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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

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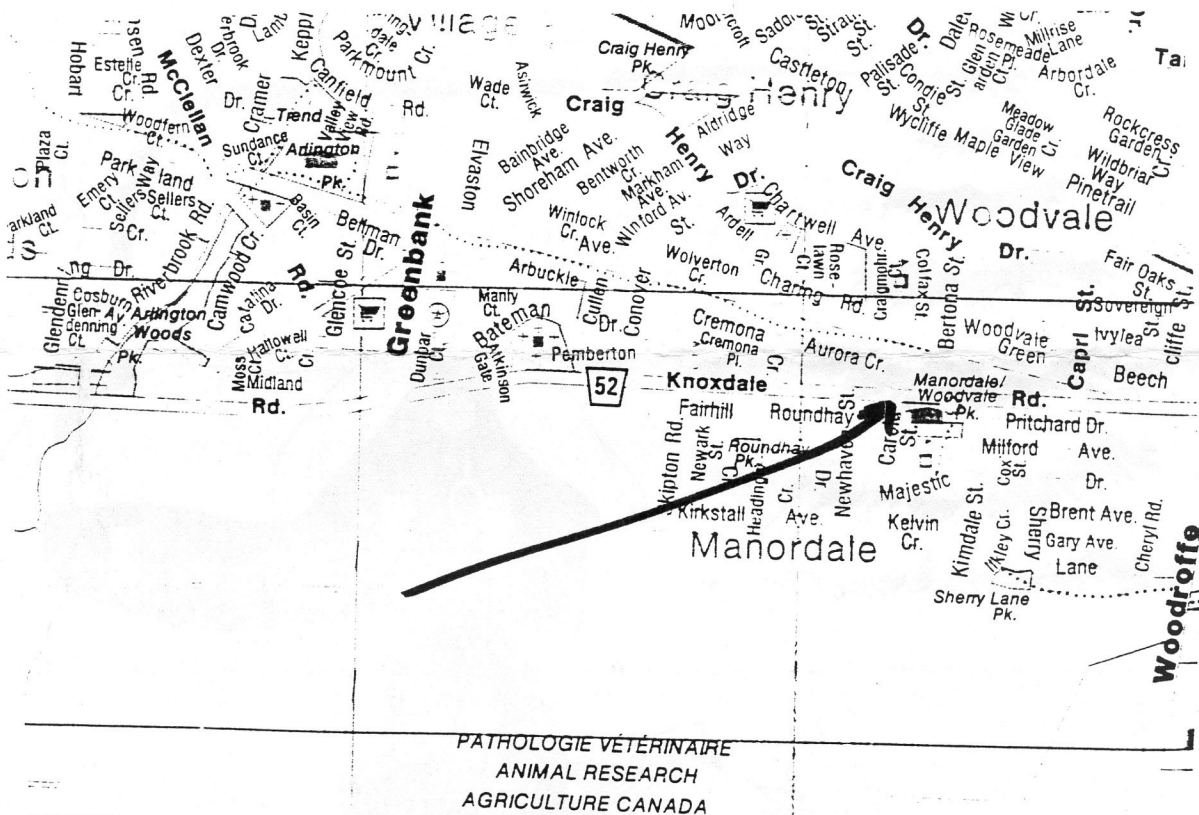
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The OVTC meets the fourth Monday of every month, at 7:30PM. The club meets at the Manordale Community Centre, Knoxdale Road at Carolla (see map). Meetings may include technical seminars, video presentations, general discussion, restoration techniques and more. In addition, the club hosts an annual Christmas party and other social events, as well the club participates in interclub events.

Membership is open to all individuals and companies interested in Triumph Sports Cars, their enjoyment and their preservation. Membership is \$30.00 per year for a household and \$60.00 per year for Corporate members.

