



OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club
November/December 2009



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The OVTC had a busy year celebrating its 20th anniversary. Take a look back at some photos of our activities inside...

NEXT EVENT

Christmas Dinner – December 15, 2009
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Don Leblanc

Please note that there is no December club meeting. Instead we will be meeting for dinner at 7 pm on Tuesday December 15 at the Yangming Buffet (1547 Merivale Avenue). There will be someone in a red hat handing out presents! If you haven't already let us know if you're attending or not, a reply would be appreciated. Please send a note to president@ovtc.net

Also of note, the Winter Bash at the Dyer's house will be on Saturday January 9. This is a bit earlier in the month than it has been in previous years, and more detail will be available soon, but please mark this date on your calendar. This is always a really fun social event, and weather permitting, there will be outdoor activities as well.

The club executive will be very similar for the coming year to what it was in 2009, and remains enthusiastic and committed to keeping this a growing and successful club. Thank you to everyone who participated in the elections night – and helped with the pizza! A heartfelt thank you to Dean Hummel and Wayne Mercer for their help this past year. They had both decided not to stand for re-election and unfortunately we were unable to find anyone who was willing to take on the role of Events Coordinator or Vice President, so we are moving forward without filling those positions for 2010.

Since the ability to hold events that interest and involve the club membership is critical to keeping the club meaningful, we discussed at the October meeting trying to approach event organizing a bit differently this coming year. Without a specific person designated as the Events Coordinator for the club, our discussion centred on the willingness of individuals to take on responsibility for organizing one single event during the year. Even that doesn't necessarily mean that the one person has to do everything for their event all by themselves, but they would be the focal point for organizing and planning that one event. Done properly, it should mean that any one person in the club would only be asked once every few years to organize something. There seemed to be a lot of enthusiasm for this approach, and we are going to implement it for 2010.

The club executive met in early December to discuss a provisional calendar for the coming year and we will get a draft of that published as soon as possible and then try to get people signed up for organizing each of the events. This will get a lot more people involved in organizing things throughout the year, shouldn't be too much of a burden for any one person, and will result in new ideas and events or activities on our calendar. The club needs your participation!

As our 20th anniversary year draws to a close, it has hopefully been a fun and memorable year for you. Despite what seemed like a lot of rain this year (remember the All British Car Day in July!), it actually turned out to be a reasonably long driving season with plenty of opportunities to enjoy our cars. We concluded the first year of our new OVTC Long Distance Challenge Award, with first prize going to Peter Whitworth, who drove 5078 km (approximately 3153 miles) in his TR7 between April 1 and October 31. More on this award and the other winners elsewhere in the newsletter.

Some special dates to plan for in 2010:

- The All British Clubs Dart Tournament, will be on Saturday February 20. The location will be in the east end of Ottawa this year. Details in January.
- The OVTC weekend trip will be June 12-13, 2010. The destination is Kingston. More detail and hotel information will be available soon, but we wanted to let everyone know early.

As mentioned above, there is no club meeting in December or January. The December meeting is replaced by the dinner at the Chinese Buffet, and the January meeting is replaced by the Winter Bash at the Dyer's. We will return to the Manordale Community Centre for our February meeting.

If anyone has a winter project underway, or something else of interest to share with the club, please send an email to Martin at overdrive@ovtc.net. Your inputs are needed for the newsletter. Please tell us what you're busy with this winter...

Best wishes for the holiday season. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. We will see you at the party next week at the YangMing and again in January at the Dyer's.

Cheers,
Don



EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burt

Well, here we are again at the end of another year. I managed to get 8 issues of the *Overdrive* out in my first year as editor. Thanks to everyone who submitted articles, photos and interesting links over the past 12 months. The newsletter is only as good as the material I get, so please keep your submissions coming. Any ideas for subjects of interest or articles over the next year are always welcome. I'd personally like to see more articles of a technical nature, so when you're working on your winter restoration projects, take a few photos, jot down a few lines and send them along.

Speaking of winter projects, I have a few planned for this winter. First off is to send away my brake master cylinder for rebuilding. While it's out, I'll be cleaning and repainting my pedal box, brake servo and wiper motor and tidying up that part of the engine bay. Debate is underway whether to switch to silicon brake fluid while I'm at it. Any opinions out there from those that have done it? There's also that major oil leak in the Jag to worry about.

I'll also be helping out with some preliminary planning for a few of next year's events. The 401-Pack Mini-TRials for 6-Pack (TR6 and TR250) owners in Ontario and Quebec is being held in Ottawa next August and I'll be helping out to get that organized. I'd also like to get an event we talked about last year off the ground. It's the garage tour, where we'd visit 3 or 4 of our member's garages to see things they're working on, drool at their equipment set-ups, admire their parts collections or just hang out in their fancy garage. It would be a chance for a drive, get some tech tips and maybe enjoy a bite to eat and a beverage in the company of other club members. I'll be looking for garages to visit in the new year, so think about volunteering yours.

