

RED ROSE RAMBLINGS



To get everyone in the mood for the new season a slightly different layout to the front page. This is a summery panoramic from last year's Red Rose weekend. Let's hope that the God of Triumph is with us again this year and we are blessed with plenty of good weather. Since the last issue not much has been happening on the club front as the season doesn't really get under way until our first outing

of the year being the Bunny Run/Drive it Day on the 24th April. Literally as we speak a report has arrived in the news room from Sue and Ian Wilde which I have just managed to squeeze into this edition, see later. Behind the scenes an abundance of cunning plans are being drawn up to amuse us throughout the year. Full details of this year's events can be

found on our web site,
[www.trregister.co.uk/
group/red-rose](http://www.trregister.co.uk/group/red-rose).

The Facebook site is "for just a bit of fun" If anyone is in fear of joining the social network giant we can say that it is not our intention to stalk, rob bank accounts or personal details. However I have to say that the web site is the group's bible.

STONELEIGH SPARES DAY

In February I travelled down to the Stoneleigh MG and Triumph spares day. I seem to remember saying last year that I wouldn't go again. Well I'm saying it again. My first piece of advice is to consider arriving at least 45 mins. before the doors open as the car queues on the

approach roads can be like the M6 on a Friday afternoon. Again, like last year, there seemed to be little thought given to having dedicated areas for the two marks. All that means is walking around aimlessly hoping to stumble on a Triumph seller. Therefore my second piece of advice is to walk up and down the aisles methodically, north/south, east/west, like a tour of New York. My last piece of advice is head for the M6. Some may disagree and find it a good show. If, you are looking for a rusty piece of junk to spend endless hours in the garage bringing back to life this is the place be. Having said that I was speaking to Karl over at TRTRADER who actually makes a

point of doing just that, obviously has a trained eye. Talking about TRTRADER I bumped into an old friend, Roger Hinds' TR2. My first reaction when I saw it was OMG Karl has started mass producing these things. However, it was Roger's car having an engine rebuild!

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The event was raising money for St Richards Hospice and the Air Ambulance. Experts from the world of TRs gave presentations on the history of not just the works TR4 rally cars but also Le Mans and Sebring. All this with the impressive backdrop of Prescott Hillclimb, The Bugatti Owners Club building and two of the VC TR4 rally

cars. Nice to listen to the editor Wayne Scott of TR Action Magazine. Without sounding patronising I think our magazine is as good as I've seen in many years. The morning session entitled "The complete story" with Ian Cornish. Ian has been the owner of the works rally TR4 known as '4VC' since 1969 and has spent decades collecting historical archive information detailing the famous powder blue TR4 rally cars of the early 1960s. Aided with a plethora of over 100 fascinating photographs and archive video he guided us through the full story behind these much revered and highly successful TRs. The final morning session chaired by Ian Cornish gave an insight

into the works TR4 with a Q&A with Graham Robson, and Tony Sheach, (co-owner of 3VC). The afternoon session continued with further presentations and then it was time for the road. Might it be a be good an idea if the Register had similar days around the country a sort of TR Register Road show?

THE RED ROSE TR FEST

There now follows a party political broadcast on behalf of the Red Rose birthday bash party from their lovely secretary Caroline.

I have news of a very special event taking place on Saturday 6th August!! Come and join us to help celebrate 45 years of our club! The event is open to

all TR Register members and we are hoping it will bring together members both old and new for a day of FUN, FOOD AND CARS!

The day's events which will include a run around Cheshire in the morning followed by an afternoon of events including a Hog Roast and an informal car show. There will also be a cake competition for all the budding Paul Hollywoods and Mary Berrys out there!

We are hoping to attract up to 100 cars so don't delay! Email me at trredrose@hotmail.com for a registration form and to book your place!

