



OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB

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Highlights of June 27th 1990 Meeting

The June meeting of the OVTC was held on Wednesday evening, June 27th, at the Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre, Knoxdale Road. Approximately 15 members attended and the following items were discussed.

Membership Renewals

As you will recall, the last issue of the OVTC Newsletter reminded all members of the renewal notice that was required to receive another 12 issues of the OVTC Newsletter. A number of members have renewed their membership, however, since some haven't, we will send this Newsletter to all the 1989 members as a reminder that if you haven't already renewed your membership, please complete the application form that was enclosed in last month's Newsletter and send it along to Lynne Brown, our Membership Coordinator.

New and Potential Members

As was noted in the last Newsletter, there were a number of efforts made to increase our membership. It seems to be paying off. In particular, Brian Mills' ad in The Ottawa Citizen, see below, generated a surprising number of phone calls from potential new members who expressed an interest in the Club's activities. They'll all receive this Newsletter and an application form to join the Club. OVTC therefore extends its thanks to those good folk who responded to our latest membership drive efforts and hopes you can join our family of loving Triumph owners.

The Ottawa Citizen Ad

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OVTC says "Hi, hope you can join" to the following potential members:

- Linda Alexander of Cumberland ('75 TR-6)
- Doug Bourget of Nepean (TR-7)
- Peter Cameron of Ottawa ('61 TR3A)
- Wayne Johnson of Peterborough
- Cline Law of Kanata ('72 TR-6)
- Mike Turner of Manotick (TR-6 & MGB-GT)
- Alasdair Higginson of Hawkesbury ('70 GT-6+)
- Tony Gilchrist of Nepean ('76 TR-6)
- Andrew Grant of Chrysler (TR-4)
- Leo Francis of Ottawa (GT-6)
- John Day of Nepean ('76 TR-6)
- George Hill of Wakefield (TR-7)

OVTC wishes to extend a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined since our last Newsletter. We're all

looking forward to meeting with you in the days and months ahead and sharing stories and experiences unique to only Triumph owners.

Derek and Isobel Holbeche of Perth
 Mark Kovalsky of Nepean ('74 TR-6)
 Richard Strong of Ottawa ('62 TR-4)

A special thanks to Lynne Brown for her tireless efforts in keeping the membership status up to date and in such a well organized manner.

Hopefully, in the August or September Newsletter, we can get out a complete Membership list so all members will have an updated list to refer to.

On a related matter, Jane Benco has prepared name tags that we can use at our next indoor meeting to facilitate the "get-to-know-one-another" process somewhat easier. Your Newsletter Editor, for one, will appreciate this move as I have a terrible memory for names--right Malcolm?

Tech Talk

Those members who attended the June 27th meeting were treated to a great presentation by Brian Mills on some of his experiences with the egocentricities of Triumph engineering. Brian is probably one of our most knowledgeable members when it comes to the mechanical and electrical systems of the various Triumph models. He also has a well equipped workshop and the tools and know-how to go with it. Also, Brian's sources for parts and supplies are legendary. He's always been more than willing to share this information with other Club members and did so again at our meeting on June 27th. Here are some of the highlights from his presentation.

If you're looking for a good source for disc brake cleaners, penetrating oil, engine cleaning compounds, hand cleaners, etc., try Safety-Kleen at 149 Bentley Avenue in Nepean (226-1413). Interested in sandblasting frames and other large body parts? (no body panels, however)--try Eastway Tank at 1995 Merivale Road in Nepean. Need special fasteners or battery cable connections? try Valley Fasteners on Bentley Avenue in Nepean. Brian also has the Spae-Naur Catalogue on just about any fastener available.

Need braided steel battery cable? see Brian Mills who, by now, has probably cornered the market on this hard-to-get item. He's got a 200 ft. roll and at 50 cents a foot this is a real good deal. Also, he can give you some excellent advice as to the method of using these cables for grounding your car's electrical system.

