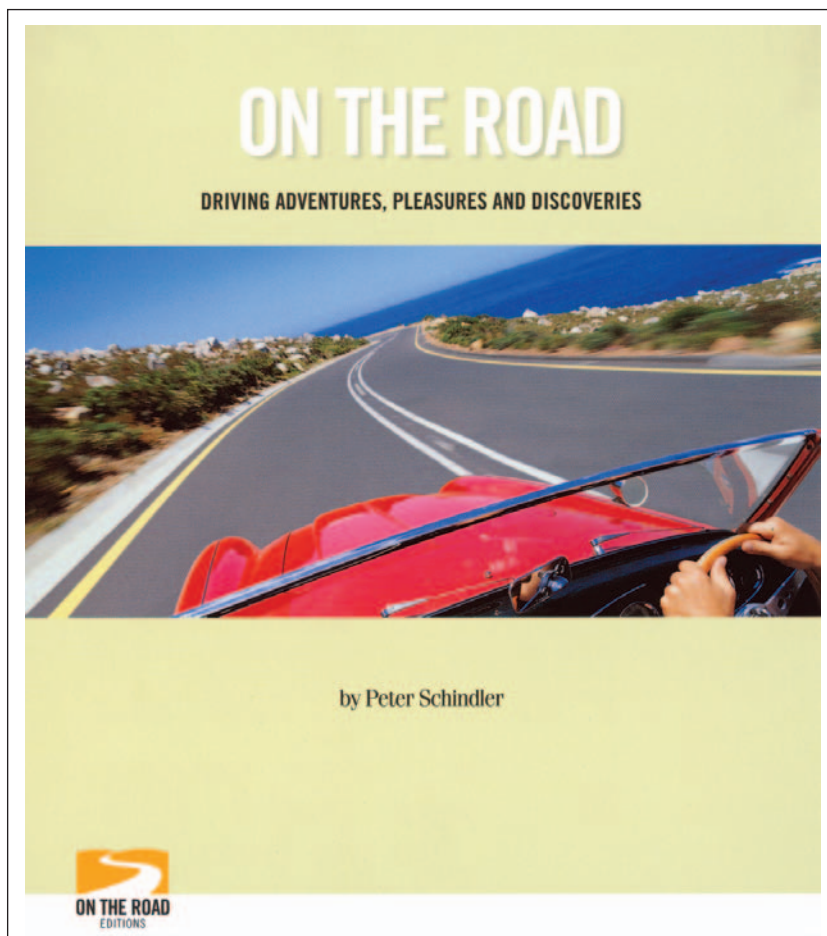


On the Road.

Reviewed by the Editor.

One of the many visitors to the Maserati Club marquee at Stanford Hall this summer was Peter Schindler, who wanted to introduce me and ergo all of you, to a book he has written called 'On the Road'. As Peter himself says, there are a million books about cars, but none about driving – until now.



On the Road is a compelling mixture of anecdotes about Schindler's own driving experiences, some amusing and others inspiring, yet it is really the motivations behind this book which make it most interesting.

A young Peter Schindler was a force to be reckoned with on the racetracks of Europe and probably like most racers who have the imagination to hang up their helmets early, felt

that driving would never be as stimulating again. This book examines the young persons desire for uncompromising speed and its subsequent distillation with the onset of age and experience. At the same time, it charts the 'dumbing down' of driving standards to the current paltry level. But overall, this book is about the fact that regardless of both of the above, driving is still a pleasure and the giver of great freedom.

This is a very personal book but with global appeal. Peter's experiences are described from having driven on roads all over the world, as one might expect from an Austrian with a Swiss passport and a US driving licence who lives in Hong Kong! And while the illustrations that accompany the narrative are mostly library sourced, they portray the finest images of the finest roads on that sunny day. There is even the press photograph of a yellow Maserati Spyder on a winding mountain road in Tenerife to satisfy trident lovers.

On the Road is a lavishly produced book with an engaging text that would interest and inspire any lover of the car and driving in general. It is available from most bookshops priced at £16.99 and would make an ideal Christmas present! As a card-carrying car enthusiast, it is almost your duty to own a copy, surreptitiously leaving it on the coffee table to inspire non-enthusiasts or the representative from the local safety camera partnership.

With the success of this first edition, Peter Schindler is now beginning another project – he wants to know what your favourite driving roads are! You can contact Peter Schindler with your own experiences by logging on to www.ontheroadeditions.com. 