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Although the autumn brings any year's show season to an end, it's been busy in Yorkshire because of the fact that a few late season events take place in Yorkshire. The first to mention this time is the Yorkshire Wartime Experience military vehicle event that had become probably the biggest military vehicle event in the north of the country. For 2025 a change of venue was forced on the organisers, and the show moved from near Bradford to a new farm site near Doncaster. As a result many wondered if the show would still be as good and attract as many exhibitors and visitors to the new venue of Willows Farm near Kirkhouse Green. As it turned out there was no need to worry, and hordes of enthusiastic visitors poured into the show now simply known as Yorkshire Wartime. Numerous Yorkshire Area members were exhibiting vehicles and commenting positively on the event. We're now looking forward to the 2026 running of this event over the weekend of August 7-9, 2026 at the new site in Kirkhouse Green, Doncaster.

August Bank Holiday saw the resurrection of an event at Elvington near York at the Yorkshire Air Museum. About this area secretary Brian Slingsby said, "A big thank you to everybody who entered our event at the Yorkshire Air Museum over the August bank holiday. It was a great weekend, enjoyed by everybody, with some excellent vehicles and displays on show for the visiting public. The combination of military vehicles and the aircraft is quite unique, producing a great spectacle. Our thanks go to the museum and staff for allowing us to put on such an event and, of course, the weather gods for the sunshine. The Hawaiian theme for Saturday night in the NAAFI was a great success, with some great outfits on show."

Next came the annual Crankdown event about which Brian Slingsby noted, "An excellent day out for our annual crank down. Some great roads up, over, round, down and through the Dales and surrounding countryside - 63 miles from start to finish. Many thanks to Chris Smyth and his 'team' for leading us. Also thanks to those who made the effort to come along, I hope you felt it was worthwhile despite the end of summer arriving with it."

I had a trip to the NEC where the MVT had an impressive display of military machines but, probably the penultimate Area event for 2025, was the December meeting and Christmas party. Brian reports that, "over forty people turned out so it was a good gathering. We had an assortment of pies served with peas and all the trimmings,

and a massive raffle." He added "I thought we would be there until midnight drawing the tickets." Thanks to all those who donated extra prizes. Finally we had the presentation of the Wilkinson Sword award to this year's winner, Simon Balding, who won with the largest mileage in his Dodge.

At the time of writing this report in early December we're looking forward to the last annual event, our Christmas Cracker Run between Christmas and New Year. Plenty goes on in Yorkshire all year round, so why not join us in 2026 if you're in the area.

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