



10 September 2026

Dear Member

Here is the latest news flash from the Marina Alta Classic Car Club.

ACE Café – Sunday 13th September 2026



This month's Ace Café is on Sunday, 13th September 2026, at El Campo as usual. 10:30 to 13:00.

We hope to see you there.

Monthly Rally Sunday 27th September 2026



Another beautiful and exciting rally has been set out for our members, and a splendid lunch at the Refugio Vista Bernia.

A few tips for good preparation:

- A charged phone
- RouteYou App installed on your phone if using this option – Instructions [HERE](#)
- Route open on your phone (at home) using QR code underneath
- Login details will be provided by the Rally organiser
- Printed route version is also available
- Because of the limited phone signal in the mountains, please bring cash for any drinks not included in the lunch

The rally will start at 11.30 with coffee at the Cueva Cova de les Calaveres in Benidoleig. Here is the link to the location <https://maps.app.goo.gl/thrLerMdgBJiZDw68>

Departing at around 12:30 Part 1 of the rally to the restaurant Refugio Vista Bernia is about 1 hour or less depending on traffic and your hairpin skills. There is private parking for MACCC members, look for the flags.

The three-course lunch includes a drink of your choice and coffee and starts at 14:00. The cost is 29€, including a 1€ tip. Payment can be made at [Make a Payment](#). The menu with options to choose meat, fish and vegetarian is available.

Please email Mathilde at mathilde.stiekema@marinaaltacc.com with your menu choices no later than 21st September.

Any extra drinks orders will need cash payments while ordering.

The RouteYou guidance can be accessed through your phone camera using the QR code.



After lunch ZERO TRIP and turn left out of the car park for Part 2 of the Rally to stay on CV-749. After 75m turn left for the beautiful route down the Bernia to Benissa. At 14,7km (9,1miles) you will reach a roundabout with options for heading home via Xaló, Calpe or Benissa.

I hope to see you on the 27th September,

Mathilde Stiekema
MACCC Liaison Officer

Links:

- [Route](#)
- [Menu](#)

Annual Gala Dinner – 4th December 2026



Please join us on Friday 4th December at Salons Carrasco for our Annual Gala Dinner and what promises to be a wonderful event.

The cost of the evening is 65€ per head and this includes a delicious three course meal including drinks and a welcome reception with appetizers.

Following dinner, we shall be entertained for the evening by the ever-popular James Hurst. Get your dancing shoes on!

A small deposit of 20€ per person will secure your place and can be made by 'Make a Payment' on the Website.

During the course of the evening, we shall be holding a high value raffle with all profits going to our nominated Charity, Raquel Paya Denia.

Dress code is smart/casual and the event starts at 7pm.

A number of hotels can be found locally if you wish to stay including Ritual de Terra, Parador de Javea, Pinosol Aparthotel and Dionis Boutique Hotel.

The final balance will be required by 14th November 2026.

Please select your menu choices from the attached menu and send to <mailto:Brian.spickett@outlook.com> no later than 14th November 2026.

Links:

- [Gala Dinner Menu](#)
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Survey

We prepared a member survey, which we would like you to take part in.

This will help us with a better understanding of your needs and wishes.

The survey is anonymous, so please take yourself a little time and answer the questions:

- [Questionnaire](#)
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In the spotlight this month: **Thomas Rudlaff**



1. **What is your name and where were you born?**

My name is Thomas Rudlaff and I was born in Germany.

2. **When did you become a member of MACCC?**

I have been a member of the MACCC since 2021, then I become a committee member in 2023, and I have been the Vice President since January 2026.

3. **What type of cars do you have and why did you choose them?**

I lived in my hometown of Stuttgart for forty years where I already had three classic cars; two Porsche and a Mercedes. We moved to Pedreguer in 2020 and I wanted to do more with these cars. I discovered that there was a classic car club in the area, so I joined rather fast.

