



OVERDRIVE



OVTC Summer Fun

OVTC PRESIDENT

Don LeBlanc

June 2008

It was great seeing such excellent turnout at our May club meeting – weather was more than a bit cool, but we managed to fit in a short drive anyway. A vote was taken and we turned it into a pub run rather than an ice cream run – no one in their right mind wanted ice cream that evening, but a short run followed by a warm pub and a cold beer was just about the right way to have the first of the summer club meetings, I think. I forgot to bring a camera with me that evening, but if anyone has any photos, could they please forward them to Andre?

Our June 24 meeting will be at our usual location at the Manordale Community Centre, starting at our new start time of 7 pm (rather than 7:30 as we used to do). Our guest speaker for the evening will be Terry Dale, who will be sharing some of his experiences with Triumphs and give us a few stories about his involvement in the local car scene. I'm sure many of you already know Terry, and when I was asking for ideas about who would be an interesting speaker to have come out to one of our meetings, Terry's name kept coming up. I know for me it will be interesting as well, since my car was brought to Canada and made roadworthy by Terry in 1990. I spoke to him once back in 1996 when I bought my car from a guy in Carp who knew nothing of its history, and Terry gave me some information about the car from when he owned it, but I've never met him. I look forward to finally meeting him this month.

As we've done in the past to good reviews, we will be holding some of our summer meetings at locations other than the usual clubhouse on Manordale. For our July meeting (not the June meeting) we have made a reservation for the club at the Swan in Manotick for 7 pm on Tuesday, July 22. The idea is to have a drive in the country, end at the pub, and have our club meeting and supper together there at the pub. There will be more information about the July meeting in next month's newsletter, but I'm just letting you know about it now.

We are putting together the volunteer list at the Ottawa All British Car Day on July 12. More details and me begging for your help on bended knee are elsewhere in this newsletter. People who've helped before, please volunteer again this year and people who haven't been able to help in the past, please give it a try. The more people who sign up, the less of a load there will be on any one person. Contact Don (me) at info@britishcarday.ca to add your name to the list or if you have any questions about it.

While I'm on the topic of the ABCD, you should think about pre-registering for it. On the show website (www.britishcarday.ca) there is a pre-registration form you can print out and mail to Dawn McKendry. This greatly simplifies the process when you arrive at the show and you won't be in the big lineup at the registration desk. You just park your car and start to enjoy the day. For the sake of a few minutes of effort now, things will be a lot easier for you on July 12.

By now, most of you will have seen the email cancelling the weekend trip this year. I really hated to do that, as we had so much fun last year on the trip to the Picton area, but with only 2 cars signed up for Tremblant, it just seemed to be too much of a hassle to continue. We will try again next year.

We're still trying to nail down the format for the newly introduced club distance awards. We're going to start tracking the miles of the leading candidates for the distance awards in the monthly newsletter to get those competitive juices flowing.



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I would like to get a few more driving activities into our planning calendar this year, so we are asking for some volunteers to step forward who are interested in taking a leading role in organizing a single event. We all have our favourite roads or little drives we take in our cars to unwind. I ask you to please contact our events coordinator, Louis Boucher (louisboucher@videotron.ca), to work with him to put something together. Having at least one club sponsored driving event each month shouldn't be too much for a club of our size to put together.

The good weather is finally upon us. Let's get out and enjoy ourselves.

Cheers,
Don

OVTC Weekend Away Cancelled

Sadly we were forced to cancel our overnight trip this year due to the small number of cars signed up to go. Only Dean and myself were on the list, and it didn't make sense to proceed with it for this year with such a small group. We all had a great time in Prince Edward County last year, so I was a bit surprised by the low response. I know a couple of people who went last year wanted to go this year but either had another commitment on that weekend that couldn't be moved or were having car troubles this spring and unable to commit to the trip. That's understandable, but we didn't grab the attention of any more people from the club either, so the pool of interested parties went down rather than up in our second year of doing this.

