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ELVA January 2015 Newsletter

Some months have flown by since the last NEWSLETTER but here we are in 2015 and ready to celebrate the 60th ANNIVERSARY of the formation of ELVA way back in 1955.

2015 - the ELVA 60th Anniversary Year

Of course any celebration requires discussion, planning, feedback, more ideas and a measure of commitment from those who wish to attend or offer other support. While competition cars are going to feature, it is equally important that the road cars receive special treatment too, so please note that ALL owners and enthusiasts of the ELVA marque are invited to become involved.

As with all groups there are many who sit on the sidelines while a relatively small number of others contribute and organise, I am therefore indebted to the hugely positive input already made by Michael Oritt who regularly races his potent Mk.IV sports racer and early Courier as a member of the Vintage Racer Group.

Many of you use the ELVA Forum but of course others do not, so these are the encouraging words from Michael which will hopefully entice many of you to make a note on the calendar and bring about a response from those who will be making the effort to attend ... no firm commitment needed but helps with plans. I believe the best attendance was at Road Atlanta in 1990 when around 60 Elvas were present ... we really should beat that magic '60' at the '60th' !!

September 18-20th "New Jersey Historic Races"

New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, NJ.

From Michael Oritt ...

"Further to our earlier correspondence I am pleased to announce that in honour of Elva's 60th anniversary the Vintage Racer Group (VRG) has officially designated it to be the Featured Marque at our September races.

Please go to [Vintage Racer Group \(Events\)](#) and scroll down to the 2015 calendar. There you'll see that on September 18-20 we will hold our "New Jersey Historic Races" at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, NJ.

This three-day event will of course include VRG's usual great racing and it will also celebrate the Elva marque's 60th anniversary. Among other things there will be an All-Elva 14 lap feature race on this challenging circuit and all Elva racers are naturally invited to participate. Additionally a special paddock will be set aside for the marque and street cars as well as racers ... ALL are certainly invited to join in this celebration.

The VRG Event Chairman is Butch O'Conner whose contact information is:

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I will appreciate whatever assistance everyone can give by getting the word out. At last count VRG has 19 Elva racers amongst its membership--probably the highest concentration in any of the North American vintage race organisations. There are many other Elva owners with whom I would like to share this news and announcements on the ELVA website will certainly go a long way to reaching folks worldwide."

Other gatherings ...?

Now of course there will shouts of dismay from those rather west of New Jersey but then no one has come forward with similar plans for the West Coast; so now is your chance! Those of us in the UK will have a similar trek to NJ, so get those road maps out and start planning. I will rely on the Tiger Moth pilot to find the way! Anyone got a parachute?

As for UK gatherings, there has been contact from Elva Courier owner Paul Brailsford, who recently bought the Brian Stern car, who would like to feature the 60th Anniversary at the 31st August Bank Holiday 'Classic' Show in Bexhill. I am looking forward to receiving further details and will bring them to you soon.

Bexhill is of course a very appropriate location to show some cars, particularly those with Bexhill chassis plates, and ELVA has attended several similar local events over the years including trips in the lovely old van. Anyone interested should please contact me initially via email (or reply to this newsletter). A visit to Bexhill must include a trip to see the Elva-Climax Mk.III on display in the Bexhill Museum ... and count how many visitors say 'WOW' when they enter the Motoring Gallery!!

Hope to have another NEWSLETTER circulated soon with more news and reports.

Meanwhile, hope to see you in New Jersey in just a few months time.

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