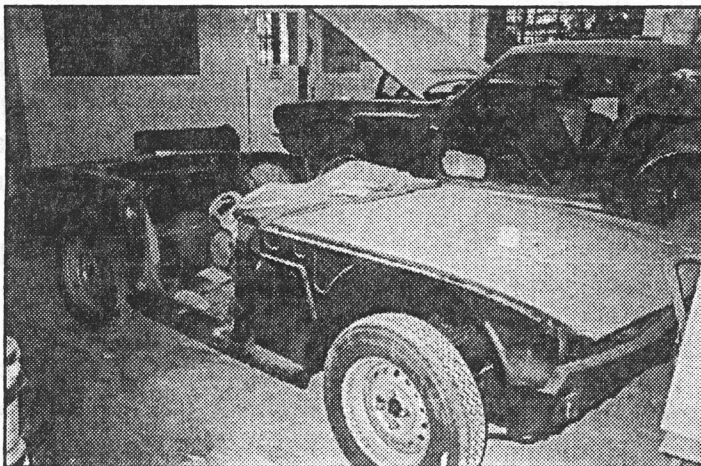




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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

Mar. 1994



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Editor's Note: (Julio)

Well here we are already into March, with Spring just around the corner. It seems for some brave souls, Spring is here already. Sighted the other day: driving down Baseline Road - a Miata, with the top down, going in one direction. In the other direction, and in the other direction, an MGB, also with the top down. All of a sudden I got this uncontrollable urge to turn my van around and bring my TR6 out of hibernation, but common sense finally took over and I proceeded to my destination. Patience is a virtue (B.S. - it's also torture!!)

Co-Editor's Note: (John)

You can pretty much guess that Julio wrote this before the last snowfall hit! What a discouraging event that was! For the first time in a decade, I actually have a reason (being a road-worthy six) for the snow to go away as quickly as possible come Springtime, and we now have as much snow sitting outside as we did in January, if not more! But what can you do, eh? On the bright side, I have a little more time to remedy the little annoyances that last year's "shakeout" revealed that happens to a car after sitting so long.



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New Member:

Please welcome Shawn Hennessy, who brings with him a 1958 TR3A, presently being fawned over by Bruno in preparation for the '94 season. Welcome aboard!

OVTC "Spring Fling":

Not to be confused with the TTC Spring Fling at Jackson's Point (see the attached information sheet for that), this event is put on by the Henderson's (Larry & Diane) at Green Bay Heritage Cabins on Bob's Lake, near Westport, about 1.5 hours from Ottawa. This is scheduled for May 21-22, and involves a scenic drive to the Cabins, plenty of Larry's "suicide" chili, plus a bonfire and plenty of good times (as always!). Cost is a mere \$5 per person, and all you need to provide is your own beddings or sleeping bags, snacks and "beverages" of choice. We'll survey the attendees at the next couple of meetings, as the Hendersons need to know by the April meeting. If you can't make it to a meeting but can make the trip, call Julio at 727-8113 to put your name(s) in.

OVTC Grille Badges:

Clive Law informs us that the company which produced our grille badges will make more up for us if we can get an order of 8 or more. The cost will be \$40 each. This order must be placed before May 1, so if you are interested, contact Clive between 7 and 9 p.m. at 569-1440. We'll also request orders at the next meeting. They look great on the car, so don't delay. (P.S. - they make great birthday or Father's Day presents).

February Meeting:

At the February 28th meeting, we had a guest speaker: Doug Jacques, from Transport Canada, who gave an interesting

discussion on the wherefor's of braking, safety and safety equipment, from a legislative point of view. Doug enlightened us on the current goings on behind the ABS situation, and how there's a wide range of calls for ABS to either be made mandatory or be banned altogether! He said what people are finding is that they figure since their car has ABS, they can stop anytime, anywhere - but that just ain't so! ABS is great on a dry road in a panic situation, but don't expect a miracle if you get cut off at an intersection after some freezing rain! What ABS can do for you is provide some directional control, so that you can steer *around* a possible collision.

