

THE LINK



May 2014

Tregrehan Speed Hill Climb

Tregrehan hill climb takes place on June 7-8 and is a round of the ASWMC Championship, Cornwall Speed Championship and National Motorcycle Hill Climb Championship. We have Class V for historic vehicles (pre 1974). Entries are coming in from far afield for both the Saturday and Sunday events. Cars and motorcycles are competing on both days. Camping is available Friday and Saturday evenings.

Entry fee is £75 per day or £140 if you enter for the whole weekend. Entries close on Monday 2 June. Entry forms and regs are available from the website www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan

Contact Jeremy Thomas for further details on 07801 450337 or email entries@trurodmc.co.uk

Information for Spectators

Tregrehan is Cornwall's oldest hill climb and one of the best parkland venues with excellent spectating. Tregrehan House is just off the A390 in St Austell, postcode PL24 2SJ.

The event starts at 9.30am on both days. Free parking is available on site. Entry fee is £5 per person and free for children. Refreshments and catering vans will be on site and the venue is ideal for picnics. Programmes will be on sale.

There will be two practice runs followed by timed runs. Spectators can watch competitors leave the start line or view at various points up the hill including the tricky final hairpin just before the finish. You can also view the vehicles in the paddock.

The event will include displays of motorbikes and various clubs have been invited. Please get in touch if you want to take part. Display bikes will be parked at the top of the hill.

Contact event secretary Tony Wood for details on 07770 844701 or email tregrehan@trurodmc.co.uk

Request for Marshals

Lots of marshals are needed to support the event. You do not have to be a club member and those without experience will be given instructions and put with a marshal who knows the ropes. You need to be signed on by 8.45am on Sat & Sun in time for the briefing or come along from 2pm Friday to help set up.

Catering vans will be on site and marshals will be given lunch vouchers. There is a marshal's draw and anyone who wants to contribute prizes to the draw will be most welcome.

Contact John Collins if you can help on 07751 212075 or email chiefmarshal@trurodmc.co.uk

Tregrehan Academy

The academy has exceeded all expectations, with 21 potential new competitors registered for 2014. Already several members have entered both the June and October weekends, with a wide variety of vehicles entered. If you are visiting Tregrehan for the hill climbs in June, look out for the academy entrants to give them your support. Their cars will be carrying a 'T' prefix against their numbers.

The club is running its second academy session on May 21 with mentors and officials attending. Kevin Moore, RDO for Go Motorsport, is attending to see how the students are progressing. This initiative has attracted significant interest from the MSA, who are keen to see this unique idea flourish.

More information at www.trurodmc.co.uk/academy

Advertising

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Tulip Treasure Hunt – Sunday 11 May

TDMC ran an enjoyable treasure hunt on a fine sunny day. Thank you to everyone for joining in and making it a great event. The maximum score available was 140. Nearly half of the entrants scored over 100 with the winning car getting an impressive 119.

1st	Tracey Eddy	Bob & Nora Eddy & Brian Bluett	Suzuki Alto
2nd	Mike Crewes	Claudia Crewes	Triumph Stag
3rd	John Nuttall	Jean Chmura	BMW Z3
4th	Les Duff	Christine Garrell	Mercedes SLK320
pre 1980	Jane Hicks	John Hicks	Triumph TR4A



Photos by Dave Brenton: Left - cars leaving the start at Healey's Cyder Farm led by the TR4A and right the winners Bob Eddy & family at the prize-giving at The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Thanks also to The Plume of Feathers, Mitchell for hosting the lunch and special thanks to Blowing House Garage for donating the top prize MOT and service. Full report on the website www.trurodmc.co.uk/treasure

Greenpower Racing

Cornwall College (who support our Autosolos) is one of the partners of Greenpower (an Educational Trust promoting sustainable engineering to young people). Races take place across the UK and on Weds 18 & Thurs 19 June the south west regional heats are taking place at Newquay airport. Dozens of marshals are required to support the event. There is also the possibility of being in the display of racing/rally/sprint cars.

June 17 – set up day

June 18 – primary schools (Goblins)

June 19 – secondary schools (Formula 24).

If you would like to be part of this big event contact John Collins on 07751 212075 or email john.collins@camborne.ac.uk. See www.greenpower.co.uk for more information.

Euro Car Parts Trade Account

Don't forget we have a trade account with Euro Car Parts. The generous trade discount is available to all current TDMC members. You just need to produce your club membership card in the Truro branch. If you want to go to a different branch let us know and we will give you the account number. In addition to Truro and Plymouth a new branch is now open in Launceston.

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Threemilestone Industrial Estate, Truro, TR4 9LD. Tel 01872 300737. 8-6pm Mon-Fri and 8-4pm on Sat.

