



OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club
Winter 2009



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FIRST DRIVE OF 2009

Dave Huddleson reported the first drive of the year on a sunny but cold January 1st, 2009. See page 5 for details.

NEXT EVENT

OVTC Meeting – March 24, 2009
See page 8 for info.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Don Leblanc

Hello everyone to our first newsletter of 2009. Welcome to Martin Burt, our incoming newsletter editor this year, taking over from André. This year is the 20th anniversary of the launch of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club. We have several new people on the executive elected last fall with fresh ideas and who are excited about making this a memorable year for the club. We've started to map out the special activities for the coming months, and more information on some of the special things for this year will be available very soon.

It feels like a long time ago already, but I just wanted to take a minute to thank Tim and Sue Dyer for hosting the club at their house in January for the Winter Bash. Kudos should also go to all of the club members who prepared their favourite dishes to share with the rest of us at the party. It is always a fun time at Tim and Sue's place, and we cannot thank them enough for their efforts in organizing this and having us all out there every January.

We had a great turnout at our February meeting and several new members with us for the first time. Welcome to all of you. We even had one person who drove their TR7 to that last meeting. Now THAT doesn't happen often in February. Unfortunately, Martin, who was our planned presenter at the February meeting was very sick and unable to attend. Luckily, on very short notice, several club members stepped forward and provided us with an informative and interesting evening on several topics. My thanks to all of you for helping out in this minor emergency.

At our March meeting we are looking forward to hearing from club member Barry Bowden talk to us about his experiences in slalom competitions with his Spitfire, as well as other related topics. In April, it will most likely be André presenting us with some images and videos from the 2008 driving season, to whet our appetites for the coming year. We will reschedule Martin's presentation for a bit later in the year.

Our new events coordinator, Dean Hummel, will be tabling a number of exciting new events for us this year as well as the return of several popular type events from years past. It promises to be an exciting year for the club.

I look forward to seeing most of you out in your cars soon. Sure feels good this weekend as I am sitting here looking out the window at all of that sunshine and melting snow. Won't be long...

See you on March 24 for the club meeting.

Cheers, Don



EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burt

Welcome to the first newsletter of the OVTC's 20th Anniversary year and my first as editor. I'm looking forward to the challenge of bringing you interesting articles as the club celebrates this milestone. As always, the success of the newsletter depends on contributions from you, the club members, so I invite you to send any articles, photos or suggestions you have each month.

As 2008 arrived, I had hoped to complete a 3000 mile driving season in the Triumph, which started well when I was able to drive the TR6 to Kingston for the Boot'N Bonnet Autojumble in April. Despite the good start, the wet weather, a lengthy clutch replacement and the purchase of a new "family car" (a 1971 Jaguar XJ6), coupled with the obligations of a young family, all conspired against my mileage attempt. Other than

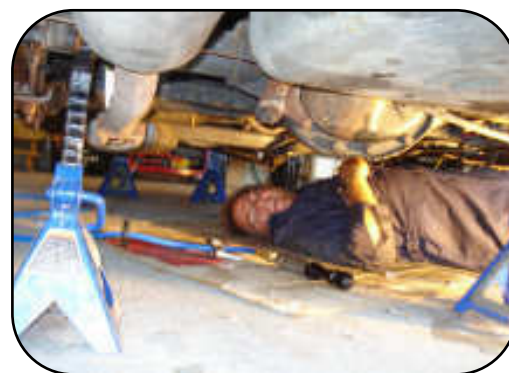
club meetings, I think the only other event I was able to attend in the TR was the Kingston British Car Day. I did manage to strategically plan family trips to Toronto in order to attend the Ancaster Flea Market in April and make a first time visit to the Bronte Show in September (see pictures on page 4).

My winter car projects are mainly Jag-related, but I did remove the radiator from the TR6 in order to give it a good cleaning (and possible re-coring?) and to allow the installation of new steering rack mounts. Additional steering column work may also get done before spring rolls around.

I think Don and the rest of the executive have some interesting ideas for celebrating our 20 years as a club and I expect this to be an active year for the club. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with our plans better than it did last year and I'll finally get that 3000 mile summer!