Doug also pointed out that air bag safety studies have so far indicated no particularly great savings in terms of lives, or in his words, they are not very "cost-effective". Doug says that for the expense of researching, developing, installing, etc, etc, etc, air bags provide little added safety. Granted, any safety feature that saves a life is a worthwhile one, but Doug emphasized the comparative safety increase resulting from a 'Buckle Up' campaign. After all, what good will an air bag do you if you're not in the seat to feel it! (P.S. I recently heard on the news that Ontario is far from the highest province in terms of the percentage of people who buckle up, so I can believe Doug's point.)

Richmond Auto Show '94:

Joe Lashley confirmed with me the other night that we definitely have the Richmond Fairgrounds for this year's show! An Executive meeting on the 14th hammered out some more details on who's doing what, how much it will cost, and so on. In the mean time, any club member wishing to help with the event please contact Joe Lashley at 726-6724. Your help in any way

will be much appreciated. Let's try to keep a great regional show alive and kicking!

1994 Canadian Classic:

Lo and behold, I read in the latest issue of the *RAGTOP* that the location for this year's (9th Annual) Canadian Classic is to be BELLEVILLE, Ontario (Lori's and my home town!) What a homecoming that will be for our car - it hasn't seen the roads of Belleville since 1984, as we never made it down last summer! My 82-year-old aunt asked me if she'll get a chance to ride in it again, since she enjoyed the last ride she had so much (1979 - the year I bought it!). Belleville is so central to many regions, being <2 hours east of Toronto on the 401, and just 60 or so miles from the U.S. border. With picturesque Prince Edward County over the Bay of Quinte bridge, this year's Classic should (justifiably) be the biggest yet, even exceeding the 6th Annual Classic (and we all know what a huge success THAT one was!!). I'm going to contact the TTC to send down some registration forms, so that we can distribute them at our next meeting. For now, the main details for the Classic are as follows:

- Wednesday, July 27 to Sunday, July 31.
- Driving tours on Thursday & Friday.
- Opportunity to try Shannonville track.
- Barbeque Supper on Friday (\$10/per)
- Awards Banquet on Saturday.

More details are to follow in upcoming newsletters. In the mean time, people can contact Grant and Cheryl Buss of the TTC at 905-576-0817 for more details.

1994 Events Calendar:

This month's edition of the newsletter features an events calendar for the months of April and May, each on a full side of a

page so that they can be posted for easy reference. This list is not meant to be exhaustive across North America, but you may find various local and regional activities on any given weekend within easy reach, if the mood strikes (and the grass is already cut!).

Dart Tourney in March:

The Second Annual OVTC Dart Tournament challenge will be held on Saturday, March 19 at the King's Stag Pub, located at Hwy 16 and Colonnade Road, at 2 p.m.. Come one, come all! Clive reports there will be various prizes and awards by such sponsors as Global Auto Care (a present corporate member), MiniMan (a future corporate member!), Special Interest Car Parts, and Christian Hollum (another corporate member).

News from other Clubs:

Another item mentioned in the *Ragtop*, apart from the information on the Classic mentioned above, was one notable little column by Bill Gray. Bill mentioned a service in the U.S. which can provide build information for TR2, TR3 and TR3A (but not TR3B) vehicles for just US\$10.00. Interested owners of these models can write to:

Joel Rosen
833 Rampart Way
Union Bridge, MD 21791

The March issue of the *New England Triumph* mentioned a few nifty improvements one can do to a TR6 (many of which I had already intended on doing to get that last little bit of pleasure out of mine). Some of the things suggested are: porting and polishing the intake manifold (I'll get to that one some other year),

adding competition springs in the rear (along with new trailing arm bushings while you're in there). Also noted in the article: the reason why the oil filter on a TR6 is in such a \$%&!* pain-in-the-butt location. On English-spec TR6s, the steering column is on the other side, and one is freely able to get at the canister. My question is: if this is the main reason, why didn't they consider who they were selling the majority of their cars to, hmmm?

