwood Revival to pick out only

certainly learned a great deal in the process. To illustrate the detail of the inspection I now know that my windscreen washer jets are too high and that the diameter of my exhausts is marginally too big! A full rebuild is clearly required.

We held our first Committee meeting after the summer at the beginning of September and I would like to draw your attention to two of the things that were on our agenda. First, the position of Trident Editor still has to be filled. We would be very interested to hear from anyone who would like to put their hat in the ring for this position. I know most members will be shy to put themselves forward but this may just be the opportunity you have always been looking for and will regret not volunteering for! Secondly, we are making progress on the Club Insurance proposal. As I mentioned at the AGM we are working with a broker to give members access to insurers who understand our love of our cars. If we can agree terms there will be a triple benefit: to you who get access to a quality insurance plan; to the broker who gets a connection with you if, and only if, you contact them; and to the club which gets a small share of the standard commission helping club finances. The club will have no involvement at all with any insurance contract which remains an entirely private matter between the club member and the broker. However we will maintain a continuing relationship with the broker to make sure that our members are receiving the best possible service.

Cordiali saluti - Nick

New Editor Sought for Trident By Geoff Lancaster

The Editor of Trident, Geoff Lancaster has decided to step down after 7 years in the hot seat. Geoff had the unenviable task of taking over from acknowledged marque guru, Andy Heywood following the publication of the special hundredth edition. When he steps down in Spring 2015 he will have produced twenty two editions. Not quite the record which is held by Michael Miles, but a close second.

The task now is to appoint a successor. Geoff believes this is the best job on the Maserati committee. You get to write about your passion and thrown in for good measure are press accreditation for major events like Goodwood Revival, loan of Maserati Press Cars and invitations to car launches and driving days. It's not all glamour of course. Producing a 68 page glossy magazine three times a year requires commitment, but the sense of achievement is very fulfilling made more so by the appreciation of the members.

If you've always fancied a shot at being a motoring journalist this is your chance! The Chairman eagerly awaits your call or email.

Death of the Car Tax Disc by Mary Pole

From 1 October 2014, the paper tax disc will no longer need to be displayed on a vehicle windscreen. If you have a tax disc with any time left to run after this date, then it can be removed from the vehicle windscreen and destroyed. This includes drivers with a Northern Ireland address, however they will still need to display their MoT disc. You can apply online to tax or SORN your vehicle using your 16 digit reference number from your vehicle tax renewal reminder (V11) or 11 digit reference number from your log book (V5C).

To drive or keep a vehicle on the road you will still need to get vehicle tax and DVLA will still send you a renewal reminder when your vehicle tax is due to expire. This applies to all types of vehicles including those that are exempt from payment of vehicle tax.

Buying a vehicle: From 1 October, when you buy a vehicle, the vehicle tax will no longer be transferred with the vehicle. You will need to get new vehicle tax before you can use the vehicle.

Selling a vehicle: If you sell a vehicle after 1 October and you have notified DVLA, you will automatically get a refund for any full calendar months left on the vehicle tax.

Vehicle tax refunds: You will no longer need to make a separate application for a refund of vehicle tax. DVLA will automatically issue a refund when a notification is received from the person named on DVLA vehicle register that the vehicle has been sold or transferred; scrapped at an Authorised Treatment Facility; exported; been removed from the road and a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) has been made; or the tax class on the vehicle has been changed to an exempt duty tax class.

Direct Debit: You will be able to pay vehicle tax by Direct Debit. You can check the tax status of any vehicle online: www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax

Cars, Girls, Editing – What more do you want? By John Bennett

The retiring Editor comments that he has held the job for the past seven years and that thought caused me to wonder how long Peter Rae and I edited the magazine back in the 90's. In those days the magazine was a tidy little A5 number (that's a once folded A4 sheet for those who don't understand these things) and initially in black and white bar the red letters for Trident on the front cover and for the trident in the badge.

Our first issue was No. 51, winter 1990 and, by chance, also reported on the very first Scottish Spring Rally that was organised by Drummond Bone, Peter and

myself in the Borders. The rally included a sprint on the old, and by then even more bumpy, circuit at Charterhall where I first went to watch motor racing in the early 60's. Our last joint issue was No.64, winter 1995 a total of 13 issues over 5 years – yes, we missed a couple! But Peter continued on his own for a further four issues through to summer 1996. Typical Peter, his last issue featured a cover photo of the back of a scantily clad lady wearing a thong (hardly visible) looking down on a 250F. In those days even that was too much for some people and had that not been his last issue then it certainly would have been!