Cheers,

Martin



OVTC Winter Bash

Tim and Sue Dyer once again opened their home to OVTC members for the annual winter bash held on January 27. Accompanied by the now traditional cold weather, members either gathered in the kitchen to nibble and chat about all things Triumph and cars in general, or settled into the warm surroundings by the wood stove.

The culinary expertise of the club was once more on display as the food was served later in the afternoon.

Thanks again to the Dyers for this annual treat.



British Car Day 2008- Bronte Creek



British Car Day 2008 - Bronte Creek



OIL DRIPS – OVTC Member Submissions

Welcome to 2009, fellow Triumph owners!

I did get quite a bit of driving in my Triumph TR8 Coupe in 2008, although you may remark that I was not often seen around the OVTC gatherings. The ABCD show in July was an exception, and I did enjoy that hot sunny day. There were many interesting British vehicles on display, and some of them were Triumphs!!!

I did not quite achieve my goal of driving 3000 miles during 2008 in the TR8, showing 2690 miles today on January 1st, 2009. We did do two long journeys this past summer, first to the Vintage Triumph Register's annual NATC (North American Triumph Challenge) in early August. Paul Williams drove in convoy with us, and we have a trouble-free time, with both our V8 Triumphs exceeding 30 mpg, even with many stretches of Highway 401 cruising at 120kph. Pretty decent economy while keeping up with modern traffic, and purchasing fuel at over \$1.20 per litre (or whatever price it was back in August...). Then, while unfortunately not being able to attend the Watkins Glen event (really regret not being there!), we drove to Stowe, Vermont for the British Invasion in mid-September, and had a great weekend there. Again the car ran trouble-free!

I hope to be able to see you at more events in 2009, and let me start the New Year by telling you that I have already been out in the Triumph. January 1st is a beautiful sunny, dry, but -15°C cold, so what else could I do but go for a drive! It was a reminder that the TR7 and TR8 came with decent ventilation systems, and I was cozy and warm, while the engine purred once warmed up. A couple of blasts along the country roads satisfied my needs for a couple of months, and the car is now returned to its happy slumber in the garage at home. Here's a photo to show you that the TR does run in cold weather!

Best wishes to everyone for a prosperous 2009, and hope to see you on the roads in your TR's in a few months,

David Huddleson

Editor's Note: The photo of Dave's car can be seen on the front cover.

Dear Oil Drips,

Just came across this site that lists the brochures produced for Triumph cars ... pretty nice and something that might be of interest to OVTC members.

<http://www.triumph-brochures.be/>

Cheers, Mike Graham

A few samples...



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Contributions to the newsletter should be sent to:

overdrive@ovtc.net

OIL DRIPS



I'm not sure about you, but I don't think my wife would let me get away with this!



Motorsport and car fans might enjoy the Gareth Jones on Speed podcast (available on iTunes and www.garethjones.tv.)

Hosted by Gareth Jones, a former roadie for The Alarm- turned children and science TV program presenter; Zog (aka Paul Ireson), a journalist, musician and F1 fan; and Richard Porter, script editor for the Top Gear TV show, author and creator of Sniff Petrol website, the show is a mix of serious chat about F1 racing and cars in general with comedy sketches and original songs about cars.

The podcast appears about every 2 weeks and is one of the most popular automotive podcasts in the world. During the F1 season, shows are often recorded immediately following races. Drivers such as Lewis Hamilton, Robert Kubica and Jenson Button have appeared on the show. Last season also featured a trip to LeMans courtesy of Peugeot, driving a Lotus Elise to Silverstone, an interview with petrolhead and Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason, a test drive through London in the new Tesla Roadster electric sports car, and lots of jokes about Max Mosley.

I've been listening for over a year and always get a chuckle while learning something about the world of cars.

Martin



Gord Robertson sent along this 1976 "Triumph Ultima" for sale at Lance Motors, a replica dealer in New Jersey. Look familiar from the side view? It can be yours for only \$11,900.