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"OIL DRIPS" (by Julio)

This section is devoted to information on who is buying, selling or doing whatever else in between to their cars.

- Rumour has it that a beautiful rebuilt early TR6 has been parked outside its master's house throughout the winter, exposed to the elements. We are attempting to get photographic evidence to substantiate this rumour before the snow is gone.
- Well, folks - Doc (Brian Mills) has been drafted - full-time by an electronics firm, which means no more afternoon car talks in his workshop or garage; no more oil or coolant leaks on his driveway; no more cars in his garage (well, almost!); and no more drinking coffee on his back patio. What is this world coming to? (P.S. good luck at your new job, Brian!)

- I heard that Joe Lightfoot (of Boot'n'Bonnet fame) will be adding a new building complete with electric hoist and other goodies to work on his fleet of cars. Too bad he lives in Picton and not closer to his *dear* Ottawa friends!
- Our new club member, Shawn Hennessy, is having his 1958 TR3A rebuilt to be on the roads by April (if I can come up with all the needed parts!)
- Maybe Larry Henderson will be doing some serious work on his TR3 this year, and have it roadworthy for the Stowe trip in September (no excuse Larry - you have the proper fenders now!)
- It was mentioned through the grape vine that Ronald MacDonald is looking into buying a Stag (atta boy!!), which means he might be selling his Spitfire. This car is in excellent condition with original paint. Stay tuned for further updates in the next newsletter.

NEWSPAPER AD:

I'm checking into placing an ad in the Citizen for two Saturday runs - one in late March and one in late April. This should locate some more TR owners out there - we don't have claim to all the cars in the city as yet (but we're trying!).

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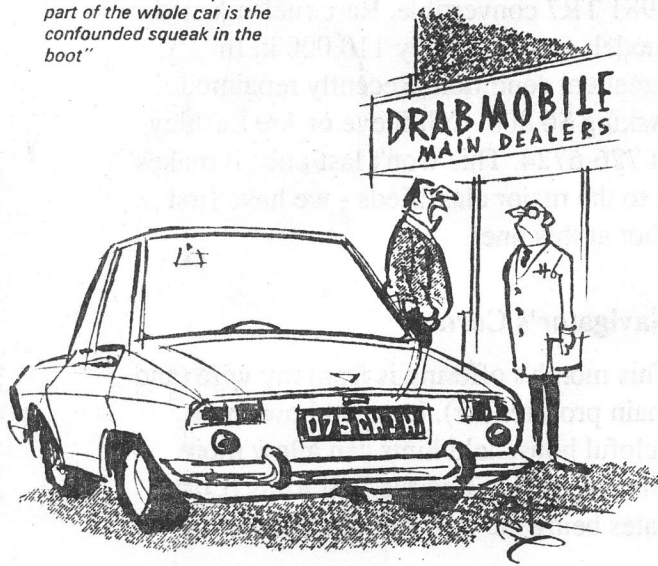
Navigator's Corner:

This month's offering is from my wife (and main proofreader), Lori, on how some helpful household hints can allow more wives to make it on the Fun Runs (Lori hates being the only one sometimes!)

