



# OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER NO. 22

## Highlights of April 24th, 1991, Meeting

The April meeting of the OVTC was held on Wednesday evening, April 24th, at the Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre in Nepean. A good turn out with approximately 26 of our members in attendance.

## Canadian Classic Update

The main item of business was a progress report on the 6th Canadian Classic. Malcolm Brown reported on his meeting with Glen Donaldson (TTC President) that occurred after the Ancaster British Car Flea Market on April 21st. Jeff Threader and Brian Mills also were present for this meeting. There will be a poster prepared for the Classic with TTC's help and this can be used to help promote the event. TTC's next Ragtop issue will devote an article or two on the Classic and, in this regard, OVTC should prepare a progress report on planning for the Classic that can be submitted to the Ragtop's Editor before May 22nd--the deadline for publication submission in order to meet the printing deadline for the next issue of Ragtop. Registration brochures for the Classic will be sent to the Boots 'n Bonnet Club in Kingston for distribution purposes.

Brian has tentatively set up three categories for the Concourse Judging event. First Class is the Formal Concourse categories, the Second Class is a Participant's Choice Award, and the Third Class is a Soon-to-be-Great Award. Brian needs a minimum of three teams of judges, preferably five teams for the Concourse event. Award plaques will be provided by TTC. The Concourse event will begin at 6:30 a.m. and the assembly point will be at the Rockcliffe Airport. After the Panoramic photograph, the group will head to Victoria Island for the Concourse judging.

Jeff Threader gave an update on obtaining local sponsors and advertising assistance which sounds like this is starting to fall into place nicely.

John Carr updated the Club on the Tour de Gatineau and the Fun Rally which is also coming together as one of the premier attractions for the Classic.

Terry Dale has lined up his associates with the Motorsport Club in Ontario to prepare a Driving Skills event, complete with pylons, etc. A location has yet to be determined and one or two volunteers to help Terry would be appreciated--call Terry at 224-6913 during the day.

Malcolm mentioned that Stebro Mufflers is back in business and has offered to donate a stainless steel exhaust system as a door prize (\$500 value, at least) for the Banquet event.

Hugh Henderson, our newest member from Perth, is a professional photographer, when he isn't tinkering with his '69 TR-6. Hugh has offered to do the Panoramic Photo for the Classic and more details on this and other Classic events will follow in upcoming Newsletters.

## Membership Report - Clive Law

A hearty OVTC welcome to the following new members who attended our April meeting:

Hugh Henderson of Perth	1969 TR-6
Paul Hickey of Perth	1976 TR-7
Pat Lawlor, Ottawa	1975 TR-6
Bill Dusmenil, Kirkland	1974 TR-6

Total membership - 51 Regulars, 1 Corporate

Membership interest is running high, with many prospective members being directed to the Club by flyers left at Terry Dale's Old Car Factory and at Miniman. If a large proportion of the membership renews, then we could look forward to a membership total of 65 - 70 members, representing approximately 80 cars.

Alot of our members will be due for renewal in June. If your label is marked June 1991, please take a minute to send Clive a cheque. The address is: 55 Abingdon Drive, Nepean, K2H 7M5 (820-7350).

### Regalia

Pat Millls, our Regalia Co-ordinator, reminded Club members of what's available with regard to OVTC T-shirts, sweatshirts, windshield decals, etc., and asked if there was any interest in a re-ordering of summer golf shirts with the OVTC crest. Some interest was expressed and orders can be given to Pat by calling 825-1698, or by using the enclosed merchandise order form that Clive has produced. Although we have limited stock on hand, please feel free to use this order form so Pat can take orders and get a feel for what the membership wants.

### "Sporting Classics" Report

John Carr (now beardless, for those who failed to recognize him at our last meeting, announced that all those subscribing to his very successful "Sporting Classics" magazine up to December 31st, 1991, will automatically qualify to win a trip for two to the World famous Laguna Seca Historic Races and Pebble Beach Concours in California on August 20-23, 1992. Details are attached in a flyer included in this Newsletter.

### Second Annual Ottawa Classic Sportscar Fair

John passed out flyers (see attached) on the 2nd Annual Ottawa Classic Sportscar Fair to be held in the Rideau Arena, Manotick, again this year. The Fair will be held on June 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. OVTC will have a two-car display area and a trophy will be awarded this year by public ballot for the most imaginative Club display. Sounds like it will be even better than last year so hope to see you all there.

