

OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB
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Next Meeting (July 24)

I would like to report that Harris Popplewell has very graciously offered to host this month's (Wednesday, July 24) regular meeting. The address is 48 Burnbank St. in Nepean. Phone # 225-4280. A map to the Popplewell residence is attached for your convenience. The format will be a pool party and guests are asked to bring along their trunks, towels etc., and B.Y.O.B. The fun is scheduled to start at 7:30 pm. This will be the last meeting before the Classic, so bring along your cheque books and/or Visa numbers. The OVTC 'press gang' will be on hand to sign up any new registrants for the Classic. Thanks in advance to Harris and Marie for their kind offer to host this function.

Monthly Meeting Agendas - Malcolm Brown

I would like to put forth an idea to the membership that applies to all regularly scheduled, fourth Wednesday of the month meetings. In order to better distribute the responsibility of meeting agendas, I would like to suggest that individuals, or groups of individuals, be assigned to setting meeting agendas. The format can be left entirely up to the discretion of the individual or group, but could include all of the usual meeting venues such as technical discussions, guest speakers, video/slide presentations, driving tours, or casual get togethers at some predetermined location (e.g., Canadian Tire, someones house/garage). As a further idea relating to technical discussions, a small team (say 2 or 3) could select a topic, for example distributor systems. They could then research the topic with the intent of providing a short presentation to the membership. The presentation could include an overview of distributor principles (i.e., how and why they work - or not, eh Joe) common problems and trouble shooting techniques etc. This in no way should be limited to the more technically competent. In fact, it would probably be more beneficial to non-technical members, as it would improve their knowledge and skills in a given area. In addition to this, other non-technical listeners would probably have a better chance of understanding the topic as the presenters would not be as inclined to get lost in the jargon. Remember Terry's Suck, Squeeze, Bang, Blooiee! With our current membership (numbering approximately 65 full time members) individuals or groups would not have to worry about any more than about one meeting every two years (or more). I believe this would also help to promote the OVTC by getting more people directly involved in running club meetings and events. Comments?

Classic Update - Malcolm Brown

For the rest of this month's newsletter, I have made the 'executive' decision to preempt any of our regular news items, to bring the membership up to date on some very important facts about the Sixth Annual Canadian Classic. My profuse apologies to anyone who has submitted material for inclusion in this issue of the newsletter. The regular newsletter will resume once the Classic is over.

We are now less than four weeks away from the Sixth Annual Canadian Classic. Since it is so rapidly approaching, I thought it would be appropriate to provide a status report, and in particular, an update on registration. As of July 2, the number of cars registered totals 73. While this may not seem like an unreasonable number, we are still only half of the total numbers registered for the Kingston 1989 event. The statistics, as follows, are all the more revealing (and totally surprising):



Sixth Annual Canadian Classic
 Ottawa, Aug. 1991

Fourth Annual Canadian Classic
 Kingston, Aug., 1989

Club/Origin	No. Registered	%	No. Registered	%
OVTC	21	28.8	12	8.4
TTC (including B 'n B)	26	35.6	80	55.9
U.S.A	23	31.5	47	32.9
Other (e.g., Montreal etc.)	---	---	---	---
Total	73	100%	143	100%

After reviewing these numbers myself, I really don't know which is worse. The TTC with only about 6% of its total membership registered (based on roughly 450 members), or the OVTC with only 30% (OVTC membership now numbers approximately 65). I can understand to a certain extent the fact that TTC members do have a rather long drive, but look at the number of U.S. registrants! Some of these are faced with much longer distances to travel, with participants arriving from Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York state. So far, our American friends have been consistent and have shown a lot more enthusiasm for our own events than we do. Hurray for the Americans! Now, compare all this to the level of participation at the Fourth Annual Canadian Classic held in Kingston in August of 1989. What happened?! TTC had approximately 80 participants at the Kingston event. Come on TTC, Ottawa is ONLY two hours more! I know, like everyone else, that the economy is very soft right now but after all, this is officially, a TTC event, with **TTC MONEY TO BE LOST, OR RECOUPED.**

