



# THE LINK



October 2014

## Tregrehan Speed Hill Climb – Report by Tony Wood

The last speed hill climb of 2014 at Tregrehan on 11-12 October was a great success. With entries a bit low and the weather not always kind to us we were unsure of the amount of help and assistance that would turn up, but John Collins, as chief marshal, worked his magic again and had marshals on all points.

Saturday saw the worst of the weather with four or five competitors not turning up - their loss. The track, though damp, was clean and free from any mud. The feedback from the competitors was that they could have gone on racing until dark! In the end they had two practice runs and five timed runs.

Also in attendance was Alan Dean-Lewis from the MSA. He drove down from Colnbrook that morning and spent all day talking to officials and marshals etc. He even made time to present a cheque from the Club to the nurses from Cornwall Urology Trust, the prostate charity we are supporting this year.

Photo below: Alan Dean-Lewis, left, Tony Wood, club president, right, with representatives of the charity and Tregrehan Academy drivers (photo by Dave Brenton).



Sunday saw some better weather, but no sunshine. Speeds increased and the club for the first time had asked the timekeepers to set up a speed trap. This was just above the paddock entrance. It worked well, but I think some were surprised at their speed, some may even have been disappointed! The event ran well with only one incident near the end of the day when a certain Ford Escort driver tried for a very quick time. Andrew Dinner once again succeeded in fastest time of day, but did not break his track record set earlier in the year. Mandy Sillifant won the Tregrehan

Academy award for best improver over the four events. Photo below: Mandy Sillifant in her Peugeot 106 on the start line (photo by Dave Brenton).

A very successful end to speed events for 2014 and many thanks must go to all those who helped, especially the marshals and officials. The start team in particular worked their butts off all weekend and comments from competitors about their efforts were well received. It was also good to have some young new blood helping, especially with the clearing up on Sunday. It makes so much difference to the organisers to see them in good numbers.



The club would like to express their thanks to those who presented awards to the club for the Tregrehan October hill climb and the Academy. Saturday 11 October FTD: the Wellington Wheel – presented to the club by Vice President Peter Wellington. Sunday 12 October FTD: the Blowinghouse Trophy – presented to the club by Mark & Nic Clayton of Blowinghouse Garage, Penryn. The Tregrehan Academy 'best improver' award: presented to the club by Ros Thomas and Richard Rowe of Treburley Garage.

Results are available from our website: [www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php). There are also photos and videos of the event on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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## Car Recognition Quiz

You are invited to attend our car recognition quiz on Thursday 20 November at the Plume of Feathers, Mitchell, TR8 5JF (just off the A30). It costs £15 for a team of three and all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. This will be a fun social evening that everyone is welcome to attend. You do not have to be knowledgeable to take part but you have to be good to win!

The quiz will be run by club member Nigel Stephens who ran the last very successful event at the Plume of Feathers. Please book in advance so we know how many are coming. We are limited to about 18 teams of three. Arrive at 7.30 for an 8.00 start.

More details and booking form are on the club website: [www.trurodmc.co.uk](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk)

Contact Nigel on 01209 842037 or email [nj.stephens@btinternet.com](mailto:nj.stephens@btinternet.com)

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## Christmas Lunch & Awards Presentation

This year's awards lunch will take place on Sunday 14 December at The Alverton, Truro.

Awards will be presented by our guest speaker Dave Richards CBE, former world champion rally co-driver with Ari Vatanen for Ford and then set up Prodrive managing teams in F1 (BAR Honda), WRC (Subaru), BTCC (BMW & Ford) & Le Mans (Ferrari & Aston Martin). Today, Prodrive runs Aston Martin Racing in the World Endurance Championship and MINI in the WRC and Global Rallycross.



Entry to the event is by ticket only. Tickets must be booked and paid for in advance along with your menu choices please. Please complete the booking form and post with a cheque. More details and booking form are on our website here: [www.trurodmc.co.uk](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk)

Priority tickets to award winners and TDMC members up to 29 Nov. Please book by Friday 5 December at the latest. Menu choices and table plan need to be finalised with the hotel in advance.

If you are not able to attend then you can collect your award at the Christmas

Autosolo on 28 Dec or at any of our 2015 events. We are not able to post them sorry.

Enquiries to Melody: [newsletter@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@trurodmc.co.uk) or phone: Tony Wood on 01209 200751 or 07770 844701.

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## AutoSOLO Results

The most recent AutoSOLO took place on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at Cornwall College. Full results and championship standings can be download from our website: [www.trurodmc.co.uk/autosolo](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk/autosolo).

### Results

FTD – Niall Heywood, Mazda MX5

1st in class – Ryan Freeman, Kylie Allen, Nick Vincent and Jason Metters.

The next event takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

For further information about entering an event, or if you would like to help marshal, please contact John H Collins on 07751 212075 (between 9am and 9pm)

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## A full season of motor racing 2014 – by Matt Ewer

Well the season started late for me with a recent car purchase that needed to be set up for the local season with running in and mapping plus full time work at Hatton Energy Motorsport meant I had to do work on other people's cars.

Missing Werrington was hard but I managed to get up there and do track side photos for two days, but it wasn't the same.

The first outing in my race car was at the famous home track of Tregrehan. The car was running ok but the sudden rush of other drivers needing their cars set up had meant that I didn't have enough time to do my own. So it was a test for me in a car I had no driving time in other than local driving at a maximum of 60-70 mph. It was a nerve racking time as I had only done two very wet events in my old Impreza last season. Two days under my belt in some of the worst conditions for that type of event I thought the worst but



we were blessed with some amazing weather on the two day event. A tricky hill with nervous academy drivers looking on with wide open eyes, some with a little nervousness also. I felt the same, but with some fantastic drivers in my A4 class and all around us the nerves soon went and the fixation to better time drew in and overcame all thoughts. The atmosphere was amazing and so addictive.

