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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club
May 2011



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Canadian Classic

OVTC is co-hosting this year. Find out more on pages 6-7.

NEXT EVENT

OVTC Monthly Meeting
7:00pm May 24, 2011

Ottawa Garage Makeovers - 54 Cleopatra Drive

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Don Leblanc

NOTE – We have a special meeting location this month. Our May 24 meeting will NOT be at the community centre building on Knoxdale Avenue. Instead, we will be visiting Ottawa Garage Makeovers at their place of business at 54 Cleopatra Drive. Start time is still 7 pm. Since we held our garage tour earlier this month, it seemed appropriate to stick with a garage theme for the monthly meeting. Ottawa Garage Makeovers (www.ottawagaragemakeovers.com) create showroom-like garage floors in a variety of colours and styles, as well as providing stunning garage reorganizations and makeovers to transform a chock-a-block full garage (and who hasn't got one of those?) into a spectacular usable space. **Please go directly to 54 Cleopatra anytime before 7 pm on May 24.** There is lots of parking at their location, so if the weather is good, this will be the first opportunity this season for most of us to bring our Triumphs to a meeting. Arrive a bit early and enjoy some tire kicking before the meeting.



A reminder and the details regarding our upcoming OVTC weekend trip on June 11-12 are available elsewhere in this newsletter [see page 5 – Ed.]. The time is getting short, so please contact the hotel as soon as possible to reserve your room, and then let me know that you're coming so I can confirm a few details and print the itinerary booklets.

If you haven't already gotten your Distance Challenge form signed by a member of the OVTC executive, don't delay if you want to be a part of that this year. Only mileage accumulated between April 1 and October 31 counts though – who will go the furthest in their TR this year???

Unfortunately we had to postpone the long awaited TriuMGee in May due to inclement weather. The revised date is Saturday July 23, with Sunday July 24 as the rain date. Please mark this new date on your calendars, but we'll send a reminder out closer to the event.

We have many interesting activities coming up in the months of May and June – I will just briefly mention a few of them here :

- On Sunday May 29, Mark Russell will be leading a group of cars to the Beaconsfield British Car Show. Departure is planned for 7:45 am from the Trim Road & Hwy 174 Park & Ride lot. Mark has planned an interesting drive taking the back roads as much as possible.
- Also on May 29, is the Oxford Mills car show. While not a British show, it does attract a lot of British cars due to the proximity to Ottawa. If you're not going to the British car show at Beaconsfield, this could be an option for you that weekend.
- Saturday June 11 and Sunday June 12, will be our weekend trip to Ganonoque. It should be a lot of fun. Please join us!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... continued

By Don Leblanc

- The weekend of June 18 and 19 is the Vintage car racing event at Mosport, organized by VARAC. Andre Rousseau from our club will again be there racing his Fiat. Come down for the weekend and camp at the track, or just drop by on one of the days for a visit. The OVTC group is usually up on the hill on the inside section of the track near turn 7.
- There are many cruise nights and other car related events around the area. There are too many to mention here, but you can check out the www.britishcarday.ca website for a list.

Registration information for the Canadian Classic is now available on the Toronto Triumph Club website (www.torontotriumph.com) and elsewhere in the newsletter. This event is being held in Ottawa from July 15-17. That's the same weekend as the Ottawa British Car Day, which is included on the list of events for the weekend. If you register for the Classic before June 12, there is a good discount.

Looking back at the past couple of monthly meetings, in March we had Nigel Mortimer (www.mortimer-racing.com) giving us a great presentation covering his trip to Goodwood and some of his racing experiences here in Canada, and in April we were treated to "How to Photograph your Car" by Hagen Hohn, of 2H Photography Photography (www.2hphotography.ca). Unfortunately we had some foul weather that evening preventing Hagen from bringing out his Ferrari. We will continue to try to schedule interesting speakers and events for the upcoming meetings. I'm always looking for suggestions and help from the club for ideas. Please let me know if there is something you would like to see us cover in the coming months.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Garage Makeovers location at 54 Cleopatra for our next club meeting on May 24. A reminder that anyone interested is welcome to meet for dinner at PJ Quigley's beforehand – we meet there around 5:30 pm to have dinner before going to the club meeting.

Cheers,

Don



EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burt

So who's been enjoying the spring weather so far? I actually had the TR6 oiled, lubed and ready for the season early this year and then RAIN!RAIN!RAIN! I think I've only had it out 3 times to date. Let's hope that we're suffering all the bad weather now and the rest of the summer will be driving heaven.

