

Highlights of July 23, 1989 Meeting

Our third meeting of the OVTC was at the home of Dianne and Larry Henderson in the suburbs of North Gower. There was a great turnout and thanks to the hot sunny weather, many of the members with operational TR's showed up with their over-heating machines. (Great topic for a future meeting - how to keep a TR running cool).

Many thanks to Dianne and Larry for hosting the event in July. Tasty treats were served and there was lots of lemonade and brew (love the Lone Star beer) on hand to at least keep the members cool.

The Name Game

Congratulations members, we've got a name for the Club which was almost the unanimous choice among those present. After a voting procedure that would make Elections Canada envious, the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club won out over other rivals.

Future Meetings - Time and Location

It was agreed that future meetings would now be held the 4th Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30 PM at some yet-to-be determined permanent location as central to the general membership home locations as possible. A number of locations have been investigated but many require cash deposits to use the facilities for an evening, are either too far booked in advance or do not have beverages available on the premises for thirsty TR owners.

Tudor Hall Restaurant on Bowesville Road (near airport across from the Hunt Club Golf Course) was suggested as a possible meeting location. However a call to the restaurant indicated that in order to use their facilities on the 4th Wednesday of every month we would be charged \$60.00 as a rental fee for the room alone.

As a alternative, Jane Benco has suggested the Woodvale/Manordale Community Association building which has space available and at no charge. There are kitchen facilities available so members could bring their own beverages and have a place to keep the drinks cool during the meetings.

Therefore, Jane and Juliano Benco have volunteered their house for the next meeting on Aug. 30th, 7:30 PM and sometime during the meeting some members can walk over to the Community Association building (2 minutes away) and check out the facilities. If all looks OK, we can then book the Community Association facilities for our future meetings.

Membership List

The revised and updated membership list is attached. A hearty welcome is extended to those new members who attended the July 23 meeting. May I ask the Club members when recruiting new potential members, to also obtain at least a phone number along with the name to facilitate my efforts in trying to track down the municipal street addresses.

Logo

Now that we've got a name, let's decide on snappy logo. Thanks to Juliano Benco for coming up with a couple of designs which were circulated to the members present at the July 23 meeting. Although everyone liked Juliano's design, it was agreed to give some additional time to decide on the logo since other members were waiting on a club name decision before putting forward some ideas on the logo design. OK gang, let's get some more artistic juices flowing and bring your creations to our next meeting in August.

Brian Mills is continuing to look into ways of "spreading the word" about our Club's existence in the Region. Brian suggested that some club member's might want to check out the Canadian Tire store parking lot at Bank & Heron on Wednesday evenings between 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Cars of the Fifties and Sixties seem to use this location as a gathering spot and maybe the odd Triumph will be present, thus a potential member to recruit into the Club.

Also Juliano Benco has invited Gary Micheals of local radio station W1310 (he owns a Spitfire GT-6) to join the Club and as a public announcement, Gary may be able to announce the time and location of our monthly meetings during his regular morning broadcasts.

Electorial Comment

Although I generally agree with our attempts in trying to expand the general membership of the Club, I am somewhat concerned that without providing some highly visible benefits of Club activity these potential new members may not continue in attending subsequent meetings. I know we're still a young club, in it's early throes of organizational debate, but before we get into more elaborate forms of publicity to advertise our meetings etc. we should begin making a conscious effort to provide, at each club meeting, a service or restoration topic to discuss in detail (preferable with a service or manufacturing representative present to lead the discussion and answer questions). For example, Bruce Young suggested a service rep on TR exhaust and muffler systems to address the Club members and this may be tentatively lined up for either our Aug. or Sept. meeting. To continue this theme, members should be thinking of others in the professional automotive field that would be willing to address the Club's #1 "raison d'etre" as a forum for members not only to socialize and trade shop talk, but also to attract knowledgeable and expert opinion on restoration and servicing topics related to keeping these examples of British engineering marvels on the road and purring like a lion.

Subjects for possible speakers:

- Customs and Excise regulations
- Adjusting S.U. Carbs
- Brake adjustment and maintenance
- Suspension and Steering adjustments
- Leaded gas alternatives
- Electrical systems
- Engine overheating problems and solutions

Parts and Sources

Lynne and Malcolm Brown just returned from a recent trip to England and brought to the Club's attention the following sources for TR parts in the Greater London area that they found well-stocked:

-Fortescue Garage Ltd
The Old Coach House
33 Fortescue Rd
Bournemouth, England
BH3 7JT

-TR Shop Ltd
16 Chiswick High Road
London, W4

Malcolm also mentioned to me another good source and method for restoring reusable parts that have rusted badly. He used a solution called "M3 Metal Etch" which can be somewhat diluted with water and the part total submersed for a period of time. This removes the pitted rust and prepares the metal for better paint adhesion. This compound can be found at Field Automotive, North Side Road in Bell Corners, Nepean.

Also, Peter Emberley has found a source for the almost unavailable Lucas driving lamps (SLR 576 clear spots). These are brand new lamps (limited supply) and are \$80.00 each. If you're interested, contact:

Mario Bois Inc
British Motor Spares
1225 Du Maire
La Prairie, Quebec
J5R 2A4
Telephone (514) 444-2900

Future Club Activities

1. At our Aug. 30th meeting, members are asked to think about suggestions for a Fall '89 Tour. After our meeting in July, many of us drove to Smith Falls and back to North Gower. This gave a few of us the experience of driving our Vintage TR's in convoy style and the general concensus was to organize something more comprehensive sometime in late Sept. or early Oct. (Fall foilage change).
2. After the meeting, John Carr brought out a box of some new and used spare parts which interested a number of the members present. As a result, it was suggested that some future meeting of the Club be devoted entirely to a "Swap and Sell" session with all members bringing their extra spares to the meeting. Good idea and maybe one we can explore during the non-driving winter months.

