

# Leicestershire TR Group

## TRipe



May 2010  
Cars outside the Ace Cafe

## Present

Rachael, Phil and Hannah Gunn	Stag
Derek & Dani Bramford	
David Guzzetta	
Alan Ball	TR2
Tim & Kathryn Sharp	TR6
Ben & Lisa Ward	Stag
Martin & Jenny Ward	TR6
Colin & Ann Skinner	TR6
Dave Ricks	
Sue & Martin Faulkner	
Andy & Jennie Holyoak	TR6
Reg & Irene Bowler	TR4A
Peter Kings	TR5
John Edwards	TR6
John Soffe	TR3A
Paul Bowler	
Andy Moltu	TR6
John Day	TR6
Mick & Linda Smeeton	MX5
Trish Draycott	TR6
Mick and Linda from Canada!!!	TR6

## New Members

Sue and Nick in their TR6, new to the group meeting and from Long Clawson, near Terry and Sue.

## Club Night

David and Kathleen were in Germany in the Mini but managed to text Jenny who read out their message at the meeting.

We eventually opened the Christmas card tin, the total was £96.20. We will add this to the other fundraising and send off cheque to LOROS

## Out and About last month

A small group of cars went to the Ace Cafe for breakfast, see little report attached.

The Welsh weekend, 8 cars and 15 people attended and a great time was had by all. Colin and Reg did all the cooking. They all came home so nobody was poisoned. As a side, they visited a Whiskey distillery, we didn't realise there was one in South Wales, how wrong we were.

The Coventry raid did not go ahead so I have put another one in the diary for later in the year.

The Derby Dales raid did however, with Phil, Martin, Reg and Rog attending. The group had laid on a big spread at the pub, although the guys did not get to the bottom of what they were

celebrating but enjoyed the food.

Drive it Day. A few of us went on the stilton run. The instructions were not brilliant at times but we all managed to get to the various points of interest for the cheese tasting and hog roast.

John Soffe managed to get to the TSSC Isle of White gathering and had a great time.

### Coming Up

International. Paul will be away but we will still take down the usual kit. Ben is not in charge of the meat this year after his hopeless performance last year. Andy and Reg will do the shopping. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

RAF Wittering are having their families day on 23rd July. Unfortunately this is the Friday of the International but if anyone is interested, Martin has the details.

Barbecue at David and Dawn's, August 7th. They live in Heather, just north of Loughborough, more details to follow. Reg has proposed a run from their house to Heather if any one is interested.

### AOB

Tony and Ruth collected their car ok but have had to rebuild the gear box. However all is now well and they are having a great time. A copy of one of their messages home is attached.

As a matter of interest, John Soffe saw a documentary about the Who. They were driving a white TR4 around the recording studio. At least it wasn't the pool I suppose.

Reg's neighbour is selling his 2.5pi mark II estate. He has spent about 20K on it but is looking for offers.

Sadly the Hotel in Harrogate that is being used for the Euro meeting has had a fire but we are assured that all should be ok by September. We have been told there may be some more available spaces for UK owners, so if you would still like to go get in touch with Chris Hale.

Finally, further to our ramblings about the MSA and convoy routes, the Welsh group have been running their event by them for years now and had no problems.

See you all soon, Rachael

Hi All

We have now arrived at the Grand Canyon it really is one of the Seven Great Great Wonders. We have covered some 1300 Miles since Friday Afternoon and back on schedule!! Some of the views across the Texas Plains and through the Mountain Ranges around Santa Fe have been stunning. It is all so big and some roads just seem to disappear into the horizon!! Highlights so far have included Route 66 experience, Santa Fe Frijole Canyon (Native Pueblo settlement), Santa Fe the Bandelier National Monument panorama and driving over the mountains in the snow. Some photos attached.

"Kicking rubber" the car is going well. The gearbox was slipping out of third gear on arrival (third gear bush broken in two!) so had to be taken out and fully rebuilt before leaving British Auto Specialists on Friday (fortunately we didn't have to pay!!). A chance for me to don overalls but also yet another delay!! On the road we have repaired the alternator (finding new Lucas brushes at a local garage in Amarillo as you do!!), replaced the window washer pump and are currently living with an intermittent ignition switch!! Fortunately we have a jump lead in our pocket!!

Tomorrow we are walking along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon from the West End before leaving on Wednesday for Las Vegas via Flagstaff and the Hoover Dam.

