



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

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

October 2016

9 October 2016
Autumn Motorsports Day
Brooklands
www.auto-italia.net

9 October 2016
Sevenoaks Monthly Motor Meet
Blighs Car Park in the centre of Sevenoaks
Contact: Trevor Griffiths
Email: trgscg@btinternet.com

14 - 16 October 2016
Autumn Meeting
Oakley Hall, Whitchurch, Hampshire
Contact: Ken Chisholm
trystehouse@hotmail.com

30 October 2016
Brooklands Autumn Classic Breakfast
www.brooklandsmuseum.com

November 2016

11 - 13 November 2016
NEC Classic Motor Show
Contact: Edwin Faulkner
Email: EJF@MANX.NET

November 2016

17 November 2016
International Historic Motor Awards
Guildhall, London
www.historicmotoringawards.com

December 2016

4 December 2016
Christmas Lunch
Bluebird Restaurant
Contact: Andrew Hutton
andrewhutton5@btinternet.com

January 2017

22 January 2017
Northern Lights Lunch

February 2017

8-12 February 2017
Retromobile
Paris

23 - 26 February 2017
London Classic Car Show
Excel, London

March 2017

5 March 2017
Brandon on the Water

May 2017

25 - 29 May 2017
Cameron Millar 2017
Champagne
Contact: Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles
Email: mederochemiles@gmail.com

31 May - 6 June 2017
Norway
Starts and finishes in Oslo
Contact: roger@maseraticlub.co.uk

June 2017

3- 4 June 2017
Argyll Festival of Performance
Inveraray Castle
www.argyllfestivalofperformance.com
www.facebook.com/argyllfestivalof-performance
Contact: Neil Munn
Email: neilamunn@gmail.com

June 2017

15 - 27 June 2017
Highland Fling III
Scottish Highlands
20 car limit tour
Contact: Edwin Faulkner
Email: ejf@manx.net

July 2017

10 July 2017
Track Day
Blyton Park
Contact: Geoff Lancaster
Email: geoff.lancaster@btinternet.com

March 2018

20 - 26 March 2018
Maserati Owners Club of Australia - Global Gathering
Melbourne to Sydney, Australia
www.maseraticlub.co.uk/members/events/moca-global-gathering-2018/?pg=1
Contact: John Gove

2016 - A Classic Year at Silverstone

The Levante Future



Photo: Edwin Faulkner

Ready to Go



Photo: Edwin Faulkner

The Club Stand



Photo: Graham Wood

Michael O'Shea being presented with the Ray Fielding Rose Bowl Trophy by Edwin Faulkner.



Photo: Dave Smith

Paul Clayson in his Alfa



Photo: Dave Smith

250F in the Paddock



Photo: Dave Smith

Two Thirds of the A-Team



Photo: Edwin Faulkner



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 Nov/Dec Issue is 1st Nov 2016



Editor's Agenda

So, what did you think of the newly branded Newsletter? After all the hard work Roger Epsztajn, Graham Wood and the rest of the web team, we are now aligned with the new website. As usual, letters, or preferably, emails to the Editor. Personally, I like the more minimalist look.

As some of you know, I have been an avid reader of Car magazine since childhood. While my friends were reading the Beano, I was trying to understand LJK Setright and looking forward to the grand dinners George Barker was invited to when I was grown up. While these two stalwarts are no longer with us, I did meet Gavin Green at a presentation he gave on

autonomous vehicles. I have always enjoyed Gavin's writing and we were able to compare our views of Car magazine over the years.



Photo: Matthew Ford
0208 940 1587

Henry and his new friend, Gavin Green

Autonomous cars, those things that take away the driving pleasure we enjoy so much, are now in the

present and not the future. I had a test drive in a Tesla last month and was able to drive down the M4 in hands-off mode. This additional feature 'only' cost £2,200 extra. Singapore driverless taxis were put into operation on the 28th August, beating Uber and Google. The "robo-taxi service" is being tested at a small research campus well away from the thrum of the Asian business hub. Let's hope there will always be a place for more manual conveyances.

For those Levantites. The time has come. You can now configure your options to death on the Maserati website - enjoy! And, on a different note, did you know Dr Vranjes has created a Maserati Fragrance

Diffuser? Available at Harrods, of course.



