



XKCC Newsletter



April 2022

NEW Regional Meeting*

New members since February 21

Gary Wotton, Milton Keynes: Neil Palmer, Kent: Trevor Roberts, Doncaster: Ryan Hayes, Middlesex: Mike Mott, Staffordshire: Paul Graham, Kent: John Ellison, Anglesey: Newton Jarret, London: Mark Rea, Birmingham: Paul Graham, Kent: Clive Willsdon, Anglesey: Bryan Redstone, Devon: Stephen Taylor, Warrington.

Events

Drive It Day

We have been invited to join the JEC Modern XK Drive It Weekend for 2022, which will be held in the Peak District, Derbyshire, over the weekend of April 23rd and 24th 2022.

Overall, the weekend consists of:

- Crich Tramway Village for the Gathering on the Saturday, Apr.23.22 – typically 10:00 to 15:00
- The Premier Inn at Ripley to retire to after attending Crich. Those staying there, plus a few of the JEC local members, will have a relaxing dinner at the Cookhouse on Saturday evening.
- The Premier Inn at Ripley will be the starting point of our Drive on Sunday morning, Apr.24.22
- We will be doing a drive of around 75 miles on the Sunday before arriving at the Brook Bentley Inn at Fenny Bentley for Sunday lunch and, for those who were quick, staying on afterwards

A number of XKCC members are attending but numbers are limited and places are filling up fast. Email me at xkcc@btinternet.com for more details.

CMC Open Day

On Sunday April 24th [CMC](#), the world renowned classic car restorers in Bridgenorth, Shropshire, are having an open day.

The day will feature:

1. Tours of CMC's famous workshops where at any one-time dozens of classic cars are being restored including many Jaguars.
2. The opportunity to see the [Aston Martin Bulldog](#) supercar which CMC have just restored, and which won RAC Club restoration of the year.
3. Practical demonstrations from CMC skilled engineers/technicians.

Free tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day and a Buffet lunch will be provided for all of those who order it in advance at £6.00 per head.

Click [REGISTER](#) to attend and book lunch. Can you also contact Bob Owens: xkccmidlands@btinternet.com, as he is coordinating our display area so we can all park together.

Region Reports

Beds. And Bucks Area *NEW REGION*

We have a new regional meeting starting on Saturday April 30th at 11:30hrs. If you are interested in joining come along to the **Travellers Rest, Tring Road, Edlesborough, LU6 2EE** and introduce yourself.

For further details email: xkccbb@btinternet.com

Cornwall & Devon XK Group

June has also put together a list of regional events for 2022. If interested in anything the Cornwall & Devon group are doing, please get in touch with June by email at either xkcccd@btinternet.com or jaguar.tiger50@outlook.com



East (Norfolk)

Due to lack of support in the region Michael has stopped arranging regular monthly meetings. There is however a small group who will continue to meet and attend events as required. If you would like to join this group and help build up the region towards regular meetings again contact Michael.

Contact Michael Simmons: Norfolk: xkceast@btinternet.com

Midlands

The Midlands regions last meeting meeting at The George in the Tree Balsall Common.



Rob Cotteral has organised a Saturday morning trip to Wellsbourne Airfield to see the Vulcan Bomber and to sit in the cockpit, take photographs of all our cars. This will be on Saturday 30th July. It costs £10 which includes cockpit visit, systems demo and photo shoot with the xk's. It opens at 10 but it is suggested we get there for 9am to have breakfast in the airport cafe. The address is Loxley Lane, Wellsbourne, CV35 9EU.

Please let me know ASAP if you want to go.

CMC visit on 23rd April. If you have applied to go on this event you will have been asked by email to confirm details, of your car, club and number of people going also if you want buffet lunch. If you have not done this already please contact them on this link <https://www.classic-motor-cars.co.uk/cmc-open-day/>. I think 12 cars going, 8 of ours and 4 other xkcc members. Please confirm to me you are going. Some of us are meeting up near Kidderminster on the A442 to have a coffee and roll and we will leave the cafe in time to get to CMC by 10.30 details of this to follow. Please note I have been told we are not allowed before then as they will be setting up. If you are going straight there please don't get there before 10.30am and when you do ask for the XKCC Midlands group where you will see our flag by my car.

A number of members have shown an interest in planes and food. I can therefore arrange a trip to Coventry Airport Museum. The Museum have lots of planes on show, including a Vulcan. It also tells the story of Sir Frank Whittle and jet engine development. The trip could be arranged at any time, mid-week or weekend. They also do an evening guided tour trip which includes fish and chips for £15. I have had a number of our members interested in this so please let me know if you would like to go and whether you would prefer going in the day time, mid week or weekend or evening when they do fish and chips.

Three of our members are planning to go on a lunch trip to the Caffeine/Machine which is near Stratford on the 21st April. If you would like to go please let me know and I will pass on your details to those involved.

