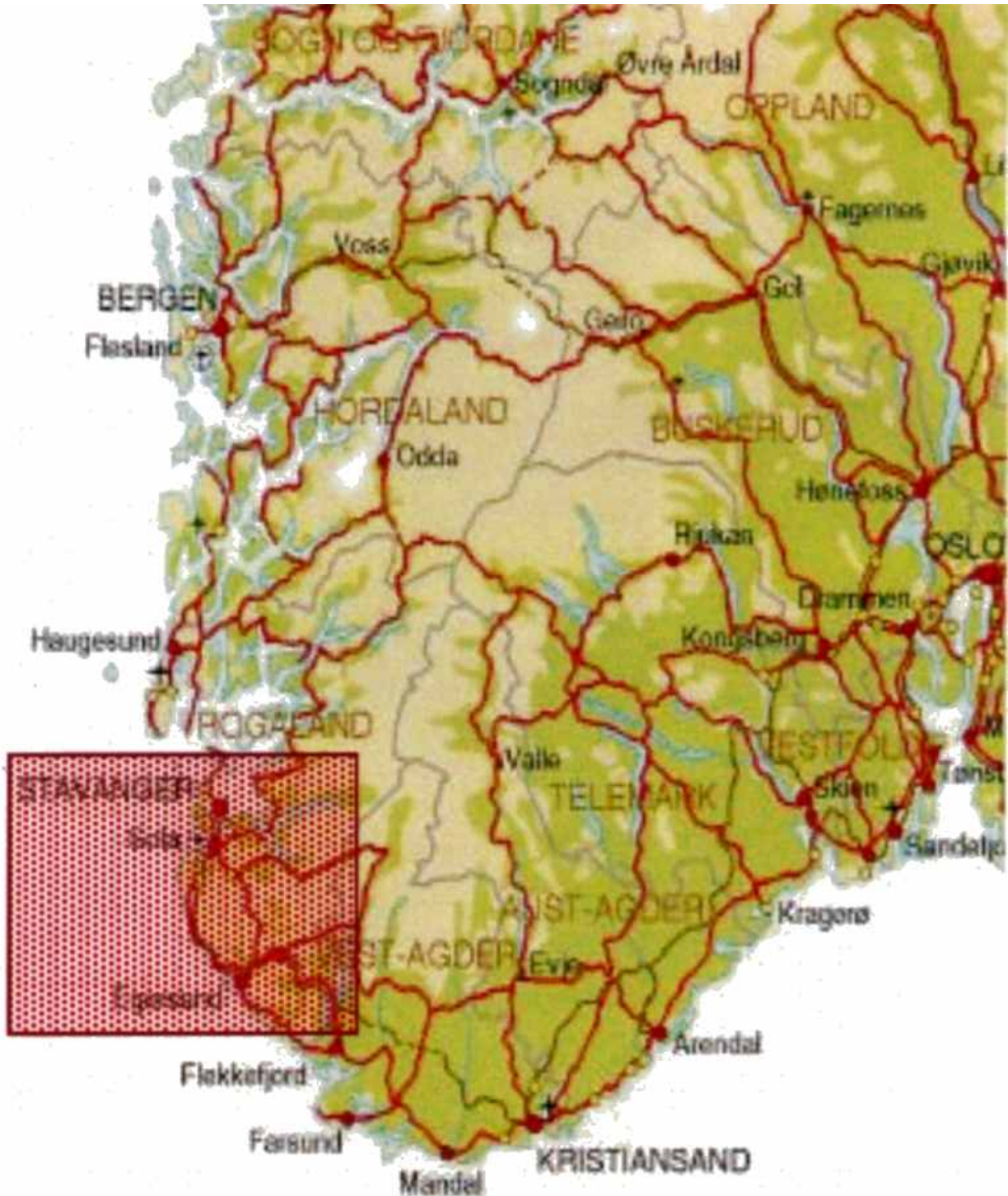


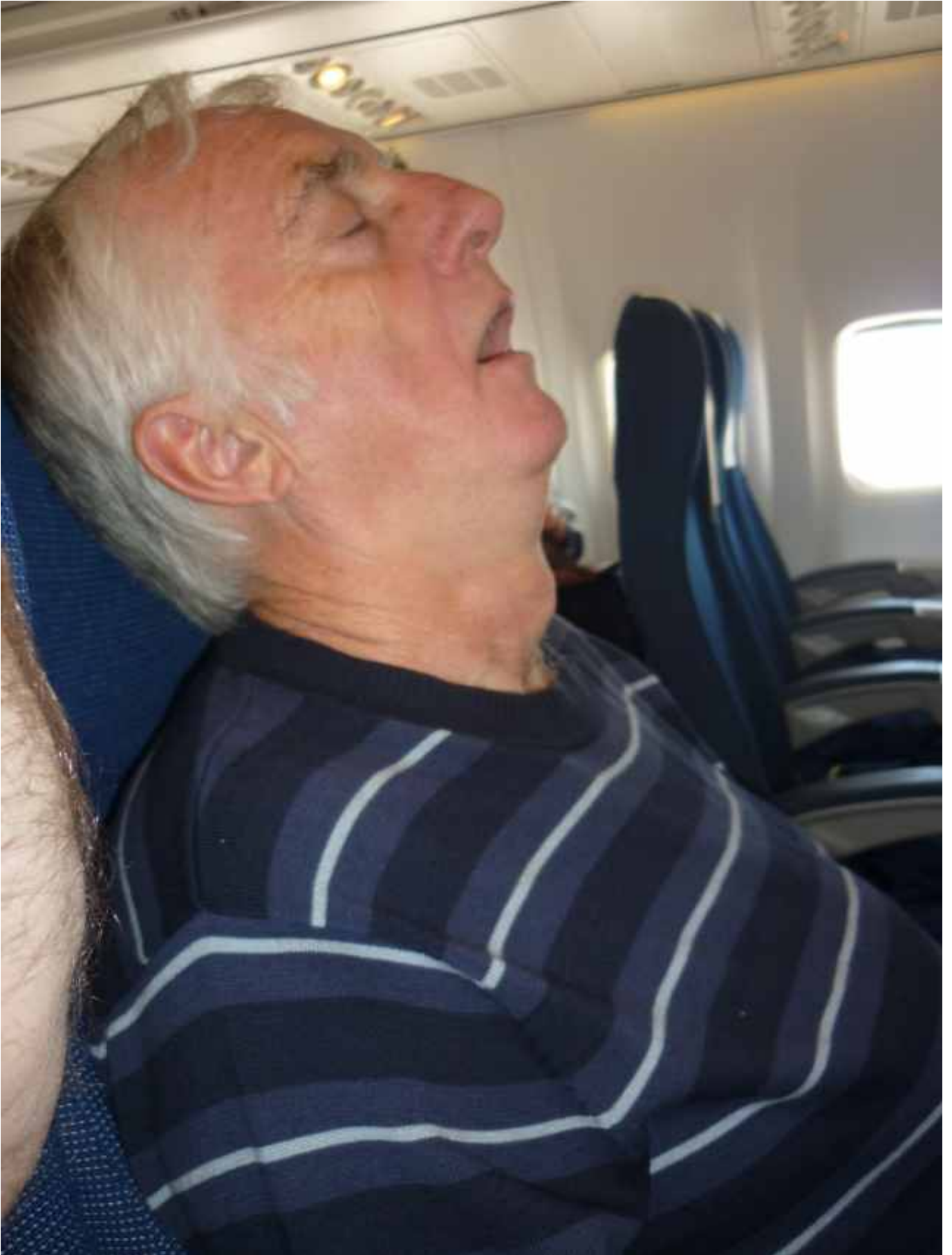
The **ANDY TIERNAN** blog

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FIVA World MC Rally – Southern Norway
Wednesday 10th to Sunday 14th June 2009.



Southern Norway where this years FIVA Rally was held, with the rally area inside the red square.



A tiring flight over to Norway, the Worlds fastest Eric takes a nap.



The sight that met new arrivals on Wednesday, part of the courtyard at the Nærland Gjestegard hotel complex. This was where rally guests were to be based.



Our adventurers were provided with two bikes. (Left) Eric grabbed the Vincent Rapide, while (Right) Andy had a rather lively Norton Model 18. Jo was to ride pillion.



Two bikes spotted immediately in the courtyard (Left) Zundapp & (Right) Husqvarna V twin, is that a pillion seat or an ejector seat?



The boys from Slovenia, distance was not an object for most people.



Two of the more unusual machines on the rally. (Left) Benito's Puch 4 Cyl. (Right) Willie's Automoto.



Andy & Jo feeling very happy in the Norwegian sun. Romance is in the air - the Scandinavian effect.



