



CVTR - TR REGISTER WHEELSPINNER AWARD WINNERS 2010

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As usual we have one or two items to report on for the end of August.

August 27th:- Great Comberton Flower Show and Classic Car Display (celebrating their 65th show).

A sometimes wet and windy day but it didn't stop Mick and Joan Parry making it, and they even won a prize in the raffle.

August 28th:-Birmingham Group – Somers Club Open Day

Featuring a barbecue and many traditional ales! (our Group Leader made it up the M5).

August 29th:-Pershore Plum Festival

This is proving to be a very popular event with 20 cars lined (Andy brought the rope along) up by the church. Andy was there in the support Wentworth along with a whole load of CVTR's kit, with Gazebo and table and chairs and all our other display paraphernalia. We managed to dodge the showers, and our line of TR's did us and the Register proud.



We also had Graham Bailey with his Velocette 200LE on which he toured the coast of the British Isles, over 5000 miles towing a small trailer behind.



The steam boat on site was a bit lost as the river was 800 yards away, however it did attract a lot of attention.



Our information table attracted some possible new members, with existing cars and potentially one or two interested in the purchase of new ones--so watch this space. Over 500 cars are believed to have attended this event which along with the various stalls etc is becoming a must do over the bank holiday weekend.

One VW camper looked a bit worse for wear but I guess if you owned a "splitie" you wouldn't care too much.



and how about this for some horse power:-



September 3rd CVTR's :-The West Midlands Air Ambulance.





Mike Parry and Andrew were out on Friday afternoon putting up signage to the site as well as the actual charity run we were doing for the general public on the Saturday. We have already raised some money with various auctions throughout the year, but this was our chance to swell the coffers a bit more by taking people on an 8 mile drive around country lanes.



We had an excellent turnout with 20 TR's, one Lotus (Dave Lees new toy) and a Triumph Vitesse (Mike Hills as his TR3 is still off the road). So the best turn out of cars this year, we did 17 runs for charity at a £5 a time and some of our members also put money in the tin, so I think we will have raised at least £100.00 to add to our total (we will open the tins around October to see just how much we have raised). Special thanks to Dave Lees and his Lotus who did a record 7 runs, the school boys really went for it, a close second was Richard in his TR4a who did 6 runs, although his coffee got cold on a number of occasions –as each time he poured himself a cup, someone wanted to go out in his car. Tim Walker came along in his "new" TR7 V8 but he obviously wondered why he brought it as he appears to be having second thoughts after chatting with Andy! (see photograph)

