



OVERDRIVE



OVTC Seasons Greetings

PRESIDENT & ACCOUNTED FOR

OVTC President Don LeBlanc

December 2007

NOTE – We will be having our annual end of year celebration dinner at the YangMing Buffet this year. Reservations are for 7:00 pm on Tuesday December 18. The YangMing Buffet restaurant is located at 1547 Merivale Avenue. We have been there before, and there is a wide selection of good food, so hopefully something for everyone. Please RSVP to Don at dleblanc@businessaccelerators.ca so we can update the reservation. I look forward to seeing you there.

Also a reminder that because we are meeting on the December 18 for our Christmas party, there is no club meeting at the Manordale Community Centre this month. In January, we will be having the annual Winter Bash at the home of Tim & Sue Dyer. Mark Saturday January 19 on your calendars. Additional information is elsewhere in this newsletter and on the OVTC website.

We had a great turnout for the November meeting. It was a very special meeting for the club, as we awarded a lifetime membership to long standing member John Day. Who can imagine the OVTC without John's efforts and participation over the years? Thank you, John, for your continued involvement and support of the club. Pat provides more details and some photographs elsewhere in this newsletter.

Guest speakers at the November meeting included Brent Fortin from Stebro exhaust systems, as well as Rob Martin and Marc Belanger from Entrack Experience. Brent gave us an overview of the Stebro system, and I read a brief testimonial from our own Bob Holmes, who has used a Stebro muffler on his Spitfire for many years. Brent and the Stebro exhaust folks have invited us to hold a meeting at their garage over this coming winter where they can show us the equipment and how they build the systems. We will do that in February. The Entrack Experience people organize performance lapping driving days at Calabogie and other tracks. Rob is the chief performance and race driving instructor for Entrack, and Marc is responsible for the pre-event classroom training. Their presentation provided us with some lessons learned in track driving which can be used to improve our day to day driving, and a few tips for winter driving. Thank you Wayne for contacting Entrack Experience and asking them to talk to us.

I guess this is it for 2007. I felt like it was a pretty decent driving season this year, good weather most of the time, and lots of fun events and experiences with the club. We'll do a photo retrospective of 2007 sometime in the winter to whet our appetites for 2008. When that snow arrived in November though – it hit us hard. Hopefully you have your cars tucked safely away for the winter. We would really like to hear about any winter projects you've got planned. Some photographs and a brief write-up on what you're doing make excellent OVERDRIVE contributions, as well as interesting topics for future club meetings.

Best wishes to each of you and to your families during the holiday season. Safe driving. See you at the YangMing in December and the Dyer's in January!

Cheers,

Don



OVTC NEWS & EVENTS

Keeping our members informed

Tuesday December 18 – OVTC Christmas Party

We will be having our annual end of year celebration on Tuesday December 18 at the YangMing Buffet. The reservation is for 7:00 pm. The YangMing Buffet restaurant is located at 1547 Merivale Avenue. We held our party there last year. They have a wide selection of good foods, so there should be something for everyone. It would be greatly appreciated if you could RSVP to Don at dleblanc@businessaccelerators.ca so we can update the reservation. I know this is a busy time of year for everyone, but I look forward to seeing you there. We usually have a little visit from Santa as well.



Please note that because we are meeting on December 18 for this special evening there is no club meeting at the Manordale Community Centre this month.

Saturday January 19 – Annual Winter Bash

Mark your calendars!!! The annual OVTC Winter Bash will be at the home of Tim and Sue Dyer during the afternoon and early evening of Saturday January 19.

The Winter Bash is a pot luck party held every year in January. It is a great social occasion and an opportunity to bring out your favourite food and share it with your fellow OVTC members. More information and a reminder of directions to the Dyer's house will be coming a bit closer to the date. Just make sure you reserve that Saturday afternoon on your calendars. It will be the place to be. It's a lot of fun every year and we have some excellent and creative chefs in this club. Come on out and enjoy. Weather permitting, there will be outdoor activities as well.

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OVTC Name Tags

Roly Mailloux, our regalia man has had blanks made for name tags. He would like to hear from any member who has not been given a name tag with their registration. Traditionally name tags have also been given to the spouse/partner of a club member. If you would like a name tag for yourself, as well as for your spouse/partner, please e-mail Roly at rdmailloux@sympatico.ca with the details. He would like to have the name tags ready in time for the club Christmas party at 7 p.m. on December 18 at the Buffet Yang Ming Restaurant, 1547 Merivale Road as he will be passing the regalia suitcase over to Ray Tropiano in the new year.

