



FBHVC Club Expo 2022

On Saturday 22nd January Malcom Kindell and James Swan were pleased to represent the AOC at the annual FBHVC Club Expo meeting, held at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. Delegates were able to hear presentations from a range of speakers, join in some question-and-answer sessions and spend some time speaking to the various event sponsors.

The key note address was given by The Rt Hon Sir Greg Knight MP, Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicles Group, on the subject of Historic Vehicles and the Future. Sir Greg gave an optimistic address, stating that there is no appetite in parliament to legislate against the use of vintage and classic cars. The current availability of E5 petrol is protected by law and this is to be reviewed every five years. His advice is that we continue to use E5 petrol wherever possible as this will help to maintain a demand for it and continue to make it a viable option for retailers on their forecourts. Use it or lose it!

Sir Greg went on to urge all of us to lobby our MPs and local councillors on any matters which could affect the continued enjoyment of historic vehicles.

Tom Worthington of Tree-V gave a presentation on the FBHVC's new carbon capture scheme. This provides an easy way for car clubs and individuals to capture the carbon emitted as we drive around the countryside, burning our E5 fuel. Working with Tree-V, the FBHVC has created a simple to use, but highly effective way for any historic vehicle owner to carbon capture their emissions. As well as giving each of us some satisfaction from 'doing the right thing' it clearly sends out the right message on how the historic vehicle movement is taking its responsibilities seriously.

The Classic Car Loan Project will be well known to AOC members and so it was great to hear a presentation from Bob Wilkinson on the continued success of the scheme. Josh Bennett, who had the use of Jack Meredith's TA14 through the scheme, was also on hand to bear witness to its success. Having now handed back the Alvis, Josh now has his own froggy Sprite and is properly inducted into the world of classic cars.

Other informative presentations were given by the FBHVC's DVLA representative, Ian Edmunds, and by Peter James insurance.