

Schloss Dyck 2013
Klassik & Motorfestival
2nd, 3rd and 4th August



As an alternative to the now hugely popular Laon Historique which takes place in May, it was suggested that a run out to the Schloss Dyck meet in Jüchen in Neuss / Dusseldorf, Germany should be a consideration for an 'International' flavoured STOC trip into Europe. The event takes place in early August and is on a smaller scale to its much larger Goodwood Revival equivalent in Sussex, England. Whilst the ever popular Revival in the UK caters for nearly 140,000 people the smaller version in Germany held in the grounds of the old Schloss Dyck [castle](#) attracts a manageable 30,000 people.

This is the 8th annual event being held proving to be an extremely popular mix of 'oldtimers' classics. Spectators at Schloss Dyck who attend are encouraged to enter into the period spirit and blend into the surroundings with contemporary dress. Germans are clearly enthusiastic and appreciate the local engineering history associated with their successful automobile industry and many great names and priceless machines are invited to the event. For example, in 2012, Sir Stirling Moss was reunited with his Mille Miglia winning Mercedes [300slr](#). This will be an opportunity to appreciate classics not normally seen within the UK shores.

Attending the event in a period classic car the organisers will embrace enthusiasts with a dedicated parking area in close proximity to the meet, not dissimilar to the annual spectators classic gathering at the Goodwood Revival. So arriving in a group of thundering 'Tigers' we will certainly be able to make a statement on arrival and be positioned relatively close to the main event itself.

Jüchen in Neuss, between Cologne and Dusseldorf is an attractive rural part of Germany and is approximately 4 hrs away from the first hotel stay at [La Sapinière](#), France. It is therefore not a particular demanding overseas trip and this allow us the time to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Hotel chosen for the main weekend is the delightful four star [Rheinhotel Vier Jahreszeiten](#) in the district of Meersbusch. Situated on the banks of the River Rhine and is on the outskirts and north of Dusseldorf. Rooms have now been reserved at the hotel under the reference 'Sunbeam Tiger Owners Club, UK'. Room bookings are to be secured, together with all payments, direct by you with the hotel. I have indicated to the hotel that there will be an initial requirement for six double/twin rooms and two single rooms, these will be reserved on a first come first served basis, and will be held for a limited time - so please contact direct. At present they do have plenty of availability, but take care not to leave it too late as the Schloss Dyck, Classic Days event becomes extremely popular, and like the Goodwood Revival all the very nice hotels in the vicinity get taken up fairly quickly.

Reservation is based on an arrival of Friday 2nd August, and departure Monday 5th August and do advise the hotel of your personal accommodation preferences and of any special requirements. I have found the hotel extremely friendly to deal with and contact details are below.

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Reservierung (Reservations)

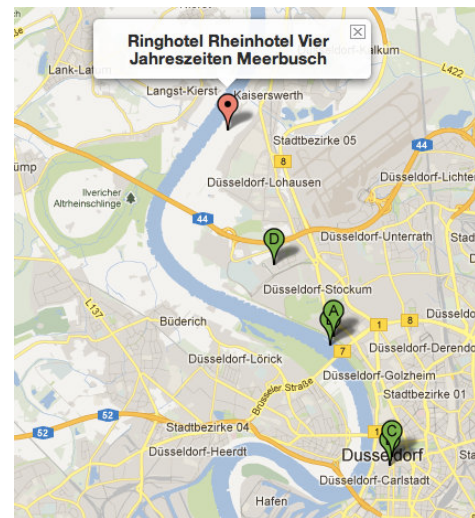
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Room rates are €85 for a single room per night, and €125 for a double/twin room per night.

Room rate includes international breakfast buffet, parking, free use of sauna, welcome bar, VAT and service charge. If you are early enough with the booking, then there is also the opportunity to upgrade your room to a more 'superior' choice (at extra nominal cost), but don't forget to ask for a room with a view over the River Rhine. To confirm a reservation, the hotel simply require your full details and a credit card only to secure the booking. I have negotiated with the hotel that they *will agree to waive the booking deposit* for our group and you will simply pay the hotel bill when you check-out after your stay. For the best rooms, I recommend securing your hotel reservation at the earliest opportunity! For late comers, I am sure the Hotel will do their utmost to help, but please contact me [via email](#) if you require any more help with the hotel or additional information.



Sun-Terrace bar/restaurant and hotel is relatively close proximity to Dusseldorf



Schloss Dyck is expected to be in the first week of August, and once released by the organisers tickets for the event can be purchased direct and I will let you have details to secure these in due course, to give you an idea of value for money the tickets for 2012 worked out at €34 per person for two days entertainment.

There will be a 'southern' contingent and a 'northern' contingent for the European trip, the southern journey is likely to encompass an overnight stay, arriving via Calais on Thursday 1st August, at the delightful La Sapinière (previously recommended by member Richard Danby, and used many times by STOC). Northerners will travel via boat overnight on Thursday from Hull to Zeebrugge. As before, Northern contingent will travel the short distance from Zeebrugge to La Sapinière (80miles) on the Friday morning (2nd August) and after [rendezvous](#) the two convoys will travel on, with a lunch break, to arrive at Schloss Dyck Friday late afternoon, for check-in at the hotel in the evening.

