









Spring Triumph Shows

OVTC PRESIDENT

Don LeBlanc

May 2008

Let's start out with my apology to the club. I know I have let people down terribly over this past winter and have not been supplying Andre with the inputs he need for the newsletter and as a result he hasn't been able to provide you with news and updates in the regular fashion that we have all enjoyed in the past. Everyone of us is busy, so there is no excuse for my failures here, and I apologize sincerely for not staying on top of this and getting things together properly for the past several months. I know people have been missing the newsletter and the lack of regular news about what's happening. Things will be better again going forward.

Despite my failings this winter, we have been trying hard to pull things together for this coming year. In addition to the monthly club meetings at the Manordale Community Centre, we've had a few executive meetings over the course of the winter months and have planned out an events calendar with a mixture of driving and social type events to try to rekindle excitement in the club.

We are launching a new award this year for the most miles (km) in a season at club sponsored events. Only miles travelled during the club events will count for this internal club specific award, but anyone who wishes to participate in the British Car Council distance awards should record their starting odometer reading right away and get someone from the club executive to sign the form. Some details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Note that the Manordale Community Association will not be holding their annual fun day in early June, so we will not be having the community parade as we've done for the last several years. We will have to find some other way to thank them for their continued support of our club and use of their excellent building every month.

The busy season of British car events start this month with the upcoming Hudson British Car Show on May 25. Unfortunately, it's the same day as the Oxford Mills show, so people have to choose. This will be the first of the club sponsored drives – with mileage counting towards the internal award – the group will leave from the Trim Road Park & Ride and go to Hudson. Information on this and other upcoming shows, cruise nights and other activities are all on the OVTC website.

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday May 27. We'll meet up at Manordale for a brief club meeting and if the weather is good, we will head out for a drive in the country and end up somewhere for an ice cream. Later at one of our summer meetings we'll go someplace for a pint in the country, and maybe even have one meeting where we can have dinner – but the details on those evenings will follow in the next newsletter.



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We have continued to have great turnouts at the winter meetings. Some photos and news on the special events over the winter is elsewhere in the newsletter. Andre gave us a great audio-visual presentation at the last meeting to whet our appetites for this new season. By now, probably most of you have your cars out on the road and starting to enjoy them again, but so far the weather has remained a bit cool for top down motoring, but I expect that will be changing very soon. It was a long and tough winter this year, and I hope everyone is ready for some driving fun this season.

Our weekend trip to Mont Tremblant is fast approaching. We've been talking about it for months but now is the time to confirm your reservations and make plans to go. The trip is scheduled to go on June 7-8. Response so far has been limited, so the trip is at risk of being postponed unless I received some confirm interest in the next few days. Departure has been planned for the morning of Saturday June 7, with one night overnight at the GrayRocks resort at Tremblant and a return on Sunday afternoon. If you're interested in participating in this event in June this year, I really do need to hear from you ASAP so I confirm all of the arrangements – otherwise if there aren't enough people interested in doing it right now, we will be forced to postpone it to later in the season. I need to hear from you soon, please.

More detail on coming events and activities are in this newsletter and posted on the website. My apologies again for not being on top of things this winter and hope that you are all ready to get out and participate in the club this season.

Cheers,

Don

OVTC Weekend Away - June 7-8

We've been talking about it at the club meetings for many months now, but the time is finally upon us to confirm our plans for the OVTC weekend trip to Mont Tremblant. There seemed to be a lot of interest in this event at the club meetings when we've talked about it, so please let me know if you're still interested in doing it. The plan has been to leave on the morning of Saturday June 7, stay overnight in Mont Tremblant, and return on Sunday afternoon. If there isn't enough interest in it for this weekend, we will look at alternate weekends later in the driving season. We just need to make a decision on this ASAP, so please let me know if you're interested in going that weekend – dleblanc@businessaccelerators.ca The group who went on our trip to Picton last year had a great time, and I hope we will have even more fun this year.

Cheers,

Don



OVTC Club News Flash

Your Club Your News

New OVTC mileage award

This is something we've been talking about at the club meetings over the winter and are ready to launch it this driving season. We will have two new mileage awards in our club, plus the BCCI mileage award up for grabs this year.

All require that you register your starting mileage ASAP with a member of the OVTC executive, so if you haven't done so already, please record your starting odometer reading and get it signed by one of the club executive.