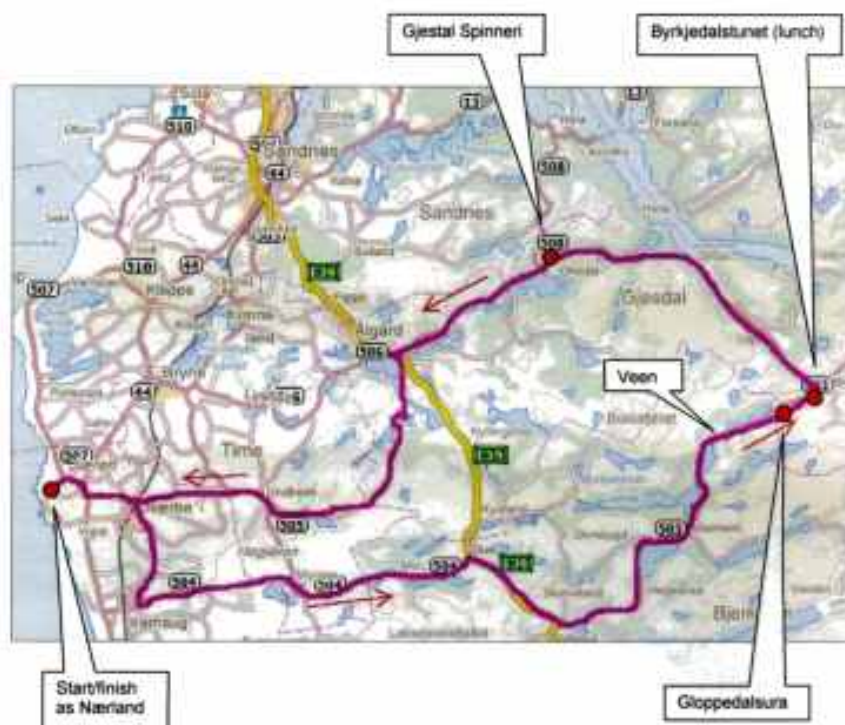
Well all sorts of vehicles were welcome, so some intrepid traveller brought his Velorex, or rather it brought him.



Kjetil, chief organiser, at the microphone & Willie standing next to him give the morning run briefing for Thursday. And then everyone was off...

TRAVEL ROUTE THURSDAY JUNE 11TH

High Jæren – Veen – Gløppedalsura – Byrkjedalsstunet (lunch) – Gjestal Spinneri
Approx. 135 km.



Gløppedalsura consists of large blocks of rock which was founded for approximately 10,000 years ago when melting water from large glaciers for a period was dammed up in the valley in between the steep mountainside. During frost periods, enormous amounts of blocks of rocks were released from the southernmost mountainside. The avalanche of rocks created a 100m thick layer which eventually became the formation now known as the *Gløppedalsura*. The river found a new route.

The first full day's route & stops.



Eric just making sure Jo is properly seated before he attempts another record, no not here Eric this isn't the Bonneville Salt Flats! You on the FIVA Rally – I hope someone told him.



The first stop of the day. (Left) Andy's Norton & next to it an Indian combination complete with a cameraman from Norwegian TV who made use of the sidecar for some filming. (Right) (L to R) Eric, Andy & Jo with Eric's Vincent.



These are the Glppedalsura rocks, left over from the ice age.



Andy & Jo on the rocks, also at Gloppedalsura.



Lunch was at Byrkjedalstunet. (Left) Eric outside the entrance to Gloppehallen (Gloppen Hall). (Right) The chance for Eric & Jo to admire some woolly animals, who were quite contented to be ignored. Andy wasn't allowed near them, at least not while Jo was there!



Poor old Andy suffered such severe aches & pains riding the Norton on the Thursday, that part way through the day his bike was loaded into a van & he spent the rest of the rally as a four wheeled passenger. However the beautiful Annie (riding a nice Ariel Square Four on the rally) just happened to be a nurse, so maybe not as unlucky as at first it may have seemed, ayah Andy!



A walk along the beach near the hotel. (Left) Jo & Andy. (Right) Eric & Jo.