Henry McNeill,
newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk

Hope to see you at the Autumn Meeting in Hampshire, Henry, September 2016

Chairman's Notes

Hopefully you have all managed a little Maserati motoring this summer. My only big drive was a run to and from the Silverstone Classic in the Ghibli Cup. It's a delightful car and ate up the 300 miles from East Lothian to Silverstone with impressive ease. The Club display was excellent, centred around the hospitality unit so kindly provided by Maserati UK. The Club is grateful to Edwin Faulkner for his organisation and to Edwin, Keith and Dave for their concerted efforts over the weekend.



Photo: Graham Wood
The Chairman having his first interview as Chairman for the Silverstone TV.

Maserati had the new Levante on show on the stand next to ours. It attracted a huge amount of attention with non-stop questions to the Maserati staff. It's very keenly priced and I think it should sell well.

It's the band of enthusiastic members who plan events that help make the Club the success it is. Geoff Lancaster put together a great Track Day at Blyton Park, Jim Buss hosted the Summer Party at his hotel and Ken Chisholm is organising the Autumn meeting. If you would like to become a little more involved and have an idea for a new event, then please do get in touch with Derek or Gail; their contact details are on the list in the

Newsletter.

My son has just bought a new house and sadly had to sell his 4200. It was proving a struggle and so I suggested he put the car on the Club website. Amazingly it only took a week to sell. Seems strange that there are not more members using this free facility. Log in and get your spare Maserati posted up there.

I sold my Sebring in July after 23 years of ownership. In some ways it was a wrench but I also felt it was time to move on and try something different. Being Chairman and living in Scotland presents a few challenges mostly to do with the 400 miles between us and the south. One plan is to buy a more modern Maserati and base it near one of the southern airports so that I can fly the majority of the miles and then pick up the car en route to a Club event. As ever I'm really enjoying the process of deciding what to buy. It's always good to have another car purchase to worry about. Hoping to catch up with many of you on the Autumn Rally....



John Bennett
Chairman

John Bennett

Could you be a Club Website Moderator?

The Club Website needs volunteer Moderators to look after different threads on the new website's Forum facility.

So please step forward any who may be interested in helping with the life of the club. **Contact Roger Epsztajn on roger@maseraticlub.co.uk**

Are you a member of the Royal Automobile Club in London?



If you are and prepared to act as a principal for the 2017 Christmas Dinner, please contact Derek Mills (events coordinator) at events@maseraticub.co.uk or mobile 07850 777997.

Marketplace Advertising Rates - Free for Members!

To provide members with better value, we have decided to waive fees for members to advertise their cars and parts in the Marketplace. So, it is now free for two editions of the Newsletter and one edition of Auto Italia - cracking value! The fees for non-members has gone up to £30, still a bargain!

Obituary: Pamela Lindsay, 1928-2016

The Club is sorry to report that Pamela Lindsay, one of our Honorary Members, passed away on 9th July. Dr Sandy and Pam Lindsay were members from the very earliest days of the Club, Sandy's membership number 62 passing to Pam on his death when Pam was rightly made an Honorary Member.

They are most remembered for the wonderful Welsh rallies they ran together in the 70's and 80's where Pam was very much the driving force in the organisation. We pass on our condolences to her four sons, Andrew, Ian, David and Alistair.

Anorak Answer - PAGE 5 QUESTION

October 8, 1803, Florence, Italy
"founder of Italian tragedy", Born: January 16, 1749, Asti, Italy. Died: Count Vittorio Alfieri was an Italian dramatist and poet, considered the



Member Introductions

Gerrard O'Driscoll,

My Spyder Story

Over the years I have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to review various Maserati products, from sneakers to the purchase of a 424v in Italy. But the onset of children, mortgages and the horror of having to book holidays during school holiday time put pay to these indulgences. Until a few weeks ago that is (March 2016), when through a client I was alerted to the last produced right hand drive Spyder E registered in 1995. I immediately leapt into action by trying to find a parking space for a car I hadn't even seen yet!

A week later and I was standing

in a shed, fending off the extreme cold viewing a dark blue Maserati which was more suited to the Italian south than Southend! And as usual I'd already made the decision to purchase in the first 15 seconds but I still needed to keep the pretense up just about long enough to look as if I'd actually made a rational decision. The car really is an original straight car, incredibly well looked after with no signs of abuse or neglect. The only concern was the timing belt was becoming due and from past, hard learned experience of a belt snapping this was my only concern. So a week later I went off to collect my new addition, which in the cold light of day turned out to be even better than I remembered

and as many of you will know that isn't always the case with an Italian car, any Italian car!

