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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

April, 2001



- ***Annual OVTC Dart Tournament***
- ***Plus much more!!***

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Cover: Annual Darts Tournament

NOTICE! OVTC meetings have been moved from the 4th Monday to 4th Tuesday of each month. See map on last page.

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Message from the President:(Looking Forward to a Grand Summer)

At our last Executive Meeting we reviewed the events that the club is organizing for the coming summer season. It should prove to be an excellent opportunity to drive our cars and share experiences and friendship over the summer months.

Starting in April we will be having our next regular meeting at Big J's, which is located not far from our clubhouse. J's is at Hunt Club and Greenbank beside the Winks and Sunoco gas bar. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and Big J's will stay open until 9pm for us. They serve burgers, fries, shakes and such ... so why not plan to have a snack or come a bit early and have supper.

In May, we have two events. Our regular meeting will feature a technical talk by Brian Mills on the 22 nd, and on the 27 th we have been invited down to Alex Bustard's for a BBQ. Since that is the same day as the Oxford Mills car show, we are planning to combine the trip to Alex's with a fun run via Oxford Mills

Report from Last Meeting

March Meeting: The Dart TournamentOVTC 9th Annual Dart Tournament a Success:

Once again, the OVTC played host to local area car clubs in the 9th Annual Dart Tourney. A total of 17 teams participated in this year'sevent, representing Triumph, MG, Land Rover, Lotus and Volkswagen. Also once again our corporate sponsors including British Auto Sport, the 'big three' U.S. firms, Obsolete Automotive and Rogers Media came through big time, with enough gifts so that 'everyone's a winner'.

Unfortunately, the Triumph crown was tarnished for the first time in the history of the Great Dart Event, as a non-Triumph team (and that's all I'm saying) bested the father-son team of Pat & Chris Onions, spoiling an Onions family 'three-peat' as overall champions. The men's high score however reached what I believe to be a new record level of 156 (180 is the best possible) for 3 darts; unfortunately, this went to VW

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member Bob Lyons (I thought Germans didn't play darts?!). Ladies' high score went to Andrea Harasek of the MG Club with a 92. Mark Westenberger of the OVTC captured the coveted 'Weenie Award' in a daring display of marksmanship that managed to stay well back of threatening Bob Lyons for his award!

Despite the cold weather that kept all convertibles at home, 'a great time was had by all' that day. It just shows that enthusiasm doesn't need warm air & clear skies - so long as it's an inside event!

April Meeting.....NEWS RELEASE.....(Ed Kaye)

Our April 24th meeting is planned and booked for Big J's, located around the corner from the club house at Hunt Club and Greenbank beside the Winks and Sunoco gas bar. The meeting will begin at 7pm and Big J's will stay open until 9pm for us. They serve burgers, fries, shakes, etc, so bring your appetite and loonies. This is the first meeting of summer, 2001 where our beloved Triumphs will be out in force so everyone should try to make an appearance and see what's new with what Triumph. On a personal note I would like to thank the executive, (especially Vivien) for nominating me to arrange this event!

Calendar of events

April	23 – January Meeting
May	
June	3 rd – Byward Market Auto Classic 24 Sports Car Show Richmond Fairgrounds (the event of the year!!!)
July	
August	TRF Summer Party is confirmed to be Aug 10-12!
September	
October	
November	
December	

TR6 Clutch - Landcruiser Bearing and Sachs Pressure Plate

With the disclaimer that I have no commercial interest in these suppliers and I'm sure these parts could be picked up from many others on comparable terms:

The release bearing is from an older model Toyota Landcruiser, is made by KOYO and carries a number of RCT25S. It is a few dollars more but don't economize here. Brian Schlorff (frequent contributor to the List) of Power British (1242 E. Ridge Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 (610) 270-0505) was extremely helpful during an ongoing dialogue to diagnose the problems I was having and then in supplying the correct Landcruiser bearing. He matched it to a input cover snout and also supplied a new cross shaft and fork with the upgraded bolt. The standard fork bolt is subject to breakage and anyone tearing out their transmission should upgrade the fork to cross-shaft attachment because it is so simple at the time (as is replacing the pilot bushing). If you want you can do this yourself - but either way dont leave without upgrading the bolt and making sure it enters both sides of the fork where they meet) The input snout (this is what the release bearing slides in and out on) wears with time and I would recommend replacing this as well.

By the way Brian cautioned me that there are some generic part #'s that are interchangeable for the

Landcruiser bearing, but not interchangeable for the TR6 application, so in this case to be safe I would either use him or make real sure your supplier gives you the exact part specified above.

The pressure plate is from a Saab, I think, and is manufactured by Sachs. It is Sachs part #SC436. I got it from Jamie at "Leigh Valley Foreign Car Parts, Bethlehem, PA, 610-866-8065. Tell him its to use in a TR6. He's seen enough of these requests that he'll get you the right one. I think there were some interchangeability issues here also so make sure it says "Sachs".