### Upcoming Events

May 22nd

Next meeting of OVTC at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday evening, Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre off Knoxdale Road in Nepean. Terry Dale will be conducting a Tune-up Clinic on S.U. and Stromberg Carbs--in the parking lot--"hands-on" event, folks!

May 26th

OVTC Spring Run to Links of Tay Golf Course in Perth. Thanks to Bruce Young for suggesting and organizing this event. Bruce has arranged for a buffet lunch spread to be available at the Links of Tay Golf Course Clubhouse (\$6 per person). Six lunches will be paid by free lucky-draw tickets that Bruce has most generously looked after at his own expense. OVTC members who are interested are asked to contact Bruce Young at 1-264-0771, so he can make suitable reservations at the Clubhouse. After the lunch, we can go on a driving tour of the area. OVTC members from Ottawa who wish to travel to Perth as a group are asked to convene at the parking lot in the Pinecrest Shopping Centre at 9:30 a.m. We'll be leaving for Perth at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Bruce Young reminded the members of Perth's 175th Anniversary Celebrations from July 14th to July 21st, that includes a parade on July 20th where up to 10 to 20 OVTCs and Boots'n Bonnet Club cars can participate. Those interested in taking part in the parade are asked to contact Bruce at 1-264-0771 so firm commitments can be arranged.

#### Other Events/Miscellaneous

- Harris Popplewell has suggested a Pool Party at his home some time in July.
- Brian Mills has VCR tapes of the TTC Canadian Classic in Peterborough last summer, as well as the VTR Meet in Boulder, Colorado. Members interested in getting a copy of these events get a blank tape to Brian and he can make a copy for you.
- Bruce Young has suggested a good idea for the panoramic picture for this year's Canadian Classic event. Class winning cars from the Concours should be in the front row for the photo, if possible. If not, last year's winners, if present, or some of our perennial favourites, should be in the "Pride of Place" front row for the Panoramic photo.
- Motorsport Club of Ottawa conducts an Advanced Race Driving School at the Sunair International Raceway in St. Pie, Quebec, over the summer months. This two-day course costs only \$250 per person and consists of learning how to drive your own car "quickly". The classes are limited to 18 students with one instructor per three students. There's one and a half hours of classroom instruction per day, then lots of driving instruction--each student experiences approximately 420 miles, 200 laps per student. Contact Terry at 224-6913 for further information.
- "Wouldn't it be a sight if we could get all of the membership driving their Triumph sports cars at the May meeting."  
(Clive Law)

#### Driveline

by Peter George

It is purported that the British drink warm beer because Lucas, the Knight of Endless Darkness, builds their refrigerators. Now, I really can't attest to the truthfulness of that statement. However, I do believe that Lucas assisted in the development of the Lada. Categorically, I can say I have yet to see a Lada lately with both tail lights working.

My first encounter with Lucas electrics was the installation of a Model T horn on a 1950 Morris Minor. The second encounter was the addition of driving lights on a 1960 TR3. My third encounter began innocently as a see and purchase venture. The car was listed for sale in the Toronto Star and was advertised as a 1964 Plus 4, 4 seater, in immaculate condition. I promptly set up an appointment to buy it. In those days, I had resolution, money, and no wife.



The next afternoon, (Saturday), found me on a short side street of Avenue Road just north of Bloor, listening to a rather nervous individual extolling the virtues of his car. A look under the hood, or rather, "bonnet", and under the dash disclosed the reason for the owner's agitation. The car was a mess of loose wires. I asked the gentleman if the name of his mechanic was "Joseph E." I could see Joe's unmistakable hand everywhere. (I once had an electrical professor who believed that anyone who twisted wires indiscriminately was sexually depraved). This owner was frustrated. He had started out to correct possibly some small perceived or imaginary problem, and due to his efforts, his car was totally - completely - electrically dead. He had certainly twisted more than one wire.

One should not aimlessly meander through automotive electrics without, firstly an appropriate wiring diagram, secondly an electrical circuit tester, and thirdly some electrical knowledge. At this point, let me provide some fundamentals. The most important electrical safety device in a car is a fuse, and the most common cause of electrical problems is corrosion.