I know many other clubs organize very successful weekend trips each year, so I must have been doing something wrong with the planning of it this year. We talked about it for months at the club meetings and there seemed to be a lot of enthusiasm for it, but it just didn't work out in the end.

I think we should try again next year to organize an overnight event fairly early on in the driving season – before the hotel rates start to climb to high season rates – but I would like to get some feedback from the club membership as to what it was about this year's proposed event that failed to grab the collective interest. If I understand what I did wrong, then we can try to do it better next time.

Cheers,
Don



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Looking for information

I was contacted this past week by David Thomas from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He is getting ready to restore a 1969 TR6 Series 1 that he purchased earlier this year from a J. Cook of Richmond, Ontario (who had owned it from 1998-2008).

Previously the car was owned by James Burns of Perth, Ontario from 1996-1998 and before that by Grant Donaldson, also from Perth, from 1992-1996. David would like to contact these former owners of the car to try to fill in the car's history.

Does anyone know these former Triumph owners or anything about this car? If they do, could they contact them to put them in touch with David Thomas? David's email address is: criticalskills@mts.net

Update on Robin & Ria Searle

I'm sure you've all heard about the terrible accident north of Toronto on May 25 involving Robin Searle and his wife Ria in their TR3A when they were returning from the Toronto Triumph Club "Spring Fling" event with the Toronto MG club. In case you didn't know, they were sideswiped by a hit and run driver and very seriously injured in the crash. Robin was in a coma for a while but is slowly recovering. Ria was out of hospital more quickly but is still in a lot of pain.

Robin is an active member of the Toronto Triumph Club, and a former president of the club. He restored the TR3A himself back in 1991 and has won several 1st place prizes in concours events.

All of us in the car community are keeping them in our thoughts and hope for a complete and speedy recovery for Robin and Ria. We received the following update on June 4 from their daughter Jennifer Searle:

Dad is doing much better, but with a head injury the progress is slow and he remains in the ICU. The breathing tube was removed on Monday, he was sitting in a chair today for a good portion of the day and was trying to speak a lot more, but because the breathing tube was in for so long, his voice is still quite raspy - he whispers a lot and is often difficult to understand. His long term memory seems to be intact, but his short term memory wires are a bit crossed, which the doctors have told us is to be expected - however he did tell a close family friend today to "cancel the funeral".

He is not yet strong enough to stand up, but his physiotherapist is in everyday getting him to do exercises and is keen to get him up and walking as soon as possible.

We expect that his days will be up and down as yesterday was a "down" day and he slept for most of it, but we must be patient. Mom's injuries are healing although she does remain in quite a bit of pain.

Thanks for your continued best wishes and those of the other members of the TTC.

Regards, Jennifer

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Invitation to the Canadian Classic – organized by Toronto Triumph Club

We received a reminder and invitation to the Canadian Classic event organized by the Toronto Triumph Club. It will be held from July 24 to 27 in and around Newmarket. It's a bit of a hike to get there, but this is always a fun event with a good mix of driving and social activities.

Please contact the event organizer directly – David Tushingham (cheftush@rogers.com) – with any questions about the event logistics – but let me know if you decide to go and we can try to organize something where OVTC cars drive down together. If you're thinking about attending it this year, here is the invitation from the TTC with a link to their website for more information and the registration form.

Dear Don,

Just wanted to send a quick note to send out an invitation to any of your members who might want to join us for a few days of fun at the Toronto Triumph Club's annual Canadian Classic Event.

This year, the "Classic" will be held in Newmarket Ontario from July 24th through the 27th. To see a list of the scheduled events and for the registration information, please click on the Canadian Classic link on the Toronto Triumph Club website at <http://www.torontotriumph.com/>

If you could please send out this invitation to your membership, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you, or any of your members have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,

David Tushingham
Canadian Classic Chairman
Toronto Triumph Club
905 830 9124
Cheftush@rogers.com



OVTC Club News Flash

Your Club Your News

OVTC Distance Awards Update

To try to raise the competitive spirit and generate a bit more interest in our new distance awards, I thought we might start tracking the stats each month in the newsletter of the progress your fellow club members are making towards winning the prize.

