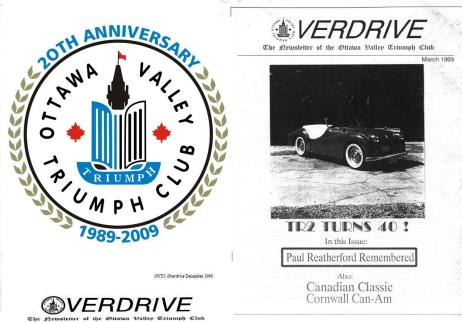


OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club April 2009







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20 Years of Overdrive!

The OVTC has now had a newsletter for 20 years, dating back to the first collector's edition in May 1989. (continued on page 5.)

NEXT EVENT

Go-karting – April 16, 2009 See next page for details.

GO-KARTING

By Sid Woznica

I am planning to have the OVTC go-karting evening at Top Karting in Gatineau (near the Casino) on Thurs. April 16th ($^{\sim}$ 7:30 PM).

I need a minimum of 10 drivers to make a reservation for a track time (and pay for that number up front). In order to reserve the entire track heat for just for our club participants I need a min. of 12 - 13 drivers (more fun).

I'm looking at booking two races of 15 minutes each, with a break in the middle. Total cost/person is \$63, which includes tax and a drink of one's choice at the bar.

BTW - Spouses, kids over 13 and taller than 5 ft., and/or member's friends are welcome, esp.. if we have problems getting 12 participants.

Email me at sid.woznica@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca for more information or to participate.

Directions

Take Highway 5 (Autoroute de la Gatineau) North, exit at boulevard du Casino, turn left on boulevard de la Carrière, turn left on rue d'Edmonton. Top Karting is at 200 rue d'Edmonton.

EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burtt

I'm sure the dry weather we had in March had everyone itching to get out in their cars. Unfortunately, it seems that some April showers will have us waiting for a bit longer before we hit the roads.

I was able to take advantage of some warm March weekends to do a bit of work on the TR6, including installing solid steering rack mounts, re-installing the rad and making a new plastic radiator shroud. While conducting my spring maintenance I discovered a hairline crack in the weld joining the rear cross-member to the frame. Last summer I



installed a tube shock conversion in place of my original lever shocks. I was aware at the time that some TR6 owners have experienced frame damage following this conversion. The longer shock brackets place extra torque on the original mounting points but I figured my frame was good and solid and I went ahead with the installation anyway. The crack is small and not in the main join between the cross-member and the frame (and may have already been there). I have welded it up and as a precaution re-installed the lever shocks on the car. I'll keep my eye on it for a while before deciding if additional repairs are necessary.

Despite finding my clutch fluid had all leaked away over the winter (immediately after lowering the car down from the jackstands - #\$%!#), I did get out for a short drive on March 31, before the wet weather arrived.

There's lot of information in this issue about up-coming OVTC events, so please contact the organizers, participate, offer to help out and get involved in the celebration of OVTC's 20th birthday!

Cheers, Martin

WEEKEND DRIVE - Barry's Bay

By Dean Hummel

June 27th is the date for the OVTC weekend run. The run will take us through the Madawaska highlands of the Ottawa valley to Barry's Bay where we will stay the night. The drive back to Ottawa is on Sunday the 28th.

I have made reservations at the Ash Grove inn in Barry's Bay for Saturday Night. I have blocked 7 rooms in my name (Dean Hummel: OVTC) off for the club based on the number of cars that came to the Picton run a couple of years ago. There are 6 regular rooms and 1 luxury suite room booked. If more than 7 cars are interested more luxury suites are available on a first come first served basis.

Call 1-888-756-7672 if you wish to confirm your reservation at the motel (mention my name and the club) and please email me if you plan to join the run.

Please forward any questions or concerns you may have to me at: events@ovtc.net.

OVERDRIVE BACK ISSUES

Here are the passwords for back issues of the Overdrive, which can be found on the OVTC website at www.ovtc.net/overdrive.html

2009	Mar = TR6	Sept = TR2	Dec = snow
	Apr = spring	Oct = goodwood	2004
	May = Ancaster	Nov = cold	Jan = bonnet
	June-Aug = summer	Dec = snow	Feb = clutch (not used)
	Sept = Fly	2005	Mar = diff
April = gokart	Oct = Orange	Jan = yellow	Apr = kit
Winter = 20years	Dec = snow	Feb = redtr3	May = speed
2008	2006	Mar = stag	Jun = RACING
Issue 005 = 1971	Jan = red	April = GT6MK3	Jul = ignition
Issue 004 = spitfire	Feb = baby	May = TR7	Aug = gt6
Issue 003 = Iemans	Mar = smoke	June = Spitfires	Sep = octane
Issue 002 = hot	April = triumph	July = Mosport	Oct = stainless
Issue 001 = back	May = James	Aug = ABCD	Nov = cam
2007	June = drive	Sept = TR4	Dec = jingle
Jan = nosnow	July = Doc	Oct = rain	2003
Feb = red	Aug = Steph	Nov = fall	Dec = peanut

