

Luton Festival of Transport (Stockwood Park)

The FoT was attended by the usual suspects and marked the inaugural, official public flying of the new LVG sail banner (previously only seen in Julian's garden and at The Cock).

Much of the success for this event is due to occasional LVG members Mike Timlett and Marian Reilly who are also members of the Chiltern Vehicle Preservation Group and took over the organisation for the first time after the previous organisers retired.

There is always a wide variety of vehicles, including military, public transport (and loads of Vauxhalls!), but this year was notable for the larger than usual contingent of American motors. The autojumble was also back to its regular size and Jon Marshall will be relieved to hear that the arena commentator has been replaced and was a great improvement. Many thanks to Peter Lewis for allowing us to share the TSSC area, enabling both clubs to put on a good display of Triumphs, reinforcing my belief that joint events and inter-club co-operation are the future.



[A few photos taken during early setting up. The last one could be a candidate for a caption contest.]

Scuttlebutt

TRunnion is supposed to be a newsletter, so in my first edition (was it really only 3 years ago?) I included a column under the heading 'News, Rumours & Gossip' inviting members to let everyone know what they have been up to or are planning to do with (or without!) their TRs.

After morphing briefly into "Scuttlebutt"[†], it sadly lapsed, but if at first you don't succeed, TRy, TRy and TRy again.

[†]Scuttlebutt - definition from Wikipedia:

Scuttlebutt in slang usage means rumour or gossip, deriving from the nautical term for the cask used to serve water (or, later, a water fountain).

The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumours.

[N.B. Not to be confused with "scuttle-shake" which will be familiar to drivers of chassis-based TRs, especially sidescreens!]

Flying the Flag

Following my photos of LVG flags old and new, Rob Taylor came up with yet another.



Can anyone spot the difference between this banner and the black banner in the previous photo which Lynda thinks she took at Weston in 1983? [You will have to look at TRunnion #20143 - available on our website if you've already deleted your copy].

Rob's photo is believed to have been taken at the Goodwood campsite, circa 1980. The TR4 was owned by Rob at the time and subsequently sold to Jean Holden and shown in the second photo below.



Most of us that have been in the group for a few years associate Rob with concours winning cars, especially TR6s and wedges, but times have changed as Rob observed after a recent meeting:

Enjoyed the meeting today - it's nice to have a car on the road that I am not afraid of getting dirt on! I have done more miles in this TR7 than I have for a few years. So glad to have moved on from polishing competitions.

...Your picture was taken at a Sports Six concours as I have the same photo but can't put a place to it. The judge said I had a rear hub seal gone and I said "if thats all you found you weren't looking very hard....".

It's nice to see we still have a group.

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de Havilland International Moth Rally

The de Havilland Moth Club invite owners and operators of Vintage and Classic vehicles to join them at their 29th International Moth Rally to be held at Woburn Abbey on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 August 2014. Through a shared commitment to maintaining the technologies of a bygone era for future generations, we hope to continue the long association between our two interests.

Several of us attended this event last year but made the mistake of going on the Saturday, which was actually the rehearsal. Perhaps worth going on the Sunday this year for the full display? Pre-booking is cheaper than paying on the gate, so I have posted the booking forms on our website for anyone interested.

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The Goats of Mull

From Pierre Miles:

You seemed disappointed that I did not offer any photos of the goats - here are a couple...



Many thanks Pierre (& Pat). Reminds me of some of the old goats on Committee! (But do I mean LVG or TRR Committee?)

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Aircraft Recognition

Also from Pierre:

You may remember that at the meeting last Sunday, we were somewhat mystified by the aircraft doing a display over at Old Warden and couldn't positively identify the aircraft type. Well, I sent an email to the airfield and asked the question. Had a reply today - it was an Avro Anson 19, a civilian version of the Anson used in the RAF for many years. It was practicing for an imminent display (27 July I think). Bob Bateman of the airfield sent this link in case anyone wants to get advance tickets or information.

<http://www.shuttleworth.org/tickets/allevents.asp>

I don't have everyone's email address so perhaps you could spread the word about the 'UFO' being an Anson.

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TR4A Lower Fulcrum Bracket Failures

I have mentioned this to a couple of TR4A members in our group and suspect that it this problem is not widely known. There have been a number of failures in recent years, including one to Roger Hogarth last week. The dodgy item in question is the single stud bracket (part #139715) fitted to early TR4As which should be replaced by the later two-stud version (#148961) - see Moss TR2-4A catalogue page 73.

There is a lot on the TR Forum including this quote from Stuart Edwards (TRR Tech. Ed.)

"Lower Fulcrum Bracket

I have been on about single bolt fixings for years and I'm still surprised that there still cars turning up with them. If you have a 4A check the front suspension now and if you still have single bolt fixings then get them changed NOW!

Stuart."

I've always had concerns over the rear suspension of all IRS cars, but it looks as though the front on early 4As can be a time-bomb waiting to go off as well, so worth a quick check. Just because you haven't had a failure yet and you don't drive far or fast, don't think it can't happen to you. The cars with the early brackets fitted are approaching 50 years of age now, so unless the car has had major chassis and suspension work done, then corrosion and metal fatigue, in conjunction with speed bumps and potholes, will inevitably take their toll eventually.

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The King's Run - 7th September

Entries are now coming in from other clubs, so make sure you get yours in before we reach the 30 car limit.

Nice as it is to have a variety of marques on a tour, the original aim was to provide an event for TRs and other Triumphs but we also need to ensure a full entry, so if you cannot make it yourself but have contacts within other car clubs, please pass on the invitation.

With the current problem of requiring an MSA Certificate of Exemption for tours and convoys to remain within MSA club rules, events such as this are becoming rarer, so make the most of them before they disappear completely.

A Meeting of Vintage & Classic Vehicles



At



Lifeboats

Pirton Recreation Ground

Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hitchin SG5 3PX
directions from www.leasports.com



Date: Thursday August 7th 2014

Time: From 4pm onwards



Licensed Bar and Refreshments

Attractions include:

A Display of Veteran Cycles

Music, Tombola & RNLi Souvenirs

Offley Morris Dancers (subject to confirmation)

Free Entry: with donations please to:
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution.



All Veteran, Vintage & Classic cars, motor cycles, small vans &
other interesting machines welcome.

Please come along & support the work of the RNLi
Picnics welcome!

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