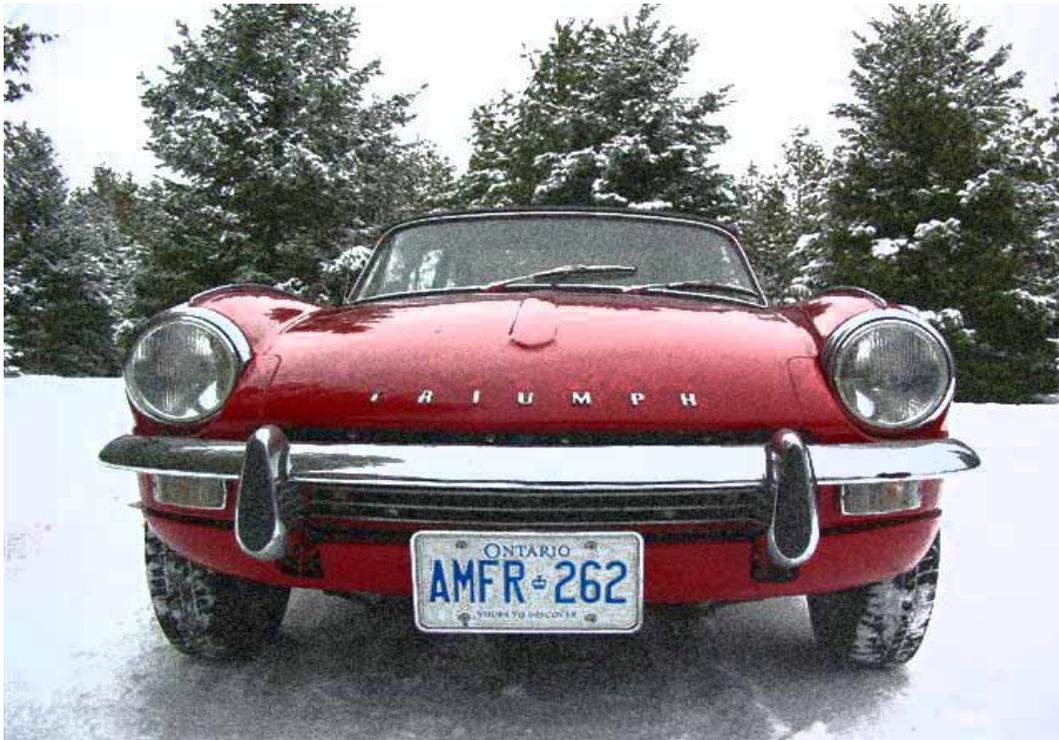




OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

February 2006



Letter from the editor..... Is it spring yet?

I hear this question repeatedly echoing across our province. I keep looking for the first signs of the warmer season. No, as far as the eye can see, nothing but white stuff.

I decided; enough of the white. I want to see red, as in 'a red GT6' . Mind you, he, 'Sparky, is covered in a layer of dust as he's sitting there in the garage, but slowly he's beginning to take on the shape and form of the old classic car. What else is there to do when snow flies and the calendar still shows February and we know that spring is on it's way and the old rust bucket has shed its coat of rust and is now a brilliant colour of red, shiny, polished. How wonderful and bright he's going to look this summer

I turn the thermostat of the old oil furnace up yet another notch and continue on the work on the Sparky, the GT6. Yes, work on our GT6 , now that we finished the body work on Andre's GT6, is finished, work on our own restoration has resumed.

New Years eve our son came over to help with the assembly of the engine. The three of us, Kevin, Wilf and I spent some quality time to put the big 6 back together. Time will tell if we did a good enough job.

New Years day was spent installing the engine in the car and since then, assembly has been 'full steam ahead'.

It's been a long battle up to this point. It's been three years in the making. I looked at some pictures of Sparky the other day, pictures of how he looked when he arrived and I question my sanity when I bought him. Was he really THAT rusty..? He's now unrecognizable, looking almost brand –spanking –new.

Will we drive the GT6 this year? I don't know. I'll keep you posted.