All this aside though, I am especially baffled, and disappointed, when I consider our own OVTC numbers. For the OVTC, there is NO distance to be travelled, and hotel expenses are purely optional. Again, compare our current rate of participation to that of 1989. Since that time, we have almost **Quadrupled Our Membership** and yet, so far, we have attracted only NINE more registrants than 1989. And this is to an event that is occurring in our OWN BACKYARD! I know this is a busy time of year, and obviously many people have alternate vacation plans, but I can't believe that we cannot achieve at least a 50% participation rate from our own membership. A SIGNIFICANT amount of effort has gone into the planning of this event, and a really top notch agenda has been put together. This is all the direct result of the efforts of a few very hard working individuals from the OVTC which has been ongoing for almost two years.

Let me just try to drive home the significance of some of what I am trying to say here regarding registration. I mentioned in the last newsletter when I made my appeal with the General's help (so much for the humorous approach), that in order for certain things to take place as planned, we needed **NUMBERS**. Contrary to popular belief, this is not just to have the longest convoy. To be more specific, we require a minimum of 200 people (from roughly 100 car entries) at the banquet in order to make it worth while for the hotel to go through all the set up. Remember, this is to be an outdoor barbecue, set up under a marquee tent, with dinner and dancing. All of the set up, barbecues etc. is imbedded in the price of the meal from the hotel. We are already selling tickets at a loss in order to make the price more attractive. At \$19 and \$22 for chicken and beef respectively, I think this is a pretty fair deal. In one week, I have to notify the hotel as to the estimated number of guests for the banquet. I have already delivered the \$300 deposit to the catering manager at the Chimo Hotel. If we don't get our 200 people for dinner, we, or should I say the TTC, are going to take a financial 'bath'. Regardless of how many people actually show up to the banquet, we will be charged for 200. According to our current rate of registration, and the fact that not every registrant has signed up for the banquet, we are falling well short of that target. The alternative of

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course is to cancel the barbecue, but I don't think anyone wants that to happen, nor would it be fair to those who have already registered. Perhaps we should invite the MG club to come and join us.

Bill Gray, founder of the TTC, but now residing in Kingston, has been working very hard trying to attract major sponsors. At the same time, we have had discussions with Brits & Pieces and Obsolete Automotive to see about having a parts store, a popular attraction in past years. However, both vendors have concluded that, based on the level of response, there is insufficient justification for them to bring all those parts to Ottawa. All I can say is, pity!

I can only repeat myself one more time. If you have any intentions at all about attending any part, or all of the Classic, please do not hesitate any longer. To any member who's registration form my already be in the mail, I offer my apologies for belabouring this point, and look forward to receiving it. All us in the OVTC want this to event to be a great success. For a relatively new club, it has been quite an undertaking, if not perhaps a bit overly ambitious. However, we have already proven that with a bit of hard work, we can pull it off! C'mon OVTC, lets show our American friends we are capable of supporting our own events as much as they do.

