

## **Restoration Show N.E.C.**

O.K. so the NEC is roughly central, but it's 115 ml. from Leeds, and over 200 ml. from Newcastle. Enthusiasts from the North East, if they want to attend, are faced with around a 7hr. traveling time, plus fuel. When, in the past, I have attend the NEC shows, it's just under 3 hours each way from Leeds. Is there nowhere in the North where a similar show could be held? or is there nobody willing or able to organise one? or is it just about money and return on investment? In 2002 Anthony Greenwood held a classic car show at the Yorkshire show ground in the floral hall. I don't think it was a financial success due to the high cost of the hall hire. In the 90's, we went to Manchester to a classic event at what was then, the G-MEX, (a new name now, and modified for political conferences) which was an old Midland Railway station I believe. In the 80's, there was an event in Leeds at what was called the Queens Hall, (an old tram depot) only 1/4 ml. from the city centre. It was demolished in the early 90's.

Bonhams, the auctioneers, have held a classic car auction at the Yorkshire show ground for the last few years, It looks like last 2014 was the last, as it's not on this years list. What large events are there in the North East? There are large annual rally's at both Ripon and Harewood. A new company took over the running of the latter, in 2014, and increased the entry fee to £7. up from £5 in 2013, - is that called inflation ? A new venture by a Leeds businessman, G.Firth, who has organised 4 auctions this year, at Scorton, North Yorks, Just off the A1-M. All details can be found elsewhere on our web site.