The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu looks ahead to an exciting year

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Events and exhibitions coming up this year at The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu...

(All photographs from Beaulieu).

They tell us:

Those with an interest in the motoring heritage can discover more about the National Motor Museum and its collections with a new calendar of exhibitions, displays, behind-the-scenes tours, talks, vehicle meets, and family events.

National Motor Museum Trust Chief Executive Jon Murden said: “We’re really delighted to unveil our 2023 events calendar. In addition to aspects of the history of the motor car, the programme will focus on the future of automobility, and see the Museum contribute to the debate on how we get about in the future.”

The events programme will provide an opportunity learn more about the Beaulieu based Museum’s vast collections of motoring objects and meet the team that care for them, with a series of Collections Centre open days and ‘meet the curator’ sessions in the Museum building.

Behind-the-scenes tours

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As part of a visit to Beaulieu, visitors will be invited to book special free-of-charge tours. The next Collections Centre open day is on Saturday 11 March, at 1.30pm, when some of the 1.9 million objects, images, films, and books will be on display during a 90 minute behind the scenes tour.

Visitors to the Museum, located on its campus in the New Forest National Park, can also listen to talks about our vehicle collection with ‘Under the bonnet afternoons’



Vehicle

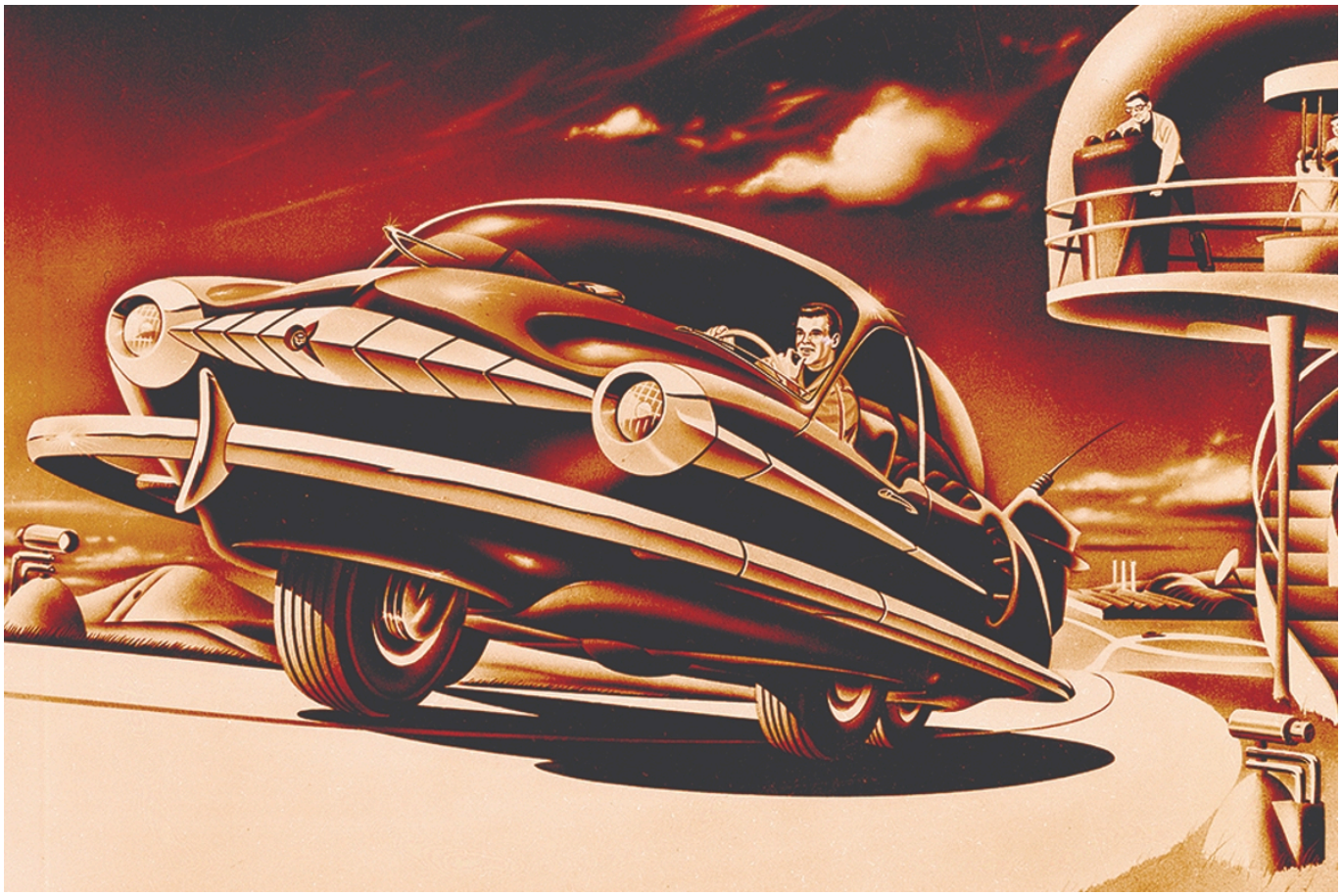
Motoring enthusiasts can bring their vehicles to Classic Grille evenings during the summer at Beaulieu when they can take their cherished vehicle onto the arena of the National Motor Museum for free and meet other car enthusiasts and members of the National Motor Museum team.