The Classic Concours - Clive Law

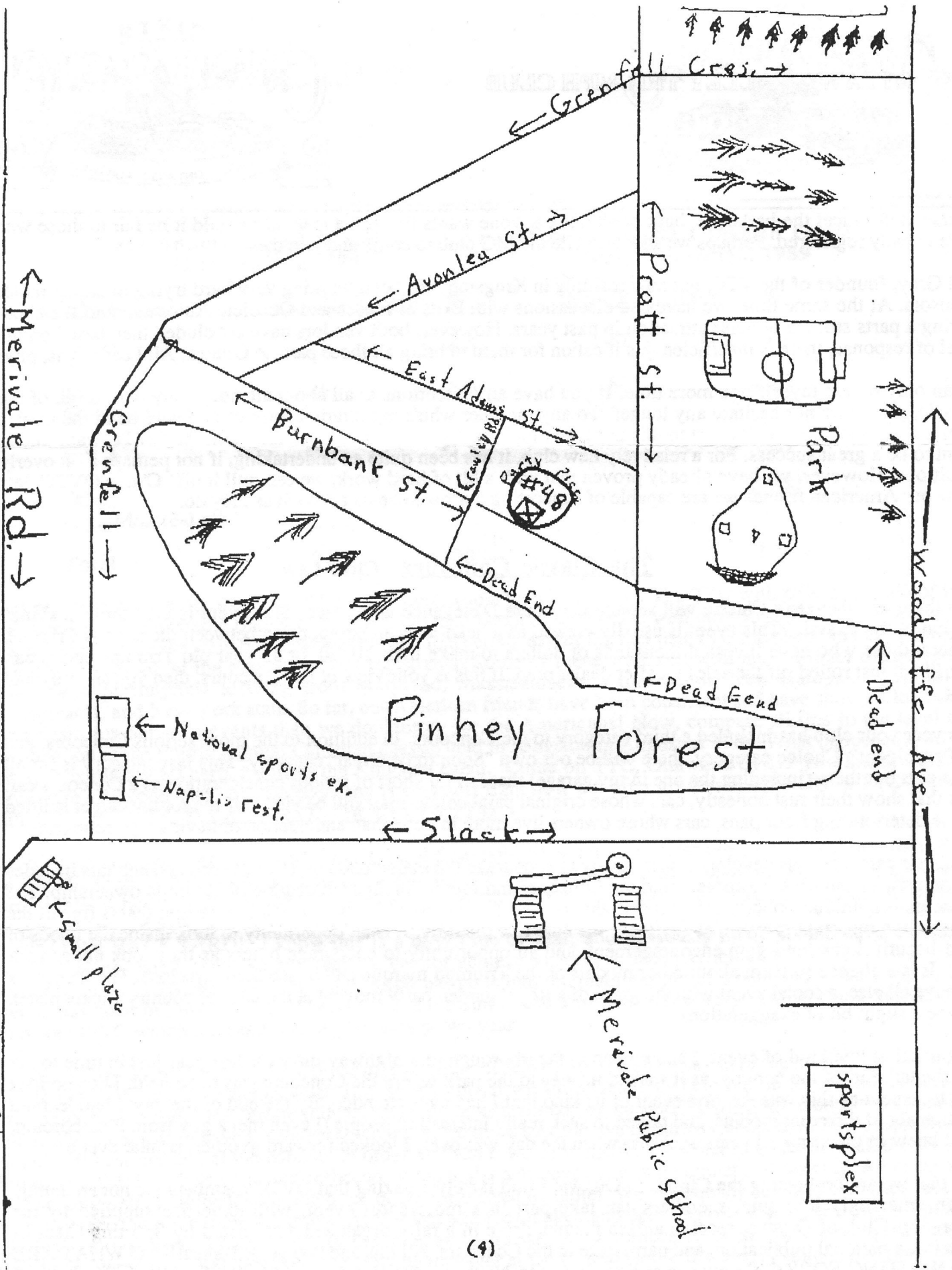
Day three of this year's Classic will see the Concours D'elegance take place. This event is the "show 'n shine" portion of the Classic. This event is usually viewed as a head-to-head competition between the serious Triumph owners, those who have invested thousands of dollars to make their 10, 20, or 30 year old Triumph sports car, look like it just rolled off the sales lot after dealer prep. If this is your view of the Concours, then you are only half right.

This year your club has included a third category to the Concours. In addition to the more serious Concours, and the Participant's Choice category, there will be our own "Soon to be Great" category. This last category is for all those cars out there (including the one in my garage) that fall far short of serious consideration as a Concours car. Cars that show their rust honestly, cars whose original paint colour may still be visible if the rotting carpet is lifted off the deteriorating floor pans, cars whose owners live more in hope than anticipation of having a pristine car.

