

PRE-WAR UPDATE - OCTOBER 2025

Welcome to the October edition of the Pre-war Aston Martin Update. Sue and I have been on a road trip for the past 5 weeks in our DB9 GT Volante and covered 4570 miles through 6 countries, going all the way to southern Spain. Before we headed home, we met up in Austria with fellow AMOC members for the Autumn Concours at The Gut Brandlhof Hotel near Saalfelden last weekend, a fabulous spot as you will see from the photos in this Update. Plus, there were 3 very nice Pre-war Astons! I sent an email earlier in the month to tell you of Howard Browning's passing - his funeral is tomorrow in Minchinhampton at 12.30pm (details below).

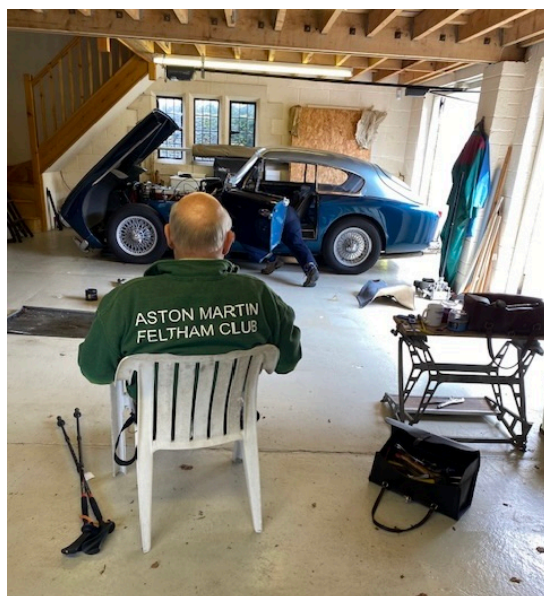
Howard Browning RIP

Howard Browning, long time Pre-war and Feltham-era Aston Martin owner and AMOC member, passed away peacefully at home on 13th September 2025, aged 82. Howard had a lifelong passion for old cars having owned many over his lifetime, including Rileys (2x Kestrels and a Lincock) an MG TA and an AC Aceca Ruddspeed. His involvement with Aston Martin began in the 1990s, purchasing his 1957 DB2/4 Mk2 ULR 138 from his brother John, also a long standing AMOC stalwart for many years and one-time Concours Secretary. He soon added his beloved 1938 2 litre 15/98 CKW 338 to the garage and owned, maintained and enjoyed both for some 30 years. Together with his wife Marilyn and children Sarah and David, he attended many AMOC events and overseas tours, travelling as far as Prague (without a satnav) northern Spain (without a starter solenoid) and Ireland (without an exhaust). May he and his brother John be speeding down the country lanes of heaven together now. He will be much missed by Marilyn, his children, his 8 grandchildren and his many friends.

Funeral service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Minchinhampton on Wednesday, 1st October at 12:30. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu may be sent to The Stroke Association c/o Fred Stevens Funeral Directors, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, Glos GL6 0DQ, or donate online at www.fredstevens.co.uk



Proud to have CKW back from a repaint by Bruce and Jim



Supervising David changing gearbox oil on ULR



When a grandchild needs a ride to prom... call Grandpa

S61

Russell McIvor from New Zealand contacted me by email to show me photos of S61, his 1930 Aston International he purchased in 1961 when an electrical apprentice in England. Ivo reckons it is the most Southernly Aston in the world.



Mallory Park

David Ozanne very kindly supplied this report and photos from the race meeting at Malloy Park on 30 August. 'A sunny start to the day greeted the two Astons entered for the VSCC Bob Gerard Memorial Trophy Race Meeting held at Mallory Park. Edward Bradley in his Ulster and Thomas and David Ozanne sharing their 2 litre Speed Model. In qualifying for the Mallory Mug (ODM) race, Edward Bradley was 5th and David Ozanne 11th out of 23 entries. In the race, Edward maintained his position finishing 5th whilst David Ozanne improved to 9th, managing to keep the two cars he overtook on the start behind him for the rest of the race. For the Pre-war Handicap race, Thomas qualified well, meaning, as at Caldwell, he had a hard task ahead. He started well but then the rain came and progressively got worse, so he decided to take things easy and finished 12th.



