



OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB JANUARY 1993

Editor's Babble:

It won't be long now, folks. The days are getting longer, and soon it'll be time to "start your engines." My own project (the unseen '6) will soon be moving along. I delayed work prior to Christmas when I bought Lori a 6-week old puppy. Evenings go by so fast now since we got the pup. Once spring comes and the dog can be outside more, I can be inside (the garage) more. It won't be easy, but if possible my six can go from snowbound to 'Stowe-bound' in 1993. Stay tuned ...

January 25th Meeting:

It was good to see many of you read this newsletter, judging by the attendance on our first Monday meeting. Derek opened the meeting and proceeded with the order of business. In roughly chronological order, these were:

The Prez's Mutterings and Thoughts aloud (by Derek):

This is not going to be a monthly insertion, so look after the newsletters these are in - they may be collector's items some day.

I was wondering aloud at one meeting (I think that I was overheard), that seeing as we had a goodly membership that more members may like to take part in the monthly presentations, giving the usual "know-it-all's" a rest. This could be achieved by splitting the membership list into appropriate monthly groups (save the Classic and Xmas months). Our esteemed membership chief could divide the list and send it to our faithful scribe (*that's me!* - Ed.) to print, thereby letting all & sundry know what group and month they are to be called upon.

Not all the group need to take part but those who had any ideas could bat them about & keep score, then those who can baffle the crowd with speech could present the subject, being loosely connected to Triumphs. This is to be a fun, informative approach.

If this could be achieved, then groups would know months in advance and could thus be well prepared. The start could be tough, but I am sure there are many who could help the first crews.

This could keep our club a lively one as there could be knowledge of what the subject matter would be, unless said team wanted to advertise in the newsletter (reasonable rates!). Props, outside speakers, magicians, animal acts, whatever.

Other thoughts ...

Way back when, in the September newsletter, Fred Pantalone wrote of a trip to Nova Scotia & the Cabot Trail.

Perhaps this could be the start of the Stowe weekend & perhaps someone from the OVTC would win 'longest distance travelled', perhaps all of us! I did hear that a couple of ladies really unwound at Stowe last year, and that only coming from Ottawa. What would they be like after a trip around the Trail beforehand?

Membership Report:

Our membership secretary, Dave Huddleson, reports that the current number of members presently in the club numbers 65. This is down somewhat from our Canadian Classic era high of mid-eighties, but that was expected to wane after the excitement died down. Dave and I also are pleased to report that mailing labels and other assorted membership information will also flow much freer, as he has ironed the glitches out of the database program he was using. Another victory for technology!

Brian Mills Ignition Demonstration:

Anyone not at the meeting last month missed the demonstration to end all demonstrations! Brian Mills, the 'Bruno' in 'Bruno & Bruno' (I'll leave it to you to decide which one) gave us an intensive exploration into what keeps them little TR hamsters firing. The seminar was replete with a distributor testing device Brian parlayed from a high school auto shop years ago, and didn't stop there. Ignitions were Brian's specialty when at college, and he proved it at the meeting ("Almost like my high-school physics class," I thought at one point. "No, wait a minute - I passed high-school physics!"). Brian included samples of different distributor types, faulty distributor caps, and a set of green ignition wires, not one of which he said were any good. ("Why keep 'em, then?" came a cry from one of the OVTC 'Ladies' Auxiliary', which was in rare form that evening). Despite the heckles from the wives at the back of the room, who obviously cannot appreciate the intricacies of ignitions, Brian's seminar was enjoyed by all.

"Dr. Dale's Car Clinic":

Here once again is our 'tech talk' feature column by that 'master of the spanner', Terry Dale. I gave Terry a Xmas present by not requesting a column from him, but we're into a new year now, and Terry once again cheerfully put pen to paper (to which I put to PC) for this edition:

Thought I'd spend a few minutes on unravelling some of the mysteries of tires.

