

overdrive



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, John Day

I'm hoping to see many of you at the Christmas Party this year. It's a depressing time of year when our cars get put away, so we need a little pick-me-up like this to forget the weather and think of summer fun again. There will be lots of events to attend next year, and of course our own Richmond show as well. As you'll read in the newsletter, I'm hoping to make event planning easier for members with more information on the various shows, using the many experts in the club who attend these events regularly. The plan is that more information will mean more OVTC members in attendance, which means more OVTC fun for all. We'll also try to have more club regalia, so people can "show their colours" at the shows. As for meetings, we are looking for any ideas that you might have, people/firms you wish to see, and so on. Knowing what people want from the club helps to provide just that, so let's hear from you! Cheers, JD.

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

The first order of business was to confirm the executive as presented at the September meeting. The club is fortunate to have the new additions of Gord Robertson for Regalia, Steve Bourne to assist Paul MacDonald as events co-ordinators and the new president John Day. Thanks again to Ted Neilson and John Tierney for all their efforts over the past year.

The thirty (or so) of us at the meeting were blessed with the dissertation by Pat Onions, who arranged his very busy schedule to join us at our meeting.

Pat told us how his career started as a diesel technician up north working on heavy construction machinery. To occupy his time over those long winter months, Pat took up ice racing and founded the "North Bay Sports Racing Club", along with a good pal Harvey. Together they took up rallying and organized local rallies.

Enjoying the competitive side of rallying they formed an import car repair facility. This grew into a full service station and then a Peugeot Dealership. Then, along came Triumph who needed a service rep up north, and hence a dealer to sell their cars.

Over the next number of months Pat and Harvey raced and rallied Triumphs in all sorts of competitive events, along with the top North American and European drivers of the era. Pat went on to describe some of the more interesting happenings that occurred in some of the events as well as some of the modifications and "fix-ups" that had to be done along the way.

The final Triumph days included a Factory prepared 2000, which unfortunately, was not set up properly for Canada: gearing was off, suspension was too stiff and too low, poor brakes, and a poor engine. Pat and Harvey took it west in 1967 to rally and blew the engine shortly after the start.

(Kind of like the Redcoats attacking the Indians - Ed)

Pat also brought with him memorabilia including *Track and Traffic* magazine, newspaper reports, etc. Thanks for your interesting stories Pat. You and your wife are welcome to join us anytime you can.

Pat also passed on to me an article for this newsletter which follows-up further to his talk ...*Later in the spring of 1966 Mr. Miller, President of Triumph Canada, requested me to go to their main office in Toronto to have a talk. As I had guessed before hand, the talk was about using the 2000 as a rally car. I was not happy with the arrangement he offered me. Also I wasn't comfortable with the thought of a rallying sedan. He wanted me to buy the car and drive it as a private entry thus voiding Triumph of involvement should the car not do well. On the other hand Triumph were very anxious to show the car against the then quite successful Volvo 122 Canadian. I thought we should give the car at least a year in Canada. Also if I was to continue as a private entry I wanted to continue with my TR4, although quite beat up by now.*

Now in all fairness with the introduction of their innovative independant rear suspension in all their cars, including the TR4A and close on the heels of the TR250, I could see Triumph's point in proving their worth. My own limited experience with I.R.S. was not good, i.e. the Spitfire. However, I rallied the Vitesse and I liked the car very much. It was well balanced, handled well and stayed on its feet. I argued to experiment with this car, but to no avail.

With the efforts of Bill Gervin (Triumph Dealer Rep.), I did strike a deal with Triumph. No.1 they signed me as a

contract driver. No.2 they sold me a new 2000 for a dollar. No.3 they would supply all parts for the car. In turn we would do all the work on the car and I would run it under my name. We were also committed to run the 1966 Shell Rally.

In retrospect, the Triumph 2000 was an advanced car for its time. In addition to the I.R.S. it had disc brakes, rack and pinion steering, and McPherson front suspension. It was comfortable, had good seats and handled reasonably well. (... to be continued...)

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A LEGEND

I'm sure you have all heard about the passing of Ken Richardson. There are many, many tributes to the man in most of the recent automotive (and all of the British automotive) publications, so I won't attempt to duplicate that here. But, if you don't know about his influence at Triumph, do yourself a favour and read about his feats and accomplishments. Without him there probably would not have been a "TR" series, much less any Triumph sports cars. Thanks Ken.

MEETING OF THE MINDS

On a cold dark October evening your executive met to discuss new ideas and to generally get an idea of what we were all expecting from the club over the next twelve months, and how we could all contribute. Lots of ideas were presented including the following:

- Having a co-ordinator for each event so that there would be a contact for up to date info regarding that event. As well, having a reporting system, as in an article to print in *Overdrive*.
- Get busy with Regalia items such as grille badges, window stickers, membership cards, name badges, etc...
- Going all out at the Richmond show, promoting a flea market, and having a new look.
- Re-activating Sunday Fun Runs with specific destinations and/or events scheduled ahead of time.
- Garage night - someone working on a dream? Maybe we could declare a "share the dream night", get a box of brew and offer some technical advice, get our hands dirty, whatever.
- How about organizing an Import Cruise Night with other clubs at a local Canadian Tire ? Stay tuned for this one...

Lots and lots of ideas. Hey... if you have one, share it! After all, we are all part of this club for the same reason. (And if I have to tell you that reason then I'd have to kill you !)

NOVEMBER MEETING

Cold and un-sportscar-like weather was upon us but did not dampen the spirits of the twenty five or so who showed up at

the clubhouse. John Day had arranged for the CAA rep to give us a talk on the what and whys of the CAA. I think we all know that the CAA will provide tows and maps. But did you know that they will also send a "flatbed" if you request it? Or change your tire, or bring you gas, or even if it is not your car and you are a passenger, they will service you? Thanks to John Workman of the CAA for giving up his evening for us.

John Day went on to describe all of the other issues that the executive resolved and discussed which you will find elsewhere in *Overdrive*. All in all, it was a purposeful meeting and I think everybody was happy to be home a little earlier than usual.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Enclosed in this edition of your favorite publication is our current 1997 - 1998 membership listing. Although Jeff and Cheryl Patterson do their best, there are bound to be some errors and typos, so if yours is incorrect please drop Jeff a line so he can correct it.

(Hey Jeff - you forgot Viv's '72 GT6.)

KIT HEATHCOTE

In the latest edition of *Triumph Over Triumph* is a feature article by Kit retracing some of his rally experiences, including his most memorable with Ken Richardson at the 1954 Alpine Rally. The magazine is available to members to *borrow* and will be at the next meeting.

Also, it was suggested that Kit become an honorary lifetime member of OVTC and it was unanimously passed. Welcome to the club Kit !

MG DISPOSAL

Anybody notice the MG dumpster on the last page of October's *Overdrive*? Well the MG Club sure did! They ran a feature page in their newsletter which I've included for all proud Triumph owners to read for themselves. Should we as a club try to cloud our vision so as not to see the facts? After all, pictures do not lie. As your editor I took an oath to report all things *Triumphant* and to aid the meek and mercileless. By publishing the final resting place of so many of the less fortunate I was only trying to report the facts.

But hark, it is Christmas and pity is due to the less fortunate. We will, as a group, dim our vision somewhat, blur the obvious, utilize smoke and mirrors and confess that yes, indeed, the MG club was correct in identifying General Motors as the owners/occupants of the trash bin. Consider this a retraction, our friends whose editor spells his name "sdrawkcaB".

CHRISTMAS PARTY / MEETING

Help us to make this the fun event it was last year. Jane and Juliano Benco have foolishly (oops-) graciously offered the club their house to host the event. Their house is located near the clubhouse at 14 Kelvin Cres., Nepean, phone 727-8113. It is a BYOB. The club will provide snacks and Jane will be serving "Jane's Chili". Time is from 2:00 till 7:00 p.m. on December 14th.

Same as last year there will be door prizes, as well as the now famous and ever so popular "Chinese Auction". The rules are simple, if you recall...each

couple is to bring an anonymous wrapped gift, which will be presented by a method of drawing a high card, the first couple (or single person) picks any wrapped gift, then the second couple (person) has the choice of that previous prize or picking a wrapped gift, and so on down the line. Your gift can be anything of value less than ten dollars, or how about that valuable spare Triumph part that you will never use? The auction will be around 5:00 p.m., so try to be there.

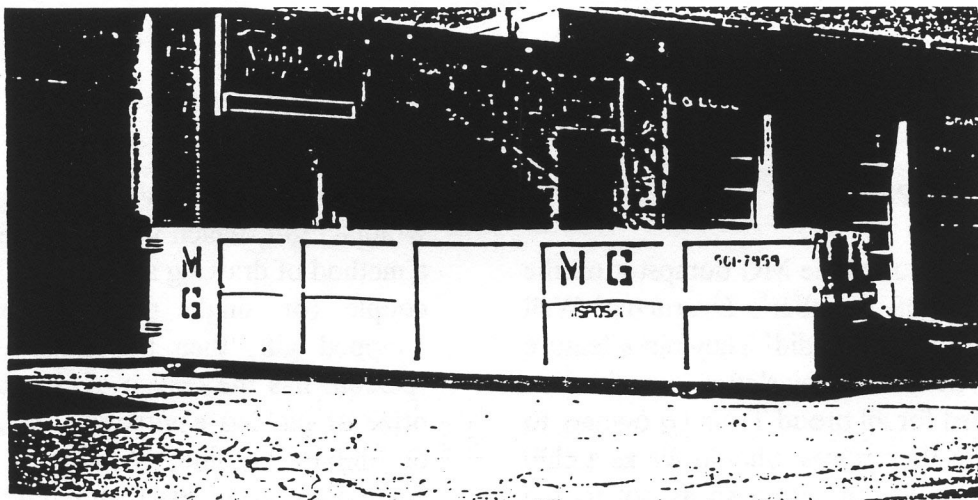
I'M THANKFUL !!!!!!!

Driving home from work the other day and a guy backs up across two lanes and into the side of my land-yacht as I'm cruising along. First thoughts were ... you guessed it ... I'm thankful I wasn't in my TR4 !

Next *Overdrive*? Look for the January/February edition in the early part of February. We should have most of the 1998 events confirmed at that point so you can plan your trips and travels accordingly. Richmond Fairgrounds have been booked by the OVTC for June 14th.

Next Meeting? After the Christmas bash on the 14th of December the next meeting is on the 26th of January, 1998 at the usual spot (clubhouse).

Let Vivien and myself take this opportunity to wish you and yours all the very best over Christmas and the upcoming year. (Even to you M.G.ers out there.) Remember...shiny side up!



October 28, 1997

To The Editor Of The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club Newsletter, OVERDRIVE :

Surely many of your readers have already told you about the hideous mistake in the latest issue of the Triumph Club newsletter. I would like to be counted among those concerned folks that brought the gross error to your attention, and I hope we did so in the nick of time to prevent to much embarrassment. Of course I am talking about the photo on the last page of the most recent OVERDRIVE newsletter. Many of us here in the civilized western hemisphere, whether recipients of the Triumph Club newsletter or not, are quite familiar with the location where this photo was taken; at the back entrance of a major General Motors plant in south-western Ontario. And many of us are familiar with the current unrest amongst the auto maker unions and understand that some of the membership would go to great lengths to gain publicity. And this is obviously one of those situations where one of the members did his best to mock the auto-maker giant, General Motors, by pasting the logo letters to a dumpster at the rear entrance to the plant; in a feeble attempt to display the implied quality of the vehicles that are made there. But the most unfortunate aspect here is, the worker, like many among their ranks, is quite dyslexic and has inadvertently thrown the gist of the joke onto another vehicle marque. A marque, I might add, that has consistently been associated with quality materials and workmanship in its product and a marque that has been recognized by only a finer and classier group of people through the decades of production.

The issue here, and it is obvious, is that your Triumph Club newsletter has demonstrated an editorial attitude that appears to support a lack of checking a story line before publication. I am sure, had you checked a few of the facts surrounding this photo, that you would have seen the truth about the situation and not reprinted the photo in such a blatant way that could lead to serious misunderstandings. Of course, I, being among those in the finer and classier group of people in the civilized western hemisphere, accept your sincere apology in advance for such behaviour demonstrated in the Triumph Club newsletter. And, although it really is not necessary, I would appreciate seeing a note of retraction in the upcoming issue of the Triumph Club newsletter so that all readers might know the truth about this situation.

Yours Truly,

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The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 75 members. The Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Manordale Community Centre, Knoxdale and Carola, at 7:30 p.m. 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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The OVTC is a member of the British Car Council and is affiliated with the TR Register (UK)

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BEATTY, David	33 Southpark Drive, GLOUCESTER, ONT.	K1B 3B8			
BENCO, Jane & Juliano	14 Kelvin Crescent, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2G 3L9	H: (613) 727-8113	W: (613) 564-8624	1962 TR3A, 1975 TR6
BOISVERT, Gaetan	166F Beland, GATINEAU, QUE.	J8R 1G3	H: (819) 669-7629	FAX: (613) 564-7145	1974 TR6
BOURASSA, Albert	15 St. Antoine, GATINEAU, QUE.	J8T 3L4			
BOURNE, Stephan	92 Munro Street, CARLETON PLACE, ONT.	K7C 1H7	H: (613) 253-0739	W: (613) 253-9149	GT6
BOWDEN, Barry M.	623 Glenside Terrace, ORLEANS, ONT.	K4A 2B7	H: (613) 824-0082	W: (613) 763-1497	1977 Spitfire
BROWN, Malcolm & Lynne	35 Roberta Crescent, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2J 1G5	H: (613) 825-0458		1974 TR6
BURNS, Rob	97 West Street, TRENTON, ONT.	K8V 2M3			
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DAY, John & Lori	95 Chippewa Avenue, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2G 1Y3	H: (613) 723-9876	W: (613) 992-5826	1976 TR6, 1972 TR6
DISIPIO, John	1238 Major Street, OTTAWA, ONT.	K2C 2S2	H: (613) 728-3606	FAX: (613) 947-6476	1959 TR3A
DOWHAN, Rick & Sharon	71 Deniverville Drive, GLOUCESTER, ONT.	K1V 7N6	H: (613) 736-7453		1969 Spitfire, 1967 Spitfire
FILION, Peter J.	R.R. #4, WINCHESTER, ONT.	K0C 2K0			
GATES, Gary	425 Main Street, WINCHESTER, ONT.	K0C 2K0	H: (613) 774-3829	W: (613) 774-2420	1975 TR6
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GRAHAM, Michael & Marjorie	2422 Fairmile Road, R.R. #4, KEMPTVILLE, ONT.	K0G 1J0	H: (613) 258-2901		1977 TR7
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HENNESSY, Shaun	1454 Laurin Crescent, ORLEANS, ONT.	K1E 3H3	H: (613) 830-0121	W: (613) 237-1590	1958 TR3A
