



THE LINK



August 2016

Tregrehan Speed Hill Climb - October 8th and 9th

The weekend of October 8th and 9th sees the second of this year's Tregrehan speed hill climbs. Located in the picturesque parkland of the Tregrehan Estate, between St. Austell and St. Blazey, this technically challenging course has been thrilling spectators for over forty years. The event is a round of the Bridge Tyres & Wheels Point S ASWMC Hill Climb Championship and the Cornish Speed Championship.



The entry fee is £75 per day or it's reduced to £140 if you enter both days. Entries close on Monday 3rd October. Contact entries secretary Jeremy Thomas for further details on 07801 450337 (5-9pm) or email entries@trurodmc.co.uk or download from our website: www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan-hill-climb/

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 must sign on by 08.45 in time for the briefing. If you would like to help marshal, please contact Jay Brown on 07867 860984 or chiefmarshal@plymouthmotorclub.co.uk



Results from the June events at Tregrehan

The awards will be presented at our Christmas awards lunch in December.



Saturday

- 1st Neil Catling, 2nd Steve Watts, 3rd Jon Lannon
- 1st Anthony Wright, 2nd Michael Potter, 3rd Gary Pitt
- 1st Andy Cawsey, 2nd Ivan Mead
- 1st Peter Webster
- 1st Russell Tout
- 1st Andrew Read
- FTD Mike Lee, 1st Keith Richards
- 1st Andrew Dinner

Sunday

- 1st Rob Crook
- 1st Steve Watts, 2nd John Penny, 3rd Ted Chalcraft
- 1st Anthony Wright, 2nd Nathan Prisk, 3rd Nigel Heard
- 1st Martyn Glover, 2nd Michael Potter
- 1st Andy Cawsey, 2nd Nathan Mitchell
- 1st Peter Webster
- 1st Russell Tout
- 1st Andrew Read
- FTD Mike Lee, 1st Keith Richards
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Photos by Dave Brenton



Good News! Richard Weeks is now a National B Speed Clerk of the Course. Congratulations!

Tregrehan - Classic, Sports and Competition Car Display

Back again due to popular demand. Classic, sports and competition vehicles are invited to the display area at the top of the hill. You can come individually or as part of a car club stand. It costs just £5 per vehicle including up to two people. We must receive your booking form in advance though. Display booking forms are available from mandamoo@trurodmc.co.uk

Tregrehan – Spectator Information

There is plenty of parking on site, and there will be catering available in both the spectator area and paddock. The postcode for your satnav is PL24 2SJ. Practice runs commence daily at 09:30. Entry for spectators is £6 per person and free for children. More spectator information can also be found on our website: www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan-hill-climb/

An Evening of Motorsport with TDMC President David Richards and Friends Saturday 15th October. 8.00pm The St Mawes Hotel.

Dave Brenton, Bob Eddy and Tony Wood have been talking to Club President David Richards CBE about putting on a motorsport night to raise money for local charities. David has chosen Cornwall Air Ambulance and the Club has chosen the Cornwall Hospital Prostate Cancer Charity. All the money raised will go to those two charities.

David has invited a number of guests down for the evening and we can assure you that you will not be disappointed. He will interview each of the guests and put forward questions to them about their motorsport careers. We do not want to release all the names of those attending at this stage, but suffice it to say they are all well-known names from F1 and rallying. We will make available questionnaire papers that you may complete before the evening for you to submit your own questions to the guests.

The evening will start at about 6.00pm when there will be a showing of a film about our guests in the exclusive 25 seat film cinema within the St Mawes Hotel, a second showing will be at about 7.00pm allowing time for all those attending to see the film shows and get something to eat before the 8.00pm start.

Tickets will go on sale on 1st September at £30.00 each. The Club only has a maximum of fifty tickets available, so only TDMC members will be invited to purchase tickets. Should the tickets not all be sold before the end of September then we will release tickets to the members of other Cornish clubs.

Tickets will be available from Tony Wood on 1st September but not before, there will be no way to reserve tickets prior to this date. Tel. number 01209 200751 or 07770 844701 at a reasonable hour only.
Email: tonybwood@btinternet.com or tony.tdmc@gmail.com

Club Visit to Prodrive

TDMC is organising another visit to Prodrive on Saturday 29th October, this time to their brand new premises in Banbury. Our last visit included a factory tour and viewing the large collection of race & rally cars. We are planning to travel up in a 17 seater minibus. We did it at an easy pace last time by leaving Redruth at 6am. This enabled us to arrive at Banbury for the first afternoon tour at 1pm. We then stopped on the return journey for an evening meal, arriving back late evening.

With our connections at Prodrive we are again being offered a discounted rate for the tour to our TDMC club members. Max numbers are 35, min 15. The cost is approx. £35-40 including travel, depending on how many go. If you are interested, please email Bob Eddy who is kindly organising the trip for us: bob.eddy@btinternet.com



McLaren P1 photo from www.prodrive.com

Falmouth Urban Safety Event at Falmouth fire station

Truro & District Motor Club was lucky to have both Mark Clayton's stage rally Mini and Neil Gould's Cliopreza, to show on our stand. Both of these are very impressive to see, and many visitors to the event asked if they could sit in these two cars. Visitors were given TDMC membership forms, and one person actually asked for one! Let's hope that they come to fruition. The "Street Cars" were amazing, and I was asked, along with a couple of others, to judge what we thought were the best three. It was a great PR event for TDMC and Jeremy and myself enjoyed ourselves



looking at the many exhibits on show. Perhaps next year, other TDMC members could come along and experience the event that proved popular with all the drivers and their beautiful vehicles. Thanks again to Mark Clayton, of Blowing House Garage, Penryn, and Neil Gould for providing their competition cars for our stand.



By Allen Iggulden, TDMC Press Officer
Photos by Jeremy Thomas

Car Recognition Quiz

This year's car recognition quiz will take place on Thursday 10th November at the Plume of Feathers in Mitchell as before. The quiz is to raise money for MacMillan and entries are £5 per person. Full details and entry forms will go onto our website nearer the time. We will email to previous entrants. If you want to get in touch Nigel Stephens's email is nj.stephens@btinternet.com.

Steve Hunt Memorial Trophy

Truro & District Motor Club were recently given the Steve Hunt Memorial Trophy from Mrs Vera Hunt and South Devon Repair Garage in memory of Steve who sadly passed away last year.

Steve was an ardent rally competitor taking part in many events throughout the country including nearly twenty RAC rallies. Steve also competed on many City of Truro rallies, the Tour of Cornwall and even Tregrehan hill climb. Truro Motor Club entered a team in the 1980 RAC Rally formed by Michael Tregoning, Ivor Pengelly and Steve Hunt.



Mrs Vera Hunt, Steve's mother, and Lyndsey Hunt, his sister, presented the trophy to Bob Eddy, Michael Tregoning and Tony Wood during a meeting at Tregrehan.

The photograph shows Tony Wood, Bob Eddy, Lyndsey Hunt, Michael Tregoning, Mike McGrogan, Mrs Vera Hunt and Gerald Clapham being presented with the trophy. Both Mike and Gerald were Steve's co-drivers and came along to join in the presentation. Steve is still sadly missed.

By Tony Wood

Portreath Sprint

Due to matters beyond our control TDMC has had no option but to cancel the proposed sprint to be run next month. RRH Portreath had a double booking for that weekend, they are hosting Cornwall Fire Brigade training so require most of the roads that we proposed to use. We looked at trying to move the date, but this late in the year it proved unviable. The Club will now look at dates for 2017 and possibly try to put on two sprints next year. The course we intend to use is a totally new course using perimeter roads with a finish sprint along the main runway. The length of the course is 1500 metres and rises by about 20 metres over its length so makes it very interesting and we believe good to drive. By Tony Wood

Goodwood Festival of Speed – report by Dave Brenton



TDMC committee members Dave Brenton, Bob Eddy & Tony Wood attended the Goodwood Festival of Speed in July. For anyone who has an interest in cars and/or bikes this is one of the must-do events. The drivers and riders freely walk among the crowds and it is possible to see a driver from Formula 1 or a Moto GP rider not behind barriers, security and pit garage doors. Emerson Fittipaldi, Ricardo Patrese, Ross Brawn, Jenson Button, Bruno Senna, Jari Matti Latvala, and Jolyon Palmer were among the many in attendance.



The fastest time of the weekend in the Top 20 shootout on Sunday afternoon was son of rally legend Roger Clark, Ollie Clark in a 600 HP Time Attack Subaru Impreza.

Photos from Dave Brenton - Top paddock including Jenson Button in Niki Lauda's McLaren and Martin Brundle in Jenson Button's championship winning Brawn. John Surtees – the only car and bike world champion. Formula 1 driver Jolyon Palmer.



CVMC Independence Day ASWMC Championship Autotest - Perranporth 26th June

Report by Wayne Grimshaw

We should probably not complain with so many events running, but a very busy June weekend motorsport wise with the two days at Tregrehan Hill Climb, South Hams having an ASWMC qualifying Autocross and CVMC running this ASWMC Autotest. Thanks to Roy Hartley who was the CofC for the Autotest, with Ian and Michelle Cundy dealing with the paperwork, all three marshalling along with Nigel Barnett.

The day began dry, but the forecast wet stuff actually arrived a bit earlier than forecast. Whilst not heavy it still made for a slightly miserable day. On the plus side it helped break the grip on the extremely abrasive and grippy surface. Roger Hoskin had a damper start than the rest of us, a leaking radiator in his Nova was not quite what he wanted to see when he parked in the paddock but thankfully some rad weld was at hand which cured the leak and it stayed dry throughout the day.

Six sections to be driven four times each. As always the stroke of the pen can make what actually is a relatively simple test look or appear to be complicated. Things soon got underway and it soon became apparent how tight some sections were, a working handbrake really helping.

Although a mix of cars, the double driven Mazda MX5 of Tom Woolf and Jacob Williams was amalgamated with the four engine over driven wheels cars, with Ernie and Tom Burles in a class of their own in the Mini Special.

After the first run through the tests, Ernie was leading overall on 158.69. Surprisingly, not too far behind, was me in my Devonport Royal Dockyard Employee Trust supported Nova on 168.05 with Roger very close on 171.25 in his similar Nova. The next run through the tests saw Roger and I swapping best times in the class, mostly only separated by under a second, two evenly matched cars. Ernie was still out in front, the times being Ernie on 316.61, me on 337.37 and Roger on 341.57. In the battle of the Saxo's Mark was just ahead of Kylie with 373.03 from 394.20 respectively, the Mazda battle was being won by Jacob on 499.36 from Tom's 516.88.

Two more runs through the six sections still saw some close times but nothing could stop Ernie from taking FTD with 651.32. The close exchanging of times between me and Roger continued to the last test, I just emerged in front with 671.57 from Roger on 683.15. Mark won the Saxo battle from Kylie with 730.59 and 766.76 respectively. Jacob taking the MX5 honours with 976.07 from Tom on 1000.16. Tom Burles was some way behind his dad on 806.16.

A really good fun day and I am sure all the competitors extend their appreciation to the organisers for putting the event on and a big thank you to Perranporth Airfield for allowing CVMC the use of the venue.

Crackington ASWMC Championship Car Trial - Sunday 31 July 2016

Report by Wayne Grimshaw

After a break from doing car trials for probably 30 years, 2016 has seen me returning to this type of event just as something to get out and play in the car, trying to make the most of not travelling away with my work so much this year. 31 drivers had entered this Holsworthy MC organised event, with 13 cars in my class for not too modified saloon cars. A real mix of cars - Micra, Ka, 106, Saxo, Puma to name a few, and my trusty Nova. All the other competitors being hardened trialists with raised suspension.

The venue allowed the organising team to lay out seven different sections all to be attempted 4 times each, so 28 tests to be driven during the day. The conditions were almost perfect, a few days of dry weather before the event and the cloud clearing during the morning to leave a bright sunny afternoon. Quite a heavy dew in the morning made the grass very slippery on the early tests and some thought had to be applied as to the line and amount of throttle used. The Clerk of the Course would be busy changing the test layouts between each run to try and keep the drivers on their toes, and also to protect the ground from cutting up too much.

At the halfway lunch break, Mark Hoppe in his Saxo was a clear leader in Class 1, having only dropped 51 points. I was surprisingly in 3rd place at this point with 75 points, the other drivers all separated by just a few marks. Everything to play for and the sun and pleasant breeze drying the sections after the third round of tests. The more grippy surfaces seeming to benefit the Nova saw me move up into second in class on 105 points with Mark in his Saxo still out in front on 69 points. The rest of the class were only separated by just a few points.

The final round would be decisive, Mark confirmed his class win with just 15 points dropped in the final 7 tests. I was extremely pleased to only drop 17 on the same round but for some reason the rest of the class were not having such a good round, varying from 33 to 22 points dropped.

I had a new passenger joining me for this event, my youngest daughter Sarah's boyfriend who had never seen a trial before thoroughly enjoyed the day. I said the main thing was that we did not have to dive into the toolbox or change any punctures, the car had performed without any problems all day. That's the main result, but certainly to my surprise we ended up 2nd in class from 13 cars, very pleased with that. Tris White in his Troll also took 2nd in his class, Craig Allen beat Nigel Allen in their shared Beetle and Luke Blaber took the modified saloon class in his 205, Nick Farmer in his Melos took the Overall Win. A really enjoyable day. Thanks to all the marshals and officials who made it possible.

This result now puts me in 3rd place in the 2016 ASWMC Trials Championship, and if you have seen the ASWMC latest newsletter, I am also 4th in the ASWMC Autotest Championship and 7th in the ASWMC Autosolo Championship. I have registered this year under the Truro and District Motor Club banner. It's probably some years since TDMC have had such a good showing in any ASWMC Championship. A great year for me so far, thankfully my Devonport Royal Dockyard Employee Trust supported Nova has been very reliable. Recently I competed in three separate events in 7 days and drove just under 400 miles on the road to and from these events. It's great getting to the events this year, but I am missing going overseas to work! Can't have everything!

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