



# **VERDRIVE**

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

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***January, 2001***

- ***January Meeting – January 23***

Pizza Night at Lolitas, at the corner of Fisher and Prince of Wales Drive. Meeting time is 7 pm, with pizza provided by the club.

- ***More Stuff***

- ***Plus much more!!***

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

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**Message from the President:()**

**Report from Last Meeting**

**January Meeting:**

**For the next little while, we're still a 'club-without-a-home' (hopefully back in for March), so we still need to 'wing it' as far as meeting locations & activities go. Since we've BTDT (been there, done that) a lot lately (Al Stigter's garage, Upholstery, Valvoline), this month we'll offer a repeat of the impromptu 'Pizza Night' we had in the summer when we couldn't get our intended restaurant location.**

The January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be at Lolita's Pizza, which is located at the corner of Fisher & Prince of Wales (old Hwy 16), behind the Esso station out front. We had a good chat at the summer meeting at Lolita's, and they're all set to have the OVTC this month. For those of you who didn't make it last time, try to think of Lolita's as a little OVTC clubhouse, but with pizza & beer instead of a kitchen & kiddie toys! They promise not to run out of 'Blue' this time (hear that, R.M.?), so c'mon out with your pictures, projects, stories & questions, and we'll have a relaxed evening. The club will be paying for the pizza (beverages are up to you), so don't have too much supper, and you can have an Italian dessert!

### **Go-Karting, Anyone? (John Day)**

This was originally envisioned as a monthly meeting, but we thought it might not be for everyone, particularly if you didn't want to participate. Still, there seemed to be a lot of interest from a quick survey of members to have a Go-Kart event some weekend afternoon for the club.

This past summer, Gord Robertson & I headed over to 'Top Karting' in Hull near the Casino, at the invitation of the 1000 Island 'Z' Club. It was an 18-driver Enduro event of 50 laps. It is designed similar to F1 – there is a 5-lap qualification stage, in which you get acquainted with the cart's speed, braking & handling. You strive for the fastest time to place yourself on pole for the Enduro. Times are monitored electronically, and the grid for the race is based on everyone's best lap time. The Enduro itself is both the fastest and longest half hour you'll ever experience! Your hands will be sore from gripping the wheel so hard, but what a rush it is! If you have a full-face motorcycle helmet, that's great, but all helmets and coveralls are available at the track.

The cost sounds expensive at about \$50, but this summer when we went, some Z-car folks plunked down another \$50 to do it all over again! At the end, you'll receive a printout of lap times for the 50 laps – perhaps we will offer a prize (or at least "bragging rights") to the overall winner and the person with the overall best single lap time. When people compare high-performance cars as handling 'like a go-kart', I can see what they mean. Compared to the old worm&peg steering in the TR3A, the go-kart was immediate – I put the cart into the inside row of tires on the very first turn!

I'll be taking names (call John or Lori @ 723-9876 or e-mail at [thedays@sympatico.ca](mailto:thedays@sympatico.ca)), and will see about a Saturday or Sunday afternoon some time in late February. If you're interested, let me know. With any luck, we can get a complete field of 18 OVTC drivers out for the Enduro. Fans are invited to watch from the bleachers. Full details will be in next month's newsletter, but I can let competitors know in advance of arrangements.

### **OVTC 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Dart Tournament: (John Day)**

The 8<sup>th</sup> (can you believe it!?) Annual OVTC Invitational Dart Tournament is tentatively booked for March 31<sup>st</sup> at Le Skratch in the Merivale Mall. A perennial favourite, this event "breaks the ice" between different clubs and gets the season off to a flying start. With any luck, we might even be able to have our cars out – it's happened before! Teams for Triumph, MG, VW, Lotus and other clubs compete for the championship, but so far the OVTC has remained undefeated since the Tournament's inception! For the last two years, Pat Onions & family have claimed "top darts". Hey, if you drive from North Bay to Ottawa for a dart tournament, you must feel pretty confident of your chances! John Day will do the usual 'schmoozing' for prizes, but everyone has their eyes on the coveted championship trophy. Should we engrave 2001 with your name already, Pat? Mark your calendars, everyone!

### **JD's Ebay 'Caveat Emptor' of the month: (John Day)**

This will be a regular feature for future issues of the newsletter. As you know and read last month,

I have a tiny reputation for surfing the Triumph goods for sale on Ebay, the Internet on-line auction site. I tend to cruise the 'peanut' sections, looking for those curios that others have essentially ignored. This is at the other end of the spectrum: the place where people pay more for an item (at least in my opinion, but what do I know?) that it is actually worth. Sure there are judgement calls, but my favourite to date has been the \$27 (U.S.) paid for the Victoria British pamphlet on how to install your new TR6 interior. This is (or at least, WAS) FREE from VB on request! Why didn't I think of that?! The pamphlet is probably \$10 or more from VB, but I haven't checked of late).

This month's feature is the following: a used original-Equipment Triumph radio, judging to be for the TR4A or TR250. This rang the bell at \$380 U.S. when it sold. With exchange & shipping, that would be over \$600 to get it to your door here in Ottawa! What I especially loved about this one was that the seller had the accompanying paperwork & manual for this as a separate auction! Can't blame the guy for that!