This latter category was developed specifically to encourage the mainstream of Triumph drivers, and this includes the majority of our club, to come out to the Concours and join in on the camaraderie of Triumph ownership. The Concours is a unique opportunity to meet other owners from across North America in a setting that is free of the hustle of the motorsport event, and without the bustle of the rally. It is an opportunity to look inside the hoods of some beautiful cars and gain encouragement, and an opportunity to encourage others as they look under your hood. It is a chance to learn about other models of the Triumph marque and to see them up close. The Concours is, above all else, a social event with the grace of a Royal garden party moving at the pace of country cricket match (maybe a slight bit of exaggeration).

As is usual at this kind of event, I showed up at Peterborough in a highway-dirty car last year just in time to tag onto the tail-end of the convoy, as it snaked its way to the park where the Concours was to be held. I had no idea what to expect as this was the first event of its kind that I had ever attended. By the end of the day, I had learned so much about different models, and talked to such really interesting people (I even met a guy from Peterborough who I knew in the army 12 years ago) that when the day was over, I looked forward to other, similar events.

Now that we are co-hosting the Classic in Ottawa, I find it truly amazing that OVTC members are not attending. For an amazingly low sum, members can take part in a motorsport event, with expertise supplied by the Motorsport Club of Ottawa, receive a dash plaque, drive in a rally organized and hosted by Sporting Classics magazine, a national publication, and participate in the Concours. All this and you get a T-shirt!!! SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? Call now and register your car. Next year the Classic could be held in Windsor and you'll be kicking yourself for not having attended this one.



Made by: Peter Popplewell

**THE TORONTO TRIUMPH CLUB &
THE OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB
PRESENT**

THE 6TH ANNUAL CANADIAN CLASSIC

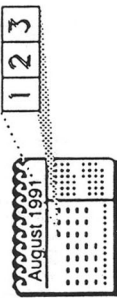
THE TORONTO TRIUMPH CLUB, in conjunction with THE OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB, invite you to attend the SIXTH ANNUAL CANADIAN CLASSIC, August 1, 2, 3, 1991, in Ottawa, Ontario.

This years Classic takes place in Ottawa, the Nation's Capital. The host hotel, the Chimo Hotel is conveniently located and is only minutes from downtown Ottawa and the main business district.

This is the first year that the Classic will be co-hosted by another club. Building upon the highly successful Kingston and Peterborough events of 1989 and 1990 respectively, we promise the same high level of organization and enthusiasm for 1991. There will be fun and excitement for the entire family. The fun begins with our *Motorsport Event* where Triumph owners can test their driving skills. There will be a *Picturesque Tour and Fun Rally* around the Ottawa Valley area with a stop for a picnic lunch. There will be an *Ottawa River Boat Cruise with Theme Dance*. This event is limited to only 150, so please reserve your tickets early. Experience a ride aboard a genuine London double decker bus and MUCH MUCH MORE.

Saturday will be the big day for shinning and showing at the annual *'Concours D'elegance'*. We have reserved Victoria Island Park with its breathtaking view overlooking the Ottawa River, the Parliament buildings and the Ottawa Skyline. We top off Saturday with the annual *'Awards Banquet & Dance'*. In keeping with the spirit of summer, this year's event features an outdoor barbeque.

Plan now to join in on the fun and excitement at the PREMIER TRIUMPH EVENT of the year.



we promise.... **CAPITAL Fun in Ninety-One!**

**EVENTS
August 1st through to the 3rd, 1991**

- Wednesday** • Early registration and reception
- Thursday**
 - Motor sport event
 - British Pub night
- Friday**
 - Scenic drive (Tour de Gaineau')
 - Picnic lunch
 - Fun rally/photo of participants' cars
 - Ottawa River boat cruise
 - Theme dance (*'he's a Lumber Jack and he's O.K.'*)
- Saturday**
 - Panoramic picture
 - Annual Concours D'elegance
 - Participants' choice voting
 - Annual Awards Banquet & dance
- Sunday**
 - 'Tailgate' brunch
 - Homeward bound

Welcome to Ottawa **our Nation's Capital**

We have reserved 150 rooms at the Chimo Hotel and 50 at the adjoining WelcomInns from the 31st July through to the 3rd of August, 1991. The Chimo Hotel features an indoor pool, fitness area, licensed lounges, and a choice for your dining pleasure.