One of the few times I did get out, was for the 2nd Annual OVTC Garage Tour. We had a good turnout and OK weather (I did get caught in a shower on the drive home) and I think everyone that took part enjoyed themselves.

I'll be putting a longer article and some photos in the next newsletter but in the meantime thanks to John, Brian and Barry for volunteering their garages and hosting us. Planning for next year's tour is already underway.

The group buy of silicone valve cover gaskets from Gasket Innovations turned out well. We ordered 25 gaskets and received a 10% discount and free shipping. I still have a lot of gaskets and will be bringing them to the next meeting. If you won't be attending on Tuesday, please contact me directly to arrange payment and pick-up at overdrive@ovtc.net. Now I just have to get around to installing it!

Several club members are busy planning the Canadian Classic on July 15-17. We are counting on a strong turnout from OVTC members to make the event a success. This is one of the biggest Toronto Triumph Club events of the summer, and having it in Ottawa gives us a chance to participate in all the events without the cost of travelling and accommodations. The registration fee is quite reasonable considering all the costs including the banquet dinner and awards, bus tour, pub dinner and museum entrance are covered. We'll also be looking for volunteers to help out as we get closer to July so talk to Don, Pat, Mike, Jim or myself if you're interested.

Let's hope the weather picks up in time for next week's meeting. I'm looking forward to drooling over the fancy garage makeovers as well as seeing everyone's Triumphs on the road again. The last 2 meetings have had very interesting speakers and good member turnout, so let's hope that continues with the next one.

Please remember to send along articles, photos and other interesting Triumph and car-related titbits for inclusion in future issues.

Cheers,

Martin



1000 Islands Weekend Trip – June 11-12, 2011

By Don Leblanc

Our annual weekend trip is rapidly approaching. If you are interested in joining this event, please sign up as soon as possible. As anyone who has been on the previous weekend trips knows, this event is a lot of fun. The Thousand Islands area is nice and close to Ottawa, so the drive to get there is reasonably short, but there are still some fun roads we'll take along the way. We are leaving for Gananoque in the morning on Saturday June 11, staying in a hotel in Gananoque that evening and returning to Ottawa on Sunday afternoon.

Please book your hotel room now!

If you are coming along on the trip, you need to reserve your hotel room ASAP on your credit card. We have a block booking at the Holiday Inn Express in Gananoque. Just identify yourself as a member of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club group, so you are included in the right set of rooms. The room rate is \$169 plus tax, but there is a 5% discount if you are a CAA member. They will hold our block of rooms until May 31 so you need to move quickly to confirm your spot. After that it will be best effort to get a reservation there and I have no idea what the rates will be. Although we don't end up spending a lot of time at the hotel usually, this hotel does have an indoor pool, which might be kind of nice to relax in at the end of the day. Once you've confirmed your room, please let me know so I have a list of the participants.

We are intending to go on a boat cruise Saturday afternoon to visit some of the islands, and will go out for a nice dinner on Saturday evening. This is an area rich in things to do. It should be a great weekend.

So – Who will be coming on the OVTC weekend trip this year? If you have questions before signing up, please contact me by email (president@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

2011

May = garage

Jan/Mar = Mortimer

2010

September = Redshaw

Summer = flasher

Spring = atlast

2009

Nov/Dec = dinner

Sept/Oct = election

August = hazeldean

July = starter

June = volunteer

May = fling

April = gokart

Winter = 20years

2008

Issue 005 = 1971

Issue 004 = spitfire

Issue 003 = lemans

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

Sept = octane

Oct = stainless

Nov = cam

Dec = jingle

2003

Dec = peanut

Canadian Classic 2011

By Martin Burt



It's been 15 years since the Canadian Classic was last held in the Nation's Capital. This year, the Toronto Triumph Club and the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club are teaming up to present you with a **Capital Classic**. We hope that a lot of OVTC members will take this opportunity to participate and meet our southern Ontario Triumph cousins.

Things officially get underway Friday afternoon, but there is an optional golf tournament Friday. The eQuinelle Golf Club (<http://www.equinellegolf.ca/>) is the Region's newest championship golfing experience, located just south of the city in Kemptville, ON. OVTC members can golf with those arriving early from Toronto.

Registration will get underway at the Travelodge Hotel Ottawa Friday afternoon. The Travelodge is the host hotel and starting point for our weekend events. Classic participants will be picked up by double decker bus from the hotel at 6pm for a sightseeing tour of Ottawa landmarks. We'll be stopping at a downtown pub to eat and socialize, before returning by bus to the hotel.

