

Goodwood Revival 2008

Thursday – final preparations at the circuit

After a depressingly wet Summer in England, the weather turned fine with a fresh easterly breeze for the Goodwood Revival weekend. It was extraordinary luck which helped both the final preparations on Thursday and the three day event!



Main straight with the Sussex Downs to the north on a beautifully sunny day



Final painting in the pits



Main straight looking from the start line down to Madgewick Corner

Spirit of Aviation

A display of period aircraft was a centerpiece of the 10th Anniversary Revival meeting.



Entrance to the Spirit of Aviation display – in the background is the Tiger Moth and Leopard Moth of Ron and Valery Gammons



Tipsy made by the Belgian subsidiary of Fairey Aviation was an interesting exhibit along with two other examples of the type.



An exciting sight was the arrival of an Eagle Airways DC6, a large four engine airliner making a landing on grass! It demonstrated it needed only 60% of the main runway.

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Thursday – cricket match

A traditional feature of the event is the cricket match at Goodwood House.



Cricket match in progress with Goodwood House beyond.



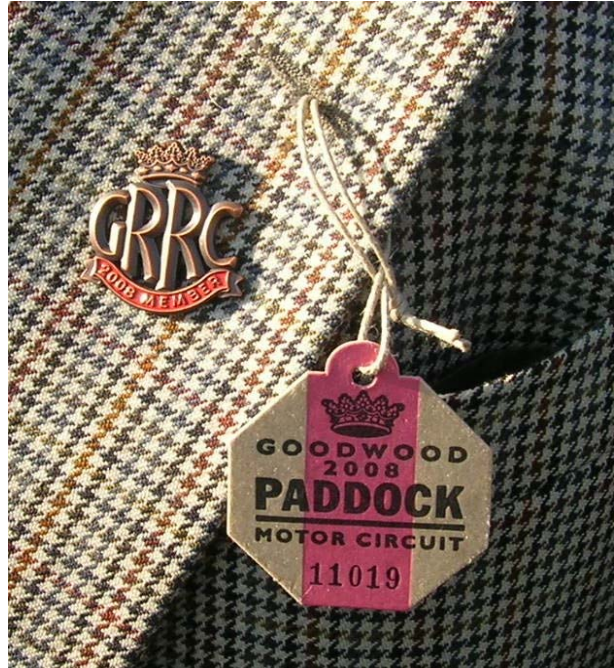
As usual a Spitfire arrived, slightly later this year at just after 6pm, and gave a spirited display over the cricket square



The Spitfire display continued as the sun began to go down. Following the display the drivers and friends assembled in the tea marquee for the Drivers' Briefing. Although it has a characteristically light-hearted presentation, Lord March stresses how important it is for the guest drivers to drive safely in their period cars.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Usually a quieter day than Saturday or Sunday so you can get round and see the cars in the Paddock early in the day, meet friends and enjoy the practice sessions.



Early morning outside the Spitfire Bar where friends meet up for a traditional English breakfast. Just before 9am the engines of the WW2 fighter aircraft fire up and they move off for their flying display. RV8 enthusiast Peter Kuruber enjoyed the display.



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The façade of Earls Court was recreated next to the Paddock within which was a glorious display of period sportscars where visitors were invited to vote for their favourite car.



George Wilder (a longtime MGB enthusiast and currently a director of the MG Car Club) at Lavant Corner clearly enjoying the Goodwood Revival 2008.



Glamcabs has become a regular feature of the Goodwood Revival providing a useful taxi service.



Ron Gammons (MG Car Club Vice President) enjoying the morning sunshine near the Paddock Lawn – Douglas Bader's statue is just beyond. Ron was racing his Chevrolet V8 powered Devin.



"What Katie Did" was one of the many shops – in this case offering a saucy range of "faux vintage lingerie and hosiery".



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Mike Maude Roxby, a former V8 Scribe, enjoying a visit to the Spirit of Aviation display.



Many people attending make a real effort to dress for the occasion.



Spectating at St Marys is always a lively place



Fordwater is a very fast corner at the back of the circuit and popular with many Goodwood Revival enthusiasts