There are three different kinds of construction, or ways of building the 'carcass' of a tire. Layers of cloth, or 'plies', are laid down around a slowly turning drum and cut as the ends meet - called the 'splice'. The second layer

of cloth is then laid down over the first layer with the cord of the two layers intersecting each other at an angle - or on the 'bias'. This type of construction allows for a lot of tread movement, shortening tread life and impairing traction, so in the late sixties a strong reinforcing 'belt' of steel, fiberglass or similar was included in the building process and laid down under the actual moulded tire tread. This stiffened the tread greatly, improving the mileage and handling figures and was referred to as a "bias-belted tire."

The third way of constructing a tire is by having the cords in the carcass plies run from one edge of the tire around and over to the other edge, or bead. In other words, the cords run 'radially' to the rim - thus a 'radial' tire. There is also a reinforcing belt under the tread to provide support. The advantage to this type of construction is in the flexibility of the sidewalls. In cornering, the walls of a radial tire 'flex', allowing the tire patch to stay flat on the road. A stiffer bias-ply type tire will instead 'pick up' the tread, lessening the amount of tire in actual contact with the pavement with predictable results in loss of traction.

The single biggest 'killer' of tires, which everyone (including me!) is guilty of? TIRE PRESSURE! Under- and over-inflation and adjusting pressures for different loads will definitely extend tire life, possibly your life and surely contribute to a better riding, better handling vehicle. Check your tires often with a good-quality gauge.

Anyone busy October 2-3, 1993?

I received a letter from Colin McCallum, our friend from Barry's Bay, just prior to the meeting. He provided the following letter to be presented at the meeting and for inclusion in the newsletter. I am only happy to oblige:

To: The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club,

On the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of October 1993, I would like to run a two-day fun rally in Renfrew County.

The rally would start in the town of Renfrew and run approximately 200km to Chippewa Lodge near the village of Barry's Bay. It would then return via another route the following day covering approximately the same distance.

The route covers some of the most beautiful and scenic areas of Renfrew County. There are rolling, twisting roads and very little traffic. All the roads on the planned route are paved with the enjoyment of both driver and passenger in mind.

Chippewa Lodge, the proposed half way point, is a family owned business located on Kamaniskeg Lake. The accommodation is 2 and 3 bedroom cabins with fireplaces, carpeting and 4 piece bathrooms and a main lodge with a dining room.

At present the rally is in its infant stage. Would you canvas our members for their interest in the rally? I am not looking for commitments at this stage, just the level of interest so I have some numbers with which to work.

Would you respond before the end of March '93 and advise if there is any interest in the Club. Thank you.

Colin has sent copies of the letter to other local car clubs, so this could really be a big event. This also would be just about the last event of the season as well (weather permitting!), and follows the Stowe weekend by a couple of weeks. We'll be discussing this further at the February meeting, but anyone who cannot attend but is interested can contact our Special Events Coordinator, Juliano Benco, at 727-8113.

Regalia:

The crests are in!! Our initial order of 100 OVTC crests are in, and they look great! As a result, they're going fast (Lori and I got our three already). Don't miss the next meeting to get yours. Depending on the latent demand after the first 100 crests are gone, we'll decide at that time whether to order some more. Pat Mills' suitcase is lighter these days, but she still has some Gatsby hats, ball caps and window decals to offer. For those of you who want something to wear this spring and summer, Pat is looking into ordering more golf shirts, sweaters and the like. Details (prices, etc.) in next month's letter.

Memorial for Gary and Krista Hunt

Many of you have heard of the tragic mishap which claimed the lives of Gary Hunt and his 6-year old daughter Krista. Gary, a member of the Ottawa Motorsport club, was clearing a track for ice racing on the Ottawa River January 17th when, despite sufficient ice thickness near the track area, the truck broke through the ice in an area where fast currents resulted in thin ice. Terry Dale, our good friend and OVTC member, is also President of the Ottawa Motorsport club. Out of respect for the memory of Gary and Krista, the OVTC membership agreed at the January meeting to donate the profits from the sale of the crests (\$100) to their memory. Anyone who wishes to make a personal donation can call Terry (224-6913) for details.

Ancaster British Sportscar Flea Market & Car Show:

This annual event kicks off the 1993 summer season with one of the biggest flea markets in Ontario. Although the drive is a tad far (Ancaster is due south of Hamilton), it's well worth it if your after that hard-to-get item. The Date for this year's show is Sunday, April 18th.