*The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is a member of the British Car Council.*



## OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1993

### Editor's Babble:

Well we made it to Stowe and back!! At least I think everyone made it back. The convoy took 9 hours to do a trip that yours truly completed in 4 1/2 hours. This left me lots of time to buy a two/four of Blue and get p-----d without having to share with anyone else. In addition to the cars that were supposed to be on this months cover, Dave and Barbara Snasdell-Taylor attended, (Dave was replacing his front wheel bearings during the photo-op), as did John and Lily Worrall from Avonmore in their TR3. Non-TR drivers included most of the Bencos blood relatives and all of their friends. It was nice of Dave and Linda Huddleson to bring Vanessa on the trip, she was probably the only one who knew when to stop drinking, Julio could probably learn a thing or two from her. The Stapletons also were central to an extended group over the weekend as they joined forces with their son James, a TTC member who showed the greatest tenderness and affection for his latest love, a pretty little TR6. Oh yes, his fiancee was there also. With James and Donna was another TR6 driving TTC member, Bob. Rounding out the gang of regulars which included the likes of Joe and Doreen Lashley, son Steve, Alan and Marie Manship, Malcolm and Lynn (do you like my sunglasses?) Brown, and myself were Ronald MacDonald and friend Cathy from Combermere and Kevin (f-stop) and Melanie Hayes of Scarborough. Attending the Stowe show as onlookers were Tom and Alistair Higginson and a special mention must be made of Dave and Carol Armstrong of Ottawa who drove down in the nicest little Austin Healey 100-4 and who partied with the OVTC like a couple of old campaigners.

Upholding the finest traditions of the OVTC, the club managed to garner four trophies this year with a Third for Alan Manship (TR7 & 8), a Second for Mike Stapleton (TR2,3 & 3A), a Second for Malcolm Brown (TR6) and a First for myself (TR6), this award is the second consecutive Stowe win for my "six" and almost begs for shot at three in a row!

Unfortunately many other members who had wanted to attend Stowe this year couldn't. But now is the time to start thinking about next year. For this past British Invasion we booked our room in February/March and we still didn't get everyone in. We may wish to do an early booking before December to ensure that the Yoddler Inn is the OVTC Party Headquarters for British Invasion IV.

### Winter Storage

Janet Dallaire has left Tippet-Richardson and has moved to Boyd Storage. Fortunately for the various car clubs in town Janet

has made arrangements for us at Boyd that are similar to those she made at Tippet-Richardson. To store your car for the Season (first snow to last snow) will cost you a flat \$300.00. The additional benefits of Boyd is that they will jack up your car, supply a dust cover and if you wish, they will wash your car before you go to pick it up in the Spring (I am assuming that they will offer this last service, I know they do it for customers who pay the normal \$85-90/month). All-in-all it sounds like a great deal. (I will miss having Janet "MG" Dallaire working for a company whose initials are TR.)

### Grille Badges

The club finally received the grille badges and those of us with grilles got them mounted. Alas, those spits and wedges that do not have grilles have had to wait for the the special brackets to be made. Joe Lashley has said that these are being done and with any luck he will have them for the next meeting. Orders for additional grille badges are now being taken by Clive. Call him at 820-7350 or fax your request to 820-1288. The badges cost 34.50 all taxes included, and will take approximately six weeks. Circle this item and leave it lying around where the family can see it, especially if they are doing any Christmas shopping.

### OVTC Regalia

All sorts of sweatshirts, Golf shirts caps, badges and decals are available from Pat Mills. Buy them now and you won't be disappointed in the Spring. These are especially nice item to wear for those inter club events such as the Dart tournament, the MG croquet challenge, Stowe, the Candian Classic and of course the Boot'n'Bonnet Fall run through the colours. Other regalia available include OVTC watches at \$39.50 and the OVTC name badge at \$8.50. Call Clive if you want either of these two items.

Speaking of regalia, once you are decked out in OVTC shirts, cap, watch, name tag etc.. drive down to the Zellers at Bayshore. Last week they were having a sale on sneakers - the brand name; Triumph!!

### Barry's Bay

On October 16th, a small party of OVTC members went to Barry's Bay for the fall drive. The Mills, Lashleys, and Youngs made up the party - note 2 (two) TR8s. We met our hosts, Ronald MacDonald and Kathy, where else but a the

McDonalds Restaurant in Renfrew. It was quite cool so, after a hot chocolate and the tops up (you know how I hate that) we set off west.

The scenery in that area is quite spectacular and we wonder why people drive all the way to Vermont to see the leaves. By the time we arrived at Ron's place on the lake it was raining very lightly. Thirty minutes later it was pouring.