Off I tentatively drove, being careful not to subject the timing belt to more than 80% of the potential 250 horses, which proved more of a challenge than I expected. Once I got home I called Merdien in Southampton to expect me sometime the next day with a surprise. So after a sleepless night combined with excitement and fear in equal measure I set off down the M3, again trying to drive as gently as possible whilst all the way pricing the cost of 2 rebuilt heads. I needn't have worried as the car hummed beautifully along the longest stretch of road works in Western Europe and arrived

at Meridien by lunchtime. Once there they established that it had been sold by them twice and it had hardly aged since the last time it was sold; even the hood and number plate had the original dealer stickers.

Over the years when viewing these cars, rarely does actuality exceed expectation and never more so when viewing a Maserati bi-turbo. So often these cars are abused and neglected and left to rot but on this occasion the reverse was true, it couldn't have been better looked after and I only hope during my ownership that continues. I'd like to thank Meridien for their help and to Dan Smoughton of Trident cars, Colchester for supplying the car.

Richard Wilson



I live in Oxfordshire and have always been a sports car fanatic - but in recent years I have stepped into the breach of racing and have found historic racing to be the most enjoyable category. To me the 1950s sports race cars are iconic and 1950s Maseratis have to be amongst the most beautiful of all. Having admired the 300S and driven a 200S, the 250S seemed a perfect option: a 5-speed gearbox, almost as powerful as the 300S, but lighter

to drive and nimbler around a tight circuit. We searched for a 250S and luckily found the American owner of Chassis #2432 willing to sell. The car was sitting in RMA's museum in Canada and hadn't been raced for a few years; I purchased it and brought it back to the UK in autumn 2015. Since then it's been put back into race condition and I've raced it several times this year, including at Spa Classic and Silverstone Classic. At Silverstone it competed in the Woodcote Trophy and came first in class. I think it's a stunning looking car and am delighted that it will be on display on the Maserati stand at the NEC in November.

Maserati built only four 250S sports racers, three with 2 litre engines bored out to 2.5 litres and one with an original factory 2.5 litre engine - Chassis #2432. As such, #2432 is considered the 'purest' 250S ever produced

Richard Wilson's 1957 Maserati 250S



Chassis #2432 and her sister car #2431 were sold in early 1958 to Hall-Shelby Distributors, in Dallas, Texas. Jim Hall and Carroll Shelby were two of the biggest names in US racing history, of Cobra, Mustang and Chaparral fame; Shelby won the 1959 Le Mans in Aston Martin's DBR1. Hall and Shelby raced both 250S cars during the 1958 season's early events.

In March at the Mansfield races in Louisiana, Hall unofficially smashed the lap record of 1:44 (held by Shelby in a 4.5 litre Ferrari), being timed at 1:41.5. In one of the cars he won Race 4; in the other he came 3rd in Race 7 (it is unclear which car raced in which race). He finished 6th overall at Galveston, Texas in April 1958 and took the chequered flag at Eagle Mountain, Texas, in June 1958. #2432 also raced in the 12 Hours of Sebring in 1959. It is also believed that #2432 was entered into the 1960 Cuban Grand Prix event, Cuba's last such event, driven by Dan Gurney.

In recent years, #2432 has raced at many of the top circuits in Europe, such as the Nürburgring, Spa and Le Mans, with regular podium finishes. It has also competed at the top events such as the Mille Miglia, Monaco Historic and Goodwood Revival.

Roger Wood

I have had a love of cars from a very early age in particular Lamborghini. My first job was working for a British Leyland dealer in South Manchester in the late 70's. I was lucky enough to move to a Ferrari dealer in the early 80's, where my dream of owning a piece of rolling Italian art began. During my time selling Ferraris, a number of Meraks passed through our hands and it was a car I always loved.



In the late 80's I decided that selling these beautiful cars was great fun but owning one would be better. Without further ado I left the motor trade in a quest to make some money of my own and realise the dream of ownership.

Whilst on a short break in the Cotswolds recently, I saw an advert for a Merak SS in right hand drive and I thought I would pop along to have a look. It was love at first sight and before I knew it the deal was done. It is a beautiful car to drive and makes me smile overtime I look at it. Very much looking forward to bringing it along to a meeting and getting more involved with the club. I am based in Wilmslow, South Manchester

Wedding Car Enquiry From Brett Cottham

I'm a huge Maserati fan, but have not been able to afford one just yet. We are getting married on the 25th March 2017 and was wondering if any member on the south coast would display their car for a couple of hours and drive us from the registry office to the reception. It will take around 2 hours' max with only 30 - 45 mins driving. We would need to have 4 x doors ideally and are willing to pay. We are based near Southampton and I can be contacted at brettcottam@msn.com.