HOLBECH, Craig	1144 Rockingham, Apt. #607, OTTAWA, ONT.	K2H 8L7	H: (613) 731-5420		1969 Spitfire
HOLBECH, Derek & Isobel	111 Sherbrooke St. E., PERTH, ONT.	K7H 1A7	H: (613) 267-6676		1962 Herald
HUDDLESON, Lynda & David	5053 Limebank Road, GLOUCESTER, ONT.	K1X 1E8	H: (613) 822-1315	W: (613) 274-6500 EXT. 8807	1976 TR7, 1980 TR7 Spider
JAMES, Howard	8261 Walker Road, R.R. #3, METCALFE, ONT.	K0A 2P0	H: (613) 821-1579		1979 TR8 Coupe
JOYNT, Patrick & Connie	119 Midvale Drive, R.R. #3, CARP, ONT.	K0A 1L0	H: (613) 831-0835	W: (613) 726-0500	1968 Spitfire, 1970 Spitfire
KAYE, Ed & Vivien	1710 River Road, MANOTICK, ONT.	K4M 1B4	H: (613) 692-1880	W: (613) 728-1821	1976 TR6
KNUDSON, Don	R.R. #3, PERTH, ONT.	K7H 3C5	H: (613) 267-1165	FAX: (613) 722-3465	1965 TR4
LINDSAY, Gary	19 Sims Avenue, OTTAWA, ONT.	K1Y 3J9	H: (613) 729-7787	W: (613) 267-7871	1959 TR3
MACDONALD, Paul D. & Kathy	57 Farmgate Crescent, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2E 7N3	H: (613) 226-2512	W: (819) 956-3939	1975 Spitfire
MCMILLAN, Max	3047 Prince of Wales Drive, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2C 3H1	H: (613) 236-7652	FAX: (819) 953-2953	1980 TR8
MAILLOUX, Roly	30 Downsview Crescent, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2G 0A5	H: (613) 226-8708	W: (613) 594-5323	1971 GT6
MASSEY, Rick	45 St. Moritz, CANTLEY, QUE.	J8V 3B2	H: (819) 827-1484	W: (613) 944-2503	1965 Spitfire
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NASH, John & Bev	27 Solva Drive, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2H 5R4							
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POPPELWELL, Harris & Peter	48 Burnbank Street, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2G 0H6				H: (613) 226-4280			1975 TR6
ROBERTSON, Gord	15 Lotta Avenue, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2G 2A9				H: (613) 226-5033			1975 TR6
RUDNICKI, Stephen & Diane	2 Woodburn Drive, GLOUCESTER, ONT.	K1B 3A7				H: (613) 834-7144			1975 TR6
SPENCE, Shawn	177 Equestrian Drive, KANATA, ONT.	K2M 2C2				H: (613) 591-8618			1975 TR6
SPINNEY, Kurt	628 Clancy Street, GLOUCESTER, ONT.	K1J 7T9				H: (613) 748-0199			1969 GT6
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THREADER, Jeff & Wendy	33 Roberta Crescent, NEPEAN, ONT.	K2J 1G5				H: (613) 825-2614			1977 Spitfire
TIERNEY, Al	R.R. #2, CARLETON PLACE, ONT.	K7C 3P2				H: (613) 257-7582			1972 TR6
TIERNEY, John A.	2 Dorey Court, KANATA, ONT.	K2L 2V5				H: (613) 591-9572			1980 TR8
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VEILLETTE, Richard	21 du Gabbro, HULL, QUE.	J8Z 2N3				H: (819) 771-8111			1975 TR6
WATT, Alan	16 Butternut Court, GLOUCESTER, ONT.	K1B 4T6				H: (613) 837-8451			1968 TR250
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WILLIAMS, Paul	82 Clegg Street, OTTAWA, ONT.	K1S 0H8				H: (613) 233-6982			1982 TR8 Convertible
WOZNICA, Sid	49 Kenora Street, OTTAWA, ONT.	K1Y 3K7				H: (613) 729-7129			1960 TR3A
WRIGHT, Jeff	952 Princeton Avenue, OTTAWA, ONT.	K1A 0N1				H: (613) 761-1418			1960 TR3A, 1973 TR6
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