

OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club January - March 2011



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OVTC Monthly Meeting 7:00pm March 22, 2011 Knoxdale Community Centre

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Don Leblanc

Coming up this month, we have the club meeting on Tuesday March 22. Our guest speaker will be Nigel Mortimer. He will have a slide show and talk to us about some of the activities of his racing team (Mortimer Racing — check out their website at www.mortimerracing.com) and his trip to Goodwood. Mortimer Racing has been involved with Canadian Autosport since 1970 and is currently the largest race team in Canada. Thank you to Andre Rousseau for contacting Nigel and inviting him to speak to us. Although he isn't planning to present



anything about it at this club meeting, Nigel is also involved with road safety efforts at Transport Canada, which I'm sure he would be glad to answer questions about after his main presentation.

We were told this week that the father of long time club member, Bob Holmes, passed away last weekend. Please join me in offering condolences to Bob and Mary-Kay. Our thoughts are with them and the rest of Bob's family in this sad time.

I know we thanked Tim at our last club meeting, but I wanted to say thank you again to Tim and Sue Dyer for having us all out to their house in late January for the Winter Bash. It was a fine day, and really nice to get everyone together. Some great food too!

Spring is certainly in the air now, and dreams of getting the Triumph out on the road again suddenly don't seem anywhere near as unbelievable as they did even just a few weeks ago! The club executive met a couple of times during the winter, and we think we have a busy and interesting calendar put together for the upcoming driving season. The main events are listed later in this newsletter and we will get the information posted on the website as soon as we can. We've tried again to schedule a mix of driving and social type events so hopefully we are planning activities that appeal to most of the club members. We still need some help organizing a few of the summer events – especially doing things to the east of Ottawa, and are looking for some volunteers willing to help or take that on. For the early part of the season we are looking good!

We have several activities coming up in the month of April – many before we likely will have our cars out on the road, so I wanted to mention them here briefly:

- On Thursday April 7, Sid Woznica is organizing an evening of Go Karting at Top Karting in Gatineau. Pat has already sent around a notice about this, but if you are interested and haven't already let Sid know yet, please send him an email as soon as you can. We need a certain number of entries to reserve the track for our sole use. This is a lot of fun, so come on out and give it a try.
- On Saturday April 16, the Manordale-Woodvale Community Association is organizing a Clean-Up Day as part of the City of Ottawa Spring Clean-Up Campaign. We have been "invited" to join them and help clean up the park areas within Manordale-Woodvale. They are looking for 1 or 2 hours of people's time that Saturday. Can anyone interested please email me ASAP (president@ovtc.net) so we can give them a list of OVTC volunteers?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... continued

By Don Leblanc

- On Sunday April 17, the annual British Car flea market will be held in Ancaster. While this is far away, it is
 an interesting event with lots of Toronto-based vendors we don't see here in Ottawa, and weather
 depending, some good cars on display in the car park. I know there are a few of us who try to make the
 trek every year.
- On Sunday May 1, the annual Autojumble flea market will be held in Kingston. This is organized by the Boot 'n Bonnet club, and another popular event. It's more accessible to us than Ancaster and worth the trip.

Our first OVTC-organized driving event for the 2011 driving season [unless we get good weather for the Garage Tour on May 9 - Ed.] will be the TriuMGee on Sunday May 15 (Rain date is Sunday May 29). More details will be provided in the next newsletter, but mark this date in your calendar. The event format will be similar to previous years with the pairing of cars in teams so they have to work together to collect the clues and solve the puzzle. One change is that we have invited both the MG and Jaguar clubs to participate this year.

Coming up in mid-July (July 15-17), we will be hosting the Toronto Triumph Club during their visit to Ottawa for the annual Canadian Classic. This event has not been held in Ottawa since 1996, so we would like to make it a memorable one. Note that this is the same weekend as the Ottawa All British Car Day – ABCD (held on July 16). The Classic participants will be attending the ABCD for the morning and then going for a drive in the afternoon, but there are several other Classic related activities being planned throughout the weekend. We are still firming up the details of the other activities, so not a lot of information here today, but we will have that for you in the next newsletter. Ottawa club members will be invited to sign up and participate in all the Classic activities that weekend.

