



OVERDRIVE



OVTC Fall Colours Run

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OVTC President Don LeBlanc

October 2007

Participation was great at the September meeting to listen to our special guest speaker, Bob Armstrong. Thanks again to Paul Macdonald for the introductions which made this possible. Bob was a fascinating speaker with a lot of great stories of his own career in motor sports, including his experiences with racing Triumphs, and tales of some of the people he has met and worked with over the years. I felt it was a fun and interesting evening, and judging by the fact that so many people stayed around to talk with Bob later, I suspect many others felt the same way.



Pictures of the 2007 All British Car Day are posted on the show website (www.britishcarday.ca) for anyone to look at. The server can be a bit slow sometimes, so please just be patient. Discussion and planning for next year's show has started already.

At the time of writing this, we have had the OVTC Fall Colours run – more info elsewhere in this newsletter – and are waiting for the All British Clubs drive to Mont Tremblant that Louis Boucher is organizing. Louis' event will conclude the organized driving activities for the club for this season, although we all still hope to be able to use the cars for several more weeks before that sad day when they are stored for the winter season.

This month is elections month again – the year passed by so quickly – and we are once again meeting at Lorenzo's Pizzeria in the Craig Henry Plaza at the corner of Craig Henry and Chartwell Avenue. It is the same place we went to last year, and isn't far from the regular meeting place on Knoxdale Avenue. We are once again calling for nominations for positions on the executive, and for more participation in general to keep the club interesting and relevant.

Coming over the next few months will be the annual end of year party in mid-December, and the winter bash in January. Dates are yet to be confirmed for these two events, but we will try to have that in place before the November newsletter. We will also be doing another membership survey before the end of this year, and publish the results in the January newsletter. Planning has started for our weekend trip next year in June. We will be reserving a block of rooms at the hotel in advance to get a better rate, so space will be limited to the first 15 cars that sign up. People who register after that may not be able to get the same room rate.

See you at Lorenzo's Pizzeria on October 23 for our next meeting and annual elections.

Cheers,



OVTC ELECTIONS

Call for nominations for OVTC executive

I really don't want to sound like a broken record here, but this month is elections month again – the year has flown by – and we are again asking for people to step forward and nominate themselves or others for positions on the executive for the coming year.

The OVTC needs people to remain involved if it is going to continue to be relevant and interesting. Any position on the executive for the OVTC is open for new candidates, so this is a great time to volunteer to help out in a bigger way. Our club is only as good as we make it, so please consider stepping forward and putting your name on the list. Fresh ideas and new people are important to keep our club growing and valuable.

Positions to be filled on the executive are:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Treasurer & Membership**
- **Regalia**
- **Newsletter Editor**
- **Events Coordinator**
- **Webmaster**

On Tuesday October 23, as a special treat for the election, we are once again meeting at Lorenzo's Pizzeria in the Craig Henry Plaza at the corner of Craig Henry and Chartwell Avenue. It is the same place we went to last year, and isn't far from the regular meeting place on Knoxdale Avenue. The club will pay for your pizza and soft drinks if you want them. If you wish to have beer or other alcohol, it is your own responsibility to pay for that.

A list of candidates will be published around midday on Tuesday, October 23, but there is always the opportunity given at the meeting for anyone to be nominated on the spot from the people present at the meeting. PLEASE get back to me with your offer of interest in any of the above positions. It would be great to actually have more people interested in the executive positions and have a real election for them sometime.

If you would like to propose your name or that of another club member to the list, or have any questions, please let me know via email (dleblanc@businessaccelerators.ca or phone 613-596-5692)

TRIUMPH SPOTTING

From The Editor's Garage - André Rousseau

Not much to report this month, I've been healing since my laser vision correction thing. Freedom from glasses has taken its time to become reality, but its slowly improving. Hence the delay on the news letter, simply put after editing video all day, the last thing I wanted to do was sit at my desk and squint at my small monitor.

This gem landed in my mail box the other day.

Hi Andre,

Getting near completion now, just the interior to finish in Ivory Leather with Burr Elm dash.