EVENTS

March

Mar. 24th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse). Barry Bowden will be talking about slaloming his Spit.

April

Apr. 2nd - Go-karting in Gatineau (date to be confirmed)
 Apr. 19th – British Car Flea Market & Car Show (Ancaster – new location)
 Apr. 26th - Boot'n Bonnet Autojumble (Kingston)
 Apr. 28th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse). André's annual slide show of last year's events.

May

May 2nd-3rd – Stirling Flea Market and Car Show
 May 26th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)
 May 30th – June 7th – British Car Week (www.britishcarweek.org)

June

June 19th-21st – VARAC 30th Vintage Racing Festival (Mosport)
 June 23rd – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)

July

July 11th – All British Car Day (ABCD) (Britannia Park)
 July 28th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)

Watch for more events to be added in the next issue of Overdrive.

Email events to overdrive@ovtc.net

Dates and times are subject to change. Please check with the event organizers for changes. If you notice any errors or omissions, please pass the correct information along to the editor at overdrive@ovtc.net

August

TBA – Boot'n Bonnet Show (Kingston)
 Aug. 25th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)

September

Sept. 11th – 13th – Zippo US Vintage Grand Prix (Watkin's Glen)
 Sept. 18th-20th - British Invasion (Stowe, Vermont)
 Sept. 20th – TTC British Car Day (Bronte Creek)
 Sept. 22nd – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)

October

Oct. 27th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)

November

Nov. 24th – OVTC Meeting (clubhouse)

December

TBA – OVTC Christmas Dinner



February club meeting

AUTOJUMBLE

Wanted

Can you please tell me if any of your members have ever or are willing to rent their cars for a wedding.

We don't mind if the owner insists on driving the car (better yet actually).

Wedding date: July 25, 2009

Thank you,

Oula Marie Hajjar, B.Eng

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Contact Keith 613-766-1345 (Kingston) or kgraham@gmail.com. Car is parked at my Dad's house (Mike Graham, 613-258-2901 or triumph@lincsat.com). [2]

I have a TR7 engine and some other parts I want to get rid of. I am asking for \$300 obo.

If you know anyone interested please let me know and I will email pictures

Thanks, Norm Birch

Trenton

celticbloodcycle@hotmail.com [2]

1959 TRIUMPH TR3A

BODY OFF Complete Restoration. Rust free Nevada car stripped to bare metal epoxy coated, all replaced or restored, needs nothing! Engine and full syncro Trans are TR4 Spec. Negative Ground.

\$25,000. FIRM, Millage shows as 85,659.

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Contact Alexander Stewart at 905-584-

2941; or e-mail c.s.stewart@sympatico.ca

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For Sale

TR6 Convertible Top Boot in Biscuit

Brand new, Everflex convertible top cover from TRF. Biscuit colour (caramel tan).

Never removed from packaging.

Asking \$225.

Contact Martin at burt@sympatico.ca [2]

1960 TR3A for sale in Ottawa

We have owned this car for the past 10 years and have managed to only put 4 thousand miles on it in that time. It currently has 62,239 miles and was purchased here in Ottawa from a firefighter. At the time we purchased the car, the previous owner stated that someone from your Triumph club is familiar with this car and has been in it. It is presently appraised at \$11,500 and we are asking \$10,500 or best offer as is. james.ritari@international.gc.ca [0]

1989 Toyota Celica

Great Winter Car 200K, former BC car.

Was being driven until Christmas, still

licensed and insured, easy to safety

(needs windshield). \$1200 or best offer.

*Submit your free ads to the
Overdrive Editor
(overdrive@ovtc.net)
no later than the 1st of every
month.*

*Ads will run for 3 issues
before being deleted, unless
you request an extension.*

Recently spotted on eBay...



1959 TR3 - needs bodywork and paint...



1975 Spitfire 1500 - drive it home today!



1979 German-built Ford Granada with hearse conversion by Coleman Milne in England. Corvette yellow with Audi alloy wheels. Comes with real casket in John Deere green.