OVTC Award 1 – Club Events

Designated club sponsored events will have a pre-determined mileage award for each event. Participating in any given event gives you the mileage for that event building towards your total club events mileage for the season. It hasn't been done yet but we will be showing on the OVTC website which of the club events count for this award. We will present the award for this over the coming winter season.

OVTC Award 2 – Total mileage for the season

We will have an award for the most mileage driven by any club member in this driving season. Record your odometer reading at the start of the driving season, have that mileage recorded and signed by a member of the OVTC executive, and at the end of the driving season record your mileage again. We will present the award for this over the coming winter season.

BCCI Mileage Award – 3000 miles in one season

This is a tough one to get for most of us. The British Car Council offers an award to anyone who drives more than 3000 miles in a single driving season. To be eligible, you must record your starting mileage as of April 1 and have it signed by a member of the OVTC executive, and then at the end of season as of October 31 – record the finishing mileage. The entry form for this is at :www.britishcarcouncil.com/bcci_lda_form.pdf for anyone interested in participating in the hunt for this one. Very important to get your form printed and signed ASAP by a member of the OVTC executive.

If you have any questions about thes	e new awards, please let me know.	Important thing is to record your odom-
eters ASAP.		

Cheers,			

Don



All British Car Day - July 12

We are rapidly approaching the Ottawa All British Car Day, or the ABCD as we've come to call it. The day is Saturday July 12, and the venue is once again the beautiful Britannia Beach Park at Lakeside Gardens. We have an impressive line up of sponsors and vendors this year, so we hope you will bring your car or cars out for this special event in the Ottawa British car calendar. The price remains just \$20 per vehicle, which includes two lunch tickets, a prize bag with items from our sponsors and a ticket for the door prizes which are being drawn throughout the day. Even if you win one of the door prizes during the day, your ticket goes back in for the grand prize draw at the end of the day, which this year will be a set of Sumitomo tires from our sponsor Tire-Trends – a value up to \$800.

The show will be structured similarly to previous years but with some changes in the voting and handling of prizes. Lunch will again be served but we have had a few complaints about it from previous years and we are making a few changes which will hopefully address those issues. We have a good selection of vendors signed up already with a few more who have indicated their intention to attend but haven't formally registered yet. Weather permitting, this will be our biggest and best show yet.

The call will be going out in June for volunteers to help out at the show. This event is successful only if we continue to get lots of participation from all of the clubs, so please sign up again this year to help. We only need you for about an hour sometime during the day. The rest of the time is yours to do with as you please to wander about the park looking at the cars, meeting people from some of the other clubs, and spending some money with the vendors.

Details about the show are on the website – www.britishcarday.ca

If you have any questions about this All British show, please contact me at info@britishcarday.ca or call me at 613-596-5692. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers,

Don

Winter Blues Jean Beaudry

I don't know about other car enthusiasts, but I see winter as an opportunity to address all the bits and pieces that need attention. During this very white season, I focused on improving some basic flaws discovered during the first year of enjoying our '71 Laurel TR6.

Coming back from the May meeting on the parkway along side the river behind that nice Apple green TR3 made me realize that I needed to improve the lighting and go at least Halogen and maybe later, if required, install additional driving lights. After exchanging a few emails with "The Roadster Factory" service center I found a nice inexpensive Halogen conversion kit with upgraded bulbs that give a little more "watts" than standard Halogen lights.

Then, later during the driving season, while driving to the Orleans car gathering, the TR6 showed me its boiling temper. It's been almost 30 year since I've seen a temperature gauge go through the roof, ...almost got a heart attack in heavy summer traffic on the Queensway staring at that gauge every 5 seconds...until I decided to skip traffic and ride a few miles at 70mph on the 417 to cool down the engine and my nerves.. The last time it happened to me in the mid seventies, the engine of my Datsun never really recovered and it started consuming oil.

To address that concern, as of today, I almost completed the installation of a thermostatic fan like some of you already did. Installing it was a bit challenging for me because I never really made any serious (this is installing more than 3 wires on a device) attempt to understand the basic wiring techniques of a car. For my birthday, Anna bought me some great literature (TR6 electrical handbook, Haynes TR6 shop manual and basic carburetor handbook,...) on the subject and after a few hours of reading / figuring out the basics, I can say that I feel comfortable doing some electrical work / troubleshooting on the TR. On top of the automatic start/stop feature the fan will have (to be confirmed on start-up in a few weeks....) an override switch to go manual on demand and a dashboard light confirming its operation. Later this spring, I will investigate some electrical glitches like the fading instrumentation lights of the dashboard, and the brake system warning light hiccups.