Cheers

Paul Hamer

p.s. thanks for the assistance last year (jul 06)



André Rousseau - Ottawa Canada

'68 Triumph GT6 MK1

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<http://www.justdrive.ca/gt6>

Bronte 2007

Pat Mills

Once again this year the Toronto Triumph Club was blessed with a beautiful sunny day for their annual All British Car Day held for the past 24 years on the third Sunday of September at Bronte Creek Provincial Park mid way between Toronto and Hamilton on the Queen Elizabeth Way. For an hour and half Brian and I sat at a picnic table and watched as the cars paraded by on their way to the grassy display field. Well over a thousand British cars, motorcycles and a double decker bus were there to be seen. Paul Williams was there in his TR8. If you were at the last meeting you heard about his "issues". Was he going to get back to Ottawa? How was he going to fix the problem? Everyone was trying to help, but it was Paul McDonald who came to the rescue. It turned out he had had the same bit of bad luck a few weeks back and knew how to easily make the fix. Both were able to enjoy the day and Paul Williams drove back to Ottawa without incident.

After 5 hours we never did see all of the cars. The Jags this year were at the far end of the field where the Triumphs usually were. We never did get there. After all we had come to see Triumphs. I counted 15 Stags lined up side by side, one with a pretty impressive hood ornament. A Triumph Roaster sat next to a TR4A. There were too many Sixes to count, lots of TR7s and TR8s with a few TR4s and 4As. Two BMW Isettas or is it Isetti were seen this year where in the past there was only one. As usual lots of MGs of all description, many Healeys, Daimlers, as well as Land Rovers were well represented. It really is a very impressive show and one well worth attending. This year Bronte Creek Provincial Park allowed camping on Saturday night. After park set up on Saturday the out-of-towners were invited to go on a country drive with the Toronto Triumph Club. For information about the show next year go to www.britishcar-day.com or www.torontotriumph.com .



Bronte 2007

Pat Mills



OVTC Fall Colours Drive

October 14, 2007 - Don

Sometimes no matter how much you try, the weather just isn't going to cooperate. After teasing us with beautiful warm sunny weather on October 5, we were rained out on the planned date for the drive on October 6. As this was the Thanksgiving weekend, we postponed the drive to the following weekend rather than move it to the Sunday. The teasing continued. On Friday the 12th, the weather was once again very nice, but Saturday the 13th was wet, so we were forced to move it yet again to Sunday October 14.

Even after all of that, although it didn't rain, Saturday the 14th was overcast and very very cool. Some might even venture to say it was cold. But committed people that we are, those of us with tops that retract, went topless for the drive. It was more than a bit chilly, but was a lot of fun. Those in the group with coupes were very toasty indeed.

At the lunch stop, sitting in the restaurant, I noticed that my left hand was tingling, and I was concerned I had pinched a nerve or something in my arm. After a while it started to ease off, and I realized it was just that I had frozen my left hand in the wind flowing into the car and it was warming up sitting there during lunch. I had been having so much fun driving, I hadn't really noticed how cold it was.

On the positive side, the delay in holding the event probably increased the beauty of the colours we saw during the drive. It is the Fall Colours Drive after all. Because of the extended fall we are enjoying this year, the leaves were still hanging on the trees and the colours were awesome.

The route was a combination of straight sections, twisty sections and very twisty sections. From Ottawa, we made our way towards Ashton, then around the south end of Mississippi Lake before heading north again towards Pakenham, and then towards White Lake. Lunch was at the Cedar Cove Resort on White Lake. After lunch we drove down into Calabogie, and then started making our way back up towards Ottawa. At one point after lunch, there was a short 4-5 km section of gravel / compressed dirt where they are doing some road reconstruction around Tatlock. I have been on that road before they ripped it up and it was very pleasant – and hopefully will be again next year. In planning the route, I tried and tried to find some way to avoid including this bad road, but couldn't do it. The roads on the other side of the bad stuff are just so nice and winding, and I wanted to include them, that in the end I decided to leave that section in the planned route and we just drove very slowly over it.

We finished the day at the Cheshire Cat Pub near Carp. Always a car friendly place to stop by for a pint. It was a nice way to finish up what was a fun event for the small group of OVTC members who made it out for the run this year.

To the intrepid people who made it out for this drive, I hope you had as much fun as I did organizing it and driving it with you.

OVTC Fall Colours Drive

October 14, 2007 - Don



Visitors From France

October 5 at D'Arcy McGee's Pub - Don

A group of us had a wonderful evening at D'Arcy McGee's Pub in Bell's Corners, with our special visitors from France on Friday October 5. Peter Johnston and his wife, Clementine, proud TR4 owners from Brittany, had contacted John Day of our club some time ago looking for information on their car, which was thought to have belonged to someone from near Montebello at some point in its history. After trying to help them find information about their car, John said to them – if you're ever in the Ottawa area, why don't you look us up?

