



The Maserati Centennial International Gathering:
Winner of the 2014 International Historic Motoring Awards' Tour of the Year!

Cameron Millar 2015 – Bill & Jill's Swansong!

CM15 in formation at RNAS Culdrose!



Photo: RNAS Culdrose

CM15 Overall winner - John and Judy Gove



Photo: Dave Smith

On parade at Smeaton Peir, St Ives



Photo: Henry McNeill

Photo: Jill George



Parallel parking at Prideaux Palace

MONTHLY EVENTS - Local Kent Gathering - First Monday of the Month

7:30pm, Contact David Bracey for location.

Classics on the Quay Brunch, normally the 3rd Sunday of the Month - 10.30 to 12.30 outside the Waterfront bar & restaurant, Shamrock Quay Marina, Southampton



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

June 2015

6 – 7 June 2015
Wilton Classic and Supercar 2015
 Wilton House, Near Salisbury, SP2 8PX
www.wiltonclassicsandsupercars.co.uk

11 June 2015
Summer Marathon
 Starts at Salò – Lakeside- Piazza Vittoria
 Website: www.summermarathon.it

12 – 14 June 2015
Cholmondeley Pageant of Power
 Website: www.cpop.co.uk

13 – 14 June 2014
36th Bristol Classic Car Show Bath & West Showground
 Website: www.carsandevents.com
 Telephone: 01507 529529

14 June 2015
West Somerset Classic Car Run
 Bishop's Lydeard Railway Station to Minehead
 Email: robin215white@btinternet.com

14 June 2015
AGM & Concours
 Prescott Hill
 Contact: Michael O'Shea
 Email: racingnews@maseraticlub.co.uk

14 June 2015
Italian Masters Car Fayre
 Seighford Airfield, Clanford Road, Stafford, ST18 9QE
www.midlandscarshows.co.uk

20 June 2015
Shiplake Summer Fayre Classic & Sports Car
 Memorial Ave, Shiplake, RG9 4DW
 Contact: Laurence Manly
 Email: mail@laurencemanly.com

25 – 28 June 2015
Goodwood Festival of Speed
 Goodwood House
www.goodwood.com

28 June 2015
Summertime Classics
 Stanford Hall
www.auto-italia.net

July 2015

5 July 2015
British Grand Prix
 Silverstone
www.silverstone.co.uk

5 July 2015
Prescott Breakfast Club
 Contact: Barrie Murray
 Email: barrie.murray_upton@me.com
 Telephone: 0780 388 7811

17 – 19 July
Royal International Air Tattoo RAF Fairford
www.airtattoo.com
 Contact: Joely Bennett
 Email: SalesAdmin1@rafcte.com

July 2015

18 – 19 July
Classic Nostalgia
 Shelsley Walsh Hill Club, Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire WR6 6RP
www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk

19 July 2015
Tonbridge Lions Classic Car Tour of Kent
 Starts at Tonbridge Castle
 Website: www.tonbridgelions.co.uk

19 July 2015
Supercar Sunday
 Brooklands Museum
www.auto-italia.net

24 – 26 July 2015
Silverstone Classic
 Silverstone
www.silverstoneclassic.com

24 – 26 July 2015
Merak Rally
 Lake Como, Italy
www.traveldynamis.com/merak/
 Contact: Dimitrios Michelinakis

August 2015

2 August 2015
Summer Garden Party
 The Dering Arms, The Grove, Pluckley, Kent TN27 0RR
 Website: www.deringarms.com
 Contact: Jim Buss
 Email: jim@deringarms.com

2 August 2015
Imperial War Museum Summer Car Show
 IWM Duxford
 Contact: Victoria Williams
 Email: vfwilliams@iwm.org.uk
 Telephone: 01223 499 307

9 – 12 August 2015
GreenPark Oval Ball Run Multiple UK start points to Paris
www.ovalballrun.com

15 August 2015
Concorso Italiano
 Black Horse Golf Course, Monterey Bay, California
 Website: www.concorso.com

15 August 2015
Midlands Italian Car Day
 Deene Park, Northants
 Description:
www.aroc-uk.com/eastmids/mitcar.html

16 August 2015
4th Hampshire Classic Motor Show
 Breamore House, Hamps SP6 2DF
 Website: www.classicmotorshows.co.uk

22 – 23 August 2015
"PASSION for POWER"
 Classic Motor Show
 Tatton Park
www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk

August 2015

23 August 2015
Beaulieu Supercar Showdown - High End Motoring Display
 National Motor Museum, Beaulieu
 A timeline display to celebrate the last 100 years of luxury motoring
 Contact: Andy Ollerenshaw
andy.ollerenshaw@beaulieu.co.uk
 Telephone: 01590 614614

30 – 31 August 2015
25th Anniversary Knebworth Classic Motor Show
 Knebworth Gardens SG1 2AX
 Website: www.classicmotorshows.co.uk

September 2015

3 September 2015
Race the Runway
 Edinburgh Airport
 Contact: Ashley Thomson
 Email: Ashley.Thomson@ppwh.org.uk

4 – 6 September 2015
Concours of Elegance
 Holyrood House, Edinburgh
www.concoursdelegance.co.uk

5 September 2015
Southend Italian Festival
 Contact: Malcolm Tilsed
 Email: malcolm@greenboxmanagement.com

6 September 2015
Kent Italian Car & Bike Day
 Honnington Country Fair
www.honningtonevents.com

11 – 13 September 2015
Goodwood Revival 2015
 Goodwood Circuit
www.goodwood.com

13 September 2015
Kent's Classic Car Show
 Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX
www.kentsclassiccarshow.co.uk

20 September 2015
Prescott Breakfast Club
 Contact: Barrie Murray
 Email: barrie.murray_upton@me.com
 Telephone: 0780 388 7811

24 – 27 September 2015
Rallye International Maserati Biarritz – Pays Basque
www.mir2015.fr

26 – 27 September 2015
Spa Italia
 Website: www.spaitalia.be

October 2015

9 – 11 October 2015
 (12 optional)
Autumn Meeting
 Yorkshire Dales
 Contact: Edwin & Pam Faulkner
 Email: ejf@manx.net

