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## CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC EVENTS

### BEAULIEU

- INTERNATIONAL AUTOJUMBLE  
Saturday, September 13, 2008 Sunday, September 14, 2008  
Beaulieu Event Fields
- BEAULIEU BOATJUMBLE  
Sunday, April 27, 2008  
Beaulieu Event Fields
- BEAULIEU MOTORMART AUTOJUMBLE  
Saturday, May 17, 2008  
Sunday, May 18, 2008  
Beaulieu Event Fields
- MOTORCYCLE WORLD  
Saturday, July 5, 2008  
Sunday, July 6, 2008  
Beaulieu Event Fields
- TRUCKS & TROOPS MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW  
Saturday, May 24, 2008  
Monday, May 26, 2008  
Hersheys- Antique Auto Museum

### HERSHEYS- ANTIQUE AUTO MUSEUM

- DR. MEL WOLK FEATURED ARTWORK EXHIBITION  
Wednesday, October 3, 2007 Monday, March 31, 2008
- CADILLAC LASALLE CLUB MUSEUM CARS ON DISPLAY  
Wednesday, October 10, 2007 Friday, August 1, 2008
- TRUCKIN': THE AMERICAN PICKUP  
Saturday, November 3, 2007  
Wednesday, April 30, 2008
- CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

### OF HERSHEY'S KISSES!

- Friday, November 9, 2007  
Friday, February 29, 2008
- CAMARO 6-PACK  
Friday, November 16, 2007  
Wednesday, April 30, 2008
- CARLISLE EVENTS - SPRING CARLISLE COLLECTOR CAR SWAP MEET & CORRAL  
Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
Sunday, April 27, 2008
- FINS: THE RISE AND FALL OF THE TAIL FIN IN AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN  
Saturday, May 10, 2008  
Sunday, October 12, 2008
- CARNIVAL! 9:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.  
Saturday, June 28, 2008
- AACA EASTERN DIVISION NATIONAL FALL MEET  
Wednesday, October 8, 2008 Saturday, October 11, 2008

### PEBBLE BEACH

- PEBBLE BEACH AUCTION PRESENTED BY GOODING & COMPANY  
Thursday, August 14, 2008  
Sunday, August 17, 2008
- PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCEA  
Sunday, August 17, 2008
- PEBBLE BEACH TOUR D'ELEGANCEA PRESENTED BY ROLEX  
Thursday, August 14, 2008
- PEBBLE BEACH RETROAUTO  
Friday, August 15, 2008  
Sunday, August 17, 2008
- PEBBLE BEACH

### MOTORING CLASSIC

- Monday, August 4, 2008  
Wednesday, August 13, 2008
- BLACKHAWK EXPOSITION SALE  
Wednesday, August 13, 2008 Sunday, August 17, 2008
- AUTOMOTIVE FINE ARTS SOCIETY (AFAS) EXHIBITION  
Saturday, August 16, 2008  
Sunday, August 17, 2008

### LOUIS VUITTON CLASSIC -MAJOR CAR EVENTS OF THE WORLD

- NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW Detroit, Michigan (USA)  
Saturday, January 19, 2008  
Sunday, January 27, 2008
- CAVALLINO CLASSIC Palm Beach, Florida (USA)  
Tuesday, January 22, 2008  
Sunday, January 27, 2008
- RALLYE MONTE-CARLO HISTORIQUE Monte-Carlo (Monaco)  
Friday, February 1, 2008  
Wednesday, February 6, 2008
- RETROMOBILE Paris (France)  
Friday, February 8, 2008  
Sunday, February 17, 2008
- SALON DE L'AUTO Genève (Switzerland)  
Thursday, March 6, 2008  
Sunday, March 16, 2008
- AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE Amelia Island, Florida (USA)  
Friday, March 7, 2008  
Sunday, March 9, 2008