Finally, during the cool evenings of late September, I experimented cutting of the back draft by using the existing top cover. For that I fabricated a removable tube support that lifts the cover enough to minimize the back draft without cutting of the rear view through the windshield mirror. The October Tremblant run was the confirmation of the practicality of the design and we enjoyed riding until mid-November with the top down.

The rest of the work performed is mostly cosmetic and as for most, not to say all of you, I can't wait until

spring.

Anna et Jean, Co-owners, '71 Laurel TR6.







An email from Pat & Brian Mills

A Review of the Cruise.....

Monday night in Manotick, when it begins June 2nd will have the best ice cream cones and the friendliest people.

Tuesday night at Hazeldean Mall has the best selection of cars.

Wednesday night at the Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre has the most motorcycles and by far the best french fries.

Other cruise nights have not yet been reviewed.

Andre,

You might want to add to the Cruise Night list a Cruise night on Sunday nights at The Boston Pizza 2980 Conroy Road at Walkley. 5 pm till dusk beginning May 22 to September.

Hello Everyone,

Next Tuesday, May 27 is the OVTC monthly meeting. This meeting will begin at 7 p.m. to allow us to meet in the clubhouse to discuss important matters and then take advantage of a long beautiful evening and go on a drive together.

Hope to see you Tuesday evening.

Pat

Oxford Mills Car Show

25 May 2008 - Tim Dyer

I've never been to the Oxford Mills car show before and that's mostly because it falls at a time when I am usually extremely busy with my business. Early spring climate conditions allowed me to finish the critical stuff about a month early this year, so the Oxford Mills car show was one I wanted to go to. I wasn't so much interested in the show as much as I was the drive to it. It's a perfect distance from my house, allowing me to leave the show early and still get home in good time to get some more work done in the tree nursery.

The weather was perfect and there was no traffic on the roads, so I drove a bit slow to keep the engine temperature down. The show wasn't well signposted and, coming in from my direction, it was hard to find. Once there, the volunteers assigning parking spaces were making sure we all lined-up for a long time while each car parked, one at a time, in a concise and time-consuming manner. As my temperature gauge climbed, I slipped out of the line and headed for a group of Alfas and Fiats, as I saw spaces available.

Advantages of this show are that it's free for exhibitors. Spectators are charged \$3.00 to get in and funds raised go to the local church. It's also very shady in the park where the show is held, so no-one gets too hot.

My immediate impression, which didn't change while I was there, was that the show was dominated by North American iron, but there were a couple of Jags, a few MG's, some Italian stuff, a Messcherschmitt 3-wheeler, a BMW 2002, a couple of Porsches and a few VW's. There were a couple of Volvos, too, a TR8 and a Spitfire 1500.

Suddenly, a huge number of Fiats arrived and they dutifully went over and parked next to my TR3A. For some reason, I was reminded of Italian history in conflicts, where the country's government became known for switching sides based upon who they thought was most favourable. Although I did not sign an Anglo-Italiano pact, the owners seemed very friendly and were not in the least upset that my car contained no Italian parts whatsoever. There were some really rare Alfas and Fiats on display, some of which I have not seen in North America in recent years. Someone had imported a performance version of an Alfasud, which was Alfa Romeo's front wheel drive economy car that was intended to take on the world in the late 1970's and 1980's. They did sell well in Europe, but were never imported here. Another gem was an early series Fiat 124 Coupe, a real rarity. A few were sold here, but very few made it beyond a couple of years due to rust.

At noon, I met up with an MG and Jaguar enthusiast friend who promptly suggested that he buy me lunch at the Brigadoon restaurant, a mere stone's throw from the show. Although the car show organizers put on a barbecue, I would strongly recommend a meal at the Brigadoon. We sat outside on the patio, in the shade, and it was all very agreeable.

I took another walking tour of the show after lunch, then headed home for some greenhouse work. Overall, it was worthwhile going but I am not sure I would put this show on my regular list. It was small and the percentage of truly interesting cars was quite limited.

