

AGM Minutes & Reports

THE TR REGISTER LEA VALLEY GROUP

Minutes of AGM held at noon on 15 February 2015 at The Cock, Broom

Present

Julian Hensman	Magdalena Malkowiak	Brian Chidwick	Lynda Chidwick
Phil Sanford	Mike Aldridge	Pete Muncer	Sue Muncer
John Dudley	Richard Logan	David Dawson	Christine Dudley
Paul Richardson	Ian Robinson	Yvonne Robinson	Dave Randall
Pat Miles	Pierre Miles	Chris Glasbey	Pat Glasbey
Diana Marshall	Jon Marshall	Keith Scotchford	Jan Scotchford
Howard Pryor	John Burningham	Val Burningham	

Apologies

Phil and Miriam Titchner Pat Dawson Tim and Sue Hunt

Agenda: The agenda published for this AGM is contained in Attachment A to these minutes.

1 Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes were published in the group's newsletter Trunnion in January 2014 and were accepted as being a true record.

2 Group Leader's Report

Julian Hensman presented the Group Leader's report, which is contained in Attachment B to these minutes. There were no subsequent questions or comments.

3 Treasurer's Report

Pierre Miles began the report by thanking Graham Wade who had been the group's treasurer until the end of 2014, when he decided to end his membership of the TRR. It was noted that Mr Wade had left the accounts in a straightforward condition and this had made it easy to take over the role.

The group's accounts for 2014 were presented, as contained in Attachment C to these minutes. It was noted that the accounts shown included the data for 2013 as there was expenditure in 2013 associated with the use of the TRR TS2 car for which the group received recompense in 2014. It was also noted that the B2B2B tulip tour organised by Pete Muncer had brought the group approx. £82 and the King's Run organised by Chris and Pat Glasbey brought in approx. £37. The end result was that the group started 2014 with a surplus of £465 and ended the year with £650. In response to a question from Howard Pryor regarding the absence of any membership contribution from the TRR, it was noted that the group had instead received a publicity sail banner from the TRR at no cost to the group. The accounts as presented were adopted by the group.

Finally, it was announced that the committee had decided to begin a series of raffles, beginning with this AGM, with a view of using any income generated to support future events. Raffles will be held on alternate monthly meetings.

4 Group Awards

The group presents two awards each year and at this AGM were awarded as follows:

a) The Bent Con Rod Award

This is awarded to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the group and was this year presented to **Brian Chidwick**, in particular for his long-term efforts in maintaining the group's newsletter Trunion and communications within the group and with the TRR.

b) The Best Newcomer Car Award

In the past this has been associated with newcomers to the group but on this occasion was awarded to long-standing member **Paul Richardson** for his acquisition of his 'new car', an excellent example of the TR4A model.

5 Election of Officers and Committee

It was noted that nobody had responded to the AGM calling notice to volunteer themselves or anybody else to become committee members, and that no offers were forthcoming at the meeting itself. As a result, a 'show of hands' vote was held to confirm that Julian Hensman would continue as Group Leader and that the current committee members would continue in their existing roles. These are as follows:

Deputy Group Leader:	Brian Chidwick
Advisor:	Jon Marshall
Treasurer:	Pierre Miles
Events:	Paul Richardson
Technical:	David Dawson
Membership:	Dave Randall

6 Plans for 2015

a) Route to Lunch

Following resolution of difficulties associated with the MSA rules regarding car events, rallies, etc, it is now possible to restart the 'route to lunch' activity. Basically, this involves a member nominating a start point close to their home and inviting other members to follow behind on a route ending at The Cock in order to attend the monthly meeting. The first of these runs will be on 19 April beginning at the King William pub in Kempston and will be under the guidance of Dave Randall.

b) Cars on Ramps

This is an opportunity to visit Robsport International at Shepreth and have a look at the underside of your car, with their knowledgeable experts on hand to advise on all matters. This is scheduled to take place on 25 April and details were provided to the meeting as per Attachment D to these minutes.

c) Big 4

As for 2014, it is intended that the group focus its external activities on four events through 2015, as outlined below:

i) Tiptoe Through the Tulips Tour

This event is being organised by Pete Muncer and will be a tulip tour around the local countryside to be held on 23 May. Final details are not yet available but it promises to be yet another excellent day out for members.

ii) Luton Festival of Transport

This event is held at Stockwood Park near Luton and is one of the biggest classic vehicle events in the region. It will be held on 14 June and the LVG will be in attendance, with 20 entry passes being requested to allow the group to provide a significant presence. Further details are to follow when available.

iii) Triumphant Welsh Classic

This event is being organised by Chris and Pat Glasbey and includes a weekend staying at the 4 star Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells and provides an opportunity for up to 50 cars to tour some of the best classic driving roads that Britain can offer. Full details are provided in Attachment E to these minutes.

iv) TBA

At the time of the AGM, no decision has been made regarding the fourth Big 4 event. The committee has a couple of ideas but they depend to some extent on the final details emerging from the other Big 4 events.

