



OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB
NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Highlights of Sept. 27, 1989 Meeting

The fifth meeting of the OVTC was held at the Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre, our new permanent location for future meetings of the Club. Thanks again to Jane Benco for her efforts to reserve the Centre's facilities for our use on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Stebro Muffler Presentation

About 15 of our members were treated to an excellent presentation by factory representatives from Stebro Muffler Systems Ltd. in Carleton Place, Ontario. Steve Flannery, Mike Armstrong and Pat Boutchard were present to explain the company's product and answer questions from the Club members present. Examples of various product lines were displayed and some good hand-out literature was distributed. One of our members, Jeff Threader, has a Stebro system on his Spitfire and it's well worth a look. Members who would like more information on these well-made muffler systems and accessories should contact: Stebro Systems Ltd.

50 Bruce Crescent
Carleton Place, Ontario
K7C 3V6 (613) 257-7215

Stebro accessories (i.e., mufflers, tail pipe extensions, etc.) are available in Ottawa at the following garages--Robson's on Bank St., Import Auto on McArthur Ave. and Mini-Man in Stittsville.

Logo Reproductions

There was a general discussion on the various ways to reproduce our Club's logo. Pat Mills provided the members with a number of examples as to what was available and the cost involved. Other members contributed their views and, since there was no consensus as to what type of logo reproduction to select, it was decided to review the matter again at our Oct. 25th meeting.

Highlights of Oct. 1, 1989 Fall Tour

Our Club's first driving tour, which had originally been slated for a drive down to Chaumont, N.Y., was rescheduled at the last minute and a trip to Calabogie, Ontario, replaced this event for Oct. 1st. The rescheduling was due to the fact that Mostly British Motors in Chaumont did not get enough advance warning to be open on a Sunday and yours truly is primarily at fault. I called Chaumont on Sept. 25th and found out they needed a minimum of two weeks' advance notice to be open on a Sunday, which makes sense. Sorry folks, we'll try again sometime soon or in the Spring next year.

As a result, I could only verbally report to the Club members attending the Sept. 27th meeting of the cancellation. Anyway, our trip to Calabogie on Oct. 1st turned out to be a big success. A number of the members met at the Pinecrest Shopping Centre early Sunday morning and drove up to Calabogie via Carp, Kinburn, Antrim, Pakenham and Burnstown side roads. We joined some other members from Perth at the Whippetree Restaurant in Calabogie and then, that afternoon, drove back to Ottawa via Lanark, Perth and Smiths Falls. The weather was beautiful and the Fall colours were splendid. Thanks to all those who knew about the tour and were able to come out for it.

New Members

In order to reduce the size of the Newsletter mailed out every month, the Club will retain one master list of the total membership and only list new members in our monthly Newsletter. This month's new member is:

Dominic and Marjorie Gallerneault
33 George Avenue
Perth Ontario K7H 2Z1
(613) 267-5469

'65 Spitfire MK II

Also, in regard to the membership list, it was requested that the office phone numbers be included with the member's home phone number in order to facilitate communication among the members. At the next meeting we'll circulate the master list and ask those present to list their office numbers. Once this master list is as complete as possible, we'll retype and hand it out at a future meeting. Furthermore, each member will be assigned a four digit number to indicate the year he/she joined and the sequence of the yearly total. For example, Mary and Bruce Young (who suggested this idea) were among the first group to establish the Club, therefore, their number would be 8903.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

\$12 Annual Membership Fee

In order to establish a better financial basis for operating the Club, it was agreed to ask all the members for a \$12 annual membership fee. This will ensure that you continue to receive the monthly Newsletter which, although not expensive to produce, does involve mailing and stationery costs. To date, these costs have been offset by donations given by those attending the meetings and, since all members cannot always attend certain meetings, it was felt that this is a fairer way to raise the revenue needed to "get the word out" on a monthly basis. We therefore ask that you send a cheque for \$12 made out to:

R. B. Edgington
Secretary-Treasurer - OVTC
85 Sunnyside Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
K1S 0P9

Come Jan. 1st, 1990, the annual fee will be reviewed and prorating the fee to the month members join will also be discussed in more detail.

