

biggest and most unusual events that are about to hit the classic car circuit



Tatton majors on strong owners club support

TATTON PARK CLASSIC, VINTAGE & SPORTSCAR SHOW

WHERE

▶ Tatton Park, Cheshire

WHEN

▶ 20-21 August 10am-4pm

PRICES

▶ Adults £7.50 (plus car entry charge), under 12s free

CONTACT

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It may only be a two-day event, but this annual event routinely attracts more than 2000 vintage and classic cars from over 70 major owners clubs and includes special events organised by the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts and Alvis Owners Clubs. Factor in the huge autojumble and cars for sale areas, together with a wide variety of trade stands and children's entertainment, and it starts to look like a lot to get through in one day's visit.

Everything from pre-war Rolls-Royces to modern Ferraris can be seen, while support from owners clubs and autojumble specialists makes this event something of a mecca for enthusiasts.



UNIQUE SPECIAL ONES

WHERE

▶ Florence, Italy

WHEN

▶ 2-5 September

PRICES

▶ One-day ticket: €180, weekend ticket: €350

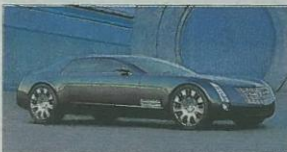
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▶ www.uniquespecialones.com

As the rather eye-watering ticket prices shown above demonstrate all too clearly, this is a seriously premium and prestige event, and one that is held in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Best of all, Unique Special Ones routinely attracts

cars you are unlikely to see in the metal anywhere else ever again. Just looking at the extensive and detailed conditions of show eligibility reinforces this assertion: all exhibits must, in fact, conform to one of the following criteria: being either a one-off; the only remaining car (preferably the first or last) from an extremely limited production run; a prototype, concept or show car; a car with particularly impressive provenance (famous previous owner, historic race victory, etc.).

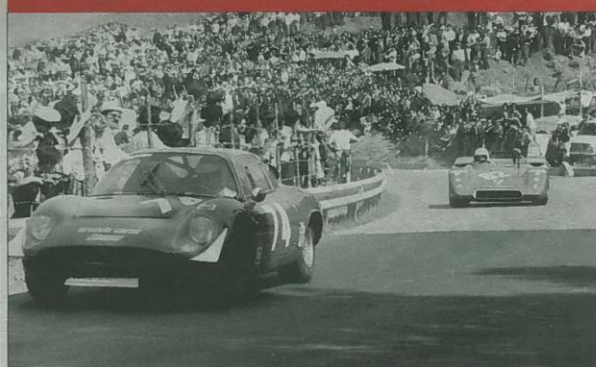
Members of the public are admitted only on the Saturday and Sunday, with judging taking place on the second day and a parade of the top three winners from each class occurring the following day. Sunday evening sees the Best in Show announced at the gala dinner in the evening.



USO is where you're most likely to see a one-off Cadillac...



...or a super-rare car such as this Alfa Romeo TZ



ECO TARGA FLORIO

WHERE

▶ Sicily

WHEN

▶ 28 September-2 October

PRICES

▶ N/A

CONTACT

▶ www.ecotargafiorio.com

Unless you can muster the near-€4000 entry fee (and the requisite ultra-valuable historic racer) to actually participate in this event, this is definitely a spectator event, and one that takes a historic and world-famous event and gives it a surprisingly modern twist.

The clue is in the event's title: the Targa Florio Foundation had the idea of taking this speed event – the oldest of its kind in the world, in fact – and giving it a green theme by ensuring that a large percentage of the cars (turn of the century-1977) take part using alternative fuels. This is partly a PR exercise, of course, but there's a serious point to be made here: namely that classic cars won't be revived by future generations for their perceived unfriendliness to the environment.

The event runs on the island of Sicily over four days, with the first leg running from Cerda to Ragusa. The second leg runs from Ragusa to Taormina before moving on to Collesano where the race finishes. The awards are presented on the final Sunday during a gala lunch in Palermo.



Mario Lepori pushes his Bugatti hard during the 1926 TF



Emilio Materassi pounds through the event the same year

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