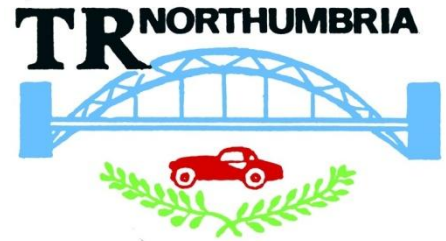




Northumbria Newsletter



February 2010

Greetings to everyone in Northumbria Group

[\(http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/northumbria/\)](http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/northumbria/)

Northumbria News Update.

Late December/January brought some original TR type winter weather. Not quite as severe as the notable '63 winter when our cars were originally about, but nevertheless it caused a bit of disruption. As the police were advising us not to travel on the evening of our first meeting for 2010, it seemed appropriate to cancel the meeting. Appologies to anyone upset, disappointed or inconvenienced by that decision. A TR in trouble would have been embarrassing on that night.

Not a good start for 2010 but the Lakeside meet was back to normal with a good turnout and that Triton wedge in the car park again. Possibly Simon was feeling there may be a `Tesco` element to getting the Dave Wright Trophy, of `double points` in January for true grit.

We are putting together the usual list of venues for meetings during 2010, and the Classic Car events that we think are of interest. The next few meetings we will refine the list based on the members comments before sending you the listing towards the end of March.. If you have any thoughts about possible events, or proposals for new ones, please come along and tell us about them.

Mainly because of the weather January has been very quiet in Northumbria but a couple of pieces of news from Didcot are worthy of note

It was intended that the next issue of the TR Action magazine would be a special, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Register. So that you are not disappointed with the contents of your next `plastic wrapper` from Didcot, I must tell you that the `Special Issue` has been delayed. I hear on the grape vine that it will still come together eventually, but they are hurriedly putting together a normal TR Action for issue 241 which should reach you early March.

Secondly the Manager Allen Forster has been in touch with Group Leaders seeking information from anyone who may have information or experience of `driving skill tests`. Any members sitting quietly out there with experience of this type of competition, please get in touch and help us to get them going again. Allen's letter is set out below:-

From: Allen Forster [mailto:office@tr-register.co.uk]

Sent: 12 January 2010 16:34

To: membership@tr-register.co.uk

Subject: IWE Driving Skills Test

Dear all,

Many people have spoken to me about having some form of driving skills test that people can participate in at our International Weekend. Due to the available space and rules and regulations about competitive driving events this would most likely be some form of 'gymkhana' or driving skills test rather than a speed based event.

In order to make this happen we need a group of volunteers with some knowledge and lots of

enthusiasm to take the lead. If any local group is interested please call me at the office and we can talk through the possibilities

Yours sincerely,

Allen Forster

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Coming Events

Wednesday 3rd February. Monthly meeting at The Skiff.

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Tuesday 16th Feb. Cleveland/Northumbria Quiz, Old Mill, metal Bridge, Coxhoe, DH6 5NX

Old Mill details at, <http://www.theoldmill.uk.com/index.htm>

Sunday 7th. March. Triumph Spares Day, Stonleigh.

Sunday 11th April, Sunday Run with East Riding Group in North yorkshire

Sunday 25th April Drive It Day.

TR Quiz Night.

Please note the venue and date of the quiz. **16th Feb. At the Old Mill, metal Bridge, DH6 5NX.** The pub has just reopened after a full refurbishment and we have booked a room specially for the quiz. **David Rawlinson** has put in a lot of work seeking out the questions to entertain you, and we need a good turnout of `grey cells` to regain the upper hand from Cleveland Group who seem to have a very polished technique of winning. It may be something to do with the way they arrive early and fuel their `grey cells` from the menu before tackling the quiz. If some Northumbrians wish to try that technique also, I'm sure the manager will be pleased to see you.

TR Archive Item. You may remember the smart TR 3 that was mentioned as being on the Register stand at the NEC in November. Allen Forster has kindly sent more information on the car which is illustrated below.

**“SRW 992” ex works Triumph TR3
Chassis number TS 1061
Entered into Classic Le Mans 2010**





Triumph TR3 SRW 992, built 22nd March 1956. Colour Salvador Blue with matching hardtop, vermilion red trim and fawn side screens, no hood supplied. This particular works car was part of the team prize winning 1956 Alpine Rally entry. It also won a coveted Alpine cup for its driver Tommy Wisdom. SRW 992 was driven by Annie Bosquet on the Midnight Sun Rally – 1956. The car was upgraded by the Triumph competition department over the winter of 1956/7 to the latest disc brake specification. The Triumph works department sent it to the USA to compete in the Sebring 12 hour race along with sister cars SRW 991 and SRW 410. SRW 992 finished 1st in class driven by Bob Oker and Ed Pennybacker. (sister car SRW 410 finished 2nd in class, SRW 991 failed to finish) All three returned to the UK after Sebring and were sold off by the factory. SRW 992 is believed to be the only surviving member of the trio of works team cars and extremely rare in having both works race and rally history, with good results.

The current owner and driver (Stephen Skinner) has applied for an entry to Classic Le Mans 2010.

TR Internet Entertainment

For a taste of the Nurburgring in a TR, click onto the following link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf0XYHkfsds&NR=1>

For those that may not have seen it the latest Revington Newsletter can be found at this link.

<http://revingtontrltd.cmail2.com/T/ViewEmail/y/1625F2F1013A0922/C9F84B5933CC7F79C67FD2F38AC4859C>

Tailpiece.

Next time you're frustrated behind a slow wagon in the outside lane of a motorway, just hope its not the tail end of something like this.



Kindly sent to us from Australia by **Cecil Scholar** who we met at The Ridley Arms and who runs a TR 3A around South Eastern Australia.

P.S. If you have anything you can send about TRs, or your motoring, a holiday snap of the TR, a one liner of how you hit a pigeon, or a special spanner you found useful, please send them to Paul or myself. Any information is useful for the Newsletter or Social Scene reports.

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