On January , the 14th the OVTC enjoyed their annual 'winter bash' get together at Sue and Tim Dyer's house. A great, big THANK YOU go to Sue, Tim and Jason for hosting the 'winter bash' club gathering again this year. The party, as usual, was a great success and brightened our winter days.



January Winter Bash



And, the weather, as we know it at the Dyer's house, was blustery and snowy. Nothing is cosier than sitting in those great, big leather chairs in the Dyer's living room, watching the snow drift over the tree farm and the now frozen King creek and wonder in what conditions the roads will be when it's time to drive home. It's become somewhat of a tradition, having to worry about road conditions at the end of the party. . all smiles..:-)

It was a great afternoon, filled with laughter and socializing and the desert table was a spread fit for a king. I hope everyone got home safe.

Thanks Sue and Tim of opening your home to us again. Your hospitality and generosity is greatly appreciated by the members of the OVTC. Thanks, Jason, for looking after the guests. You seemed to be constantly carrying in food and other goodies...

Cheers
Liv

Message from the president

We have a Special Event this month in lieu of our regular meeting - Note that we will NOT be at the Manordale community centre this month. We have a special treat coming on February 28. While not directly Triumph related, it is definitely automotive. We will be receiving a presentation and demonstration from the Advanced Vehicle Testing Program folks (AVTP). This is the federal government organization responsible for testing and approving new vehicles for introduction into Canada, as well as looking at safety and other issues with the cars we already have. These are the guys who did all of the testing of the Smart cars before they were made available here. They will give us a brief presentation regarding the work they do and then a demonstration of some of the equipment they use. We'll get a chance to see whatever vehicles and equipment is currently being tested. This will give us a chance to ask why they haven't approved the Elise yet, and even if there are plans to introduce it here. The highlight of the evening will be the detonation of an airbag. From what I've heard, this is quite an experience. They are located at 2780 Sheffield Road (near Walkley). We are on for 7:30 pm on Tuesday February 28.



I wish to express my thanks to Tim and Sue Dyer for hosting us again at their house for our January Winter Bash. It was a great party. The food was excellent – we really do have some very creative cooks in this club – and it was good to have a chance to talk a bit more with everyone in a relaxed atmosphere. A few pictures of the event are posted on the club website (www.ovtc.net).

Planning for next year's Ottawa British Car Day is picking up steam. The organizing committee met most recently on January 31. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we have reserved the same location in Britannia Park for Saturday, July 15, 2006. If you visit the car show website (www.britishcarday.ca), you will see some pictures from the 2005 event. The format of the show this year will be similar to last year, but we have learned a few lessons from our first attempt so there will be a few subtle improvements. The biggest change will be that we are going to handle the food ourselves rather than have the event catered. We are also going to extend the invitation to vendors this year, which was something we were unable to do last year. We will be continuing to work on planning the show over the coming weeks and months, and I will keep you updated as things come together.

See you on February 28th at the AVTP offices at 2780 Sheffield Road.

Cheers,

Don

Our vintage car

It should be as graceful as a beautiful woman, lithe as a panther, slick as a gigolo's(sick) hair, flexible as a field runner, accelerate like a rocket, be painted like a cockatoo, and sing like a bird at speed"

A quote from the latest issue of R&T.

Letters to the editor

Hi all,

Mark Russell here. Sorry I missed the winter bash at Tim's but Anne was not feeling up to it with the baby being due on the 17th.

The news though is that the baby was born at 12:21am on Monday the 16th!!! It's a baby girl and her name is Keliane she weighed 8Lbs1oz and mom and baby are just fine.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting hope you all had a great Christmas and a happy new year!