The following is a further update from Caroline

At the time of going to press we have had quite

few requests for registration forms and most of these have now been returned with payment. We are very pleased to say that we do seem to be attracting new members as well as existing ones who haven't been to an event for a while. We are also getting inquiries from other clubs and from non TR owners. Carole and Mike have put the finishing touches to the run and we have informed The MSA of our intentions. There is a limit to the number of cars we can have on the day though so don't delay! fill out that form and send in your money! Audrey has asked me to remind you all that we need lots more donations for the tom-bola. You can give them to her or Pauline at the

Antrobus meetings or bring them on the day. Also don't forget to set aside any car parts you no longer want for the bring and buy. Hopefully you will go home with something you do want! In addition we will be holding an auction and whilst I wouldn't mind auctioning Jonathan for the day it's car related items we want! So if you have anything that you think is suitable why not put it in the auction.

A GRAND DAY OUT!

They say impromptu days out are often the best and the recent run to the Lakeland Motor Museum on 17th April was no exception. It was in the events calendar but no firm plans had been made to go until Steve mentioned at the Antrobus that Bob was planning to go if anyone wanted to join

him. In the end 10 cars turned up at Charnock Richard services on a very sunny if rather chilly Sunday Morning.

The die hards were topless whilst the rest of us chose to keep our tops firmly on! (Editor's note: Please don't talk about the ladies like that !)

The car park was heaving but the marshals did a sterling job and managed to get us all in. As well as all the cars there is also a great collection of motor bikes. Looking in the shop fronts full of original merchandise gave me some inspiration for my outfit for car fest although I will not be wearing the hot pants that Jonathan suggested! For the caravanners amongst you there is an original 1950's

model on display that you can go inside. The Bluebird exhibition is very interesting and there is lots of memorabilia to look at. More information at www.lakelandmotormuseum.co.uk

The cafe did a roaring trade! and although there was quite a wait it was worth it. The food was all freshly cooked to order and very tasty. The highlight for me was the scone ! I am a bit of a scone connoisseur and this has gone to the top of my Best place for a scone list! High praise indeed as I am very fussy! After looking round the cars and taking some pictures it was time to make our way home but not before we had a good laugh at the range of Lady Bird books for adults on

sale in the Museum shop. The Lady Bird Book Of The Mid Life Crisis caught my eye. We got home in just over two hours which was pretty good timing.

RED ROSE "BUNNY RUN"/"DRIVE IT DAY" by Sue and Ian Wilde

Our particular journey started early on Sunday 24th April as we had a 77-mile journey to get to Tesco in Macclesfield, the traditional starting point for many runs. When we left home, the weather was cold and very overcast and as a result we decided to keep the hood up. We arrived at the starting point at 9:50 to find the weather looked good and almost all TRs had the hoods down.

There were a couple of "new faces" who were very

welcome and amongst them was a brightly coloured GT6 in very patriotic red white and blue, even the engine sported the same colour scheme! How good of Mark and Tracy to wave the St George Flag by bringing the GT along! It transpired that the GT was in fact on its virgin run and we are happy to report that he performed very well. Mark was telling Ronnie that he had an oil leak and she laughingly told him that the time to worry was when he didn't have an oil leak, as this would mean he had no oil in the engine! The run went without a hitch through some really lovely countryside on roads that several admitted they had never previously travelled on. Although the day was

cold and in spite of the occasional light shower, many die hards kept their hoods firmly in the “down” position and in our group of happy travellers, Ronnie and Steve were last to put George’s hood up when the rain began to fall quite heavily during the late afternoon.

Last year on Drive It Day we only saw two or three classic cars (excluding ourselves of course) but this year throughout the day, we saw several Classic Cars and a couple of groups of TRs,

which meant some one-handed steering, while vigorous waving took place. The day finished at the Merlin in Alderley Edge where the Group enjoyed a good meal among good company. There is no doubt that Ronnie and Steve had clearly put a good deal of work into the organisation of the day and John Leleu thanked them on behalf of everyone.

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