Left photo - Thomas talking to Alan Brooke.

Right photo - David in the Speed Model.



Edward Bradley in his Ulster - photo by David Yorke.

Hampton Court

Marc Fischer took part in the Hampton Court Concours d'Elegance in LM8, as did Ivo Noteboom, who took his 2-seater Speed Model (B7/716/U).



The following photos were kindly taken by Nick Vee at Hampton Court.



Caramulo Motor Festival

Mark Shipman took part in the Caramulo Motor Festival in Portugal in his 1933 Long Chassis Le Mans (J3/315/L) over the weekend of 5 - 7 September.



Pre-war Germany - September 2025

Between 5 - 7 September, the 21st International Concours d'Elegance Automobile - ASC-Classic-Gala took place in Schwetzingen Palace and Gardens in Southwest Germany, close to Heidelberg. A total of 205 cars were presented including 92 Pre-war cars. This year, one of the focuses was Aston Martin. Proud owners displayed 17 Astons in an impressive timeline, starting with a Mark II, followed by a 15/98, continuing with two DB 2/4 Mk I and a DB Mark III, a DB 4 Serie 1, a DB5, a DBS V8, a V8 Zagato (first owner Mr. Rowan Atkinson).





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On the right above is the MkII of Jürgen Dornstädter (A5/533/L) first registered APX234

In the prize giving, the two Pre-war Astons were successful. The 15/98 of Michael Müllmann achieved 2nd place in the Classic-Gala Aston Martin Trophy and the Mark II of Jürgen Dornstädter, 3rd place in the Classic-Gala Prix Jeunesse. Next year, the 22nd International Concours d'Elegance Automobile will happen from 4 - 6 September 2026 (www.classic-gala.de).

Fundadores Car Rally

Mark Shipman took part in the Fundadores Car Rally in Portugal between 26 and 28 September. A classic car event for pre-1939 vehicles and motorcycles, inspired by a historic run in Portugal over a century ago.



The event includes a route starting in Figueira da Foz, passing through towns like Alcobaça, Óbidos, and Mafra, and concluding in Lisbon. Mark reported that he had a lot of fun - but it was quite informal and more like the wacky races! He said the Road Book was quite a bit off for the Saturday morning, but no one got particularly worried - everyone just enjoyed driving Pre-war cars.



Kop Hill Climb

Five Pre-war Astons graced the Kop Hill Climb over the weekend 20/21 September. Unfortunately, I only have photos of 3 of the cars and no write-ups from the owners but the cars I do have pictures of are Peter Rogers' Le Mans TL2745 (C3/241/S), Brian Moyse's Le Mans ALP598 (D3/255/S), and David Starkey's 12/50 Team Car replica AGJ526 (A3/226/L). Also present was David Martyr's Razor Blade and Mark Wood's International L0/76.



Gran Premio Nuvolari

Robert Burt competed in the Gran Nuvolari in his Le Mans (D3/259/S) AML 226 this September - he is going to provide a report for the next Update but I thought I would share the photo below with you in the meantime.



AMOC Autumn Concours

The Autumn Concours took place at the Hotel Gut Brandlhof near Saalfelden in Austria last weekend. Although there were no Pre-war Astons entered in the Concours, the AMHT Ulster was on display, along with a very special Ulster, A5/537/U, CML 719, which is part of the 'Golden Age Collection' in Germany, and has an extensive in-period competition history. The third car was David and Marion Martyr's Le Mans, F3/286/S, AXT632, which they drove in the German Section's Road Tour on the Saturday which visited the Concours in the morning.





Cars for Sale

1934 Aston Martin 1½-Litre Mark II Short-chassis Tourer Registration No BLU 417 (ex UK reg) Chassis No E4/434/S - for sale with Bonhams at the Zoute Sale on 12 October 2025. Full details can be found [here](#).



1930 Aston Martin 1.5-Litre International, S53 is for sale via auction with Trade Classics, and ends on 8 October. Full details can be found [here](#).



Thank you for taking the time to read my Update - please keep the articles and photos coming.

Kind regards,

Tom Wood

Pre-War Representative



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