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From the Chair....

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February 07th. Clubnight El Chaparral Golf. 19.30 Dinner at 20.30
February 11th Club Classic Car Run & Lunch. Organised by Ian & Carol Giles.
February 11th. Ralllye de Sierra Morenas Cordoba

*March 16th.-18th. Primero Encuentro Internacional de Marquesada **ENTRY FULL !***

Greetings Everyone

The New year has gotten off to a flying start and we're having fun already! Our January events have been a great success and very well supported. The weather for the Run was magnificent and it contributed much to the enormous success of the event, as did the BBQ sausages, and the stunning roads! My thanks to Steve Robinson for helping me organise it.



Part of January's Route

There is plenty more happening over the coming months and I will keep you up to speed as best I can.

The Club website is being worked on at this moment and I hope to see many improvements on it quite soon. Certainly the Calendar of events is getting better and you can now see whats on in the immediate future. Yottie Dulverton is taking some superb photographs and all the January events are now on the website for your enjoyment and perusal. We have another cracking run organised for you in February by myself and Carol Giles. We shall

start from near La Cañada, Marbella, and will have a superb route with, again, a lot of new roads for us to enjoy. I will send more information out soon but you can register now if you wish. An excellent lunch is promised in a beautiful, historic setting and will cost 25€ pp including wines, coffee and a welcome drink on arrival. Please reply to:- events@cccandalucia.com Thank-you!

The Andaucian Rally Championship gets going in February too with the opening round taking place in the Sierra Morenas, near Cordoba. We have a full team going and this year we would like to clean up! I am delighted to say that our 3-day trip to Granada and the Marquesada is full up. We can only take 20 cars and 20 crews registered the day that the information was released. Thank-you for that! This will be an inexpensive, fun event. We will start near Malaga and take in the Montes de Malaga before crossing Alfarnate and then enjoying a superb cross-country route to bring us out on the south side of Granada, just a few minutes from our excellent hotel. Dinner will be in what is said to be the best restaurant in Granada with a stunning view out over the Alhambra.



Day two will see us take a leisurely breakfast before we set off for some magnificent countryside and roads. In fact, although our hotel is only a five minute taxi ride to the City centre, we will only travel 2.4 miles before reaching the first lake and some stunning scenery en route to Guadix.



We will arrive in Guadix in time for a splendid local lunch and stay in Granada again on the Saturday night which will be 'free' for everyone to go off and enjoy exploring the city or take a restful break and Spa in the hotel.

Attached here are some fotos I took on the recce which we will see on Day 2.

As we are full up and with a reserve list, I must ask that all participants pay their deposits now or places will be given to those on the reserve list.



I will send more information on the event to those registered in due course.

We are hoping we may get a visit to Guadix racetrack whilst on our special 3-day Granada based event but, if not, there are other opportunities to go out and sample a real racetrack under controlled conditions. For example, on April 18th we are invited to attend Guadix racetrack for a Track-Day with a TVR club from the UK. They will be enjoying a tour of Spain and have kindly invited us to join them when they arrive at Guadix. The cost of the day is around £150 although you will need to take a crash helmet along with you. We are also invited to join the fun for dinner either the night before or the night after (or both!) at their hotel by the circuit for those who would like to make a trip of it.

I will almost certainly go along and, if you've not had any circuit practice, I and some others will be happy to assist you and try to get the best out of the experience!

There is also a Track-day at Ascari racetrack in June organised by 103 Octanos. If you would like more information on that, just let me know and I will send it to you.

You may have noted I mentioned the Tour of Andalucia recently. This is a three day, competitive, classic car event based in Estepona. It will feature hill-climbs, regularity rally stages and other tests to find a winner. Full safety equipment is compulsory and, I believe, there are classes for those not wanting to do the speed sections. I'm not sure why but, there we are! The entry fee includes 4 nights in 5-Star hotels and food etc but is a gentle 2800€ per car. The event was to run at the end of February / early March but has now been postponed. This is a real International event and could be well worth doing if you have the right car. If not, it would still be a great event to spectate or help out at. We may well be involved preparing road-books etc and I will give you more information and dates when I have it.



Whilst on the subject of having fun (aren't I always?) Club member Lorraine Powell, probably known to many of you for her efforts running the ACM, is organising a fund raising dinner for the ManaCare Foundation in March, on Saturday, the 3rd, at restaurante Sol y Luna in Marbella. I was hoping to organise a table but, sadly, my rallying commitments preclude this. If any of you would like to go and support Manacare please contact Lorraine at lorrainepowell@terra.es Tickets are 50€ pp inclusive and promises to be a lot of fun with good food, live music, dancing etc.

Back on the hedonistic trail again, I have a date for your diaries. May 19th and 20th are the dates of the annual Gibraltar Classic Vehicle Association event. We always have a great crowd together for this terrific weekend. Last year was an enormous success and, thanks to the deal we put together with the hotel at Jimena de la Frontera, was an extremely inexpensive weekend too! We hope to do the same thing this year, staying in Jimena on the Friday and/or Saturday nights, joining in the fun in Gib on the Saturday, having a dinner and 'A Bit of A Party' on the Saturday night and enjoying a classic car run and lunch that our great pals in Gibraltar usually organise, starting from our hotel in Jimena. I'll send you more info soon but this is so that you can reserve the dates. Especially you, Jerry Watson!

I must now just mention the sordid subject of 'SUBSCRIPTIONS'! We still have quite a number of you that have not yet paid. To those of you who have, Thank-you! If you haven't yet done so, do please make a bank transfer of 25€ or pay at the next Club event.

We have a number of events planned for you in the coming year but we really do need more volunteers to put on some of the regular monthly Club runs.

These events are not difficult to organise and you could arrange one in your own area or an area that you may know well. I and others will always be on hand to assist, advise or contribute and I would always be willing to prepare a road-book for an organiser.

We have March, April, May and September so far booked but that still leaves quite a number of months to fill.



I'm quite sure you don't want to see the same old faces putting on runs. A change of style and venues would be much appreciated by all! Your Club needs YOUR Input!



Our Clubnights have been going from strength to strength of late, as have the monthly runs. At 20€ pp the food and service at El Chaparral is still outstanding in terms of value, quantity and quality so I hope we may see more of you at these events.

Guests are always welcome at club dinners and social evenings and there is no need to book for the Clubnights.

Club runs, however, do need to be booked in advance, usually in the week preceding the event, and guests may come along once to try us out, see if they like the look of us and then can join if they have a classic car here in Spain.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Ian Giles

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