



## **CVTR - TR REGISTER WHEELSPINNER AWARD WINNERS 2010**

### **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2011**

The season has slowed down from the hectic summer period of activity almost every weekend, however we still have news for the "letter" so here goes.

#### **24/25<sup>th</sup> September. Prescott American Classic car weekend**

A few of our members went along to see the big old beasts of yesterday from the USA. These fuel consuming monsters burnt their way up the hill to much applause from the crowd. Please see separate report courtesy of Richard Durrant.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday Lunch in Morton in Marsh organised by Andy.**

The pub owned by a TR loving landlord (who was absent on the day) provided a good lunch for 13 members. Some stayed and walked the shops after lunch whilst Andy, Keith and Gill wandered down to Batsford to have a look at he gardens.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> October - MALVERN AUTUMN CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

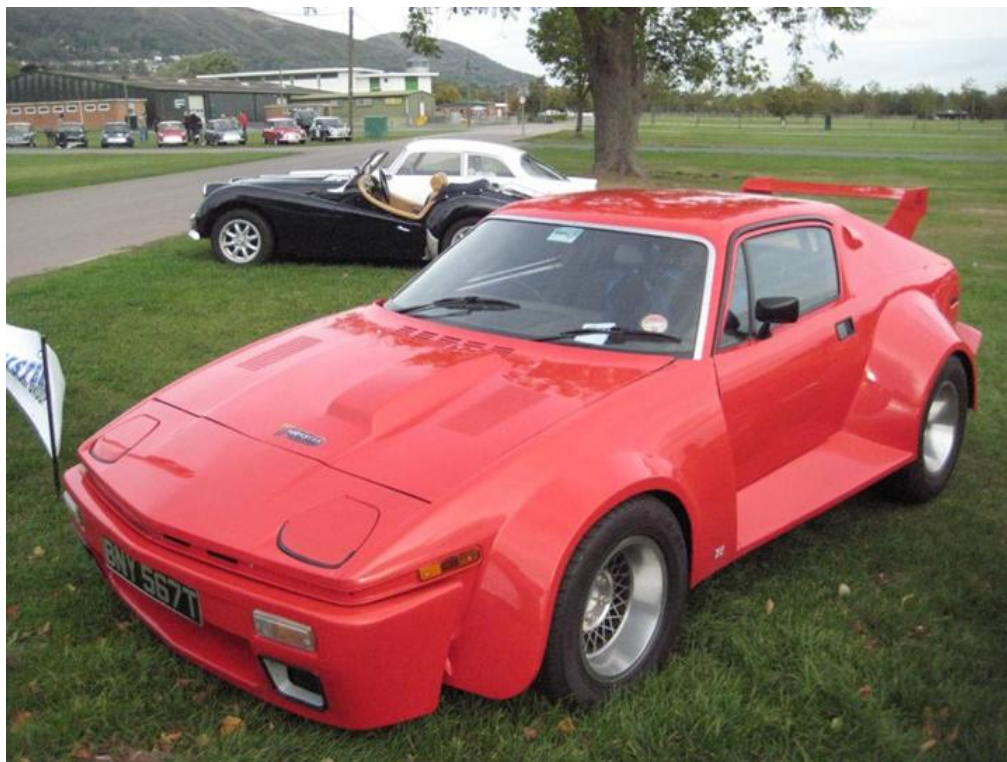
Well the weather gods remained on our side and the Malvern Show remained dry for 99% of the time! Nigel Cluley and Phil Daniels assembled a good selection of TRs to represent the Birmingham Group and the TR Register at what is generally the last "major" Midlands classic car show of the year.

There was also a TR4A restoration project on display, and which was actually worked on by the Shaw family, a father and son team in what could have been mistaken for a project from the Stoneleigh Restoration show (stop press, they actually repeated their performance on the TR Register stand at Stoneleigh):-



Luckily enough, another member has spotted that they had assembled the front discs on the wrong sides of the car and this was quickly rectified.