Summer Garden Party By Gail Mosley

Members who were unable to make the annual Maserati Summer Party at The Dering Arms missed a treat! Jim Buss provided the perfect setting, the sun shone, the jazz band played, the wine flowed and the guests enjoyed a delicious lunch in the garden. All that, and a good variety of cars to admire! What a perfect way to spend a long, relaxing Sunday, chatting with old friends, and meeting new people.
Thank you Jim!



Event Reports

Festival Italia at Brands Hatch By Henry McNeill



Photo: Henry McNeill

Well, this was a surprise. With gates opening between 8am to 10am, I arrived just before 9, but got the distinct impression I was one of the last to arrive. It was already packed with a wide range of Italian automobiles and motorcycles, from the multitude of Fiat 500 variants through to the vast range of Ducatis, Alfas, Ferraris, Lambos and, of course Maseratis.

The second surprise was the weather. From a cool start, it turned out to be an amazing hot day. My partner in crime, Eddie Harte, got his eyelids sun-burnt. Having a well-known passion for sausages, we queued up in intense heat to acquire the perfect Italian hot dog, hope to meet these guys again, very soon!

I must admit, I love walking around Brands, with the Paddock bend always a source of critical events. One such incident even ended up in

the Daily Mail where Andrew Bourke rolled his Alfa GTV three times into the fencing. He was able to walk away. The racing was very entertaining and all cars were able to join for a parade lap. But, so many joined in, it turned into car park and possibly the slowest lap time in Brands Hatch's history.

Many owners I met came from the Sports Maserati Forum, so I enjoyed meeting a new selection of people who share a passion for the Trident. I knowingly met only one club member, Joel Udin, whose amazing Ghibli GT was featured in the latest edition of Trident. That dark greenish, bluish, blackish paintwork is worth selling part of your soul for! Great inaugural day, worthy of your attendance.

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
- Follow Maserati on Instagram

Welcome to the Club

Membership on the 26th August 2016 stood at **730**, this time last year the figure was 627, this is due to non-payers not removed from the database yet.

New members signed up since the publication of the last newsletter are:-

Name	Member No.	Area	Car
Mathew Ellis	5148	Staffordshire	GranSport
Colin Nelson	5149	Gloucestershire	-
John Cleveland	5151	S.Yorkshire	Coupe
Keith Makepiece	5152	Devon	-
Max Osei	5154	London	GranTurismo
David West	5156	Hampshire	Spyder
Roger Wood	5157	Cheshire	-
Dale Ballinger	5158	Gloucestershire	GranTurismo
Richard Warren	5159	County Durham	Ghibli III
Keven Parker	5160	Worcestershire	Ghibli III
Robert Markham	5163	S.Yorkshire	3200GTA
David Long	5164	Surrey	Ghibli III
Andrew Williams	5165	Warwickshire	3200GT GranTurismo
Carl Rushby	5167	Lincolnshire	GranCabrio
Stephane Drieux	5168	Germany	Mistral
Morris Pentel	5169	London	GranTurismo

A warm welcome to the club Kind regards **Dave Smith**

Club Administrator phone 01494 717 701 admin@maseraticlub.co.uk

Make contact newsletter@maseraticlub.co.uk



Maserati 250F: The Autobiography of 2528 (Great Cars) Book review

By Jonathan Ward

You may be aware of the many plaudits about this book. How clever to follow just one 250F throughout it's fascinating career, and what a career. Beautifully illustrated and written, tracing the glory years, Grand Prix by Grand Prix, with a profile of the drivers, many to be killed so tragically later. A section on the non-works drivers, a detailed look at the car with the Corner family, and finally some superb cutaway drawings. What a special time, what a beautiful machine and what splendid pilots who raced them. A wonderful book.



Brooklands 'Autumn Motorsport Day'

9 October 2016

Competition cars from all ages will again be put through their paces on the Mercedes-Benz World test track. Selected cars will also run up the demanding Brooklands Test Hill. Visitors can expect to see - and hear - a wide variety of competition cars including Formula 1, F5000, CanAm, GTs, Touring cars, Group B rally cars and historic cars like the record breaking 1933 Napier-Railton, holder of the outright lap record at Brooklands.