After having shops put in 2 clutches in 3 years and having the bearings seize and the clutch squeal, I finally did the job myself using these parts and have had no problems since. The clutch is much smoother and lighter as the bearing is more substantial than stock and you use the last hole on the cross shaft arm for the slave pushrod instead of the middle hole.

Hope this helps those who wrote.

Jim Sloan, Calgary AB.

Web Sites

<http://www.vtr.org>

home of the Vintage Triumph Register

Additional links to Triumph suppliers and other information sources may be found on the club web site.

Electric Fan Conversion for Spitfire

Mike Ginter and a few others wanted to see this back in October. I finally developed a few pictures of my electric fan conversion. Select "Spencer Fan" from our home page. There are four pictures and a rambling description of the event.

Spring is coming.

Len Lubbers | '79 Spitfire | Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/lubbers>

Sporting and Classic Car Show, Richmond Fairgrounds June 24

The eleventh annual Classic and Sports Car show will be held Sunday, 24 June, at the Richmond Fairgrounds, Richmond, Ontario between 9 am and 4 pm.

The show is sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club. This is one of the major car shows in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Each year the show attracts over 1000 enthusiasts and spectators from Southern and Eastern Ontario, West Quebec, and Northern New York State.

Many local car clubs will be displaying their best concours-quality cars. The show offers a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to see their favourites and talk to the owners. Triumph, MG, Jaguar, Lotus, Austin-Healey, Morgan, Volkswagen, Alfa Romeo, Porsche, Volvo, and Datsun are expected to be represented. Visitors can also join in the fun by voting for participant's choice awards. Plaques will be awarded to the top three cars.

Over 150 cars will be on display all day. Some might even be for sale. This represents a great opportunity to pick up a sports car at a bargain price! But even if you are not looking for a car, several local and

regional businesses associated with the classic cars will have some of their products and services available in the show barn at the fairgrounds. Admission is only \$3.00 per person, and children under 12 are free. The first 150 cars participating in the show will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Draws will be held at the end of the day for a wide variety of door prizes.

Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email (the photos are in colour !) please contact Andrew Miller.

Email address for the Executive and the club itself are listed on the last page

Regalia

We are always looking for suggestions for new regalia items ... so if you have any ideas please let us know.

See Roly Mailloux (the guy with the blue suit case) at the monthly meetings.

ITEM	PRICE
Club licence plate frames	\$4
OVTC crest lapel pins	\$4
OVTC crest patches 3"	\$4
T-shirts new Style	\$10
T-shirt – 25 years of TR Register	\$20
Baseball hats – new style	\$8
Baseball hats – OVTC crest	\$8

For Sale

1963 Triumph TR4 (4 speed)



Car is licensed and is in good running order, but could use new synchro in first and second. Good solid frame. Body is fair with fibreglass fenders. New top with reconditioned tonneau cover. Engine is equipped with headers and custom exhaust. Carbs have been overhauled with new linkage. Also have repair manual for car.

Contact: Pat Onions at 705-752-5678. Will deliver.
Price: \$5,500.00



Date	Event	Contact	Smart Comment
May 12	Cruise Night at Merivale Road Canadian Tire starts (and every Sat. night after)	Matt Caplan 224-9330	
May 12	Hawkesbury Season Opening	Martin Villeneuve 632-6363	
June 2	National Capital Carting, Carter's Corners, Stittsville	Paul Swinwood 829-6968	
June 3rd	Byward Market Auto Classic		
June 8 - 10	BusFusion International VW Westfalia Meet, Almonte	Frank Condelli 256-6763	
June 9	Italian Car Parade, Preston Street	Delio D'Angelo 234-5925	Does this include anything designed by Michelotti???
June 10	Kars and Planes at Kars Airport	Peter Whitworth 692-2270	
June 17	Rolling Thunder Car Show at Lombardy Fair Grounds	Mike Ogilvie 283-9497	
June 24	Sporting & Classic Car Show	OVTC	The summer event
July 1	Easy Cruisers Car Show in Alexandria, ON	Derek Johnson 874-2104	
July 14	Auto Show at CTC, Merivale Road	Matt Caplan 224-9330	
Sept. 30	Ride for Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital	John Neave 257-8702	

Triumph Humour (The best is at MG's expense)

A fellow member of the OVTC was out on the Queensway for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through his hair, and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 80mph he suddenly saw a flashing red light behind him. "There ain't no way they can catch a TR8," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100 110 and finally 120 with the lights still behind him. "What in hellam I doing?" he thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car. "I've had a tough shift and this is my last pull over. I don't feel like more paperwork so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before you can go!"

"Last week I sold an MGB to a cop," the man said, "and I was afraid you were trying to give it back!"

"Have a nice night", said the officer.

Drinking Irish Whisky keeps Triumphs on the Road!