In the background you can see the front cover car from the latest edition of TR Action, a brilliant piece of workmanship and likeness to the TR8 Le Mans car. The quality of the work is more impressive when seeing the car in the flesh:-



The Malvern Show of many years ago was a large and prestigious affair, and an earlier Birmingham Group Leader, Barry Goswell regularly had around 100 TRs on display in the main ring, assisted ably by our own Cotswold Vale and other neighbouring groups. Although now nowhere on the same scale, (different promoter) there were some iconic and interesting vehicles around, including at least two Ford legends:-



These two cars inspired a great deal of motorsport activity, circuit racing with the Cortina and Rallying using the legendary RS series of Escorts:-



There were a number of other period rally cars around, including this Saab V4



I was particularly struck by the awesome noise made when a sign written Austin van drove past:-



The noise merited closer inspection, and under the bonnet was a Subaru Flat 4 engine, brilliant!!!!



And if you fancied anything of the early Austin variety, here are two beauties, and a fire tender from the works, (it's a good job there were no fires!!!!!!)



An early Vanguard caught my attention, mainly because of the TR heritage, but check out the pea shooter of an exhaust for a car that size!! The interior was immaculate and original:-



One intrepid 105E owner even had a cuddly toy made in the shape of his car:-



There was a very pretty Opel GT:-



And perhaps the most valuable car there (£200K+) was this very nice Aston Martin DB5 (in the same colour as my old DB6):-



There were some American derived muscle cars in attendance, check out the registration:-



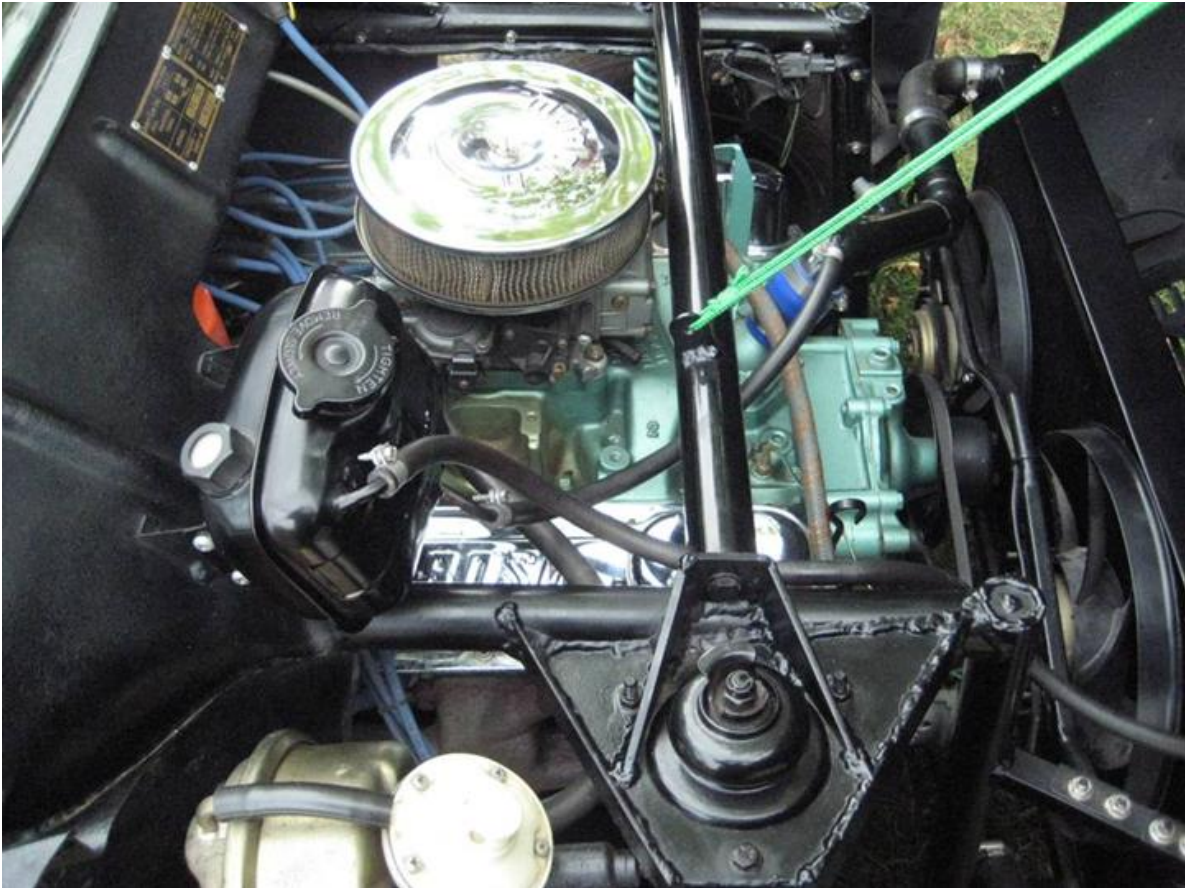
Alongside sat a very nice Chevrolet hot rod:-



If you want an example of a good investment and have just a small garage.....micro cars are the future????



