



TR Register Shropshire Group

AGM 2020

Minutes

The 2020 AGM was held at The Fox and Hounds, Wytheford Road, Shawbury, Shropshire, SY4 4JG on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 8pm. There were 53 attendees including two Directors of the TR Register.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Ian & Pat Thomas	Ron & Sandra Jones
Sheena Williams	Ian Taylor
Roger Boxall	Reg Holding

Joint Group Leader, Roger Critchley, chaired the meeting and introduced Cat Tunnadine, TR Register Midland Director, and Bob Eccles, TR Register North West Director. Roger outlined the agenda.

2019 Minutes

Matters Arising:

- There are 20 Members in the Bridgnorth area who, generally, do not attend meetings, runs or events. To encourage them, The Round Shropshire Run in June was started in Bridgnorth. One Bridgnorth based Member attended.
- Following the closure of The Horseshoes Inn, Uckington, our monthly meetings are now held at the Fox and Hounds in Shawbury. This is the most successful venue we have used.
- A Shropshire Weekend was not held in 2019 because of the poor support in 2018. A different format must be found.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Alan Edwards, seconded by Steve Packard and passed by the meeting.

Finances

Group Treasurer, Stuart Heaton, presented the accounts and explained the figures to the Group. The discrepancy relating to Chetwynd Park was caused by the organisers discounting the event. The balance of the accounts now stands at £749.37. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Helen Beresford, seconded by Graham Goodwin and passed by the meeting.

Review of 2019

Roger reported that the Group was healthy with 124 members.

- Support at meetings and events is good and 57 members actively take part throughout the year. Our active membership rate is 46%.
- In addition, 10 members who are attached to other groups frequently join in Shropshire events.
- Regularly 15 to 20 cars participate in Group Runs and on occasions there have been as many as 30.
- Sadly, we said goodbye to Ken Rudge who passed away suddenly on 18th November. Ken was a long-standing member of the Group and was actively and enthusiastically involved in Group events for many years. He was a thoroughly nice man who will be sorely missed. His funeral was on 3rd December 2019 and the Group was represented with TRs in attendance

The number of available activities was again good. Those directly involving the Group amounted to:

- 19 Runs including:
 - One from Alderford Lake
 - Three Open Road Runs including a trip on the Ffestiniog Railway and fish & chips in Porthmadog
 - One involving the visiting Northumbria Group
 - The Hog Roast Run
- Many Members arranged their own runs including The Whitchurch Wanderers who went out as a group most Thursdays
- 9 Car Shows
 - Including RAF Shawbury
 - And 2 Commercial Events
- Several other events including the TR Register's International Weekend at Stratford-upon-Avon
- The Group's major event was Tour of Northumbria in May
 - 15 cars, 30 people, took part and members of Northumbria Group joined us for runs
- Some Members did their own TR Tours in the year, including ones to Scotland and France.

Members Resolutions

None were received.

Votes of Thanks

- Several members were very helpful in 2019. Specific Votes of Thanks were made to:
 - Gordon & Sheena Grant for arranging the Snowdrop Run
 - Ron & Sandra Jones for hosting the Workshop Day
 - Steve Packard for submitting the TR Action articles.
 - Malcolm Lainsbury for organising RAF Shawbury
 - Peter Napier for looking after the website and organising Open Road Runs
 - Greg Washington for organising Open Road Runs
 - Malcolm Ling for Alderford & associated runs
 - Alice Desborough for looking after the Group Regalia
 - Phil Desborough for being our "AA Man" on runs.
 - Reg Holding for helping with stands etc
 - Martin and Helen Davies for the Hog Roast
 - Stuart Heaton for looking after the money and sorting out the commercial car shows

Helen Beresford interrupted the "Votes of Thanks" to query the authorship of the Group's reports in TR Action. It was explained that the reports were usually written by Roger Critchley with additional material and editing by Steve Packard. Steve also edits the photograph and submits the completed report for publication. Helen wanted to know why the reports are published under Steve Packard's name. It was pointed out by Roger Critchley that ownership was not important, but publication was. This explanation was generally accepted by the meeting.

Special Service Award

Joint Group Leader, David Somerville, stepped down from this role after many years of service to the Group. To show the Group's thanks and appreciation, David was presented with an A3 drawing of his "works" TR4, commissioned from Lucy Smith.

The Chaz Perks Memorial Trophy

The award for 2019 was made to Peter Napier for:

- Enthusiastic service to the Group.
- Diligently editing the website
- Organising Open Runs
- Arranging the fish & chips in Porthmadog!

Election of Officers

Bob Eccles and Cat Tunnadine officiated over the election of the officers.

Group Leader

The candidates were:

- Helen Beresford
 - Nominated by Mike Hughes
 - Seconded by Rob Cowing
- Roger Critchley
 - Nominated by Peter Gibbins
 - Seconded by Peter Napier

The election was to be by secret ballot, but Helen Beresford withdrew her candidacy immediately before the vote. She felt that, in view of her work and other activities, she did not have the time to devote to the role as Group Leader. Therefore, Roger Critchley became the Group Leader by default, and this was overwhelmingly endorsed by the meeting following a show of hands.

Group Treasurer

The only candidate was the current Group Treasurer:

- Stuart Heaton
 - Nominated by David Somerville
 - Seconded by Alan Edwards

Stuart was unanimously elected following a show of hands.

