



OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

October 2002

The Gatineau fun run was a great success thanks to the efforts of Louis Boucher.



The Gatineau Fall Drive

What a day!!!!!!! The sun was shining brightly on this crisp, beautiful, sunny day as the members of the OVTC assembled on the Parkway parking lot near the Champlain Bridge. Cars were already lined up. Members were doing what they like best, milling about, inspecting some new Triumphs, which had come along for the ride, and exchanging the latest gossip. In other words, the club was ready for take off to the Gatineau hills, and they were also looking forward to the picnic provided by Louis Boucher in his home in Aylmer.

Bob Thomas, however, had some problems with his fuel pump. There was hectic activity under the open bonnet of his TR6, the smell of gasoline told the story, and members were eagerly trying to help fix the problem.

We assembled to receive some instructions on the drive, and soon we were off. Eileen Hennessy was driving her Bug eye Sprite, and was looking happy as a clown behind the wheel. Everyone was in an up beat mood. We'd been looking forward to this opportunity to drive our cars together, and to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Quebec hills.

Leaders of our parade in an MK2 Spitfire were Roly Mailloux and Louis Boucher. Louis had organized the drive and was acting navigator in Roly's Spit. Following in hot pursuit

were 17 Triumphs, eager to do some fun driving. Some people, optimistically, had put their tops down, even though it was a rather cool day.

The winding roads were busy with hikers and bicyclists; everyone seemed to be out enjoying this beautiful autumn day and the changing colours of the maples. The drive took us to the Champlain look out. 15 Triumphs and one Cavalier support car, driven by Andre Rosseau, were taking up the space in the parking lot. The scenery at the lookout was breathtaking. The Ottawa River could be seen winding its way through the valley. The cliffs below us were alive with bright, coloured leaves twisting and turning in the strong wind that wanted to blow us straight off the face of the mountain. In too short a time we were back in our cars, on our way to the small, picturesque village of Wakefield. To our surprise we spotted John and Lori Day in their TR6, already waiting for us at the intersection, waving us happily into a parking lot of a small café. Lori looked frozen to the bone. She had been driving top down and was in need of a cup of hot chocolate to warm up. We all enjoyed a hot drink outside on the terrace, overlooking the small lake and a beautiful wooden covered bridge.



But, in no time, we were off again, exhaust roaring happily, smiley faces behind clean windshields of happy little Triumphs, drifting by one by one. Yes, everyone had their vehicles polished and gleaming. Everyone was having a wonderful time. We were now on our way to Louis home. Over the last month, all members had been following Louis's progress on the restoration of his TR3. We now had the opportunity of inspecting the car close up. When Wilf and I arrived, everyone was already standing around the body tub, admiring the bodywork, the welding, and the restoration process. It was nice to see how this car was changing back from the pile of rust it once was, into the beautiful Triumph it would become. Keep it up Louis!!!

The BBQ was appreciated by all, and the cake the best part of the meal. After a lot of talking, exchanging news, tech talk, and just simple camaraderie the members had to say good-bye, everyone had a long drive home ahead.

A word of thanks goes out to Louis and his family for having us all at their home, and also for organizing the drive for us. We all enjoyed it very much.

Liv Haasper

Address From The Pres

On Tuesday Oct 22nd the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club held its executive elections. With many of the old executives being unable to commit to the level of involvement required to run the club, the executive committee has taken on a few new faces. First I would like to personally thank John, Mike, Stephane, Rob, Ed, and Bob for their efforts. They may now have a relaxed role in the club, but I will be calling on them to help insure the club remains strong and enjoyable. So who makes up the executives for 2002-2003?

New to the block is Livia Haasper. Livia has only been with the club for a short period she has graciously accepted the position of News Letter Editor. Livia and the execs will be working hard to redevelop the news letter and how we get information out to you.

Please feel free to contribute to the letter, after all, its about your club.

Vivien Kaye remains the club's treasurer and membership officer. We will not let her retire until she is driving her own Triumph again and sells the Vette. Just kidding, but be sure to see Vivien about your club dues.

