

CVTR NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010

Since we last met.....

October 1st - Two CVTR cars and crews entered the RBRR

See the next edition of TR Action for a detailed report and photographs of the preparations and the event

October 1/2nd - The Fleece - Cider and Ale weekend

October 3rd – Two activities - Prescott Hillclimb, and the finish of the RBRR. Andy Canning waved our surviving crew, Ian and his brother in law Paul, through the Didcot control and onto the finish in London. Commiserations go to Tim Walker and Martin Pugh who after 36 hours and the best part of 1500 miles had to return home with suspension problems.

October 16th – It's the celebration of CVTR's 30th year as part of the TR Register. Yes it all started 30 years ago with John Gibbons and Andy Canning getting together a small group of TR enthusiasts, and it's gone on from there. We had a splendid evening organised by Terry Smith and Jackie at the Wye boat social club at Wye Piddle. It proved to be a great night, with all five past and present group leaders in attendance:-



Left to right, Colin Boother, Phil Barnet, Andy Canning, John Gibbons, Terry Smith

An excellent buffet was followed by cutting of the CVTR 30th anniversary cake.



Despite everyone's best efforts (including Colin Boother and Sue Racey), the top tier of the cake survived to live another day, check out the next item to see what happened to it!

Good to see 55 members and partners on the night.

Many thanks to Terry and Jackie for suggesting and organising the venue and catering! CVTR subsidised the event at £ 245-00.

ACORNS HOSPICE GRANDPARENTS MEETING 17th OCT 2010 - Following the success of the "Dads Drive Out" earlier in the summer, Acorns Hospice asked if CVTR were prepared to support their grandparents group, but this time around it would involve afternoon tea, and that they would be prepared to fund the event. Julia Wooley, the grandparent's group organiser, enjoyed The Hunters Inn so much during the Dads Drive Out that she proposed to book the venue for the afternoon, but needed a date that we could accommodate. As most CVTR members may have been available for the 30th anniversary celebrations the previous evening, it was decided that Sunday afternoon tea would be an appropriate day to get the cars out and blow off the cobwebs (hangovers) from the night before.

After a relatively slow start, eighteen members/partners with ten cars turned out on a glorious autumn afternoon and enjoyed brilliant sandwiches and cakes, and the fabulous company of the Acorns grandparent's group. Andy had brought along the top tier of our anniversary cake and presented it to Julia (who told me that she dropped it off at the hospice on her way home later that afternoon, and that it was all gone by the time she arrived next morning at 8.30 – well it was a nice cake!)



Many of the grandparents elected to have a drive out in the cars of their choice, and judging by the comments and smiles all round, they enjoyed the experience enormously!



At the end of festivities, those gathered together were duly assembled for the commemorative photograph:-



It made all our efforts worthwhile when chatting and listening to their stories and bringing a little enjoyment to a group of people whose lives were, and had been, touched by family tragedy.

Their day was enhanced when we handed over the £5 per head donation we each made towards the cost of the food and drink – (and it's the best £5 afternoon tea we had all experienced), leaving the Acorns budget mostly intact for their next activities.

One of the grandparents (Graham Stone, seen kneeling in the front row) was so enthused by the whole experience that he wrote to Allen Forster detailing what a great time they had all experienced with CVTR members and cars. Allen sent the letter onto Andy who read it out at the meeting

October 19th - Andy, Colin and Alan Wilding attended a meeting with the Northern groups to discuss next years IWE as part of the handover of 2011 IWE responsibilities to the team looking after the event at The Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate, and to pass on any hints they had from being involved in Malvern .

October 24th - Stoneleigh Restoration Show, with Cat Tunnadine stripping down a gear box for those who wanted some experience. At least he would have done if he could have parted the overdrive from the gearbox! There were lots of CVTR members attending the show

October 27th - CVTR monthly meeting at The Fleece.

Andy opened the meeting with a welcome from Bob Allen who is over from the USA for his annual pre-xmas trip. Apologies from Messrs Hill, Parry, John Walker, and Pete Ratcliffe.. Andy also formally congratulated our two CVTR teams who entered the RBRR - 2014 miles in 48 hours! We also gather that Practical Classics will be featuring TS2 and the Coke car in a line up of the TR range of cars in a future edition, and the Coke car will also be at the Top Gear/MPH show in November, with venues at Earls Court and The NEC.

Future events.

November 12/14th - Classic car show at The NEC.

November 14th - Tim Walker is organising Sunday lunch at The Tia Emerald in Evesham--starts at 12.30-- please let Tim know if you can attend. We have used this venue before and you can expect a very good lunch at reasonable cost.

November 24th - CVTR monthly meeting and AGM.

November 28th - TR Registers AGM at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon - details published in TR Action

December 12th - Our Xmas lunch at The Fleece --this was a really good do last year, so if you can attend -- please let Andy Canning know.

January 22nd - We also discussed and confirmed that our annual dinner will once again be at The Kings Court Hotel --Alcester. The costs are the same as last time - so £26-00 per head for dinner and an overnight room rate of £70-00 per couple for B and B or £ 50-00 for a single. Please book your room requirements DIRECT WITH THE HOTEL. on 01789 763111 -mention the special rate when booking. The dinner menus are available from Andrew Racey on andrew@aracey.orangehome.co.uk Payment please with order. Please make cheques payable to The TR Register-Cotswold Vale Group. We had a brilliant night last time so here's hoping everyone enjoys the night again and given that VAT was at 15% when we were last there and it will be at 20% this time we have done well to hold the prices.

From Our Foreign Correspondent

REIMS GRAND PRIX REVIVAL 10th to 12th SEPT 2010

On the way back home from our hols in Chenon, Middle France, Sandy and myself decided to detour to Reims and have a look at the Revival meeting which is held at the former home of the French Grand Prix. This is close to a small village called Gueux about 10 miles from Reims and was the most important French circuit between 1925 and 1966 holding 14 Grand Prix with winners including Fangio, Nuvolari, Mike Hawthorn and Jimmy Clark in 1963 for Lotus.



It is not a race anymore but more of a parade of motor bikes, classic and race cars from the 1920's to the 1980's. The vehicles come out onto the track in groups from the same era of manufacture and line up on the grid before being given the green flag to accelerate away into the distance.



The paddock area was very interesting and open to the public to get very close to all of the cars. Straight away I spotted a number of TR's. First one being a TR4, then a 4A, next a 3a and a 6. To top it all, in the other paddock, was a very nice blue Italia sporting UK plates.



After looking around the paddock, autojumble and trade stands it started to rain, so we sheltered under the old pits area to watch some more of the action until after about an hour it got so heavy that we thought it was time to retire back to the hotel for a gin and tonic and a cold beer.

Phil & Sandy Blake

SEPTEMBER CAPTION COMPETITION RESULT

It was a close run thing with several (3) entries!

A close runner up was the subject himself, Richard Durrant, with “I hope he brought his Wellington boots!”

First prize of a Castrol Classic T Shirt went to Dave Gillespie, who topped it with:-



OCTOBER 2010 COMPETITION



A busy calendar still – plenty to see us to the end of the year and with no salt on the roads yet, and sunny winter days, you can still keep the wheels turning.....

Andrew Racey and Ian Brown