Speaking of volunteering, the club will be looking to its membership to step forward and organize events next summer. As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, think about taking on the organization of one of our events for next summer. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a desire to put something back into the club. A preliminary schedule can be found on page 8 of the newsletter. If there's an event you'd like to coordinate, please talk to Don or one of the executive.

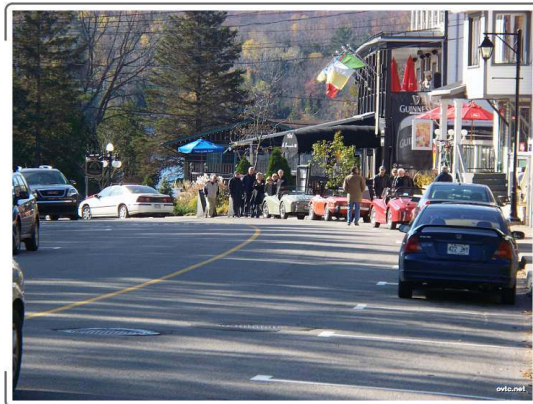
Our 21st year as a club will be getting underway on January 9th with the annual Winter Bash at Tim and Sue Dyer's house. Look for more details coming out by email in early January, and if you haven't been before, be sure to come on out for warm hospitality, good company and great food. We've had a lot of new members join over the past year and I'd recommend that you mark this date on your calendar.

Well that about wraps up this issue. I hope you've enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I've enjoyed putting it together. Special thanks to Tracy (Mrs. Editor) for allowing me the time to do it. Thanks for putting up with my ramblings over the last 12 months and best wishes to you, your families and your Triumphs in 2010.

Cheers,
Martin



OVTC Fall Colours – Mont Tremblant



OVTC Long Distance Challenge

By Don Leblanc

We announced at the start of the driving season that we were going to launch a new OVTC annual award. Modeled on the British Car Council's Long Distance Award, we now have the OVTC Long Distance Challenge.

The purpose of this new annual challenge is to encourage OVTC drivers to drive their Triumph as much as possible. To help and encourage all participants, the rules of participation in this challenge are intended to also be compliant with the rules of the British Car Council Incorporated "Long Distance Award", with the intent that mileage counted here should also apply for that award. The OVTC Challenge is completely separate from the BCCI award however, and people interested in applying for that award need to fill in the appropriate registration form for it.



Rather than have to cover 3,000 miles in a season as is needed for the BCCI award, the OVTC Long Distance Challenge provides a prize to the top 3 drivers in our own club at the end of the season. However, as with the BCCI award, only mileage accumulated between April 1 and October 31 applies. This levels the field a bit, but covers the bulk of the driving season for most of us.

So – the top three results for 2009 are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Distance (as recorded)</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Peter Whitworth	1979 TR7	5078 km	3153
Jim Martin	1978 TR7	4089 km	2539
Martin Burt	1975 TR6	2172 miles	2172

The prize awards will be made to the winners at the February meeting. We thank everyone who participated this year and submitted their distance forms at the November meeting. We'll see you out on the roads again in the spring! Remember to record your odometer on April 1 and bring the form to the April meeting to be witnessed by a member of the executive.



2009 in Review



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Tentative Events Calendar - 2010

Now that the 2009 driving season is behind us, let's look ahead to 2010, what would you like to do, where would you like to go? No one came forward to fill the executive position of Events Coordinator. We are asking members at large to volunteer to coordinate an event and make it their own during the 2010 season. The following is a tentative draft of events for 2010. We will be asking for volunteers to organize each of these events so please think about taking something on and talk to one of the Executive.

January	9	Winter Bash – Tim and Sue Dyer's
	26	No club meeting this month!
February	20	Interclub Darts Tournament – Newfoundland Pub (to be confirmed)
	23	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
March	??	Go-Karting – Top Karting in Gatineau
	23	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
April	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre, 2009 Slide Show
May	1 or 2	OVTC Spring Fling Drive
	25	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
June	5 or 6	TriuMGee OVTC/OMGC multi-club event
	12-13	OVTC Weekend Drive – Kingston ON
	19 - 20	Mosport VARAC weekend
	22	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
July	11	Club Drive - Merrickville Car show –Winery Tour – BBQ
	17	All-British Car Day – Britannia Park
	24	Club Drive – Ottawa East End
	27	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
August	7 or 8	Club Drive and Lunch (location to be confirmed)
	13-15	6-Pack Mini-Trials in Ottawa
	15	Club drive to Boot'n Bonnet Car Show, Kingston
	21 or 22	Club Picnic at Dyer's Tree Farm
	24	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
September	11	Watkin's Glen Vintage Racing
	25 or 26	Club Fall Colours Drive
	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
October	3	Tiptoe Through the Tulips Jaguar Club Rally
	26	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre –Elections
November	23	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre

OIL DRIPS – OVTC Member Submissions

From Ed Kaye, your European Reporter,

The BMW Museum in Munich.