Of course there's considerable danger in picking up back issues of a magazine that you were involved in and this piece of research has now taken some hours. Most interesting was to see how I managed to own so many different Maseras in those five years. From Biturbo to Merak SS, Sebring II (I still have the car) Ghibli SS and QP1. No wonder I was so poor!

If you have the inclination, Adam Painter will sell you a fair selection of back copies of Trident from that era when the magazine was in its prime!



Obituary - Nicholas Brimblecombe 1950-2014

by John Bennett

I regret to have to tell you that Club Member Nick Brimblecombe died on 27th August. He was picnicking on the banks of the Charante near the Logis de Paradis, where he lived, when he succumbed to a heart attack. As a Director of the Grand Touring Club many members will have travelled with him to Angouleme and on other motoring adventures. He was a colourful and effervescent character with a love of cars, good wine and food and will be sorely missed. Our condolences to his wife Sally and family.

Club Subscription Payments – We need you help! By Jerry Hutton

I hope you have all enjoyed good weather over the summer, I certainly seem to have had the sun shining on me often than not, which has helped me make more use of the classic cars than I usually manage. Even now in September the weather gods are being reasonably kind as final preparations are being made to the Sebring in order to attend the Centennial celebrations in Italy; so hopefully my summer will be extended a little further... Other commitments have prevented me attending as many Club events as I might have liked this year but we have thoroughly enjoyed the events at Prescott, Donington and Silverstone.

You will be aware from the last newsletter that at the Prescott AGM the assembled members approved an increase in subscriptions for 2015. Our membership uses diverse arrangements to make their subscription payments to the Club, all of which are welcome but this does create a certain amount of complexity, which does not make Dave Smith, our hard working

Administrator's job any easier! This year we had members who sent a cheque to Dave, we had members who made payment to the old Maserati Club account, members who made payments to the new Maserati Club Ltd. account and we had a few members who made a payment by credit card. We also now have the possibility of taking payments through PayPal by arrangement with me; whilst this is not the preferred method it can be cost effective and easy, particularly for our overseas members.

One of the tasks I have been busy with over the summer is investigating Direct Debit payment options, whilst this is not yet in place I hope we will be able to provide a further and preferred option for members' subscription payments in the near future. Whilst it might seem perverse to be further complicating the options you have to part with your money the logic is that once a system is in place it will be much more convenient for members.

With the change in subscriptions you will all need to take some action, the recommendation is as follows;

- Direct Debit option coming soon – I hope you will sign up to this in time for 2015 subscription payments.
- If Direct Debit is not ready by the end of the year you will need to cancel your existing Standing Order and arrange a new Standing Order to the Maserati Club Ltd. account.
- For overseas members where transaction costs make either of the above options expensive you are welcome to contact me to arrange a credit card payment through PayPal.

Have a great rest of the summer, happy motoring.

Answer to ANORAK QUIZ on page 7

1950 Maserati 1500





Event Reports

Maserati Centenary at Silverstone Classic

By Dave Smith

I think the Maserati brothers must have been smiling down on us – Wednesday and Thursday set-up days sunny – Friday, Saturday and Sunday Silverstone Classic sunny!! Firstly the thanks; Edwin Faulkner the organiser and driving force behind the centenary celebrations, Maserati GB for allowing use of their hospitality trailer and helping with the costs for the marquees and transport for the MC12 from Germany, those owners who generously lent their cars for the display and of course the A-Team plus the volunteer Marshalls who made the event run so smoothly. As well as Edwin special mention should be given to Keith Davies, Peter Wood and Peter Watson who always seemed to be there helping any time of the day. As well as the Silverstone Classic this was a celebration of the centenary of Maserati and it was celebrated in style by club members and guests alike.

And now for some facts and figures, club cars present Friday – 57, Saturday – 91 and Sunday 207. The Sunday track parade, led by Sir Stirling in a 250F, comprised of 221 cars and 4 motorcycles, this must be a UK record, but I'm sure someone will correct me if it wasn't! All this plus historic racing, a fairground, live music and parts/memorabilia stalls, look out for a fuller report in the Winter Trident.

By Edwin Faulkner

After 12 months of planning for the UK Centenary celebrations of Maserati at Silverstone, it all came good according to all the feedback I have been receiving. The A Team (myself, Keith Davies & Dave Smith) plus Peter Wood started the set up on the Wednesday with the 2 large marquees to erect which was to house all the racing cars. Then, on Thursday, the hospitality rig, small, marquee, tables and chairs etc. arrived to be erected and positioned. Two very busy days, but, it was good to see it all coming together, by later evening it was all ready for the opening at 7.30am Friday.