The next event was Castle Hill. I was looking forward to this. On the Saturday I got there bright and early and excited. I walked the hill to sort my head out but disaster - the drive train failed on the first run. After lunch, as quickly as possible, my good friends and a fantastic driver in my class (Mark Spiller) lent me the goods to trailer my car back to Hatton Energy Motorsport to try and get her running again for Sunday. Frank, myself and Gary worked until late to try and fix her to no joy and the brand new clutch plate exploded jamming everything up so this was game over for me. Fixing this would be another job for another day ready for the next event on the 2nd of August at Castle again. So a paddle clutch was fitted and we tried again with no launch control to try and make a full weekend of racing with spirits high. In the paddock we pushed and pushed to better ourselves and 28.52 was best time of the weekend. A few moments after pushing so much the event was over - the most sad thing ever.

Now my first attempt at Treloy sprint with my boss Bob Hatton test driving a Tonic CB200 for a customer. It was an interesting event with a few car settings changed and what seems like sticking brakes I now left smoke trails from my front wheels. It was a fast event and you could get some great speeds up. Looking forward to the next event there.

Now to the closing event of the year at Tregrehan. Poor weather was forecast and I was worried as it's a place that rain could either help me or hinder me with a close battle between all of us in A4. It was a fantastic event with great time spent with my friends and extended petrol heads. I can't get this kind of fun and feeling of family anywhere else. Without the support of Truro & District Motor Club, John Collins, Bob and Steve Hatton my close friends I wouldn't have made it. I have had a great year. Had to be topped I must say with a few wins and top 3s. Some event days I have surpassed my expectations of my abilities and now have a hit list to do to my car for next season. See you all at the hill climbs next year or at an autosolo near you.

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## Motorsport Marshalling – by Allen Iggulden

I started marshalling on various events in my late teens. Marshalling allows you to get up close to the sport. It is a responsible position that controls the point that you are on and, of course, it can get very exciting.

I was marshalling at the recent Tregrehan Speed Hill Climb, where I now count most of the drivers as friends. The same happened when I was marshalling on a 12 car rally near Bodmin Moor, where again, I knew most of the drivers and navigators.

On a hill climb, if a car goes off the course or crashes, it is your duty to tell the main control that there is a problem. Nearly every event has some sort of mishap and you have to be prepared to act fast and professionally. You would not be alone at your post as it often takes at least two marshals to sort out and clean up after a mishap or accident. Your safety is paramount, so you are never to put yourself in a dangerous position whilst marshalling. However, if you can safely help to get a driver out of his crashed vehicle, and out of harm's way, unless he is injured, it is best to do that. If you suspect he has injuries, wait until medical help arrives to assess the situation.

Rally marshalling is different as you could have two cars arrive at a control together. There will be two of you marshalling and both cars must receive the correct times. This must be remembered as when it happens, you will be busy. You would be given guidance in advance as what to do in different situations but common sense would usually dictate what you should do in any given predicament.

AutoSOLO marshalling is different again as you need to know the course that the drivers are supposed to take. Again there would be two marshals, one to hold the red flag out, and the other to assist the driver and vehicle, if needed, and to replace any markers that may have been moved by a vehicle. Your role is usually outlined at the marshals briefing that occurs just before any motorsport event. If you are unsure, please ask, as all will be explained to you.

I thoroughly enjoy marshalling on the various motorsport events that we have in Cornwall, and hope to do so for many years to come. Many years ago, I was driving and sometimes navigating in road rallies and have sprinted a racing Mini, so I do have some experience in motorsport. Now I am happy to help out with marshalling as I am still able to get involved at the grass roots of the sport.

TDMC is always looking for new marshals. If you want to find out more please contact Allen: [allenvicarage@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:allenvicarage@tiscali.co.uk)

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## Tregrehan Display 12th October – Report and Photos by Suzanne Hall

Scoobybits Subaru Club Cornwall were the biggest club stand at this event on the Sunday with 13 cars. An improvement on their showing from last year. SSCC members were very successful in the event itself with our member 100, Andrew Dinner, retaining his King of the Hill title. Chased closely by Neil Gould on the Saturday in his Subaru powered Clio, known as the Cliopreza.



SSCC also had members in the Tregrehan Academy who drove their Subaru Imprezas hard to achieve some fantastic results in their very first season.

Congratulations must go to Academy drivers Gary Phillips, Richard Barton & Bob Eddy (who also sits on the TDMC committee). Their efforts have inspired other club members to find out about the TDMC Academy and we hope to have entrants again next season.

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## Heartlands Motor Show 11th October 2014 – Report and Photos by Suzanne Hall

A two day motor show was held at Heartlands over the weekend of 11th & 12th October. Scoobybits Subaru Club Cornwall were the biggest club stand at this event on the Saturday with 24 cars. The cars were displayed in date order to show the progression of the Impreza over the years and were met with enthusiasm by those who attended.



The event organisers booked a Stig impersonator and all the SSCC members enthusiastically showed off their cars to him and obtained photographs.

Also on site was a Formula One simulator and at various points throughout the day the club held both quickest child and quickest adult on the Castle Coombe circuit.

Unfortunately when the simulator closed for the day our standings were second and third for adults and third out of all the children. However several returned the following day to improve their position.



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