Carlisle Import & Replicar Show:

This event, on the weekend of May 14th-16th, 1993, also coincides with the TR8 National Register, so guess who from the OVTC will be there? We'll get Dave, Joe and Bruce to tell us all about it in June!

4th Annual Ottawa Classic Sportscar Show:

John Carr, our local automotive publisher (*Sporting Classics & Auto Restoration*) was at the January meeting to announce the date for the **4th Annual Ottawa Classic Sportscar Show**. This event has quickly become one of the area's largest and best venues for classic car owners and clubs to gather and view a wide variety of marques. (also, considering the weather last summer, it's one of the driest events in the area!)

The date for this year's Show is **Sunday, June 27th, 1993**. The location this year is different, however: the Show will be at the **Richmond Fairgrounds**, Richmond, Ontario. It seems the old location at the Manotick Arena was already taken, but Manotick's loss is our gain. John says the Richmond location this year will offer more space than before, with indoor and outdoor trade stands, larger outdoor club displays, a Show, Shine and Sale area, a Flea Market, plus free parking and much more! This has always been a popular event the past three years, with many interesting cars in attendance (I was particular keen for the Jensen-Healey Sport Coupe there last year!). The entry fee is \$2.50 (incl. GST), so you can't go wrong. Mark your calendars and come on out!

(P.S. we're also interested in hearing your ideas on a club display for this year's show. We can't let the Morgan club win again with their tired old display, so let's hear from all of you!)

Vintage Memoirs Car Show - Shannonville:

This event is scheduled for July 3rd-5th, 1993 at Shannonville Motorsport Park, just east of Belleville off the 401. For \$20.00 you get a race pass, and you get to see a lot of vintage racing down there. Cars of yesteryear are put through their paces, while others (like several from the OVTC, Boot'n'Bonnet, etc.) lounge around in the fields, just **looking good** (Sunday only). A weekend well spent if you enjoy old cars and old car races.

The 8th Annual Canadian Classic:

Bruce Young had with him an advance flyer for this year's Canadian Classic. The location for the 1993 meet is Burlington, Ontario, the 'Gateway to the Niagara Peninsula.' The Classic for this year is to be held on July 29th to August 1st of 1993. The Classic is to mark the 40th anniversary of the TR2, and is hoping to assemble the largest single gathering of TR2s in Canada (ie. more than 4!). Seriously though, for anyone who has not been to that region of Ontario before, you are in for a treat, provided you don't travel all the way on the 401. The "Ladies' Auxiliary" also seemed rather keen on another planned event - namely the Winery tours! Registration fees for the Classic are: \$35 for a single (\$45 after June 15), and \$45 per couple (\$55 after the 15th). A large block of rooms has been set aside at the Venture Inn, Burlington-on-the-Lake, at a rate of \$64.00 (\$Cdn.) per night. Potential attendees are advised to book directly with the Inn (416-681-0762)

by April 30th, and to mention the TTC Classic as well as the group rate.

Roadster Factory Summer Picnic, Armagh, Pa.:

This year's party is the weekend of August 14-15, 1993. More details will follow, or you can call (814) 446-4423 for the goods yourself.

Boot'n'Bonnet British Car Day - Kingston:

This event, well attended by the OVTC in '92, is again at Grass Creek Park, east of Kingston. This year's British Car Day is Sunday, August 16th.

BRITISH INVASION at STOWE:

Excuse the capital letters, but this has GOT to be the trip you've been waiting for! Nine vehicles from the OVTC attended last year's show, with virtually half of them winning awards, including Clive's 1st place in the TR6 category. The drive down was great, the weather superb, and even the hangovers went away fast! Let's see if this year's event will be the 'OVTC Invasion'!!

Ontario British Car Council:

Clive recently forwarded me a letter he received from a Mr. Ed Moody of Toronto. In the letter, Ed proposed the formation of a **British Car Council** comprising all the various British car clubs throughout the province (including the remote OVTC!). The idea of such a council would be to "better open the lines of communication amongst the various clubs."