The newly opened BMW complex is located in an expansive piece of property next to where the Olympic Games were held in 1972. The first impression I got was the architecture of the buildings, the "bar no expense" attitude of the area. There are two buildings which house the automobile museum, linked by a skybridge. The public entrance is really quite awe inspiring with its many mirrors and glass and chrome.



Once inside, BMW has all their current models on display, with sales representatives available for any questions. Off to a side there is a cafeteria, a mock-up cadcam design center, various displays of designs, engine designs, a couple of F-1 cars from the recent past as well as a "learning center" for kids of all ages.

Across the skybridge is where the actual car museum is located and is a short hike over a boulevard which provides interesting views of the many BMW manufacturing and corporate buildings, as well as the Olympic Park which is still in use today. Upon entering I



was again most impressed with the building design and the presentation of the cars on display. The cars consisted of the early sedans and sports cars from the thirties right up to present day. Some were famous for their contributions to BMW, such as Pierce Brosnan's Z-8. There was a room dedicated to their various race cars from the sixties to present day. Lots and lots of motorcycles were on display as well, depicting their innovations over the years as well as their triumphs in various moto events including sidecar racing and the Dakkar. Also of interest were a number of displays which were actual design studies and prototypes, some of which became production models, and some that didn't.



Overall, I am afraid to say, I was more impressed with the buildings and actual displays rather than the contents of those displays. It seemed to me that BMW was trying just a bit too hard to be self righteous, rather than letting the consumer establish his own opinion. But, it is worth the visit if you are ever close to Munich.

André sent this Christmas gift idea from Hotwheels (available at Walmart)





OVERDRIVE BACK ISSUES

Here are the passwords for back issues of the Overdrive, which can be found on the OVTC website at www.ovtc.net/overdrive.html

2009

Nov/Dec = dinner
 Sept/Oct = election
 August = hazeldean
 July = starter
 June = volunteer
 May = fling
 April = gokart
 Winter = 20years

2008

Issue 005 = 1971
 Issue 004 = spitfire

Issue 003 = lemans
 Issue 002 = hot
 Issue 001 = back

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

2005

May = speed
 Jun = RACING
 Jul = ignition
 Aug = gt6
 Sep = octane
 Oct = stainless
 Nov = cam
 Dec = jingle

2003

Dec = peanut

AUTOJUMBLE

For Sale

1980 Triumph TR8 Convertible

Stock aluminum V8 engine, 5 speed transmission
 Compomotive 15 inch wheels with 205/50 Yokohama tires
 Black with black interior
 New black canvas soft top and new carpets
 Air Conditioner professionally converted to R 134a, needs recharge
 Lumention electronic ignition
 All new urethane suspension bushings front and back
 K&N air filters
 Rimmer's Rally spoiler (front)
 Stainless steel tailpipes
 100 Amp Delco alternator conversion
 Custom white faced instruments (easier to see at night)
 CD player with electric antenna
 High intensity tail lights
 Car is showing 76000 miles
 Too many new parts to list separately
 Second owner, have original new car window sticker
 Car originally from Virginia
 Original wheels and air cleaners
 Car and instrument panel featured on the cover of "How to Improve Triumph TR7, TR7-V8 and TR8"
 Car chosen as the car he would most like to take home from among 70 TR8s displayed at Roadster Factory 2003, by Graham Robson, noted Triumph author.
 \$12,500 firm
 Contact Paul MacDonald 613-226-2512 macdonaldp@rogers.com
 Ottawa, Ontario [0]



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 burttsympatico.ca [1]

TR3 parts for sale

Brake drums (2) - 10 inch, honed , sandblasted + painted
 Fender beads - rear (2) + front (1)
 NOS headlight trim rings(2) screw type

Contact Shaun @ shennessy@rogers.com [1]

TR250 parts for sale

New right front fender still in box.
 Two hub caps in good condition but with minor dents.
 TR250 Ontario licence plates
 Best offer.

Contact Chris at 519-538-1012 or ccrapper@telus.net [0]

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 Overdrive Editor
 (overdrive@ovtc.net)
 no later than the 1st of every
 month.*

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 before being deleted, unless
 you request an extension.*

Wanted

TR6 in good condition. Not interested a project car. Would prefer car being sold safetied. Please provide detailed information about vehicle condition, commission number and recent pictures (taken this year) of interior, body panels, underside, floor pans, trunk, rear deck etc. to tr6triumph@live.ca [1]

Older model Spitfire parts

I was given some parts for an older model Spitfire by Bill Ferguson, who had parted out a car last year but found a few extra bits and pieces recently in his basement and donated them to the OVTC. I would like to pass them on to someone in the club who needs them for their car. The parts are from either a Mk I or II model Spitfire. What we have are:

Rear quarter panel – should fit a Mk I (maybe Mk II)
 Generator
 Various headlight chrome pieces and side marker lights
 Some door handles and mechanism parts
 A few other bits and pieces

Please contact Don at president@ovtc.net and we can make arrangements. [1]

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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**See you all in 2010.
Happy New Year!**