11 October 2015
Motorsport Day
 Brooklands Museum
www.auto-italia.net

25 October 2015
Prescott Breakfast Club
 Contact: Barrie Murray
 Email: barrie.murray_upton@me.com
 Telephone: 0780 388 7811

November 2015

13 – 15 November 2015
Classic Motor Show
 NEC, Birmingham
www.necclassicismotorshow.com

15 November 2015
Desert Concorso
 Palm Springs Stadium, California
 Website: www.desertconcorso.com

December 2015

6 December 2015
Christmas Lunch
 The Bluebird Café, London
 Contact: Andrew Hutton

January 2016

31 January 2016
Northern Lights Lunch
 The Mere, Knutsford nr Manchester
 Contact: Gail Mosley
 Email: deedas1@hotmail.co.uk

April-May 2016

28 April – 3 May 2016
Cameron Millar 2016
 Moselle
 Contact: Roger Epsztajn
 Email: roger@maseraticlub.co.uk

Articles and news items on Maserati related topics are welcome. Please address contributions to: Henry McNeill, The Editor, 15 The Crofts, Upper Halliford Green, Shepperton TW17 8SD. Email: newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk **Copy deadline for the July/Aug issue is 3rd July 2015.**

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Editor's Agenda

The stakes were already high. We had all enjoyed our previous Maserati Spring and Autumn weekenders (sometimes too much!). We had come to expect the unexpected – but never did we think it would involve two Harriers and a Merlin helicopter. Bill and Jill did us very proud by gently organising us through a very full 4 days of activities.

In addition, the media savvy organisers generated significant exposure. We are on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjQ2_oRgFpw. We are in the papers – 'The Cornishman', Thursday 30th April, with a smiling

Andy Lerry winning the concours at Smeaton Peir, attended by the St. Ives Mayor, Linda Taylor. All in all, a great weekend recorded for posterity! No doubt, this will end up on the new club website.

Michael O'Shea is in the final stages of planning the AGM and Concours. I would urge you to get your booking forms submitted to Michael so he can finalise numbers and arrangements.

Maserati growth marches on with registrations keeping their upward trend. 148 new cars were registered in the UK during April, reaching a cumulative figure of 523 vehicles

for the year so far, an increase of +65% compared to the same period of the previous year. More new members, I hope.

One thing that did pass me by (amongst many others) was an Alfieri YouTube video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qfzlc1q8Q>. I wish I had been at the launch and may consider going to the dealers on its eventual release.

We wish our Vice President a speedy recovery after a broken leg whilst skiing in Zermatt.



Henry McNeill,
newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk

Maybe I might see you at the AGM!

Henry McNeill, May 2015

Chairman's Note By Nick Heywood-Waddington



Nick Heywood-Waddington

I have just returned from a great weekend in Cornwall on the Cameron Millar Spring Meeting where members kicked off our motoring year in very good spirits. There will be more on this meeting elsewhere in the Newsletter and later in Trident so I will confine myself here to saying a big thank you to Bill Jackson and Jill George for all the work they did to make the weekend go so well, and give

my congratulations to Julia Hitchon and to Andy and Teresa Lerry on their wins in the Concours and to John and Judy Gove (who drove from Italy in their lovely Mistral Spyder) for winning the Jack Levy "Squashed Frog" trophy.

Nobody has written to me with any questions for the AGM so I assume that there is nothing pressing on members other than the issues already being discussed by the Committee. We plan to give members an update at the AGM on progress on the new website being developed. This is an exciting development for the Club which will bring benefits to members and organisers. The Committee is also reviewing its objectives for the next three years which I hope to be able to say something about in June.

We have had perfect Maserati

weather during April of which I hope everyone has taken full advantage. Needless to say the weather broke just as the Club reached Land's End last week in true "Poldarkian" fashion – wild, rugged, bleak and dramatic. And that was just the scenery. There was plenty of sun on Drive it Day, and Easter Monday in Horsham and fresh for Piazza Italia. A few Maseratis attended and there was a good showing of Alfas and supercars but the highlight was driving out through a tunnel of waving people as we left.

Not much car news from me. The Vignale Spyder behaved herself in Cornwall and looks forward to going to Biarritz in the autumn. The Khamsin's gearbox has been overhauled which is a great improvement and progress with my Alfa 1900 restoration

grinds relentlessly on. We are shortly off to Corsica with our Lancia friends with fingers crossed for an uneventful trip! No doubt there will be tales to tell.

There have been some very interesting introductions in the newsletter over the last few editions – please keep those coming in even if you think you have missed your "slot". It is great to hear how new members have got involved with Maserati and it would be great to hear more from "experienced" members on how their passion has developed. Keep writing and keep driving and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM on June 14. All the forms you need are on the website.

Nick

Member Introductions

Craig Jones

I bought my first Maserati – a GranTurismo – in 2008. I was taken in by its combination of good looks, comfort and performance. It was also one of the few modern GTs that has genuine space for four people. I liked it so much, that I replaced it with the 4.7 when that came out, and then upgraded to the GranTurismo Sport in 2012. However, my real passion lies with the older cars, and my acquisition of a 1961 3500GTi (AM101*1988) was the spur to join the Club. The car was initially registered in Italy, exported to the US at some point, and then imported into the UK a couple of years ago. It is currently just over a year into a complete restoration which is being carried out by Paul de Turriz

and his team at DTR European Sports Cars – I entrusted the work to them because they did a great job of restoring my 1964 Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint Speciale. I hope the car will be ready in time for the Revival, but that may be optimistic!

I have also recently purchased a more modern classic – a 1982 Merak SS (AM122A653). That doesn't require a restoration, although it is currently with McGrath Maserati for some minor work. I hope to turn up at a Club event in that car shortly, and look forward to making some new like-minded friends in the years to come.

Simon Frodsham

The circle has turned and I'm delighted to be back in the club, as it were. Dave Smith's even given me my old number back. It's been a long ten years since I was last a member. With everything falling apart around me, I had to sell my beloved 3200 GT and invest the proceeds into my ailing business. Ten long years later, I have emerged from the ashes with a new wife, the business in rude health and the cherry on top...a new Ghibli (grigio with a black and tan interior). And what a joy it is, thank you Nigel McMorrough. All is well with the world.