A Cautionary Tale of Jaguars, White Smoke and a DPO

By Martin Burtt

Although this is not specifically a Triumph story, I thought I would share it with Overdrive readers as it may be of interest to all owners of a Little British Car. Last spring, in a moment of (temporary?) insanity, I purchased a 1971 Jaguar XJ6 on eBay. The car was located north of Toronto and I got in touch with the owner, a very enthusiastic, friendly and helpful chap. I arranged to meet him to see the car for the first time (I know, you're not supposed to buy a car without seeing it – I did say insanity) and to complete the purchase transaction.

I went down to his house and he showed me the ins and outs of the car, handed me a folder of receipts for the substantial work that had been done over the years and told me about some of the car's idiosyncrasies. He also took great pleasure in showing me the stereo system he'd installed, a fancy Clarion CD player with removable face plate, remote control, power amp in the trunk and a separate subwoofer. He explained that over the long winter months he would go out to the car in the garage, recline in the luxurious leather back seat, puff at a fine cigar while sipping a scotch and listen to music, flipping between tracks with the use of the remote. Heaven.

I arranged to have the car shipped to me and when it arrived I duly set to work getting to know the car and fixing some of the minor flaws that had been pointed out to me. One of these was to find the rear seatbelts which had been pushed down under the seat. I removed the base of the rear bench seat, simply held in place by two screws down in the foot well, retrieved the seatbelts hiding underneath, and replaced the seat. As I was on my hands and knees re-installing the second screw, thick white smoke began billowing from under the seat!

I immediately called my wife, who was fortunately within earshot, and told her to grab the garage fire extinguisher and to be at the ready should it be needed. I rushed to the engine compartment where smoke was also appearing around the battery. I grabbed a wrench and attempted to disconnect the battery. The wrench was of course the wrong size and by the time I grabbed another I noticed that one of the wires near the battery was now glowing bright orange. The car was by this time completely filled with very thick white smoke and my wife was asking when she should let fly with the extinguisher. As I grabbed another wrench (third time's a charm), I had visions of trying to push a flaming Jaguar out of the garage and away from the house and more importantly the TR6 parked beside it!

With the correct tool in hand, I quickly disconnected the battery thus averting the imminent conflagration. With no further drama, I opened the doors and fanned the acrid white smoke out of the vehicle.

In examining the singed cat, I discovered that the stereo wiring ran back through the car and under the rear bench to the power amplifier in the trunk. As I had tightened down the seat, one of the metal seat springs had pinched a wire against the body of the car and cut through the insulation, creating a short circuit. This would not normally have been a problem, except for two things. Firstly, the wire in question was the power supply to the amplifier rather than a speaker cable and secondly the Damned Previous Owner had neglected to install a fuse on this cable which was wired directly to the positive battery terminal! The entire 10' length of wire, running forward from the rear seat, under the floor mats to the stereo and then under the dash into the engine compartment to the battery was now completely bare, the plastic insulation a charred ruin. The other speaker wires inside the protective plastic sleeve and the sleeve itself were melted together in globs of plastic and the carpet under the rear floor mat bore a deep black melt mark where the wires had lain.

It could have been a lot worse. The stereo and amplifier were undamaged. I have replaced all the wiring and properly installed a fuse on the power supply. The black mark on the carpet is under the floor mat and I have enough spare carpet material that came with the car to replace it when I get around to it. The smell of melted plastic has gradually faded and most of the fragments of scorched wiring have been vacuumed from the car. I also had to replace the battery which had been damaged by the rapid discharge caused by 12v shorting directly to ground. The only thing left to do is find one of these mythical bottles of Lucas white smoke to replace the copious amounts that escaped during the incident :-).

So, what did I learn from this?

Firstly, Jaguars (or other LBCs) aren't supposed to have fancy stereos with power amplifiers and subwoofers. The roar of the engine is music enough.

Secondly, never trust anything done to your car by the DPO. They might not know what they're doing.

Finally, <u>always</u>, <u>always</u>, <u>always</u> correctly fuse any wiring coming from the positive side of the battery!!!!!!!