Living in Stuttgart meant only Stuttgart brands came to mind as preferred classics and, working for Mercedes, my first classic was a SL 560 from 1987. My second and third classic cars were both Porsche 911 Carreras from 1985 and 1988. A Porsche 911 is “the” German sports car, so having one of those was my childhood dream.

It was possible to obtain any type of service and maintenance for these two brands near Stuttgart.

In Germany, I participated at the “Bosch Boxberg Klassik” a few times which was organized by the Bosch motor club in Stuttgart. This was often a two-day event plus an overnight stay with dinner and a great party. This was always enjoyable because it ended at the Boxberg Test Site where you did the last trials. This is where I met other like-minded car enthusiasts. The 911s performed extremely robustly on this track there, even on very hot days.



I have driven a lot of very different new cars during my professional career, but classic cars have a different feeling. They are a piece of art. This is especially visible in Stuttgart, because Stuttgart is full of new, expensive, nice-looking cars of all premium brands. So, if you drive by in the newest Porsche, Mercedes, BMW or Audi most of the people don't even look. This is different in a classic car as they always get their attention.

Once in Spain, we enhanced our small collection with a Porsche 356 from 1961 and a Mercedes 220SE from 1965.

We also have a couple of newer cars for various purposes. One of which is our Smart fourtwo, which is great for shopping and my Mercedes G-Wagon (the big black box) which is perfect for my dogs and for towing my caravan.

4. Is it easy to get spare parts?

I find parts for the classics via the internet from Germany and from the rest of Europe from specialized dealers. Luckily, there are a couple of very good repair workshops that I use in Pedreguer.

5. How do you keep your cars in top condition?

My cars are parked in our own garage which we renovated as a car garage. My garage is also a kind of man cave with a Scalextrix track and a lot of miniature cars, preferably for the Scalextrix or from James Bond movies.

Although I love a lot of different cars from all over the world, I will remain devoted to my two preferred brands. One reason is that these cars are built as everyday cars and are so very solid which makes it easier to maintain them in top condition.

6. Do you use your cars often?

I don't often drive my classic cars. On average, I drive them once or twice a month, but I try to always take a different car to the ACE Cafés and rallies.

7. **If you were to buy a new classic now, if money is no object, what would it be?**

My dream car is an Aston Martin DB5 (1963-1965). This is the most famous James Bond car, first appearing in Goldfinger 1964 (also featuring my favorite bad-ass – a German actor... - “*Bond*: Do you expect me to talk? *Goldfinger*: No Mr. Bond. I expect you to die!”). This car was shown later in a lot of other 007 films.

8. **Do you have any other passions?**

My other passion besides my cars are my dogs. In Germany, we lived in an apartment and my wife and I both worked very long hours, so there was no space or time for dogs, but as soon as we retired, we got our first dog.

The interview was conducted by Mathilde Stiekema.

Information: Upcoming club events in 2026

To keep you informed about the upcoming events we will always show them here.

They all can be found on our website.

We now included some new rally's as alternatives / in addition to other monthly events, so that we can now offer every month a daily rally.

- 13.09. ACE Café
- 27.09. September Day Rally
- 22.09.-26.09. Annual Rally – organized by Brian Spickett – fully booked
- 11.10. ACE Café
- 25.10. Charity BBQ and Rally
- 08.11. ACE Café
- 22.11. November Rally
- 04.12. **Annual Gala Dinner**
- 06.12 ACE Café
- 13.12. Xmas hat rally

Please note that for all future events our preferred paying method is via the website “[Make a Payment](#)”.

Please also note that if you pay with Credit Cards related to non EU bank accounts (including UK !) we will surcharge the than appearing bank charges to you !

Also to avoid any misunderstanding, please note that your booking only is confirmed if you have either a confirmed email from the website or from the organizer of the rally.

Disclaimer

Thank you for reading this newsflash and I hope you found it useful. If you have any comments you can email me, using thomas.rudlaff@marinaaltaccc.com. I hope to see you soon.

Thomas Rudlaff

Vice President