

Borders Vintage car rally promises a great day out

✘ Scottish Borders Historic Motoring Extravaganza was named as best classic car show in Scotland.

The event has been named the best classic car festival in Scotland by Sunday Times Driving. In the article, the show was named one of the top five in the UK and the only show in Scotland to grace the top ten. The event was described as “Bordering on fabulous”.

In recent years, the show has become a big favourite with families too. As well as several hundred vintage, classic and performance cars, motorbikes, trucks and military vehicles, this year’s show has the largest line up of family activities ever.

Now in its 41st year, the organisers – the Borders Vintage Automobile Club – have been working hard to make this the best show yet. Attractions include a working Rolls Royce Merlin engine, Spitfire cockpit simulator, fun fair, craft fair, food stalls, mini quads, face painting and emergency vehicle displays.

For adrenalin seekers, there will be the opportunity to take a ride in a supercar, sports car or vintage car with the Sporting Bears Motor Club. The Sporting Bears are offering Dream Rides in aid of the Hearts & Minds Clowndoctors charity. You can experience a thrilling 10-mile ride in a car of your choice from a selection of cars including a Ferrari 430 F1 Spider, a 1920 Vauxhall D-Type, a Lamborghini Diablo, a 1928 Lagonda.

✘ Everyone attending the Extravaganza will also get the chance to win the ride of their dreams in the Dream Rides

competition.

The show will be celebrating landmark anniversaries for some marques: Bullnose Morris (100th), Aston Martin (100th), Porsche 911 (50th), Corvette (50th), Rover P6 (50th), Triumph 2000 (50th), Hillman Imp (50th) and Lamborghini (50th).

It's not just lovers of classic cars that will find something of interest. This year, the show has a brand new feature: Old & New Marques. A selection of local car dealers will be bringing a classic old marque and the very latest marque, this will include an Aston Martin DB6 and the new Vanquish, a Jaguar D-Type and the new F-Type 3 litre V6.

And finally, there will be a special guest at this year's show. Alisdair Lockhart, from Selkirk, has spent 12 years and £50,000 lovingly restoring Britain's first sports car to its former glory. He painstakingly tracked down some of the last surviving original parts to rebuild the 100-year-old Vauxhall Prince Henry.

The show this year will be held at Thirlestane Castle, Lauder on Sunday 2nd June. Gates open at 11am. For further information visit www.vinty.org