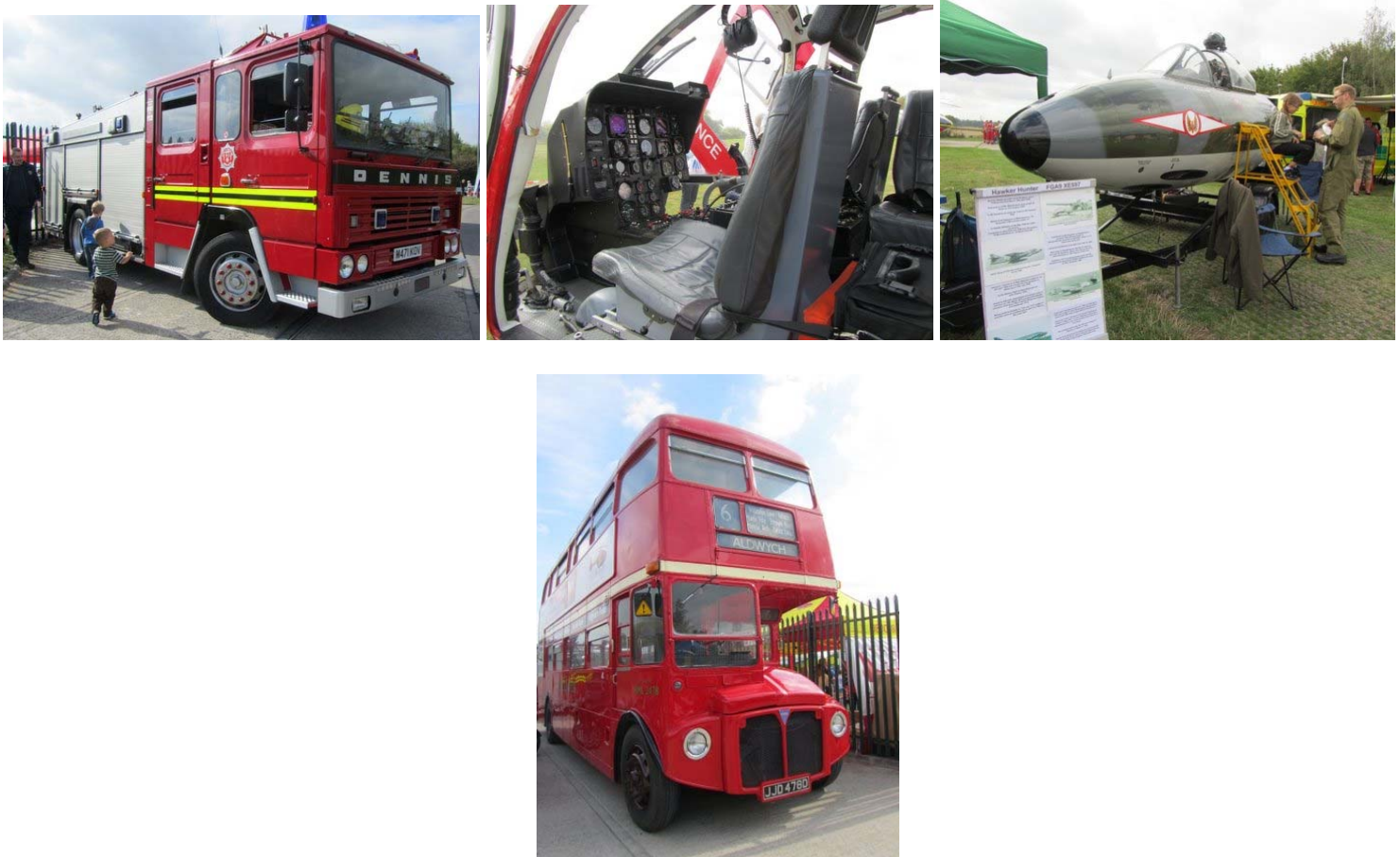


We were visited by Nick Owen from Midlands Today and his lovely daughter (she is the pretty one in the group photo) who said his first car was a Triumph Herald, which he seems to remember was full of filler on the sills, no surprise there then.



Andy sent the scene for the gazebo with plant pots of flowers to set it off, will this be a new standard from now on? All in all a splendid effort by all concerned, and many thanks to all the CVTR members who made the effort to come along and support the CVTR 2011 chosen charity.

Plenty of other attractions were on display:-



September 2-4th:-The traditional Lakes Weekend

There were fewer members of CVTR than usual making it up the M6 to join Cat Tunnadine.

Colin and Les along with Pete and Ann Massey were the only CVTR members making it. Unfortunately rain spoilt some of there time in the Lakes.

2011 Lakes Tour Report – Colin and Leslie Bother

It wasn't the most auspicious start for our 19th Lakes Tour when we realised the noise in our gearbox was getting so bad that we didn't want to risk a long motorway journey in the TR4A. However, Alf Widmer came to the rescue and kindly said we could borrow his TR7 so on the Friday morning we had a good run up the M6 to the Lake District. As we arrived at lunchtime we decided to visit Sizergh Castle on our way to the B & B, unfortunately only the garden was open and it had started to rain but the cafe made an acceptable alternative.

Only a meagre showing from CVTRs this year, with just Peter and Ann Massey and ourselves making the trip.



They had traveled up to Yorkshire on Thursday to spend a day touring the Dales before joining us in the Lakes. We finally met up on Friday night at their hotel for dinner (on these weekends there seems to be an awful lot of eating and drinking!). In the night it started to rain heavily and carried on until the next night. Saturday morning there was a very soggy meeting with old friends and new from TR clubs all over the country down at Lakeside, Windermere where the convoy runs leave from. The days run was over the western fells to the Bridge Inn at Sandon Bridge which has spectacular views, well there would have been if we could see through the mist. After the tour, there were even more refreshments, and an afternoon to do as we pleased.



By this time the roads were very wet and flooded so not a good journey back especially when 4 x 4s coming the other way caused huge waves which completely covered the cars as Peter and Ann found to their cost when their 4A conked out in the middle of a flood. Fortunately they managed to get started and head back to the hotel to dry out whilst we made a detour to see an old friend from Lesley's schooldays who now runs a pub in Kirkby-in-Furness.

