

Wartburg Trabant IFA Club UK

IFA Club events are open to all and we look forward to welcoming all of those able to join us.

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2025 Programme

Date 2025	Event	Info/bookings contact
3-12 May Club Event <i>Bookings now open!</i>	Bangers to Bratwurst 3 – Our third club trip from Britain to Germany. May 8 marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day when the German forces signed the surrender in a building that is now the Museum Berlin-Karlshorst. This trip visits WWII places of interest on the way to/from Berlin, to visit the museum on 8 May 2025.	sec@ifaclub.co.uk
6-8 June Club Event <i>Bookings now open!</i>	SALT 17 – Buckinghamshire The annual ‘cold war’ event for Eastern Bloc vehicles, with visits and a full programme.	biz@rpjeffers.co.uk
28-29 June Club Event <i>Bookings now open!</i>	Steam and Cars The club makes a long-overdue return to the Foxfield Railway, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, for a weekend of activities, including our famous Saturday road run, evening meal (and bar). Camping on site is available too (always popular)	web@ifaclub.co.uk
12-13 July Club Event <i>Bookings now open!</i>	Powderham Castle The biggest show in the south-west. Held at the castle of the same name, near Exeter, the club will have a stand and weekend of activities, including a road run.	alorrieadams@gmail.com
10 Aug Club Event	Surrey event and Cranleigh Classic Car Show This massive show on the Sunday will be the bookend to an IFA Club weekend, including a Saturday Road Run.	biz@rpjeffers.co.uk
19-21 Sep Club Event	IFA Club Scotland weekend – Details to follow	stuartalexandercross@yahoo.co.uk
11-12 Oct Club Event <i>Bookings now open!</i>	Red Oktober IFA Club weekend & AGM – Based in Kendal, we take in the roads and sights of the Lake District. The AGM will be a relatively brief part of the weekend (two hours max) held in the wonderful Windermere Jetty Museum.	sec@ifaclub.co.uk

About the IFA Club: From mopeds and motorcycles, to cars, vans, minibuses and lorries the club supports everyone interested in ALL vehicle makes from former ‘iron curtain’ Soviet and Eastern bloc countries. The club is run by volunteers with the sole purpose of bringing together like-minded people with an interest (and/or ownership) in all Eastern Bloc classic vehicles. We also work with the three UK-based motorcycle clubs for the period (Jawa CZ Owners Club, MZ Riders Club, Cossack Owners Club), and welcome each other at our events.

In total, around 320 club members own 376 Eastern Bloc vehicles from a total of 45 different manufacturers - a remarkable spread.

Formed in 1969 as the Wartburg Owners Club - at a time when the cars were sold new in the UK as right-hand drive models (Wartburg Knight) - when direct supply ceased in 1976 the club started a spares operation. Today, only 20 Wartburg Knight cars are on UK roads.

After the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989, other East German vehicles could be bought secondhand, with the Trabant being a popular import to the UK. Since then, the club has expanded to serve enthusiasts of all makes.

With the collapse of the USSR and the change of political system across the Eastern Bloc more vehicles became available and UK enthusiasts have been keen to acquire these once-derided, but durable, cars, vans, trucks, motorcycles and mopeds. www.ifaclub.co.uk