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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

February, 1996

Now Where Did I Park My Car?



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Cover: Here's something a little different - some Triumph Dolomites. I saw a few of these sharp little sedans up close when in England last year, and it's a shame they weren't sold over here!

Editor's Note: (Julio) - *Julio's at a loss for words this month (hard to believe, I know!), but he'll be back next month JD*

Editor's Note: (John) - I now know what happened with last month's mixup between pages 2 and 3: I had printed page 3 by itself on a different laser printer in order to get the image for the Murphy's Garage ad to come out right (it prints as a negative on my usual printer for some reason). What I had forgotten was that the second printer also reformats the text slightly, with the result that the first sentence of the paragraph on the TR7V8 moved back onto page 2. Sorry about that, gang!

January 22 meeting:

We've been having some strange weather lately, but fortunately it was clear and mild, leading to a rather strong turnout for the first meeting in 1996 (signs of a strong year ahead!). Unfortunately, Clive was not among us, so Martin Harasek went unexpectedly from understudy to host of the evening.

Bruce Young took the opportunity to mention the Toronto Triumph Club's 3rd Annual British Sports Car "Spring Fling", to be held the weekend of May 24-26, 1996 in the Collingwood area. Along with the TTC, there will be cars from the MG Club of Toronto, the Toronto Morgan Club and the North American Sports Car Club. Cost is \$20 per car (inc. dash plaque). For more info, call the TTC info line at (416) 410-4TTC. I'll also have the flyer with me at the next meeting.

As Bruce was speaking, we couldn't help but notice the copy of 'Playboy' magazine he was holding. Bruce insisted his intentions were

honourable, and to prove it he turned to the TR7 ad he had spotted inside (it's a July, 1980 issue). To show that Bruce was telling the truth (about the ad, that is), I've reproduced it at the back of this issue.

It also happened that there were a couple of potential new members out that evening: Bob Morrison, who owns a Spitfire, and his friend Nancy (?), who has a 1979 TR7. David Huddleson informs me they have not yet joined up, however. Waiting for Spring, I guess.

As we were all caught off guard in Clive's absence (not just Martin), Brian Mills jumped in to field any questions from the floor on whatever might be puzzling us about our cars (lord knows there's always something that fits that category). Brian began with a chat about transmission gear selectors and how they can wear, and went on to such areas as TR7 suspensions (with help from David Huddleson), steering column sloppiness, compression testing, special tools and jigs, ... the usual gamut of topics. Thanks again, Doc.

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Raffles return in 1996:

That's right - due to the strong turnout that evening, we held our first of many raffles in the new year. That evening, the person whose ticket was drawn got to choose from three remaining TR Register shirts brought back by yours truly last September. The winner of the first draw was - Bruce Young! Bruce selected a dark blue jersey with a TR Register Jubilee crest - nice pick! There'll be

more draws in future months, so come on out and try your luck!

Guest Speaker for February 26 Meeting:

Brian has spoken to Peter Stevens of Valley Fastener, and Peter has agreed to come out and tell us OVTC 'nuts' all we need to know about the bolts, washers and other fasteners that hold our cars together (or were supposed to when they left Coventry). There's more to this than you'd think, so come on out and hear Peter for yourself.

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Dart Tourney approaches:

I've checked with Clive, and the Dart Tourney is on again this year! Here are the details:

We play at 1:30 on **Saturday, March 23** at the King's Stag (Corner of Colonnade Rd. and Hwy. 16). Teams are in 2's, and entry fees are \$5 per team. We've had plenty of competition from several other sports car clubs over the years, and plenty of great prizes to boot! Of course, we all know what really counts is that the OVTC comes out ahead against the other clubs. Hope to see you there!

Triumphs on the Internet:

I've had the opportunity to do some digging around on the Internet lately, and have made some valuable finds. There's more and more information every day it seems, so I'll try to keep this a regular segment in future. I've

discovered the New England Triumph Club has their own 'home page', with newsletter, club info and so on. As you've seen both last month and on this month's cover, there's plenty of TR photos to be found as well, and they reproduce rather nicely.

There's a growing technical literature available also, some of which I'm finding particularly relevant regarding my transmission problems of last season (see below). As I get a few of these printed out, I'll assemble a binder for club reference and publish a list of subjects. If you see something that interests you, the binder will be at Julio's place (along with magazines and other loanable material).