TR6 Clear Hooters Wiper and washer switches. The contacts on the wiper switch are loose. These are used switches.

Winning bid: US\$178

OVTC MEMBERSHIP

Join the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members.

The club meets at 7.00 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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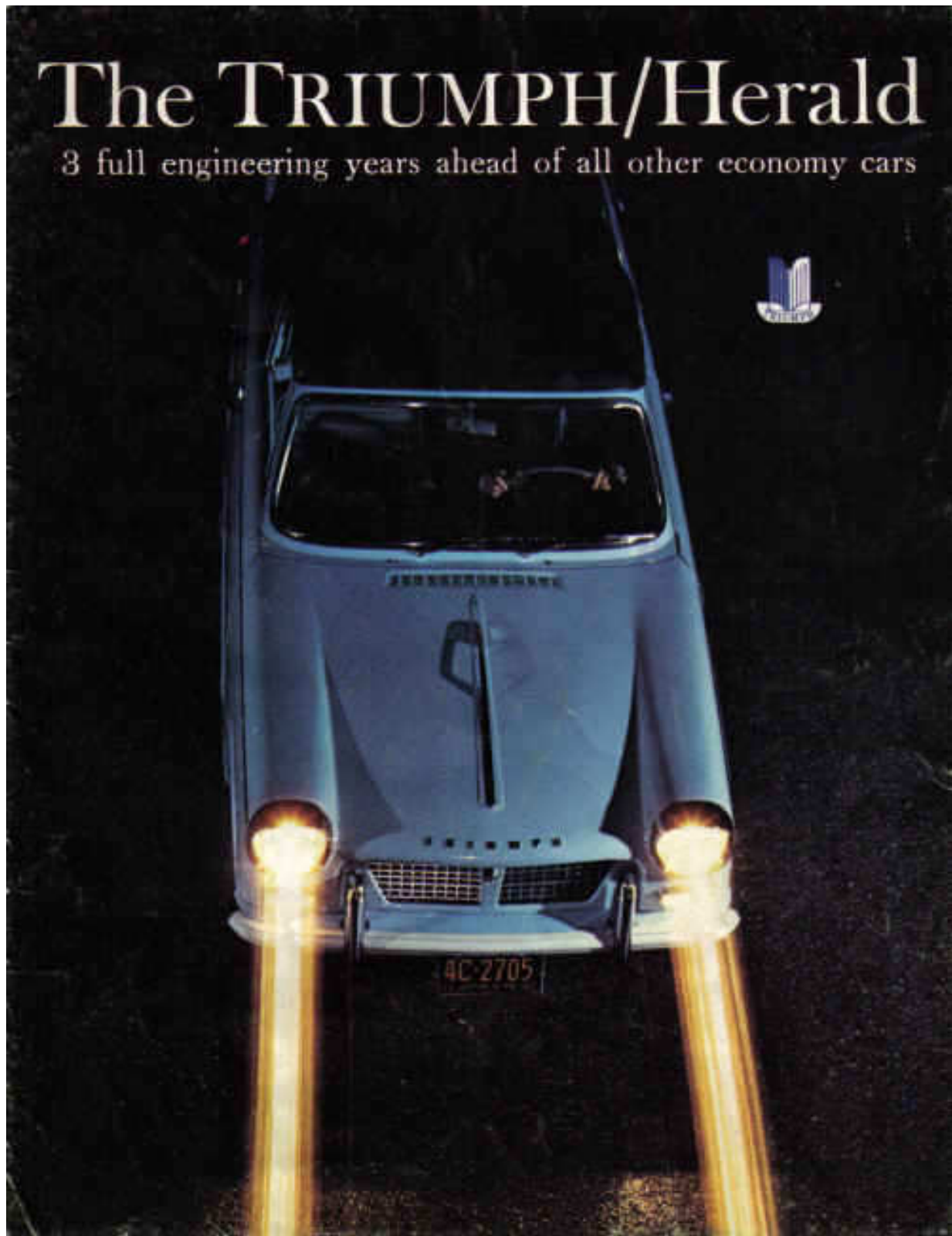
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