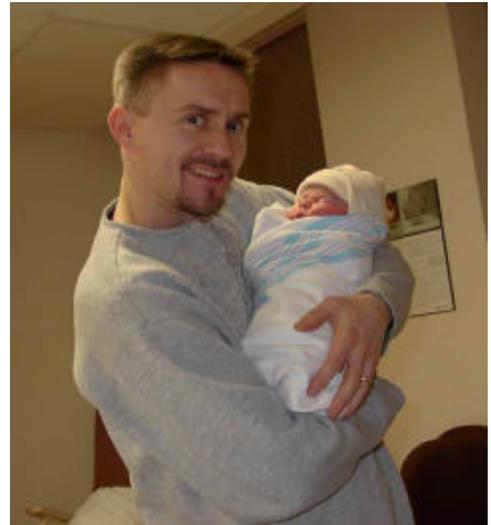
Mark

Hello Mark, Ann and family..

congratulations.. being in labour is NO REASON to miss the big winter OVTC event. !!! JUST KIDDING, OF COURSE !!!!!

Ahhh wonderful news.. We're so glad the little Triumph has arrived and we wish you and the entire family BEST OF LUCK.

Cheers Liv,
editor



Tech Talk

Parking your car, inside or out.

In our experience we learned that it makes no difference what surface a car sits on, earth/vs. cement.

But, obviously, it makes a difference if it's stored in-doors or out....

A car, even a new car, starts rusting as soon as it leaves the assembly line. Besides the salt and other chemicals we expose our cars to all the time, the biggest problem to keep a car from rusting is moisture. The key to parking and storing a car is to keep it dry. So, a nice dry garage would be the best place.

But if you have no other choice but to park outside, be careful to cover the car with a cover or a tarp. When using a cover the CONDENSATION that develops when temperatures change from cold/cool to hot, is extremely hard on the body of the car.

If not well ventilated, moisture WILL develop overnight, even of a sunny day when a sunny spot changes to shade. This moisture that is going to develop will invade all of the seams, where rust always first starts to form. People sometimes assume their cars are protected when using covers but these things often create an adverse affect.

Ventilation is the key to keeping the car dry and rust free. Under coating and rust protection of such kind will help to keep the under-body protected to some degree.

Here's a web site, a link that was submitted by Mike Graham. Check this out for some great TR information.

For those of you who like this sort of thing, I have just completed adding scanned images of the TR6 ads on the triumphowners.com web site below. Previously I had taken digital pictures so the new images are much clearer. Also, I added a couple of 2 page ads. After logging onto the site just scroll down to the bottom of the photo categories.

Enjoy!

Aaron Cropley

71 TR6 (Throttle Body Injection!) <http://www.triumphowners.com/108>

Topsham, Maine

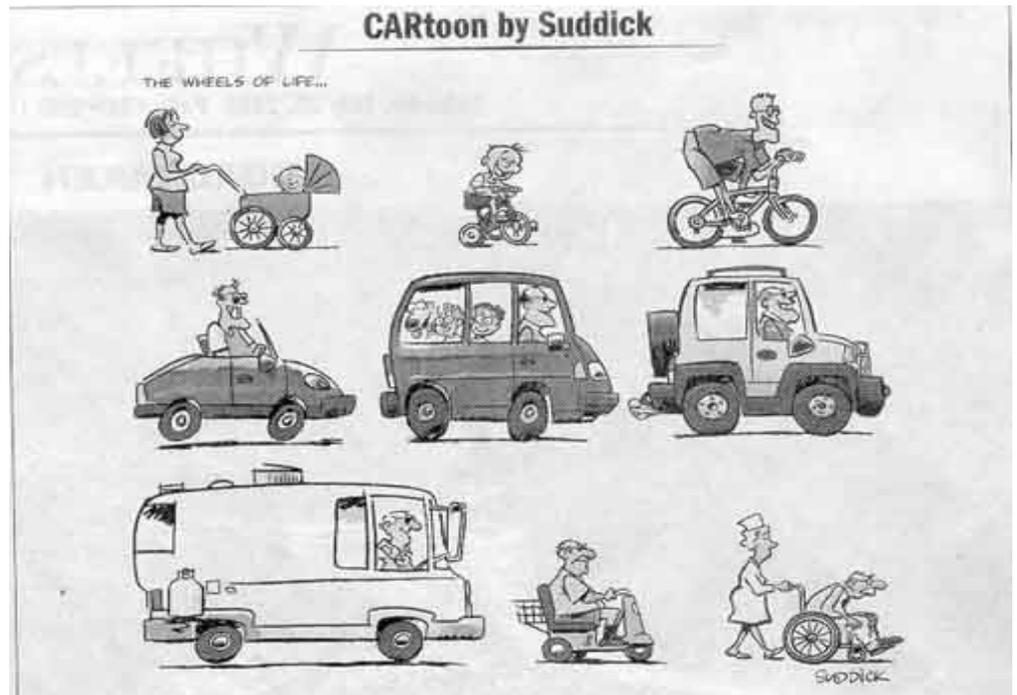
Since we're in the midst of wiring our GT6, we came across this web site on "British Colour codes"... which may be of general interest and may come in handy

<http://www.dimebank.com/LucasColours.html>

Just for laughs

Subject: Traffic Camera

A man was driving down the road
He passed a traffic camera and saw
it flash. Astounded that he had been
caught speeding when he was doing
the speed limit, he turned around
and going even slower, he passed by
the camera. Again, he saw it flash.
He couldn't believe it! So he turned
and going a snail's pace, he passed
the camera. AGAIN, he saw the
camera flash. He guessed it must
have a fault and home he went. Four
weeks later he received three traffic
fines in the
mail, all for not wearing a seatbelt.
For every person with a spark of
genius, there are a hundred with
ignition trouble.



An Omen By *Kate Hurney*

My new TR-6 needed some carburetor work, so it was at Mike's shop for a few days. When I went to pick it up, several LITA folks were present, and so the car went for a few test drives before it was deemed perfect. As I was driving home on Sunrise Highway, I glanced down at the odometer and saw it was at 44133. I knew I was about ten miles from home, and thought, wouldn't it be cool if it was a palindrome right when I pulled in my driveway? I do a lot of driving, and I'm also a numbers person, and I've invented this goofy little game I play with my odometer. Whenever I look down and catch it at a palindrome (a number that's the same backward as it is forward) I take it as a sign of good luck. I can't plan or calculate; it has to be random chance that I see it at just the right moment. It happens more often than you might think, and certain combinations seem extra special. I miss a lot of them, too, but I never think of that as bad luck. Anyway, it was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, and I continued on my drive, happy with the new carbs, and forgot about the odometer.



I remembered I needed to stop at the market, which meant I also needed some cash, on my way home. At the bank, I parked next to a shiny new burgundy SUV with the motor running, but no one inside. I figured the owner was in the bank getting cash, so I took my time walking up the steps. Sure enough, when I reached the door, a short, slightly older lady held it open for me as she was leaving. She was an interesting character, dressed completely in red - from her elegant red wool hat, red blazer, red slacks, down to her corny red garden shoes. This lady loves the color red, I thought. (Just like me!) While my transaction was processing, I glanced out the window and saw the woman peering into my red Six. She came over to me as soon as I left the bank, and told me she had had a TR4 when she was young, and her brother had wrecked it. We chatted a few minutes about Triumphs and how much fun

they are. She asked me if she could sit in mine.

"Just to smell it," she said. That's when I knew that she was for real.

"Of course," I told her, "You sit in the driver's seat." I got in the passenger side. She lightly brushed the wood dash, put her hand on the shifter, and looked out the windshield as if she was imagining herself really driving. Or, maybe she was recalling some adventure in her TR4.

"Are you in a hurry?" she asked me.

"Not at all," I answered. I was thoroughly enjoying this little Triumph moment.

"Would you mind driving me around the parking lot? I can't wait to tell everyone at Thanksgiving."

"I'd love to," I told her. She went and turned off her truck, we switched places, and I started up my car.

"You know," she said as I let up on the clutch, "my friend is across the street at the gas station. He would get such a kick out of seeing me riding in this car." "We can drive past, no problem," I laughed, and took off out of the parking lot.

After I got out on the main road, honking as I passed the gas station, I offered to do the "loop around the yacht club," since I was already heading south. It's kind of a tradition for village residents - a short drive down Bellport Lane, and then a U along the dock that juts out into the bay. It's a quick but beautiful ride that reminds us we live on an island. Joanie chatted the whole time, and I could tell she was really having fun. We got our view of the bay, and I took her back to the bank. We shook hands, wished each other Happy Thanksgiving, and waved good-bye.



I went on to the market feeling uplifted, got my groceries and headed home. Parked in my driveway, as I pulled the key out of the ignition my eyes caught the odometer - 44144! It made me stop in my tracks for a second, and then I just smiled. While the logical accounting side of me wondered at the statistical probability of that happening, the dreamy,

magical side (which certainly harbours my passion for Triumphs) realized that this was a really, really good omen. Now I'm certain my TR6 and I are going to have a wonderful relationship.

Canadian All British Reliability Run

With Blake Dishers blessings, (who has done a great job organizing the ABRR), John Kearsly, in Elmira, Ontario is organizing an Canadian All British Reliability Run. It's called "the Rocky Shore Run". It starts from Cambridge Ont., heads over to Grand Bend, which is on the eastern shore of Lake Huron, and up the shore line. The run will continue up the Bruce, then across at Lions Head to the Georgian Bay shore road, to an over night stay in Owen Sound. The next day there is a stop at the local airport for some pics then some more shore roads over to Barrie.

The route goes down through some very nice winding roads through the scenic Hockley Valley back to Cambridge. This route is short of 700 miles(not Km's) over the two days. The route follows back and paved roads (no gravel). So all Spits and Gt's who would like a challenge, fun and a chance to raise money for this years charity which is Camp Trillium Children with Cancer. Please go the web site abccr.org on Friday and more detail will be there. Please note that 100% of all funds raised go to the camp as every team picks up their own expenses. The run is the weekend of Friday September 22 to Sunday September 24, 2006. If you have any questions at all please e-mail me and I'll be more than happy to answer them. I have been on two of the ABRR runs and have enjoyed them very much. It was very enjoyable meeting fellow Nass members and sharing a pop or two.

CBCCR route person John Kearsley

Elmira Ont North American Spitfire Squadron member # 171, 1976 Spitfire.

Events

February 17-26, 2006 Toronto , ONTARIO. - Octagon Dreams at The Canadian International AutoShow

The Canadian International AutoShow will be host to, along with the display of over 1000 new cars and trucks, a special feature entitled "Octagon Dreams, a History of the MG Car Company". On the 700 level of the South Metro Toronto Convention Centre there will be a 10,000 sq.ft. display of MG marques from 1937 to 1980. We hope to have "Old Number One" as the First MG as [part of the display and we do have the LAST MG. For discount tickets visit the website. Contact: Jon Rosenthal. Phone: 905-940-2800. Email: jonr@autoshow.ca. Website: www.autoshow.ca.

February, 28th 7.30 meeting at Transport Canada, 2780 Sheffield Road, Ottawa, near Walkley

The OVTC has an opportunity to receive a presentation from the Transport Canada folks who do the safety testing on new cars entering Canada and on new production models from the North American suppliers. We will be receiving a presentation from their Advanced Technology Vehicle Program. Things I'm expecting we will see include:

- ? presentation on what they do and how they do it
- ? walk around and demonstration of current cars under test
- ? exploding an air bag
- ? demonstration / assessment of defect analysis

Although not Triumph related specifically, this promises to be a very interesting presentation

March 28th. OVTC meeting 7.30 Pm Presentation by Tim Dyer. The presentation will be an overview of Triumphs of the 1960's and 70's that never made it to North American shores (or if they did, only in small numbers), but which formed a large part of the company's business in the UK and mainland Europe. Given that we only see a limited range of Triumphs in North America, when compared to large number of different vehicles offered in Europe, I think the presentation might be quite enlightening.

April 23 6th. Boot n' Bonnet Annual Auto jumble, Portsmouth Harbour, Kingston, 10 am – 2 pm Richard Woodley at 613 067 0267 or rlw@magma.ca

May 20 -21. Can. Am. Swap meet & flea market.. Colonial Fun Park on Rt. 11B, 2-3 miles northeast of Potsdam NY. Buy or sell... Set up free May 19th. from 5 pm to 8 pm .. Please feel free to contact: Thomas Sawyer-315-393-3922 ramcat@localnet.com, Susan Stiles-315-769-044 canamswapmeet@yahoo.com, Bill MacIntire-315-384-4520 wmacinti@tcny.rr.com, Darrille Raville -518-483-894 draville@starband.net

May 21 -23 Carlisle Import-Kit /Replica Show. <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/>

May 27 – June 4 British Car week Drive your British Car to spread awareness in your community.

June 24 -26 Vintage Races Mosport , Ontario

July 10 Merrickville car show.. ‘cruise and shop’. <http://www.merrickville.net/cruiseshop/>

July 14, -16 Toronto Triumph Club Canadian Classic. Hosts : George Christie and Dwight Dyson with Robin Searle Georgian Manor Resort & Country Club, Collingwood 705-445-9422

July 15 .. ABCD All British Car show in Ottawa, dedicated to showcasing and celebrating the complete spectrum of British marques. Situated on the historic lake side gardens of Britannia Beach, Nepean. There will be a charge of \$20 for participants which will include lunch for two, and entry in the draw for door prizes. Admission is FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. The show will be from 10 AM. to 4 PM.

All British Car Day Concept: British Car Clubs in the Ottawa Region have combined forces to create an annual event to showcase their cars, trucks and motorcycles. Our intention is to promote both a social occasion for British marque owners, as well as a community event for the enjoyment of the general public <http://www.britishcarday.ca>

August 6-7th .. Roadster Factory summer party in Armagh , PA. <http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/>

September 9 -11 Watkin’s Glen Vintage Races.

September 18 Toronto Triumph Club Biritish Car Day at Bronte Provincial Park <http://www.britishcarday.com/>

September 14-17, 2006 The British Invasion in Stowe , featured marquee this year will be Triumph. Check out the web site, www.britishinvasion.com. They have photo archives of the various cars including a link that shows almost every car as it entered the field in the morning.

For more OVTC and other car-related events in the planning stage check out web site <http://www.ovtc.net/>

Classifieds

For sale Triumph TR3 and TR4 parts. After completing the restoration of both a TR3A and a TR4A, I have many parts left over that I no longer need and would like to see go to a good home and put to use. Too many parts to list here but if you click on <http://ca.geocities.com/adrio@rogers.com/forsale.htm> you will find a list. In short I have a TR3A parts car and a TR4A parts car that I would like to sell off (no engines, but some engine parts though). I am not asking much for these parts and any reasonable offer will be accepted so that the parts can be put to use. Located in Ottawa. Email me at adrio@rogers.com if you have any questions.

Outstanding TR6 in desirable Pimento red, with 45,100 fully documented original miles. Original, factory convertible top with clear glass, original interior and seats, carpets, and the factory dash is perfect-it has not been re-finished! The jack is still in the factory cardboard box, the tonneau cover is brand new and the original am/fm Blaupunkt radio is in perfect working order. The 2005 upgrades include installing dot 5 silicone brake fluid, stainless brake lines, thrust washers in the engine, correct Michelin redlines, correct brushed aluminium trim rings, and important rear shock conversion. Paint, interior, top, and chrome are all in perfect "original" condition. Full appraisal in June, 2005! The seams are perfect, the

alignment of the doors is perfect - the car runs like a brand new TR6. All documentation from 1976 is included with the sale, including all receipts and the British Leyland "Passport to Service. Email me to receive a link to 60 detailed pictures of this outstanding "one of a kind" 1976 TR6. Contact mhord@ca.inter.net, or call (416) 429-2412 (evenings only)

78 Spitfire 1500 FS

Making way for another project. My 1500 is for sale. Very clean car. Runs and drives great. Have the hardtop as well. Recent tires, carb overhaul and Pertronix conversion. Carmine Red. Black interior. Photos at the link. Asking \$6000. Email me at todd.st@rogers.com if interested. Car located in Ingersoll, Ontario 2 minutes from HWY 401