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- **TECHNO CLASSICA**  
Essen (Germany)  
Wednesday, March 26,  
2008 Sunday, March 30,  
2008
- **TOUR AUTO**  
Paris-Marseille (France)  
Monday, April 14, 2008  
Saturday, April 19, 2008
- **CONCORSO**  
**D'ELEGANZA VILLA**  
**D'ESTE**  
Cernobbio (Italy)  
Friday, April 25, 2008  
Sunday, April 27, 2008
- **GRAND PRIX DE**  
**MONACO Historique**  
Monte-Carlo (Monaco)  
Saturday, May 10, 2008  
Sunday, May 11, 2008
- **1000 MIGLIA**  
Brescia-Roma-Brescia  
(Italy)  
Thursday, May 15, 2008  
Sunday, May 18, 2008
- **LOUIS VUITTON**  
**CLASSIC CHINA RUN**  
Chengdu-Kunming  
(China)  
Friday, May 23, 2008  
Monday, June 2, 2008
- **GRAND PRIX DE**  
**MONACO F1**  
Monte-Carlo (Monaco)  
Sunday, May 25, 2008
- **LE MANS CLASSIC**  
Le Mans (France)  
Friday, July 11, 2008  
Sunday, July 13, 2008
- **GOODWOOD**  
**FESTIVAL OF SPEED**  
Chichester, West Sussex  
(United Kingdom)  
Friday, July 11, 2008  
Sunday, July 13, 2008
- **MEADOW BROOK**  
CONCOURS  
**D'ELEGANCE**  
Rochester, Michigan  
(USA)  
Sunday, August 3, 2008
- **CONCORSO ITALIANO**  
Monterey, California  
(USA)  
Friday, August 15, 2008
- **THE QUAIL - A**  
**MOTORSPORTS**  
**GATHERING**  
Carmel Valley, California  
(USA)  
Friday, August 15, 2008
- **MONTEREY HISTORIC**  
**AUTOMOBILE RACES**  
Laguna Seca, California  
(USA)  
Friday, August 15, 2008  
Sunday, August 17, 2008
- **PEBBLE BEACH**  
**CONCOURS**  
**D'ELEGANCE**  
Pebble Beach, California  
(USA)  
Sunday, August 17, 2008
- **GOODWOOD**  
**REVIVAL**  
Chichester, West Sussex  
(United Kingdom)  
Friday, September 19,  
2008  
Sunday, September 21,  
2008
- **MONDIAL DE**  
**L'AUTOMOBILE**  
Paris (France)  
Saturday, October 4, 2008  
Sunday, October 19, 2008
- **LONDON TO**  
**BRIGHTON VETERAN**  
**CAR RUN**  
(United Kingdom)  
Sunday, November 2, 2008



Ranojoy Mukerji

## CLASSIC RESTORERS IN ENGLAND

### Fiennes Restoration

Fiennes Restoration is the amalgamation of a number of specialist but complementary companies. Together they now constitute a company which is both broad in the services on offer but also has great depth of knowledge and experience. Fiennes Engineering was founded in 1976 by Will Fiennes, who brought his experience as a nuclear physicist and tribologist to his passion for Rolls-Royce and Bentley motorcars. Specialising in all mechanical aspects of the small horsepower cars, Fiennes Engineering has established an enviable reputation as one of the foremost experts in the world, catering for cars from the 20hp Rolls-Royce to the Wraith. The emphasis was on mechanical restoration and the manufacture and supply of new spare parts. The engineering section of the Company is responsible for the mechanical refurbishment and overhaul of the cars and also the overhaul of individual units on behalf of clients as required. The work undertaken includes attention to the following:

- Chassis alignment and straightening
- Suspension
- Steering system
- Braking system
- Lubrication system
- Engine overhaul
- Gearbox and transmission
- Rear axle
- Fuel system

- Cooling system
- Chassis wiring and electrical systems

The Fiennes Coachbuilding section is able to reproduce coachwork from drawings or photographs in the original style, using traditional coachbuilding skills. In general the coachwork designs are reproduced as they were originally conceived. However with the benefit of many years hindsight improvements can be made which do not detract from the construction of the coachwork itself. A major element of coachwork restoration, which is often overlooked is the area of coachwork fittings and body furniture. This ranges from door hinges to windscreen mechanisms, window-winding mechanisms to sunshine roof equipment. Many of these parts Fiennes re-manufactures to original patterns, or refurbishes as required. The Minerva Type AL 1927 would have been restored by Fiennes had we not already given it to Gary. Fiennes can be contacted at:

#### Fiennes Restoration Ltd.

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Bampton, Oxon OX18 2RX, England.  
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### Montague & Company

Montague & Company (Motor Cars) Ltd. is one of the most comprehensive independent Rolls Royce and

Bentley specialist parts companies in the world. Montague & Company is a soundly established Rolls-Royce & Bentley specialist company, built around the long-term experience, knowledge and enthusiasm of its Directors. Montague and Company's customers can rely on finding someone who will understand what their needs are from an "Owners" perspective whether it be sourcing a used part at a fraction of the new cost or finding the correct literature for the car that they own or perhaps would like to own one day. Montague and Company offer a cost conscious repair service sensibly solving problems on all models. Some examples include:

- Fault diagnosis
- All mechanical repairs
- Engine work from replacement rocker cover gasket to complete re-builds
- Specialist transmission repairs
- In-house hydraulic unit overhauls
- Electrical repairs - from dynamo's and distributors to ABS Active Ride and fuel injection
- Welding and MOT preparation
- Corrosion prevention
- Supply and fitting of exhaust system and tyres
- Supply and fitting of guaranteed used parts from stock where budgets preclude the cost of new

Their workshops are well equipped for all types of repair

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work. They have an outstanding collection of specialist Rolls-Royce specific tools that enable us to carry out work correctly and efficiently to the required manufacturers standards. At Montague & Company, they can professionally repair Rolls-Royce and Bentley coachwork damage. This work is carried out by Rolls-Royce main dealership trained engineers with over 20 years experience. They have experience in handling any type of collision damage to exacting standards. Montague & Company have their own trimming facilities to handle all aspects of this field from complete re-trims and unique design features to minor repairs. Their trimmer has over 30 years Rolls-Royce experience, having been apprenticed at Mulliner Park Ward. He worked at the Rolls-Royce London facility at Hythe Road during the 70's undertaking all aspects of coach trimming to the Corniche, Phantom and Carmargue models. He also spent a short time at Hoopers working on the Rolls-Royce Empress conversions prior to returning to Rolls-Royce until they closed their facility in 1992. Diljeet Titus kept Montague busy for a full day buying parts for his Rolls Royce and other classics. Montague & Company can be contacted at:

**Montague & Company**  
(Motor Cars) Ltd.,  
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## Crosthwaite & Gardiner

Leading the field in historic race car restoration and in the manufacture and supply of replacement parts for the historic motor racing industry for the last 35 years, Crosthwaite & Gardiner is one of the most highly regarded names in this specialised area of the UK, and indeed, international motorsport. In order to maintain the reputation built upon the engineering excellence shown throughout the company history, C & G continue to develop new stock and one off items to swell an already impressive parts store. Holding the largest stock of new Bugatti spare parts in the world, along with a vast selection of spares for Coventry Climax, Jaguar, Maserati and ERSA, ensures the workshops are always running at full capacity. Vehicle restoration has always been, and indeed still is, at the heart of the operation. The recent commission from Audi, to completely rebuild and build replicas of Auto Unions raced between 1934 and 1939, awarded in the light of previous experience gained rebuilding D-Type Auto Unions and GP Mercedes Silver Arrows, has been a very large feather in the company's cap. Bugatti,

however, is the Marque that is most commonly associated with Crosthwaite & Gardiner. There cannot be many people in the world that can boast of being at the forefront of Bugatti restoration for as long as them. At the beginning of the Eighties and throughout the next few years the owning and restoration of 'Old Cars' really took a hold and so C&G took a tack in direction to stay on course with the trend. Cars of all marques, in varying states of disrepair, were appearing through the workshop doors and after a lot of effort were being pushed back out in concours condition to the delight of many a happy owner. Meanwhile the manufacturing side of the workshop was slowly but surely being increased both in size and capability. Inroads into CNC were being made, the results of which continue today with the production of 'finished' cylinder blocks, crankshafts and cylinder heads along with a host of other type specific components. The gear cutting section was also being put into motion and today now produces a full range of gears for Maserati, Cooper and Lotus cars of the 50s and 60s.

After Audi had all the cars they needed, an A-Type was commissioned and built from little more than photographs (under licence and with Audis blessing) for the Belgium car concern of

Roland D'Ieteren. That along with the continuing restoration of a host of other interesting cars ranging from Ferrari, Jaguar, Maserati, Lotus and Mercedes really took care of the last two decades of the twentieth century and into the next. Last but not least is the tremendous effort that has gone into the development of the engine shop. The company now produces replica Maserati T61, D-Type Jaguar and Coventry Climax FPF power units (fully dynamometer tested and set up prior to delivery), the majority of which are being raced on a regular basis throughout the world. Complete or part engines have also been produced on a one off basis for Ferrari, Delahaye, and Aston Martin etc. Crosthwaite recently delivered a fabulously finished engine turned dashplate for Diljeet Titus' Minerva Type AL 1927. Crosthwaite & Gardiner can be contacted at:

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## NEXT ISSUE

We hope you enjoyed reading this issue of Classic Wheels. We promise the next issue will be equally interesting with many more substantive articles, some of which are listed here. We will also be carrying contributions and articles from readers starting from our next issue; so do send in your contributions.

### 1. The K. T. S. Tulsi Column

### 2. REAR VIEW

- i. Report on the events of the HMCI during the January - March Quarter.
- ii. Reports from Clubs in Dehradun, Kanpur, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Mumbai, Kolkatta, Bangalore, Chennai, Gauhati on events during the January - March Quarter.