After a tour of the property, the most striking feature being the 2600 square feet of garage space, we checked out Ron's car collection, in particular his 1927 Model T pick-up (very rare vehicle). The lousy weather meant we didn't get a chance to drive it.

We then had a hearty supper (there was enough chili to feed Austin, Texas) and had a great evening chatting (at the same time keeping an eye on the Blue Jays on T.V.) highlighted by a visit from the local constabulary, OVTC member Colin MacCallum, who happened to be on duty (I think he had heard about a TR8 burning up the road).

Our accommodation was the house and cabins of a friend of Jane Benco, Merv, further up the lake. While Merv was away hunting for the week his girlfriend Wanda was the perfect hostess and 4 of us bunked in the house while the Mill's roughed it in a cabin.

On Sunday morning we met Ron and Kathy who took us to a country restaurant for breakfast. After breakfast we followed Ron and Kathy on a fairly fast tour of some great back roads - built just for Triumphs - where I resisted the temptation to overtake the Spitfire in case I was being set up for a speeding ticket (Ron being O.P.P.), seriously that's what sports cars are for.

Our last stop was at Colin's place. You won't believe the size of garages in the country. Colin has an nice TR6 which is currently being operated on. After our visit with Colin we were given directions to Ottawa and made our way home (still pouring).

Much to my dismay Pat and Doreen actually found a factory outlet somewhere in the wilderness and bought something. All in all we had a great weekend in spite of the rain and thanks to Ron and Kathy for being such great hosts.

We have an invitation for next year, perhaps earlier than October, and anybody who doesn't go is missing a great time.

Ron and Kathy - THANKS AGAIN!

### Christmas Party

Once again the Bencos (What would this club be without them!) have offered up their home as the venue for this years Christmas Party. Circle December 11, 1993 on your social calendar and bring along a salad or hot dish or...better yet call Jane Benco at 727-8113, she will co-ordinate the food so that we don't end up with seventeen trays of celery sticks lathered in Cheez Whiz!  
Ho Ho Ho

### 2nd Annual British Car Dart Tourney

Save Sunday, February 13, 1994 for the 2nd Annual British Car Dart Tournament to be held at the King's Stag, corner of Colonnade and Highway 16. Once again the OVTC will be inviting all of the local British car clubs to field as many teams as they dare in a bid to take home the OVTC dart trophy. We hope to have as many sponsors as last time, this allowed everyone to go home with prize of some sort. So plan on coming out to the King's Stag, either as a player or as part of the cheering section.

### Annual Election

The September meeting saw the acclamation of Joe Lashley to the position of President and a show of hands elected Mike Stapleton to Vice-President. The other change in the Executive this year is that Clive Law (yours truly) has taken on the responsibility for the newsletter, (this explains why *Overdrive* is chronically late). Jane, Juliano, Dave and Pat have all volunteered to continue in their roles. Thanks to all those who attended and voted.

### Membership Report

As of this month Club membership has risen to 67 members. In addition to sending *Overdrive* to the membership we also send complimentary copies to the Toronto Triumph Club, New England Triumph Club, Kingstn's Boot'n'Bonnet all British car club and Club Automobile Triumph Canada in Montreal.

Recent new members include;

Patricia Zakaib	1976 TR6
Paul MacDonald	1980 TR8
Pat & Connie Joynt	1976 TR6
Doug Pritchard	1968 Spit
Mark McIlquham	1963 MG Midget
Ermis Durofil	1981 Spit
Brian Wigmore	1976 TR6
Terry St.Louis	1970 GT6

Although we are not at the levels we reached two years ago after the Ottawa Classic, where we attained an all time high of 95 members, we are clearly growing again. Next Spring we should all make a special effort to inform casual Triumph owners about the existance of the club and encourage them to join.

### Sporting Classics

Sadly, this fine magazine will no longer be available. OVTC members John and Evelyn Carr, the founders and

publishers of this quality Canadian sports car magazine have had to cease publication. Although pleased with the support that they received through subscriptions and through counter sales, the magazine could not get the advertising commitment that it needed to ensure survival. Founded on the cusp of a major recession, the Carrs did an outstanding job over the last three years. The OVTC membership as a whole was well represented in this magazine as contributing authors or as the subject of an article.