<http://ca.pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/todd.st@rogers.com/album?.dir=/1c2a&.src=ph&.tok=phPkL1DB2vguoCyW>

Beautiful 1980 TR7 For Sale (Private Sale)

This car was originally purchased in Winnipeg, Manitoba and driven to Ottawa in September 2004 (without a hitch I might add). It has 116,000 original KM, possesses a manual choke, 5 spd. transmission and has a new tan leather interior and new carpets. Top is new as well. This is a turn-key vehicle that is absolutely a pleasure to show and drive. Reason for selling – recently bought a TR8. Car is located in Orleans, east of Ottawa. Phone (Jeff) 613-824-6630. Asking \$7500 o.b.o.

1972 Triumph TR6 \$ 12,750.--We just started a family. I won't have enough time to use my TR6 so I have to find a good home for it. Excellent body and underside. Paint (fire engine red) shows very well with few scratches. The interior is in excellent condition (just had the seats reupholstered). Clutch professionally replaced in 2003. Several upgrades including shoulder belts, electronic ignition and spin-on oil filter adapter. Electrical system sorted out in 2000. Stored in dry, heated garage for the last 5 winters. Original steel wheels with Dunlop D60 215 60 tires that have little wear. All in all an excellent driver. Please contact Alain at 613-948-1432 (work) or 613-742-1557(eves and weekends before 9 p.m.)

1971 Triumph GT6 Plus (MKII) A hard to find model

A great handling car with lots of get up and go. Exterior color is green with black interior. 2.0 Liter engine, dual carburetors, 4 speed trans. Differential was replaced late 2004. (Still have the old one) Car has very little corrosion; suspect car was restored in mid to late 90's. This daily driver was re-certified late Apr 05, has some extra parts as well as original workshop manual. Can be seen by appointment only, call after 5 PM. (613) 837-0555 \$5,000.00 Firm.

TR6 parts for sale. The "Doc" would like to find a new home for his collection of previously enjoyed TR6 parts.

Priced to move are: 2 engines, 4 transmissions (no overdrives), 3 diffs, 12 manifolds, 1 used Stebro stainless steel exhaust system, 6 drive shafts, 1 set of 4 red line tires on rims, 8 doors, 3 bonnets, 4 boot lids, bumpers, brake drums, suspension pieces, some rag top frames, dash board bits, etc. etc. I also have two project cars - TR4A - which would be for the serious restorer only. Call Brian Mills at (613) 825-1698 or e-mail brianmills@rogers.com

TR7 parts for sale. Many different items available including pair of TR7 front brake calipers, 3.90 rear axle complete with drums, pre-1980 TR7 radiator, TR7 A/C condenser & A/C hoses, brand-new Addco add-on front sway bar, stock 1980 rear springs (TKC3300), brake master cylinder complete with booster, charcoal canisters, Delco electronic distributor, Delco ignition coil. Too many other parts to list. Call for more info, or to arrange a "viewing". David, Manotick, Ont. 613-692-4396 or dhuddleson@sympatico.ca

1973 Spitfire for sale. Engine is a 1971 1300CC., Transmission a 71 and it has an overdrive. The seats and interior have been redone but the driver's side is starting to wear. The engine compartment is very clean. Mechanically the car was redone from the frame up in 1995. The soft top is in good condition and we have a spare top and frame. Price \$7000.00 Our home # is (514) 932-9265 carolyne-stephen@sympatico.ca

1969 & 1972 TR6s Restoration or parts cars. In heated storage for the past 12 years. Both complete, all interiors, glass and trim in good condition. Hard and soft tops, luggage rack, roll bar, minor body rust. 1 set new British rugs (black) 1 set New rockers. 1 set New "B" posts. Factory 8 track. Collingwood Ontario 519 924 0602 Tony.

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of Approximately 65 members. The club meets at 7.30 pm 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 \$ 60.00 per year, corporate. **Please send membership applications** to: OVTC c/o Tim Dyer 427 Kings Creek Rd., RR #3, Ashton, Ont. K0A 1B0, 613-253-4126, kingscreektrees@aol.com

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