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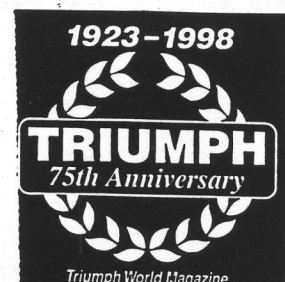
The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, John Day

I hope you're looking forward as I am to our annual BBQ at the end of this month. Steve & Carol Bourne are the hosts for this year's event in Carleton Place. Given Steve's zest for organization at the past couple of Richmond shows, you know that no effort will be spared to delight and entertain you. Invitations for the BBQ were sent earlier this month.

I must pass on a 'small world' story that just happened to me. I had recently bought a pair of new front tires for the 3A, and was out 'road-testing' them that same afternoon, when a man in his mid-60's speaks to me as we were side-by-side at a red light. From the window of his minivan, he asks "Is that a TR3?", and I said "Close - it's a TR3A". He then tells me that he used to have a '56 TR3 in the early 1960's. The light turns green and I let him in ahead of me. A little way further along the road, I see his arm motioning towards an upcoming parking lot. I follow him in, and we introduce ourselves. He tells me he thinks he may still have his original Service Manual, and that if so, I'm welcome to it. He takes my name & number and we go our separate ways. Within a couple of days, I receive a call from the man, saying that he did still have the book! I was over to his place in an instant (he also happened to live close by). Although being the typically oily Triumph manual, it is still in excellent condition. I thanked the man, and he said it was of no use to him, so I was welcome to it! Even TR alumni are hospitable!

AUGUST MEETING

All members have received an invitation for our summer bar-b-que meeting on the 29th of August at Steve and Carol Bourne's house. This meeting supercedes our regular meeting which is normally the fourth Monday of each month. SO please don't go to the Manordale Clubhouse on the 24th expecting a meeting. It won't happen. Sorry in advance for any confusion.

The club will be supplying the burgers and dogs so bring your appetites and your favorite poison. Just another good reason to keep up your membership in the club. If you need more info call Steve or John Day.

LAST CALL!

Have you remembered to send in your membership dues? If not, **this really will be your last newsletter**, so come on, get up off your butt, write a cheque for \$30.00 and send it in to Jeff Patterson.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all the newest OVTC members, including Serge Milette, Serge Milette Jr., Robert Phung, Denis Gaumont, Andy Warfield, Eric & Nancy Goodwin, Lonny McPherson, Greg Browning, Fergus Groundwater and Don LeBlanc (and anyone else we might have missed).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **Aug 23** Boot 'N Bonnet Club 9th Annual British Car Day, Kingston
Jeff Patterson 839-2891
- ◆ **Aug 29-30** Mont Tremblant Antique Car Exhibit 1-88-TREMBLANT
- ◆ **Aug 30** Moggies on the Grass
- ◆ **Sept 5-6** Perth Fair Car and Truck Show
- ◆ **Sept 6** Rockland Car Show
- ◆ **Sept 10** Heron Gate Mall Cruise Night
- ◆ **Sept 12** Rocco's Cruise Night Stittsville
- ◆ **Sept 13-14** Watkin's Glen, NY,
Bob Thomas 267-4561
- ◆ **Sept 17-20** British Invasion, Stowe, Vt.
- ◆ **Sept 18-20** Ottawa Super Car and Motorcycle Show and Flea Market, Jet Form Park (613) 744-0746
- ◆ **Sept 20** 15th Annual British Car Day, Bronte Creek, Oakville, On.
- ◆ **Sept 19-20** Antique Auto Club of Ottawa Car Show, Nepean Sportsplex
- ◆ **Oct 25** Autojumble Flea Market, International Centre, Mississauga. Sponsored by the MG car Club of Toronto (416) 410-5464

MOGGIES on the GRASS

This year the date is Sunday, August 30th and the place is Phantom Farms. On the way to Phantom, a visit to Sunset Farms for a "stirrup cup" at the Ottawa Valley Hunts' 125th anniversary Hunter Trials horse show will be held at 11 a.m. Sunset is located on old Highway #7, just past the Carp Road in Stittsville. Anyone interested can meet at Sunset either at 11 a.m., or by 12:30 to leave for the picnic at Phantom. For directions or information phone Dave Rees-Potter at (613) 256-4280 or 4377.

KINGSTON AUTO FEST '98

(by Ed Kaye)

Viv and I weren't exactly in Kingston on the weekend of July 26th to attend the car show. We were visiting family and the weather forecast for the weekend was outstanding, so we decided to take the TR4, AND there just happened to be a car show in town.

Early Sunday we took the car to the site which was on the shores of Lake Ontario at the Royal Military College. There was lots of shade from the huge Oaks and Maples, and of course a constant breeze off the lake. The plan was to drop off the car bright and early and then head back to the relatives for more visiting and brunch, which is exactly what we did. On our return to the show in early afternoon we were amazed at the number of cars. There had to be well over 250. The Triumphs totalled ten, including a Stag from Toronto, a TR3, TR4A, TR6, two TR7's, three Spitfires including one with a real nice V-6 conversion and my TR4. Not a lot of English here (only one MGB), but the hot rods and customs were enough to keep everyone drooling - some real nice machinery was on display. Lots of stock fifties and sixties machines as well: Desoto, Studebaker, Avanti, Cobra, Packard, T-Bird, Vettes and so on.