Louis Boucher has stayed on as the Social director. He is already planning a bigger and better Gatineau run for 2003 and hoping to have his apple green TR3 ready for Richmond. We are considering adding more driving events to the 2003 season. If you have any ideas of a nice drive please get in touch with Louis so he can chart out the year.

Roly Mailoux is the Regalia master. See him about all your OVTC clothing needs, and be sure to ask him about the ticket.

And last there is me. I will remain the club's Webmaster and newly elected President. I only hope I can serve you, the members, to the best of my abilities and keep things rolling along. Look for an improved site in 2003 and more exciting events. As always, your suggestions and ideas are welcomed. Feel free to contact me at anytime. Thank you to everyone and see you next month.

André Rousseau

OVTC President.

"Triumph's pick their owners."

Message From The Editor

Hello members and friends,

A few weeks ago, Mike Graham and John Day informed me, that they decided to step down as executives and newsletter editors

Yesterday, October 22nd, the membership elected Andre Rousseau as the new president and, somehow, I was talked into taking on the job of vice president, and also as editor of the newsletter. The past executives have done an excellent job, and have put in a lot of work and dedication into the organization of the OVTC. They are the reason this club is what it is now. In the name of all members, I like to thank those who have contributed and formed this club. I especially thank Mike Graham and John Day for, on a monthly basis, delivering this great newsletter to us all. Taking over their jobs is going to be a difficult legacy to live up too, but I will give it my best. I am relatively new to this club

and to Triumphs, I am green as green can be in restoring British cars, and English is my second language. It's easy to see, this is going to be a challenge for me. I hope you will be patient with me.

As with any club, the OVTC will only be as good as its membership. The newsletter should be a reflection of the club's activities and its membership. I urge everyone to contribute to our small publication. I would like to see input from everybody who has a story to tell or some tech or other information to share. Let's hear about shows, rallies, whatever; let's share ideas and funnies.

Andre and I are discussing the publication of the "Overdrive" on the OVTC web sites at www.ovtc.net. We're also talking about changing the newsletter to be published on a bimonthly basis, but maybe, increasing it to a larger size, depending on the contributions of articles from the membership. The upcoming events will be announced on the web site. So will be the classified.

We'll keep you informed about this development.

With the ever-increasing expansion of the internet, more and more people will be online. If members have access to the net, and haven't informed the club about this, please inform Vivien Kay, Andre Rousseau, or myself about your email address.

Also remember that the club has a group site at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/triumph-ovtc/>

You can log on and sing in as a user and/or contact Andre, our Webmaster to help you out with this.

Please keep me busy with contributions and pictures. My email address is:

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Cheers

Liv Haasper

October Meeting

The October meeting was well attended, and a number of Triumphs were still on the road for the evening. Particularly abundant were the TR8's, with no fewer than 5 in attendance (Dave H., Paul MacD., Paul W., Jeff P., and Dean H.). Hey – I thought these cars were rare!

We quickly had a discussion of what projects were on the go. Andre Rousseau led us off with a description of his GT6 project to date, and that he was eagerly anticipating the arrival of nearly an entire shipping container of parts from England, courtesy the free shipping offer from Rimmer Bros. Andre is hoping to have completed his rolling chassis by December. Next was Louis Boucher, whose TR3A project many of us saw during the Fall Colour tour to Wakefield & back to Louis' for the BBQ last month. Louis may eventually give up his job at Statistics Canada some day to become a pro panel beater! Paul MacDonald's second TR8 may soon be completed, and he can stop terrorizing the neighbours with his banzai runs around his neighbourhood without an interior. David Huddleson gave the group a description of how a TR8 engine and front suspension are

integrated, as he and a group of friends recently removed this as a unit from a TR8 parts car and deposited it on the back of a truck.

For the most part, the meeting was an open forum for the subject of the changing of the Executive and for the direction the club would take in the future. This was actually quite interesting because this was one of the few times in the club's history when the general activities and focus of the club have been subject to this sort of open forum. We had a number of good ideas from the floor, most of which would aim to increase the participation of the club membership in driving events.