The Ultimate Fun Run:

Dave Huddleson recently received an unusual letter in the mail - from Germany! A gentleman named Rainer Reinhardt got Dave's name and address from 'Triumph World'. Why, you may ask, is a perfect stranger across the Atlantic Ocean writing to the OVTC? Well, it's like this..

It seems that Rainer, a 49-year-old high school teacher, is a hard-core Triumph fanatic, and has been for the past 25 years. By hard-core, I mean that Rainer owns a TR3, TR4A and TR6, as well as his racing TR3A. Rainer's friend, Deiter Seidel, is also a TR fiend, owning "5 or 6" cars, among them a TR4 racer and TR4 rally car. These two adventurers were looking for something new to try this summer, when they came upon their quest.

In the August, 1963 issue of 'Car and Driver', an article describes the Shell 4000 Rally, a rally across Canada from Vancouver to Montreal, in which 3 light blue 'works' TR4s took part. Rainer and Deiter decided to retrace the route of this rally themselves in a TR4. They have prepared a strong, reliable TR4 rally engine and overdrive transmission.

They are shipping this drivetrain to their friend in Seattle, Washington. There, they will install it in a TR4 which their friend has purchased (Rainer says this friend has bought and shipped about 20 cars to Germany for them over the years). They are going to spend about a week getting the car prepared for the trip, after which they drive north to Vancouver, then head East "at full throttle" to Montreal along the same routes as covered by the 'works' cars in 1963 and 1964. Now that's some 'fun run'! As Rainer writes: "Sounds very crazy! Yes, it's crazy and therefore we have to do it!"

Rainer is contacting other regional Triumph clubs on their route. He writes: "Perhaps we will be lost in the dark Canadian forests, so it's better to meet TR people than grizzlies or brown bears with a 6-pack of beer!" Their flights are booked for the 4th of July into Seattle and the 28th of July out of Montreal (too bad they'll be missing both the Richmond Show and the Classic!). It'll be great to meet them as they pass through town on the final leg of their trip! I'm writing them to see if they might possibly delay their schedule in order to appear at the Classic. They'll be virtual shoo-ins for the Longest Distance award!



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Transmission Tales:

I'm sitting down to write this on January 17. If you recall this day (Saturday), you'll remember what a miserable, windy, rainy day it was. As I sit here and feel the walls closing in, I'm beginning to think of an indoor project I could try before TR season starts. Rebuild

the carbs? Maybe - they probably could use it, having never been touched (and I've had this car since 1979). No, I was thinking of something a little more adventurous, as well as necessary for a trouble-free season. I'm talking about rebuilding my transmission. As I've often written in these pages, transmission woes have been following me for some years: first, the front seal went on my old 4-speed, oiling my clutch and making the whole car nearly undriveable (it was all I could do to get to and from the Classic in Belleville in '93). I replaced the 4-speed with an overdrive unit from parts car #1 that same fall, first making sure the front seal was intact. While this second transmission has been relatively good for an unknown item, it has had it's moments. It has shown some obvious signs that a teardown is in order. First and foremost, the thing leaks like a sun-of-a-gun. I think I jacked the car up 3 or 4 times last year to top up the box (luckily for me, Castrol 80W/90 gear oil is cheap at Wal-Mart!).

Bob Lang's latest article in *The New England Triumph* mentioned the same annoyance this transmission has - a tendency to jump out of third gear under heavy deceleration. Bob has written a couple of articles in a series on the TR6 transmission, and he has apparently rebuilt quite a few over the years. This is beginning to give me the courage to venture forward with a rebuild. An article in the May, 1994 TR Action describes a technical seminar on transmissions given by Peter Cox (of 'Cox & Buckles Spares'). In the article, and I quote: "Pete says that if he has all the necessary parts to hand he can strip and rebuild a gearbox in 25 minutes. That's how simple it is". Sure, and some people can do a Rubik's Cube in 20 seconds!

Not wanting to leave myself stranded this season, I've decided to mate up the old 4-speed unit (which, front seal aside, shifted like butter and has only about 30,000 miles of use on it) with the unused Laycock J-type overdrive unit I bought a few years ago and

install that in the car while I tackle the problem unit separately. Bob is on the Internet, so I'm contacting him on further details and specifications which he can provide. I'll let you know how I make out, if I don't 'chicken out'.