Before the 3200 GT, I'd had a bi-turbo Ghibli which was a delight although

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Member Introductions

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Chris Monella

Ever since I can remember, I have always had a passion for cars, especially fast ones. My career choice of becoming a racing car driver was dashed at the age of 5 when my father said "think again, that is too expensive!" Despite that, I grew up in an Italian family where we followed the Formula 1, Rally, Touring Cars, and football. We were all passionate about Alfa, Lancia, Maserati and Ferrari. Over the years I have driven a fair few cars. The Latin ones all had character, with some being a bit more demanding than others.

However at the grand age of 50, I felt that I should close on my supercar. It needed to be beautiful, but not red. It had to be capable of both road and track behavior also. Most of all, it had to have a big heart! In this case a 4.7 V8! So it was on Last New Year's eve that I purchased a fabulous 2011 granito gregio, GranTurismo S. I am now looking forward to some fun events and meeting fellow Maserati club members in 2015.

Michael Hunt

As a child growing up in the 70's I was mad about the 'Top Trumps' cards, particularly the ones about cars. I remember the excitement of seeing the pictures of the Italian exotica; Ferraris, Lamborghinis and those Maseratis: the Merak, Bora, Khamsin and Indy. It was unlikely I would ever see one in the metal, let alone sit in one and pretend I was driving. Posters on the bedroom wall would have to suffice. Fast-forward 30 years and I got to drive a Cambiocorsa on an airfield during a day's automotive fun.

However, I find a decade later that the mid-life crisis has finally taken over all sensibilities and I am now the owner of a 2011 GranTurismo, helped, in part, by attending countless car shows, festivals and the exteriors of dealer showroom windows.

Bella, as she has been monikered, is a beauty and a joy. However, she has yet to appear in a pack of Top Trumps. Thanks for accepting me into your club.

Could you be a Track Day Organiser?

Organiser required for a Club Track Day in June or July. Please contact Derek Mills (events@maseraticlub.co.uk) or Michael O'Shea (racingnews@maseraticlub.co.uk) for more information.

SILVERSTONE CLASSIC MEDIA DAY

Story and Photos by Dave Smith



What a pace car!!



Display with 6CM in the foreground.



Martin Halusa in 300Si entering pit lane.



Sean Danaher in 6C-34.

I was lucky enough to be invited to the Silverstone Classic Weekend Media Day and we were all blessed with "shirt sleeve" weather. On display was Sean Danaher's 6CM amongst an impressive line-up of silver cars. On track were Sean in a 6C-34 and Martin Halusa in his 300Si. The Silverstone Classic will be held on 24/25/26 July and will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. As well as classic motor racing there will be club stands, appearances by Status Quo and Paul Young, car clinics, aerial displays and a vintage fun fair. Details of the event are on our website and in the Newsletter

Event Reports

CM15 Spring Rally

By Bill Jackson & Jill George

CM15 Spring Rally was definitely my 'Swansong' but what a Finale. With Jill's substantial input, our Cornish Meeting seemed to have been enjoyed by all. Highlights of the event were a reception at our house in St Ives, supported by Amato Food Products and Bob's 550 Ferrari! Private Concours parking on Smeaton's Pier attended by over 500 residents and visitors with presentations by the Mayor of St Ives. Our Saturday evening reception sponsored by McGrath Maserati at Tregenna Castle Hotel where later, a large number of club members gate-crashed a Wedding Party, with their consent, for rides in Maseratis the next morning. On Sunday a visit and parking at Prideaux Place, one of the superb private mansions in Cornwall and where the drive highlighted the fabulous array of the Club cars.

Everyone agreed that the exceptional event of the meeting was a visit to RNAS Culdrose. After weeks of



planning, the Maseratis were arranged and parked on the 'Dummy Deck' of a Carrier with the backdrop of two Harriers and a Merlin Helicopter. With all ready the Royal Navy's official photographer was raised in a 'Cherry Picker' from where he took the most stunning photographs of the Maseratis with all in and out of their cars. It was quite a spectacular Military Operation that was a wonder to behold. We are so grateful to Commander Phillips for creating certainly the most memorable occasion I have ever experienced.

Jazz, Champagne and Maseratis at Maranello, Egham

On Thursday 16th April Maranello Sales in Egham held a Jazz and Champagne evening in conjunction with The Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel and Lanson Champagne. Also on display at Tower Garage was Anthony Bernstein's beautifully restored Bora along with the current range of Maserati motor cars including the Ghibli and Quattroporte.



Obituary - Richard Colton



Richard was a director of the Ferrari Owners' Club. He only recently joined the Maserati Club where he enjoyed the touring events and people. He had been involved with hill climbing for many years as sponsor of Roy Lane, but unfortunately lost his son Mark in a hill climb accident at Doune. The Spring and Autumn tours became his form of motoring enjoyment.

Richard left two rare Ferraris which are to be sold at auction in order to buy a new RNLI lifeboat, its most generous gift ever. The boat will be named Richard and Caroline Colton after himself and late wife. Friends said he was always nervous of boats and respect-

ed RNLI. The cars to be sold on 15th October are a 1960 250 GT short-wheelbase Berlinetta – of which only 167 were made – and a 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4, which was regarded as one of the best GT car of the 1960s. Guy Rose, of the RNLI, said: 'We are grateful and humbled by Mr Colton's generous gift. Six out of every ten lifeboat launches are only made possible because of gifts left to us in wills, so they are vital to saving lives at sea.' Simon Hope, chairman of H&H Classics, which holds sales across Britain, said: "We are honoured to have been chosen to handle this sale which is of national significance.