Kingston is a great location for shows. It draws from the area of course, as well as Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal. I'm looking forward to the Boot 'N' Bonnet Show on Aug 23rd.



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VOLKSFEST

(by Incognito Reporter Ed Kaye)

Another weekend with great summer top down weather was with us on August 2nd. A great day to go for a drive to Embrun and check out cars. Not just any cars, but Volkswagens. We saw them all there: Beetles, dune buggies, Westfalia's, Rabbit/Golfs, Corrados, and Sciroccos. They were stock, modified, neat, sad, rusted, restored and everything in between. If you are a VW fan you were there. If not, well it was interesting anyway. Had to be a couple of hundred VW's there including Vivien's latest acquisition, a 1990 Corrado.

OIL DRIPS

- John Day's TR6 is presently hovering a foot off the ground as he pulls its transmission, in what has to be (according to John) one of the slowest repairs going. He hopes to get the flywheel resurfaced, then see what's up with the clutch. He knows the Glen is fast approaching....
- What else could John Tierney do to improve his fabulous TR8 ? Well, he had it painted. The colour is really indescribable.... Kind of the same colour except "pearl". John did most of the prep and Landon did the paint. You gotta see it!

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CANADIAN CLASSIC AT SARNIA

(By Travel Reporter Bob Thomas)

This year the 13th annual Canadian Classic was held in Sarnia Ontario and hosted by the Bluewater British Car Club. The OVTC was represented by Bob Thomas, Jeff and Cheryl Patterson, and the club's youngest member, Allan Patterson.

The Classic was headquartered at the Best Western Guildwood which is in a beautiful location bordering on a marina near the Bluewater International Bridge. There were 73 cars registered for the weekend (including several from the U.S. who were here to take advantage of our "northern peso").

Friday was a perfect warm day for the backroads tour from Sarnia to Bayfield with not a cloud in the sky. The only mechanical problems encountered were when yours truly ran out of gas a half mile from Bayfield (I guess it really is only a 10 gallon gas tank!).

Another beautiful day greeted us on Saturday for the concours at Canatara Park, where the cars were displayed in an open area bordered by mature trees and a beach within short walking distance. A lot of beautiful cars were on display, and I was lucky enough to get the "participants' choice" for the TR6 class.

The highlight of the weekend for us was speaking with Graham Robson. Jeff and I both had Graham autograph his books for us and we spoke to him shortly before he gave an interesting talk at Friday night's BBQ on Triumph cars past, present, and future. Two of Graham's remarks stand out in my memory. When I asked him about his duties with the TR Register, he replied he was like the Queen: his function was

"to observe, to advise and to warn". And, during his talk, Graham commented that in his opinion, Rover Group were not going to revive the Triumph marque and that means we the enthusiasts are the future for Triumph.

Saturday's return home included a tour of RM Restorations shops in Chatham. Most of their recent restorations were en route to Meadowbrook, but there were still many interesting cars to see. We returned home on Monday, about 1200 miles and many pleasant memories later, from a very enjoyable Classic.

For those who like to plan ahead, next year the Classic will be held one week earlier in Collingwood, at the same time as the Elvis Impersonators Weekend. So, start rehearsing!

M.G. HOSPITALITY

All Triumph Club members have been invited to join the MG Club for two events. The first is this Sunday, (Aug.23rd). They are convoying to the Boot 'N' Bonnet Show in Kingston and we are welcome to join them. The meeting place is "The Brig Pub", 501 Hazeldean Rd. (north side) in Kanata. Breakfast is available. Departure is at 8:45 a.m. sharp.

The second event is for Sunday, Aug 30th. The MG Club is hosting "The Monte Carleton Rally". Departure is from Jet Form Park (Queensway at Vanier Pkwy). First car is off at 11:00 am. For more info please call Mark @ 521-3097 or Len @ 821-3140.

Thanks to the MG Club for including us in their plans!

**MINI-REPORT: ROADSTER
FACTORY SUMMER PARTY AND
TR8 GET-TOGETHER**
(by Ed Kaye)

Our club had three representatives take part in this event down in Pennsylvania: John Tierney, Dave Huddleson, and Ted Nielsen. They motored down to participate in various events including drag races, touring, gymkhanas, etc. Including their TR8's, there were a total of 76 of them. Must have been quite a sight, all those wedges lined up! There were in addition another 400 sportscars to view.

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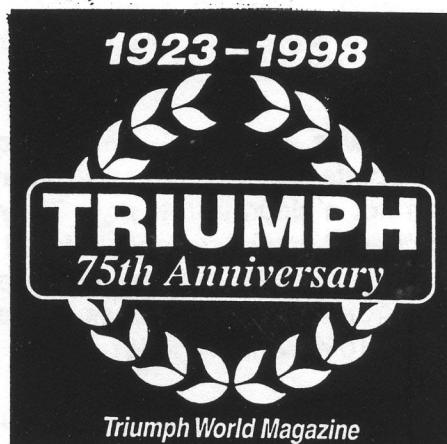
Next month at our regular meeting we will be taking election nominations for our new executive. This club only exists because of you, so come on, if you haven't had your turn helping out, think about it. The executive positions are president, vice-president, newsletter editor, treasurer, membership, regalia, and event co-ordinator(s). New blood and new ideas are what makes a club healthy, and yeah, it looks great on your resume. Talk to any one of us for information on what the position(s) entails. Thanks!

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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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