Oxford Mills Car Show 25 May 2008 - Tim Dyer







Heel & Toe

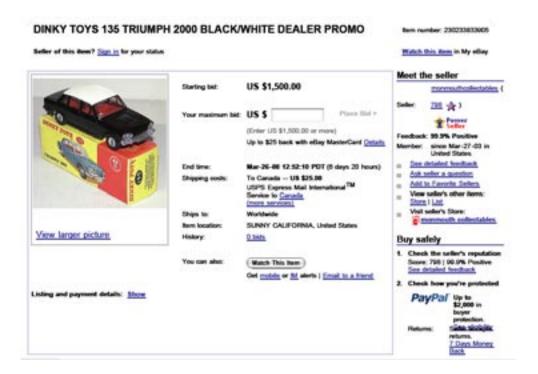
Triumph Gadgets & News

From: Pat Mills

During the holidays along with many other parents, grandparents and children of all ages our grandson and I went to see the movie Alvin and the Chipmunks. What fun it was to see the lead character, a poor California song writer, driving a rather beat up TR4. The villain of course was chauffeured in a Cadillac SUV and had a Ferrari and Hummer in his driveway. I won't bore you with a revue; only tell you that it is the first time I can ever recall an audience breaking into applause as the movie ends. The TR4 driving off down the road..........







TRIUMPH SPOTTING

From The Editor's Garage - André Rousseau

A BURNING HEAD ACHE

When I tried to start the engine up this spring, I noticed a sound that did not please me.

So, ever wonder how much work it takes to re-torque the head of a GT6 MK1 engine?

1 Jack the car up, 2 drain rad, 3 disconnect all the coolant lines, 4 remove fuel lines & throttle/choke cables from carbs, 5 remove intake mainfold, 6 remove exhaust header, 7 remove valve cover, 8 remove valve train. Torque head bolts and reverse.

What I disovered head bolts were not too bad, but the first exhaust port had a gasket burnt through. Replaced the gasket, but have yet to fire up the engine. At this rate, I don't think the GT6 will be back ont he road till late June, I hope it will be ready for Mosport, other wise I'll drive the Mazda and at least have AC;)



André Rousseau - Ottawa Canada '68 Triumph GT6 MK1 andre@gt6.ca http://www.gt6.ca

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OVTC NEWS & EVENTS

Keeping our members informed

Interesting Summer Events for 2008 (Complied by Pat Mills, thanks Pat)

Trillium Tour 2008 Saturday, May 31 – Sunday, June 1

In support of Chrysalis Huntsville, the 2008 Trillium Tour is an event for driving enthusiasts. Check out the link for complete information. www.thetrilliumtour.com

There are a few significant changes in 08: - 250 km route over even better roads than last year

- pricing reflects only the cost of the event, you can choose your own accommodations to suit
- the venue for the Shown N' Shine for Chrysalis has been changed to The Cottage Waterfront Grill in downtown Huntsville, right on the river.

Contact Rob Tanner at rtanner@vianet.ca (705) 769-3263 www.thetrilliumtour.com

From Pat Mills

Cruise nights are a great way to promote our club and make others aware of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club. Please note that the Wednesday night Place D'Orleans Cruise Night has been moved to the Rideau Carleton Raceway. For Mark and anyone else living in the far east end the Hawkesbury Cruise Night is every Tuesday night beginning May 27 and continuing to Sept. 16.

Cruise Nights 2008 Monday Nights Manotick Cruise Night beginning June 2 Village Perks – LCBO Mall

Tuesday Nights Kanata Cruise Night beginning May 6 Hazeldean Mall

Wednesday Nights Rideau Carleton Raceway beginning May 7 4837 Albion Road

Gatineau Cruise Night beginning May 7 960 Maloney Bl. Gatineau QC.

Friday Nights Kemptville Cruise Night Kemptville Food Basics Hwy #43 6-9 p.m. beginning May 9

Saturday Nights Monkey Joe's Cruise Show May 24, June 21, July 19, Aug. 23, Sept. 28 Carling Ave.

Sunday nights at The Boston Pizza 2980 Conroy Road at Walkley. 5 pm till dusk beginning May 22 to Sept.