For the OVTC Club Events Distance Award – So far there this season have been two club organized driving events – the club drive to Hudson and the pub run at the last meeting. My records are incomplete so I apologize if I haven't captured everyone on the list who has participated in these events. Please send an email to me as soon as you can to let me know which of the club events you have participated in and you will be added to the tracking list. We will start presenting this list in the newsletter next month and updating the lists each month after that to show the current leaders. The format of the monthly tracking for this one will be:

Name	Total Club Event Distance to date	Club Events Participated in
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For the OVTC Total Distance Award – Any driving done during the regular driving season is eligible for this award. The final determination will be done based on your odometer reading when you took the car out of storage and your odometer reading when you return the car to storage at the end of the season. I've a pretty good idea who is competing for this one but for the monthly tracking of the leaders, I ask for those people who are chasing this one to let me know at the start of each month how many miles / kilometres you drove during the previous month. We will also start presenting this list in July and updating it each month after that. The format for the monthly tracking of this one will be:

Name	Total Distance to Date	New distance this month
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If you have any questions, please contact me about it.

Cheers,

Don

OVTC Club News Flash

Your Club Your News

Call for Volunteers to help at All British Car Day – July 12

WE NEED YOU!!!

The moment is upon us where we need to ask you to put your name on the list to help out on July 12 at the Ottawa All British Car Day.

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 during the day is yours to do with as you please; wandering about the park looking at the cars, meeting people from some of the other clubs, and spending some money with the vendors.

As soon as possible, please send an email to Don at info@britishcarday.ca letting me know if you can volunteer. If you are only available at a certain time of the day, or have a specific request for what you wish to be doing, please include that in your email.

We will be contacting all of the volunteers in a couple of weeks and confirming the schedules for the day.

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

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

Cheers,

Don

2008 Hudson British Car Show

Bob Holmes

OVTC was well represented at the 2008 Hudson British car show May 25, 2008, by three TR3's, one Tr4A, one Tr6, one Tr8, and one Spitfire, plus Wayne & Jill Mercer's bright yellow Miata. Wayne explained that with his TR3 in the early stages of a complete body off restoration, he couldn't face the summer without a convertible, hence the Miata. As the only, (very), yellow car in the group, it was a great tail end car for the drive. The lead car's driver could see it in the mirror from a long way off.

It was a bright sunny spring Sunday morning and we all met at the Trim rd park and ride lot, and in the usual OVTC style, after kicking tires and trading tall tales for a while we headed out promptly at 9am for our scheduled 8:30 am departure. It was cool but all the tops were down except Sid and Lisa who were "breaking in a new top and it needed stretching in the sun", and Bob and Mary Kay who couldn't even come up with an excuse. None of us tried to rear end each other on the way out of the parking lot this time. (Anyone remember that from last fall's Tremblant run)? Our route to Hudson kept us on the narrow and sometimes rough back roads hugging the shore of the Ottawa River. After a quick pit stop in Hawkesbury, we were back on the road for more of the same. There are some very nice views and some very palatial homes on this stretch of the Ottawa River shore line. With only one or two wrong turns along the way we arrived at the show just after 11:30. It was a great show with at least two or three hundred cars and a handful of bikes from just about every manufacturer and year. As we all had different plans for the rest of the day, we each made our own way home at different times. A good time was had by one and all.



