

# MILLE MIGLIA 60TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

It is 60 years since Sunbeam entered the Mille Miglia with Sunbeam Rapier Series 1 cars in 1957 and also the last official year of the event. I am planning an independent tour with an open invitation to other Sunbeam clubs to follow the event and then a touring holiday after. The Rapier is the only Rootes model that can submit an entry to take part in the retro event and I have been responsible for preparing two cars to enter. At present, November 2016, entries have not opened, so the tour is dependent on both cars gaining an entry. The event is always over-subscribed but we are putting forward a strong package. I will know by mid to late January if we have been successful so this is an advance notice to those who may be interested.

Our tour would leave on the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May and return two weeks later on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. This allows two days drive to the Brescia area and two days rest before the event starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, there would be a chance to see Brescia, and the Mille Miglia museum or just relaxing. The day before the event all the entries are assembled in the streets of Brescia. We will follow loosely the event and take in various points, enjoying the spectacle and staying in hotels nearby. The event finishes on Sunday in Brescia, after this we will have an informal tour working our way back but with rest time and interesting places to visit.



*Alex Jackson and Ken Sparkes at the NEC in 2015  
Thanks to Peter Baker of 'Retro-Speed' for the picture*

During the Mille Miglia tour I am responsible with Ceri Harper as support for the two cars in two Hillman Huskies prepared as the competition department support vehicles, this will not involve other participants but we will follow the same route on our tour, after the Sunday my commitment to my clients is finished. If you are interested either send me an email at [k.c.sparkes@btinternet.com](mailto:k.c.sparkes@btinternet.com) or telephone me on 01487 830633/07720 863759 to register your interest please and I will contact you when entry is confirmed. At present there is no firm idea on cost but hotels will fill quickly in the area so early booking is essential.

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