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Tuesday, May 27

May 31 – June 8

Sunday, June 1

Corners

Saturday, June 7

Saturday, June 7

rvbq.pbf

Sunday, June 15

Friday, June 20 to

Sunday, June 22

Tuesday, June 24

Sunday, June 29

Sunday, June 29

Sunday, July 6

Sunday, July 6

Prescott

Saturday, July 12

tawa www.britishcarday.ca

Friday, July 18

cold one – 6p.m. start

Sunday, July 20

-3 pm

Tuesday, July 22

Thursday, July 24 - 27

tario

Sunday, August 10

Sunday, August 17

Tuesday, August 26

Night

Friday September 5 to

Sunday September 7

This year's marque – Triumph

Saturday, September 6

Thursday, September 18 to

Sunday, September 21

OVTC Meeting - clubhouse

British Car Week www.britishcarweek.org

OVTC visits Robertson House Retirement Residence in Bells

OVTC Trip to Mt. Tremblant

The Return of the British on the Plains www.carvaq.org/

"Cruz into Summer" Stinson Car Show Series

7th Annual CHEO Charity Car Show 7:30 am – 1 pm

Metcalfe Fair Grounds, Metcalfe, Ontario

VARAC Mosport – 29th Vintage Racing Festival

OVTC Meeting - clubhouse

Athens, Ontario Car and Truck Show 10 am – 4 pm Carleton Place Classic Car Show 9 am - 3pm

Merrickville Car Show – Cruise and Shop

St. Lawrence Valley Car Club Car Show – Fort Wellington,

All British Car Day, Lakeside Gardens, Britannia Beach, Ot-

OVTC visits the Aylmer Cruise Night and then to Louis' for a

CNIB Guide Dogs Strawberry Social, Manotick, Ontario 1 pm

OVTC Meeting - clubhouse

Toronto Triumph Club - Canadian Classic - Newmarket, On-

www.torontotriumph.com

Cheshire Cat Garlic Festival Car Show 1-4 pm

All British Car Day, Kingston City Park, Kingston, Ontario

www.britishcarenthusiast.com/BNB/

OVTC Meeting - British Invasion @ Hazeldean Mall Cruise

Watkins Glen - Vintage Grand Prix Racing

Russell Fair Car Show, Russell, Ontario

British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont

www.britishinvasion.com

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Sunday, September 21 Toronto Triumph Club's Bronte Creek British Car Day 10

a.m. - 3 p.m.

www.torontotriumph.com
Tuesday, September 23

OVTC Meeting – clubhouse

TBA OVTC Club Drive

Tuesday, October 28 OVTC Meeting elections

TBA Fall Colours Run

Tuesday, November 25 OVTC meeting – clubhouse

December TBA Christmas Party

07/05/23 events marked with * are not yet confirmed

OVTC CLASSIFIED SECTION

One owner's junk is another's treasure!

A new thing for the Classifieds.

From now on you will see a number at the end of the ad, 2 or 1. Ad's will appear in 2 issues and count down, if you need to extended or remove the ad email me andre@justdrive.ca

For Sale: 1967 TRIUMPH TR4A

Recently restored. This car is one of the nicest restorations in North America winning "Best in Show" 3 years running and Best in class at all events entered. The car has overdrive and a, hard to find, Surrey top. The total car is immaculate. Restored to original specifications. Asking \$32,000. For more information call Mike 905-640- 6566. m.curness@sympatico.ca [2]

For Sale: 1982 Triumph TR-8

The attached photos show some details which are explained below:

.... dent in front right fender, see foto

....tear in soft top, see foto

.... I want to mention: electric rad fan clutch is ceased, fan always runs

....trunk lid lift strutt is lame, lid does not stay open

(its like a small hydraulic piston, I am sure one can be found)

....Car has never been driven in snow, a few times in rain (no choice) ,always stored under a blanket in my garage, jacked up on post every winter.

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I am asking Can \$ 10900.-, as is. Regards, Rene rwegmann@hotmail.com [2]

For Sale: TR6 Parts

I have just returned from an aquaintences barn with a truck load of used TR6 parts, some nice and others not so nice. Here's a partial list that some of your club members might like for their restorations.

Good engine with head \$400.00. Good rust-free bonnet \$150.00, Good trunk lid \$75.00, reasonable front fenders \$100.00, excellent drivers door \$150.00, transmission bell housing \$60.00, trailing arms with drums attached \$75.00, driveshaft \$50.00, reasonable seats \$75.00 each. There are also flywheels and an assortment of other items yet to be sorted out. Adrian adriansawyer@cogeco.ca [2]

OVTC OVERDRIVE PASSWORD

Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

2008Issue 001 = back

2007

Jan = nosnow

Feb = red

Mar = TR6

Apr = spring

May = Ancaster

June-Aug = summer

Sept = Fly

Oct = Orange

Dec = snow

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:

OVTC c/o Tim Dyer 427 Kings Creek Rd.

RR #3, Ashton, Ont.

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