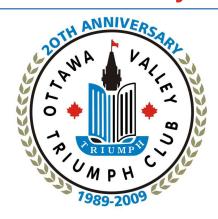
(Next month: My wife tells her side of the story!)



FROM THE COVER - OVTC 20th Anniversary

This month's cover features some significant milestones in the club's and Overdives's history. From May 1989, the cover the first ever issue of the temporarily named Eastern Ontario Triumph Club newsletter. From March 1993, the first issue to be named "Overdrive", which also sported the first cover photo. And from December 1999, the first colour cover.

To mark to the OVTC's 20th birthday, Mike Graham and Gord Robertson have designed a commemorative version of the club logo. Watch for this logo to appear soon on some special regalia.



UPCOMING OVTC EVENTS

By Dean Hummel

Summer Garage run and picnic

As part of our activities this summer we are proposing a "multi garage tour." In this we would organize a drive to various garages over the course of a day to see different folk's shops. We are looking for people to volunteer their garages. I would expect that a maximum of 4 garages would be covered in 1 day. Exact date is still under discussion but most likely it would be some time in July, perhaps July 25th. If you are interested in showing off your garage to other club members and would like to participate please email and we will set something up.

Roadster Factory Summer August 7-8, 2009

A number of club members have been to previous Roadster Factory parties and they enjoyed themselves immensely. The event had almost disappeared completely, but now due to the Wedge Club (www.triumphwedgeowners.org), it is going to happen again in 2009, just like the "old days". All Triumph models are welcome. The registration form can be found at the following web site: http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/lmages/SP09PrintForm.pdf. Hosted by: The Roadster Factory, Armargh, PennsylvaniaE-mail: TRFMail@aol.com Web: http://www.the-roadster-factory.com If you are interested please register with TRF and contact Dean Hummel to see if we can form a convoy down to the Pennsylvania!

Watkins Glen September 11-13

Those of you who went last year know Watkins Glen was a blast. The variety of vintage cars has to be seen to be believed. Information on this year's Festival can be found at www.theglen.com

Here are some details regarding the festival. The 2009 season will close with the traditional season finale - the U.S. Vintage Grand Prix. This event celebrates racing's history and continues to be the largest vintage racing event in the country featuring historic cars of the past from as far back as the 1930's and is held in conjunction with the Grand Prix Festival in the Village of Watkins Glen. Both the track and the festival will feature the Morgan as the weekend's featured marque. If you are interested please purchase your tickets through the Watkins Glen web site and contact me to see if we can form a convoy down to "The Glen" This is about a 5 hour drive, mostly highway. Camping areas are available at the track and the state park, and there are many motels throughout the area.

OIL DRIPS - OVTC Member Submissions

How not to unload an Aston Martin!





Tim Dyer sent in this photo of an "E-Type MG" with only one question: "Why?"



André Rousseau sent in a photo of his dream driveway found in Lakeland, Florida.



The corners even have FIA-style curbs.

Spotted at March OVTC meeting – a Triumph!



OVERDRIVE SUBMISSIONS

Contributions to the newsletter should be sent to: overdrive@ovtc.net

NEWS

TR6 Body shells

Numerous sources have reported that British Motor Heritage(www.bmh-ltd.com) will be restarting production of complete TR6 bodyshells in May/June 2009. Expected to sell for about £8000 (no that's not a typo), I don't expect to be getting one anytime soon!

PetroCan - Suncor Merger

Some news reports have suggested that Sunoco stations may disappear as a result of this merger. What will this mean for the availability of Ultra 94 gasoline, favoured by many classic owners?

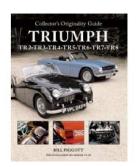
401-Pack

A group of TR6 and TR250 owners in Ontario and Quebec have form the newest chapter of 6-Pack, an organization dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of the TR250 and TR6. The group decided to take its name from Highway 401 that joins the group's members.

Plans are underway for an inaugural meeting in mid-August somewhere in the Thousand Islands area. The group will hold events on Saturday and then convoy to the Boot'n Bonnet British Car Day on Sunday, Aug. 16th. For additional information visit the 6-pack forums at www.6-pack.org or email canada6pack@rogers.com.

New Triumph Book

A new book by Bill Piggott entitled *Collector's Originality Guide Triumph TR2 TR3 TR4 TR5 TR6 TR7 TR8* will be released
May 10, 2009. This book
combines all three of Piggott's



"Original TR" books in one handy, updated volume. You can pre-order the book online for \$36.30 from www.chapters.indigo.ca.

Canadian Classic 2009

The Toronto Triumph Club have announced that instead of sticking to the usual July dates, the Canadian Classic 2009 will be held in conjunction with the 30th annual Vintage Racing Festival at Mosport International Raceway on June 19-21.