Some special tools that Brian has available should Club members need to use them, are as follows:

- steering rack adjuster for TR-4s and 6s
- spring compressors for McPherson Struts used on TR-7s and 8s, as well as compressors for TR-3s and 4s
- 2 1/16" wrench for removing universal joint nuts

Brian also showed examples of rocker shaft wear from a worn bar from a TR-3 and 4. This is often the cause of noisy tappets. Also, if you're getting clattering noise in your rear transmission area--it may be due to a worn universal joint and Brian showed us an example of this problem. Finally, a common wear problem on Triumphs is on the clutch and brake pedal assemblies both at this

clevis pin location and at the hydraulic cylinder pin location. Examples of this wear were shown to the members with suggestions as to the methods to repair these problems.

The Old Car Factory

Since Juliano Benco brought to the Club's attention the existence of a new British Car repair shop, many of our members have taken our cars into the Old Car Factory located at 24 Bentley Avenue in Nepean. The shop is owned by Terry Dale who is a licenced British Leyland mechanic. He also owns and drives many of these '50s and '60s British classics himself and his enthusiasm for the automobiles is evident and refreshing, given the usual reluctance our cars receive when faced with trying to find a mechanic willing to work on them. Terry's prices are very reasonable and all the OVTC members who have been into his shop have been most pleased with both the quality of work, the follow-up service, and the final bottom-line price of the work completed. I, for one, highly recommend him to you. A copy of his flyer is attached to this Newsletter.

1991 Canadian Classic - Ottawa

Our President, Malcolm Brown, updated the members on our abilities to co-host the 1991 Canadian Classic in Ottawa for August 1991. As you will recall from the June Newsletter, your Executive had expressed some serious reservations about our abilities to sponsor this Toronto Triumph Club (TTC) event, given the OVTC's limited resources both financially and manpower wise. Malcolm has since had discussions with TTC about our concerns and has been assured by TTC that the event will be run by TTC with our collateral assistance only. Such major items as financing will be picked up entirely by the TTC, as will the sponsorship of major events and the special Newsletter that covers this event. We will also be able to rely on them for a number of volunteers required to stage such an event. What is needed now is a clear division of responsibilities between what the two Clubs are expected to contribute and it is suggested that a joint meeting be held to discuss this very matter. Bill Gray, who is the founder and active member in the TTC, will be contacted to set up this meeting. Since he's moving to the Kingston area, it should be easier to co-ordinate this meeting in the very near future. Possibly those OVTC members who are attending the Canadian Classic in Peterborough this August can arrange to meet with the TTC Club one evening to go over this Division of Responsibilities issue. Once we know what is expected of the OVTC, we can then, as Bruce Young has suggested, get 10 or so OVTC members to volunteer for specifically assigned functions and go from there. So folks, if all this works out, it looks like a "GO" situation for the 1991 Classic to be held in Ottawa. Bill Gray will be contacted to see if our "Tentative Agenda of Events" can be put in brochure form and distributed at the Peterborough event. Again, we had many good ideas and suggestions for possible events that could be organized for the 1991 Classic. How's a Meech Lake Rally sound, or a Musical Ride with the red TRs? John Stainaton offered a tour of the Museum of Civilization and John Carr offered a tour of Transport Canada's Vehicle Testing Laboratory. Keep your ideas coming folks.

Club Motto

Our contest continues to think up a Club motto for the OVTC. If you have any suggestions, please let me know so I can start a list

of suggestions that we can discuss at an upcoming meeting. Call Barry Edgington at 560-2053 (office) or 233-9125 (home).

Club Regalia

Pat Mills, our Regalia Co-ordinator, took orders at our June 27th meeting for OVTC summer-weight golf shirts and T-shirts: This is an additional item to our very successful sweat shirt regalia that Pat arranged for us last winter. Should you wish to put orders in for these items, please contact Pat Mills at 825-1698.

OVTC Executive

For the information of our new and potential members, the Executive Members of the Club are as follows:

President	Malcolm Brown
Vice-President	Larry Henderson
Secretary/Newsletter Editor	Barry Edgington
Treasurer	Jane Bianco
Membership Co-ordinator	Lynne Brown
Regalia Co-ordinator	Pat Mills
Publicity Co-ordinator	Jeff Threader
Special Events/Program Co-ordinators:	
	Bob Whittle, Brian Mills, Juliano Bench and Bruce Young

Recent Past Events

Barrhaven Community Day was held on June 9th and a special area was set aside so a few of us could display our cars and hopefully, recruit a few new members. Juliano Benco prepared a great-looking poster for the event and, combined with the Union Jacks we set up around the Triumphs, it was an impressive site which attracted a lot of attention.