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Special Shows Coming in 1996:

Apart from our own Richmond and Canadian Classic shows this coming season, there are some other events which should not be missed. We'll be putting our events calendar together again this season, but in the mean time, here are another couple of 'must-see' events close to Ottawa:

VTR - Albany, N.Y.: Dave Huddleson handed me a photocopy of the VTR flyer for this year at Albany, from July 10-14. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the TR3. Assorted events include a driver's school and track day at Lime Rock Park; a cruise on the Hudson River; a Flea Market, etc. I'll print the flyer in next month's issue. For more information, write to the Adirondack Triumph Association, P.O. box 2207, Albany, N.Y. 12220, or call Rik or Vicki Schlierer at (518) 356-5244 before 10 p.m.

Watkin's Glen - Sept. 5-8: Gord Robertson has his camping gear packed for this one already, I'll bet. He spotted it on a calendar of events on the Internet and called me right away. The feature marque this year is Ferrari! Another good event within reach!

Oil Drips (by John): *Julio's fresh out of gossip, so here's what little I know. JD.*

- John Day, the 'pack rat', bought Mike Crawford's exhaust system, after Mike bought a pair of bonnet hinges from John. John said 'why not?', as he tries now to decide between 'stock' or Ansa exhaust this season.
- Mike Crawford will soon have his painted bodysell back from the shop: now begins the reassembly!

Classified:

- Apart from the usual amount of miscellaneous items I have in my basement, I have the following items to be sold this summer. Get them now, before they're sold at the Classic: (John Day (613) 723-9876).
- TR6 frame. All welded, reinforced and painted in 'Imron' paint. Comes with painted front end bits. \$1,000.
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First \$\$\$ in hand gets these items!

Next Month:

- The Mike Crawford Story - Part I;
- News on latest Exec meeting;
- Lots more!

Doc's Handy-Dandy Source Sheet:

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Local Firms

- Alexander Metal
1550 Laperriere, Ottawa
728-5877
- custom metal work for frame repair
- Auto Import Parts & Service
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- Bell's Corners Auto
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- auto machine shop
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- custom tops & interiors
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823-6642
- Eastway Tank
1995 Merivale Road, Nepean
226-1525
- sandblasting services
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1580 Laperriere, Ottawa
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225-0316
- Loucon Metal
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1626 Cyrville Road
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Ottawa Equipment Marketing (OEM)
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526-4707
- pneumatic tools/automotive service
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Ottawa Fastener
34 Stafford Road, Nepean
828-4117
- good source of nuts & bolts etc.

Ralph Auto Supply
1150 Bank Street, Ottawa
236-0741
- TR brake parts

Redshaw Auto Care
25 Hawthorn Ave., Ottawa
235-8342
- British service/restorations

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Century Road
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224-9542
Speedo/Tach Cables - Instrument
Repair

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225-0293

Wayne Rowe - Classic Cars
Carp Road (north of Queensway)
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(816) 471-2776
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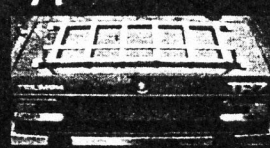


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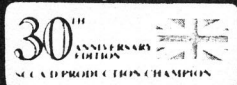
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The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members. The Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Manordale Community Centre, Knoxdale and Carola (see map). Meetings include technical seminars, video presentations, restoration techniques and much more. The Club also publishes a monthly newsletter, *Overdrive*, which is distributed to members. *Overdrive* is also exchanged with newsletters from other clubs. The OVTC Executive at present is comprised of:

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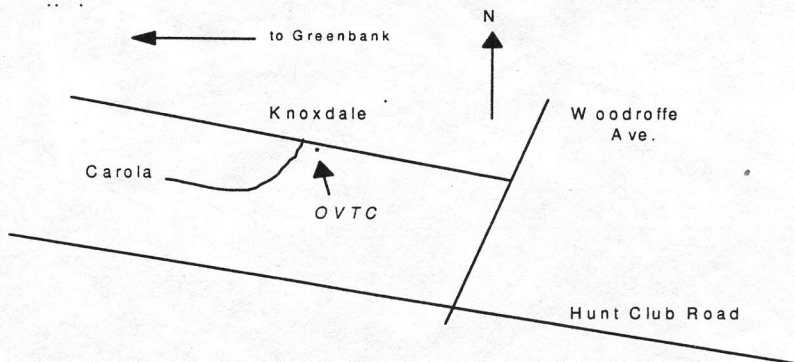
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