Fuses, in a car, have the same function as in an electrical panel in a house. That is, the fuses protect electrical circuitry against overload and possible fire. Appliance or equipment/component failure can be critical but an electrical fire is final. I've experienced both, and both could have been avoided. Unfortunately, then I did not fully respect the role or function of fuses. Even years later on first getting into the Healy, you could still smell burnt fabric and overheated electrical wire insulation.

Electrical failures can be attributed to many different factors; for example, poor electrical design, excessive vehicle vibration, old age, owner "over-zealousness" (sounds better than "stupidity") and corrosion. I have no intention to conduct a discourse on failures, but rather offer a few suggestions to ensure continuing good health of the electrical system.

These simple guidelines are basic truisms. All of them make sense. Let's look at the suggestions and their impact.

1-Ensure all electrical connections are clean and corrosion-free. Most important are the battery terminals and grounding connections.

The car won't start because the battery is weak: or the head lights are dim because the generator is not functioning properly. It is possible that, in fact, these two assumptions are correct. It is also possible that somewhere there are dirty corroded connections causing power loss. And don't forget a dirty corroded connection imposes a high electrical resistance load at that point. And this resistance load always results in heat build-up. And we all know heat can cause a fire.

2- Ensure all individual grounding connections are corrosion-free.

The battery is new and all terminals are tight and clean, but the starter seems tired. The starter no longer has the old "drive". Is it time to replace the starter? Maybe "yes" or maybe "no". Before replacing the starter, it should be confirmed that the actual, physical point between the starter and the bell housing is clean, and rust and oil free. This point is the ground connection.

3- Properly sized, (not physically, but rather current rating), replacement fuses must always be used.

Everyone understands the need to properly size fuses. I hope!

4- In-line fuses must always be used to protect the electrical circuitry and the newly installed electrical device.

In-line fuses will protect the newly installed electrical device, but the electrical connection supply point must be carefully chosen. Personally, I always connect to the power supply side of the starter solenoid if a fused gang block connection is not available. I do not recommend connecting into existing circuits or switches. This practise could cause circuit failure or worse; fire! One must remember that switches and devices are only sized for existing services.

I have always found it challenging to enhance or modify a vehicle's electrical system. Not so long ago, a passing FWD tank truck brought back memories of many hours spent pleasantly designing that vehicle's air and electrical system. In a future article, I will ramble on about electrical and mechanical modifications that can be easily and simply added to a vehicle that will thwart a hot wire artist.



FOR SALE/WANTED

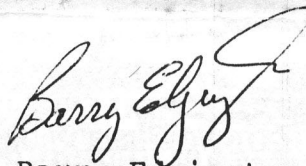
16" Flat Bed Trailer - Sale or Rent  
1954 TR-2 in prime condition - \$19,500  
Contact Fred Pantalone at 692-2112 - office 728-8200

Brian Mills has on hand a supply of ball joint fasteners for ball crank on throttle linkage for all makes of TRs. These can also be obtained from Reis Tractor/Home Hardware on the Carp Road, just north of Miniman.

Wanted - late TR-6 rad overflow bottle  
transmission tunnel cover, carpets, sunvisors, etc.  
Pat Lawlor  
Residence: 569-1440 Business: 741-0744

Well, that's it for another Newsletter, folks. A special thanks to my secretary, Gloria Ray, for her typing efforts to help our Club produce this monthly Newsletter, that I hope "gets the message out".

See you on May 22nd.

  
Barry Edgington  
Editor

**Sporting Classics Magazine**

# SUBSCRIBE TO WIN

"Sporting Classics is the only magazine devoted exclusively to the Canadian Classic Sports car Enthusiast."

- Marque features
- Restoration techniques
- Business profile
- Cars/parts for sale
- Events coverage
- Vintage racing
- Club News
- New sports car road tests

**You could win a trip for two, to the world famous Laguna Seca Historic Races and Pebble Beach Concours, California, August 20-23, 1992.**

Prize includes: return ground and air transportation from the winner's home in Canada to San Francisco; Rental car from San Francisco Airport for duration of stay, with gas allowance; hotel for 4 nights; entry to Laguna Seca and Pebble Beach events. All other expenses (meals, tips, etc.) are not included.

