

## CASTLE COMBE AUTUMN CLASSIC



On the second day of the Prescott Autumn Classic, Castle Combe confusingly also ran a race meeting called the Autumn Classic, although unlike Prescott the day before it was held in ideal conditions. As well as a very diverse programme of historic races there were various old vehicle displays, so here is some of the Italian interest from the day.



*Maseratis old and newer.*



*A fine pair of Fiat Abarths.*



*Even by Abarth standards this is a fast Fiat 600. It is a recreation -but using the original mechanical parts- of David Render's old 1960s hill climb car and has a 1.6 Lotus Twin-Cam in its rear!*

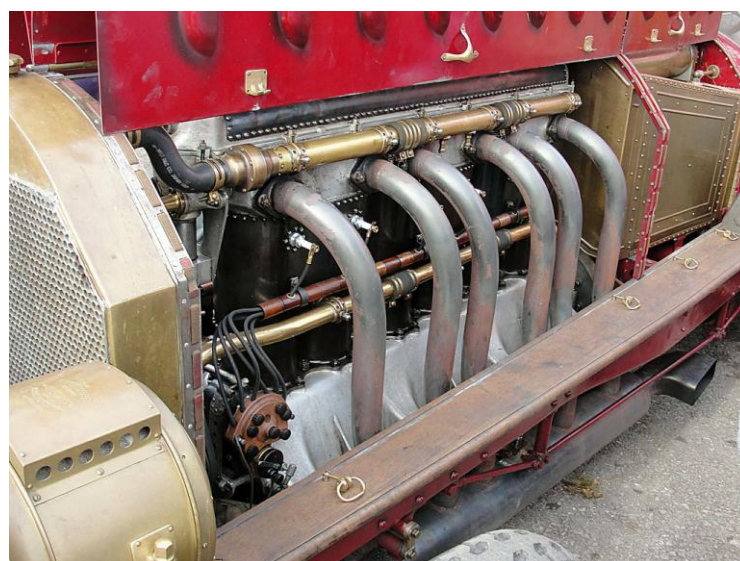


*A rather more sedate rear-engined Fiat was this attractive 850 Coupe...*



*...while one of Alfa's best-known coupes is the racing Giulietta.*

*When it comes to fearsome Fiats though, this one even eclipses the 600-Lotus above. It is a fire-breathing (literally!) might-have-been, which uses a 16.5 litre Isotta-Fraschini aero engine (six cylinders, 300bhp) in a 1905 Fiat chassis to awesome effect. It created a lot of interest!*





*There was not much to be seen in the way of Italian two-wheelers, although I did spot this very presentable Moto Guzzi.*



*There were also Lancias old...*



*...and rather older.*



With so much to see on and off the track this was a great day out, especially given the fine and dry conditions. The meeting is likely to become a two day affair next year, but even in its present form it is highly recommended.

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