The annual All-British clubs dart tournament was a big success in late February. We had 8 teams participating, representing the Triumph, MG, and Jaguar clubs. Thanks to Tom Prosper for setting things up for us at the Barrhaven Legion. That proved to be an excellent venue for this event and we were made to feel very welcome there. Sadly for us from the OVTC though, the championship game ended up with two MG club teams squaring off against each other for the title. Roger White and John Baldwin of the Ottawa MG club won the final game and took home the trophy this year. Congratulations to them. It was a fun afternoon for us all. Perhaps the OVTC should get together and practice a bit to be ready for February 2012!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Manordale-Woodvale community centre for our next club meeting on March 22. A reminder that anyone interested is welcome to join us for dinner at PJ Quigley's beforehand – we will meet there around 5:30 pm to have dinner before the club meeting.

Cheers,

Don

EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burtt

Here we are in mid-March already. I recently returned from a week in Cuba and had a taste of the nice weather that is hopefully on the horizon for us. That means it's time to start thinking about those cars that are slumbering away in the garage, just waiting for the road salt to be washed away and above zero temperatures to return.

The seats from my Jag have spent the winter in my basement, exactly where I left them in the fall. I had planned to re-treat the leather again this winter but that



is still unchecked on the "To Do" list. I also have the TR6 rear hubs that I cracked last summer awaiting re-build under the workbench. It's time to get motivated to get things done before the all too short driving season arrives.

There will certainly be lots to do. The OVTC Executive has been meeting regularly over the past weeks to plan this summer's events and the calendar looks quite full (see pages 7-8). In some cases there are events that we'd like to run but we need people to organize them. The club relies on members helping out, so please, if there's something you'd like to take on, contact Don and volunteer. I'm planning our second annual Garage Tour for May 7th so if you'd like to host a stop on this tour, please let me know. This early season event is a chance to show off what you've been working on over the winter and if the weather's good, a chance to get the cars out for a run.

The big event of the summer will undoubtedly be the 26th Annual Canadian Classic being co-hosted here in Ottawa by our club on the same weekend at ABCD. Again, the planning committee has been working hard to get the weekend organized. For those unfamiliar with the Classic, see Dean Hummel's article about last year's event on page 8. Mark your calendars now for what promises to be one of the largest gatherings of Triumphs in Ottawa for many years.

One of the first jobs I'll be doing when the weather warms up is checking my valve clearances. That usually means carefully prying off the old cork gasket in hopes of re-using it to reseal the valve cover effectively. Silicone gaskets are available for our cars to simplify this chore and keep the oil where it's supposed to be. If you're interested in joining a group buy to save some costs on these, please see the article on page 10 and let me know you're interested.

Finally, thanks to those who continue to send articles, photos and news items for the newsletter. It is much appreciated and I try to use everything that's sent to me. If you've been working on a project over the winter, please jot something down and snap a photo or two and send it along.

See you at the March meeting.

Martin

1000 Islands Weekend Trip – June 11-12, 2011

By Don Leblanc

We thought we would try something a bit different this year and make the OVTC weekend trip a shorter drive than we've done for the past few years. I'm hoping that way we will get more people interested in joining us and going away for the weekend. The plan is to visit the Thousand Islands area on the weekend of June 11 and 12. That's nice and close, and with lots to do once we're there. There are some fun roads for us to travel to get there on the Saturday, and interesting sights for us to see on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning while we're still in the area.





We will go for a boat cruise amongst the islands, we'll have a nice dinner on Saturday evening and we'll stay in a hotel near Gananoque on Saturday night. So — who's interested?

Mark the weekend of June 11-12 on your calendars, and please let me know as soon as possible if you think you'll be participating this year. We will get the hotel information and the rest of the itinerary distributed to everyone by email within the next couple of weeks so you can book your rooms at the hotel.

January OVTC Meeting – Visit to Stebro Exhaust

By Martin Burtt, Cover Photo by Walter Cotie

About 20 OVTC club members turned out on a cold January evening for our visit to Stebro exhaust. Owner Dan Petschenig welcomed us to the new Stebro PSD Ltd location on Slack Rd. and told us some of the history of this manufacturer of stainless steel performance exhaust systems. While touring the facility, Dan showed us the manufacturing process, starting with the creation of the production jigs, the materials used to create these individually crafted systems and the machinery and techniques used to assemble them. They also have a service bay where they test and install systems.

There were a lot of questions and interest in the systems and Dan patiently answered them all. As well as high performance systems, they can also re-create stock systems for some of our cars for those just looking for a stainless replacement for their current system. They can also custom tune systems to provide a particular noise level if desired.

While I probably wouldn't go for their high performance system on my TR6 (which is reported to be a bit 'barky'), I will certainly consider them for a stock replacement when the time comes.

P.S. For those that missed it, the exhaust sealant that Dan recommended was Permatex 101BR (<u>Ultra Copper®</u> Maximum Temperature RTV Silicone Gasket Maker).

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A look back at 2010...













OVTC Events Calendar - 2011

| March | 22 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
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| April | 7 | OVTC Go-Karting in Gatineau (see page 11) | | |
| | 17 | Ancaster British Car Flea Market – Ancaster, ON | | |
| | 26 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre, | | |
| May | 1 | Boot'N Bonnet Autojumble, Kingston, ON | | |
| | 7 | OVTC Garage Tour | | |
| | 15 (29) | TriuMGee OVTC/OMGC/OJC event | | |
| | 24 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
| | 29 | Oxford Mills Car Show | | |
| June | 4 | OVTC Spring Fling Drive | | |
| | 11-12 | OVTC Weekend Trip – Gananoque, ON | | |
| | 15 | Rideau Carleton Cruise Euro/UK Night | | |
| | 17 - 19 | 32nd Vintage Racing Festival, Mosport International Raceway | | |
| | 19 | OVTC Father's Day Drive (Organizer needed) | | |
| | 28 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
| July | 10 | OVTC Drive to Merrickville Cruise and Shop Car show, Winery visit and BBQ | | |
| | 15-17 | Toronto Triumph Club Canadian Classic – Ottawa | | |
| | 16 | All-British Car Day – Britannia Park | | |
| | 26 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
| August | ТВС | OVTC Drive and BBQ – Dyer's Property | | |
| | ТВС | Club drive to Boot'n Bonnet Car Show, Kingston | | |
| | 23 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
| | 30 | Hazeldean Cruise Night British Invasion (tentative) | | |
| September | 9 - 11 | Watkin's Glen Vintage Racing | | |
| | 18 | British Car Day, Bronte Creek, ON | | |
| | 24 | Chappells Challenge Rally (Interclub with OJC), Carleton Place, ON | | |
| | 27 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
| October | 1 | OVTC Fall Colours Run | | |
| | TBC | All Clubs Drive to Tremblant | | |
| | 25 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre –Elections | | |
| November | 22 | Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre | | |
| December | 13 | OVTC Christmas Party | | |
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Canadian Classic 2010 - Huntsville, ON

By Dean Hummel

Friday started out rainy so the trip to Huntsville was definitely top up motoring.

The promised clearing to sunny periods did not materialize throughout the day

The rain stopped for just enough time for us to have a brief picnic lunch near on the shores of Golden Lake After that we pushed on through Algonquin. It is very beautiful when raining, but we really did not have time to stop for pictures. Algonquin was uneventful except for a deer that crossed our path.

We arrived at Deerhurst around 1700. The "G8" sign is still up in the front. According to the shuttle bus driver President Obama stayed in building 51 (how apropos!) and the TTC hospitality room was the suite for the French president!



We all met around 1900 for introductions over a campfire and some Smores.

Saturday dawned cloudy but at least not raining. Janet really hates car shows (personally not my favourite either, I would rather be driving) so TTC had most thoughtfully arranged for a shuttle us for some to go shopping in tow, This allowed all the car types to polish up and participate in the concours and participants choice car show.

<Big hint>

The TTC is very top heavy with TR6s. If you own something other than a 6 go to one of the shows, you are more likely to score a plaque!

Mr. Fiddler's TR6 with red walls (bonus points right there!)



Mr. De Carlo owns a TR3 that would give Louis a serious run for his money. Just beautiful.



Mr. Johnson owns a Spit that i was fully tricked out. The beautiful engine mods result in a 109 hp output from a 1500 cc engine that originally put out 57 hp. Suspension and brakes have also been fully uprated to take advantage of the extra power.



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But the most interesting car was not even in the show. The mayor of Huntsville graced us with his presence arriving in his mint condition1930 Cord. Think of it as an American Rolls Royce.



The hood ornament is a crystal eagle's head.



After the show was a drive around the Muskoka area. The weather turned out just perfect really. Cloudy, and cool but with no rain. Good well paved but windy roads.

That evening was the awards banquet. <Bragging rights>

Pat and Brian won first place in the TR4 and 4A category in concours! Congratulations both, I always knew you would amount to something!

Yours truly got 1st place participants choice in the TR7 and8 category. Next time I will enter in the concours just for laughs.

Best in show went to MR. De Carlo for his fabulous 3.

Sunday was perfect. Sunny with scattered clouds. Another morning drive with everyone around Muskoka and a tour of a new micro brewery called Lake of Bays brewery. Unfortunately the beer is only

available in the Muskoka area so you will just have to drive there to get some.

We drove back around 2 in the afternoon. Stopping in Barry's Bay for supper and to stay overnight at the Ash Grove inn.

Monday was a tour of the Bonnechere Caves near Eganville. Very interesting, and, amazingly got some passable pictures inside.



The rest of the trip home was uneventful

Total mileage for me was about 620, (miles) 400 of which were top down. Pretty tough to improve on that!



OVTC Group buy of Silicone Valve Cover Gaskets

By Martin Burtt

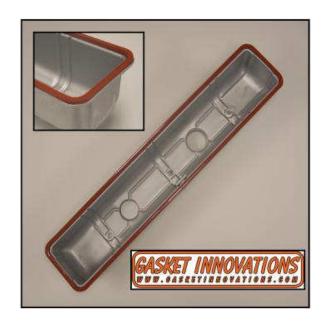
I would like to gauge club member interest in making a group buy of Gasket Innovations silicone gaskets. These gaskets have been developed by a GT6 owner and racer and I've read nothing but good things about them on the 6-Pack forum. These gaskets can be permanently adhered to the valve cover, alloying for easy removal of the cover for valve adjustments.

The list prices (USD) for Triumphs are as follows: TR6 , TR250 , GT6 , Vitesse STOCK Valve Covers \$15.00 TR6 , TR250 , GT6 , Vitesse ALLOY Valve Covers \$20.00 TR6 , TR250 , GT6 , Vitesse EXTRA THICK for STOCK Valve Covers \$20.00

TR2 , TR3 , TR4 STOCK Valve Covers \$15.00
TR2 , TR3 , TR4 Aftermarket Alloy Valve Covers \$20.00
Spitfire , Herald STOCK Valve Covers \$13.00
Spitfire , Herald for ALLOY Valve Covers \$18.00
TR7 Silicone Valve Cover Gasket \$20.00

They also do gaskets for MG, Morgan, Datsun, Volvo and other cars. See www.gasketinnovations.com for more details.

Once I have an idea of numbers, I will contact the owner to see if they can offer a volume discount for the club. Even at list prices, there would still be a saving on shipping if we made a group order.



If you are interested in this, please send me an email (<u>overdrive@ovtc.net</u>) indicating which gasket you need and how many. I will confirm with you and require payment before ordering.

If anyone in the club has one of these gaskets they could also let me know whether they'd recommend them.

Martin

OVTC Go-Karting – April 7, 2011

By Sid Woznica

Once again, we are planning an OVTC Go-Karting evening at Top Karting in Gatineau (near the Casino) on Thursday, April 7th, starting at 7:30 PM.

We need a minimum of 8 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 we need a min. of 12 - 13 drivers (more fun).

Based on preferences in previous years, we will have two races of 15 minutes each, with a break in between. Total cost/person is \$63 including taxes and a drink (alcoholic or not).

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP back to me by March 31st at the latest. Send your replies to: sid.woznica@servicecanada.gc.ca

Vroom Vroom!

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

OVTC REGALIA - What's in the blue suitcase?

By Tom Prosper

We still have some 20th Anniversary items available as well as a wide selection of our normal OVTC caps, and a limited number of golfshirts and fleeces. Come and see what's in the suitcase.

20th Anniversary Golf Shirts \$25



License plate frames... look good on any car, let people know there is a club. Make great gifts! Only \$4.00



OVTC crest lapel pins 3/4" dia., beautifully made, only \$4.00 each.



OVTC Crest patches 3" dia.



\$4.00 each

Triumph Register Crest patches (2 only)



\$4.00 each.

OVTC name badges



If you don't have one yet let me know and I will get your name engraved on one

OVTC Name Badges - for Paid Up Members

If you don't have one or if you've ordered one but have not received it yet let me know by sending me an email at tr6@hotmail.ca. The new keeper of the blue suitcase! Cheers,

Tom Prosper

OIL DRIPS - OVTC Member Submissions

British Humour - From Tim Dyer

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved."

Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Hide" to "Run". The only two higher levels inFrance are "Surrender" and "Collaborate". The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France 's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbor" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels .

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Three more escalation levels remain: "Crikey,!" "I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

Dear Overdrive,

I would be grateful if you brought the British Car Cottage Industries web site at

http://www.britcot.com/ to the attention of your members. The site lists many of those "amateur" artisans who make bits and pieces for Brit cars but do not have the volume to advertise or promote. So the web site showcases these very valuable people. If you know of any similar "cottage industry" people please let me have their contact details. The site is not-for-profit and is partly supported by some small sponsorships.

Regards,
Barrie Robinson
barrie@look.ca
705-721-9060
http://www.britishv8.org/MG/BarrieRobinson.htm

Andre sent along this ad for a diecast TR3 (also available in red). \$105 eh?



http://www.diecastbymail.ca/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=IOC&Product_Code=K8032BK&Category_Code=

AUTOJUMBLE

Wanted

Looking for original size steel rims for '56 TR3 restoration.

Please let me know what you might have. Must be straight or be suitable for straightening.

Mike. 613-258-2901, triumph@lincsat.com [2]

For sale

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 [2]

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.

For sale

1978 Triumph Spitfire

Needs some minor body work, needs back plastic windows and window trims- also needs a battery.

Asking \$4500 or b.o no trades.

New seats, new dash, new door insert and many more.

Driven every summer till last July 2010.

Thanks, Monica

613-830-4631 (Orleans, ON)

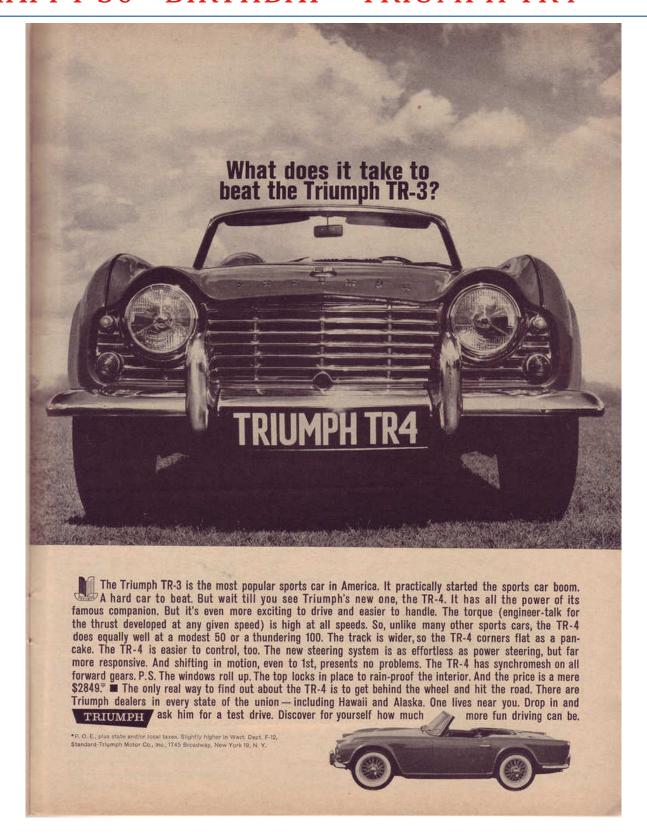


OVERDRIVE BACK ISSUES

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

| 2011 | Issue 003 = lemans | May = James | Oct = rain |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan/Mar = Mortimer | Issue 002 = hot | June = drive | Nov = fall |
| 2010 | Issue 001 = back | July = Doc | Dec = snow |
| September = Redshaw | 2007 | Aug = Steph | 2004 |
| Summer = flasher | Jan = nosnow | Sept = TR2 | Jan = bonnet |
| Spring = atlast | Feb = red | Oct = goodwood | Feb = clutch (not used) |
| 2009 | Mar = TR6 | Nov = cold | Mar = diff |
| Nov/Dec = dinner | Apr = spring | Dec = snow | Apr = kit |
| Sept/Oct = election | May = Ancaster | 2005 | May = speed |
| August = hazeldean | June-Aug = summer | Jan = yellow | Jun = RACING |
| July = starter | Sept = Fly | Feb = redtr3 | Jul = ignition |
| June = volunteer | Oct = Orange | Mar = stag | Aug = gt6 |
| May = fling | Dec = snow | April = GT6MK3 | Sep = octane |
| April = gokart | 2006 | May = TR7 | Oct = stainless |
| Winter = 20years | Jan = red | June = Spitfires | Nov = cam |
| 2008 | Feb = baby | July = Mosport | Dec = jingle |
| Issue 005 = 1971 | Mar = smoke | Aug = ABCD | 2003 |
| Issue 004 = spitfire | April = triumph | Sept = TR4 | Dec = peanut |

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY - TRIUMPH TR4



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.

Please send membership applications to:

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