Sunday came and was bright and sunny so at last it was tops down. We decided to miss the run and head straight for the lunchtime pub going over the Kirkstone pass which is a beautiful run down into Patterdale and alongside Ullswater. Unknown to us, it was also the day of the biannual triathlon so we shared the road with lots of energetic people who after doing a several mile swim in Ullswater were cycling over the pass via the Struggle, 29 miles, to then do a 9 mile run over the mountains. You have to admire them but we were happy just driving along in the sun with the top down. The pub was in a lovely spot overlooking the lake and mountains there was lots of chat and then the prize giving and goodbyes.



Cat had again done us proud with over 60 cars from lots of groups there including a good showing of the YOOF group with a new member in his pushchair. Sunday afternoon we had a walk up the fells behind the B & B before the evening meal. We came home Monday, the motorway is much quieter than Sunday night, calling at Tatton Park on the way.

The Lakes tour is the last TR weekend of the summer and always well attended due to Cat's hard work organising it with lots of good runs, pubs but also time to do your own thing so it's well worth going. Our thanks to Cat and also to Alfred for the loan of his car, I'm very impressed with the TR7, such comfort and we stayed dry!

Colin and Les

PS, we missed this picture of the famous Ribbleshead viaduct on our tour of the Dales after the IWE, hope you like it!



September 10th:-Peopleton Car Show

hosted by Richard Durrant. Once again a good turnout of 11 cars all lined up on a blue rope (as provided by the organisers, an idea stolen from our Group Leader!)



Dave Lees had an issue with petrol evaporating on the exhaust system, however as in true CVTR engineering resolution, a swift clout with a hammer on the float chamber ejected the lump of crap that had bypassed the fuel filter. Our group leader had to leave early to help his Elvis friend with his evening show.

Dave Roberts abandoned his car (well, it was in a bit of a state after his brush with the Armco at Prescot!) in favour of his push bike (20 miles each way), very impressive Dave.



He was undecided which vehicle to use, so out came the Porsche Carrera/Aston Martin Vanquish hybrid:-



Cat put in an appearance with his TR2:-



Other points of interest was a colour coded Nash Metropolitan with caravan,



matching model T- Fords,



local tradesmen



and a trio of Mini Coopers.



Also Morris Eights



and a very tasty hybrid Salmson Bugatti.



Some of the heavy brigade wanted a push start but our members didn't have enough steam in their engines to help!!



Yet another success in the CVTR diary.

September 11th – Sunday Drink

Keith Brown lead a convoy of 4 cars plus support vehicle to Redmarley and The Rose and Crown pub. No one got lost and Castlemorton Common entertained them with sheep and cattle crossing the road. The landlady of the pub was so impressed with the cars that she took a photograph but declined to give a discount for publishing rights!.16 for lunch then, however there appeared to be some "confusion " as to who had ordered the apple pie with custard. Colin put his hand up and started to eat it when the waitress said it was for someone else and it was the last one. Now trying to get that back from Colin is like trying to take away a bag of sweets from a child--no chance!! It was then onto a run to The Three Choirs Vineyard for a tour round the vineyard and winery. Mike and Sue Hill sampled the wine with help from one or two members. Many thanks to Keith for arranging this!

September 28th:-CVTR monthly meeting at The Fleece.

Apologies were received from Ian Brown, Mike Hill and John and Carol Aitken.

Andy reviewed the activities from the previous four weeks as above then went onto discuss the forth coming events.

September 24/25th.. Prescott American Classic Car event.

October 2nd. Coventry Air base/museum classic weekend.

October 9th:- Malvern Classic car show. Andy has sent out an e-mail about this, so if you want to go then let Nigel Cluley know.

October 9th:- Sunday lunch at The Bell - In Morton - in -Marsh. Andy is organising, so please let him know numbers as soon as possible.

October 15th:- Throckmorton Historic rally club. A round of the HERO championship with several TRs entered

October 23rd:- Stoneleigh restoration show.

October 26th:- Monthly meeting at The Fleece.

November 11th /13th:- Classic car show at The NEC. Our stand will be celebrating 40 years of the TR4.

November 23rd:- CVTR AGM.

November 27th:- TR Register AGM at Gaydon.

January 21st 2012:- CVTR Dinner usual venue. Details of menu's etc will be available in next couple of weeks.

Advance warning for the diary The IWE next year has a date change to avoid Silverstone Classic event. It's now August 10th at Malvern.

And finally, if you like motor sports of any kind, take care!



and just because its pedal power, don't think cycling events are any safer:-



and definitely never work with animals:-



As you can see from the above we still have a full programme, so make the most of the last of sunshine and keep the wheels rolling.

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant