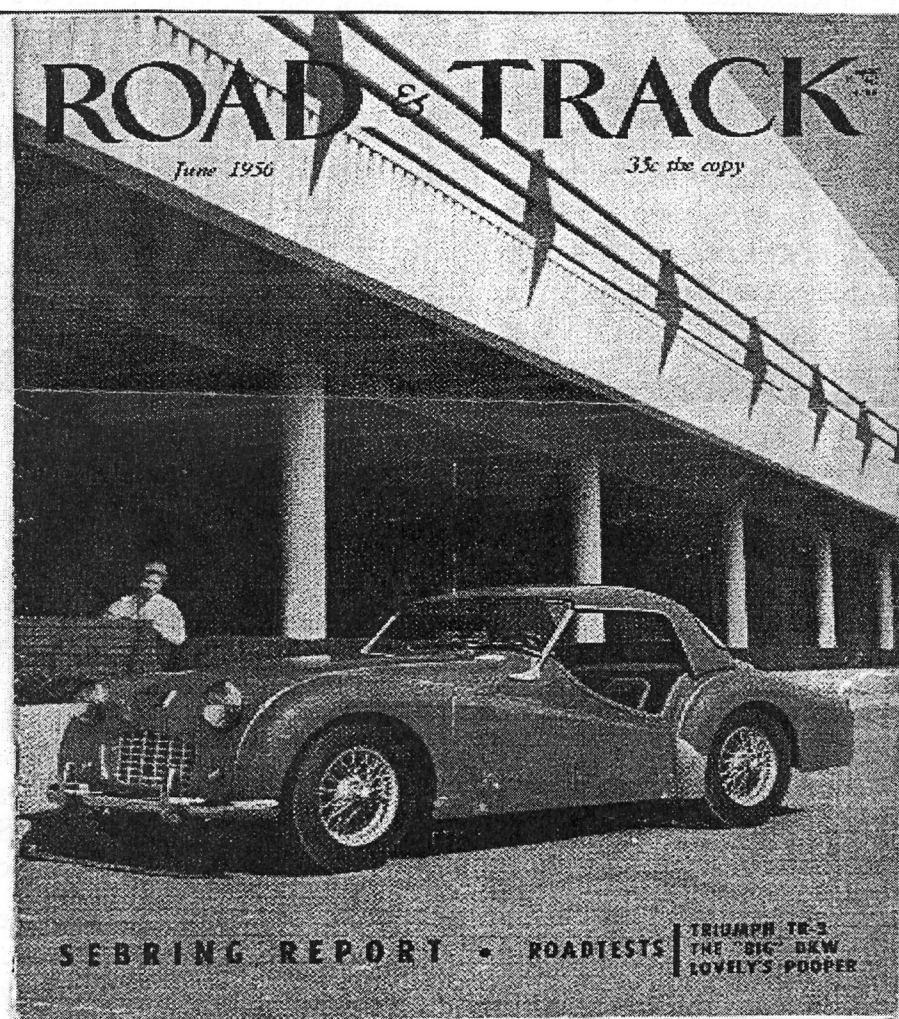




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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

May, 1999



Hard to 'Top' That Hardtop!

- Guest Speaker for April OVTC Meeting (@Knoxdale)
- OVTC Spring Fling / BBQ '99 – May 22nd in Iroquois
- Plus much more!!

Cover: Here's another shot of an old magazine cover I took from the Internet.

**NOTICE! Tech Clinic @ Miniman,
Walgreen Rd., Carp – May 15th, 9-12.
OVTC Spring Fling @ Alex Bustard's
near Iroquois – May 22nd. Details below.**

May 1999 a Month of Events:

As the above notice indicates, we are quickly getting into the busy classic car season otherwise known as summer. The Victoria Day holiday means there will be no regular Monday meeting at Knoxdale, but there is more than enough going on to replace it. Firstly, there is the Miniman clinic on the 15th for the Tech clinic. This is always a very worthwhile event to attend, and a lot can be learned from Rob, Eric and the rest of the lads. The following weekend is our Spring Fling at Alex Bustard's place near Iroquois (Pat Mills, you were right – I did spell it wrong last month!). Burgers & snacks will be provided by the OVTC, but stronger refreshments are strictly BYOB. We will be having a convoy to Alex's that morning – for details, read on. Finally, the British Car Week celebrations will be held May 30th in Montreal. A group will also be going down to this event, as it sounds as though it will be a fairly major event. More events will be described in advance as their dates approach.



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Message from the President:

Our April meeting attracted about 30 people, including a few new and prospective members. It was our first meeting of the season where people were able to drive their

Triumphs, so we spent some time in the parking lot before moving inside.

Our next event is the Miniman tech session to be held on May 15th. This is your opportunity to go out and have some fine-tuning done to your Triumph. Personally, I am hoping to have the GT6 up and running in time for Miniman. We replaced the head (my engine had overheated on the way to Kingston a while back and some damage was done) and now we just need to bleed the brakes (master cylinder was rebuilt) and I should be able to drive away. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to drive my Triumph, especially as I see more and more sports cars on the road every day.

And then it is off to our Spring Fling at Alex Bustard's in Iroquois on the 22nd. Be sure to join the convoy for the drive down. Just a reminder, too, that the Import Cruise Night at Canadian Tire (Hunt Club & Merivale) begins on Sunday May 16th @ 6 o'clock

For those of you that are interested, on May 30th there is a British Car Week celebration show at Centennial Field, 288 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Qc from 10 – 4. Included will be a sampling of Jaguar, Aston Martin, Land Rover, Rolls Royce and Bentley cars courtesy of Decarie Motors, and the Jaguar Boutique offering a full line of Jaguar authorized clothing. Ed and I are planning on going to that one. Or if you plan on staying closer to home, that same day you can choose between the Oxford Mills Vintage Motorcycle and Car show, or the Barrhaven Antique Show & Shine, or the Cumberland Heritage Car show.

The following weekend (June 6) is the Byward Market Auto Classic, with a special Salute to British Cars display at the National Gallery. At last count, only nine of our members had registered, so if you are thinking about it, fax in that registration form now!

As you can see, the season is upon us and

there is no shortage of things to do. I hope to see our members out in full force at events, especially the OVTC ones. Happy motoring!

OVTC Spring Fling at Alex Bustard's:

A final reminder that the OVTC Spring Fling BBQ and Fun Run will be at the home of Alex Bustard along the St. Lawrence near Iroquois. Anyone interested will be able to join in a convoy from the clubhouse at 9 a.m. that morning, and we aim to be at Alex's for noon. We'll also pick up the Kaye's and other who wish to meet at the Swan in Manotick for roughly 9:30 on the way down. The club is supplying the burgers, munchies & fixings, as well as some soft drinks. People wanting something a little stronger will supply their own. Alex has a tremendous collection of classic cars himself, plus there will be all the other cars from other clubs to be seen. Plan now to attend.

To get to Alex's place (for those not in the convoy), take 31 or 16 to Old Hwy 2 and head west from 31 or east from 16. Alex is halfway between Cardinal and Iriquois. The civic number is 10295, and look for at least one sports car out front.

One point to mention again – As the 4th Monday in May is the holiday (imagine – May 24th is actually the holiday this year!), the Spring Fling will also serve double-duty as our May meeting. This was mentioned in the April newsletter, but I thought it's worth mentioning again in case you were going to cancel holiday plans to be at Knoxdale that night. If you weren't going there anyway, we don't want to know – it hurts our feelings!

Fort Henry Opening – Kingston May 16th:

I heard from Brian Thomas of the Boot'n'Bonnet Club in Kingston that the opening day for Fort Henry is in conjunction with a British festival. British cars get in free. For anyone who fancies a spin to Kingston and hear the sound of the pipes, this is for you!

Import Cruise Night begins May 16th:

After its early success at the end of the 1998 driving season, The Import Cruise Night is set to return to the Canadian Tire parking lot at Merivale & Hunt Club on May 16th, nearly a month after Roly Mailloux showed up with his Spitfire (such a 'keener'!). This was the brainchild of OVTC'er Paul MacDonald, in part as a response to all the other cruise nights on the go in this city.

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British Car Week Celebration – May 30:

British Car week takes place the week of May 24th – 30th, 1999. After the success of our event in May of 1998, we are pleased to announce a bigger and better version for 1999! The date will be Sunday, May 30th, 1999 and the location will be the same as last year: Centennial Park, 288 Beaconsfield Blvd., in Beaconsfield. Take the St. Charles south exit of the 20 and turn right on Beaconsfield Blvd., the field is 1 mile up on your left.