Bristol Italian Auto Moto Festival

Bristol's 'Old City' once again resonated to the harmony of Italian exhaust notes as the Auto Moto Festival sprung into life on 25th April. For the thirteenth year in succession, the streets lined with Italianate architecture, thronged with enthusiasts and thrilled spectators with one common purpose: to soak up the heady atmosphere and marvel at the wide array of style and design flare. This year our featured marques were Lamborghini and Moto Morini. Spectator interest was intense throughout the 'Old City' as crowds thronged in from the city centre, through the Bike Zone; tempted by the hundreds of examples of classic machinery, both ancient and modern from all the prominent marques and a few more obscure ones too. On into Corn Street they passed the scooter



displays, adorned with classic Lambrettas and Vespas, the Abarths, Fiats and then the exciting array of Alfa Romeos and Maseratis and then at the centre-piece, the Lamborghinis. Further on were magnificent displays of Ferraris and Lancias. Ernie Marshal's Aventador was chosen for the 'favourite Lamborghini' award and Paul Brown's Quattroporte won our 'Favourite Maserati' award although competition was stiff.

The only Shamal in the US!



I have met Roland Foss a few times in California, accompanied by his brilliantly black Shamal. We have it relatively easy in Europe, where importing an Italian classic car of our choice is more of a bureaucratic hassle rather than to two year ordeal it took Roland to import his Shamal. So much for Californian car culture! Do have a look at www.hemmings.com/hsx/stories/2015/06/01/hmn_feature2.html, where there is another link to the trials and tribulations of importing such a classic to the US.

Maserati on the Web

- Club Website: www.maseraticlub.co.uk
- The Club has a Dropbox folder where you can post photographs. Please contact me for access, newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk
- Maserati on Twitter: @MaseratiNews and @Maserati_HQ, lots of news tweets, www.twitter.com
- Maserati on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Maserati
- Maserati Racing & Trofeo World Series: www.maseraticorse.com
- Maserati Store, things to buy with a Trident: www.maseratistore.com/en/
- Pinterest, an online pinboard with great photographs: www.pinterest.com and search for Maserati
- www.maseratinet.com, US based parts and information
- Mexico Registry: <http://www.mexico-registry.com>
- Maserati Club of Ireland: www.maseraticlub.ie
- www.classicdriver.com, which has Maserati content and cars for sale from time to time
- www.maserati100.com, the centenary website
- www.linkedin.com – Maserati Owners Group
- Maserati Forum (UK-based, see <http://www.maseratiform.com>)
- Sports Maserati (in <http://www.sportsmaserati.com/forum.php>)
- Auto Italia www.auto-italia.net
- Maserati Youtube channel www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WuVTdv6fvl

Royal Maserati Sold

Coy's auctioned this QP with royal provenance in March, making over £45k. The Quattroporte was ordered by French importer 'Agence Maserati' and delivered to His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan in Paris on 4th January 1968. It was then registered to Princess Aly Khan at 76 Eaton Square London, where it now met with Maserati's new flagship, luxury four door saloon, the Quattroporte S.



In this period, it went into dry storage, but was still frequently driven around the Hackwood estate. It was subsequently purchased direct from Lady Camrose by the second and current owner in 1993.

Chris Routledge, Managing Partner of Coys, said: "This is certainly the rarest, most important and stunningly original Quattroporte. This car is one of only eight right hand drive examples produced, with just 28,300 miles and two owners from new."

The Quattroporte remained in the Princess' ownership for a further 25 years, during which time she re-married to the 2nd Viscount Camrose, the former chairman of the Daily Telegraph, and was latterly known as Lady Camrose.

The car is in original condition inside and out, comes with the original tool kit and even the original logbook with Princess Aly Khan listed as the first owner. It has been well maintained, including an engine rebuild by Maserati specialists in 1999, and is supplied with many other bills for maintenance work.

Welcome to the Club

Membership on 1st May 2015 stood at **556**, this time last year the figure was 585, the lower figure is due to non-payers being removed from the database. **New members signed up since the publication of the last newsletter are:**

Name	Member No.	Area	Car
Steve Johnson	5021	Co.Durham	-
Roger Mills	5022	Northants.	-
Tony Christie	5024	Hampshire	Coupe CC
Michael Hunt	5026	Northants.	Granturismo
Jerome Scollard	5028	Dorset	Ghibli diesel
Leslie Rudd	5029	Dorset	Khamsin
Neil Fenn	5030	Kent	-
Peter Cockle	5032	Surrey	Q'porte
David Davies	5033	Bucks.	-
Craig McWilliam	5034	London	Indy

For those wondering CC = Cambiocorsa.

A warm welcome to the club

Subscriptions – We still have a lot of club members paying their Standing Order at last year's rate of £50.00 [£65.00 non-UK] please could you check your bank statement and if you are not paying at the 2015 rate i.e. £65.00 for UK and £80.00 for non-UK members please contact me for a resolution. As well as accepting cheques and Standing Order we are now able to sign UK members up for Direct Debit.

Bank details: - Our account is with the Co-Operative Bank, it is Maserati Club Ltd – Account number 65635025 – sort code 08-92-99.

Kind regards

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

Maserati NEWSLETTER

Copy Dates Editorial and advertisements for the July/Aug issue should be in by 3rd July 2015.

BOOK NOW - FINAL NUMBERS NEEDED

Maserati Club AGM and Concours D'Elegance 14 June 2015 Prescott Hill Climb, Gloucestershire, GL52 9RD



These popular club events will once again take place at the scenic Gloucestershire home of Prescott Hillclimb. The event is open to all Club members and their families and includes the Annual General Meeting, the Club Concours and also an opportunity to drive the famous hill. Prescott has been at the forefront of British Hillclimbing for almost 80 years now and is the home of the Bugatti Owner's Club. We are sharing the venue with the Jaguar E-type Register, which allows us to offer the event and the hillclimb at a very competitive price

Imagine a summer's day on the Prescott Estate, enjoying the rolling acres of green and dappled sun in the orchard combined with the smell of hot motor oil and polish, the feel of warm tarmac and the sound of a well-tuned engine!

