

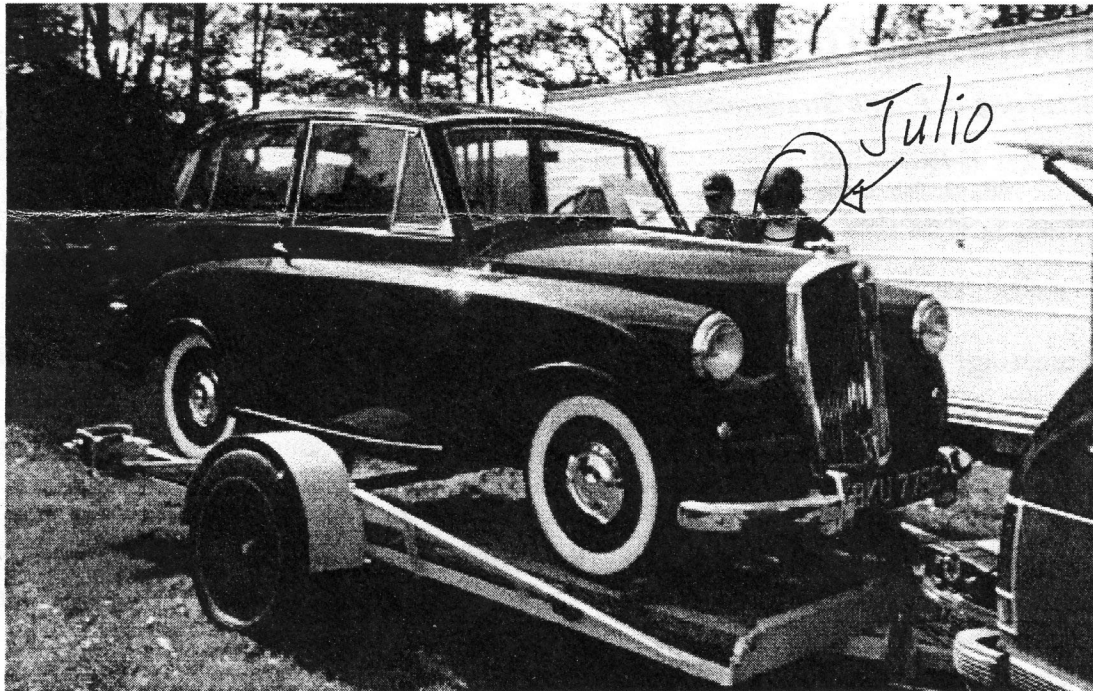


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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

June, 1996

Hey, Buddy - How Much For The Hearse?!



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Cover: That's Julio, inspecting a rather nice Triumph Mayflower (in basic black) at the 1992 British Invasion.

Editor's Note: (John) - After a horrible start, summer has really come into it's own. The weather for the past couple of fun runs, and especially the May meeting, was not to be beat. Of course, before long we'll be complaining about the humidity, the bugs splattered on our windshields, and so on. What's more, with convertibles, there's also more sun exposure, meaning pre-run applications of sunblock. What is it about these cars that we find so hard to enjoy but can't help ourselves?

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May 27 meeting:

Finally, we had some ideal weather for our cars to come out - and come out they did, with what had to be the biggest-ever number of Triumphs and members both. The Knoxdale site was full of cars from baseball and hockey games, so we moved the 2 or so blocks to the Benco's house. Julio was working late, and when he drove by Knoxdale and didn't see any TR's, he said "oh-oh!". Sure enough, there were cars of all kinds up and down the street in front of his house (good thing J.B. lives on a crescent!).

There was little official business on the slate that evening, leaving the majority of the night to kick tires, look under hoods, and that sort of stuff. Clive just quickly gave a run-down on the Classic: we now have 30 registrants,

which is pretty good for so soon before August. We have people coming from Florida, Missouri, and many New England states. Clive noted the still-low number of OVTC people who have registered. He asked those at the meeting to consider that with a big show right here in town, the out-of-pocket cost is very low compared to those who have to drive long distances, stay in hotels, and so on. As with the 1991 Classic, the last couple of weeks typically see the more local registrations come in. Clive nevertheless urges that we all get our registrations in a.s.a.p., because we need to know the demand for activities like the boat cruise, as we haven't confirmed whether we need the small or big boat that night. There is quite a difference in cost, and we don't want to reserve either boat if we then find the other would have sufficed. The way to know for sure is to get those registrations in to Clive right away!!

The SOL (for "Scions Of Lucas", not what you might've thought!) pins had arrived the week before, so Pat Mills was selling those at the meeting, plus other regalia. We did pretty well for all sorts of goodies!

Trying not to sound like a broken record, I then asked people to come forward and sign up for Richmond if they were able to volunteer an hour of their time that day. I got quite a few more names, so I'm beginning to breathe a little easier now!

The rest of the night was spent chatting, looking under hoods, and just enjoying being out of doors with a lot of Triumphs around us. Many unfamiliar cars were in attendance that night, and there seemed to be as many weber-powered TR's as SU and Stromberg.. John Pritchard arrived in a TR3A which was minus the bonnet and much of the interior, but was running on 205-15" tires! The number of wedgies (TR7/8) and 'bricks'

(TR6) was again about the same, at about 6 apiece. 'Daisy Mae', the Holbeche's Herald, was also in from Perth that night.

New Members:

John Pritchard ('The Sports Car Factory') has joined the OVTC, after a hiatus of a couple of years. With the variety of cars at his disposal, John could belong to every British club in the area if he wanted.

Membership Renewal Time Arrives:

This is the **Final Notice** for 1996/97 OVTC membership dues, and the last newsletter if those dues are not received by David Huddleson. As many people in the club are helping out with the Richmond show, you can also arrange to pay up at that time. Cheques payable to the OVTC are preferable, if possible. A number of people did pay up at the May meeting. I'll be updating the mailing list based on David's records to date of who has and has not paid - be sure and check your label. The OVTC is the club it is because of our active membership - come out and participate in the Club!

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Membership Ad:

In all the confusion at the May meeting, this item was overlooked. We'll be sure to raise it at the June meeting. After all, one of the main functions of our club is to try and attract all Triumph owners in our area. This is especially true before the Classic. Let's see if it works!

SOL Pins have arrived:

The SOL (Scions of Lucas) pins arrived prior to the May meeting, and of the 25 we received, 16 were snapped up by those in attendance that night, leaving just 9 remaining (now down to 5). To reserve yourself a pin, call Pat Mills at 825-1698. Cost is \$3 per pin.

Richmond Show Volunteer Instructions:

For those of you who have volunteered for the Richmond show, you will find attached a set of instructions along with an timetable of who is working the gates and when. I trust this is as per people's preferences: if not please contact me (John Day) before the show and we can try to work something out.

Richmond Show - Latest News:

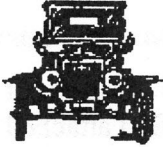
With less than two weeks to go, all is looking good for the Richmond Show. Thanks to the incredible support of our members, we have a strong group of volunteers at the ready (everyone should please consult the attached schedule and instruction sheet, and call John Day if there is a timetable problem). Pat Mills has a fresh batch of volunteer hats, but she asks that people who have their pink hats from last year please bring them again this year.

The vendors (7 in all, reports Clive) will be in the Show Barn, as will the event HQ. All the advertising has been arranged, and as we're not competing against the Air Show this year, we should see an even bigger crowd come out. The TR Olympics will also make their debut at the Richmond Show - be sure to catch this between 12 and 2! All in all, this is the best classic car show in the area, and it gets better each year!

Canadian Classic - Latest News:

Clive tells me that as of today (June 11), we have 43 registrants for the August Canadian

Classic - not bad for almost 2 months to go! Clive says that about 13 or so are OVTC members, while 17 are Toronto and 13 are 'other' (U.S. & Quebec). *Chez 106* radio will have their event mobile there at the Concours (and at Richmond!) as well, so we should have some good media coverage.



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Fun Run to Oxford Mills Show - May 26:

The weather for the Fun Run to Oxford Mills was perfect - a pure blue sky, and just enough of a breeze to keep from getting too warm. A mere pair of TR's (John Day and Ted Neilson) and Paul MacDonald in his Ford were met with 4 Lotuses (Loti?) - 3 Super 7's and an Elan +2. Who's Fun Run was this, anyway? After 15 minutes of hoping more TR's would show, we began making our way to the show.

To the OVTC's relief, the Perth contingent was out in force, with Bob Thomas in his TR6 and the Holbeche's, Derek and Isobel, in their Herald, 'Daisy Mae'. Also present from Perth were Bruce & Mary Young and Hugh Henderson. Gord Robertson arrived later on in his E-type to round out the crew.

The show was mainly for Vintage motorbikes, but there certainly was in interesting assortment of cars as well: from model A's to hot rods to muscle cars to imports, there was a nice cross-section. My favourite was the white 1969 Cougar convertible, followed by the white 1967

Camaro. Both cars were all-original, and not "tarted-up" as so many tend to be.

The barbecue put on by the Anglican Church was certainly a success, as the lineup was quite long for most of the afternoon. The show participants also received a pin when they made their selection for favourite auto or bike. All in all, it was quite a good show!

Did anyone go to Mosport - May 31?:

The Vintage Races weekend at Mosport was held the weekend of May 31-June 2 - did any OVTC members attend? I'd like to hear from you if you did. Last year's races (despite the wet weather at the start of the weekend) were pretty good, so I suspect the glorious weather this year led to even bigger crowds. I wished I could've attended, but a neighbourhood garage sale kept me home (see also "Oil Drips" on that).

Speaking of the Vintage Weekend" - Jane Benco got a letter from Mosport Park on May 14 (dated May 8), in which they invited the Club to come out to Mosport for the Vintage Weekend. They'd like to see the weekend become a big vintage event, along the lines of the Goodwood Festival of Speed, and so on. There was to be separate club display areas, free hamburgers and hot dogs for club members, as well as a parade lap around the 2.5 mile course. Admission for club participants over the 3 days was \$15 (compared with a normal price of \$25, or \$10 for Friday and \$15 for each of Saturday and Sunday).

This sounds like an excellent weekend event for our club to be involved with - for next year. The lateness of the letter made this year a virtual impossibility. We will keep in touch with Mosport, and be sure to include the Vintage Weekend on next year's Calendar of Events as a must-see.

Prince Edward County Tour - B&B Club:

A few of us are going down for this tour (including Lori & I if my transmission is replaced by then). As I've said before, the County offers some of my own favourite touring roads in the province, and the hospitality of the Boot'n'Bonnet club is second to none (except maybe ourselves!). I'll have some information on the County (accommodation, points of interest, etc.) at the June meeting. Call Julio if you're interested in going, or for more details.

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TR-MG Croquet Tournament - July 14:

The date for this event has now been changed from July 7 to July 14, as it conflicted with the Prince Edward County tour (actually, Len & Debi Fortin of the MG club are going on the tour, so nobody would've been home for the game!). If you're interested in being part of the TR team, call Juliano at 727-8113.

'Triumph World' subscription expires:

We've received our last subscription copy of 'Triumph World'. Based on the high subscription price, we'll buy our own copy for the club from the newsstand from here on. Julio has back issues of this magazine, plus 4 boxes of other British car mags, at his house, available for loan. Call 727-8113.

Triumphs on the Internet:

John Pritchard and his son Mark at the 'Sports Car Factory' are now available through the Internet, for any matters you wish to discuss. The address is:

scf@ican.ca

I'm still keeping my eye out for the TR Register site - still nothing yet. There's nothing much very new for Triumphs at all of late. I did happen to discover a TR3B for sale right here in Ottawa, by a non-OVTC owner. For details, see the classifieds. Otherwise, not too much is going on

The Ultimate Fun Run:

I just received another letter from Rainer Reinhardt, one of our German TR rallyists. He reports that the plan has changed. His friend in the U.S. has located a sound TR4 in L.A. at a good price, so they won't be shipping the drivetrain from Germany as they first anticipated. Rainer & Deiter now have another decision: their friend has offered to ship the TR4 to Vancouver by truck, but as Rainer writes, Deiter wants to drive the way from L.A. to Vancouver, then begin the eastward trek - what the heck, it's only an extra 1,300 miles!

Rainer also enclosed a set of brochures showing the racing exploits of the German TR Register. I remember standing by Ed Kaye's TR4 on the Monday night as someone mentioned the relative scarcity of TR4's in the Ottawa area. It seems they're all in Germany, judging by these brochures!

Fancy a TR Holiday in England?

You could ship your car over to the TR Register "International Weekend" on July 20 & 21. They ask that you bring your country's flag with you, as they hope to have a parade of all overseas visitors that weekend. All this is for the low, low price of £449 per person (of course, that includes the return ferry

journey to/from Dover-Calais. Sheds new light on the cost of the Classic, doesn't it?

Oil Drips (by Julio):

- Mike Crawford's bodyshell is finally back at Doc Mills' garage with a new paint job. Now the reassembly begins - it may even be ready for the Classic.
- Randy Hildebrandt's yellow TR6 restoration is in a semi-limbo state, as Randy is travelling quite a lot lately, keeping him away from the garage.
- My TR3A (the Candycane) may not be on the road this summer as I have to replace the rear springs and shocks, and repair the cracked frame. It looks as though my TR6 may be seeing a lot of back roads this year. There's an advantage in having 2 cars!
- Doc Mills has sold his TR6 rolling frame, so that another TR6 can be back on the road again. That's okay - he has others if he's going to build his own car some day. That could be this year, even (?)
- During his neighbourhood garage sale, John Day met a guy who's restoring a 1970 TR6, and even sold him a spare pair of air filter elements, to boot. We'll likely have a new member in this person.