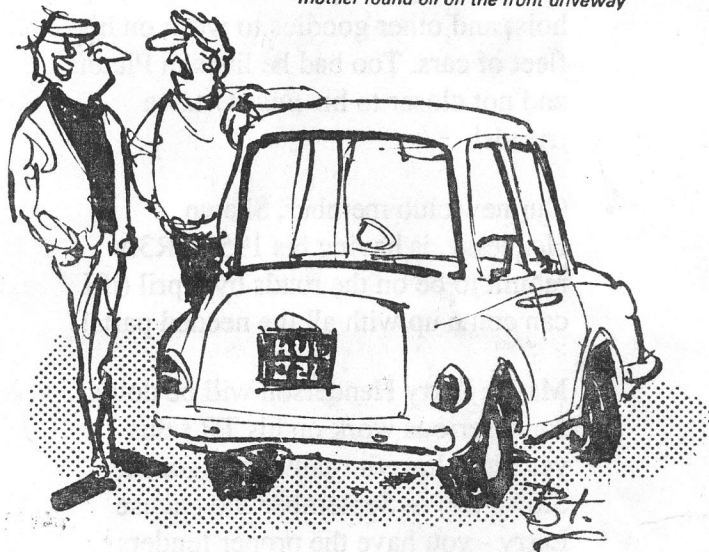
- **NO MORE TEARS** - you'll shed fewer tears if you cut the end of the onion off last when adding to recipes. It can help to freeze or refrigerate the onion, too.
- **AN APPLE A DAY** - To keep potatoes from sprouting prematurely, add an apple to the bag!
- **MAKE IT A SODA** - Don't throw out flat soda water - feed it to your house plants. Because of the mineral it contains, flat soda is very beneficial to plants and will help keep them in bloom.
- **SLOW BURN** - Candles burn more slowly and evenly with minimum wax drippings if you place them in the freezer for an hour before using.

Autocar, July 1970

"... in fact, the only reliable part of the whole car is the confounded squeak in the boot"



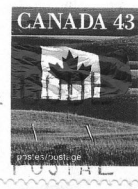
"All this fuss about discovering oil in the North Sea was nothing to what happened when my mother found oil on the front driveway"



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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1994**

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9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
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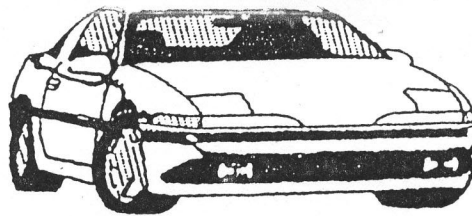
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High Performance Driving & Racing School



Where: Sanair Raceway, St. Pie, Quebec (1/2 hr. east of Mtl.)

Type of Course: a 1.2 mile paved road circuit

When: May 7 & 8, 1994

How much: \$ 375. — same as last year !!!

What you get: A great learning experience and lots of fun (with the required certificate to apply for a regional racing license on successful graduation).

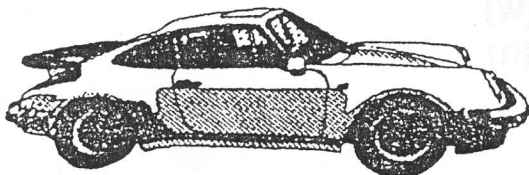
The MCO racing school is an ASN Canada/CASC recognized school in its 6th year of operation, and has a tradition of being a terrific opportunity to:

- learn the fundamentals of high-performance and race driving!
- develop your on-track abilities and awareness with the guidance of our experienced, race-proven, and licensed instructors!
- learn and refine you and your cars limits on the road racing course at SANAIR!
- gain experience during controlled lapping sessions with other students!
- have a great time doing all of the above !!

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Ask a racer what they pay (and get) for ONE lapping day! This school has another enviable tradition **IT ALWAYS SELLS OUT EARLY!!! DON'T BE SORRY! APPLY TODAY!**

If you are interested in attending, **ACT NOW!** **ONLY** payment with your registration will **guarantee your spot.** The course is designed to use road vehicles. During the on-track training,



convertibles must have an approved roll-bar or hardtop. We will be arranging a block of rooms at a favourable rate in St. Hyacinthe (details to follow) as well as social activities which have (with the passage of time) achieved near legendary status.

***PLEASE NOTE:** An additional day of controlled lapping on Monday, May 9, is under consideration. It will be open to school graduates past and present and current competition license holders. We require a minimum of 10 people at \$150 each to make the day feasible, so if this interests you let us know immediately. Whether the lapping day happens, and what its format will be depends entirely on the response we receive.*

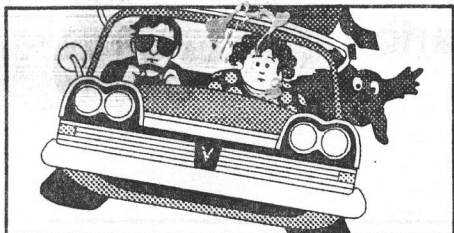
INTERESTED IN MARSHALLING ???

