

Show overview

Sandra Holloway, one of the organisers of this year's NEC Classic Motor Show, phoned me to ask if the TVRCC could supply cars for the daily parade. Loud cars. Loud is, of course, what TVRs do well but, in the case of Jim Davie's 450SE, it was deemed beyond the pale and he was obliged to quieten it. Together with Tony Malloy's Sagaris, complete with straight through carbon fibre exhaust, not to mention the ability to lay rubber and tyre smoke the full length of the hall, we stole the show.

We seemed to have done that with our stand as well. I have heard little but praise from members, the organisers and the public alike for our efforts. We celebrated the silver anniversary of the launch of the Tasmin and our headline cars were three silver wedges; Carl Giles' Series 1 Tasmin FHC, Andy Palfrey's 390SE and 'Stainless' Steve Charlesworth's magnificent 1988 Motor Show 450SEAC. Andy Rouse, the former British Touring Cr Champion and now Show Manager for the NEC, spent an age pouring, and allegedly drooling, all over Steve's car. These were backed up by a contrasting perspective showing that not all TVRs are angular and we had Richard Carter's Tuscan V8, Paul Bennett's Griffith 500 and Steve Wardle's awesome reflex coloured Sagaris.

We used the angled stand edging from last year that everyone had said was so effective although the boards were updated with some new images to reflect the main theme of the stand. We even managed to secure some TVR violet carpet on which to show off the cars and we complimented it all with some fabulous displays showing the development of the wedge, not forgetting the free posters that were handed out showing the TVR timeline.

Our success was not only due to the efforts of the owners of the cars on the stand and the parade, but also to Alan and his dedicated team of assistants, mainly from West Midlands Region, who worked tirelessly from mid-morning on the Thursday all through the weekend. I would also like to mention Club Administrator Alison Brown's husband Andy who, when Alison suffered an injury which left her unable to drive, took the day off work on Thursday

