

JEC SOF/A - CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

Saturday 25th April and Sunday 26th April

The AGM will be held in the Hotel Francois 1er in Cognac at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th April, followed by a dinner at the Hotel Héritage in the centre of Cognac, with an overnight stay in the Hotel François 1er if you so wish. We very much hope that many of you will stay on for the Sunday rally described below.

On Sunday 26th April, we shall be joining a rally organised by the Rotary Club of Cognac to raise money for the eradication of Polio and Leprosy around the world. The day will include breakfast and registration at Maison Martell, a morning rally of about two hours and then a display of classic Delage and Delahaye cars to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Louis Delage, along with many other classic cars. A slap-up lunch will be taken in the former shop situated in the courtyard at Maison Martell. A guided tour and tasting is available to those who book. All participants must pre-register.

Monday 4th to Saturday 9th May

A trip based around the four valleys of the LOT, the OUYSSSE, the CÉLÉ and the DORDOGNE, including such gems as MARTEL, BEAULIEU-SUR-DORDOGNE, ST-CIRQUE-LAPOPIE, ROCAMADOUR, FIGEAC and many pretty little villages and interesting visits. Foie gras and truffles may also be involved! We hope to be able to arrange a trip on the picturesque steam train at Martel.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June

An introduction to regularity rallies organised by Pete and Clem Upton, who have much experience in this area of rallying. There will be an evening briefing and dinner on the first evening, followed by a simple regularity rally in two parts on the following morning, with a coffee-stop mid-morning and followed by lunch. A night will be spent in a hotel in Périgueux, from where the rally will start. This is NOT a competitive event, it is just a bit of fun and an introduction to timed rallies.

Sunday July 19th

We are joining up with the Interesting Car and Bike Club (ICBC) for a visit to the Château de Hautefort and a lunch together, including a display of our cars in the château grounds. This is a chance to meet new friends and see some different cars.

JEC SOF/A - PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

Sunday 30th August

Our annual charity barbecue is to be held in the commune of Bellevigne (16120) at the home of Julian Packman and his partner Régine.

Friday 4th September

A visit to the Château de Varaignes and the museum of weaving and a lunch in a local restaurant.

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September

The annual Circuit des Remparts weekend in Angoulême. The Club will be participating in the rallye touristique on Saturday 19th and will organise a Club lunch in Angoulême on Sunday 20th. **Please note:** If you want stand tickets for the racing on Sunday 20th you MUST buy them directly from the Circuit des Remparts website, which opened on 14th December 2025.

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September

The annual Classic Festival at the Circuit de Nogaro is held on this weekend. If there is sufficient interest from members, we shall organise a Club trip with suggested hotel accommodation and information on how to enter the rally and generally enjoy yourselves.