Pat

OVTC ELECTIONS RESULTS

OVTC Executives for 2008

OVTC elections results

Sorry for the delay in getting this information out to everyone. The election was held during our October meeting at Lorenzo's Pizzeria. Attendance and participation in the election this year was excellent. Thank you to all who contributed.

The executive for the 2008 year are:

- President Don LeBlanc
- Vice President Wayne Mercer
- Treasurer & Membership Tim Dyer
- Regalia Ray Tropiano
- Newsletter Editor Andre Rousseau
- Events Coordinator Louis Boucher
- Webmaster Andre Rousseau
- Publicity & Communications Pat Mills



As you can see, we have some new faces on the executive this year, and one newly created position of Publicity & Communications. All of this is going to help generate fresh new ideas for the club.

Jim Martin and Richard Jackson have also offered to help Louis with events and other activities. This is great participation from a broader cross-section of the club and I'm sure is going to help keep things growing and more valuable to everyone. The OVTC is only as good as we make it, so there is always room for more people to get involved to help with a specific event or activity.

Your new executive is going to meet before the end of the year to start planning things for 2008, so stay tuned and look for an exciting year ahead.



TRIUMPH SPOTTING

From The Editor's Garage - André Rousseau

Another holiday winter season is fast approaching.
Only this yr we have snow! Anyone recall Dec 16th 2006?



I hate snow :), even worst this yr Canada Post and the Boarder Service have been put on my naughty list. In Nov, 1 of my twin carbs arrived, I'm still waiting on the 2nd one, which I have no doubt is stuck in the system. How do I know, last week I received a package from the US, which did not go through customs. It took 1 month to get here!!!

Anyhow I'll chew on my nails and hope it makes it here for Christmas, if it does not. My carb guy in the UK will file the claim build me a new carb and mail it, still disappoint to think they will not be a match set.

On the news letter, I will be going to a 6 issue a yr model in 08, with Pat on board as the Comm Officer I wont have to struggle so hard to make an issue. The joys of a parent hood and 2 full time professionals :)

Well Merry Christmas Everyone, I hope to see you for the XMAS event this yr if not at the Jan Bash.

André Rousseau - Ottawa Canada
'68 Triumph GT6 MK1
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John Day, OVTC Life Member

By Pat Mills

At its November meeting the OVTC was able to surprise John Day by giving him the honour of Life Member. After joining the club in 1989 John almost immediately took on the job of newsletter editor. This was the time when being the newsletter editor meant taking the minutes of each meeting, find other material to go with it, type it on legal sized paper, fold, label and mail by snail mail all before the next meeting. John, with the help of his late wife Lori, did a superb job for over 10 years. John has also held the positions of President and Vice President. There were many times when John and Lori seemed to be the glue holding the club together. As a team they made sure the coffee was ready and Tim Bits on the counter.

John and Lori were pivotal players in every Sporting and Classic Car Show, otherwise known as the “Richmond Show”. For 12 years the Richmond shows were the clubs main funding event and the forerunner of the All British Car Day that we know today. John was always ready to volunteer his time for the good of the club and although today he drives a Jag during the 18 years he has been with the OVTC he certainly has earned the honour of Life Member.

The club now has four Life Members. Malcolm Brown was given the honour for his tireless work as the first President, as well as his leadership and organizational talents that resulted in the very successful 6th Annual Canadian Classic of 1991. Kit Heathcote is a Life Member by virtue of his history with the Triumph marque, particularly his rallying days with Ken Richardson in the competition department of Standard Triumph with the newly created TR2. Brian Mills, a founding member, was given the Life Member award in recognition of his outstanding service, dedication and contribution. Each has contributed greatly to the success of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club.



Oil Drips

OVTC Members Submissions

Bob Holmes has become the new owner of a GT6 Body tub. He scored a sweet deal on ebay ealier this month. According to Map quest the trip to Pennsylvania is 6/12 hrs 473 miles or 400KM by current exchange rates. (hehe) Way to go Bob, yet another project I owe wrench time on :)

TRIUMPH GT6 "1971" BODY TUB RUST FREE ALL ORIGINAL



Our First Year As OVTC Members

By Anna & Jean

It's been a year since we bought our Laurel '71 TR6 and I can speak for both of us by saying that we enjoyed all aspects of owning a LBC, the car, the people and mostly the "driving/ riding" part of it. Anna is even asking to get her share of the driving time during our weekly rides (as it should be, she says). This might get me to think about getting involved in a restoration project sooner than expected. But that's another story...I might be looking for a decent restorable late 50's early 60's LBC in the near future.

Getting to know our LBC was the first challenge we faced. Even though it was restored (it was an older restoration, mid '90s...) before we bought it, does not mean it was in perfect condition. As of now I've tried to improve some aspects of the car and I will probably expand on the subject in a future article.