The format for this year's event will be slightly different from last year and

Michael O'Shea is asking members to print out their own entry forms, indemnity forms, hotel booking form and guide notes. The Event Information Sheet, your Concours Entry Form, the Event Entry Form and Hillclimb Booking Form (if you're taking part in this) can be found on the club website: www.maseraticlub.co.uk/clubevents.htm

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

We have again organised a Saturday night Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at the Tewkesbury Park Hotel and Country Club, GL20 7DN. This is the same hotel as last year which I think everyone enjoyed and thought it very convenient to Prescott Hill Climb for the Sunday morning (11 miles). The hotel has undergone many upgrades since last year including newly refurbished bedrooms and a resurfaced driveway.

The rate is £65 per person including dinner for a deluxe double or twin room

and £75 per person for a single room. Golf is available on Saturday for guests and can be booked directly with the hotel (green fees apply), there is also a gym and leisure club available for use too.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no deposit required, settle your account on the day with the hotel, but all bookings are firm, any cancellations after 20th May will be charged.

Hotel booking details to

Teresa Lerry – info@freedom-motorhomes.co.uk

For further information, please contact Michael O'Shea at racingnews@maseraticlub.co.uk.



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Marque Appeal? - This letter from Patrick Fairfield might generate some letters!

Dear Sirs,

I hope you don't mind my direct approach, but I felt a passionate desire to communicate my views. First as a Maserati owner and die hard ambassador for the brand, I would like to say how much I appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Maserati Club and publications in supporting the marque and creating a healthy community for owners and enthusiasts.

I believe I probably stand out within the community as one of the more youthful owners (29 years old) of a classic Maserati and this is why I wanted to communicate my opinions as I hope you will find them interesting. Since acquiring my pride and joy, a 1972 Maserati Ghibli (Reg 7803DK) in 2009, I have fallen head over heels for the marque and naturally become interested in the preservation and promotion of this era. What astounds me is, in comparison to some of Maserati's Italian contemporaries, how undervalued and unacknowledged many of the classic Maseratis are. Bias aside, there is clear objective evidence that many of these classics (Ghibli, Mistral, 3500, Bora Merak, Indy, Khamsin etc) can hold a candle to their contemporaries.

I strongly believe the market, collectors and enthusiasts fails to acknowledge and appreciate this. There's no doubt in my mind that Maserati's turbulent history has prevented the marque from achieving the constant allure of Ferrari, but the recent resurrection of credible modern Maseratis has put the marquee back in the spotlight and should naturally allow leverage on the classic models.

Please note this is not a single minded focus on the monetary value of classic Maseratis, alas it would be foolish not to consider the possibility of appreciating values as bonus of ownership with the generous tax pardon the government give classics. But this is about justice being served and Maserati receiving the credit and acknowledgement they deserve. I attend a lot of classic car events and it never ceases to amaze me how few classic Maseratis appear and how few people recognise a Maserati Ghibli. The situation has now complicated with the arrival of the newest iteration of the Ghibli which shifts the pitch on the original Ghibli, as it is an entirely different format of car. My question is what is being done to ensure that the original Ghibli's are not misunderstood and / or overlooked? Now when you

search Ghibli online, the original Tipo150 is nowhere to be seen because the modern model eclipses it. If we want to celebrate the greatness of Maserati, then surely we need to diligently preserve its history and I hope that organisations like the Maserati Club, with the contribution of its members will accept the challenge.

It occurred to me that it would be prudent to try differentiate the Tipo 150 Ghibli by giving it a specific iteration such as Mark 1, allowing all those with dealings and interests to more clearly promote and find the Tipo 150 cars. Naturally I look to an organisation such as the Maserati Club to spearhead an initiative like this and the respect your members hold for you and your channels of communication to provide an able system to ensure traction.

My hope as a youthful classic car owner and enthusiast is that owners, clubs and publications appreciate the importance of preserving and promoting the marque in a diligent way that the youth of today are appealed too as well, because it would be a sad reality if the allure and fascination fizzles out with the older generation. Arguably certain Jaguar,

Astons, Ferraris and Lamborghinis have this cult and protected quality but I'm not convinced any Maseratis do and I feel strongly that it is the job of the owners and Club to ensure this.

I take my Ghibli to every possible classic car event (I live near Goodwood) with pride and astonishment at the reception I get. For many people it's the first time they have seen or heard of one, this is proof that there is work to be done. If people have heard of the Ghibli it's because of the latest model and Maserati have taken no steps that I am aware of to communicate the heritage of the name. I will keep doing my bit with pride and passion that I am contributing towards gaining Maserati the credit it deserves for creating so many overlooked and incredible motor cars. I just hope that the Maserati Club and Trident magazine realise the huge role they can play in helping the cause and igniting the enthusiasm of other members to get involved. There is a clear opportunity to plug the void and I just hope we all take it.

I am here to help!

Yours sincerely,
Patrick Fairfield
(son of Roland Fairfield- member)



British Grand Prix Partner Party with Sahara Force India

5th July 2015

Join the Sahara Force India Formula 1 Team to celebrate their home race at Silverstone. This unique hospitality package gives you the chance to spend the day at their headquarters, just a stone's throw from the circuit. Your package includes pre and post-race VIP hospitality, together with a seat in a prime location to watch the race. There will be interviews with team personnel throughout the day including the COO, Chief Designer, Chief Race Engineer & Team Principal, Dr Mallya, giving guests a rare opportunity to hear about the tactics and strategies of the race. Nico & Sergio will themselves take part in a post-race Q&A to

summarise their performances and take questions from guests.

Stay with us for the evening party as we continue to celebrate into the night with DJs and other entertainment. See how you stack up against our very own drivers as guests can enjoy the chance to compete for the fastest lap time of the day in our simulator.

Price is £850pp less 10% if booked quoting Lockton's name (the club's insurance partner). Please contact Red Eye Events at +44 (0)1296 689300, info@redeyeevents.co.uk & www.redeyeevents.co.uk.

Merak Rally

24 - 26 July 2015

Details of this rally have just arrived, I hope that some of you Merak owners can make it in time. Dimitrios Michelinakis is a member of the Greek Club and a really enthusiastic guy. It will be based around Lake Como (there are worse places), from €800 for two. <http://www.traveldynamis.com/merak/1296689300>, info@redeyeevents.co.uk.