Owners of competition cars are invited to contact the organisers for an opportunity to take part in the track demonstration and the hill climb. Display areas are available to car clubs of all marques and nationalities. Club organisers are invited to apply to book space. See www.brooklandsmuseum.com for booking.

Autumn Meeting, Preliminary Details 14 - 16 October 2016

Many hands make Autumn Meetings a success. Please contact Ken Chisholm if you are willing to help over the weekend

Only a few places left, please contact Ken Chisholm urgently

The base will be Oakley Hall Hotel, which is set in parkland at Oakley, between Whitchurch and Basingstoke.

Friday will commence with pre dinner cocktails, dinner and wine kindly provided by Meridian Maserati.

On Saturday morning we have a drive with a few questions en route and a visit to Bombay Sapphire distillery, followed by a light lunch at Alresford Golf Club.

In the afternoon we have a visit to the Watercross line engine sheds and workshops, followed by a trip on the train. We shall return to the hotel by a short drive and a few more en route questions. This will be followed by a gala din-

ner with wine kindly provided by McGrath Maserati.

On Sunday it is an earlyish start to drive to Thruxton, where we plan a little competition to test your parking ability. This will be followed by a morning on the skid pan where you can use your own car on a totally safe and non-damaging surface. It is only water and very slippery concrete.

It is also hoped that Meridian Maserati will provide a few Maseratis for use along with Thruxton's Mini Cooper and Toyota GT86.

Please email Ken Chisholm if you require any further information. Booking forms are available from Ken at trystehouse@hotmail.com or on the club website.

ANORAK'S CORNER



QUESTION: Who was the first famous Alfieri?

Sevenoaks Monthly Motor Meet

9 October 2016



We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month (April to October) in Blighs Car Park in the centre of Sevenoaks from 8.30am on. It's intended to draw out from hiding all the glorious machinery, both new and old, that people in this area have locked away in their garages too much of the time. All Maseratis qualify by definition! Anyway, we meet, we chat, we enjoy each other's cars and company and have breakfast. Once more established I expect we'll have other activities.

Our "web presence" is via a Facebook group of the same name, which anyone with a Facebook account can join, or they can send me an e-mail and I'll add them to my non-Facebookies list. I attach a photo of our first meet back in April. Next meeting 9 October. Please contact Trevor Griffiths (Club member) at trgscg@btinternet.com for further information.

Christmas Lunch

4 December 2016 - 12:30 Start



What better way of spending the first Sunday in December than at the The Bluebird Dining Rooms (350 Kings Road, London SW3 5UU). The Christmas Lunch is a fantastic way to ring the Christmas season in, with fine dining, great raffle prizes, and the excellent auction. Again I would remind you that numbers are limited to 100, being the maximum seating 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 has been held at £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 or post to address as shown on application form.



Sponsorship at the Maserati Club Display for the NEC Classic Motor Show

The Club has been fortunate over the last few years to have sponsors to help with the costs to put the Maserati Club display together for the NEC Classic Motor Show.

This year I am again looking for sponsors to help, SO can you or do you know of anyone that would like to help.

Please contact Edwin Faulkner at ejf@manx.net

Maserati Club Display at the NEC Classic Motor Show

Birmingham 11-13 November 2016

VOLUNTEERS are required to come and help man the club's stand at this year's Classic Motor Show.

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.

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.

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Cameron Millar 2017 en Champagne - 25 - 29 May 2017

As announced on the last night of the Cameron Millar 2016 in the Mosel Region, the Cameron Millar 2017 Rally will take place in the Champagne Region in North-East France.

Based at the newly redecorated (privately-owned) Novotel Reims with swimming pool and overnight guarded car park, we will drive all around the Champagne Region including the southern part, where a most amazing young generation of champagne producers is now creating some extraordinary wines.

A happy mix of cultural, gastronomic, historical and oenological discoveries will guide us and our cars through the vary varied Champagne landscapes and enable us to discover:

- A 17th century chateau
- Re-visit the Historic F1 Circuit of Reims-Gueux
- Taste many different champagnes in various cellars
- Celebrate the art of champagne on a special champagnetasting evening
- Enjoy a gala dinner in the cellar of a multi-award champagne producer
- A guided tour of the cathedral of Reims on the last day.

The Channel crossing by Eurotunnel on Flexiplus tickets will be arranged by the Club as before. This enables the holders to enjoy complimentary packed meals, soft drinks and coffee in the dedicated Flexiplus lounge before boarding.