For your information the Gaydon Gatherings recommences on Tuesday, 12th April in the evening which is a ticket only event. Normally around 600/700 cars of all descriptions. If you are interested you need to go on their web site and book your free ticket. It's car park only Museum will be closed.

Finally can I please request those not in our WATSAPP Group to consider joining to make it easier to communicate.

Regards
Bob

Contact Bob to be added to his mailing list.

Bob Owens: xkccmidlands@btinternet.com

North West

Regular monthly meetings at the Kilton Inn, Mere, near Knutsford. The NW is still looking for a regional organiser to help coordinate events in the region. If you are interested let me know.

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North Wales

Fantastic turn out for the North Wales Region Breakfast and Drive on February 20th. We had 6 XK's, an F Type and 2 other Jags brave the conditions which in truth didn't really affect us. It was great to welcome Adrian and Denise from Haydock for their first meeting, Steve from St Helens was back for his second time with us and Paul and Susan joined us as part of their weekend away in North Wales. It was excellent to have them along with the "Usual suspects".

We had our regular breakfast at the Beach Pavillion before a drive through the mountains to Criccieth and then lunch at the excellent Dylan's, who looked after us so well. The social was still going on when we left at 3pm!! Was a very lively group with plenty of animated discourse and a considerable number of laughs.

All capped off by driving back round the new Caernarfon By-Pass (Opened Saturday). Have to say I am puzzled as to why anyone would build a 3 lane road these days, but it is a dramatic improvement and will make the lives of the townsfolk and drivers an awful lot better.



Fabulous turnout for the North Wales Region Breakfast and visit to Halen Mon/Anglesey Sea Salt on March 20th. There were 14 XK's, an F Type and an XF with us, in all 28 people for a relaxing breakfast. Too many to mention all but was great to have Jaqueline and Alan join us for breakfast as part of their time in the area.

We were blessed with gorgeous weather and the drive to Halen Mon alongside the Menai Strait looking over to the mountains was stunning. We were given a great tour and informative talk at Halen Mon before heading to Tacla Taid for refreshments and more chat enjoying the weather further.

A big welcome to Teddy who stole the show, Russ and Rebecca's new puppy, a gorgeous lad who lapped up all the attention.

There has to be an irony in taking a group of rusting Jags to a place that produces salt!!!!

Upcoming Events

April 17th Breakfast and visit to the Hidden Gardens (if we can find them...)

May 15th Breakfast and drive to Bala via Llanberis Pass followed by BBQ
June 19th Breakfast and visit to Portmeirion with picnic lunch (or café) with guided tour.
July 17th Origins of Jaguar Drive in Meet at Tacla Taid, organised by the museum in conjunction with the XKCC
August 21st Breakfast then scenic drive - Mystery Tour with picnic.
September 18th Breakfast then visit to Llangollen Motor Museum (by special arrangement) Lunch at the Ponderosa.
October 16th Breakfast then visit to Plas Newydd, Anglesey - House and grounds
November 20th TBA

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South East

Another good turnout in the SE despite five members having to withdraw with Covid and two more on medical grounds. Hopefully it won't be long before sickness and ailments will no longer deplete our gatherings. Also shown are Bev and Julia this months winners of the SE Tea Pot Trophy kindly presented by Steve Tullett in my absence



David Hollander: South East xkccse@btinternet.com

*** If there is not a regional meeting close to you why not consider starting one. There will be other members near you who are just waiting for somewhere to meet up! Contact Ron Wood if you are interested.**

Regions Page : <https://www.xkcc.club/national>

Other Jaguar meetings.

Jaguar Breakfast Club

Regular, very well attended meetings on the first Saturday of the month at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, CV35 0BJ

Club Merchandise

Orders are now being taken for a bulk order. Order your items **now** as there will not be another order until after the summer.

If you would like to purchase any items please go to <https://www.xkcc.club/club-merchandise> and place your order. All profits go towards the club charities.

Spain 2022

Andrew Spark is also organising a trip to Northern Spain next September. Details of the trip are on the Forum and club Facebook page.

If you would like more information contact Andrew at a.j.spark1208@gmail.com

Llanerchindda Farm

We have had a **cancellation** for one double room for the July 8,9,10 weekend. If you are interested in joining us for another superb weekend visit to the Farm and drives through the Welsh countryside email me asap. First come, first served!

Email Communication

There are still a few emails bouncing back as non deliverable. Can you mark my xkcc@btinternet address as a "Safe Sender" so it will always get through. Please see link below.

<https://www.getyouonline.co.uk/news/how-to-add-an-email-address-to-a-safe-sender-list>

Newsletter Articles

Spa 6hrs Sounds of History

Don't know about you, but I like nothing more on a winters evening than to pour over a road atlas and plan my next trip in the XK8.