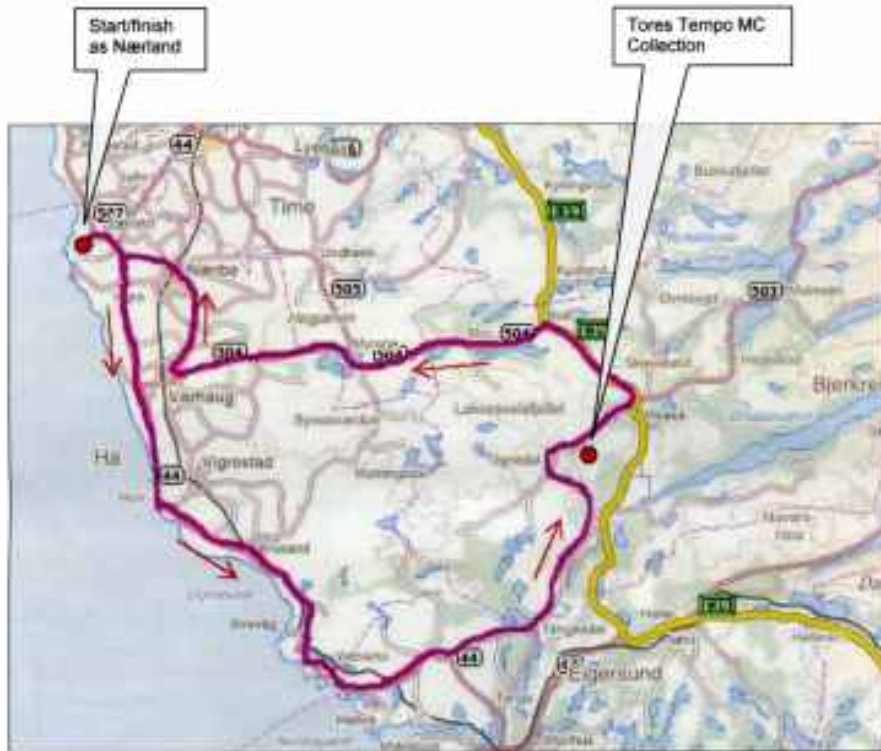
Some more beach scenery, a wartime bunker.



Some more entertainment. (Left) Kjetil (at the microphone) introduces the potato gun held up by the man on the left. (Right) The weapon is loaded for a demonstration firing. What happened next will never be known as at this point the photographer wisely took cover, probably in the old bunker.

TRAVEL ROUTE FRIDAY JUNE 12TH

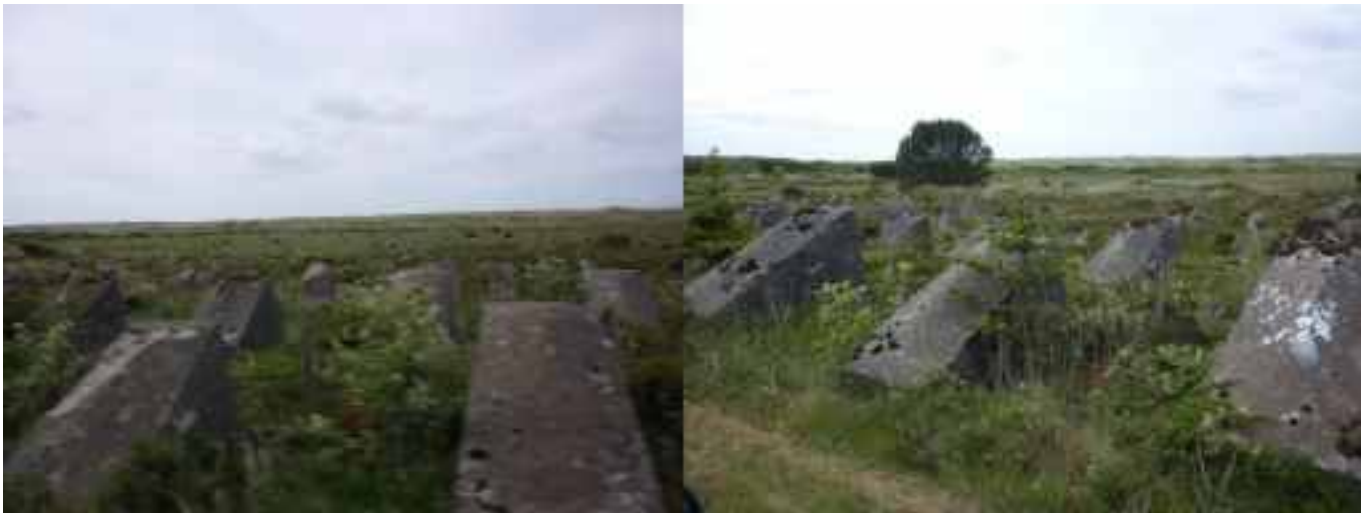
Jæren coastline – Tores Tempo MC Collection (lunch) – High Jæren
Approx. 110 km.