All fully paid annual subscriptions to Sporting Classics Magazine from residents of Canada, postmarked up to and including December 31, 1991, will be entered in the qualifying draw. The draw will be made January 11, 1992, and the result will be published in the April 1992 issue of Sporting Classics Magazine. One trip for two persons will be awarded.

The approximate prize value is \$3000 to \$4000, depending on the winner's location in Canada. Chances of winning are dependent on the number of subscriptions sold to December 31, 1991. The qualifier must correctly answer a skill testing question to win.

## SUBSCRIBE NOW TO SPORTING CLASSICS MAGAZINE!

Send to: Sporting Classics Magazine

P.O. Box 180, Manotick, Ontario, Canada K0A 2N0

1 year (six issues) for \$19.80\* (\*Canadian Subscription \$18.50 + 7% GST).  
US \$20.00, Rest of the World Air Mail \$28.50 Canadian funds.

Payment Enclosed, payable to Sporting Classics.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER (Please give us your card number and expiration date).

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov./State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

1991 SHANNONVILLE VARAC CONCOURS

"VINTAGE MEMOIRS"  
SUNDAY JULY 7 1991

SHANNONVILLE MOTORSPORT PARK  
(13 KMS EAST OF BELLEVILLE)

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

VARAC VINTAGE FESTIVAL JULY 5,6,7 1991  
"3 DAYS OF VINTAGE CAR RACING!"

Registration	7:30 AM	to	10:30 AM
Judging	10:00 AM	to	11:30 AM
Awards & Lapping Session			12:00 NOON

CLASSES

A	pre 1972 Sports Cars
B	post 1971 Sports Cars
C	pre 1972 Touring & Grand Touring
D	post 1971 Touring & Grand Touring
E	Sedans
F	Race Cars

Trophies & professional photo(8x10) awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each class. All participants will receive a HIGH RESOLUTION LASER dash plaque.

AWARDS FOR PEOPLES CHOICE IN ALL CLASSES  
OLDEST CAR  
FURTHEST TRAVELLED  
MOST CLUB POINTS  
(includes group photo for each participating club member)

\*\*\*\*\*RAFFLE PRIZES DURING JUDGING \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*AWARD PRESENTATIONS TRACK SIDE\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* 3 LAPS OF TRACK \*\*\*\*\*

Concours entry fee of \$15.00 includes driver's spectator/pit pass for Sunday's races; \$7.00 will be donated to CHILDRENS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION. Additional passes \$10.00 per person, available at the track.

SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH \$15.00 CHEQUE  
PAYABLE TO VARAC CONCOURS  
to

ROBERT TARZWELL  
R.R. # 6, SMITHS FALLS  
ONTARIO K7A 4S7





# OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB RENEWAL NOTICE

Your membership in the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club will expire shortly. Please take a moment to send your renewal cheque. In addition we ask that you complete the following questionnaire. Your answers will better help the Executive plan for your needs.

Have you been satisfied with the activities of the club? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
If No, what activities would you like to see organized?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you attended any of the monthly meetings? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
Would you prefer more;  
Video/Slide Shows \_\_; Tech Tips\_\_; Guest Speakers\_\_; General Bull\_\_.  
Other; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to help organize any club activities? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
If Yes, what would you prefer to get involved in?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on attending the Sixth Canadian Classic this summer? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
What activities would you like to see organized for this Summer?  
Fun Rally \_\_; Scavenger Hunt \_\_; Picnic \_\_; Pool Party \_\_; Weekend Getaway \_\_;  
Other; \_\_\_\_\_

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## Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: (Res) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number
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### Triumph Car(s) Owned

	Model	Year	Commission No.	Cond.*
(1)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____	_____

<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>
<small>Annual membership dues are \$20.00 Regular, \$50.00 Corporate. Please make cheques payable to the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club, and mail to Clive Law, 55 Abingdon Dr., Nepean, Ont., K2K 7M5</small>

\*Condition Codes: O - Original R - Restored B - Being Restored P - Parts Car

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# 2nd Annual Ottawa Classic Sportscar Fair

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Rideau Arena, Manotick  
30 km South of Ottawa

Entry: \$2.50  
(incl GST)

