

PAST EVENTS – 2009

[December 20th - One last Hooray!](#) (opens in new window)

Remembrance Sunday at the French War Memorial, Elvington, Yorkshire - 8th November

The TOC were approached by Ian Reed, Director of the [Yorkshire Air Museum](#), to assist in the transportation of a group representing the families and relatives of French Veterans who flew from Elvington during WW2.



The group were invited to attend the annual remembrance service which is held at the only memorial to the French Air Forces in the UK.

"The Gallic ties that bind for the Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington are based on wartime history.

During the Second World War, Elvington was the only base from which French-crewed heavy bombers operated, flying the Handley Page Halifax aircraft.

Veterans from these squadrons and their families have visited the air museum on many occasions, through the [Amicale des Anciens des Groupes Lourdes association](#).

There were about 2,000 French personnel supporting 346 and 347 Tunisie Squadrons based at Elvington during the war, and nearly 200 air crew were lost on missions.

Many others were awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses for their great skill and valour during missions made particularly poignant since some of their targets were in their own country.

After the war the British Government donated the remaining Halifax bombers from those squadrons to their French counterparts, and in October 1945 they were flown to Bordeaux to form a major part of the country's new air force - in which at least 20 of the airmen who served at Elvington went on to become senior officers".



Emblem of the [Amicale des Anciens des Groupes Lourdes association](#)



Nick Hopkinson's DS prepares for the journey to Elvington



Parked at the memorial







Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force, French Air Force and the [Groupes Lourdes association](#)



Cars parked at the Elvington Air Museum



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Bernies "FFI" Wooden Brooch which was made by one of his relatives.

I think that we can expect this to become an annual event!

November 7th - Tea with the Lord Mayor of York

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The group were invited for tea with the Lord Mayor of York, at the "Mansion House", which was the first formal residence for a Lord Mayor of a City in England, with construction starting in 1638.



L to R - Nick Hopkinson's DS, James Geddes's Traction, John & Bev Oates's Traction, John Barnes's Traction,



L to R -The Presidential Limousine (Bernie's), Barry & Fred's Fixed-head Coupé, Popka's "pimpmobile"

The Cars meet up to await the guests



James Geddes & Noel Davidson carry out a final inspection



Ian Reed (Director of [Yorkshire Air Museum](#)) fulfils that dream we all have!



The Lord Mayor greets the Party in St Helen's Square





Popular with the Tourists!



"On Parade" in St Helen's Square



Group Photo in the main Reception Room of the Mansion House

October 17-19th - A Railway at War, Pickering, North Yorkshire

[PDF](#)

[Video](#) (hosted on YouTube)

October 3rd - 90th Anniversary Celebrations



For those of you that were unable to attend here is a little taste of the event which was held at the world famous [ACE Cafe](#), London, NW1

The Videos - All link to YouTube

[90th Birthday party at the ACE Cafe](#)

[Citroen 90th Advert](#)

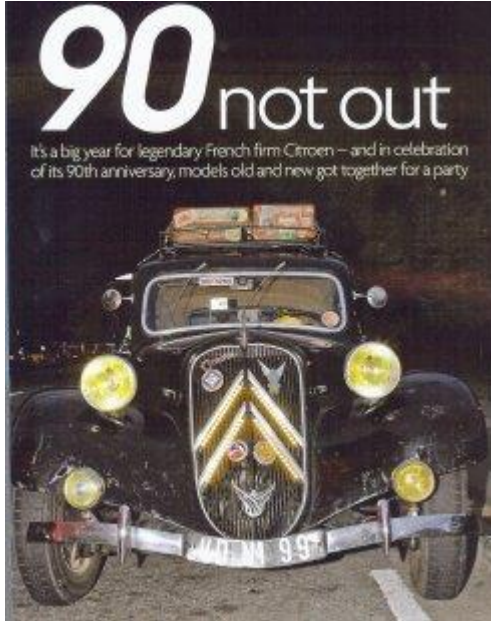
[Slide Show of 90th Birthday party](#)

[Video of the Celebrations](#)

What the papers said:

Auto Express

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Classic Car Weekly

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July 10th-13th - 75-4-75 - The ACI Event of the Year – Arras,- videos and slideshow (hosted by YouTube)

Video, Photos and Slide Shows of the 75th Anniversary of the launch of the Traction Avant



Slide Shows and Videos hosted by YouTube

[The Traction Museum \(1 of 2\) - Mick Popka \(video\)](#)

[The Traction Museum \(2 of 2\) - Mick Popka \(video\)](#)



["Classic & Sports Car's" Review of the event](#)

[Howard Spiers' photo collection of Arras](#)
(Links to external site)

[En-route to Arras \(1 of 2\) - Mick Popka \(video\)](#)

[En-route to Arras \(2 of 2\) - Mick Popka \(video\)](#)

[York to Arras via Hull & Zebrugge to Arras - Steve Wright \(slideshow\)](#)

[Traction Avant Museum at Arras - Steve Wright \(slideshow\)](#)

[Saturday Evening TOC Meal - Steve Wright \(slideshow\)](#)

[Walter Callens' Slideshow of Arras](#)

[Mark Keatley-Palmer's Photos](#)
(Links to new page)

[Citrothello's Story](#)
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(Both links to external site)

2009 Annual Rally – June 19th-21st

"Float in Power to Cornwall" - 2009 Annual Rally - 19th - 21st June



Click [here](#) to go to Howard Spiers's Photo Album of the event