The shows season gets into high gear at the British Motor Museum!

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Rootes Heritage Day.

The British Motor Museum tells us...

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There’s still plenty of summer fun to be had at the British Motor Museum, with a full schedule of motoring shows running throughout late July and August. The Museum has already hosted a packed shows calendar throughout June and early July. The remaining shows include the Rootes Heritage Day and Old Ford Rally on 19 July, Petrol & Pride on 26 July, Fiat & Friends on 1 August, Young Driver Experiences on 2 August, the Ultimate German Car Meet on 9 August, and the People’s Air-Cooled Show on 23 August.

The Great British Summer Savings offer runs until 1 September with £1 child tickets for all visits between 25 June and 1 September, including all these great shows! Learn more and book on the Museum website for a great value day out.

The Old Ford Rally will bring fans together to see 400 classic Fords on display, from Model Ts to the cars of the pre-war austerity years, to the more luxurious post-war Zephyrs, Zodiacs, and Granadas, plus the fan-favourite Anglias, Mk1 and Mk2 Cortinas, Capris, Escorts, and Fiestas. Taking place alongside the Old Ford Rally, the Rootes Archive Centre Trust will be holding their Rootes Heritage Day, celebrating all Rootes classics, from earlier Hillmans, Humbers, Sunbeams and Singers to the later Chryslers, Simcas and Talbots.

‘Petrol & Pride’ returns for its second year and is inclusive of all people and all vehicles. Building an empowering new fixture for members, friends and allies of the LGBTQIA+ community, the event aims to allow everyone to show off their pride in their wheels and themselves, in a day of music, food and fun. Expect prizes for the Butchest, Gayest, and Best Glow Up, with winners chosen by a panel of judges, and even a pride flag display made from different-coloured cars.



Petrol & Pride.

After an incredible first two years, Fiats and Friends returns for 2026, with the best of Fiat on display in an unmissable summer event! This family event celebrates Fiat vehicles of all ages, along with the achievements of other designers, manufacturers and engineers. Fiats & Friends is open to every Italian vehicle from 1899 to the present day, including cars, electric vehicles, motorcycles & mopeds, commercial vehicles, campers, supercars… even tractors!

The Museum has teamed up with Young Driver to bring their ever-popular driving experiences to the Museum! Alongside the traditional driving lessons, Young Driver offers 15 minute Classic Car Experiences for kids of 10 and up! There are 2 British motoring classics to choose from – a Morris Minor and an Austin 7. Driving classic cars is great fun and will give youngsters a feel for sensitive and delicate car control – a rare and useful skill for drivers. There are time slots available from 10am to 4:15pm.

The Ultimate German Car Meet returns for a third year in 2026. Last year’s event saw more

than 800 cars on display and this year promises to be even bigger. All performance, classic, modified, rare, sports and super German cars are welcome to join the display at this unmissable event!

The People's Air-Cooled Show is an exciting new event dedicated to the Volkswagen and Porsche air-cooled community. Every air-cooled Porsche or Volkswagen is welcome to join the display, regardless of age or model! Exhibitors and their passengers benefit from discounted tickets that include admission to the Museum, making this an unmissable day out for enthusiasts, families, and fans alike.

Tom Caren, Show Manager at the British Motor Museum, stated, "There's still plenty of summer fun to be had at the Museum! We continue to have a fantastic range of classic and modern motoring shows for our visitors and enthusiasts to enjoy throughout July and August! There really is something for everyone this summer, and fingers crossed the sun will keep shining".

Show entry, including access to the Museum, is just £18 for adults in advance or £21 on the day, £16 for concessions in advance or £19 on the day and £1 for children (5-16 years); and under 5s are FREE. There is also the option to Gift Aid or donate your entry fee and receive an Annual Pass in return at no extra cost (excludes £1 child tickets). Prices vary on Annual Pass Exempt Days.

To find out more information about the shows, please visit the website at https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/whats-on



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