A meeting to discuss the formation of the Council has been set at the following time and place:

Sunday, February 28th, 1993
Jack Russell Pub
27 Wellesley St., East (TORONTO)

If anyone is able to attend this meeting, please let me know ASAP. If not, I can reply at an address provided in the letter. I will see if it is possible for Steve Challinor, our VP, currently in T.O. on course until April, to possibly attend.

For Sale:

Red 1956 TR2
Very good to excellent condition
Asking: \$17,000 o.b.o.
Contact: Fred Pantalone
Phone: (902) 275-5997
(office)

CORNWALL, ON - The 1993 Victoria Day weekend will offer automobile owners and enthusiasts an event to remember. This is an international show and competition for sportscars, classics and antique autos and is scheduled as one of the first major events after the long winter. We expect over 500 vehicles to attend.

Cornwall is a border city and offers much to the exhibitors and visitors of this event. The show will be held downtown on the shores of the St. Lawrence River in Lamoureux Park, one of the finest green areas of the region. Centered on the grounds is the Cornwall Civic Complex with full services including bar and fine dining. Exhibitors will receive special consideration during this show.

The main show will be held on Sunday, May 23 with all exhibitors in place by 10 am. Monday will be a games day with various auto related competitions including a tail-gate picnic in period costume of the automobile. Guests who wish to arrive Saturday and meet up with fellow club members are invited to attend a pre-show welcoming. Details will be in your show guide.

For the ladies, the Executive VIP Suite with adjoining lounge area will be available throughout the day; various demonstrations will be ongoing. As well, we have invited members of two craft guilds to sell their wares. Across the street from the park is the Cornwall Square; Cornwall's largest shopping centre with Sunday shopping.

On ground level in the Salon overlooking the show area, seminars relating to the industry will be presented Sunday afternoon. Commercial displays will be present in the salon Sunday and Monday for the convenience of the exhibitors and visitors.

There will be an auto parts flea market on the grounds. Those interested in vendor space MUST contact the organizers by April 15th to reservé space. The fee is \$25.00 per table.

ALL PARTICIPATING VEHICLES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED so that organizers can prepare appropriate parking. To keep the show as an event for the exhibitors, entry fees will be low at \$10.00 per vehicle. All classes will be judged by people's choice ballots issued to all exhibitors. A display-only area will be provided on the grounds for those who prefer not to compete in the show. As well, another area will be designated for the parking of vehicles for sale. The general public will be encouraged to view the exhibits and will have the opportunity to cast one vote for the "My Dream Car" class.

Cornwall has many hotels/ motels for exhibitors who plan to attend two or three days. The Holiday Inn and Best Western are full service hotels with fine dining facilities and many amenities. We are holding an Early Bird draw for all participants who register by March 15th; the prize will be accommodation for one night, double occupancy, at your choice of either hotel. Other area hotels will be listed in your show guide. You are encouraged to book early to ensure a room. Please be sure to tell your hotel/motel that you are in town for the car show to be part of the room blocks.

All registered exhibitors will receive a show guide detailing a schedule of events, a source directory, club listings, and maps pointing out local services and activities not related to the show as a service to out-of-town visitors.

The organizers would encourage input from the regional car clubs or individual members so that exhibitors have a show suited to their interests. Please direct all comments and suggestions to:

CAN AM 1993 AUTO SPECTACULAR - RR 3, Chrysler, Ontario Canada K0A 1R0
or phone: 613-987-5475 or fax: 613-987-5516

Official Registration to participate in **CAN AM 1993 AUTO SPECTACULAR**

I wish to enter the regular competition being held on Sunday May 23rd, 1993.

I wish to enter my automobile as a display only and do not want to compete in any of the classes.

I wish to park my car in the FOR SALE corral
OR

Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Make of Automobile: _____

Model: _____ Year: _____

Owner's name, if different from above: _____

Insurance company: _____

List names of your party attending to receive your entry badges in your kit

Do you have a preferred topic or speaker for the seminars? Any other suggestions?

Enclosed is my \$10.00 entry fee per vehicle (competition, display only, for sale corral)

Enclosed: full colour photo of my automobile(s) for the poster competition

Date _____ Signature: _____

The following person(s) would possibly be interested in receiving a registration package:

