

# Competition Corner

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This month we have feedback from the Competitions questionnaire, details of the 10 Countries Run, and a report on the Belgian Rally Tour by Andrew Pearce elsewhere in *Club Torque*.

### Club Members in Action!

September 5-8 At least 7 crews on the 10CR

October Andrew Pearce – Continental Car Tours  
Champagne Rally Tour

### Competition Questionnaire

Not an overwhelming response! That in itself means something, but what? Is it that Club members are concerned about the cost or possible damage to their cars, or is it that they would like to do things that aren't strictly competition but are rather more active than just Club nights or static shows? Given the popularity of the Round Britain Run and the interest in the 10 Countries Run, I suspect that Club members do want to have fun and adventure with their cars but just need to take the plunge.

Anyway, from the results so far – there is an interest in all types of event such as autotests and classic tours but not racing. There is also some enthusiasm for Club Triumph organised events, inter club events and visits to motorsport events both at home and abroad. So there are a number of things we can work on such as autotests, track days, and visits to Le Mans, perhaps with other clubs. These things have been done by Club Triumph in the past so there's no reason why we can't do it again – if the Club members want it! If anyone is concerned that by showing interest they will get landed with a job – don't be!

### 10 Countries Run (10CR)

As I write this in early June I realise that this article will be in the last *Club Torque* before the 10 Countries Run! Whatever I write will be out of date and many details will be different!

I have to say I am very pleased by the response and enthusiasm for this event – I hope people are still so happy after we get back! An interesting development is that there is now a communication network developing via e-mail within the participants and there are even two websites that I am aware of. If you want to join in the discussions, e-mail me at martintr7@tiscali.co.uk. The websites are:

<http://users.pandora.be/themartins/TR8/tencountriesrun.html>  
*and* <http://www.gingell.com/ninecountries/>

In a more traditional method of communication, a meeting of six definites and a maybe was held at Gaydon on 25 May at which a number of details were firmed up. One thing that we are sure of is that we don't want this to be the only run of its kind. We would hope that we can put together a 10 Countries Run as an official Club Triumph event in the years when the Round Britain Run isn't on. So, if you want to be one of the pioneers of a new exciting venture for the Club, contact me now and be on the ferry with us on Friday 5 September!

The Definite Runners are:

Martin Randle	TR7
Tim Hunt	TR4
Andrew Pearce	2500
Ellis Stokes	TR7
Tim Bancroft	GT6
Doug Crutchfield	TR2 or TR5
Graham Ramsey	GT6

“Strong maybes” are:

Dave Walker	Dolomite Sprint
Bruce Greig	Dolomite Sprint
Barry McGrath	Acclaim
Quentin Birkenshaw	Spitfire Mk.IV

We had a “low profile” policy initially for the run given that, as yet, it is only a private proving run and not an official Club Triumph event. Despite this we have offers of help from Triumph enthusiasts in Belgium and Italy.

The start will be at the Plough in Crews Hill on **Friday 5 September** and we will set off at approximately 13.30. A brief outline of the route is as follows:

Ferry leaves Dover – 17.45

Overnight through Northern France

### Saturday 6 September

South of Dijon – Breakfast

South of Grenoble – Lunch

Nice – 18.00

### Sunday 7 September

Depart Nice – 11.30

Lunch just in Italy

Evening meal halt – Switzerland

Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany overnight

### Monday 8 September

Luxembourg

Breakfast – Belgium

Shopping for wine, etc, near Calais - Lunch time

Ferry from Calais – 15.30

18.00 – Arrive back at the Plough

Unlike the Round Britain Run the intrepid crews will be “living off the land” with no checkpoints, petrol stations staying open at all hours and no free food at regular intervals! Navigation is by marked maps and cars will run in groups of three taking it in turns to lead so that navigators can take a rest. Again, unlike the Round Britain Run we will be having an overnight. For those of you familiar with the RBR about the time cars get to Stirling the 10CR crews will be arriving at a hotel near Nice! A swim in the Med is compulsory.

If you have nothing special on for that weekend and want something different to do with your Triumph – come and join the Club Triumph Long Distance Runners!