The TTC's annual Concourse and Participants Choice car show will take place on the Mosport's grounds inside the famed Standard Triumph Gate. You will also get a chance to drive and try out the twists and turns of the Mosport Grand Prix course with your Triumph during a planned 20 minute lunch time lapping session.

Port Hope will be the host location for the events not taking place at the track.

Check the TTC website at <u>www.torontotriumph.com</u> for more information and for updates.

And not News...





Saturday, July 11, 2009 10am - 4pm Britannia Park, Ottawa, Ontario

www.britishcarday.ca

Participants fee is \$20, includes lunch for two, door prizes & participants choice prizes for top 3 vehicles

Admission FREE to general public

Directions: From HWY 417 Ottawa, take Greenbank/Pinecrest exit to Pinecrest North, continue past Carling Avenue, where Pinecrest becomes Greenview.

Follow Greenview to the end – the park is beside the Ottawa River, Britannia Beach

For more information - info@britishcarday.ca or (613) 596-5692

EVENTS

April	17	OVTC Go Karting in Gatineau	
	19	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)	
	19	Ancaster Car Show & Flea Market (<u>www.ahcso.com</u>)	
	25	Festival of the Maples Car Show, Perth, ON	
	26	Kingston Boot 'n Bonnet Autojumble Flea Market (<u>www.bootnbonnet.org</u>)	
	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker Andre Rousseau	
May	TBD	OVTC Spring Tune Up Event	
	TBD	OVTC 20 th Anniversary Dinner - Date and location to be confirmed	
	17	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)	
	24	OVTC Spring Fling Drive	
	24	Oxford Mills Car Show	
	26	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker Martin Burtt	
	30	British Car Week Starts – lasts until June 7	
	31	Beaconsfield Car Show, Beaconsfield, QC	
	31	1 st Annual Wendover Classic Car Show (http://www.canadianclassiccars.ca)	
June	6	OVTC - Manordale Community Centre Fun Day (parade and car show)	
	7	British Car Week ends	
	7	Byward Market Car Show	
	7	Kars & Planes Car Show	
	TBD	OVTC Retirement Home car show – probably mid-month?	
	14	OVTC - TriuMGee multi-club event (Organized by Ottawa MG Club)	
	19 - 21	Canadian Classic 2009 at the Mosport VARAC weekend	
	20	Rockland Car Fest (10 am – 4 pm)	
	21	OVTC Father's Day Drive (Father – Child event)	
	21-26	Austin Healey Conclave 09 – Kingston (<u>www.ahconclave09.com</u>)	
	21	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)	
	23	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre (TBD) – Speaker TBD	
	28	Athens Car Show, Athens, ON	
	28	Carleton Place Car Show, Riverside Park, Carleton Place	

EVENTS continued...

July	1	Canada Day Car Show, Almonte
	5	St. Lawrence Valley Car Club Car Show, Fort Wellington, Prescott, ON
	11	Ottawa All British Car Day (ABCD) (<u>www.britishcarday.ca</u>)
	12	Merrickville Cruise and Shop (<u>www.merrickvillecarshow.com</u>)
	TBD	OVTC – Multi garage tour & picnic
	19	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
	19	Lindsay Brits in the Park Car Show (victoriabritishcarclub.ca)
	19	Cornwall Car Show, Lamoreux Park, Cornwall (<u>www.goodtimecruisers.ca</u>)
	19	Arnprior Classic Vehicle Show
	19	Cumberland Heritage Museum Car Show (10 am – 4 pm)
	TBD	OVTC – Calabogie Parade Lapping –
	25	Canadian Tire Charity Car Show, Hunt Club & Merivale (<u>www.carshowsite.com</u>)
	26	Smith's Falls Car Show
	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre (TBD) – Speaker TBD
August	2	Brockville Car Show (<u>www.tisma.ca</u>)
	4	Hazeldean Mall British Invasion (organized by Ottawa Jaguar Club)
	8	Parker Auto Car Open House
	TBD	OVTC Drive & BBQ Event at Dyer's second property
	7-9	The Roadster Factory Summer Party, Armagh, PA (<u>www.the-roadster-factory.com</u>)
	7 – 9	Aylmer Auto Show and Swap Meet (<u>www.autoshowaylmer.com</u>)
	9	Kemptville Car Show (date to be confirmed)
	14-16	401 -Pack 1^{st} annual 6-Pack Chapter event for Ontario/Quebec TR6 and TR250 owners (Thousand Islands area)
	16	Boot 'n Bonnet British Car Day, Kingston Celebrating 40 years of the TR6 www.bootnbonnet.org
	16	Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind British Social (Manotick)
	16	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
	16	Upper Canada Village Car Show (<u>www.cornwalloldecarclub.com</u>)
	23	Rideau Carleton Slots Car Show
	25	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre (TBD) – Speaker TBD

Dates and times are subject to change. Please check with the event organizers for changes. If you notice any errors or omissions, please pass the correct information along to the editor at overdrive@ovtc.net

EVENTS continued...

