

Danni Harvey and I are extremely grateful for the help we have had from hundreds of people over the last five years. We are justifiably very proud of what we have achieved together. Although it rained on the Saturday as the trucks arrived, Sunday was dry and bright. The gusty wind made life hard for the gazebos. We enjoyed a disco together Saturday evening whilst the light show was judged. Sunday we finished the event with karaoke which is always great fun.

It seems to evolve each year. We had over 100 trucks from a 1970's Borderer to some just weeks old. The standard of the exhibitors really is quite incredible. Everyone who bothered is a winner just for coming. There seems to be a wonderful atmosphere that I have never experienced at any other truck show. Really all it consists of is some clean trucks on a piece of concrete. But I cannot explain how magical it feels to bring some wonderful people together who have one thing in common.

There really are too many people involved in this to thank them all individually. Anne and Karl at The Orwell Crossing are clearly an essential part of our gathering. We couldn't find a better venue anywhere in the country. Our trophy sponsors make them possible; with nobody to park vehicles and judge them all this couldn't happen. Without Danni to book everything in it would collapse. No link in the chain is anymore important than another. If it's removed it breaks. We are touched that Shiny's three children Sarah, Jay and Ade made the journey up and stood a photographic tribute to Dave in front of a pick up truck. This year's one minute silence and horn salute was just so emotionally moving. A few people held this together on the day; special thanks to Rob Billman, Dave Strachen, Amanda Casey, Wendy and Paul Godby, Steve Cooper, Sandra and Mark Pickering, Roy Harvey, Peter Whiting, Pam and John Turberfield, Val and John Beckett, Lynda Stanford, Lisa Freeman, Jackie Noy and her friend Gloria. The ECTC trailer team and John Dutton for hauling it. Ivan Hardy for his support; Fran and David Land; Needham Analysis; D H Doherty; Adam Searl of C P Transport, CDC, Karen Woollard; Felixstowe Radio; Seed Brothers; Suffolk Police; Higher 4 fun climbing wall; a man with a disco on a Vespa! John Hammond; Charlie Pennington with his organ; Zebedee Castles; Ken Robin's archery; Peter's Ice Cream and we had four people in fancy dress! These were Austin the chipmunk; Jade Brien as Sponge Bob Square Pants and James and Sammi Cooper as Batman and Batgirl.

19 exhibitors who have attended all five shows were each given a rosette. Seven of our sponsors have been with us from the start. Dave Morris was show champ. for the second year in succession; a first. Clearly Densil has some special polish, some elbow grease and passion. To win the same prize four years out of five with different vehicles is quite an achievement. Sixty trophies were presented and dozens of rosettes.

I have never seen a line up of eight different Scania's in the UK featuring a model from each of their ranges from 1968 to the present day; 1 110; 141;142;143;124 and an R series. What an achievement. I don't believe three owner drivers Scania's from Woolpit have ever stood in a line either! S80 TOP; S80 ROK and S80 WRL; all 580's; hence the cherished plates.

You will never know how proud I am of what we have achieved together. We are still counting money but will be able to present ECTC with £2,000 again. In five shows that's over £9,000 in all and we had fun doing it. Long may it last. Five months work is well worth it. Some things you cannot buy.

Many thanks to you all for your support from Danni and myself. We stand together.

Simon Waspe. Co Director. Crowfield Truck Rally. Here's to the future. Hope you will be part of it.

*Simon Waspe*