June 23, 1991  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

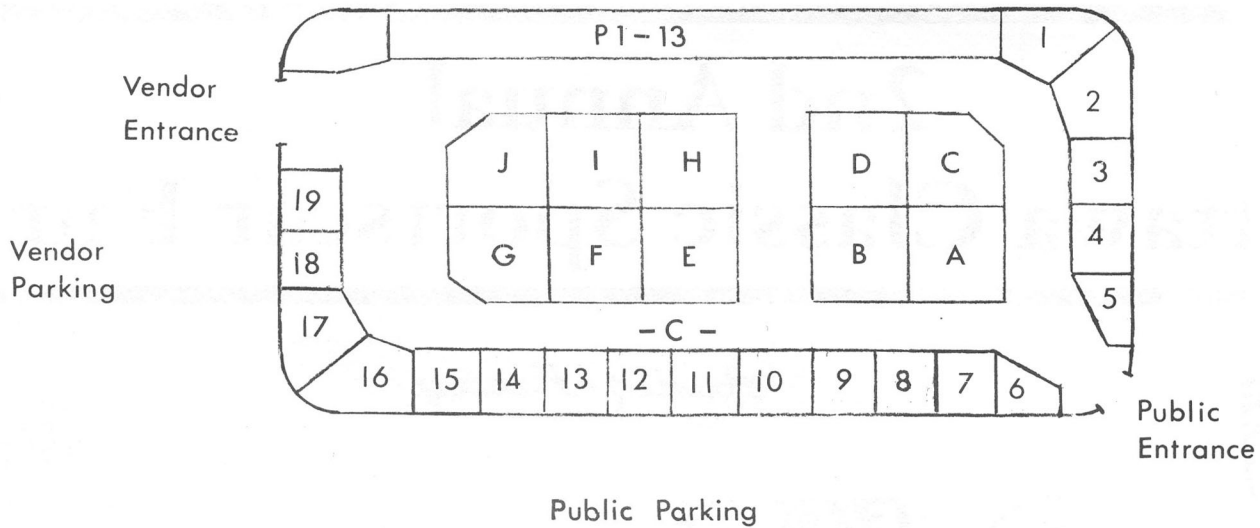
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**Indoors:**

- Vendor sales/promotion
- Private flea market
- Club displays

**Outdoors:** Free sportscar show, shine & sale corral

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**Indoor Booth**

**Size**

**Cost**

C1-C19 Commercial	15'x15'	\$75 (\$70.10 + 4.90 GST)
P1-P13 Private	10'x10'	\$30 (\$28.04 + 1.96 GST)
A - J Club	20'x20'	FREE
Table Rental	5'x3'	\$5 (\$4.67 + 0.33 GST)

Commercial: New or used parts, restoration services. Private: Used parts only.

**SPORTSCAR CLUBS!:** Promote your club **FREE!** Ten 20'x20' spaces available for show of two cars plus promotional activities. No parts sales please.

**Trophy to be awarded by public ballot for most imaginative club display.**

Reservation form below must be received by May 31, 1991 with full payment by cheque, money order, or Visa. Please book early to ensure space choice is granted. Send to J&E Classic Sportscar Enterprises Inc., P.O.Box 160, Manotick, Ont. KOA 2N0. Co-ordinator: John Carr, (613) 692-6277.

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**Space Reservation Form**

Please check appropriate area(s):

Commercial \_\_\_\_\_, Private \_\_\_\_\_, Club \_\_\_\_\_, Table \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ Enclosed is cheque/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Please charge my Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Authorized signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_





## OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Dear Member

To order club regalia, please complete the attached form and mail to Pat Mills, Regalia Coordinator, 53 Etterick Cr., Nepean, Ontario, K2J 1E9, (613) 825-1698

Because of our limited finances not all items are in stock at all times – feel free to call Pat to confirm availability, and in the case of clothing, sizes. All clothing includes a three-colour imprint of the club crest. Prices shown include any applicable taxes.

If you have any suggestions about regalia that you would like to see made available to the membership, please let Pat know.

Please send me the following OVTC regalia;

Description	Size					Qty	Unit Price	Total
	s	m	l	xl	xxl			
Golf Shirt							\$ 22.00	
T-Shirt							\$ 20.00	
Sweat Shirt							\$ 20.00	
Window Decal							\$ 4.00	
Grille Badge							n/a	
Cloth Crest							n/a	
Other _____								
(n/a = not yet available)							TOTAL	\$

I am paying by     cash     cheque

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROV \_\_\_\_\_