



# THE LINK



Sept 2014

## Tregrehan Speed Hill Climb

The second Tregrehan hill climb this year takes place on the weekend of October 11-12 and is the final round of the ASWMC Championship and Cornwall Speed Championship for 2014. The event is helping to raise funds for Cornwall Urology Trust which provides support for prostate cancer.

This event is hopefully the last one before TDMC undertake extension work to the track at Tregrehan. We have been speaking to the venue owners who have agreed in principle to us moving the start line 'back' into the paddock. Detailed plans are being drawn up at present and if final agreement is agreed then the work will be done prior to the 2015 season. So this event may well be the last chance for competitors to break current track, class and personal records.

Entry fee is £75 per day or £140 if you enter both days. Entries close on Monday 6 October. Entry forms and regs are available from our website [www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php)

Contact entries secretary Nic Clayton for further details on 07815 899527 (between 9am and 9pm) or email [entries@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:entries@trurodmc.co.uk)

### Information for Spectators

Tregrehan is Cornwall's oldest hill climb and one of the best parkland venues with excellent spectating. Tregrehan House is just off the A390 in St Austell, postcode PL24 2SJ.

The event starts at 9.30am on both days. Free parking is available on site. Entry fee is £5 per person and free for children. Refreshments and catering vans will be on site and the venue is ideal for picnics. Programmes will be on sale.

There will be two practice runs followed by timed runs. Spectators can watch competitors leave the start line or view at various points up the hill including the tricky final hairpin just before the finish. You can also view the vehicles in the paddock.

Contact event secretary Tony Wood for more details on 07770 844701 or email [tregrehan@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:tregrehan@trurodmc.co.uk)

### Request for Marshals

Lots of marshals are needed to support the event. You do not have to be a club member and those without experience will be given instructions and put with a marshal who knows the ropes. You need to be signed on by 8.45am on Sat & Sun in time for the briefing or come along from 2pm Friday to help set up.

Catering vans will be on site and marshals will be given lunch vouchers. There is a marshal's draw and anyone who wants to contribute prizes to the draw will be most welcome.

If you can help contact John H Collins on 07751 212075 or email [chiefmarshal@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:chiefmarshal@trurodmc.co.uk)

### Festival of Motorsport - Display Vehicles

Classic, sports and competition vehicles are invited to the display area at the top of the hill. If you have a suitable vehicle and would like to join the display then just complete a booking form and email it to us with your details. It costs just £5 per vehicle including two people. You can pay on the day but we need the booking form beforehand. Please share this information with friends and other clubs so we get a good display on each day. Display forms are available here [www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk/tregrehan.php)

The Club is supporting the Cornwall Urology Trust throughout the weekend. With your assistance we will raise some money for this very good local charity. We are planning a parade of the vehicles up the hill during the lunch break. Tickets to join the drive up the hill will be on sale during the morning. It is £5 per car and this will go to the charity.

Contact Melody [classic@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:classic@trurodmc.co.uk) or Tony [tregrehan@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:tregrehan@trurodmc.co.uk) for more details.

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## **Tregrehan Academy**

This initiative has been mentioned in the national motoring press and MSA newsletter and has been very well received. The academy members had a very successful June event. If you are visiting Tregrehan for the hill climb in October, look out for the academy entrants to give them your support. Their cars will be carrying a 'T' prefix against their numbers.

The club is running another academy mentoring session on Sept 8th with mentors and officials attending.

More information at [www.trurodmc.co.uk/academy](http://www.trurodmc.co.uk/academy)

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## **AutoSOLO Results**

AutoSOLOs took place on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 August 10<sup>th</sup>

FTD - Alastair Barnes

1<sup>st</sup> in class - Wayne Grimshaw, Marek Wojciechowski, Matt Ewer & Niall Heywood

Results August 25<sup>th</sup>

FTD Jason Metters

1<sup>st</sup> in class – James Lynham, Marek Wojciechowski, Steve Hatton & Niall Heywood

The next event is September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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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## **Falmouth Urban Speed Event – Report by Allen Iggulden (Press Officer)**

This event took place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Falmouth Fire Station and was put on by Falmouth Fire Brigade, primarily to encourage our younger drivers to reduce their speed to 30 mph when driving within town limits. The firemen explained that if someone is hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 mph they stand a good chance of surviving. If they were hit at 40 mph the survival rate is a lot less. Also they further explained that the majority of their call-outs are now to attend road accidents and not fires.

There were a number of hot rods, with their heights reduced to waist level, making them look very exotic, especially the American Plymouth that dated back to 1947, which was lowered down to road level. Also a van from 1955 that recently had a 6 litre engine. The owner told me that now, with the smaller engine fitted, he was unable to get the front wheels off the ground when accelerating! Lots of other interesting vehicles were to be seen, including our own Steve Hatton's Jedi and the Banshee that he used at the AutoSOLOs. Various Volkswagen cars took most of the day's awards.

There was a driving simulator from Devon & Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service which looked most exciting. Food was provided by the firemen themselves from a large BBQ grill.

Dave Brenton and I talked to many groups of youngsters about the AutoSOLOs and Tregrehan and I think some of them will be at the next AutoSOLO meeting. We had a continual loop of motorsport photos and another of Tregrehan hill climb and AutoSOLO video clips on Dave's and Steve's laptops. We handed out lots of information about the club and we felt that the day was a great success, with several TDMC club members present.

The day ended with a raffle, in which myself, Dave and Melody managed to each get a prize. We all enjoyed the day and I feel sure we will be there next year.

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## Vehicle tax changes

From 1 October 2014, the paper tax disc will no longer need to be displayed on a vehicle windscreen. To drive or keep a vehicle on the road you will still need to get vehicle tax and DVLA will still send you a renewal reminder when your vehicle tax is due to expire. This applies to all types of vehicles including those that are exempt from payment of vehicle tax.

### Checking the tax status of a vehicle

You can check the tax status of any vehicle [here](#).

### Buying a vehicle

From 1 October, when you buy a vehicle, the vehicle tax will no longer be transferred with the vehicle. You will need to get new vehicle tax before you can use the vehicle.

### Selling a vehicle

If you sell a vehicle after 1 October and you have notified DVLA, you will automatically get a refund for any full calendar months left on the vehicle tax.

More information is available on the DVLA website [DVLA](#).

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### Christmas Awards Lunch

This year's awards lunch will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Venue to be confirmed shortly. Please put the date in your diary.

Contact Tony Wood for more details on 07770 844701.

### Car quiz

We are planning another car quiz to take place in November. Details will be on the club website as soon as it is finalised.

The quiz will be run by club member Nigel Stephens who ran the last very successful event at the Plume of Feathers.

Email Melody if you are interested and a booking form will be sent to you - [newsletter@trurodmc.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@trurodmc.co.uk)

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