Preview of 2020

Before detailing the proposed events for 2020, Roger wanted to clear up a couple of points:

- Roger explained to the Group the roles that Greg Washington, Gordon Grant and Peter Napier play within the Group. All are volunteers who have stood up to help.
 - Peter is the Group's Web Editor.
 - Gordon organises the Snowdrop Run.
 - Peter & Greg organise Open Road Runs.
 - All three are organising the Peak District Tour in May. This has saved £300 per couple by doing it ourselves.
 - Whilst Roger Critchley was in hospital, they and Helen Critchley put together a calendar of events for 2020.
- Question had been asked about picnics. Runs are arranged weeks sometimes months in advance. It is not possible to predict the weather that far ahead. Therefore, picnics are not usually built into runs.
 - Sunday Social Runs will generally finish with a late lunch. This is not compulsory which is why the lunch is at the end of the run.

- Saturday Social Runs and mid-week Open Road Runs will normally have snack type pub/café lunch in the middle
- However, if Members want to take their own picnics, they are quite welcome to do so

A comprehensive calendar of events has been arranged for 2020. It will be kept up to date and can be viewed online at the Group's website: www.tr-register.co.uk/group/shropshire. It will not be published in hard copy.

"What's On" will be published monthly and this will detail forthcoming events on a rolling 3-month basis. It will be distributed digitally and in hard copy at Group Meetings.

Forthcoming Key Events are:

- Snowdrop Run, which should have taken place on Sunday 17th February, was cancelled due to the weather. This had been organised by Gordon and Sheena Grant. Gordon will save the route and the bacon butties for later in the year.
- The March Hare Run has now become The Daffodil Run and has been organised by Peter Napier. It will take place on Sunday 15th March to coincide with the opening Hawarden Castle for the public to admire the display of daffodils.
- We will be attending Weston Park on Easter Sunday where we will have a Joint Stand with Stoke Group. We will be attending for this one day only and tickets can be ordered from Stuart Heaton. The deadline for ordering tickets was 18th February.
- Drive It Day is Sunday 26th April. Our run will start from the Breakfast Meeting at Alderford Lake. The route from there is still being worked on and details will be available soon.
- The Peak District Tour will take place between 10th and 14th May. It is fully booked with 19 cars and 37 people. There will be a choice of daily runs and activities. These will be circulated to the Group so that Members will be able to join us on a day by day basis.
- The Marches Festival of Transport at Ludlow will take place on 16th and 17th May.
- The Trentham Show is scheduled for 16th June. Stoke Group will organise a joint stand. Stuart Heaton is liaising with Will Loomes regarding tickets which will cost £5.
- The North Wales Group is visiting Shropshire between 26th and 28th June. It is hoped that we will be able to organise a joint run
- Other Events we are planning to do include:
 - Open Road Runs. These will be a drive on A and B roads for the enjoyment of driving. It will not be a convoy run. Participants can drive it in their own time and there will be stops to regroup. Greg Washington and Peter Napier are working on these.
 - The date of the Eaton Manor Show, in aid of Macmillan, is yet to be announced.
 - RAF Shawbury Families' Day will take place on 13th August. Malcolm Lainsbury is organising our attendance.
 - The date of The Attingham Park Classic Vehicle Rally, in aid of Severn Hospice, has not yet been announced. We will take part.
 - Other runs, shows, etc include Alderford, Oulton Park, Cholmondeley, Combermere, Autumn Run, Turkey Trot etc.

- National & Other Events
 - The International Weekend is 14th – 16th August. It will be held again at Stratford-upon-Avon Racecourse which is within walking distance of the town. It will involve other Triumph Clubs including the TSSC. We will be helping Leicester Group with the Bring and Buy stall and volunteers are required. Tickets are available from the TR Register Shop
 - Northwest Regional Event for the 50th Anniversary of the TR Register
 - Bob Eccles advised the Group that this event:
 - Will be based around the MacDonald Portal Hotel, Tarporley
 - Take place over the Oulton Park Gold Cup Weekend on August Bank Holiday
 - Rooms have been arranged for the Sunday at the hotel. The cost is £169 per room per night for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast based on two people sharing a double or twin room.
 - We will attend the Gold Cup Race on Monday. Bob is looking for us to have a bigger and more prominent stand. He is also investigating the possibility of us being allowed a demonstration run around the circuit.
 - It is intended to arrange a coach trip to Chester for those who are not interested in the racing
 - Roger will circulate these details to the Group
 - Other events which are open to us include:
 - Lakes Weekend
 - Scottish Weekend
 - TR Tours - Loire Valley
 - TR Classic Le Mans
 - Silverstone Classic. Discounts are available. Please see the TR Register's website
 - Traws Cambria - Welsh Weekend details tba
 - See the updated Calendar on the website

Any Other Business

A couple of other items were discussed:

- Regalia –Alice Desborough deals with orders for regalia. Members should choose items from Galaxy Print's online catalogue at www.galaxyprint.co.uk and order from her. She will place a combined order to minimise post and packing charges.
- Roger advised that, as regards the General Data Protection Regulations, the Group is now compliant. Members' data is held on a password protected spreadsheet and all details are deleted when a Member leaves. Updates are received from the office via a secure Dropbox account. Greg Washington pointed out that the Riley Register publishes members names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail details. It was thought that they could only do this if they had signed permission from the members involved.

- Income – Roger explained that, in the past, the Group’s income was chiefly derived for the Shropshire Weekend. With this no longer taking place, alternative sources need to be found
 - Roger suggested:
 - A Group Christmas Card scheme
 - A Group Calendar featuring TR cars
 - Stuart Heaton, Helen Beresford and Eleanor Goodwin suggested a monthly raffle. Roger admitted that the Group had not had a raffle before because he was unable to understand how it would work. Eleanor and Helen Critchley discussed this in camera with a view to introducing a Group raffle as soon as possible.
- There was no other business.

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at approx 9pm