Summer Garden Party

2 August 2014

Enjoy a gourmet buffet with jazz in the garden. Meet up with a members from other classic car clubs, plenty of tyres to kick at the beautiful Dering Arms. Only £25 in advance, by 20th July 2015, the website will have the full booking details.

The Dering Arms, Station Road, Pluckley, TN27 0RR, jim@deringarms.com.

Please note, there is a short film on Jim's website from last year's event - www.deringarms.com.



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THE WORLD'S BIGGEST Classic Show and Racing Festival



The Maserati club will once again be attending this event, so please come and see the most exciting racing action over the weekend, with over 10,000 classic cars on display. The action will build on the excitement, spectacle and adrenaline of previous events, with 22 races over the weekend. Featured races from Group C, 'Le Mans' sports prototype, GT and Touring Car grids, plus new for this year Pre War Sports Cars.

There will be live music, with Status Quo & Paul Young, Air displays, Funfair, Shopping village and much much more.

Access to 'All Areas' including Paddocks and Grandstands.

Over 10,000 Classic Cars on Display

DISPLAY TICKET OFFER

Again, same as last year, for 2015 you will need to contact the Silverstone Ticket office direct for your tickets using the Club's discount Code: **C1525004**

Either by Telephone - 0871 231 0849, or on line at <http://silverstoneclassic.seetickets.com/event/silverstone-classic-car-club-members/silverstone-circuit-northamptonshire/828720>

The table below explains the Maserati Car Club Display Package prices that are uniquely available to our club members.

The package includes two general admission Event Tickets and one infield vehicle display pass for our allocated club display area. These can only be purchased by using the booking code dedicated to the Maserati club. This offer is only available until 31st May 2015.

There will be a track parade for Silver Cars only on the Sunday, but, you will have to purchase these tickets separately, so, when booking your tickets, ask for a Silver Sunday Ticket, if you wish to take part in the parade. Note these are not available on the Maserati discount code.

Maserati Club's dedicated booking code for the event is **C1525004**.

Maserati Club Display Package	Advance Tickets 1st April - 31st May 2015	Advance Tickets 1st June to 23rd July 2015
	For infield parking display, after this date you will be in the public car parks	
Friday	£46 / couple + infield car pass	£40 / person
Saturday	£70 / couple + infield car pass	£62 / person
Sunday	£62 / couple + infield car pass	£52 / person
2-Day Fri/Sat	£82 / couple + infield car pass	£82 / person
2-Day Sat/Sun	£93 / couple + infield car pass	£93 / person
3-Day	£114 / couple + infield car pass	£114 / person
Children under 5 FREE		

Please note, entrance to the 2015 Silverstone Classic is by advance ticket only.

When you have booked your tickets please email Edwin EJF@MANX.NET and advise me what day/days and what car you will be attending and what car you intend to be coming in.
 Contact:- Edwin Faulkner EJF@MANX.NET

Southend Italian Festival

5 September 2015

The event includes Italian food, Italian cars, & Italian entertainment, Italian crafts for the children. It's a great day out for the whole family and to pick up fresh air by the sea. The event takes place in Southend High Street. We are looking for YOU to bring your Italian car to this great annual event. For more information please contact the event organiser Malcolm Tilsed at malcolm@greenboxmanagement.com or ring 07889 003002.

Kop Hill Climb 19 - 20 September 2015

With the thoughts of spring days arriving and more time to spend in our beloved vehicles whether cars, motorcycles, fire engines or soapboxes, we've been busy making preparations for this year's Kop Hill Climb.

We haven't yet fixed on a theme, but do know that the key ingredients of classic cars and bikes combined with some spectacular exotics mixed in with the feel of a typical English Summer event will make it a date we hope you'll want to join us for.

Further details will hopefully be mentioned in the next Newsletter.

Kop Hill Climb is 100% run by volunteers with the sole purpose of raising funds for charity as a part of the Heart of Bucks organisation. We're delighted to announce that the proceeds from the 2014 event totalled £48,500 and these funds have been donated to 12 local charities. All of them are focused on supporting projects which help the elderly, the youth or disadvantaged members of our community in Princes Risborough.

Rallye International Maserati, Biarritz

Pays Basque, France - 24 - 27 September 2015



The Maserati International Rally 2015 will be based at the wonderful 5 star Palace Hotel in Biarritz, France from the 24th to 27th September 2015. It will explore the Basque region and also spend time at the Pau-Arnos circuit. There is a dedicated website www.MIR2015.fr for this rally.

Booking for the rally has now closed with 95 entries, 34 of which are from the UK club. The French are working on the possibility of adding cheaper accommodation in a nearby hotel for a few extra subscriptions, mainly to try to satisfy the waiting list. There may be a possibility for UK members that have already subscribed to this rally to opt for this less expensive option. If you are interested in this option let Roger Epszajn know. E: roger@maseraticlub.co.uk



MASERATI CLUB

Autumn Meeting in Yorkshire Dales

9-12 October 2015

JUST A FEW PLACES LEFT

Sponsored by:



Booking Forms available from Edwin EJF@MANX.NET

We are extremely pleased to have been able to book the Rendezvous Hotel in Skipton, in the Yorkshire Dales for the Maserati Club Autumn Meeting weekend. See their Web site www.rendezvous-skipton.co.uk.

The meeting starts on Friday evening and finishes either Sunday afternoon or Monday, therefore it is either a 3 or 2 night meeting, you choose which suits you best.

We start at The Rendezvous hotel, a family run hotel, with good car parking, and is on the outskirts of the delightful market town of Skipton which is the gateway to the Dales. Dining is in the canal side Baby Swan restaurant. There is a gym, swimming pool, sauna, and steam room. It is a 1 mile drive or walk on the towpath of the Leeds-Liverpool canal into the old market town of Skipton.

Arrive Friday afternoon. If you arrive early, you can visit the old Market Town and sample some of the old fashioned individual shops, before checking-in to the hotel from 4.00pm. Meet for a welcome drink reception at 7.15 followed by dinner at 8.15pm in the Wharfedale restaurant. Dress smart casual.

