



OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

June, 2000



Am alternative to CAA perhaps?

A shot from the recent fun-run/BBQ at Alex Bustard's place

- **Richmond Show almost here!!**
- **Preventative Maintenance – TR6 Backup hood release cable**
- **Plus more!!**

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NOTICE! OVTC meetings have been moved from the 4th Monday to 4th Tuesday of each month. See map on last page.

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Message from the President:(Mike Graham)

Focus on Richmond

Over the last few weeks the executive has been busy with plans for our annual car show in Richmond. Everything is set for June 25 and it promises to be another really good time. We have a good collection of vendors again this year and expect to have a very good contingent of cars this year from Montreal.

Many of you have already volunteered to work on the gate for an hour. If you are contacted, please help us out; if you have not yet been called give me a call (258-2901), we can always use a little extra help. Most important, please plan to attend with your car to make the Triumph display the highlight of the show. We also have a good selection of door prizes and, of course, dash plaques for participants.

I am still hoping to have my car back together in time for Richmond.

Progress has been slower than I had hoped (that's likely no surprise to anyone who has taken on a rebuild in their "spare" time!), but things are progressing steadily. The transmission is now back together (thanks Brian) and the various engine components are promised from various shops and suppliers this week. With some good fortune, the engine reassembly will take place over the next 10 days and the whole package can become reacquainted with the body. No bets on Richmond just yet, but its great to have a deadline ... even if it is self-imposed.

Guess that's about all for this month ... have to get back to the garage for some more fun. Look forward to seeing you in Richmond.

Cheers, Mike

Report from Last Meeting

Last meeting was a general gab session and information trading. Mike Graham mentioned he had found an exact replacement clutch for his TR6 but it had been listed for a Saab (?) this brought about a general nodding of heads of other swappable parts, Stéphane St-Amant mentioned he had found a web site that listed parts interchangeability.

Here's the link to the website with the part swapping content. Just scroll down to Triumph.

/www.grmotorsports.com/boneyard.html

There's info on Spitfire, TR3,4,5,6 Also some clutch info for Mike!!!

Stéphane

Peter L'Abbé is looking for a transmission for his (hers) TR3. Numerous cracks were made that he could transfer a Sturmey-Archer 3-speed easily into his (hers) TR3

New Faces

Mary L'Abbé – wife of Peter Labbé, filled us in on a trade years ago between an MGA and

a school bus. The school bus threw a piston almost immediately (Ed note: from My Triumph based point of view it still seems like a good deal ☺)

*Andy Hum – has a 1979 TR7 since new
Tom – a TR7 from Carleton Place*

Ken Shillito – a 1976 TR6 from new. Ken runs a collection of bungalow and cottage village on Lake St. Lawrence. An easy drive from Ottawa and a beautiful spot for some upcoming activity – stay tuned for info.

Bud Kern, from Perth, a long-time member, but infrequent visitor has a 1975 Spitfire 1500 restoration project

Calendar of events

July	16 (info later in newsletter) - rally ending at Al Tierney's 25 – Regular meeting will be held at home of Brian and Pat Mills – Hydraulics de-mystified (tour of facilities and general chit-chat)
August	19/20 BBQ at Steve Bourne's (To be confirmed)
September	26 – meeting at clubhouse
October	24 – meeting at clubhouse
November	28 – meeting at clubhouse
December	TBA – Christmas Party

Club Membership Updates

The December 1999 issue contained the 1999 membership list. Please review the list and forward any changes/additions etc. to David Huddleson. Telephone and emails are listed on the back page.

Additional copies of the membership list may be obtained by emailing the newsletter editor at OVTC@home.com

Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email (the photos are in colour !) please contact Andrew Miller.

Email address for the Executive and the club itself are listed on the last page

Regalia

We are always looking for suggestions for new regalia items ... so if you have any ideas please let us know.

See Gord Robertson (the guy with the blue suit case) at the monthly meetings.

ITEM	PRICE
Club licence plate frames	\$4
OVTC crest lapel pins	\$4
OVTC crest patches 3"	\$4
T-shirts – S&C auto show	\$5
T-shirt – 25 years of TR Register	\$20
Baseball hats – new style	\$8
Baseball hats – OVTC crest	\$8

OVTC Mississippi Rally

Event	Mississippi Rally (OVTC)										
Time/Date	Sunday July, 16, 2000 11:00 AM										
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Directions:

Take highway 7 to Carleton Place.
Turn Left at the second lights head south towards Smith Falls.
Proceed south to Black's Corners approximately 3 miles, turn right onto Beckwith concession 9.
Heading west on 9, approximately 5 miles to

the Tierney residence on the right side (towards the lake)

Note: if you get to John's Marina, you have gone too far, go back!

The entrance to the driveway will be marked. All club members are welcome with or without a Triumph, but of course preferred. Please bring a watch and something to write with. If you don't have a navigator available we will try to supply one, so come anyway.

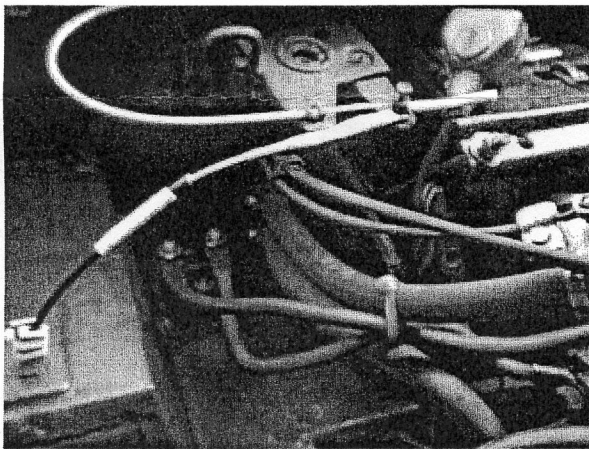
A sign up sheet will be set up at the OVTC booth at the Richmond Show, or RSVP by phone.

Any questions call Al Tierney at 257-7582

Preventative Maintenance

TR6 Hood Cable

The TR6 hood release cable is a small component and seemingly insignificant – until it fails. This article describes how to make a backup cable.



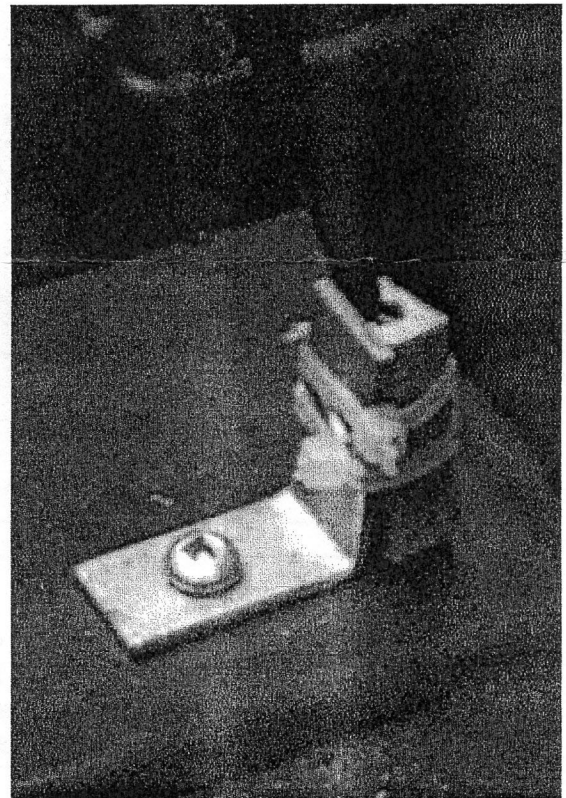
The original cable is the top looped cable directly connected to the hood latch release mechanism.

The backup cable is the lower cable.

Now you could order the MOSS kit or you could visit the local bike store and purchase a brake cable. A rear cable provides enough wire and sheath to make 3-5 backup cables.

One: Ensure that the cable is fastened securely around the cable clamping post on the latch release mechanism. I wrapped the cable around the original cable clamping post and brought it back in a loop. I then wrapped thin copper wire around the loose end and soldered the connection. I finished the job off with some heat shrink tubing

Two: Ensure that there is some sort of strain relief. My prototype wire fished through the firewall through an available grommet. Unfortunately the strain on the cable caused some wearing on both the wire and the grommet. I used a small block of OAK (actually a cast off from some old parquet flooring drilled with a 1/4" hole to support the brake cable sheath.

