

Foreword

After a two-year break Tregrehan is back, and what an event we have for you. Truro & District Motor Club Ltd have spent a great deal of money on re-surfacing the top straight up into the hairpin, as well as improving the poor surface area just above the first bend. The track is much improved and we look forward to someone very shortly breaking the track record.

As well as the actual course the club have improved both the entrance and exits to the paddock, making it much easier for all the very low ground clearance vehicles to gain access.

Tom and Jo Hudson owners of Tregrehan, have kindly agreed to allow the erection of an office in the lower wooded area of the paddock. This will give the events a signing-on and results office ensuring that you the competitor will have a permanent base to which you can report to, or seek guidance and assistance.

We are very pleased to announce that for the first time competitors will be permitted to camp over night prior to the event at the very reasonable rate of £7.50 per tent/camper or caravan.

The Club have teamed up with some well-known motor sport organisers to bring to Tregrehan the Festival of Cornish Motor Sport, in aid of the Cornwall Blind Association. This will take the form of invited one make clubs and invited guests cars being on display during the event in the main spectator area at the top of the hill, they will also be given the chance to do at least one convoy run during the lunch time break.

Truro & District Motor Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all the other Cornwall motor club officials who have rallied around to assist with this event and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday 12 September.

TDMC Committee.

The earliest known event organised by Truro Motor Club is recorded in one of Geoff Healey books where he notes that he and a few friends started the club by organising a Speed Hillclimb by closing a public road between Truro and Perranporth for the day. At the time police shut their eyes to such things!! That first event was won by Geoff Healey in his 30hp six cylinder Buick.

The club was dissolved for the duration of the second world war, but returned during the late fifties 50s when local motor sport enthusiasts got together once again. Local man Donald Healey famous for his car brand and motor sport activities proudly accepted the presidency, a post he held until his death. The Club thrived during the sixties running sprints at Predannack, rallies, trials and autocrosses at Laniley near Truro where the high spectator numbers enjoyed very large and varied entries.

In 1968 Truro moved their main speed event from Predannack to Tregrehan Hillclimb at St Austell, this still remains the home of Truro's main events. Originally the home of Miss Carlyon the Club through Miss Carlyon raised funds for Cancer Relief. The rallies in the 60's and 70's became even more popular with the City of Truro being one of the biggest rallies in the Westcountry, an all night 200-mile road event followed by special stages the following day.

The biggest event of note in recent years has been the Tour of Cornwall Rally of which Truro was one of the three organising Cornish Motor Clubs running this national event; over its eighteen-year history the event raised over £100.000 for Mount Edgecumbe Hospice.

Recently the Club organised a spectacular evening at Tregoning Ford of Wadebridge when world famous rally navigator and competitions team manager of the BMC, and Ford rally teams gave an invited audience an evening to remember.

The Club have this year re-surfaced Tregrehan hill and are running the Cornish Festival of Speed incorporating Tregrehan Speed Hillclimb on 12 September. On display that day will be many other vehicles from the 'one make clubs', plus hopefully special guest cars including some of the Cape-to-Cape entries. The event this year will be raising money for the Cornwall Blind Association.

As well as supporting local charities the Club is working hard to involve the next generation and bring them into the sport, this year the Club appointed a student membership officer. Students from any of Cornwall's colleges can join the club and progress up through the sport for a nominal membership fee. For further information on Truro & District Motor Club please contact Club Hon Sec Tony Wood Tel. 01209 200751. web site www.trurodmc.co.uk