Saturday. After breakfast we have organized a scenic tour of the Dales for the day. We will stop off for coffee at Kettlewell, visit Hawes, then to the Wensleydale Creamery for a tour on making cheese and cheese tasting before Lunch in Calvert's Restaurant. There is an organized route back to the hotel via the Dent Dale and Ribbleshead Viaducts where you can park and walk up to the arches. In the evening we will have a Champagne reception at 7.00 before the Gala Dinner at 8.00. Dress will be formal with ladies in dresses and gentlemen in Jackets (not black tie).



Sunday. A morning visit to the Castle at Skipton and then follow a scenic route to The Inn at Whitewell for Sunday lunch. This is also the luxury accommodation for Sunday Evening for those booking 3 nights, this is a beautiful place to finish off what should be a great weekend.

Booking Forms can be downloaded from the club web site and are also available from Edwin EJF@MANX.NET



Maserati Tour de Yorkshire

3 May 2015



Maserati brought the memories of the 2014 Tour de France back to life with the inaugural Maserati Tour de Yorkshire Ride. The ride gave amateur cyclists the unique opportunity to cycle 55km, 108km and 142km routes along many of the roads that the Grand Départ had incorporated a year previously.

Maserati announced in March that it was to sponsor the Tour de Yorkshire Ride sportive as part of their Maserati Cycling initiative, which also included the signing of ex-pro cyclist David Millar as an ambassador. Indeed, Millar took part in the Maserati Tour de

Yorkshire Ride alongside his father, Gordon.

Despite torrential rain, the 5,500 amateur cyclists taking part didn't let the weather dampen their spirits. Maserati was determined to make this a ride to remember with the third and final Maserati-sponsored feed station offering riders something a little different. The riders enjoyed British classics with an Italian twist to fuel them on the final stretch: Traditional Yorkshire pudding with Italian Lucanica sausage and red onion confit, followed by cranberry & Marsala flapjacks.

Peter Denton, Region Manager Maserati North Europe, said:

"Maserati is incredibly excited to be involved with such a high-profile event as the Tour de Yorkshire Ride. It was an extremely challenging day with the weather adding difficulty to what was already a tough task for the riders. However, I'm delighted that the event has been such a huge success and that so many cyclists have had the chance to ride such a testing course. Fingers crossed for next year that we'll be lucky enough to get some sunshine."

David Millar, Maserati Cycling Ambassador, commented: "It's fantastic that Maserati is supporting the inaugural Tour de Yorkshire Ride, as this is such a huge event for British Cycling. It's a

rare experience to get to ride on the same roads that the pros are racing on.

"Having ASO organising this event with their experience in putting on the Tour de France, alongside Human Race, is brilliant for the Tour de Yorkshire. The production value and level of professionalism that they provide are unrivalled. I think the success of today's event on many levels was fantastic and I'm excited to see what else Maserati has in store for next year's ride."

To view highlights from the Maserati Tour de Yorkshire Ride visit – www.youtube.com/watch?v=054H1NE5U4.

Maserati Driving Courses

SPECIAL OFFER FOR CLUB MEMBERS:
10% discount for members or 5 people for the price of 4!



The current schedule includes, see www.maserati.com.

- Warm Up: 5 May, 26 June, 21 September
- GT1 Day: 14 May, 2 July, 16 October
- GT2 Days: 29 April, 29 May, 17 June, 6 July, 30 September, 29 October
- Master Italian Lifestyle Experience: 16 – 17 July
- High Performance: 7 – 8 October
- Master Incentive: Team building and tailor-made incentive programmes

Shopping

The history of Maserati is being told with 1:43 Scale Models including 2014 QPs, GranTurismo and MC Stradale, Biturbo and Biturbo Spyder, Kyalami and an A6GCS Targa Florio-1953 Fangio models. These are now available on the Maserati Store.

There is also a new range of La Martina polo shirts and caps, along with bags, belts, ties and foulards to add to my collection.

New Dealer – Cardiff

Maserati GB has announced Motorline Group as the new owners of its Cardiff-based showroom. Motorline, who opened its Maserati premises in Kent in January 2014, is adding the Cardiff site to its expanding portfolio of dealerships.

The dealership, located on the junction of Hadfield Road and Penarth Road in the heart of Cardiff. As well as catering for new Maserati customers, Motorline Cardiff also offer a full aftersales service run by a dedicated team of Maserati specialist technicians.

Advertising Rates

Post or email advertisements, and cheques where applicable, to the Editor. See below for contact details. Cheques payable to 'The Maserati Club Ltd'.

All advertisements will feature in two consecutive issues of the Maserati Club Newsletter, added to the Maserati Club website for 4 months and free in Auto Italia magazine. Please inform us when you have sold your car or parts.

Text is unlimited and free to all members. Text with a photograph @ £10.00 for members. Text with/without a photograph @ £15.00 for non-members.

Dave Smith



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

Special member's discount for classic Maserati bumpers from Group Harrington

Group Harrington offers members of the Maserati club a special discount of 5% for their complete range of Maserati bumpers. Group Harrington supplies more than 300 different bumper types for a wide range of marques and models. The Maserati range currently covers bumpers for the Maserati Touring 3500GT/3500Gti (+ front grille), Maserati Sebring, Maserati Quattroporte AM107, Maserati Mistral, Maserati Mexico, Maserati Ghibli, Maserati Indy, Maserati Bora and Maserati Merak. All bumpers are exact replicas of the originals, identical in size and dimensions. Being made of very high grade stainless steel (polished to a mirror finish, just like chrome!), the bumpers will never rust and come with a lifetime anti-rust-warranty! All bumpers are produced to European specification, but customers in the USA often buy the bumpers to convert to the cleaner euro style.



For more information and prices, please visit their website www.groupharrington.com or write an email to info@groupharrington.com. All you have to do to receive the special member's discount is to mention your membership number when ordering.

Wanted: 3500, Mistral or Sebring?

Does any member wish to sell their 3500, Mistral or Sebring? I am a long-standing Club member. All things considered from restoration project to concours. Please help, my search has so far been fruitless. I would also like to add a Bora or Merak to my collection. Please telephone 07968 094741.