7 AOB

Three topics were raised, as follows:

a) Group 'Gaining Traction' Survey

The Group Leader announced that it was intended to re-issue the 'Gaining Traction' survey to find out what activities the group members would like to see promoted within the group. The survey will be similar to that used previously but the main objectives are to find out what members want to do and to gauge the level of interest in the various types of activities. All members are encouraged to compile and submit responses to ensure their interests are registered.

b) Tulip Tour Participation by Single Crew

Following an observation by Richard Logan that participation of single crew (ie a driver without a passenger) in tulip-style tours is very difficult, there was some discussion about what could be done to make this easier and more importantly, safer for participants and all other road users. Mention was made of alternate methods of presenting instructions and maps, following other participants and offering 'navigator' rides to others who were not driving the event. There was no clear conclusion to the discussion during the meeting.

c) Observations from Howard Pryor, TRR East Director

Mr Pryor brought the following items to the group's attention:

i) Drive-It-Day

Noting that 26 April is the Drive-It-Day upon which several LVG members will be participating in the MK Classics Tour, Mr Pryor reminded the meeting that the local TRR groups are planning to meet at Audley End for an informal picnic and that those not participating in the tour are welcome to come along.

ii) International Weekend (IWE)

Mr Pryor said that there have been many discussions regarding the concerns raised regarding the 2014 Harrogate IWE and that the TRR board is looking at ways in which it can be improved in the future. The 2015 IWE will be returning to the Malvern venue and the board is inviting suggestions from all members as to what they would like to see there. Current suggestions include replacing professional entertainment on the Friday evening by free drink and perhaps a

quiz, replacing the Saturday evening disco by other entertainment such as comedy and/or a hypnotist, or having a James Bond style casino night. All suggestions will be considered.

iii) Group Leaders Meeting

The next GL meeting will be on 18 April at the Bicester Heritage Village, close by a large retail centre. It is hoped that this venue will lead to a good attendance.

Welcome to New Members

Finally, Julian extended very warm welcomes to the new who had attended this AGM. These were Phil Sanford, Christine and John Dudley, Ian and Yvonne Robinson and Mike Aldridge.

Closure of AGM: There being no further business, the Group Leader thanked everybody for their attendance and participation and closed the AGM at 1pm.

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Attachment A

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LEA VALLEY GROUP

Annual General Meeting 2014

The Cock, Broom, Sunday 15th February 2015, 12 Noon

AGENDA

1. Minutes of AGM held 1st December 2013 at The Cock in Broom
2. Group Leader's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Group Awards
 - a. Bent Con Rod - Award for Contribution
 - b. Concourse Cup - Best Newcomer Car
5. Election of Officers and Committee
Standing:
 - Group Leader - Julian Hensman
 - Deputy Group Leader - Brian Chidwick
 - Advisor - Jon Marshall
 - Treasurer - Pierre Miles
 - Events - Paul Richardson
 - Technical - David Dawson
 - Membership - Dave Randall
6. Plans for 2015
 - a. Route To Lunch
 - b. Cars on Ramps
 - c. BIG-4
 - i. Pete's Spring Tulip - 23rd May
 - ii. Luton Festival of Transport, Stockwood Park - 14th June
 - iii. Triumphant Welsh Classic - 18th -20th September
 - iv. TBA
7. AOB

Attachment B

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LEA VALLEY GROUP

Annual General Meeting 2014

GROUP LEADER'S REPORT

2014 was an interesting year for Lea Valley Group, having decided to attempt to revitalise the Group somewhat at a time when elements of uncertainty existed in the club as a whole. I will not record any of those issues in this report beyond recognising that our own Lea Valley membership was both concerned and motivated by the issues facing the club. I personally hope that all the issues are now behind us and I remain optimistic about the club and our own Group going forwards. Given the challenges these circumstances presented however, the Group has had very encouraging attendance throughout the year, including a good sprinkling of enthusiastic new members.

In an attempt to increase the value the group leadership contributes, the LVG Committee decided early on in 2014 to increase its size. This was achieved through the co-option of David Dawson as Technical Officer and Dave Randall as Membership Secretary, a role which will incorporate operation of the Buddy System for new members. Later in the year Graham Wade, who was acting as Treasurer, sadly decided to allow his membership to lapse, at which point the Committee was joined by Pierre Miles who has taken over that role. Owing to other commitments and demands on time, Jon Marshall has decided to step down as Deputy Group Leader but remains a Committee member. I would like to thank Jon for his kind assistance as Deputy over the past year.