To my knowledge, the first thing to do when you're a member of a club is at least participate in the meetings and activities and later progressively get involved in the best way you can. Anna and I have been present to several of these happenings in parts of the region that are not really familiar to us. This has a positive impact just by being out of our usual routine and daily environment. Even after a year, Anna is still wondering how grown men can be so attached and devoted to the well-being of a "transportation mode".

The May monthly meeting was the first that I've participated in with our TR and I could already sense that I would enjoy being around a group of LBC 's enthusiasts. Asking about finding a good mechanic and getting the answer "we do our own mechanical repairs" tells me a lot about the "affection" and dedication from the people I've met. This answer was the wakeup call for me to conquer my fear of messing up the mechanical/electrical integrity of our TR.

I started compiling/reading documentation and intend to at least try to troubleshoot, maintain and repair our TR. So don't be surprised to get through the OVTC site a big "HELP" if I messed up. Which will certainly happen in the very near future? One thought is that I just might get myself an old used spare engine to experiment some of the improvements instead of risking damaging our TR and wasting valuable driving time.

The rest of the motoring season was busy at work and I missed a few outings but we managed to participate in the ABCD, the Orleans car show, the Hazeldean Mall British Invasion, the Tremblant October run. The Aylmer car show was very interesting but there were too few LBCs to be seen. Next year could be a good opportunity to organize a multi-club happening at this event. During our summer vacations, we spent a week in Rye, N.H...where there is a very very nice shop called Brit Bits. I snooped a bit around the place and bought a spin-on oil filter adapter and oil cooler which I installed promptly soon after.

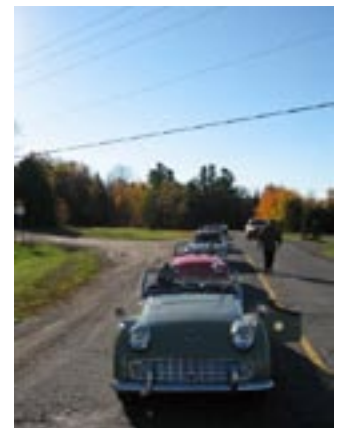
Anna and I developed a system which motivates us to provoke opportunities to drive. We plan quick rides depending on the amount of time available. A 60 Min opportunity is going to the Gatineau Park via Chelsey, a 120 min run is going to Val des Bois (which is a great twisty road, by the way) via St Pierre de Wakefield. An afternoon opportunity is to drive by the seaway up to Gananoque and have a nice lunch. As of now, it's almost mid November and we still manage to ride on sunny days with the top down with the heating system on (some people look at us in strange ways...but they are always smiling.)

Anna et Jean

Co-Owners: Laurel '71 TR6

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OVTC CLASSIFIED SECTION

One owner's junk is another's treasure!

A new thing for the Classifieds.

From now on you will see a number at the end of the ad, 2 or 1. Ad's will appear in 2 issues and count down, if you need to extended or remove the ad email me andre@justdrive.ca

FOR SALE:

Spitfire steering rack. Surplus to my requirements. Need garage space for project. Thank you.
rckent@videotron.ca [2]

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The ad will run for 3 issues before being deleted
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OVTC OVERDRIVE PASSWORD

Ottawa Valley Triumph Club



2007

Jan = nosnow
Feb = red
Mar = TR6
Apr = spring
May = Ancaster
June-Aug = summer
Sept = Fly
Oct = Orange
Dec = snow

2006

Jan = red
Feb = baby
Mar = smoke
April = triumph
May = James
June = drive
July = Doc
Aug = Steph
Sept = TR2
Oct = goodwood
Nov = cold
Dec = snow

2005

Jan = yellow
Feb = redtr3
Mar = stag
April = GT6MK3
May = TR7
June = Spitfires
July = Mosport
Aug = ABCD
Sept = TR4
Oct = rain
Nov = fall
Dec = snow

2004

Jan = bonnet
Feb = clutch (not used)
Mar = diff
Apr = kit
May = speed
Jun = RACING
Jul = ignition
Aug = gt6
Sep = octane
Oct = stainless
Nov = cam
Dec = jingle

2003

Dec = peanut

OVTC MEMBERSHIP

Join the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club
Is comprised of Approximately 65 members.

The club meets at 7.30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Manordale Community Centre, which is located at the corner of Knoxdale and Carola Roads in the City of Ottawa. Meetings include technical seminars, video presentations, restoration techniques, and much more.

The club also publishes a monthly newsletter, Overdrive, which is distributed to members and exchanged with other car 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 \$ 60.00 per year, corporate.

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