### 3. CLASSIC REVIVAL

- i. Back on the Road - Members Cars recently restored
- ii. Pro Bono Publico India's First Vintage and Classic Car Museum

### 4. WHAT'S ON

- i. News from Clubs in Dehradun, Kanpur, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Mumbai, Kolkatta, Bangalore, Chennai, Gauhati on events coming up.

### 5. COVER STORY

- i. Million Dollar Cars - Manvendra Singh Barwani

### 6. TECH TALK

#### RESTORATION NATION

- i. The Details of Restoration - Tikka Manujendra Shah
- ii. Coach Work - Jitender Pandit
- iii. Garage Life - The Gears that are Essential - Diljeet Titus
- iv. Pradeep Pandit on Restoration
- v. Take the Frustration Out of Restoration - Plan your Restoration - Diljeet Titus
- vi. The Guide to Classic Restoration
- vii. How to Store a Classic Bike - Gurmukh Singh

#### BELOW THE HOOD

- i. Keeping it Original - Vidya Sagar
- ii. A Smoking Good Idea - Classics & Environment Protection - How to drive a low polluting Classic - Diljeet Titus

### 7. SPECIAL FEATURES

- i. Muzzaffar Ali's Car Collection & Paintings
- ii. History of Classic Cars - Navinder Singh
- iii. History of Classic Motorcycles - Gurmukh Singh
- iv. Classic Autos in Bollywood - Raghav Handa
- v. Classic Motorcycle Culture in India - Gurmukh Singh
- vi. Classic Scooter Culture in India - Jasbir Singh Sohi
- vii. Classic Car Culture in India - Ajay Kapur
- viii. Living with Classics - How families can get involved and support classic auto collecting - Madhur Jatti
- ix. Classic Drive Report - Driveable Dream - Pontiac Silver Streak of Deepak Marwah - Navinder Singh
- x. B. S. Manco on the Chandigarh Classic Club
- xi. Nitin Dossa on the VCCI, Mumbai

### 8. SPECIALIST PROFILE

- i. Master of Arts - Pandit & Co.

### 9. COLUMNS

- i. Money for Nothing - The Cheapest Classics available in India

- ii. The Mystique of Classic Cars - K. T. S. Tulsi
- iii. Classic Car Collecting - Who needs a reason? - Diljeet Titus
- iv. Tips on Purchasing a Classic Motorcycle - Gurmukh Singh
- v. Third Party Insurance for Classic Cars - Devesh Srivastava (National Insurance Co.)
- vi. Problem of Registration of Vintage and Classic Cars - A Possible Solution - Raghav Handa
- vii. We Believe Classic Autos Must Be Driven - Diljeet Titus
- viii. Ready for New Classic Wheels? Valuing a Classic for Purchase - Diljeet Titus

#### 10. ICONS

- i. American Muscle Cars - Ajay Kapur
- ii. Raja Saheb Bhinga's Sporting Passion - The Jaguar XK 120 and the Mercedes 680 K.

#### 11. NEWS

- i. Cars and Motorcycles under Restoration

#### 12. FACT FILE

- i. New Finds and Discoveries
- ii. Automania - A-Z Terms
- iii. Car of the Year - 1947
- iv. Best Road Maps of India - For The Classic Driver

#### 13. HMCI OUTREACH

- i. Letters from readers
- ii. At your service - Q & A for readers with Automotive Problems.

#### 14. MEMBER PROFILE

- i. YOUR CARS - (The person, the autos, family & other interests) Deepak Marwah
- ii. Chandak Banerjee
- iii. R K Sharma
- iv. Jasbir Singh Sohi

#### 15. DEPARTMENTS

- i. Directory of Vintage and Classic Car Clubs in India & Major Classic Car and Motorcycle Clubs Abroad
- ii. The Right Stuff - Products, Books, Models.

#### 16. PARTS LOCATOR

- i. Directory of Parts and Services Suppliers

#### 17. AUTOMOBILIA, ART & LITERATURE

- i. Automobilia: Miniature Car Collection & Fuel Pumps - Diljeet Titus

#### 18. PHOTO GALLERY

- i. Photo Feature - Abandoned Autos - Gurmukh Singh
- ii. Collage of Photos - R. N. Seth
- iii. Photo Feature on Enamel signs - Gurmukh Singh

#### 19. CAR - TOONS & FUN

- i. Car - Toons - Raman Lamba

#### 20. ADVERTISEMENTS

- i. Classic Advertisements - Car & Parts for Sale

#### 21. Appreciation of Sponsors

#### 22. List of Cars and Motorcycles featured in this Issue

#### 23. List of Advertisers