After one such evening a plan was hatched to go to the Spa 6hrs organised by the Belgium Historic Car Association (BEHVA) on the 30th September to the 3rd October 2021. The event itself is run over 4 days on the stunning Spa-Francorchamps circuit, There is racing throughout the day with several hundred historic cars competing. Culminating with the Six Hour endurance race featuring over 120 vehicles on the Saturday night. With

my 2001 XK8 freshly serviced and complete in the replica livery of the Stirling Moss XK Signature Edition we set off on the 29th September 2021 to Dover. Well that was the plan but it didn't take much convincing that from Leicester the M1, M25 and M20 was going to be pretty boring.

After a little bit of further planning it was decided that by leaving a little earlier we could stop off at the Brooklands Museum before catching the evening ferry from Dover.



Having never been to Brooklands before I hadn't realised how important the site was, being the first world's purpose built racing circuit and later used for aircraft production and the development of Concorde, well worth a visit. Suitably replenished after a meal in their Sunbeam Cafe we headed off to Dover.

After the short ferry crossing from Dover we headed off to the Campenile Hotel in Calais for the night.

Those winter nights hadn't been wasted and having driven the rather dull Motorways in Northern France before a decision was made that we would break the journey that day and visit the Mahy Mobiles Museum (mahymobiles.be) which is conveniently situated just off the E42 Motorway on our route to the Spa Francorchamp circuit.

A little about the museum, the collection consists of over 750 historical vehicles collected by the late Ghislain Mahy a Belgium industrialist, by 1997 the collection had outgrown its previous location at Autoworld in Brussels. His son and the Mahy Foundation eventually found a suitable location and spent 2 1/2 years moving the collection to where it is now.

Our visit was all too short, it can only be described as stunning and really needs to be a separate trip in the future.

Leaving the Museum mid afternoon in glorious sunshine we quickly decided we'd had enough of the Motorway and turned off the E42 at Huy onto the N66 to drive the last 60 miles through the Ardenne Forest to Spa Francorchamps, climbing out of the town we selected sports mode on the box and used the J Gate gear selector for a spirited drive to our destination.

Accommodation around the circuit at this time of the year is plentiful, we stayed at a lodge in the Domaine long Pre holiday village just outside Stavelot. €215 for 3 nights

The following morning we were up early in time to see the first race at nine, the Masters pre 66 Touring Cars. There were 12 qualifying races during the day involving 750 cars culminating in the qualifying for the 6hr



endurance race. Somewhat tired after walking the 6 miles round the circuit we headed back to Stavelot where we enjoyed a nice Italian just off the towns Square.



Saturday after packing bags with waterproofs and camera batteries we were back off to the circuit for a full days racing, The Historic Touring car challenge and Tony Dron trophy, Historic GP Cars, Masters Endurance legends, Woodcote and Stirling Moss trophy, Masters Historic Formulae One and to end the day the Spa Six Hours endurance.

The Six hour got under way at 15.55hrs the leading class of Ford GT40s pulled away leading the rest of the field of assorted Jaguars, AC Cobras, Ford Falcons, Mini and Triumph Dolomites to mention just a few of the other makes to battle it out into the night. What a great race on a truly iconic circuit.



Sunday dawned a little cloudy and wet, after a leisurely start and a full English we headed back to the circuit for some more racing. The BEHVA are a very friendly bunch and put on a very good event, the main grandstand, pit and hospitality areas were all open and offer tremendous views of the circuit, we purchased an extremely good meal from the hot buffet for €16 before leaving the circuit at 15.00hrs.

Making sure we didn't emulate the race drivers we took a steady drive back to Calais for an overnight stop before catching the morning ferry back to Blighty.

Winter nights, atlas out somebody mentioned something about cars racing round the towns ramparts. Of course that would be the Circuit Des Remparts D' Angouleme France, don't mention it to the Jag !

If anyone would like any information on the Spa 6hrs please contact me.

Dave Trantom trantoms@hotmail.com

Letters.

I do remember very early last year problems with my XK which cost me dearly!!! ie restricted performance problems with the ECU indicating a spark plug problem, and when after changing the said number 2 - followed by all of them- the problem was still there, it said it was a coil problem.

2 coils out of 8 later, and £300 for items, the problem was still there. After all that it was tracked down to a tiny faulty £27 sensor within the cooling system.....The clue was in the other - as it happened false - joint warning of joint Low Coolant when it wasn't Hey ho !!!!

Still no excuse for not paying my subs.....

(The experience may be helpful for others)

RL

Also if you have any parts for sale let Peter Braybrooke know and we can put it on the site for free.

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Club Forum

We now have 221 members registered. More and more information of planned events, and gossip, is going onto the Forum so sign up and keep up with all the latest information. If you haven't registered yet go to **FORUM**. <https://www.thexkcc.club/>

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Picture of the Month



Making sure she got to the church on time!

Ron Wood (Club Chairman)

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