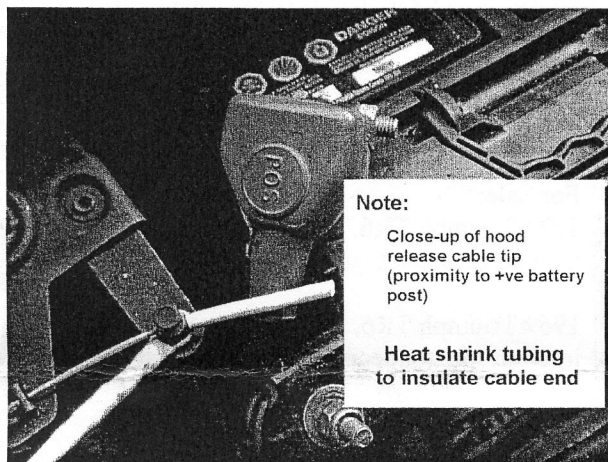


So, rationalizing that drilling a small hole in my car was preferable to a locked out hood I drilled two small holes – one for a sheet metal screw to support a 1" L bracket and one for the cable to run through

Last preventative Step:

The original hood release cable is very (VERY) close to the positive post on the battery. Now I would like to report that I know the effects of touching the cable to the battery post only from a theoretical point of view only.

Unfortunately I have seen the effects and they are quite dramatic. So the last step is to place a few pieces of heat shrink tubing over the cable end to insulate the cable.



Event: Brits in the Park Classic Motor Show	
Time/Date	Sunday July 23 Field opens 9am Peoples' choice judging begins at 11 am and closes at 2 pm Awards at 3 pm
Location	Victoria Park, Kent St., Lindsay, Ontario
Cost	\$10
Contact	Jim Nesbitt 705-324-7574 (daytime) Al Dyson 705-328-1658 (evenings)

Event: 5th Greely Canada Day Festival	
Time/Date	Sat July 1 and/or Sun July 2

Location	from noon to 8 pm Greely Community Centre 1448 Meadow Drive, Greely
Cost	Just \$5/dash plaque
Prizes	Peoples' Choice Awards Sunday, July 2 just before the fireworks
Contact	Call Marg McManus 821-6274 or email margmcmanus@igs.ca by June 20 to register Or just show up and check in at the Lobby Ticket Booth

Event: Kingston Auto-Fest '00	
Time/Date	Sunday July 23 Gates open at 8:00 am (rain or shine) Show cars must be in place by noon Awards at 4:00 pm
Location	Shores of Lake Ontario at RMC (adjacent to Old Fort Henry, Hwy #2 East, Kingston)
Cost	Pre-registered \$5 - Deadline July 10 Day of show (if available) \$10
Prizes	Dash plaques for first 250 cars registered, lots of awards, formal judging
Contact	Info hot line: 613-544-7193 Web: www.kingstonautofest.com : Kingston Auto-Fest, 295 Amherst Dr., Amherstview, ON K7N 1V3

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**Classified:****1980 TR7 Convertible - Needs a good home!!**

I have a 1980 TR7 for which I would like to find a good home. Never winter driven - but my ex-wife managed to warp the cylinder head, so if I had the time/expertise I'd recondition the engine. Would any of your members be interested?? (North York)

contact Terry Walker
terry.walker@sympatico.ca>

(From Len Fortin/MG Club) There is a chap in the Ottawa MG Club that has a couple of TR6's for sale and he has provided me with the information below. This chap lives in Massena, NY (obviously not out to every meeting) but is very much involved in MGs, Triumphs and especially motorcycles.

For Sale:

1973 Triumph TR6, French Blue (needs respraying), new exhaust and top, needs frame work

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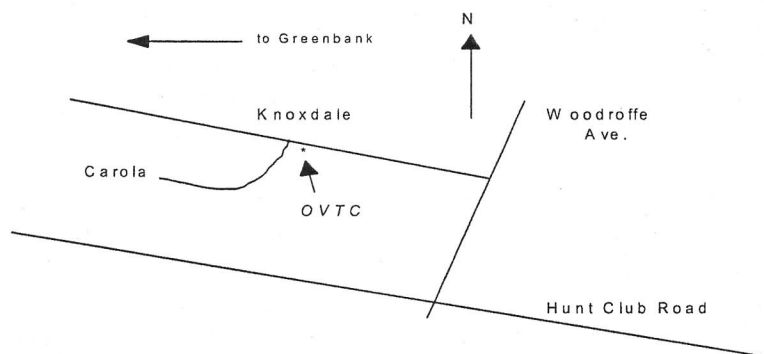
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**Membership**

June is renewal month for many members. If you newsletter mailing label or your email subject line contains the word "FINAL" please renew ASAP to avoid missing a newsletter.

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members. The Club meets at 7:30p.m. on the fourth Tuesday 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.



Membership is open to all individuals and companies interested in Triumph sports cars. Membership is \$30.00 per year (June/June) per household and \$60 per year, corporate. **Please send membership application to:** OVTC c/o 5053 Limebank Road, Gloucester, Ontario K1X 1E8

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