

JOIN THE CLAN

James Spencer from the Clan Owners' Club is looking for a further 15 Clans to commit to the car's 40th anniversary celebrations, so that at least 40 Clans can celebrate 40 years. Already 25 owners have signed up to attend the event, to be held in the

car's hometown of Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Many club members have already committed their cars even though they're currently off the road.

More info on the event at: www.clanownersclub.com

CLASSIC RALLY HIRE

A new venture hiring out rally specification classics has been set up.

Behind the scheme is the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation (HERO), responsible for long distance classic events such as Le Jog event, among many others.

The cars available will include a Triumph TR6, Mini, Lancia Fulvia Zagato and Porsche 911. People will be able to hire them to compete in classic and historic endurance rallying and classic car tours.

Peter Nedin, of HERO said: "We're not limiting hire of the cars to people with a rallying background, but people who think they might like to take up the hobby but don't want to go through the time and expense of buying and preparing car before they have a try. In addition there are people who already have a modified car but it may not be suitable for a particular-event they want to attend."

Info via www.heroevents.eu or telephone 01656 740275.

AUTOPIA GOES CLUBBING

Autopia, believed to be the north west's first workshop to hire out space for owners to work on their cars, is offering its Lancashire premises as a venue for car club meetings.

Clubs can just either just meet there or, alternatively, hire the entire workshop facilities for just £200 for 12 hours.

In addition, Autopia is also staging a Breakfast Club, where classic car owners can meet up from 10am-12pm on selected weekends, as well as a free monthly Wednesday evening car maintenance session in conjunction with Blackburn College Motor Vehicle Engineering Department.

The company is based at Darwen, between Bolton and Blackburn.

Details on 01254 433397 or www.autopiaservicecentres.co.uk

A ROVER FANATIC A

The last Rover P5 may have been built 22 years before Robert Carmichael was born, but that hasn't stopped him being a complete fanatic of the cars.

The Rover P5 Club's youngest member, Robert regularly strips down cars and components as part of his apprenticeship with his uncle, well-known Rover specialist David Green.

"That's being going for a year now and I've loved every minute of it," he said.

"I'd always been interested in cars and David invited me to help him when we were both at a family party. I've never looked back.

"The P5 has so much more character than a modern car. There's the shape, that wonderful grille and so much more. I think my favourite model is the P5B, with its extra luxury."

Robert is hoping for a career in automotive design. His interest means he's already created a sculpture from P5 pistons which is on his wall. "I would love to work in F1. It probably won't happen, but dreams keep us going." He'd like to own

a P5 one day but

Robert also re so much working that it's a lot eas apart than put it readers of all ag on that one!

■ The Rover P5 www.roverp5club.com
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15-year old Rover Carmichael. Photo

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