Friday saw the last of the racing cars arrive along with 57 club member's cars. There was plenty of action on the track as all the classes were doing their qualifying laps. In the evening there were rock bands to entertain the crowd. Saturday saw 91 club cars on the display and a full day's racing right through to 9.00pm, plus even more rock bands at night.

Sunday there were 250 Maserati's on the display of which 221 cars and 3 motorcycles were on the parade, this is a UK record of Maserati's gathered in one place. Again there was a full days racing right up to 7.00pm. J. Gridley emailed Edwin a vote of thanks and hopes his name goes into the Guinness' Book of Records.

As far as I am concerned the whole Maserati event went well and I hope all that attended enjoyed the experience.

Wilton Classic and Supercar

By Jonothan Ward



Modena Maserati were trying to get a hundred Maseratis down to the Wilton Show, but I suspect that number wasn't reached; partly due to the appalling weather forecast, which despite the evidence of this picture, turned out to be pretty decent. Also, I suggest the usual reasons associated with trying to get Maseratis from A to B. I took my Citroen SM down and I was surprised by the amount of interest it generated.

The show was excellent, with super cars galore in a delightful setting. The comparison with Goodwood is interesting. Ironically, the very success of Goodwood is now jeopardising the enjoyment of that event in many people's eyes, while Wilton still retains a lovely atmosphere. Long may it last.

Member Introductions

Chris Baister

"I have been a fan and admirer of the marque for many years. Hockey stick rear lights on the 3200 I remember well! Considered adding these to my Gransport, but £6,000 is a little extravagant! Before buying my first Maserati I spent nearly two years looking for the right car for me, with late nights on You Tube drooling over track days, photos and exhaust sounds, time well spent I think. Finally joined the club following my first meet in Hertfordshire and I must say I was overwhelmed by the welcome and friendliness of its members. I am currently enjoying the whole Maserati experience and long may it continue. Hopefully will meet more of you in the future."

Isabelle Mitchell

Maserati was not a make of car that had entered my mind as I was looking for a little runabout to compliment my 4x4, such was its racing pedigree. Then I saw a GranSport on a forecourt and in the immortal words uttered by Will Smith in Independence Day, "I gotta get me one of these!" Why have a very comfortable, all singing and dancing, boringly reliable Audi TT when one can ride a roaring, temperamental Belle Italiane? I am sure I am not alone in having also found the magical property of this car: it makes everything around it a lot more beautiful!



Centenary Dropbox Folder

By Henry McNeill

Now that the Centenary is upon us, we must keep a pictorial record of all our activities. To help achieve this, I have created a new Dropbox folder 'Maserati Club General'. Please email me (newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk) if you would like to have access to upload your photos. Create a directory prefixed by your membership number and your name(s). A sample already exists in the folder. Do remember that these will be visible by others and could be used in Club publications.

Quay For My Car – Italian Stallions, Poole 25th July By Paul Hanmore



With a setting offering attractive views of high-end motor cruisers, yachts, ferry boats and other water craft, with panoramas across to Brownsea Island and many enticing pubs, restaurants and shops with local character: Poole's Quay, set beside the largest natural harbour in the UK, offers much for this occasion. Following the tremendous success of last year's inaugural event, it may have been optimistic to anticipate a similar turnout this year. Nevertheless, the lengthy spell of good summer weather encouraged our anticipations to rise accordingly.

Unfortunately, at six pm, just as the quay opened, there was a thunderous shower. Although it endured for only 20 minutes or so, it may well have dampened the enthusiasm of potential entrants living nearby. However, the rest of us were already in town, or at least at its approaches, and for us the show had to go on! The Quay area was again filled with Italian candy of a diverse variety. It was gratifying to see a fair number of IAMC members attending. Once again, it was a good turnout and a very pleasant three hours were spent on a thoroughly pleasant evening.

Let us hope these events will continue. Please contact Anne Simpson at Poole Tourism to thank them for the Italian Stallions event and give support for it to be held in future years: a.simpson@pooletourism.com



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Welcome to the Club

Membership on 1st September 2014 stood at 650, this time last year the figure was 572. New members signed up since the publication of the last newsletter are: -

Name	Member No.	Area	Car
Luqman Niazi	4937	-	Spyder CC
Richard Ellis	4938	Worcestershire	-
Rob Harvie-Clark	4942	Devon	-
Robin Aikman	4945	Hertfordshire	-
Philip Jackson	4946	Berkshire	-
Lawrence Maudsley	4947	Essex	Biturbo spyder
Michelle Smith	4949	London	-
Ian Batty	4950	S.Yorkshire	-
Isabelle Mitchell	4951	Kent	-
Paul Pickerill	4953	Devon	Gransport
Graham Fisher	4956	Kent	-
Ian Townend	4957	Gloucestershire	4200
Keith Livens	4958	Essex	Coupe
Trevor Jenkins	4959	Wales	Coupe
Phil Taylor	4960	Essex	Coupe
Frank Manduca	4961	Switzerland	Saurer Merak
Peter Brindle	4962	Bristol	Coupe CC
Robert Taylor	4963	Wales	-
Paul Marchant	4965	Hampshire	Granturismo

For those wondering CC = Cambiocorsa.