Oil Drips

OVTC Members Submissions

An email from Pat Mills

Tony Davis, an OVTC member presently working in Texas shared the following with us. He reports that he is a member of the “local” Dallas area Triumph club, but gave up going to meetings as it was a one hour drive each way for a 30 minute meeting. In May he regrets missing a British Car show about 50 KM away because the club does not send out reminders. Tony says he rarely sees either Triumphs or MGs on the road and that he misses the camaraderie of the OVTC and the sharing of information. He looks forward to the next addition of the Overdrive. Tony was lucky enough to be able to drive his car most of the winter, although they did have snow one weekend..... He returns in the spring of 2009. We miss you Tony! Your TR4A looks good with those personalised plates.





QUACK!!!???



OVTC NEWS & EVENTS

Keeping our members informed

Friday, June 20 to Sunday, June 22	VARAC Mosport – 29th Vintage Racing Festival
Tuesday, June 24	OVTC Meeting - clubhouse
Sunday, June 29	Athens, Ontario Car and Truck Show 10 am – 4 pm
Sunday, June 29	Carleton Place Classic Car Show 9 am - 3pm
Sunday, July 6	Merrickville Car Show – Cruise and Shop
Sunday, July 6 Prescott	St. Lawrence Valley Car Club Car Show – Fort Wellington,
Saturday, July 12	All British Car Day, Lakeside Gardens, Britannia Beach, Ot-
tawa www.britishcarday.ca	
Friday, July 18	OVTC visits the Aylmer Cruise Night and then to Louis' for a
cold one – 6p.m. start	
Sunday, July 20	CNIB Guide Dogs Strawberry Social, Manotick, Ontario 1 pm
-3 pm	
Tuesday, July 22	OVTC Meeting - clubhouse
Thursday, July 24 – 27	Toronto Triumph Club - Canadian Classic – Newmarket, On-
tario	
	www.torontotriumph.com
Sunday, August 10	*Cheshire Cat Garlic Festival Car Show* 1-4 pm
Sunday, August 17	All British Car Day, Kingston City Park, Kingston, Ontario
	www.britishcarenthusiast.com/BNB/
Tuesday, August 26	OVTC Meeting - British Invasion @ Hazeldean Mall Cruise
Night	
Friday September 5 to Sunday September 7	Watkins Glen - Vintage Grand Prix Racing
This year's marquee – Triumph	
Saturday, September 6	Russell Fair Car Show, Russell, Ontario
Thursday, September 18 to Sunday, September 21	British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont
	www.britishinvasion.com
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

OVTC NEWS & EVENTS

Keeping our members informed

December TBA

Christmas Party

07/05/23

events marked with * are not yet confirmed

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

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.

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 extend or remove the ad email me andre@gt6.ca

Forsale 1980, TR7, 113,000 km. Exhaust system brand new, in great condition. Professionally appraised at \$6,000. Asking \$4,500 Contact josee.augustin@sympatico.ca [2]

Spitfire Parts:

I have a complete 1969 Spitfire with spare engine and many spare parts that I have owned since 1971 and now have decided to part with. I would like to make parts available to your members before sending this car to the scrapyard. I will give most parts for free. Bill Ferguson, Ottawa b-j-ferguson@rogers.com 613-521-6353 [2]

TR3 Parts:

Custom fit car cover (moisture resistant + breathable)
10 " Brake Drums (honed,sand blasted + painted)
NOS Lucas Chrome Headlight Rims (spilt type)
Lucas lamp units- bulb type
Lucas generator -C40T with pulley + spade connector
Stellings + Hellings style slim line 1/14 inch chrome air cleaner
Sun Visors with re-chromed brackets
Link Rod -after market-eliminates wear point`s on TR rod
shennessy@rogers.com / 613 830-0121 ask for Shaun [2]

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 [1]

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.

I am asking Can \$ 10900.-, as is. Regards, Rene rwegmann@hotmail.com [1]

For Sale: TR6 Parts

I have just returned from an acquaintances 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 [1]

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Editor no later than the 1st of every month.
The ad will run for 2 issues before being deleted
unless you request an extension.

OVTC OVERDRIVE PASSWORD

Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

2008

Issue 002 = hot
Issue 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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