For 'southern' STOC members deciding to stay at [La Sapinière](#) in France can you please book direct, as you normally do, and am sure [Richard Danby](#) and [Marie Loxston](#) will help liaising with your requirements, It is expected a total of two nights be required, with a one night stay for arrival on Thursday 1st Aug and a further one night stay for the return 'stop-off' on Monday 5th August. Contact details for La Sapinière are as follows;

La Sapinière - 12 route de setques - D 208e - 62219 Wisques -
Tél. : 03 21 38 94 00 - <http://www.sapiniere.net> - Email : lasapiniere2@wanadoo.fr

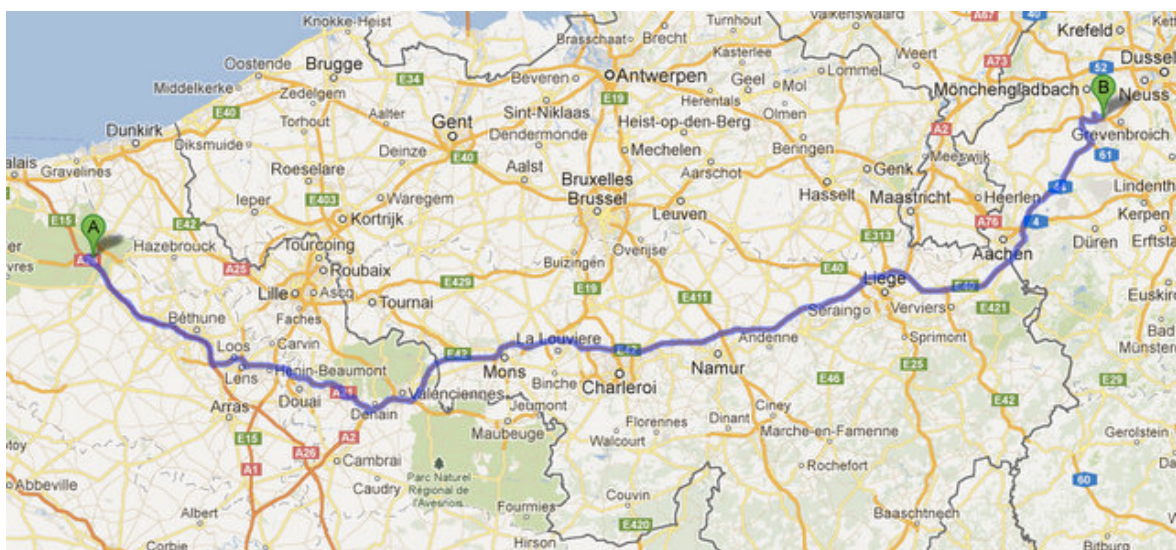
Arriving Friday afternoon at Schloss Dyck will allow the group really to ‘familiarise’ themselves with the surrounding area and location, with a short trip (35mins) traveling eastwards to the hotel, see map below. Saturday and Sunday will be the main days for spectating the event, then we will have the opportunity from the comfort of our hotel on Saturday morning to enter into our ‘period’ dress.

After harnessing valuable feedback, it is suggested that on Friday we may decide to ‘dine’ in the evening at our hotel. The hotel has a choice of three restaurants, one incorporating a ‘beergarden’ sun-terrace overlooking the Rhine. Saturday, we may leave the Tigers at the hotel and take the short trip in taxis to the historic [old town](#) of Dusseldorf. Sunday choice will be supper at the hotel having been watered and fed at the Schloss Dyck event during the day. It will all depend on personal preferences as we can decide closer the time and of course the hotel will accommodate our requirements.

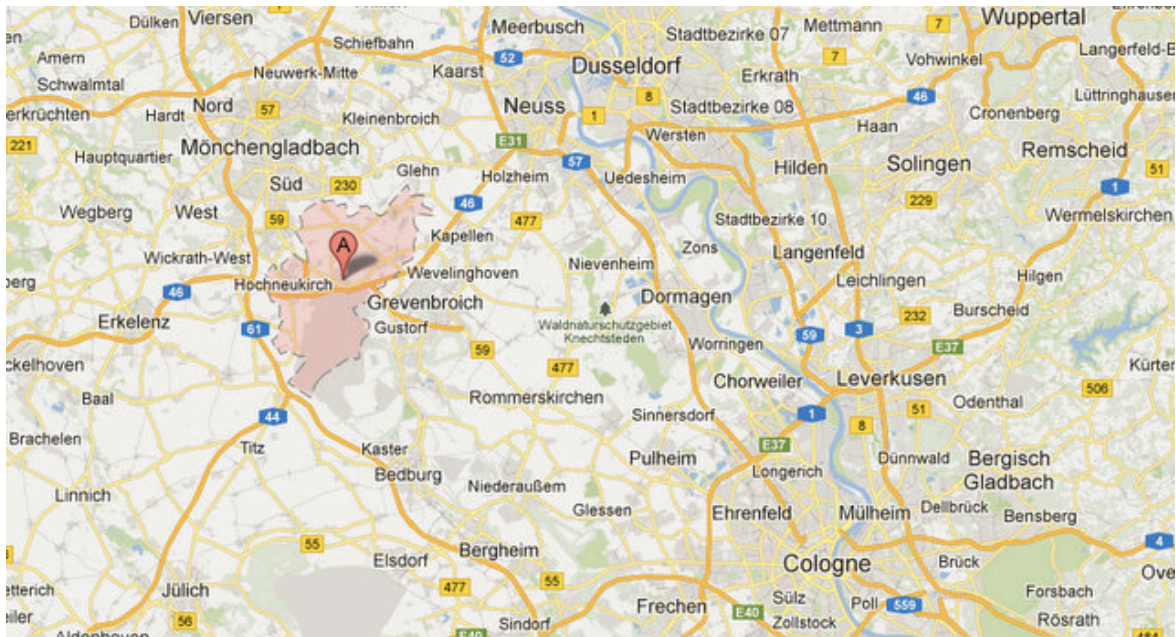
Trip from Zeebrugge to Hotel La Sapinière (80 miles, approx’ 1hr 40mins journey time)