Friday's route was to take in a visit to Tore's museum of Tempo motorcycles.



Friday morning & they're off. Positively exhilarated with the thought of Tore's Tempo museum.



One of the sights on the ride was this group of wartime tank traps, known locally as Hitler's teeth. So that's how they identified him! I am glad dental technology has progressed a little bit since then.



Sadly not every body's machine proved totally reliable, but the backup & recovery service was excellent, particularly as Andy was now in the passenger seat of the van.



Outside the Tempo museum Andy is just wondering whether he could manage Kjetil's machine as an alternative to the Norton.



Inside Tore's Tempo museum. Tempo was a Norwegian maker of lightweight motorcycles, autocycles & mopeds, as well as some three wheelers & used engines from Villiers, Sachs, Ilo & CZ. The museum contained almost one of every model built. There were some other interesting collections on display too.



A wonderful lunch was laid on at museum sight, all prepared by the local ladies.



(Left) Richard the Zundapp standing behind Willie's Automoto. (Right) Karl with his Husqvarna V twin.



(Left) Tore (of Tore's Tempo museum) & Andy. (Right) Eric & Kjetil.



This is the lavatory at the museum, completely decorated from floor to ceiling with advertising posters from the local enema (sorry, I think I mean cinema).



Annie the nurse with her Ariel Square Four. Now I bet that's a reliable bike!



Andy with a three wheeled Tempo – the firm's new company transport perhaps?



Hakon with his Ariel.



Some more interesting bikes on the rally. (Top left) Motosacoche. (Top right) Excelsior Henderson Four. (Bottom left) A Harley Davidson & a Progress. (Bottom right) A Standard IOE V twin.



Andy with the 'neighbours' from the next room in the hotel, who had come all the way from Switzerland for the rally. They gave Andy some special liniment for his aches & pains; they wouldn't give away the recipe but we know there's some cheese in there somewhere.



Want to know why Andy is looking so apprehensive? Well he's just discovered his banana has cost £2.20 & wonders whether anyone will notice if he sticks the skin back on!



Part of the local economy was based on stone mining & quarrying; this is an old stone hoist behind the hotel that was once used for lifting rocks out of the ground.



(Left) Saturday morning & the rallyistas are awaiting their instructions. (Right) Instructions received & they're off.

TRAVEL ROUTE SATURDAY JUNE 13TH

Sola sandy beaches – Tungenes Lighthouse – Boat Engine Collection and Museum – Stavanger Town Centre
Approx. 120 km



The route for Saturday was to the north & another museum, & then home via Stavanger.



A breakdown for the three wheeled Velorex, with another three wheeler stopping to help. A carburettor clean out to remove some dirt & the vehicle was on the move again.



Jo & Andy with the Tungenes Lighthouse in the background.



Also at Tungenes was this amazing collection of marine engines in the small museum there. A lot of these engines were in running order & a few of them were chuffing away on wooden pallets, happily bouncing around for the entertainment of the spectators.



Lunch by the sea, & what a lovely day it was for it too



Eric, Jo & Andy beside the sea.



(Left) (L to R) The main organising team of Arne, Arne & Kjetil. (Right) (L to R) Eric, Willie & Andy.



Andy & Eric wondering what kind of rare vintage motorcycle is buried under this cairn. Could it be the record breaking Schnellen Super Snail, triple under pump camshaft triangle three?



Leaving Tungenes behind & on to Stavanger.



Stavanger harbour.



A few of the bikes lined up at Stavanger harbour. (Top Left) BMW. (Top Right) Indian outfit. (Bottom Left) Zundapp. (Bottom Right) DKW.



Leaving the Harbour.



Back at the hotel not everyone stayed in rooms, some opted for the fresh air & camped during the rally.



The final evening was special so Kjetil & Tore accompanied by their lovely wives all wore traditional Norwegian costume.



Saturday night was the final evening, & everyone made merry. There were speeches & presentations, with food & drink a plenty.



Sunday morning & onto the minibus for the trip to the airport.



Driving out to the 'plane.



Home sweet home & a warm colourful welcome from the peacocks.

Roll on FIVA 2010