



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**10TH JANUARY 2010**



The Annual General Meeting will take place at Antrobus Arms on Sunday 10th January 2010 commencing 13-00 prompt.

This is the first important event of the year so don't miss it.

Attendance in a TR is not compulsory but preferable!

# Autumn Leaves Run – 4 October 2009

It had looked like there would not be an Autumn Leaves Run this year, but Bob Eccles stepped into the breach with a section of the Coast-Coast Run he is planning for 2010. So eight cars assembled at the Crofters Arms in Garstang on a dry but chilly Sunday morning to try out the route for the first time.

Leaving Crofters, we soon turned off the A6 and headed down the back lanes into the Forest of Bowland. Passing through the Trough of Bowland (mercifully quiet at that time), we headed north-east through Yorkshire Passport Control and into Ribblesdale.

After a lap of Giggleswick, we passed through Settle, just a few minutes behind a steam train. The train remained tantalisingly in the distance, with just the odd glimpse and the smell of steam in the air. This presented a new challenge – weaving through the hordes of rail enthusiasts who had abandoned cars on the roadside to mill around in tripod-carrying groups.

Continuing north through the Yorkshire Dales, we eventually reached Hawes. Here we paused

at the Creamery for cheese shopping and/or refreshments (cracking!). Suitably replenished, we set off for Swaledale, crossing Buttertubs Pass.

After pausing to admire the views and the rainbows generated by the misty drizzle, it was finally time to turn south. The final leg of the route brought us to Aysgarth and a cup of tea at the Parker Flats Hotel.

As people said their goodbyes and began to disperse for the journey home, Peter, Roger and I headed south towards Skipton. This was a lovely run though the Dales, before joining the main roads through Colne and over the top to Haslingden and the M60.

A grand day out with over 200 miles of motoring following an interesting route. It bodes well for the Coast-Coast Run. Many thanks to Bob for the planning and to Richard and Colin for leading the way (despite problems with the CB).

Roger White

**Alun Jones has asked to include his thanks to the Group for the latest Bill Piggott book which was given to him after his spell in hospital earlier in the year**

## Malvern 2009

End of July and it was time again for the annual trip to the TR Register International at Malvern. As I wasn't working on the Friday I set off late morning with the hood down hoping for an open top run. Unfortunately before long the rain started and I was beginning to have memories of two years ago. It rained on and off for most of the journey, but after a short shower just after I got to Malvern the weather stayed fine until late Sunday afternoon.

For Friday nights entertainment a beach party had been organised where everyone was encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and take part in games like welly wanging. There were fish and chips being served and complimentary Pimms to sip in the sunshine.

Saturday dawned and the main trade show opened. Even when you think you have got everything for your TR, I still found things to buy and even managed a couple of bargain purchases. There was a constant stream of cars going into the arena with Steve Redway and

Graham Robson doing their commentary. This included in the afternoon a total of nearly 100 TR6s to celebrate to 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the model. Photo should appear on the cover of the next TR Action, see if you can spot my car!

After a bit of a lie in on Sunday morning and breakfast in the cafe it was time to take the tent down. I got this done early so I could then relax and enjoy the rest of the day. More bargain hunting and show ring displays and the day finished with the usual concours prize giving which included a number of Red Rose members, well done to them.

I decided not to go home on Sunday evening so found a B&B for the night. The next morning I visited the Severn Valley railway in Kidderminster. I hadn't been there long when a quantity of Morgans started arriving. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company and they had a week of celebrations planned which had included a specially chartered train on the railway.

I eventually arrived home Monday afternoon after another very enjoyable weekend.

David Rhodes.

(Editor’s note—Apologies to David for the late publication—entirely my fault!)

**Editorial**

It is that time of the year again when subscriptions to the Newsletter are due. It has remained at £6 for quite a few years and in the time that I have been editor all costs have risen particularly postage— 19p up to

31p at present i.e. 61%.

The newsletter is being posted on the website but the majority of opinions canvassed is that they would prefer to receive it in paper form so I hope that you will continue to support it. At its very low cost in this day and age it is good value for money and also not everyone has access to or likes the internet.

In addition to the subs reminder, you will find the traditional pocket sized events calendar. Additional events may be organised during the year so watch this space.

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