A warm welcome to the club

Email addresses – I have just sent out an email about our Autumn Meeting in Wales. If you did not receive this you have either not given me an email address or I have the wrong address. If you would like to rectify this please update me at the address below.

Subscriptions – you are reminded that for 2015 the subscriptions are £65.00 for UK members and £80.00 for non-UK members.

Kind regards - Dave Smith Club Administrator phone/fax 01494 717 701 admin@maseraticlub.co.uk

Maserati NEWSLETTER

Copy Dates

Editorial and advertisements for the Nov/Dec issue should be in by 3rd November 2014.





RM at Monterey By Henry McNeill & Katherine McFadden

The Newsletter Editor enjoyed his day trip to Monterey, an article will be included in the Trident sometime. In evening, I visited the RM Auction and was able to watch proceedings from the hotel bar. As noted in the last Newsletter, Maseratis were a special feature on the concours field and a number of

exceptional examples cross the RM Auction podium.

In total, RM's Monterey sale achieved a remarkable \$143.4 million in auction sales to become the highest grossing collector car auction of all time. The auction included the sale of three lovely

examples from Maserati which cumulatively achieved \$2.5 million. The Maserati sales included 1963 Maserati 5000 GT Spyder Prototype by Vignale (\$1,072,500); 1962 Maserati 3500 GT Spyder by Vignale (\$764,500) 1961 Maserati 350 GT Coupe 'Speciale' by Frua (\$660,000)

News from Down-Under

John Gove from the Maserati Club of Australia issues a 'Maserati Register Newsletter'. If anyone is interested in news or activities 'down under' please contact John at gove@transaction.com.au. John attended the excellent Scottish Cameron Millar this year, so he may be known to some of you.

Autumn Meeting Mid Wales Motoring with the Maserati Club Now fully booked. Please contact Dick Pole for any last minute availability: dickpole@zcl-uk.net

3th - 5th October 2014

The Autumn Meeting starts at 11.15 am on Friday morning, 3 October, at the Morgan Factory in Malvern for a tour, followed by a light lunch. This stage of the event is optional, as timing and location might not suit all of you. We then meet at The Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells (www.metropole.co.uk). Privately owned, The Metropole Hotel and Spa is the highest AA rated hotel and spa in Mid Wales and provides the perfect venue for a motoring weekend. Friday evening starts with a drinks reception at the hotel, followed by dinner.



On Saturday morning we take to the road and drive through the spectacular Cambrian Mountains, arriving for lunch at the historic Maesmawr Hall Hotel in Caersws (www.maesmawr.co.uk). The afternoon is then your own to explore this lovely area. Places you might like to consider visiting include Abbey Cwm Hir Hall, Elan Valley, Rhyader Red Kite Centre, Dyffryn Gardens and Arboretum, National Cycle Collection - or just enjoy the hotel's pool and spa. We meet in the evening for pre-dinner drinks followed by a gala dinner.

Our Sunday morning drive will meander through the hill country south and east of Llandrindod Wells, with lunch at Hampton Court Castle (www.hamptoncourt.org.uk) - near Leominster not London!

Dress code throughout the weekend is smart casual with the emphasis on the smart for Saturday evening's dinner - ladies, get out those posh frocks and 'hotel shoes'.

We can promise some fabulous driving roads and wonderful scenery, excellent food and wine and, of course, the best of company. We do hope you can join us to explore this delightful part of Wales. The cost of this weekend event is from £290 per person. The booking form is available to download from the Club's website: www.maseraticlub.co.uk/clubevents We are grateful to this event's supporters: Amato Food Products Ltd and Autosshield Maserati.

For further information, please contact Dick Pole: dickpole@zcl-uk.net

Brooklands Museum 'Autumn Motorsport Festival'

12th October 2014

The fourth edition of the Brooklands Autumn Motorsport Festival takes place on Sunday October 12th. This is a great opportunity to round-off the season with the sight and sound of competition cars from all eras in action on the Mercedes-Benz world test track, adjacent to Brooklands Museum. Selected cars will also run-up the demanding Brooklands Test Hill.