Trip from La Sapinière to Schloss Dyck, Jüchen (249 miles, approx’ 4hrs journey time)



Location of Schloss Dyck, [via michelin map link](#)

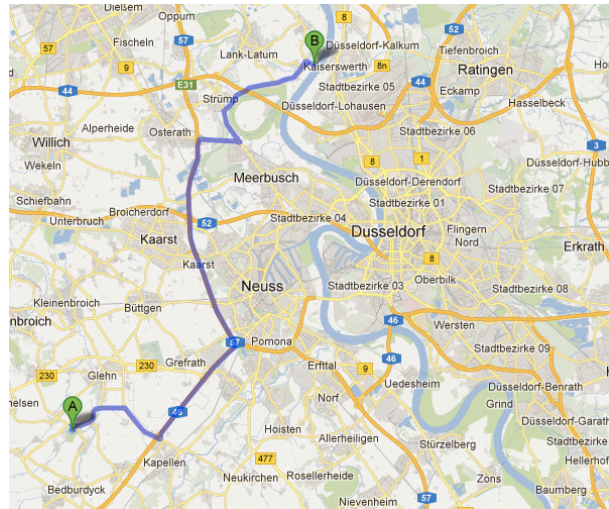


Schloss Dyck, Jüchen





Route from Schloss Dyck to Hotel
(19.1miles, approx' 35mins)



The return trip will be after a depart from the [Rheinhotel Vier Jahreszeiten](#) checking out on Monday 5th August before 12am, lunch stop is yet to be decided and that will probably be the occasion en-route when the 'Northern' contingent break away from the 'Southern' group. [La Sapinière](#) is approx' 4^{1/2} hrs driving time from the Rhein Hotel and it is planned to stay there for one night prior to departing for the Calais boat trip Tuesday morning (6th Aug). For members staying at La Sapinière please arrange your reservations direct with the hotel. The 'Northern' group will continue to Zeebrugge for the overnight boat (usually leaving 7pm local time) to arrive early morning in Hull.

Members will also be responsible for organising their individual boat/tunnel crossings into Europe. For ease of reference, I am listing below the usual popular options and can I suggest Marie Loxston (who will also liaise with me) for the requirements for the 'Southern' group so that not only is the group travelling together, but we have a reference point for any additional questions.

For 'Northerners' it is highly likely that the boat trip will be as follows; Boat trip to Hull/ Zeebrugge; only option is with P&O Ferries bookings can be made online for the required weekend. Cost for a standard cabin is in the region of £280. Book direct with <http://www.poferries.com> or 08716 64 21 21

And for the Southern group; it will be either Eurotunnel or Ferry crossing via Dover/Calais. Cost for a ferry with P&O or DFDS Seaways for crossing Thursday (1st Aug) afternoon returning Tuesday (6th Aug) morning, is in the region of £140. Contact details for P&O Ferries as above, and DFDS Seaways: <http://www.dfdsseaways.co.uk> or 0871 574 7235. Alternatively, the cost via the Eurotunnel is currently not dissimilar £142 for a 'standard' ticket. Contact details for the Eurotunnel: <http://www.eurotunnel.com> or 08443 35 35 35. Frequency of crossings to navigate the Channel are plentiful, and it would be useful to liaise to ensure the group travels together, and [Marie Loxston](#) will be the point of contact.

Any questions, please contact me direct: tomaselli@gmail.com or 07710 043384, and in due course I will send out updates to those members who are attending so do please let me know when you have booked for the weekend. I will also be sending out details when bookings can be made for the weekend Schloss Dyck tickets direct and final details with travel information nearer the time.

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www.dailymotion.com A useful brief and nice video.

www.classiccarpassion.com A great website showing the history of the meet, with an excellent album of pictures.

www.schloss-dyck-classic-days.de Main webpage for the event

[Schloss Dyck English](#) As above but translated in english by Google

<http://www.motorvision.com> Another website coverage of previous event

<http://www.motor-klassik.de> German website with coverage of the event, and some great pictures.