Many ideas for club activities were floated around the floor at the October meeting, with suggestions of other club's activities. We may actually look into doing some joint activities (rallies or the like) in conjunction with the other clubs. As far as a winter activity, Louis Boucher (who remains on as social co-ordinator) will look into a club visit to 'TopKarting' in Hull for some evening or weekend afternoon racing.

While some of the BBQs this summer were successful at getting out the members and their cars, some at the meeting expressed an interest in just discovering some interesting routes and challenging roads around the area. This will be given more thought over the winter months in anticipation for next season.

The Executive for the club has now been set for next year, with Andre Rousseau winning the President's job by acclamation (Mike Graham declining to run after all!). Livia Haasper has agreed to do the dual roles of VP and newsletter, though we're hoping that club members will provide Livia with as much written subject matter as possible, to allow her to EDIT and not WRITE the newsletter. The other jobs will remain with the incumbents: Vivien Kaye as Treasurer and Membership; Roly Mailloux as Regalia, and Andre will continue to expand and enhance our website. With the excellent feedback from the October meeting and from future meetings as well, the club is in good position for the upcoming year!

Triumph Results from Bronte submitted by Paul MacDonald

A special note of congratulations to Paul Williams for winning the TR8 class!

Triumph GT6	Suzanne Synder, 1973 Triumph GT6 Mk3	David & Kelly Stock, 1968 Triumph GT6 DHC	Heather Wilson, 1972 Triumph GT6 Mk III
Triumph Spitfire 1961 to 1973	Richard Robbs, 1971 Triumph Spitfire MkIV	Patric & Tamara Barber, 1970 Spitfire	Kevin & Heidi Buss, 1968 Triumph Spitfire Mk3
Triumph Spitfire 1974 to 1981	Vic Whitmore, 1976 Triumph Spitfire 1500	Grant and Cheryl Buss, 1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500	Bill & Kathy Rampe, 1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500
Triumph Stag	Paul Greb, 1974 Triumph Stag	Dave & Barb Lawrence, 1972 Triumph Stag	Lesley M. Discher, 1971 Triumph Stag

Triumph TR2, TR3, TR3A, TR3B	Dan Stonehill, 1959 Triumph TR3A	Dwight Dyson, 1960 Triumph TR3A	Steve & Peg Calkins, 1961 Triumph TR3A
Triumph TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR250	Dave Goard, 1963 Triumph TR4	John Lille, 1967 Triumph TR4A	Phil & Gail Law, 1968 TR250
Triumph TR6, Chrome Bumper	Harry Radersma, 1972 Triumph TR6	Laura McEachern, 1971 Triumph TR6	Bob Geoghegan, 1973 Triumph TR6
Triumph TR6, Rubber Bumper	John & Carol Uloth, 1974 Triumph TR6	Charlie Cox, 1976 Triumph TR6	Steve Usher, 1974 Triumph TR6
Triumph TR7	Ed Knight, 1980 Triumph TR7	Zelko Matic, 1982 Triumph TR7 V8	John Bolder, 1980 TR7 Convertible
Triumph TR8	Paul Williams, 1980 Triumph TR8	Jim McKee, 1980 Triumph TR8	Doug & Linda Long, 1980 Triumph TR8
Triumph, Other, Roadster, Herald, 2000, Vitesse	Paul & Kris Brannan, 1949 Triumph 2000 Roadster	Steve McCutcheon, 1960 Triumph Italia	Wayne McGill, 1967 Triumph Herald

For Sale/Wanted

Membership, please note this months edition was not possible.

Please update your classifieds and resubmit them for the November issue. As this list is growing, I like to make sure that items, that are not longer for sale, are removed from this list. Unless notified, I'll be publishing your ads for two month only.

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The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members. The Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Manordale Community Centre, which is located at the corner of Knoxdale and Carola Roads in the City of Ottawa. Meetings include technical seminars, video presentations, restoration techniques and much more. The Club also publishes a monthly newsletter, *Overdrive*, which is distributed to members and exchanged with other car 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 applications** to: OVTC c/o Vivien Kaye, 1710 River Road, Manotick, ON, K4M 1B4.

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