Although the event is organised by Auto Italia it is open to competition cars of all nationalities and eras. Everything from the ex-Nelson Piquet 8190 and ExSchumacher 8193 Benetton to the Brooklands record breaking Napier Raiton will be circulating on the track, mixing it with some fine Italian machinery. Notable entries are Peter Jerram's Ferrari 212 F1 and Allan Collett's racing Iso Rivolta.

Auto Italia readers who arrive in an Italian car can be part of the event by joining the Italian car display (entry via the Campbell Gate off Brooklands Road). Club entries are also welcome, so do book your free club space now: or, if you have a competition car and would like to take part in the on-track activities, please contact Phil Ward at phiward@auto-italia.net.

TICKET INFORMATION: No advance ticketing for this event, simply pay on the day. Adult £13, Seniors/Students £12, Children (5-16) £6.50 Family £4 Gates open 09.30. For more information, see www.brooklandsmuseum.com.



Maserati's at Monterey - Concorso Italiano Photo Henry McNeill

Centennial Shopping

The great artistic project known as "A century of victories" has reached all five issues. The fourth batch of 20 included unpublished lithographs inspired by vintage posters, from those obtained in the Grand Prix competitions after the Second World War, from the 4CL single seaters to the triumphs of the Maserati Sport 300S and 450S and of the Tipo 61 "Birdcage".

The fifth and last release are a collection of prints that have never published before. Dedicated to some of the most famous races won by the

Trident: from the victories of Nuvolari and Villolosi in the '30s and '40s, to Fangio's successes in Formula 1, up to the prestigious triumph of the Maserati MC12 in the 2005 edition of the 24 Hours of Spa.

Each are printed in a limited number of 100 copies, numbered and signed by the Author, Enzo Naso. The prints faithfully reproduce the style and the graphic technique of the original vintage posters.

Finally, some Centennial stuff has reached the

webshop including jackets; polo and t-shirts; cuff-links; bracelets; key-rings and the big Centennial Book. Excitingly, a new and sophisticated fragrance is the result of the partnership between Maserati and La Martina: the Maserati Eau de Toilette by La Martina Centennial Polo Tour celebrates the Maserati Centennial with a mix of notes blended to embrace your senses, the ideal fragrance for elegant and trendy men who enjoy experiencing ever new emotions. (Must be thinking of me - Editor).

NEC Classic Motor Show



NEC Birmingham 14-16 November 2014
Maserati 1914 -2014

You are invited to come and celebrate 100 years of Maserati at this year's Classic Motor Show

Volunteers are required to come and help man the club's stand at this year's Classic Motor Show which this year will be celebrating Maserati's Centennial with a fabulous selection of cars.

As in previous years volunteers will again be scheduled to be on the stand for either a morning of an afternoon, which will allow plenty of time to see the rest of the show for FREE.

If you are able to do one or more days then please contact:-

Edwin Faulkner ejf@manx.net

And advise your preferred day or days and morning or afternoon.

The Maserati Club is masterminding a 21-strong display of the Italian firm's classics to mark the company's centenary at this year's NEC Classic Motor Show.

The Ghibli, Khamsin and Mk1 Quattroporte will join rarities like the 200S - one of only 28 made - and the 250F owned by Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason.

Stand organiser and club member David Daws said that he is aiming to make the display as wide-ranging as possible, incorporating everything from the 1930s 4CS racing car to the company's latest twist on the Ghibli, a four-door saloon. However, he added there are still 'a few surprises' to join the 21 cars already confirmed for the stand.

Dan Nwaokolo, event director, said: 'We're really looking forward to helping Maserati mark their 100th birthday - they've produced some stunning cars in that time and I'm excited to see that so many of them will be with us for the show.'

The NEC Classic Motor Show takes place between 14-16 November, with advance adult tickets starting from £18.50.

International Historic Motoring Awards 2014

20th November 2014

Nominations are now open for the fourth International Historic Motoring Awards (IHMA), in association with EFG private bank and Octane magazine. Classic motoring and motorsport enthusiasts, and those working in the historic motoring or motorsport industry, are invited to make their nominations online for 14 categories at www.historicmotoringawards.com by October 1st, and play your part in highlighting the best of the best.

Maserati Driving Courses - the new season

Have a look at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=DbFt2lFsTJI

Courses coming up include:

- 3 October Master GT 1 day
- 8 - 9 October Master GT 2 days
- 23-24 October Master High Performance
- 3 - 4 November Master GT 2 days



ANORAK'S CORNER



Question:
What's the year and model?