The Quebec Region Flaggers Association (QRFA) is holding a race marshal/flagging school in conjunction with the MCO school. The marshalling school is open to anyone over 18 years of age (the minimum age for a marshals license). This is an intensive 2 day course including a fire school. Successful students receive a flagging license and logbook. **COST - \$50 includes QRFA membership & license; \$25 full course, no membership or license.** More SCHOOL INFORMATION - contact: Richard Nash 825-2122 or Ron Woltman 592-0141 Additional details on the marshalling school contact: Terry Dale 234-9079

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BRITISH SPORTS CAR 'SPRING FLING'

JACKSON'S POINT, ONTARIO

May 28 - 30, 1994

The Toronto Triumph Club, in conjunction with the MG Club of Toronto, is pleased to present the second annual British Car 'Spring Fling', Memorial Day Weekend, May 28 - 30, 1994.

You and your British car are invited to join us for an exciting weekend including: a driving tour around Lake Simcoe, a car show on the waterfront park in downtown Orillia, participants choice judging and much more. *(Friday evening reception and Saturday evening Awards Banquet)*

This event will be headquartered at the Georgina Inn Resort Hotel and Conference Centre, located on the shores of Lake Simcoe in Jackson's Point, Ontario. (1 hour north of Toronto. Take Hwy #404 to it's most northern extension, exit east to Woodbine Road and north to Dalton Rd. Continue north on Dalton Rd. 1/3 mi. and the Georgina Inn is east of the Dalton Rd / Lake Dr. intersection on Lorne St. in Jackson's Point.)

Your British beauty will be parked with 50 or 60 others in the courtyard overlooking the sandy beach of Lake Simcoe. After a day touring the lake and surrounding area, you can relax in the sauna, whirlpool or enjoy a refreshing swim in the indoor pool. Rooms are available from as low as \$50 per night. Call the Georgina Inn 1 - 800 561 - 4811. Be sure to mention the Toronto Triumph Club.

After a long cold winter, you and your Triumph or other British car will be ready to go so come on out and join us at the British Car 'Spring Fling'. For more info. call the T.T.C. info. line (416) 693 - 8983.

Toronto Triumph Club - 1994 'Spring Fling'

"All To Preserve (and drive) the Triumph"

BRITISH SPORTS CAR

'SPRING FLING'

Jackson's Point, Ontario

May 28 - 30, 1994

NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____

POSTAL CODE / ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

DAYS ATTENDING: FRIDAY _____ SATURDAY _____ SUNDAY _____

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Toronto Triumph Club - 1994 'Spring Fling'

April						
Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Saturday
					1.	2
					Good Friday	
3 Fun Run 2 p.m. The Club House	4	5	6	7	8	9
Easter						
10 Fun Run 2 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Fun Run 2 p.m. Ancaster British Sports car Flea Market + Car Show Ancaster Ontario 10-4 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Fun Run 2 p.m.	25 ☺ See You!	26	27	28	29	30 Tay Touring Club Perth Festival of Maples Display 9-4 p.m.

O.V.T.C.

May

	Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Saturday
	1 Fun Run 2pm. The Club House	2	3	4	5	6	7 MCO High Performance Driving + Racing School May 7-8
	8 Fun Run 2pm. Tay Touring Club Crank Up Tour	9	10	11	12	13	14 Carlisle Import Flea Market May 13-15
	Mother's Day						21 O.V.T.C. 'Spring Fling' Henderson's - Green Bay Heritage Cabins - Bob's Lake May 21-22
	15 Fun Run 2pm.	16	17	18	19	20	28 T.T.C. British Sports Car 'Spring Fling' Jackson's Point Ontario (Orillia) May 28-30
	22	23 😊 See you!	24	25	26	27	
	29 Fun Run 2pm. Porsche Concours Andrew Hayden Park	30	31				

Information - Call Juliano Benco 727-8113