Anniversary Party

OVTC's First Anniversary party was held on the evening of June 15th at Jane and Juliano Benco's home in Nepean. There was a very good turn out (some 30-35 members were present) and, thanks to Juliano's brother-in-law Tommy Brock, OVTC has its first videotape, which is an excellent visual recording of this event.

Upcoming Events

1. July 14th, 1990

Visit to "Mostly British Motors" in Chaumont, N.Y. Brian Mills was able to contact the owner, Fred Petroski, and this was the most convenient date for him to open his three warehouses of British car parts for the exclusive use of our members. Brian and Malcolm will be doing a phone notification of this event since the Newsletter may arrive too late for everyone to have sufficient notice time. OVTC members who wish to go are asked to assemble at 9:00 a.m. on July 14th (Saturday) at the Barrhaven Mall (Greenbank Road, just south of Fallowfield Road in Barrhaven). Bring your work overalls and clean rags--after a couple of hours of rummaging through this place you'll look like a genuine mechanic.

2. July 25th, 1990

Next regular meeting of the OVTC is at 7:30 p.m., Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre, Knoxdale Road at Carola Street in Nepean. There will be a short business meeting and, weather permitting, we'll then take a drive over to the Heron Road CTC store parking lot (a gathering place for car buffs every Wednesday night) and then improvise the remainder of the evening activities.

3. July 27th, 1990

OVTC members are invited to participate in a Fun Rally with the Boots and Bonnets British Car Club in Kingston. Linda and Brian Thomas will send us more details which we can discuss at the July 25th OVTC meeting.

4. August 19th, 1990

OVTC members are also invited to participate in a British Car Day event at Green Creek Park in Kingston. This Boots and Bonnets sponsored event is part of the Annual Heritage Day activities organized by the City of Kingston, Ontario.

5. August 26th, 1990

Manotick Flea Market for Import Sportscars, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Manotick Arena. John Carr, OVTC member, is coordinating this event and has provided a space and table for the OVTC. Members may bring any used parts for sale so let's have a good turn out.

MiscellaneousOVTC Newsletter Content

Members are invited to contribute articles or any newsworthy items to yours truly. I'd certainly like to receive other members' views and comments on Triumph subjects for publication in the Newsletter on a regular basis. So far I've been the sole author of this endeavour and I think it's healthier for the Club to have other material included in the Newsletter which originates from someone other than myself. For example, look at TTC's "Ragtop" and VCR's "English Channel" and "Vintage Triumph" publications that are essentially an assortment of articles from a number of members on a variety of topics. Let's discuss this at an upcoming meeting.

1975 Triumph Spitfire - For Sale

Lynne Brown received the following FAX as a result of our ad in The Ottawa Citizen. Anyone interested, contact Irving Ebert at 763-4652 (business) or 829-1029 (home).

Triumph Pioneers

Did anyone notice in the last issue of TTC's "Ragtop" that we have a Triumph pioneer living here in Ottawa? In an article on the history of Triumph competition by Greg Kerr, it was noted that during the early '50s, Ken Richardson and Kit Heathcote often teamed up together when driving the TR-2s in many of Europe's major rallies. Apparently, Kit Heathcote now lives in Ottawa. I know many of us would love to have him attend one of our meetings to relate his experiences during the early development years of the Triumph marque. Your Editor will make attempts to see what can be done in contacting Mr. Heathcote and have him come out to one of our upcoming meetings.

Also, Leo Francis of Ottawa, who recently responded to our Ottawa Citizen Ad, has had similar experiences during the early years of the Triumph and we would certainly like to hear from him at an upcoming meeting, as well.

Well gang, that's about it for now. See you on July 25th at 7:30 p.m., Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre on Knoxdale Road.

Barry Edgington

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