OVTC Officers

At our next meeting on Oct. 25th, 1989, it is suggested we elect officers to help in organizing and operating the Club. Along the lines of the TTC, the following positions should be established:

President
Vice-President
Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Treasurer
Membership
Regalia

Other special category officers can be discussed at the Oct. 25th 1989 meeting.

Nominations are now open. Ballots will be distributed at the meetings so please plan on attending if you can.

Associate Membership Class

Bruce Young suggested that all factory reps who give special presentations to the Club be given an "Associate" class of membership in the OVTC. This would entitle them to receive the Newsletter and would be a small reward for their efforts in attending a meeting and offering their expertise to the Club. There was a general concurrence to this idea on a trial basis.

Special Event for Next Meeting

Bruce Young will be bringing a 60 minute video of the recent TTC sponsored Bronte Creek British Car Day Rally which was held on Sept. 17th, 1989. Bill Mills has graciously offered to bring his TV and Video recorder so we can all view the great selection of vintage cars (+400) that were on display for this event. How about a British Car Day sponsored by OVTC this summer?

Future Meetings of OVTR

- The next meeting will be
Oct. 25th, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.
Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre
Knoxdale Road (City of Nepean)
- The Nov. meeting will be
Nov. 22nd, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.
(same location)

Larry Henderson will try to line up a special speaker from the Fender Factory in Ottawa to address the Club on various paint products, etc.

- The Dec. meeting will be cancelled due to the Christmas holidays.
- The first meeting of the Club in 1990 will be
Jan. 24th, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.
(same location)

Publicity Update

Pat and Brian Mills have produced a card that can be used to recruit possible new members. Enclosed in this Newsletter is a sheet with 10 cards that allow members to write in their own names and phone numbers as the OVTC contact re recruiting potential members. A great idea. Keep a supply handy on you since there are a lot of TR owners out there who would be interested in our Club activities.

Joint TTC/OVTC 1991 National Meet?

From a "food for thought" corner, here is a great idea about a possible future activity that came out of a conversation which Malcolm Brown had with the past President and founder of the Toronto Triumph Club, Bill Gray, recently:

"I spoke, casually, with the President of the Toronto Triumph Club at the British Car Day at Bronte Creek Park a couple of weeks ago regarding the idea we had discussed and the

possibilities of hosting the 1991 'TR' Canadian Classic. He said they currently plan one year in advance so 1991 is, as yet, "open". I mentioned, of course, the fact that we are but a small Club (so far) and don't have the same resources to draw upon as the TTC. Nonetheless, we would like to undertake a joint planning activity with the TTC for the 1991 Meet. He thought this sounded like a good idea and said the TTC could provide the necessary funds, while we have a joint responsibility for planning and coordination. This may sound ambitious for some (and after all we did discuss this over a few beers!), but I do believe we could have a ball putting it all together. Especially given all the unique possibilities the City has to offer:

- road tour along Gatineau Parkway (to Kingsmere, perhaps)
- track events at Capital City Speedway
- concourse behind the Chateau (Majors Hill Park)
- panoramic picture at same (or better yet, in front of the Peace Tower)
- Ottawa Valley fun rally
- river boat booze cruise along the Ottawa (theme, Silly Servants)
- etc., etc., etc.

If they liked Kingston...they'll love Ottawa!!"

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Lynne and Malcolm Brown and their TR-6 for winning 1ST PLACE at TTC's British Car Day Rally in Bronte Creek Provincial Park on Sept. 27th, 1989.

Requests

1. Peter Whitworth is looking for a garage or suitable space to store three cars over the winter. If anyone knows of space available, please contact Peter at (613) 692-2270.
2. Bill Gray, from Toronto, is looking for a TR Transmission and Overdrive for his TR-3A. Anyone with one for sale call Bill at (514) 228-2294.
3. Craig Holbeche is looking for a driver's side window for his 1969 Spitfire MK III. Call Craig during the week at his Algonquin College number in Ottawa, 729-9075, or on weekends in Perth at 267-6676.

Tentative Agenda for Oct. 25th, 1989 Meeting

1. Logo Reproductions
2. Election of Officers
3. New Business
4. British Car Day Video
5. Next Meeting

A special thanks to Gloria for typing up this Newsletter. See you all in October.



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