The festivities start at 10 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. This is a rain or shine event! Cars will be parked by marque; please park on the grass!

A ballot will be provided on arrival. This is for participant's choice in each class, and for best in show. The BiS winner will receive a \$500 gift certificate from the Jaguar Boutique. Winners of the individual classes will receive a certificate and a scale model British car courtesy of Decarie Motors. Decarie will also try to have on display new

Jaguars, Aston Martins and even a Bentley.

The BCW event is raising money for the Montreal Breast Cancer Foundation, so donations are encouraged.

This will be the largest gathering of British cars in the Montreal area in 1999. You cannot afford to miss it!

Oxford Mills Classic Car & Bike Show:

This event, also for May 30, may interest those of you who don't want to make such a long trip. I have attended this show the past 3 years, and it is quite good, particularly the vintage bikes, and is in a nice setting on the grounds of the Anglican church – you can't miss it. This event helps to raise funds for the church in Oxford Mills. British cars mix well with the antique & muscle cars who attend. The drive there is also pleasant, so keep this event in mind as well.

April Mtg. – Triumphs come out to play:

The April meeting had to be one of the best-attended evenings in some time. We had roughly 35 people out to the clubhouse, plus there were a few Triumphs in attendance in the parking lot (note to Bob Thomas - yours truly even had the TR6 back together again!). It was a fairly cold evening, so not as much time was spent tire-kicking as anticipated, but nonetheless we were off to a flying start for summer 1999!

We also had several new faces on hand that evening, and as a result we now have 3 new members paid up and on the list. Interestingly enough, all 3 people have Spitfires! We welcome to the OVTC:

- **Bud Kern** of Perth. Bud drives a 1975 Spitfire 1500;
- **Scott Naugler**. Scott recently bought himself a 1979 Spitfire; and
- **Dave Trinque & Diane Cacciotta**. Dave & Diane have a 1974 Spitfire.

Welcome aboard, everyone!

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Dave Huddleson was at a Conference in Dallas, Texas that night – he missed the best single membership night in some time! Also on had was a potential member in Rob Christopher. Rob is on the lookout for a TR6, so once he comes across one we'll see him back. We also have contact with several other people who own or are looking for Triumphs and will be joining the club shortly, so stay tuned!

The April meeting was also good on the regalia front. Gord Robertson had along the new OVTC license plate frames, and we did a brisk trade in them, with 18 sold. Gord also sold some Richmond shirts (now at the clearance price of \$5), as well as some hats and some of the new lapel pins. That's the spirit, folks! Contact Gord at 226-5033 if you wish to buy any regalia between meetings!

I had written in the last newsletter about the 1976 Spitfire that was being raffled off near Guelph. I had been in contact with the Auto Shop teacher, Ron Nafziger, who was organizing the raffle. Briefly, it has been restored over 2 years by Ron's classes, and is now being raffled off to recoup the money and to obtain another project car for future classes. Ron had sent me 30 tickets as a first batch @ \$5 each, and we sold 17 tickets that night. I have sold a few more since then, so if anyone is interested in buying a ticket they should contact me (John Day, 723-9876) and I can ensure more are available. I have contacted Ron for some more tickets. The

draw is June 5, so I will also try to have some tickets available at the Spring Fling.

Finally, we had our guest speaker for the evening. Christine Gray was out on behalf of the Central Canada Exhibition Association to tell us about the First Annual Antique Car Show & Auction at this summer's Ottawa Exhibition, August 20-22. As the name suggests, there will be an emphasis on having an auction of classic cars, and entries are encouraged.

Some of the highlights of the Show are: 20,000 square feet of floor space; cars ranging from the period 1946 - 1970; free entrance to the show with your Ex admission; two days of viewing followed by auction on 3rd day, etc. For people interested in selling their car, the Ex charges a flat \$150 fee per car. This is unlike typical auctions where the fee is a fixed % of the price reached. On the other hand, the fee is charged whether the car sells or if it fails to meet any pre-set reserve price. If you like to live dangerously, go for it! Despite Lori's attempts to enter one of my cars in the auction at the meeting that night, I'll settle for merely spectating this time around! They are hoping to get their maximum of 76 cars available for auction at the show. There's no telling what may be up for grabs at this point, so remember to bring your chequebook.