Tentative Agenda for Aug. 30 Meeting - 7:30 PM at Jane & Juliano Benco's home- 14 Kelvin Crescent in Nepean. (Please bring your own beveridges)

1. Logo submissions and selection
2. Permanent location for Monthly Meetings

3. Publicity matters
4. Presentation of Exhaust/Muffler Systems for Triumphs (Tentative Only)
5. Fall Tour suggestions
6. Next Meeting
7. Other Business

Miscellaneous

1. As per Bruce Young's suggestion, I'll attempt to prepare a Progress Report on our Club's activities to the editor of the Toronto Triumph Club publication entitled "The Rag Top". They may wish to publish this material under their reoccurring topic of "News from other Clubs". Other Ottawa Valley Clubs members who wish to submit their own articles on restoration tips etc are also encouraged to contact the Toronto Clubs directly for possible publication in their newsletter. The contact is as follows for TTC:

Mr. Chris Ball
1927 Glendale Ave.
Pickering, Ont.
L1V 1V8
Phone: (416) 831-6595
Fax: (416) 751-3394

2. As per Malcolm Brown's suggestion, I'll ensure that we'll have a supply of stick on name tags and magic markers available for future meetings of OVTC so we can better acquaint ourselves of members names during the meetings.

My secretary Gloria Ray is on holidays this month so my special thanks go out to Kim Ambroise for typing this Newsletter on the Club's behalf.

See you in August.

R. Barry Edgington

P.S. Sorry for the late mail-out, I've also been on holidays this month and this has delayed getting the Aug. newsletter out to all concerned .

MEMBERSHIP LIST

APPENDIX I

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>TRIUMPH(S) OWNER</u>
1. Jane & Juliano Benco	14 Kelvin Cres. Nepean, Ont. K2G 3L9	727-8113	'62 TR-3B '66 TR-4-IRS
2. Dianne & Larry Henderson	Box 220 North Gower, Ont. K0A 2T0	489-2110	'61 TR-3A
3. Mary & Bruce Young	1 Lewis St. Perth, Ont. K7H 1M6	264-0771	'81 TR-8
4. Pat & Brian Mills	53 Ettrick Cresc. Nepean, Ont. (Barrhaven) K2J 1E9	825-1698	TR-3, 4A & 6
5. Wendy & Jeff Threader	33 Roberta Cresc. Nepean, Ont. K2J 1G5	825-2614	'77 Spitfire
6. Peter Emberley	1102 Glengarry Residence Carleton University Ottawa, Ont. K1S 5B7	738-9591	'57 TR-3
7. Dave Clark	2321 Elmira Dr. Ottawa, Ont. K2C 1H3	721-0166	'63 TR-3B
8. Helene & Barry Edgington	85 Sunnyside Ave. Ottawa, Ont. K1S 0P9	233-9125	'59 TR-3A
9. Maurice Nucas	1440 Bradshaw Cr. Gloucester, Ont. K1B 5G2	741-2306 990-4932 (office)	'74 Spitfire
10. Craig Holbeche	111 Sherbrooke St.E Perth, Ont. K7H 1A7	267-6676	'69 Spitfire
11. Alain Koch	1449 Larkhaven Cr. Orleans, Ont. K1C 5A5	837-7229	'78 Spitfire

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| 12. | Dave Etchells | 195 Holland Ave.
Ottawa, Ont.
K1Y 0Y3 | 722-4944 | '60 TR-3A |
| 13. | Lynda & David
Huddleson | 5053 Limebank Rd.
RR#1
Manotick, Ont.
K0A 2N0 | 822-1315 | 'TR-8 |
| 14. | Evelyn & John
Carr | RR#1
Kars, Ont. | 692-2886 | TR-4A |
| 15. | Ronald
MacDonald | P.O. Box 128
Combermere, Ont.
K0J 1L0 | 756-3793 | Spitfire
1500 |
| 16. | Lynne & Malcolm
Brown | 35 Roberta Cres.
Nepean, Ont.
K2J 1G5 | 825-0458 | '74 TR-6 |
| 17. | Darin Griffin | 80 Aero Dr.
Nepean, Ont.
K2H 5E4 | 829-2258 | '72 TR-6 |
| 18. | Greg Warren | 296-F Dalehurst Dr.
Nepean, Ont. | 723-2462 | |
| 19. | Chris Clarke | 21 Owlshead Rd
Munster Hamlet
Nepean, Ont. | 838-5853 | '74 TR-6 |
| 20. | Madeleine &
Jerry Barker | 16 Birdhill Ave.
Nepean, Ont.
K2J 1Y8 | 825-2848 | '75 TR-6 |
| 21. | Graham Stebbings | 5 Cedarhill Dr
Nepean, Ont.
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<i>Wayne's Partner</i> | 825-8778
<i>(w - 726 1324)</i> | '76 TR-6 |
| 22. | Gary Micheals | c/o W1310
112 Kent Street
Suite 1900
Place de Ville
Tower B
Ottawa, Ontario | 238-7482 | '70 TR-GT6 |