For members who may have had outstanding issues still due to them, John Carr assures me that the subscriptions will be honoured by *World of Wheels* magazine, the last of the Canadian motoring publications.

### Brits'n'Pieces

It has recently been brought to our attention that yet another British Car specialty company has been unable to weather the recession. Brits'n'Pieces, the Canadian arm of the Roadster Factory has closed its doors. Owner Steve McCutcheon could not be reached, but we will try to have further news at the next meeting.

### Classics and Sportscar

This established British Classic Car magazine has confirmed in my mind just how good a judge they are of fine Classic cars. They did this by publishing a photo of my TR6, in all of its splendour, during the recent British Invasion at Stowe, Vermont. In fact they wrote a whole piece on the Invasion and included lots of colour photos. For members who haven't had a chance to get to Stowe, this article will give you a good idea of what you missed.

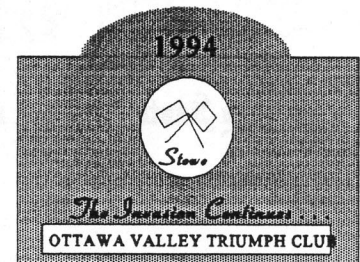
For Stowe '94, I have a truck and trailer lined up to act as a recovery vehicle should we need one. I have been a proponent of this for two years now, but I haven't received a lot of support. If I am the only one who thinks that this is a worthwhile project then I'll drop the subject altogether, however if you support the idea of a recovery vehicle that would follow behind a convoy, or use a set route, and that is equipped with a cellular phone and some basic spares, then please let me know and I will continue to champion the idea.

An additional function of this vehicle would be that it could carry the OVTC tent and that would allow us to have a meeting area for OVTC members.

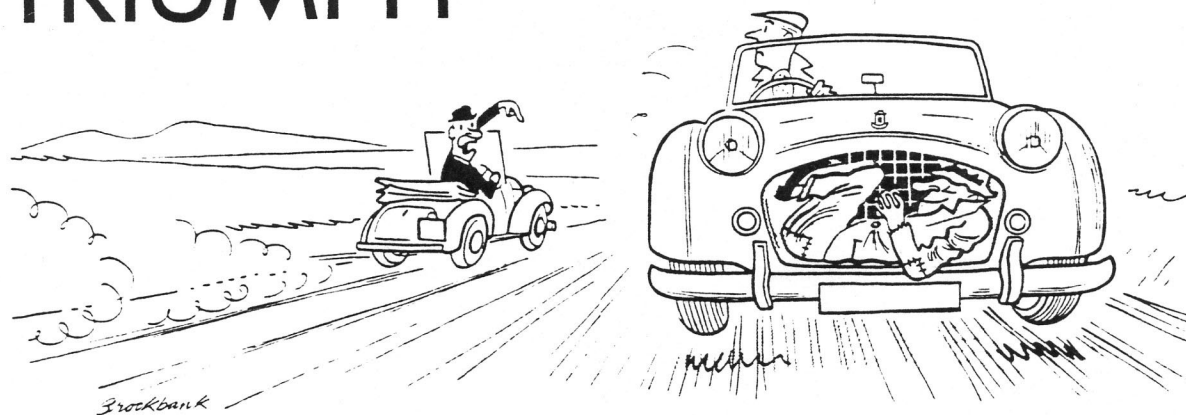
### Stowe '94

The club will provide a magnetic sign for all Triumphs attending the British Invasion 1994. The sign will be similar in shape to the rally plates seen in

Europe and will have the OVTC and British Invasion logos, the club name, and the motto "The Invasion Continues..." These signs will be black, red and white and will be approximately 8"x6". Printed on magnetic material they can be applied to any metallic part of the car without harming the finish. These signs will be an ideal way of identifying club cars at the event and of maintaining our traditionally high level of exposure.



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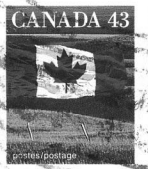


Merry Christmas

and may Santa bring you a new TR-6



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