Answers on Page 3

If you would like to contribute with a Maserati puzzle or conundrum - get in touch.



Christmas Lunch



The Bluebird Dining Rooms

7th December 2014, 12:30 Start

After last year's inaugural event, it has been decided to risk another visit to The Bluebird Dining Rooms (350 Kings Road, Chelsea, London SW3 5UU). Numbers are limited to 100, which is the maximum capacity of the restaurant.

On arrival, pre-lunch drinks followed by a three course lunch accompanied by appropriate wines. A vegetarian option will be available. Price will be £70 per head.

Booking forms are now available on the club website. As previously mentioned, places are limited to 100 people. Please send your application form and payment to Andrew Hutton at andrewhutton5@btinternet.com.

Maserati 'Northern Lights' Winter Lunch 2015

25 January 2015

Arrive at 12 noon in The Riley Room at The Mere, Chester Road, Mere, Knutsford, WA16 6LJ. 'Bubbles' on arrival, three course lunch, cheese platter, coffee or tea.

Book on a 'first come' basis. Some accommodation can be reserved at a special rate to Maserati Members and their guests. Car Parking is available. Further information from Gail Mosley on 01803 722633/ 07710740812 or email: deedas1@hotmail.co.uk. Booking Forms Available on Club Website



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Dave Smith



Silverstone Classic
As a lifelong Maserati man and keen photographer, Dave Smith has built up an extensive library of photographs of Maserati cars and Club members taken at race meetings and other motoring events. **Copies and enlargements are available at attractive prices. Contact Dave on 01494 717701**

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3500, Sebring, Mistral or Ghibli. All things considered, from restoration project to concours. Please contact me on 07968 094741 or laurel-cottage@hotmail.co.uk Many thanks.

1987 Biturbo Spyder 2.5



Manual. Red/Beige leather, MOT to December 14, 2 owners, only 28,700 miles, special registration, service history, original handbook and invoice, workshop manual, £11,000. Contact Peter Plant on 01283 702245

Wanted for a 1997 Quattroporte

Headlights, Front Bumper, Front door stays. Contact Steve Rogers on Email: steverogers47@btinternet.com; Tel: 01707 261232; Mob : 07563 552500.

450S Your Car

Registration 450 SYC on Retention. Offers Please. Contact: 01793 766620, clivechapman_ampney@hotmail.com

1987 Maserati Bi-Turbo Spyder 2.5



30,500 miles, £11,000 o.n.o. I have owned this car from new. Garaged throughout its life, it has only been driven on sunny days and still has only under 30,500 miles on the clock. Regrettably we are down-sizing and will not have a garage to maintain it in its lovely condition.

Major servicing has been carried out by Bill McGrath and, previously, Meridien in Bournemouth. Within the last two years the tyres have been replaced; through excess time-related hardness rather than use. In 2013 the rear window in the hood was also renewed. No insurance claims in 27 years!

To be viewed in Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. Contact: Malcolm Barker, 01494-763070, email: mnbarker@gmail.com

Biturbo Spyder 2.8



January 1990

Swan white with blue leather interior. All in excellent order. This is an automatic version with up to date air conditioning and Pioneer stereo. Runs very well with full service history. Owner needs garage space. £8,500. Contact Nigel on 01534 743064 or sueguenier@hotmail.com.

Wanted by Classic Car Enthusiast

Long term Classic car enthusiast is looking for a sensibly priced Khamsin, Sebring or 3500GT in very good condition. Looking forward to you making contact: wgeisler@gmx.de / phone: +49 1728104109



Michael's Diary of Incidents

Credit: BPMotorSpirit.com

Alex Fyshe suggested that TorqueTalk should be called Michael's diary because my "incidents" at the circuits this year have been more interesting than the articles that I write. So I will try to combine some of my personal experiences from behind the steering wheel with a summary of the event from behind the lens.

The amazing MC12 of Niek Hommerson with its Centenary Paintwork



The Classic run across the track

After the Festival of Speed my next meeting was the Le Mans Classic, this biannual celebration of the world's greatest 24 hour race now attracts in excess of 110,000 spectators including a delegation from the UK Maserati Club. There were more than 450 historic cars competing on the 13.6 km track, each car allocated three 45 minute races. There are 6 plateaus and the oldest car was a 1925 Type 51 Bugatti through to 1979 cars. I regret to say that neither a Maserati or OSCA reached an overall top ten position in their plateau but it was wonderful to see them on the circuit, but disappointing that there were no UK entries. I spoke to Francesco and Antonia driving the 750 S OSCA and they admitted that the speed differential was frightening and they spent most of the race looking in their rear view mirror!

Regalia

Auto Italia celebrates Maserati's 100th anniversary with a special edition dedicated to the marque

Recorded by Auto Italia contributor Simon Park, **Maserati Centenario follows the Maserati story from its roots in Diatto, through the Orsi dynasty, the Citroën years, the De Tomaso episode and finally Ferrari and the current Fiat administration. The dream of Fratelli Maserati all those years ago has finally been realised with Maserati becoming one of the most recognised and respected exclusive car marques.**

Maserati Centenario is produced using superior materials and we believe that it is the best quality publication so far on the 100th anniversary. The format is the same size as Auto Italia with soft bound covers on heavier paper and 84 inside pages. The feature photography is sourced from Auto Italia's own archives and the layout has been designed by Art Editor Michael Ward.

The Author

For more than 40 years, Simon Park has enjoyed a successful career as a composer of music for films and television, and his work has been heard on numerous TV series, commercials and documentaries as well as several feature films. A chance encounter with a bright yellow (bizarrely, brush-painted) Alfa Romeo TZ1 in Oxford, in 1964, infected him with full-blown Italian car-itis, for which of course there is no known cure. Initially infatuated with Alfas he was subsequently led astray, first by the come-hither look of a Lancia Stratos and later by the siren call of assorted Maseratis. Drawn to write words as well as music, he seized on an opportunity to embark on a second mini-career indulging this parallel passion, and began writing regularly for Auto Italia some ten years ago. Lancias and Maseratis continue to haunt his life.



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Maserati, a Century of History (the official book)



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Plateau 3 1957 – 1961

OSCA 750S Francesco Adamoli and Antonia Bigatti (ITA)
OSCA 1600 GTS Zagato David Graus (USA) and Ivan Vercoutere (FRA)
Maserati 300S Marin Halusa and sons (AUT)

Plateau 2 1949 – 1956

OSCA MT4 Jean Laurent-Bellue (FRA)
OSCA 1500 TN Antoine Blasco (FRA)
Jean Jacques Peyraud (FRA)
Maserati A6 GCS Francois Cointreau (FRA)
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Maserati 300S Dieter Roschmann (DEU)
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Maserati 300S Pierre Rageys (FRA) Nicolas Chambon (FRA)
Maserati 300S Peirre Mellinger (FRA) Tommaso Gelmini (ITA)

There were no pre-war Maserati or OSCA's and for this there is a simple explanation. Entries are only accepted from owners of cars that either raced in period at Le Mans or the car is an identical model to one that raced in period at Le Mans. Maserati only raced at Le Mans in the 1950's and 1960's and in addition to the above 150S, 200S, 450S, 200SI, the Birdcages and the Tipo 151's are all eligible. I have tried to argue with the selectors that my Cooper Maserati Monaco is eligible because Cooper Monaco's raced there in 1959 & 1961 and the Maserati Tipo 151's raced there from 1961-1965 and my car has one of the five Tipo 151 engines. I think it reminded them of the legendary sketch with Ronnie Barker and André Previn... all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order. They declined my application!



The OSCA's lined up in the pits

David and I entered our 1961 E Type Jaguar that has competed in every Classic since 2002. This was our second attempt with the E Type to complete the three races without an incident having lost our front brakes in the final race in 2012. More gremlins this year and in the first race I had a puncture along the Mulsanne straight about the furthest point from the pits and too far to crawl back to our crew waiting with a spare tyre. Fortunately not a blow out at 157 mph but just a slow puncture in the rear. In race two we finished 17th and in race three 22nd, out of 73 starters so we were quite pleased considering that so many of the opposition were purpose built racing cars. Due to the puncture our overall position was well down but we took some pleasure being recorded as the 9th fastest through the speed trap at night. Thank you to the club members that came to add their support.

Excellence at Silverstone

Wow, what a line-up of Maserati both road and racing well done Edwin and all those that helped him. I am only briefly mentioning this major event because there will be more in the Trident.

Salon Privé 3rd to 5th September at Syon Park, London.

Now in its 9th year, Salon Privé boasts that it has assembled the finest collection of concours cars and an amazing array of Super Cars too. The inaugural joint venture between Salon Privé and Silverstone Auctions was launched, offering a selection of very high quality cars including the fabulous Stadale Collection. After 10 years of ownership, my Fiat Dino Spider was sold for £72,000 which for a 206 Dino is a new auction record, so cause for celebration.

