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PANTHERS CELEBRATE



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THE PANTHER CAR CLUB celebrates its 30th Anniversary at this year's Grand Gathering, fittingly held at Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey, on Saturday and Sunday, September 4 & 5.

"We have already seven De Villes booked in, including one convertible" said a club spokesman. "I have no doubt the J72's will outnumber these! We also have so many Kallistas and Limas models also booked in and there maybe a surprise turnout by a Solo and Rio - we are on target to get 100 plus Panthers on display.

The venue is fitting as the Panther Westwinds factory in Canada Road, Byfleet, was in the shadow of Brooklands.

But the fun starts on Friday September 3 when visitors gather at *Mercedes World* to park near the old Brooklands circuit. The more adventurous can book to drive, or be driven, round the circuit in one of many cars available.

On Saturday *The Grand Gathering* will start at 10.00am. Panthers will take over the around the museum. Food and drinks are available in the cafeteria and a picnic area is located by the cars. The Club's regalia tent and Bruno's Panther spares will be available.

Added the spokesman: "We have arranged the Hill Climb to be made available for the ones who like a challenge and a special Brooklands Certificate will be awarded if completed. This is a once in a life time experience, and I am sure one not to miss. A photo shoot will also be organised on the banking of the old track with access to the Bridge for photographs.

Special guests

"One or two special 'Panther' guests are scheduled to attend, those being ex-Managers, employees of Panther. Plus some of our International PCC members will also be there.

We will be holding our 'Pride of Ownership' awards for 'best in class', as voted by the attending membership. Plus the now well established 'Best engine bay' competition which will be judged by one of our guests.

"All are welcome, no need to pre-book, you can simply pay on the gate."

The show closes around 5.00pm, then it's off to the Dinner Dance at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the nearby Hilton Hotel. The weekend concludes with the Club's Annual General Meeting on Sunday.

• Our picture shows club members at Shugborough show last month with a J72, the original Panther, a 2.8 Kallista, and a very nice Lima completes the line-up.



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The Vintage Sports Car Club's Prescott Speed Hill Climb last month raised nearly £3,000 for this year's nominated charity, Help for Heroes.

Founded by Bryn and Emma Parry OBE, the charity focuses on raising funds for wounded members of the United Kingdom Armed Forces coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq.

At the event, Help for Heroes merchandise was on sale in the foyer of the Clubhouse and volunteers collected with buckets around the site and raised a grand total of £2,824 over the weekend.