Love

Ruth and Anthony

PS Martin Your TR3 Cubby Doors had arrived and are safe and sound in Fort Worth awaiting our return



## Ace Cafe Breakfast Run

The arrangement was to meet up at the Kettering Services at 6:30am, yes am!! Three Gunns arrived along with Chris Sheppard and his son Gerry. Hannah safely cocooned in her three season sleeping bag, asleep on the back seat of the Stag.

Dick and his friend Vic in a Macau Spitfire were waiting for us. Soon we were joined by two other cars, James Inder and his friend Stan? in a Sunbeam Alpine. We now just need David Guzzetta and Grandson Oliver. They arrive fashionably late after having to go back to Oliver's house, as his parents had accidentally taken his shoes home the night before!!

Dick took us down the A14 before going cross country via Kimbolton and picking up the A1. Being a Saturday and still early, the traffic was reasonably light and we made good time to the North Circular and on to the Ace Cafe for breakfast. David dropped off the end of the convoy for Oliver to answer the call of nature but soon joined us.

Suitably replenished and pictures taken we waited for Vic to fill up, having used a whole tank of fuel to get there! This also gave us time to repair the seatbelt catch in the Stag that Rachael managed to break on our arrival.

We arrived at Hendon just after 10 and were shown our parking spaces, lined up in front of the museum next to a Marcos and a couple of Mini Marcos'. The museum has so many exhibits from the early days of flying that you struggle to take it all in, the Vulcan being especially impressive.

I even came across a Phantom that I actually worked on when in the RAF! Rachael thought it was a bit sad that I could still remember the plane's number (XV 424). It was in a commemorative colour scheme celebrating Alcock and Brown's crossing of the Atlantic.

As we came out of the building, we became aware that some members of the public were sitting in some of the cars, thinking they were an exhibit. It was quickly pointed out that they weren't!!



After a brief lunch stop it was off to the De Havilland Museum at London Colney, with the exception of some who headed off home to watch the FA Cup Final at Wembley. They hadn't realised we would be going so close to the Stadium that morning on the way to breakfast. The museum is just off the M25 and is very much a hands on volunteer type of place but none the worse for it.

We were told that the Mosquito prototype was made there in disused farm buildings with no runway so as not to attract attention from bombers. It had to be dismantled and transported elsewhere for test flights. Even the designers working in the big house next door didn't know. They thought the drawings were taken away, not just round the corner. It was surprising how many planes Geoffrey De Havilland designed and built. Oliver certainly enjoyed himself as you could climb in a lot of the planes. Each one had to be knocked on to see if it was made of wood or metal then in true TR style he kicked their tyres.

Many thanks to Dick for organising a thoroughly enjoyable day out, with great company and as usual, wonderful weather.

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Calendar

Date	Event	Details
<b>Thurs 17th June</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>19th - 26th June</b>	<b>French Trip</b>	Colin & Ann Organising
Wed 23rd June	Cotswold Vale Raid	Details to follow
<b>Thurs 1st July</b>	<b>Trent Raid</b>	<b>Details to follow</b>
Fri 2nd - Sun 4th July	Wharfedale TRs Castle Howard Weekend	Back by popular demand, talk to Rachael & Phil
Sat 3rd - Sun 4th July	TR Drivers International	Gt. Billing, Northampton <a href="http://www.trdrivers.com">www.trdrivers.com</a>
9th - 11th July	Le Mans Classic	<a href="http://www.tr-register.co.uk/clm2010">www.tr-register.co.uk/clm2010</a>
Sunday 11th July	Day Out	Pencilled in as an alternative to the Le Mans Classic, looking for an idea and a volunteer to organise something.
<b>Thurs 15th July</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
Sunday 18th July	Kimbolton Classic Car Show	<a href="http://www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com">www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com</a>
Fri 23rd July	RAF Wittering Families Day	
Fri 23rd - Sun 25th July	International	Malvern
Sunday 1st Aug	Bletchley Park Classic Car & Motorbike Picnic	<a href="http://www.bletchleypark.co.uk">www.bletchleypark.co.uk</a>
Wed 4th Aug	Camb Followers Raid	Details to follow
Saturday 7th Aug	Barbecue at David & Dawn's	Full Details to follow
Tues 7th Sep	Staffs & Warks Raid	Details to follow
Fri 17th - Sun 19th Sep	Euro meeting	Harrogate
Sunday 19th Sep	Duxford all Triumph Day	<a href="http://www.tssc.org.uk">www.tssc.org.uk</a>
Sunday 31st October	Last Run Out	Details to be decided
Sunday 3rd Oct	MSA Classic	<a href="http://www.msaclassic.co.uk">www.msaclassic.co.uk</a>