The very easy drive from Calais to Reims on the A26 toll motorway takes well under three hours and should enable all to arrive relaxed and ready for the start of the event on Thursday 25 May mid-to-late afternoon.

Due to restricted space at several venues, the rally will welcome 90 participants (45 cars) only. If you would like to participate, please send us an email (mederochemiles@gmail.com) so that you can be on the email and prospective participants' list.

Marie-Elisabeth and Michael Miles



Norwegian Maserati Club - Discover Norway Tour



31 May - 6 June 2017

The Norwegian club are planning a spectacular 7 days and nights tour of southern Norway from May 31st to June 6th 2017. They have chosen these dates to maximise the chances of the best possible weather and daylight. The tour will start and finish in Oslo but will be a driving tour consisting of 100 to 350 miles a day through spectacular territory. Each days driving and sightseeing will end at a new and luxurious hotel except for a 2 night stay around the middle of the event. Members of European Maserati Clubs will be welcome. They are planning for around 40 cars but if we demonstrate lots of demand this number may expand a little. So if you want more information about the event or just want to say that you are interested, contact me at roger@maseraticlub.co.uk.

I can email you a provisional 16 page programme (with photos) and a map of the intended route. I will also place you on my list of interested people which will be given to the Norwegians so that they know who to contact when booking begins, probably in the second half of October 2016. The price is yet to be announced but will attempt to be as reasonable as possible.

Highland Fling III - To the Orkney Isles and Isle of Skye

After the last two successful Highland Flings, the third will be even more spectacular, so come join us.

15 - 27 June 2017

"Highland Fling III" will be a relaxing 12 day Touring Holiday of the Orkney Isles, Isle of Skye & Scotland, with 4 free days to do as you wish. The tour starts and finishes at Gretna Chase hotel with hotels in Dunkeld, Brora, Kirkwall, Ullapool, and Portree, with 2/3 nights in each hotel. We will travel in an anticlockwise direction to the Orkney Isles and then Isle of Skye. Daily mileage will be a relaxing 50 to 180 miles a day. We have booked the best rooms in the best hotels.

For more details and information and if you are interested please contact:
Edwin at EJF@MANX.NET and I can send you the Provisional program.



JohnO'Groats looking out to Stroma Island



Uig, Isle of Skye



Sangobeg Beach Sutherland

Loch Broom, Ullapool



Maserati Owners Club of Australia Global Gathering

20 - 26 March 2018

1st Maserati Global Gathering "Tour Downunder" for Maserati Clubs Worldwide



The Maserati Owners Club of Australia (MOCA) invites all Maserati Clubs worldwide to join them for the inaugural Maserati Global Gathering to be held in Australia in March 2018. This will be the first ever Global Gathering for Maserati Clubs and has the full support of Maserati S.p.A and Maserati Australia & New Zealand.

The event will be run as a road trip over seven nights, commencing near Melbourne on Tuesday 20th March 2018 and finishing in Sydney on Monday 26th March 2018. It will incorporate such iconic drives and places as the Great Ocean Road (frequently listed among the world's top 10 drives), Auto Italia in Canberra (Australia's premiere event for Italian cars) and a grand finale event at the Sydney Opera House.

No pricing is available yet, but more details will be advised shortly. The map shows a broad outline of the route and the tour will be staying in premium accommodation.

MOCA is currently organising a process for the shipping of cars and temporary registration to allow overseas cars to be driven on Australian roads, all at the best possible pricing. We will have a support truck with mechanic and tools accompanying the Tour.

If you are potentially considering participating in this event, please register your interest at www.maseraticlub.co.uk/members/events/moca-global-gathering-2018/?pg=1.

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Master Maserati Driving Courses

MASTER PREMIUM:

A two-day course to improve circuit driving techniques. It includes telemetry and driving exercises on a slippery, low grip surface.

- **Event Dates: 18-19 October**
- **Location Varano de' Melegari (Parma) Autodrome**
- **Event duration 2 days**

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Cooper Maserati Rebuild Update

For those members following the progress of my Cooper Maserati engine rebuild, here is the current position. As I write this on Friday 2nd September, we have four working days before the car is due to be transported to Goodwood for the Revival where it is expected to compete in the Whitsun Trophy. The engine has been rebuilt over the last 10 months and installed over the last few days, not without problems, such as a clutch plate that had to be re-machined on Wednesday. Today the car was transported from Wren Classics in Dorset back to Bracknell where the engine was rebuilt for a check over before it goes up to Northampton next week to go on the rolling road. The rolling road is to set up the carburettors and adjust the timing, which is essential. So I will be delighted if the CM makes it to the Revival and even more delighted if she is running well after a 12-month rest. By the time you read this you will know the rest of the story.

Silverstone Classic 2016



Steve Hart & Guillermo Fierro push the 250F (CM7) onto the starting grid for the Maserati Trophy for HGPCA Pre '66 Grand Prix Cars. Meanwhile David and I retired with the E Type in the RAC Tourist Trophy for pre 63 GT cars after the distributor destroyed itself. I did one lap and parked it on the grass.

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Dave Smith



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Copies and enlargements are available at attractive prices.

Contact Dave on
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Editorial and advertisements for the Nov/Dec issue should be in by 1st November 2016

2003 (53) Coupe Cambiocorsa



Nero carbonio, black leather with avorio cream piping and stitching, carbon fibre trim, avorio leather head lining. Purchased from Meridien in July 2006, only casual mileage since 2010, garage parked since purchase. Cherished and enjoyed over past 10 years, selling to move onto something different. £16000. Call anytime on 07976 275039.

Maserati 4200 CC



Beautiful specification and attractively low mileage example. This beautiful 4200 Coupe with Cambiocorsa gearbox was first registered in June 2003. The colour scheme is Rosso Bologna exterior with a combination of light tan and Bordeaux leather interior, all in immaculate condition. Since new the car has covered only 35,500 miles and has been serviced regularly, first by Lancaster Colchester and latterly by McGrath Maserati. With the current owner since late 2005, it is now available for sale. This is an unusually low mileage and stunning example of its type and the price is £20,000 or offers. Please contact John Jordan, located in East Hertfordshire, 01279 771790

1989 Maserati Spyder 2.8 RHD



It has not been out of the garage for eight years and although started it regularly during that time, it would not start when it was tried recently. The tyres, although good, are fairly flat and it could not be pushed out of the garage to take proper photographs, suggesting that the pads may be stuck to the discs. It is believed it needs a new compressor. The interior is good, the hood is good and the bodywork, including the chrome, is good. There is with it most of its service history, old MOTs, service manuals, handbook and a comprehensive list of work done on it in the last eight years. The original registration number was G538 TVR and the mileage is 90275. The car is located in Cheshire. Offers over £5,000. Please contact Rob on rsc100@hotmail.co.uk



Tour to Spa

Since the last TorqueTalk, we have had the Le Mans Classic, the Silverstone Classic that always attracts some of the finest racing Maseratis, and next week is the Goodwood Revival. My season's racing ends with the Spa 6-hour race in October. Graham & Jacky Wood are organising a tour which will include coming to the start of the 6-hour race at Spa on the 17th September. John Bennett, David Hall and myself will be competing in the Jaguar E Type again, after our success 2 years ago

Le Mans Classic 2016 now attracts over 120,000 spectators.

Those romantic names such as Tertre Rouge, Mulsanne, Indianapolis and Arnage conjure up 90 years of man and machine fighting against the odds through the day and night and day again to cross that thin white line. It should be on everyone's bucket list to sit on the banking at least once, to watch through the night as the brake drums glow and the hot rubber squeals as the cars keep lapping and struggle to keep going for 24 hours



Throughout its history there have been fatal accidents, usually on the 3.6 mile long Mulsanne Straight. The circuit was changed in 1990, when the Mulsanne was modified to include two chicanes in order to stop speeds of 249 mph from being reached. Cars were becoming air borne and flying off the circuit and into the trees with devastating consequences. The Classic was regarded as safer event due to the age of the cars, but now that Classic le Mans includes a plateau of Group C cars from 1992 - 1993, even with the chicanes it remains one of the longest and fastest straights in motor racing in the world and it is raced in the dark!

As always the seven paddocks housing over 500 cars driven by over 1000 drivers was hectic and the organisation found wanting, but we were in France, the sun was shining and we were at Le Mans, so all was forgiven. All cars competing have to be of a model and year that raced in period. I only have the space to mention some of the plateaus. Plateau 1 is from 1923 - 1939 with 71 entries. Great British marques dominated the list with Bentley, Riley, MG, Talbot, Aston Martin, Singer, Lagonda, Morgan, and Alvis. In the overall results a Swiss entered Talbot's came 1st, a British Talbot driven by Julian Bronson and Gareth Burnett came second 2nd and a French entered BMW 328 came third. In Plateau 2 there were three Maserati 300S models, (two French owned) the third owned and raced by Martin Halusa from Austria who is rapidly building a fantastic collection of Maserati racing cars. Three A6 GCS's one from Germany and two from Argentina. The winner of that plateau was Andy Wallace (A Jaguar Le Mans Winner) in a Jaguar D Type and second place Nicholas Chambon from France in his 300S. The only Maserati to be listed in the top 10 places in any plateau.



Maserati A6GCS Barchetta 1954 2000 cc Martin Sucari

David and I raced our all steel bodied standard Jaguar E Type in plateau 3 for cars built between 1957 - 1961 along with Guillermo Fierro and Steve Hart in a 1961 Birdcage T61 and Ulrich Schumacher and Marco Werner in T63 Birdcage. David Graus from America with his OSCA 1600 GT Zagarto and a 2000S OSCA from the Netherlands.

I smiled as I queued up in the dark waiting for the night session to start, because looking up to the front row of the grid was the T63 and the T61 was on the 7th row. Further back on the 15th row was the 2000S. It was a huge disappointment when both Birdcages and the 2000S had to retire with mechanical problems, one with a broken crankshaft, as I thought the Maseratis had a chance of a podium. A climb from the back of the grid to fifth overall at the finish was the Ferrari 250 SWB, but it was Jaguar power that came out on top with the Tojeiro of Jeremy Cottingham and Andrew Smith that won the night race. The Costin Lister of Chris Ward taking 1st overall come the end of the weekend. David and I were pleased to come 12th overall in our plateau and in the team prize which is made up of one car from each of the plateau's we came 3rd overall.



T63 Birdcage driven by Ulrich Schumacher and Marco Werner

For the few years of my life my Father dove a 1950 Series 1 Cadillac although we lived down a narrow country lane and it would hardly fit between the hedges. I had read that these Cadillac's from the early 1950's once raced at Le Mans but what a pleasure it was to actually see one of these monsters with all its chrome competing this year.



Cadillac Series 1 driven by Ian Rowley, Derek Drinkwater and Richard Owen.



Auction News

August would have been a great month to win the lottery millions as some of the most fabulous Maserati's went up for auction in America. In one afternoon you could assemble one of the finest collections of Maseratis in the world. The Gooding & Company August 2016 auction included some of the Tridents most remarkable cars from a 1948 A6G to a 1995 Racing Ghibli Cup and a wonderful racing OSCA.

1995 Maserati Ghibli Open Cup



Estimate: \$60,000 - \$80,000, without reserve. SOLD at \$27,500, surely a bargain! Winner of the 1995 Ghibli Open Cup Professional Class, with fewer than 30 examples produced.

1962 Maserati 3500 GT



One of the finest examples of the 3500 GT. Ordered new by Eddie Fisher as a gift for Elizabeth Taylor, later owned by famed actor Anthony Quinn.: \$400,000 - \$500,000 and sold for \$572,000.

1948 Maserati A6/1500 Coupe



Formerly the property of Franco Bordoni. Coachwork by Pinin Farina. Estimate: \$800,000 - \$1,100,000. SOLD \$852,500

1959 OSCA Tipo S-273

One of the prettiest racing OSCA's I have ever seen. Presented in Briggs Cunningham colours. Estimate: \$650,000 - \$800,000. SOLD \$605,000. Raced at the 1960 12 Hours of Sebring by Denise McCluggage.



The list continued with an immaculate white 3500 GT from 1960 selling for \$572,000. Whilst a 1957 Maserati A6G/54 Spyder sold for \$3,300,000, one of the 10 Frua Spyders and driven by Fangio himself. A 1971 LHD Maserati Ghibli 4.9 SS Spyder sold below the estimate at \$1,500,000 after a 5-year restoration.



Maserati Ghibli 4.9 SS Spyder



Maserati A6G/54

1961 Maserati 5000 GT 'Indianapolis'



Starting with a 5000GT that sold for \$1,677,500. Between 1960 and 1965, Maserati built just 34 examples of the 5000 GT and priced at a staggering \$14,000 when new. This 5000 GT was the first of 22 examples to receive elegant Coupe coachwork by Carrozzeria Allemano.



TorqueTalk welcomes contributions from any member of our club. News involving Maseratis and OSCAs is especially welcome, even if it is not owned or driven by a member of our club. Please keep sending your stories and photographs.