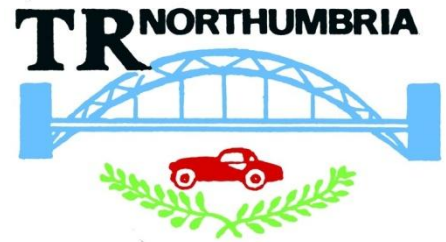




Northumbria Newsletter



July 2010

Greetings to everyone in Northumbria Group

<http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/northumbria/>

Northumbria Update.

Bryan and Jill Archer headed up the evening convoy run on a fine night in early June. Starting from the Skiff we toured some of the lesser known villages, gradients and hairpins of west Durham and, apart from a deer trying to divert Stuart Wilson's Se7en near Slaley, everyone declared it a thoroughly entertaining trip. The sudden intrusion of wild life caused a backing up of the later part of the convoy and some mystified faces till we reached home and Stuart enlightened us about his near miss. We finished at the Punch Bowl at Edmundbyres, a new venue but one I'm sure we'll see again soon.



Punch Bowl at Edmundbyres

Allen Waller, the new group leader of Cleveland group came along to see his northern neighbours for the second monthly meeting, at the Shepherd and Shepherdess, Beamish. Allen took on **Dave Wright's** TR 6 and was keen to meet with some of the members who could fill him in with its history. Another beautiful summer evening meant we spent the whole night outdoors so there was much exchange of news on technical activities. It was also a special night for another reason. **Neil Cawson** got his six to a meeting for the first time. All problems sorted now and he can start to use it at last. Neil's car contributed to the good turnout of 17 TRs on that night. Even **Craig** turned out to blow the dust off his 'topaz torpedo'.



Neil Cawson's TR 6

Not so many though on the Sunday following, when we had our first joint venture with MG Northumbria. Only seven TRs, who were out-numbered by at least double that number of MGs. A modest success on that day however was that the event brought out **Bob Morrison**, who had not previously managed to make contact, and who turned out in his Se7en to see us off from Whyham. **Tim Cook** and **John Pearce** of MG Northumbria had organised an afternoon run through west Durham to Stanhope and the moors at Bollihope. As it was the day of the 'Beamish Run', it was intended that we finish at a position where we could watch the Beamish Run cars passing by. Ill fate played a hand however and the County Council had closed the road adjacent to our terminus. For the first time in many years the Beamish Run was not able to pass through. In addition, by printing a 'left' instead of a 'right' at an early stage in the listed route directions, the task of reaching final base was made a little more difficult. Fortunately we were able to cut to the chase by following an MG who knew the final destination. TRs voted for their favourite MG and likewise the MGs voted for their favourite TR. Consequently Sean Tindle went home a richer man, his 4A having been chosen and a similar coloured MG was regarded as outstanding from our point of view.

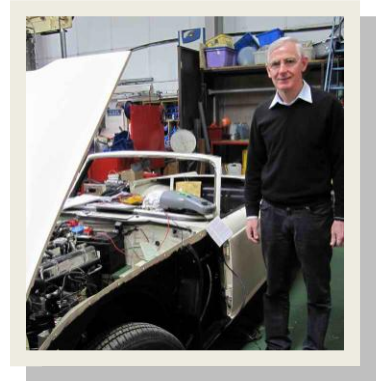


David Rawlinson's 3A

To round off the day the TRs decided to pop across to Beamish where we were sure of seeing the classics coming in. Well worth the trip as apart from the runners, we spotted your quizmaster from earlier in the year, **David Rawlinson** slipping quietly past in his 3A. MG Northumbria had clearly put a lot of thought into organising a worthwhile afternoon which was an enjoyable Sunday afternoon run out. The event must be seen as a starting point and perhaps Northumbria TRs can set up a return event in the future.

TR Members

Jim McGregor got in touch during June, regarding his 4A. The TR has been in his ownership for over 30 years and after its first life it held so much family history that Jim couldn't bear to part with it, so put it into storage. In recent years he has got round to the restoration so that it can enjoy a second life. With such a strong attachment, Jim was keen that it should carry the original Reg. No. and has been in touch with Bill Piggott who provides advice on the best approach to DVLA on such matters.



JimMcGregor&4A

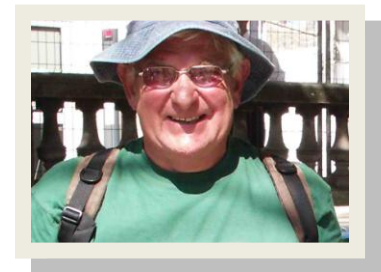


Another member, **Richard Hunt** has been in touch regarding the mystery of the disappearing Duckhams. Richard says it's off the market because Castrol have taken it over and re-branded it as their Classic XL. It is actually the same oil without the green dye in it and obtainable from Sports Car Supplies. Looks like we're on Castrol from now on.

One year ago this month, the TR world in Northumbria was shattered by the sudden loss of Dave Wright, a man who was the very essence of TR activity in Northumbria. Trevor Newton, a close friend of Dave, has penned this tribute that he should not be forgotten.