The Chimo has provided us with group rates. Rooms are \$82.00, for up to 4 people (Chimo Hotel) and \$70.00 (WelcomInns). Please book directly with the hotel by June 22, 1991 to ensure the group rate, and mention the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club.



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REGISTRATION

Name(s).....
Address.....
City.....
Prov/State.....
Postal/Zipcode.....
Bus:..... Res:.....
Triumph:..... Year:.....
Club Affiliation(s):.....

Registration: Before June 22 After
Single: \$30 \$40
Couple: \$35 \$45
Will be attending Thu Fri Sat

T-Shirts: one FREE T-shirt with each person registered
Quantity: S..... M..... L..... XL.....

Extra T-shirt are \$12 each
Sweat shirts are \$22 each

Quantity: S..... M..... L..... XL.....

Boat Cruise: — @ \$10.....

Awards Banquet & Dance:

BBQ steak: — @ \$22.....
BBQ chicken: — @ \$19.....
Extra T-shirts — @ \$12.....
Sweat shirts: — @ \$22.....

TOTAL AMOUNT: :

VISA Account:.....
Expiry Date:.....
Signature:.....


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MAIL REGISTRATION (CHEQUE OR VISA), PAYABLE TO THE TORONTO TRIUMPH CLUB, TO:

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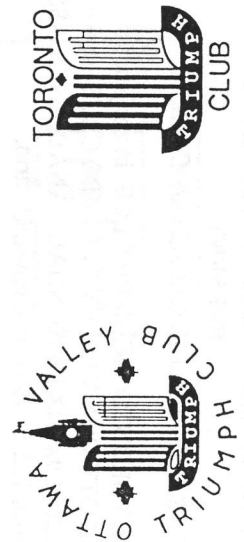
 Proof of car insurance is required to participate in any of the moving auto events. Tech & safety inspections will be conducted.

"I am aware of the hazards associated with motor vehicle events and specifically release the Toronto Triumph Club Inc., the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club, their officers and members from any claims and actions on account of any injury, death or damage occurring before, during or after the 1991 Canadian Classic held August 1st through the 3rd, 1991".

Signature of Registrant:

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WE MUST HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR REGISTRATION





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SPECIAL BULLETIN

We inadvertently omitted the invitation to members to participate in the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the foundation of the Town of Perth, in the current newsletter.

We really, really, really need your support in this matter. We promised the Parade 15-20 Triumph Sports Cars from the OVTC (That is 25-30% of our current membership of 68). **A commemorative dash plaque will be awarded to all participants.**

There are many other events going on that day, Saturday July 20th, including a Hot Air Balloon Festival, Pancake Breakfast, Fastball Tournament, Museum Events, Teddy Bear Picnic, Antique Show, Antique Boats Arrival in the Tay Basin, Childrens Ballet Show, Bavarian Gardens, Horse Racing, Childrens Circus, Legion Bar-B-Q, OPP Golden Helmets, Dance, OPP Pipes and Drums, etc. . .

Thanks to members Brown, Cameron, Carr, Dale, Dallaire, Hamilton, Huddleson, Lashley, Russell, Vance and Young, who have already indicated support by coming, rain or shine.

We start at 1:30PM at Brown Shoe manufacturing plant on Sunset Blvd., Perth. From Hwy 7 at Perth, turn left at 2nd Light (Wilson St/Hwy 43) and then a right at 2nd light (Sunset Blvd.).

Please contact Bruce Young at (1) 264-0771 or FAX at (1) 264-8360, so that your name can be added to the list. This is an excellent outing for the whole family. Members can consider driving out in their Triumph, while your Significant Other can follow in the family car with the kids.

The Roadster Factory Summer Party

The Roadster Factory is once again having a summer party in Armagh, PA. Several OVTC members (Law, Corbett, Benco, Huddleson) will be driving down to take part in the festivities. Please contact Clive at 820-7350 if you would like to join the convoy.

REGISTER FOR THE CLASSIC NOW!!!