Many thanks to Christine for coming out that evening to tell us all about the Car Show and Auction. Anyone wanting to get more details, or is considering auctioning their car, should call Christine @ 237-5610.

RICHMOND - June 27th, 1999 - 10th anniversary year - the best yet!!!

The big event of the season is, as always, the Sporting & Classic show our club hosts at the Richmond Fairgrounds, scheduled this year for June 27. Due to there being so many new members who may or may not have been familiar with the show in the past, there will

be a separate mailing and e-mail notice regarding the activities for this year, and how we all as OVTC members can participate. Primarily, we ask each of you for one hour of your time during the day to staff the various entrances & exits. This is a good opportunity to meet and chat with your other club members, as not everyone is able to attend out monthly meetings. Support in this respect has been tremendous in past years, and has really helped make the show a success! If people wish a specific one-hour period, and/or are available to help in the morning with the field set-up, please contact Jeff Patterson at 839-2891 to reserve your time slot. Thanks!



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Last year, we used the Show barn to bring in vendors, and the result was encouraging for both the show and the vendors themselves. Kim Chevalier of *KDC Everywear*, our #1 Vendor and cheerleader, said she wished every show she attended had such a facility. Last year's show had rain at the very end of the day, but the vendors were able to casually tear down and pack up their displays in total comfort. This is particularly important when you are selling clothing or magazines!

Stay tuned for more information shortly on Richmond, and please mark your calendars to leave the 27th open – the 10th Anniversary Show promises to be the best yet!

Other Upcoming Events in June:

There are several events coming up in early June to remind people of. Firstly, the Byward Market show is on for its third year, and should provide a good showing of various domestic and foreign cars from several area clubs. If you haven't been before, it makes for a nice time in the market. June 6. Also in the month of June we have:

- Kars & Planes – Kars, June 13;
- Odessa Show & Flea Market – Odessa, June 12 & 13.

New Event from The Roadster Factory:

I have also just learned of a new event from the Roadster Factory in Pennsylvania – their Spring Drive-in, for Saturday, June 5. This was advertised in their Spring Specials flyer, so it is not widely known. It does not appear on their web site, to my knowledge.

The cost of this event is a token \$10 per British car, or \$10 per person otherwise. For that fee, there is the following: free camping on the grounds of TRF (although there are only temporary toilet and shower facilities available); lunch (submarines, pop & ice cream) and dinner (burgers & dogs, beans and potato salad); a flea market (you can bring your own items to sell also); a tune-up & fix-up clinic; mountain tours; parts discounts (20% for under \$1,000, 25% over \$1,000). You can pre-register (for which you get a free event t-shirt) by fax, phone or mail. If you can't attend, the shirt will be shipped to you.

Oil Filter Update, Part 2 – the TR3A:

While in Belleville for Mother's Day, I paid a visit to what is becoming my favourite store, TSC (I don't believe they are in the

Ottawa area yet). I did a visual comparison with the Unipart TR3A oil filter I had, and found a close match with a Fram unit on their shelf. A check in the big catalogue confirmed it – the replacement for the Unipart GFE104 is the Fram CH820PL. As with the TR6 filter CH837PL I mentioned last month, there were plenty of these 'tractor' filters in stock!

If anyone using other 'GFE' filters wishes me to cross-reference for their cars, just let me know the number and I can check my next time home.

Oil Drips – the OVTC Gossip Column:

- The Presidential Limo (Vivien's GT6) will soon be on the road. She reports the new head is on and the engine is running. Now there are just a couple small items to attend to. Ready for the Spring Fling?
- Dave Huddleson has put his new cam in his TR8 this spring, and is now putting back everything he had to remove to get at it. We'll soon hear the roar of the stainless steel exhausts once again!
- Dave was also heading down to Carlisle ('just looking', he says). We'll hear the scoop on this from Dave in a future newsletter.
- Andrew Miller reports that his Spitfire is now sold, following its mechanical check. We may soon have a new member in this new Triumph owner. Andrew is still happily buzzing around in his TR6!
- There has been a flurry of Spitfire activity this month. As well as the 3 new members mentioned earlier, plus Andrew's Spitfire being sold, there is also a person in Pembroke with a Spitfire, in search of body panels. He is most likely to join also. Yet another person with both a Spitfire and a GT6 will also be joining soon. After the TR3A activity earlier this spring, this may make the TR6 an endangered species!
- Martin Harasek had an alarming episode during a recent weekend drive – his