But, the star of the show, particularly for a Yorkshire man, was this Jowett street rod, how cool is that?



It was a great shame that the date clashed with the CVTR Sunday drink, but I also met a couple of other CVTR members out looking for bargains, Phil and Sandy Blake, Roger Fowler, and Mary Hawkes /Roberto Battaglini. The trade show was mainly Ford oriented, but I did manage to buy a few bits for the tool box. All in all, the show was not up to the level it was in years gone by, but still a very worthwhile show. The Birmingham group were excellent hosts, and they even sported a stove and kettle for much welcome refreshments (maybe we could use this facility in our own CVTR show equipment.....)  
Ian Brown

### **23<sup>rd</sup> October, Stoneleigh restoration show.**

The Register had its usual stand and a lot of CVTR members visited the show. Andy brought a ticket "on line" to find that it was for 2012!!!! (a scam which appears to be happening more often these days. Yes you can get your money back but be prepared to fill in 3 pages of details to do so).

## **CVTR MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Andy opened the meeting by welcoming the Group Leader and his wife from North Wales, Graham and Jane Edwards, who were visiting the Cotswolds. Apologies were received from Messrs Betteridge, Bond, Wilding, Barnett, Benfield, Hellings and Richard and Meg Durrant.

Andy then reviewed the past few weeks activities as above before getting into the meeting and letting us know that CVTR had received a final payment from the late Tony Holland's estate - Keith Brown (treasurer), said that the final amount was £685-89. Andy will write to the executor of Tony's estate thanking him for his efforts and the cheque.

We will open the Air Ambulance boxes at next months meeting--this has been the charity that we have supported this year as a group.

### **Future programme.**

#### **11th/13th November Classic car show at the NEC**

Come along and support your club and visit the registers stand.

#### **23rd November, CVTR AGM at The Fleece.**

Everyone welcome, bring along your ideas for future events please.

#### **27th November TR Register AGM at Gaydon**

Details and agenda has been published in the TRAction.

#### **21st January, CVTR annual dinner at The Kings Court Hotel in Alcester.**

Details of the event have been sent under separate e-mail to all members, if you have yet to book then please let Andrew Racey have your food order and cheque next month. Or e-mail to [andrew@aracey.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:andrew@aracey.orangehome.co.uk) as soon as possible please.

We normally have a Christmas lunch at The Fleece which we think Andy was going to discuss at he meeting but got side tracked. So if this is to take place Andy will e-mail everyone under separate cover.

## **BOB ALLEN**

Andy then asked Bob Allen, our USA regular visitor for the past 27 years to come forward and receive a framed photograph of the group taken at the Fish and Chip supper in the summer with all our cars and group members. At the same time Andy presented Bob with a photograph signed by all the members at the meeting on a copy of a TS2 taken at The Fleece. Bob who has decided to hang up his travellers boots is unlikely to visit us again, but his friendship at the meetings and events has been much appreciated and welcomed. We all wish him, and his wife and family, the best of health for the future.



**COTSWOLD  
VALE TR**



## **TO BOB ALLEN**

**(PLEASE REMEMBER - COTSWOLD VALE TR MEET AT THE FLEECE, BRETORTON  
FOURTH WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH @ 8.00pm, COME BACK AND SEE US SOON)**

*Hope to see you again!  
Richard & Mary Duncanson*

Bob was a little taken aback by the attention and recognition, and as he said to most of us, never say never.....



## If My Body Was a Car



If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ...

But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it –



**Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!**

Never mind, I can always use my bike when the car battery fails!



And, no offence to our American cousins, but some could/may say here is a view of their world.....



*Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant*