

Giulia 105 Register News

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HERITAGE

Ian Edmunds

I recently attended a symposium on Heritage Impact as part of the Federation's ongoing activities to promote and understand the role of our transport heritage within the overall heritage sector. This work for us is still very much in its infancy and in terms of assessing 'impact', in the sense of how a particular attraction or event impacts on the lives and economy of the local area, we are at the bottom of a learning curve of first gear severity.

However an additional benefit of such gatherings is always the contacts that are made and I was able to have a brief discussion with a gentleman from the head office of the National Trust to explain our objective of historic vehicle displays at other heritage attractions. He recognised the potential for mutual advantage that these could offer and has volunteered to circulate the idea to NT property managers in a regular weekly email. Property managers will be encouraged to contact the Federation if they are interested in hosting such a display and we will then pass the information on to clubs in the appropriate area. I hope that if your club receives such a request you will be able to respond in a positive manner.

In addition venues are starting to advertise their participation in Heritage Open Days between 9-12 September. Although the HOD register will not appear for a while searching under 'Heritage Open Days' in Google (other search engines are available) will produce information on many venues preparing to open in September. Remembering the success at Badgesley Clinton last year why not contact a venue near you and offer them a crowd drawing display of historic vehicles to support their activities.

EVENT NEWS

Colin Francis

Drive it Day in April was a great success and I went on the MK Classic charity run which attracted well over 150 cars. Many events are being cancelled (the actual word used by most organisers is 'postponed') these days with the economic climate being blamed. But some are growing and proving immensely popular so the real reason, in many cases, lies elsewhere.

Examples of cancellations include the FIVA World rally in Belgium and HERO's Icelandic Saga in May while others are tottering on the brink. These include the Grand Britannic Trial at the end of September. The latter was planned for 12 days and covered nearly all of the British Isles for the cost of over £6000. A combination of the cost and duration meant that many people could not do it. The last I heard was that the organisers had over 3000 enquiries but no one had actually entered. It was also a new event so did not have a regular following. Successful new events usually start with a very reasonable price and increase it as they get a following and people gain confidence in the organiser.

A future one-day tour worth mentioning is in Wiltshire on 3 October in support of Help for Heroes. It starts near to junction 16 of the M4 at Studley Grange Butterfly World and visits many places of interest including Wotton Bassett and Lyneham Air Base. The entry fee is £60 and you can get information from John Varney or Dave Bullen on 01278 458957 and 01458 251806 respectively.

Finally I should mention the SLS Classic (Scheveningen/Luxemburg) on 25 - 28 August. This is Holland's oldest regularity rally and there are two categories, Touring and Sporting: details from www.slsclassic.nl. I hope to be there.

ANOTHER GIULIA-ENGINED SPECIAL

Following hot on the heels of my report in the June issue of 'Alfa Romeo Driver', Eric Harrison has sent me these photos of another '105 Special' captured at the recent Brooklands Italian Car Day. I have written to the owner and asked him for some further details. Watch this space!



Photo credit Eric Harrison



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SILVERSTONE CLASSIC

For the many of you who have asked me this question, the U2TC (Under 2 litre Touring Cars) race at this year's Classic will be run on Saturday 24th July. See the full race schedule on www.silverstoneclassic.com. Expect to see a terrific on-track battle between the Giulia GTAs, BMW 1800 Tis, Lotus Cortinas and Mini Coopers. The Scuderia del Portello are one again fielding a strong Alfa entry headed up by team leader Marco Cajani.

At time of writing and despite several telephone calls to the event organisers, I have still not been advised where the AROC parking display area will be sited. Please check your windscreen display passes and follow the usually well-signed access routes into and around the circuit.

BENVENUTO!

We are pleased to welcome Ning Loh from London who has sent me details of his Dutch Blue Giulia 1600 GT Junior along with some photos showing the car (and the original owner) when it was new in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa in 1976!



Ning's Junior was assembled in South Africa and has an unusual specification being a single headlamp model, with early small tail lamps, twin-binnacle dashboard and interior. We look forward to seeing car and driver at a club event in the near future.



Two more Bertone coupe owners have joined the Register since my last report. Cliff Woods from West Drayton in Middlesex has sent me details of his Periwinkle Blue 2000 GT Veloce. The car has been in his family since 1981 and was sold with factory options including electric front windows. Originally owned by his Grandmother, Cliff is now the proud owner. The engine is fitted with high lift cams and was a daily driver until 2006. Cliff even took driving lessons in it!

Finally, Andrew Pilling from Rochdale in Lancashire has registered his 1970 Giulia 1750 GT Veloce Mk2. This car has had two previous owners from new, the last being a friend of Andrew's who had owned the car for over 38 years! Andrew is just coming to the end of a full restoration and the Alfa will hopefully be on the road in July.

Stuart Taylor

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