Maserati Regalia

As a service to members, the Club offers books, manuals and parts catalogues via the Club's website: www.maseraticlub.co.uk.

For Maserati Regalia, including clothing, gifts and accessories, please visit the factory store at www.maserati-store.com.

Post your order to: Maserati Club, C/O 20 Church Street, Chiswick, London W4 2PH enclosing a cheque made payable to "Maserati Club Ltd".

Postage and packing is included to UK addresses only. For other destinations or any other queries contact Roger Epszajn: email: regalia@maseraticlub.co.uk Tel / Fax: 020 8995 9995

2000 3200 GT



Neptune blue with cream interior. 2000 reg. with full service history, running like a dream after recent overhaul at Emblem in Poole (thanks guys!) Extras include V8 plates. MOT until September 2015, sadly for sale due to other priorities. £16,000 ono. Call 07967 641483 after 7 pm or weekends.

1994 Shamal



Maserati Watches

Bring your passion to your wrist with the Maserati watch collection. Each timepiece has been exactly created to bring the thrill and elegance of the Maserati brand to the world of timekeeping. In addition to the iconic Maserati logo on the dial, key elements of each watch have been inspired by the cars themselves, such as a Trident seconds hand, straps to match interior leathers or flashes of carbon fibre. As well as sporty chronographs for highly accurate timing, there are also classic dress watches, with collections for both men and women.



Very rare opportunity to buy one of only 7 RHD Shamals bought to the UK by the importer (Meriden Modena). The only blue Shamal in the UK. 32k miles only. Concours winning condition, full history file, full book pack, excellent provenance. Price £89,995. Please email for further details: ewan@coppercoat.com

Original documents for Quattroporte Mark 1 Series 1

Driving & maintenance instructions, bound into grey paper covers. Workshop Manual & Before taking the wheel. Copies supplied with the car. Promotional brochure. More details 023 92815037. Private sale.

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Articles and news items on Maserati related topics are welcome.

The 73rd Goodwood Members Meeting

I have nothing but admiration for Lord March. He has done so much to popularise historic motor racing making it fun and accessible to all sorts of people who were not even aware of its existence a few years ago. The Revival and the Festival of Speed are established international brands and now we have the Members Meeting. It is a great team effort and we must congratulate them.



The Rettenmaier brothers brought over from Germany a taster of their superb collection two 250F's, an 8 CM and a beautiful 8C 3000 see above.

This year held over a very cold weekend towards the end of March the weekend featured Formula 3 'screamers' of 64-70, Group 1 Touring Cars of the 60's and 70's and an unfettered demonstration of sensational high airbox F1 cars and a stunning group of McLaren F1 GTRs to mark the 20th anniversary of Gordon Murray's iconic masterpiece. Ten races in all.



The imported American Lister Knobby of Roberto Giordanelli reverted back to racing anticlockwise to the surprise of his oncoming competitors.



Our dear friend Wolf-Dieter Bauman brought over his famous 250F Ice cream machine.



Barrie Baxter had an easy win in his ex-Donington collection BRM Type 25



Gordon McCulloch put up the fastest time in the Salvadori Cup with a variation to the normal racing line through the chicane.



The top result must go to Sean Danaher in his 8CM for holding off the constant attacks to his lead for the 20 minute Earl Howe Trophy.

Other notable results were Simon Diffey 4th and Mark Hales 5th in the Hawthorn Trophy both 250F's in the same race.

Tour Auto 2015 Paris to Biarritz

This recreation of the original Tour de France from the 60's and 70's is one of the most fun, scary, exhausting and memorable events you can enjoy behind the wheel of a classic car. The Tour Auto was celebrating its 25th anniversary with 233 drivers taking part starting in Paris and gathered in the Grand Palais, for an open day to the public before the start. The Tour took them through the towns of Vichy, Clermont-Ferrand, Toulouse and Pau before arriving at Biarritz on the Basque coast. Along the way circuit races at Magny Cours, De Charade, D'Albi and De Pau-Arnos and eight special stages against the clock over the next five days and around 2000 kms of roads.

There are always a number of distinguished drivers that take part and this year they including Le Mans winners Jürgen Barth and Gérard Larrousse, ex-Formula 1 drivers Jochen Mass and Olivier Panis, professional rally drivers Pierre-César Baroni and Denis Giraudet and other celebrities such as Simon Le Bon.

The competitors are in two groups: Competition, where the drivers race against the clock on closed road sections or against each other on circuits and Regularity, using the same closed roads and circuits but with the competitors having to achieve pre-set average speeds - sometimes quite high.

It's a huge test for the cars and the competitors with long days and tight time controls. A great sight for the tens of thousands of French enthusiasts who line the roads, where else do you get entire classes of school children doing Mexican waves as the Tour roars past breathing life into their sleepy villages. Understandably, as where else would you see Cobras, GT40s, Panteras, Ligiers, dozens of Ferraris and a host of other exotic machinery in action other than on a circuit.

It's rare to see Maseratis & OSCAs on the event as few took part in the original tour (a requirement for entry) but this year we had the immense pleasure of the both the Maserati 200si of Tomas Hinrichsen and Solange Mayo from Argentina and the OSCA 1500 of François Cointreau and Patrice Cousseau from France in the Regularity section. Both these cars have open cockpits and it's a testament to the crews that they contemplated five days of such serious motoring.



It has to be said that whilst it is all pretty non-stop with early starts and late finishes, the lunches are a gastronomic affair in magnificent Chateaux. In days gone by wine was included at lunch time but in this more correct age the crews have to wait until the parc fermé at the end of each day for their complimentary champagne and beer.

There were two Maserati Club members taking part this year. Michael O'Shea was in the E-Type FHC he shares with David Hall in the Competition section and despite a myriad of dramas including two flat tyres in one day, overheating, broken engine mountings and electrical issues they managed to win their class and come a very commendable 25th place and 22nd on weighted classification overall.

John and Susan Bennett in their Alfa TZ were in the Regularity section and sadly, having run in third spot for two days had a fuel crisis on the last morning that dropped them to 7th overall.

If you are in France next April check out the dates and if the Tour runs anywhere close by, go and watch as it's a truly great event.