halfshaft bolt sheared off while rounding a corner, resulting in a wobbly tail section, to say the least. Fortunately, father-in-law Len Fortin was also along that day in his MGB and had a 2.5 ton floor hoist in the trunk. This helped until Martin's car could get towed back to Ottawa (under Len's CAA Plus card). With the bolt sheared, Martin was almost on the verge of losing his rear wheel! What is notable about this was that Len had, of all things, a trolley jack in the boot of his MGB! It was fortunate Len was along, because Triumphs rarely if ever require such elaborate equipment with them on afternoon drives!

Classified:

- Shawn Spence is selling his 1975 TR6 after 20 years of ownership. It has dual SU's and factory overdrive, and comes with all receipts. Comes with some spare parts. Asking \$3,500. Call at home 591-8618 or at work 736-2617.
- 1975 TR6. 76k miles. Off road since 1989 with electrical problem. Includes factory hard top, overdrive, shop manuals and custom dustcover. Partially disassembled last year. Requires some body work. Asking \$1,800. Call John Nash @ 820-9409.
- Max McMillan has some GT6 stuff to sell: 2 litre engine block; ZS 150 carbs & intake; rad; water pump; Volvo trans & overdrive, & more. Call 825-4111 or glm@netcom.ca.
- Wanted – front fenders for a 1975 Spitfire. Call Kevin at (613) 732-1937 (Pembroke).
- Various Spitfire Mk 1-4 and GT6 Mk 1-3 parts, body and mechanical, (incl. twin carb sets) for sale or trade. Call Gary at 836-6002.
- TR6 restoration project. Details: In-line 6 cyl. with 2 Stromberg carbs, 4-speed Manual trans., front, rear panels, hood and trunk are in good shape. Doors and inner mechanisms are salvageable, Does not roll because back wheels are not attached to frame. Wheels and tires(fairly new). Car has been outside for a while, some rust and rot present. Call Ray at me at either: (418) 658-5122 office or (418) 651-9753 home. Car is in the Ottawa area at present.
- 1961 Herald. Two owners; 98,350 km. New tires, seats, battery. Always stored inside in winter. Meticulously maintained, no rust underneath. Only visible rust is at front lower portion of left rear fender. This vehicle toures Capte Breton and Gaspé in '97 without so much as a hiccup. Asking \$5,000 – owner deceased. Call Allison @ (613) 476-4161 or Joe Lightfoot @ (613) 476-4111.
- Auction Sale: Two Spitfires and on GT-6 and lots of spare parts and garage equipment. June 5 in Hillier (near Picton). Owner's health forces sale. For more info call Joe Lightfoot @ (613) 476-4111.
- 1979 TR7 coupe; approx 68,000 km. New tires, 5-speed trans, sport rims, excellent body and powertrain. Asking \$3,500. Several TR7 parts cars also available. Call call Joe Lightfoot @ (613) 476-4111.
- 1982 TR7 conv. Seen at Ancaster. Asking \$5,000 obo. Call (905 or 519?) 389-2646.

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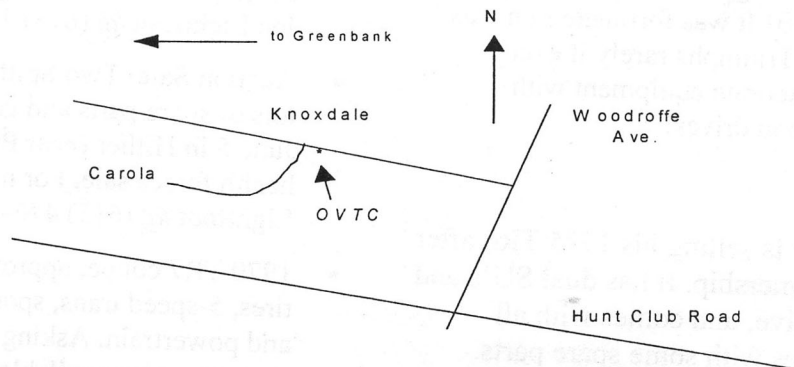
Next Month:

- A Tribute to the Spitfire (a very popular model of Triumph car recently!)
- Renewal notices for most OVTC.
- Reports on first events of season.
- More 'Oil Drips'.

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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