A series of specialist evening lectures or ‘Transport Torques’ in the Collections Centre theatre will include an evening to celebrate 100 Years of the MG and commemorate the 70th year of the iconic film Genevieve.

Exhibitions

A photographic exhibition marking the centenary of the famous Le Mans 24 hours sports car endurance race will also feature in the Museum this year.

An exciting headline exhibition *Motopia? Past Future Visions*, from 20 May 2023 – 14 April 2024 will tell stories from the past to take visitors on a journey to the future of motoring. Examples of innovative technology, art, films, vehicles, radical concepts from the past, ideas that have become reality, and future visions still to be realised will be on display in a newly designed museum exhibition space in the Museum. To complement the exhibition, a week of family activities and pop-up events, *'Motopia? – Are We Nearly There Yet?'* will be at the Beaulieu between 29 May – 2 June, and *'Photopia: Framing the Past'* will be on 31 July – 1 September – a partnership project run between the National Motor Museum, the Caravan and Motorhome Club and the Shell Heritage Art Collection.



Arthur Radebaugh – 'Atomic Car'

Before the year ends there will be an amazing opportunity to sleep the night amidst the

vehicle collection at the National Motor Museum on ‘Night at the Museum’ 28 October, 6pm – 9am. A chance for all the family to see over 285 cars and motorbikes with their bonnets, tanks and bodywork gleaming under the museum lights.

The National Motor Museum events supplement the Beaulieu events programme that included the high-octane thrills of the Beaulieu Supercar Weekend, 15 Simply rallies, the colourful Custom and American Show, and the bargain-hunting opportunities of the Spring and International Autojumbles.

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Further information on the events programme is available at www.nationalmotormuseum.org.uk/events

More about The National Motor Museum:

The National Motor Museum Trust Limited is a charitable organisation founded in 1972, which runs the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu in the New Forest. Continuing the work of the flagship Montagu Motor Museum, the Trust has a world-famous collection of 250 vehicles and associated motoring items, which are on display in the National Motor Museum. The nearby Collections Centre houses and cares for a vast array of motoring artefacts, photographic images, specialist reference library and film and video library. For more information about its collection and services see www.nationalmotormuseum.org.uk

Visitors to Beaulieu can enjoy a full day out with features including the ancestral Montagu home Palace House, 13th century Beaulieu Abbey and grounds and gardens. Tickets can be bought in advance. For tickets or more information see www.beaulieu.co.uk or call 01590 612345.

A full calendar of events and exhibitions is held at Beaulieu by the National Motor Museum, including Collection Centre Open Days, Classic Grille Evenings, Meet the Curator events and Transport Torques. Details are available at www.nationalmotormuseum.org.uk/events