REMEMBERING A FRIEND

**I used to have a friend who lived at the corner of my street
He was the most generous man you could ever wish to meet
Every day he would call with his two dogs in tow
To ask if I needed help or just to say hello
Then off to his allotment to do.....a job or two
Helping the environment by planting lots of trees
Growing all his vegetables then attending to his bees**



**Now in our TR Club he was a star
With more attendances than any others by far
He knew what TRs were all about
And if anyone had a problem he would sort them out
Abroad with his TR he would go... and on occasions so did Mo
Now it is a year since he passed away
The members of our club just wish to say**

**We miss you Dave for your personality, help and support
As you work in that garage in the skies and hold court
And give help and advice on fixing cars
But I'd like to bet they are all TRs...**

Trev TR

TR Internet Items

Eve Cook has sent this lovely period picture from `Il Tridente` a lifestyle magazine about Maserati. The on-line version contains an interview with Bill Kimberly, an American racing driver and race enthusiast who was active in the 50s and 60s driving British sports cars such as Astons, XK Jaguars, and yes a TR 3. Read more about him at the following web site

[Maserati Lifestyle Magazine](#)



Bryan Archer sends the following link which gets you to a web site of car catalogues. You can find copies of the original catalogues of most of the TR models. It contains loads of pdf copies of old car sales manuals and the TR's are there...in English...scroll down and click on 'All Makes'....click on triumph and look at the black column to the left of the screen....the brochures are listed....simply click on the ones you want and download as required!

[Classic Car Catalogues](#)

Coming Events.

Weekend 2nd/4th. July. Wharfedale's Castle Howard Weekend. Wharfedale group's annual away weekend at this prestigious Yorkshire venue. Details from Stan Lowe, 01274 635041 or Ken Bailey, 01274 816613.

Sunday 4th. July.

Jaguar Enthusiasts have an event at the National Trust property **Wallington Hall**, and TRs are invited to join them again. Park up in the grounds visit the Hall and see how the other half lived in centuries past. It's a nice run through Northumberland and there are some gardens and scenic walks to justify a cream tea while you're there. Those attending this run are recommended to meet up at 10.30 in the lay-by on the side road at the north end of Belsay village . To find out about Wallington click on their web site at,

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-wallington/>

Wednesday 7th July, The Old Mill, Knitsley,(DH8 9EL)

Weekend 9th./11th. July. East Riding group's camping weekend at Aysgarth. All TR members are welcome. Details from Ian & Mary Landen, 01482 872175

Sunday 18th. July. Newby Hall Show.

Our best turnout ever last year with over 50 TRs but we hope to exceed that this year. Meet up at Durham Services on A1M at 8.00am. See some of last year at,

<http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/northumbria/newby-hall-2009.html>

Wednesday, 21st. July, The Anchor Inn,(B6309, Whittonstall)

Wk/End 7/8th. August, Nostalgia Weekend at Croft Race circuit. Classic racing, displays, stalls, flypast and lots more. You can start anticipating the excitement as soon as you like. To find out more about the nostalgia at Croft click on this link,

<http://hmvf.co.uk/forumvb/showthread.php?17061-Croft-Circuit-Nostalgia-Weekend-7th-amp-8th-August-2010&p=189246>

Sunday 22nd. August. Raby Castle Show. A classic car show in the grounds of this local historic stronghold. We're going to make this a midsummer outing for the group which should give the opportunity for a family day out in the sunshine. For those who haven't already done so.....

a form to fill in and send back to Geoff Mansfield is attached to your e-mail with this letter.

More details of the arrangements at the Wednesday meetings.

TR International, Malvern, 24/25th July

You'll never find a better display, more inspiration or more TR techniques than at this festival of everything TR. We'll be organising a convoy to get there. More details in your last TR Action.

TR Tip

There is constant discussion among TR 4-6 owners about the possibility of the bonnet release mechanism failing to work, and the extreme difficulty of rectifying the situation. Many have fitted a secondary release cable. The tool outlined in the March 2010 Newsletter provides a suggested remedy when tragedy strikes, but why not improve the safety factor on the existing cable system first.



The cable is anchored in the bonnet release mechanism by a hexagon headed grub screw. Original and new cables have no factory fitted end nipple to stop them sliding through the anchor post if the grub screw comes loose.

Rather than a snapped cable, accidental loosening of the grub screw represents the most likely breakdown of the system.



Search out one of the old domestic three pin plugs, a junior hacksaw and a screw driver. That's all you need.

Strip the plug and break out the live terminal from under the fuse.

With the hacksaw, cut off the section that holds the fuse. You now have a drilled and threaded terminal to use as a secondary end stop on your bonnet cable.



Slide onto the cable that protrudes through the existing anchorage and tighten the screw. If the original grub screw comes loose, you can still open the bonnet with a pull on the same cable.

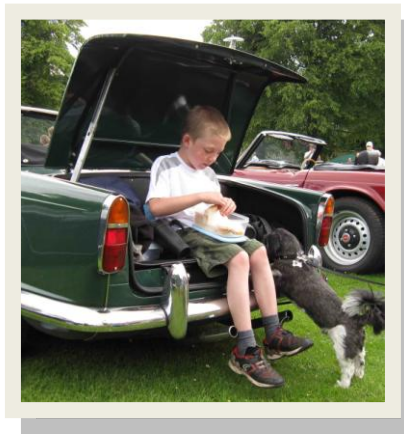
For Sale

TR cars for sale are on our web site at,
<http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/northumbria/cars-for-sale.htm>

Wanted

A Northumbria member is in need of a right hand pedal box and rack for a TR 4.
Contact: <mailto:kmaudsley195@btinternet.com>

Tailpiece.



TR Tuck Shop

Thank You to all those who sent snippets for this month`s letter which made assembly much easier. If you have anything you can send about TRs, a TR tip, a TR picture, a one liner of where you`ve been in the TR, or a special tool 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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