To try to gain focus and greater coordination for the group, the Committee decided to promote the concept of the BIG-4 Events during 2014. These were:

- The B2B2B Tour, organised by Pete Muncer
- The Standard Triumph Marque Day at Brooklands
- The Kings Run, organised by Chris and Pat Glasbey
- Kop Hill Climb

Both of the tours organised were tremendous successes and took us on fantastic routes. I know that everybody who took part enjoyed these events and I would like to thank Pete, Chris and Pat for their efforts in bringing them together. Both STMD and Kop saw smaller turnouts but these two events were still very enjoyable. The BIG-4 Events concept will be continued in 2015, with three of these events having been determined so far. They are another tour by Pete in May, the Luton Festival of Transport at Stockwood Park in June, and the Triumphant Welsh Classic in September. Owing to rigidity and confusion regarding MSA rules, we were not able to run our proposed Route to Lunch runs during the course of 2014, which was a great disappointment. I am delighted to say however that now the rules have been altered, these popular runs will be able to re-start in April 2015, the first being hosted by Dave Randall.

One of the corner stones of the Lea Valley Group is TRunion. This e-zine is a very valuable resource for the group, providing a news update, technical anecdotes, blasts from the past and generally a very good read. Beyond this though, it also provides an opportunity for our members to voice their own experiences, opinions

and stories. I am very aware of the amount of time Brian spends on this publication. It is no easy task and I believe his efforts are appreciated by many more people, including those who do not attend our regular meetings, than he realises. I would like therefore to especially thank Brian for his continued devotion to TRunnion. To help make his life slightly easier, but also to continue the varied nature of TRunnion, I strongly encourage any and all members to contribute with photos and articles, no matter how short, or long!

Attachment B (cont)

On the Social side, we have had very pleasing turnouts this year. We have tried to introduce alternative venues and date schedules in order to attempt to allow the involvement of more people, and this has been further continued by the change from first Sunday to third Sunday for our monthly weekend meets starting at the beginning of 2015. To reciprocate, the additional Wednesday meetings held during the summer will now be on first Wednesday instead of third Wednesday each month. We will monitor the resulting attendance going forwards to ensure the policy is effective. We again opted for a Kick Off lunch in 2015 in place of a Christmas dinner based on feedback received and this I believe works well for us as a group. It was great to see so many at the 2015 Kick Off last month and I hope all enjoyed themselves. As always, the Committee is open to venue suggestions for such events but I believe the Hermit of Redcoats did a great job for us this year, even if we were a bit squashed! I am hoping that the good turnouts at the Social Scenes will continue during 2015. I have received some feedback from non-attending members saying they feel they are not technical enough to attend, so we will be making efforts to combat such impressions and encourage anybody who wants to join us during the coming year.

The end of 2014 also saw the launch of our Group Facebook page which was kindly set up for us by Wayne Scott and since then, even more kindly promoted and monitored by Brian (Thanks again!). Whilst we recognise that not all members are on Facebook, we view it as a great medium by which to attract new members and we will be promoting it further in the coming months.

In closing I would summarise that 2014 was a good year for the development of the group and we are still working on ways to improve our calendar and involve more members. This will not be without its challenges, not least of which is the time available, or lack of it, owing to busy lifestyles, myself included. We are also not a large group and we can only make our efforts worthwhile by ensuring there are sufficient events for all tastes, and sufficient attendees to make the individual events worthwhile. As such, we have a policy of opening our events to other groups and other clubs and this appears to be a successful approach which we will continue to pursue. We will however be re-issuing our Gaining TRaction survey so that our membership can effectively voice their opinions.

I would like to finish by thanking the Committee and the LVG membership for their support during 2014 and I look forward to an equally, if not more successful 2015.

Julian Hensman
TR Register - Lea Valley Group Leader

Attachment C

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LEA VALLEY GROUP

Annual General Meeting 2014

GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR 2014

ACCOUNTS 2013	
OPENING BALANCE (Note 1)	£417.34
INCOME	
TR Register (2012 claim)	£143.00
LVG Tour	£200.00
Interest	£0.01
	£343.01
EXPENDITURE	
Toe in Water	£8.27
LVG Tour	£222.00
TS2 weekend	£65.01
	£295.28
BALANCE (Note 2)	£465.07
Income over expenditure	£47.73

ACCOUNTS 2014	
OPENING BALANCE (Note 2)	£465.07
INCOME	
TRR Claim (Note 3)	£65.01
B2B2B	£345.00
King's Run	£367.50
King's Run	£60.00
Interest (Note 4)	£0.42
Interest (Note 5)	£0.50
	£838.43
EXPENDITURE	
B2B2B Expenses	£263.00
King's Run Expenses	£390.51
	£653.51
BALANCE (Note 2)	£649.99
Income over expenditure	£184.92

Note 1: Bank account opened with an input of £560.34, comprised of the TRR Claim of £143 plus £417.34 from previous accounts.

