

Last summer new member Jeremy Holden acquired the historically important ex-works Rally Team Tiger: AHP 294B - B9470014 FE and right away put in hand a full restoration ahead of entering the Tiger in this year's Tour of Ireland.



News: "Our Chairman, Jeremy Holden acquired a coveted and very rare Ex-Works Sunbeam Tiger in March 2014; one of only six Rootes Group Works Rally Tigers ever made. The Tiger, a development of the Sunbeam Alpine was quickly earmarked for international competition in its heyday! Since retirement from active competition, the car has lain mostly unused in dry storage, but has been maintained in running order prior to purchase by Jeremy."



*The restoration team*

A full description of the restoration can be found on Jeremy's website at:

<http://blog.holden.co.uk/more-about-the-tiger/>



*Geneva Rally 1964 – 'Tiny' Lewis / Barry Hughes*



*Monte Carlo 1965 – M. Gatsonides / A Llicken*



*Tulip Rally 1965 – Peter Riley /Robin Turvey*

Look for the story of the 'works' competition record of AHP 294B in the next issue of Cats Whiskers.

## “Tiger roars to success winning class at Tour Ireland”



Over the 12-15 May Jeremy Holden competed in the 'Tour Ireland' rally - driving a very rare 1964 Sunbeam Tiger ex-Works Rally Car, one of only six Rootes Group works team Tigers built.

Jeremy Holden and his navigator Angelica Fuentes Garcia scooped first in class award in what was a tough and challenging rally plagued with wet slippery track conditions and numerous potholes on the closed road stages.

Unlike many fellow competitors Jeremy and Angelica completed the rally unaided, with no support crew or spanner required. This was quite a feat in itself; many other vehicles didn't make it across the finish line.

Speaking about the rally, Jeremy Holden said 'I was a bit apprehensive being paired with co-driver Angelica Fuentes, not only is she a professional rally navigator and driver, but she has won numerous races, and has taken part in over 200 rallies including 30 times at La Carrerra Panamericana Rally, Mexico. I was conscious that Angelica and I had never raced together before, had no time to test, and was competing in a vehicle that had literally just undergone major restoration days before, and had no support crew. The Tiger had not raced competitively since 1993 and ironically one year (to the day) after I bought it, it had been restored and we were thrashing it around Southern Ireland and the UK on the same day'.

He continued 'expectations to win were high, and we had everything stacked up against us, which made the win even more satisfying. I would like to extend a big thank you to Hardy Hall Restorations – whata grand job they have done, and to Gauge Pilot for the navigationalaid'.

'Tour Ireland' was a new event for 2015 organised by Tour Britannia and sponsored by Holden. The tour started and finished at the HQ in Llandudno, North Wales and included 24 hours in Ireland, using the high-speed ferry from Holyhead to Dublin. The Irish leg has four closed-road stages in the Wicklow Mountains as well as a race at Mondello Park. *(Holden News)*