The organisers were out to attract an affluent crowd with Champagne receptions, lobster lunches, gala dinners in Syon Park House, parades of super cars, classic cars and bikes. Competitions for best dressed ladies on Boodles Ladies Day and Concours D'Elegance competitions and awards presented by the Royal College of Art.

Below is a picture of Will and a Porsche his collection with 5 times Le Man winner Derek Bell. The last time Derek saw that car he had built up a 4 minute lead at the Nürburgring and handed over to his co-driver for the final hour of the race. After seeing the lap times Derek told the pits to signal to Stefan Bellof to slow down.... the car never came round again after a major accident. Derek still felt the disappointment of losing after all these years.



Our Chairman looking concerned as the 3500 GT Vignale is losing water before the start of the tour and the RAC have been called out. But all was well in the end.

As part of the event there was a classic car tour from the RAC club in Epsom to Wilton House near Salisbury to meet Will otherwise known as William Herbert, 18th Earl of Pembroke, who took over the 148,000 acre estate upon the death of his father in 2003. Will is a fellow classic car enthusiast with an impressive collection and hosts an annual Classic Car show, this year featuring Maserati.



After an excellent lunch at Wilton House back to Syon Park for champagne reception in the grounds of the magnificent Orangery followed by dinner. From Wednesday to Friday, Salon Privé opened to the public with the Concours d'Elegance. 10 categories of awards included 100 years of Maserati, represented by five road cars and 5 race cars with Adolfo Orsi on the judging panel. The winners of the road cars were a very original 1500 GT from 1951 owned by Andreas Pohl and the 1968 prototype Mexico owned by Nicolas Hollanders de Ouderaen. Race car winners were a 300S belonging to Dieter Roschmann and Adam's 4CS. I questioned how a race car can be put in a Concours competition, if it is truly original it cannot have done much racing! The other race cars were Roland Druce's fabulous Tipo 26, probably the finest example in the UK, the ex-Drummond Bones Barchetta with its new owner, Cornelia Baur and my Cooper Maserati Monaco.



The Racing Maserati's and OSCA's



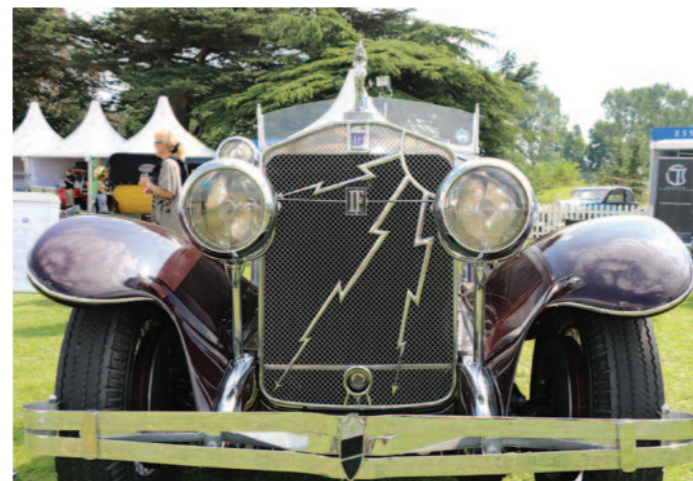
An exceptionally pretty OSCA belonging to Stephan Rettenmaier of Germany.



Model Tipo G4500 with 12 cylinders and 4500cc built in 1951

The OSCA Tipo G4500 raced in the Maserati Centenary Trophy for HGPCA pre-1961 Grand Prix Cars along with Julia de Baldanza in her A6GCM, Guillermo Fierro, Klaus Lehr, Josef Rettenmaier and Allan Miles in 250F's and Tony Wood in the Tec-Mec.

A couple of my favourite pictures



This 1933 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A was truly spectacular from every angle with its Castagna sports body.



The Engine of straight eight Bentley from 1932 surely deserves a photograph even in a Maserati publication.

The VSCC 80th Anniversary Meeting at Prescott



Edwardian Italia with a monstrous engine

◀ A great turn out of enthusiasts competing for the quickest time up the hill and a tremendous display of Vintage cars. No Maseratis there this time.

Below: The 100 years of Maserati celebrations continue in earnest with The Getty Family wanting to show their respect for the Marque with a special display in the grounds Mark Getty's estate at Wormsley near Stokenchurch on the 6th September. They attracted over 90 modern Maserati using the dealership network plus 8 classics and 2 racing cars. The 250F belonging to Nick Mason and a certain green Cooper Maserati that seems to keep being invited to centenary events and I took along the Gran Sport Spyder to help them exceed 100 cars.



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