Contrary to popular belief, drinking a wee dram will help your car stay on the road, read on to benefit from mike Graham's experience

After rebuilding the starter on the TR6 I found out that the weather seal that covers the bearing and spar washer is no longer available. I did not want to leave this exposed to the weather so I started looking around for an appropriate cap. I came across the perfect solution ... the cap from a bottle of Tullamore Dew (which seems to be made of aluminum). A little trimming and filing and it matched the ribs on the starter. The job was completed with a dab or two of "Automotive Goop" adhesive.

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I prefer Scottish to Irish whiskey, but you have to use what's available (and empty!) ... maybe the Six should be known as Tullamore from now on. – Mike

Politically Incorrect Photo and Humour



Why Girls can't fix cars

Benefits to living in the Great White North

Just want to point out to you unfortunates that live in the southern climes, that -10degC weather is perfect for removing the undercoating from wheel wells/etc. Just whack it with a rubber mallet, and occasionally use a cold chisel, and it just flakes right off. No hair dryers. No paint stripping heat guns. No propane torches. Just two hours of therapeutic smacking of stuff with a hammer.

Just pointing out that living in the Great White North has some advantages.

Rob Christopher

74.5 TR6 CF28217UO (tub completely stripped of undercoating, waiting for body work to start)

ByWard Market Auto Classic

Please find attached a registration form for the 5th annual ByWard Market Auto Classic, to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2001. We sincerely hope that you or the members of your club will take part in this event. This year there will be a tribute to Italian cars on the grounds of the National Gallery!

The registration form are to be submitted individually (one per vehicle) before April 30. You can fax your registration form to 562-3326 or by replying to this email with the complete information or send it by mail to the ByWard Market BIA, 55 ByWard Market Sq. Ottawa, On, K1N 9C3. New this year, you can now register online at

<http://www.byward-market.com> www.byward-market.com <http://www.byward-market.com> com.
Confirmations will be sent out in early May.

This Auto Classic is open to all car owners, please help us make it a great show and pass this email along to someone who might be interested! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 562-3325. (Josée Meunier, Special Events Coordinator, ByWard Market BIA)

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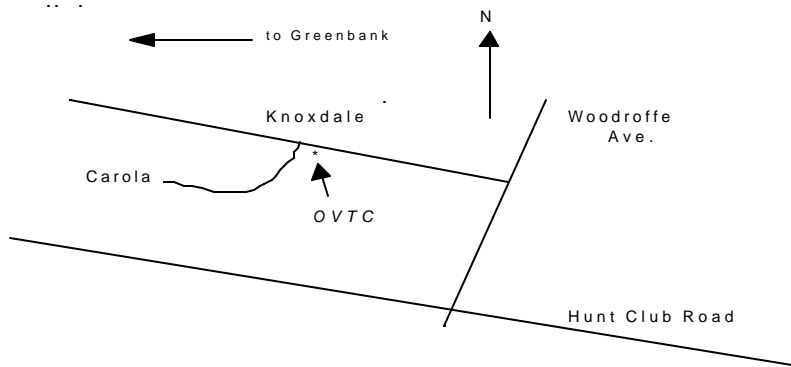
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The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members. The Club meets at 7:30p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Manordale Community Centre, Knoxdale and Carola (see map). Meetings include technical seminars, video presentations, restoration techniques and much more. The Club also publishes a monthly newsletter, *Overdrive*, which is distributed to members. *Overdrive* is also exchanged with newsletters from other clubs.



Membership is open to all individuals and companies interested in Triumph sports cars. Membership is \$30.00 per year (June/June) per household and \$60 per year, corporate. **Please send membership application to: OVTC c/o 5053 Limebank Road, Gloucester, Ontario K1X 1E8**

The OVTC is a member of the British Car Council and is affiliated with the TR Register (UK)

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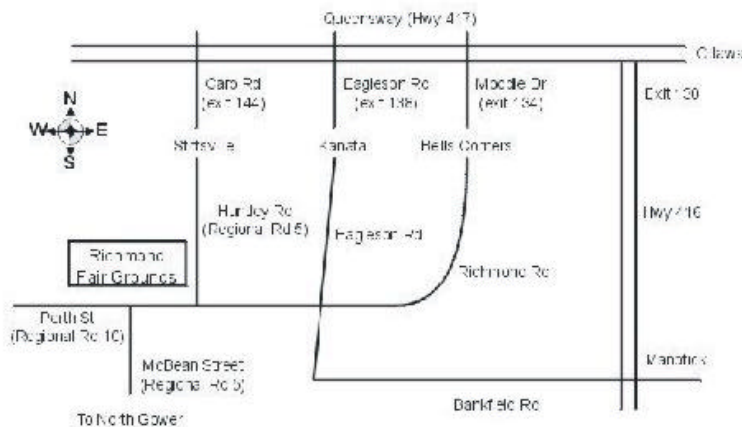
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Richmond Fair Grounds, Richmond, Ontario

Sunday, June 24th

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