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ASWMC Championship AutoSOLO – Report by Allen Iggulden (Press Officer)

Monday 5 May saw the very first ASWMC AutoSOLO run by TDMC. There were 29 entrants, amongst which were, yet again, a number of first timers in motorsport driving several new cars not seen on AutoSOLOs in Cornwall before. It was not a day to be missed as the action started early and kept going with hardly a break for lunch. The supercharged Mercedes of Alan Duff (yes, Les's son) was certainly worth seeing, as was the Renault Clio 172 of Marek Wojciechowski who drove it with flare. John Penny threatened, several times to go onto two wheels in his 106. Shaun Collins is obviously enjoying his new speed, the recently acquired Saxo that he drove very well.

Fastest Time of Day went to another newby, Vince Firman, in his 1.6 Fiesta. He drove around all three courses in a very fast, professional manner. Most drivers agreed that they enjoyed the new layout of the three courses, although there were a number of fails during the day. It was meant to be testing, being an ASWMC event, so had to be a challenge, and was a success.

James Menear, who took second place, was only 0.4 of a second behind the FTD driver, and Alastair Barnes was only another 1.4 seconds behind him. Class 1 fastest was James Menear, Class 2 fastest (behind the FTD) was Ian Roscorla, Class 3 fastest was Ross Dodds and Class 4 fastest was Alastair Barnes.

The overall championship results so far show James Menear in the lead followed by Jason Metters, Alastair Barnes, Lesley Weeks, Kylie Allen and Mandy Sillifant. Full results on the website www.trurodmc.co.uk/autosolo

Iguana Grill catered, providing great food as usual. The Championship is certainly hotting up making the next round a must see. Get down to Camborne on Sunday 29 June and be entertained and perhaps help by marshalling.

TDMC Autosolo Sunday 30 March - Report by Wayne Grimshaw

Part 1

The Autosolo bug has certainly been caught by many people down in the west of Cornwall. John Collins and his team of helpers and marshals certainly seem to have the recipe for this fast growing in popularity form of motorsport.

So far this year I have only been able to get to one event. The other two events have seen me away with work on trips to Bergen in Norway (sadly no snow on the roads during my visit) and also my first but hopefully not my last trip this year to the UAE and a location called Fujairah, about an hour away from Dubai City on the east coast.

I had managed to compete in the opening round of the 2014 ASWMC Autosolo Championship on 11 January which was held at Smeathorpe Airfield, not too far from Honiton. A reasonable day, but up against a seriously modified Nova complete with electric power steering and a rather rapid Mini saw me take 3rd in Class. Still not a bad day out, my first time in an ASWMC Championship event. Sadly as the day progressed the near side suspension tie bar pick up point began to flex, not due to hard driving but a little corrosion! Some bizarre handling during the last couple of tests and a very gentle drive home ensured that the suspension did not collapse completely!

My little Nova SR does get quite neglected, but this is its 8th year of being gently and carefully driven on local events, from 12 car rallies (not recently!), Autotests, Autosolo, Sprints, Hillclimbs and Trials it has been a very reliable car, always driven to the meeting and has never failed on an event. It's won the ASWMC Autotest Championship twice which included an event in Wales! I have lost count of the events it's done, but probably nearing 200.

Having already mentioned missing the events in February and the beginning of March, thankfully I was able to make a later one held on 30 March at Cornwall College. Just prior to the event some new drums and shoes were fitted, and by the time the car had driven the 60 miles to Camborne and they had bedded in I had a very long foot pedal, and the hydraulic handbrake was almost inoperable! Not a good start.

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Part 2

The tests that greeted the 24 drivers certainly made use of most of the available space in the car park. The forecast rain held off and the car park surface soon began to dry. It was to be a close competition throughout the day. Jason Metters in his Pug 205 was on good form from the first test. Kylie Allen was not far behind in her Saxo. James Menear bringing his Mini out as the VW was poorly ensured the normal close fight between his Mini and my Nova SR.

After 3 sections, me and Jason were actually equal, with Kylie two seconds behind and James a further two seconds adrift. Test two was a reverse of test 1, Jason liked this layout and edged into a lead of 0.1 seconds at the lunch break, Kylie still shadowing closely less than a second behind. James making an uncharacteristic error and getting a penalty was a further 7 seconds behind.

Well what could the little Nova do? No pressure, Jason and the 205 certainly had the grunt on the longer straighter sections, all I could hope for would be that the nimble handling and maybe some tighter lines might help.

After the lunchbreak, immediately Jason helped me in a big way by getting a penalty. With just two more tests, I had to keep a clean sheet and that would hopefully be enough.

When the results were announced, I was pleasantly pleased to be rewarded with FTD with 8min 49.4secs, Kylie won the larger engined class in her Saxo and was 2nd O/A on 8min 54.6secs. Lesley Weeks continued the girl power theme in Class 3 in her diesel Almera on 10min 13,0secs. Class 4 was eventually won by Alastair Barnes in his MR2 Turbo on 8min 57.4secs just getting the better of Jason in his Pug 2nd in Class on 9min 5.4secs.

I think it was others misfortune more than anything else, but it's always an extra bonus to get a good result. The main priority is always firstly to get to and from the event in one piece without spending lots of time in the toolbox, to have a good fun day and anything else in the way of a good result makes the day extra special! Thanks to all the organising team and John for his hard work in making these popular events happen.