### **All Clubs Meeting (John Day)**

The Ottawa-area All-Clubs meeting took place January 11 at the Museum of Science & Technology. The OVTC (John Day & Stephane St Amant) was on hand to stake its claim to its traditional weekend in June for the Sporting & Classic car show. After 11 previous seasons (only 1 of which has been rained out!), I guess one could refer to this as 'traditional'. The evening was hosted by Shannon Lee Mannion, and featured a non-stop chronological listing of events by month. A summary listing of the night's proceedings was recorded, and a master list of events, dates, locations and contact people will be distributed to participant clubs by March.

Suffice it to say that you could keep busy every weekend of the summer with just the local (1-2 hour drive maximum) car shows in this region. We've got some ideas for Fun Runs from this list, and as spring rapidly approaches (he writes, optimistically), we'll soon have some interesting destinations and activities for you all. Stay tuned for upcoming issues of *Overdrive* for details. A separate, mostly-British listing will also appear in the newsletter for the shows we have traditionally participated in, such as Oxford Mills, Kingston BCD, Bronte Creek, TRF Summer Picnic, Watkins Glen, and so on.

From the evening itself, one particular moment was worth noting. Harald Freise (Lotus Club) was in attendance, and amazingly had his name drawn for one of the door prizes. For those of you who don't know or remember, Harald has consistently come away a winner from past Richmond shows – something I didn't hesitate to point out. Imagine my surprise when Harald, as previous winner, drew the name of the next door prize winner – John Day! Okay – I take it back, Harald – point made!

### **Original Tyres anyone? Through email to [OVTC@home.com](mailto:OVTC@home.com)**

This message is to let you know about a factory that still makes traditional crossply tyres for a variety of veteran, vintage and classic cars

If this is of interest, perhaps you could advise your members and invite them to visit our new website, which details the types of tyres manufactured, together with a list of the makes and

models of car to which each is suited. Not all car makes are catered for unfortunately, as many of the old tyre moulds from different factories around the world have now been destroyed. The website address is either: <[www.vintagecartyres.com](http://www.vintagecartyres.com)> or, for American spellers, <[www.vintagecartires.com](http://www.vintagecartires.com)>

We are also offering to host a free web page on our site, for any bona fide vintage/veteran car club or association - if your club is interested, please contact the undersigned. Thank you for your attention and please pardon the e-intrusion, but we felt it was warranted in the name of sharing information between vintage car enthusiasts everywhere.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Jan Keegans

Website manager, Vintage Tyres Division, Dunlop Zimbabwe Ltd.

[vantage@telconet.co.zw](mailto:vantage@telconet.co.zw)

**New Source for TR parts (David Huddleson)**

Finally, Mario Boies in Montreal has a presence on the Web! Another source of interesting TR parts. Mario has all sorts of interesting stuff, and bought lots of NOS stuff in the early 80's from closed dealers.

<http://www.pacars.qc.ca/boies.htm>

**Calendar of events**

January	23 – January Meeting – Lolita’s Pizza
February	
Mar	31- tentative Annual Invitational Darts Tournament at Le Skratch
August	TRF Summer Party is confirmed to be Aug 10- 12!
September	
October	
November	
December	

**Web Sites**

<http://www.vtr.org>

home of the Vintage Triumph Register

Additional links to Triumph suppliers and other information sources may be found on the club web site.

### **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 Roly Mailloux (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

### **2001 Bragging rights for David Huddleson**

Hi John,

A little birdie tells me that a certain TR7 and TR8 hit the road on Friday January 12 for short local jaunts. The roads were dry, and both cars needed their gas tanks topped up to avoid condensation and rust, and since weather has been uncooperative since early December, this was the first chance.

I must say that the heater in the Wedge cars is really excellent. A Wedge heater in winter can produce (almost) as much heat as can a TR3 heater in the summer :-)

My first 20kms of Triumph motoring for 2001 is in! David

### **Classified**

I am looking to sell a pair of rear fibreglas TR6 fenders, left and right. Good condition. \$250 for the pair (the price I paid for them). Please contact Ian Campbell at 416/699-5041 (Toronto) or [icampbell@ibc.ca](mailto:icampbell@ibc.ca)

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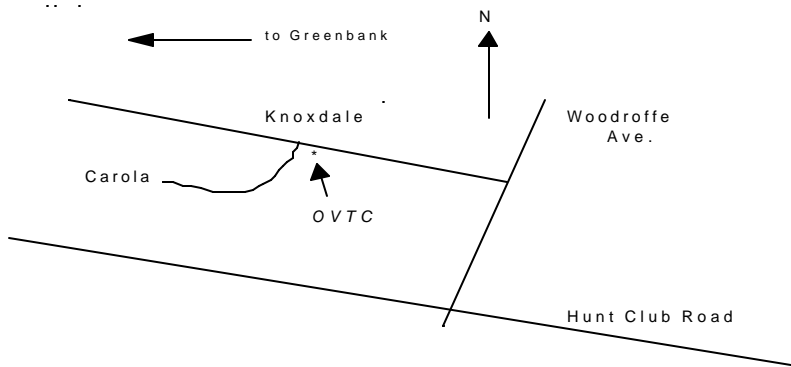
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Membership is open to all individuals and companies interested in Triumph sports cars. Membership is \$30.00 per year (June/June) per household and \$60 per year, corporate. **Please send membership application to: OVTC c/o 5053 Limebank Road, Gloucester,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

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