Well, in September they contacted John and told him they would be in Ottawa around October 5, during their two week holiday in Canada. We decided to organize a little OVTC get together with them to welcome them to the area, as well as include them in our annual Fall Colours drive planned for that weekend. Even though they would be driving a rental car rather than their Triumph, they were enthusiastically looking forward to joining us on our event.

You probably don't recall at this point, but October 5 was a beautiful sunny day, with temperatures well above 25 degrees, so several of us had our cars out that evening. Naturally part of the evening with our guests was spent out in the parking lot showing our cars to Peter and talking about what we had and hadn't done to them. It was a special treat for him to check out the details of Brian and Pat's TR4A.

We had a fine evening together, enjoying a few drinks a few laughs, and a nice supper at the pub. Peter brought a copy of the club newsletter from the Triumph Club of France, which I will bring and pass around at our next meeting. We presented Peter with an OVTC cap that is the same colour as their car, and one of the OVTC pins as souvenirs of their visit to Ottawa.

Sadly the weather didn't cooperate on Saturday, October 6, so we were forced to postpone the Fall Colours Drive to the following weekend. Our visitors left town on Saturday morning to continue on their way towards Sault Ste. Marie which was the next major destination on their trip.

My thanks to Roly, Wayne, John, Brian and Pat, and my own Janet and Julia for coming out and visiting with these interesting people. Peter and Clementine extend the invitation to OVTC members visiting Brittany to let them know and stop by for a visit with them as well.

With the words of one of Dan Ackroyd's TV characters ringing in my ears, "We're from France", we went home thinking this was one of the great ways the internet has put Triumph enthusiasts like these from halfway around the world in touch with us and allowed us to meet some very nice people and create a new friendship.





Yep, from the more money then brains club.

OVTC NEWS & EVENTS

Keeping our members informed

Interesting Summer Events for 2007 (Compiled by Pat Mills, thanks Pat)

Date	Event
Tuesday, October 23	OVTC Elections, See Don's note.

Cruise Nights etc.

Kemptville Cruise Night: Tuesday evenings (start May 1st) @ Rideau Restaurant Hwy 44

Kemptville Cruise Night: Wednesday evenings (start May 9th) @ Food Basics Hwy 43

Orleans Cruise Night: Wednesday evenings (start May 9th) @ Place d'Orleans Shopping Center

Manotick Cruise Night: Monday Evenings (start May 7th) @ Village Perks

Kanata/Hazeldean Cruises: Tuesday evenings (start May 1st) @ Hazeldean Mall

CTC Cruise Night: Sunday evenings @ CTC Bank & Heron Road

CTC Cruise Night: Thursday evenings @ CTC Merivale & Hunt Club

British Breakfast: 3rd Sunday mornings of the month - 8:30 a.m. Broadways Grill Fisher & Hwy 16

OVTC CLASSIFIED SECTION

One owner's junk is another's treasure!

A new thing for the Classifieds.

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a front and rear bumper,
a pair of front fenders which need work
four VG rims.
a used front valance...rust free.

Phone Adrian Sawyer (aka Tom) 613 258 0234 Kemptville area [0]

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1976 Triumph TR6 With Factory Overdrive

I have over \$18,000 invested in this car, but will accept \$16,900.

The car is located in Ottawa, Canada. Additional pictures are available at your request.

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Forsale :

1. A - type Overdrive unit
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OVTC OVERDRIVE PASSWORD

Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

2007

Jan = nosnow
Feb = red
Mar = TR6
Apr = spring
May = Ancaster
June-Aug = summer
Sept = Fly
Oct = Orange

2006

Jan = red
Feb = baby
Mar = smoke
April = triumph
May = James
June = drive
July = Doc
Aug = Steph
Sept = TR2
Oct = goodwood
Nov = cold
Dec = snow

2005

Jan = yellow
Feb = redtr3
Mar = stag
April = GT6MK3
May = TR7
June = Spitfires
July = Mosport
Aug = ABCD
Sept = TR4
Oct = rain
Nov = fall

Dec = snow

2004

Jan = bonnet
Feb = clutch (not used)
Mar = diff
Apr = kit
May = speed
Jun = RACING
Jul = ignition
Aug = gt6
Sep = octane
Oct = stainless
Nov = cam
Dec = jingle

2003

Dec = peanut

OVTC MEMBERSHIP

Join the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

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:

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