Classified:

- **1974 TR6.** Red, with black interior. Good solid condition - 47,313 original miles. Runs well, always garage stored. For more info or to view, call Bob LeMessurier at 829-5522.
- **1962 TR3B.** 2.0 litre engine, overdrive. Black with Red interior. Can be seen at *Miniman*. Asking in the \$10k range.

- **1973 TR6.** Overdrive (J-type). Asking \$1,000 obo. Call Darren at 823-7411 for details. The car is currently at John Pritchard's if you want a look.
- Randy Hildebrandt is having a 'Moving to B.C.' sale of all the various stuff he has accumulated from his TR6 parts cars the past couple of years. Give him a call at 825-7565 and he can probably help. Anyone looking for a factory har top - Randy's got one for you!
- Julio has all the following items for sale:
 - ⇒ TR3 dash. revinyled with textured centre gauge panel. \$65.
 - ⇒ TR3 or TR4 wire wheels. 60-spoke painted, with hubs & spinners and 4-ply original stock size tires (very good), and 1 spare rim & hub. \$400.
 - ⇒ TR3 windshield (complete). Very good condition. \$225.
 - ⇒ TR4 tonneau cover (black) excellent condition - all snaps on it. \$145.
 - ⇒ TR6 soft top stowage cover (tan). Brand new (never used). \$110.

Call Julio at 727-8113 for any of these items.

Next Month:

- Richmond Show (post mortem);
- Latest on the Classic: registrations #s, etc.;
- Lots more!

Gate Assignments - 1996 Richmond Classic Car Show

as of June 14/96

Time:	Entrance:				Exit:	
Set-up:	Owen	Gary	Benco	Julio	Mills	Brian
9 - 10:	* Benco	Jane	* Hennessy	Shaun	* Day	John
					* Day	Lori
10 - 11:	* Henderson	Hugh	* Thomas	Bob	* Williams	Paul
	* Johnston	Murray	* MacDonald	Paul	* Kingsford	Judy
	* Young	Bruce	MacDonald	Kathy		
11 - 12:	* Dowhan	Rick	* Spence	Shawn	* Ashby	Jim
	* Shay	Mike	* Zakaib	Pat	* Law	Clive
			* ?	John		
12 - 1:	* Brown	Malcolm	* Tierney	John	* Holbeche	Derek
	* Threader	Jeff	* Popplewell	Harris	* Holbeche	Craig
	* Pogson	Steve				
1 - 2:	* Kaye	Ed	* Robertson	Gord	* Lashley	Steve
	* Kaye	Viviane	* Freise	Harald	* Snasdell-Taylor	David
2 - 3:	* St. Louis	Terry	* Rudnicki	Steve	* Harasek	Martin
			* Lindsay	Gary	* Neilson	Ted

Rovers (pardon the pun!)

Mills	Pat	Milsom	Greg	other clubs' members
Benco	Adina	Patterson	Jeff	

Volunteer Instructions for Richmond Show:

- 1 Volunteers are asked to note their assigned time slots on the schedule above. If there are any conflicts, please notify John Day immediately (723-9876), so that any conflicts may be accommodated.
- 2 Volunteers are asked to meet at the Show HQ, inside the Show Barn (NOT the OVTC display!) about 10-15 minutes before their shift. This is to allow arrangement of specific duties and locations for members of each team.
- 3 Pat Mills asks that if people still have their pink "Staff" hats from last year, please bring them.
- 4 Although we will have shade at the main entrance gate this year, it might be a good idea for people to bring along some protection themselves - golf umbrellas, etc., for use at other parts of the grounds. Please make sure your items clearly indicate their owner's name, if they are borrowed by others for their shift. Thanks!
- 5 KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED FOR GOOD WEATHER!!! - SEE YOU THERE!!

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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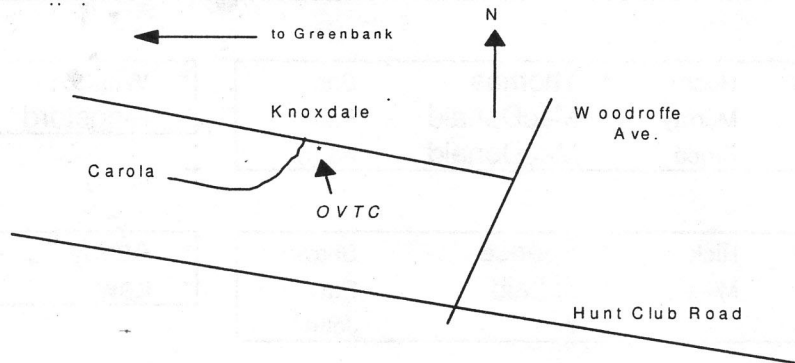
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