September	6	CHEO Charity Car Show (Hazeldean Mall)
	11 - 13	US Vintage Grand Prix (Watkins Glen, NY)
	18 – 20	British Invasion (Stowe, VT)
	19	Aylmer Cruise & Corn Roast (Galleries Aylmer – 11 am – 3 pm)
	20	Toronto Triumph Club Bronte Creek British Car Day
	20	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
	22	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker TBD
October	TBD	Rally event organized by Ottawa Jaguar Club
	TBD	OVTC Fall Colours Drive (OVTC only)
	TBD	All Clubs Drive to Tremblant or other in Gatineau Hills (OVTC organized)
	18	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
	27	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker TBD OVTC Elections & Pizza Night
November	15	British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
	24	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker TBD
December	15	OVTC Christmas Party

CRUISE NIGHTS

Monday

Tuesday Hazeldean Mall (starts May 5)

Hawkesbury (starts May 19)

Wednesday Rideau-Carleton Raceway (starts May 6)

Thursday Canadian Tire Merivale Rd (starts May 14)

Friday Kemptville Food Basics (starts May 8)

Check out the new calendar feature that André has added to the OVTC website at www.ovtc.net/calendar.html for additional events and information.

AUTOJUMBLE

Wanted

Can you please tell me if any of your members have ever or are willing to rent their cars for a wedding.

We don't mind if the owner insists on

We don't mind if the owner insists o driving the car (better yet actually). Wedding date: July 25, 2009 Thank you, Oula Marie Hajjar, B.Eng Work 613-748-2886 Home 613-262-5800 oula.hajjar@pwgsc.gc.ca [1]

For Sale

TR6 Convertible Top Boot in Biscuit Brand new, Everflex convertible top cover from TRF. Biscuit colour (caramel tan). Never removed from packaging. Asking \$225.

Contact Martin at burtt@sympatico.ca [1]

1989 Toyota Celica

Great Winter Car 200K, former BC car. Was being driven until Christmas, still licensed and insured, easy to safety (needs windshield). \$1200 or best offer.

Contact Keith 613-766-1345 (Kingston) or kgraham@gmail.com. Car is parked at my Dad's house (Mike Graham, 613-258-2901 or triumph@lincsat.com). [1]

I have a TR7 engine and some other parts I want to get rid of. I am asking for \$300 obo. If you know anyone interested please let me know and I will email pictures
Thanks, Norm Birch
Trenton

celticbloodcycle@hotmail.com [1]

Submit your free ads to the
Overdrive Editor
(overdrive@ovtc.net)
no later than the 1st of every
month.

Ads will run for 3 issues before being deleted, unless you request an extension.

The Back Bumper

I'm a license plate collector located in Ottawa, and I operate a website called The Back Bumper at www.backbumper.ca . Part of my hobby is locating and restoring pairs of Ontario license plates that clear for the Year of Manufacture program in Ontario (register a '67 plate to your '67 Triumph, for example). Most plate numbers out there have numbers that are already taken, so I do the legwork in that regard and offer only pairs which I guarantee can be registered to classic car owners. I have been offering pairs of plates for this purpose for the past six years, and I'm looking to trade links with local auto clubs, including the OVTC. I don't make a formal business out of this-I'm a science teacher at Merivale High School by day, and I do it basically for fun. Over six years, I've sold roughly 100 pairs, with all customers satisfied.

Jon Upton

Recently spotted on eBay...





1959 TR3-A - Some assembly required...







Auto-mechanic wedding cake topper

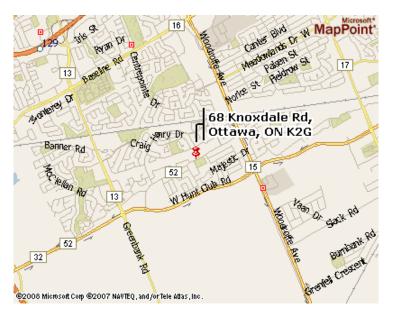


OVTC MEMBERSHIP

Join the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members.

The club meets at 7.00 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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY - The TR6 turns 40!

