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The rapid TVR 420 SEAC

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SAT. 26th APRIL 5th CHESHIRE CATS TROPHY MEETING AT OULTON PARK

With the sun out as it was it was a little surprising that only 15 TVRs turned up at the area marked out for us. Also surprising was that 7 out of the 15 were Tasmins, with 3 others parked around the circuit. Also present were 2 Taimars, 4 3000Ms, 1 Grantura and 1 Vixen. As I feel it's always good to name the members who make the effort here goes; Chris Whyln and father, Duke Kendel, Brian Bayse, Mick Wood and Graham Lucas, Graham May, Adrian and Jackie Venn, Simon Lindley and girlfriend, Tony Abrahams and wife and Mrs. John Simpson and sorry to anyone I missed.

As for the racing it really was a good day with some very exotic machinery there. Astons, Cobras, 935/930 Porsches, Ferraris, and of course the factory's all new 420 SEAC in bright yellow and looking very nice. This year's driver is Steve Cole, who last year was racing a Morgan V8, and indeed won this particular race last year.

The race itself was very exciting as from the start Steve was in 3rd place for a couple of laps, until he took the second place Porsche on lap 4. From then on it was just a case of how long before Steve caught the 911 Carrera which was holding first place.

By lap 10 Steve was attempting to take the Porsche, and for the next 7 laps or so was dicing for the lead. With the slower traffic giving the Carrera more problems than for the TVR. However from lap 15 we were noticing that the Tiv was bottoming badly and lap 18 the 420 had to retire with what was later found to be diff problems.

A very promising start to the season. This car is fast!! If the new car due out soon from the factory looks anything like this one, TVR Engineering have got it right, visually and mechanically . . .

News of Paul Weldons 4.7 Tuscan competing at the Aston Martins Owners Club Hillclimb at Wiscombe on April 19/20th. Aparently Paul gave it everything the Tuscan had, but could not beat the 50sec barrier and settled for a class win, a full second clear of a Gilbern Invader.

Best regards, Martin Shaw.