Note 2: Balance includes £30 held as cash-in-hand.

Note 3: Recompense for 2013 expenses for use of TS2.

Note 4: Interest accrued in 2013 but not included in 2013 statement.

Note 5: Interest added 30 June 2014.

Attachment D



**TR Register - Lea Valley
Group**



CARS ON RAMPS

25th April 2015, 9.30am

Kindly sponsored by Robsport International

How often do you get to see the underside of your car? Ever wondered where that rattling noise came from? Are you sure all those underside nuts and bolts are tight?

Worry no more. Our good friends at Robsport International have kindly agreed to sponsor a Cars On Ramps event on Saturday 25th April 2015, just in time for getting the old TR back on the road. Benefit from a quick "once over" and expert advice on all matters underneath, courtesy of Robsport's excellent team.

Each car will be placed on their ramps for approximately 5 minutes during which a general inspection will take place and areas of attention can be identified.

Don't miss out! Book now for this superb free event! A lunch meeting will also take place afterwards at the Green Man in Shepreth but please note, this will also require booking!

To register, please complete the reverse side of this form and send it to Julian Hensman, 4 New Cottages, Stagenhoe Park, St Pauls Walden, SG4 8DB. Alternatively, scan the completed form and return it to jhensman@seorb.com.

We look forward to seeing you at:

Robsport International
Units 1-3 North End,
Dunsbridge Turnpike,
Shepreth,
Royston, Herts
SG8 6RA

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CARS ON RAMPS

25th April 2015, 9.30am

I understand, accept and agreed to the disclaimer below. Please book me in for the LVG Robsport Cars on Ramps event.

Member Name (block capitals)

Date

Signature

If you also wish to have lunch at the Green Man, Shepreth afterwards, please enter the number of people in this box so we can book on your behalf.

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Attachment E

More info ..

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Triumphant Welsh Classic Tour

18 - 20 September 2015

Supported by **RACEROTATIONS**

Based on experience of organising two previous tours in this area, helped by an excellent team at the Metropole. A good value tour. Organising club: TR Register

A non-competitive **SCENIC TOUR** ...following in the tracks of road rally drivers of the 1960s and **Classic Car enthusiasts of today**. You will enjoy some of the best classic car driving roads in Britain and enjoy spectacular views (as above) of the **mid-Wales mountains and valleys**. This social tour will be limited to 50 cars, many will be Triumphs + other classic cars and a few modern sportscars. Areas on the route will include **Cambrian Mountains and the Elan Valley**. An easy-to-follow "tulip" style format will be used to drive the MSA approved route with **stops for scenic views and refreshment**. Although cars will start off at intervalsin reality you will be travelling with a group of other cars much of the time.

This is a TR Register organised event + invited clubs including: Club Triumph, TSCC, Stag OC, and other classic car clubs. You will be staying at the **Metropole Hotel**, in the Victorian Spa town of Llandrindod Wells ...which has enough rooms to cater for all tour entrants. A **4 star hotel with a special rate for TRIUMPHANT WELSH CLASSIC ...cost here little more than a good standard guest house**.

THE TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES :-

*4star hotel with **SPA** (Eve dress: smart-casual)
Friday eve: Welcome Dinner in the Powys Suite
Car Park Night Security Guard
Rally Plate + Programme / Road Books
Saturday: touring Cambrian Mountains, Elan Valley +
See Devil's Punchbowl + Coffee/Tea and biscuits
Tour to lunch: Soup and Sandwiches
Afternoon coffee stop at scenic viewpoint
Saturday eve: more fine dining and relax in lounge
Sunday: the mountains & valleysa devilish tour
Going for Gold + Coffee/Tea and Bara Brith
Return to Metropolefor a late Finale Lunch

Entry Fee for CAR + 2 persons : £120.00

(not including Dinner, B&B ...book with hotel)

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT 25% if you enter before **28 Feb** (less £30) : **£90.00**



E: triclassicwales.44@btinternet.com

*Event Organiser: Chris Glasbey
TR Register*

AFTER CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ENTRY ...you will be give a Reference

Number to make Hotel reservation :- 2 persons, 2 nights, Dinner B&B @ **£260.00** Sunday night (if booked at same time as above) : £100.00

Check hotel website and compare normal charges. Donations from this event will go to 'Hope House Children's Hospice'

Total cost for TOUR and HOTEL, including all meals: £350 (2 nights) or £450 (3 nights) if booked before end FEB. After 28 Feb: £380 (2 nights) or £480 (3 nights)

FOR FULL DETAILS & ENTRY FORM, Email:-



T: 01223-833700

** book separately with hotel after tour entry is confirmed*