On Saturday morning we'll be holding the traditional Canadian Classic Car Show in conjunction with the All British Car Day (www.britishcarday.ca) on the shore of the Ottawa River in Britannia Park. British cars of every marque and vintage will be on display in this scenic setting. Classic participants will be parked in a designated area, and a BBQ lunch will be served.

After lunch, Classic participants will leave for a driving tour west of Ottawa. This short drive will offer a chance to visit a few local sites, including the Deifnbunker (<http://www.diefenbunker.ca>). Built to protect the government from nuclear attack, this once-secret bunker is now a museum and National Historic Site of Canada. We'll get back to the hotel with time to freshen up before the evening Awards Banquet.

We understand that many of those returning to Toronto will be leaving early for the Brits in the Park show in Lindsay. Those wishing to make a leisurely return home are invited to join us for a drive southwest of Ottawa.

The registration fee includes the Friday bus tour and meal, ABCD entry including lunch, museum entry and Saturday banquet dinner with awards and prizes. A registration form can be found on the next page.

We hope you'll join us for this **Capital Classic**



Registration Form

Name _____ Co-Driver _____

Street Address _____ City _____
 Postal Code _____ Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Car Make _____ Car Model _____
 Year _____ License Plate _____

Car Show Class
 Concours Participant's Choice Friends of Triumph

Important Notes:

Registration includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, and the Saturday Awards Banquet (please indicate below if you would like the vegetarian meal), bus tour and museum entry. If you are staying at the Travelodge Hotel, your room rate includes Saturday and Sunday morning Breakfast. Sunday Lunch will be the responsibility of each individual. Please see the event agenda for more information.

		QTY	Each	Cost
Vehicle Registration (FREE before June 12)	Per Car		\$25	\$0
Vehicle Registration (after June 12)	Per Car		\$25	
Weekend Registration	Per Person		\$120	
	Total			

Total Payable by Cheque (payable to the Toronto Triumph Club)
 or by Paypal on the TTC website
 or by Visa
 Visa # _____ Expires _____
 Signature _____

	QTY
Awards Banquet – Vegetarian option	
Friday Golf Tournament (optional event) www.equinelle.ca To be paid directly to eQuinelle Golf Club on July 15. (Green Fees \$73.50 Power Cart Rental \$15 Club Rental \$20 + HST)	

Please mail/email this form along with your payment to: David Tushingham, 819 Firth Court
 Newmarket, ON L3Y8H7 Email: president@torontotriumph.com

OVTC Events Calendar - 2011

<i>May</i>	24	Monthly Club meeting – Ottawa Garage Makeovers - 54 Cleopatra Dr.
	29	OVTC Drive to Beaconsfield British Car Show. Departure 7:45am Trim Road & Hwy 174 Park & Ride lot.
	29	Oxford Mills Car Show
<i>June</i>	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)
	25	Athen's Car & Truck Show, Athens, ON
	26	Carleton Place Car Show, Riverside Park, Carleton Place, ON
	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
<i>July</i>	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
	23 (24)	TRiumGee event with Jag Club
	26	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
<i>August</i>	TBC	OVTC Drive and BBQ – Dyer's Property
	21	Club drive to Boot'n Bonnet Car Show, Kingston
	23	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
	30	Hazeldean Cruise Night British Invasion (tentative)
<i>September</i>	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
<i>October</i>	1	OVTC Fall Colours Run
	TBC	All Clubs Drive to Tremblant
	25	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre –Elections
<i>November</i>	22	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre
<i>December</i>	13	OVTC Christmas Party

DESPERATA

By Unknown

Go placidly amid the noise and the traffic, and remember what peace there may be in silence. Unless the silence is because you're broken down on the side of the freeway.

As far as possible, without a crash, be on very good terms with your mechanic. Speak your engine troubles quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the stupid and the ill-informed they too have their secret fixes.

Avoid loud and aggressive mufflers they are vexatious to the spirit, unless that muffler is hooked to your right foot and your motor is running silky smooth.

If you compare your car with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser motors than yours.

Enjoy your achievements, for the tune-up will not last forever.

Keep interested in your own car, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time and the only one you have.

Exercise caution in the passing lane, for the world is full of bozos that text and drive.

But let this not blind you in the headlights of oncoming traffic.

Many persons strive for high gloss clear coat, but everywhere life is full of rust, mud and bug splats. Be yourself. Especially do not feign fondness of others autos when you really think they have a pile of crap.

Neither be cynical about newer models, for in the face of torrential rain and snow, those are the ones that get to the grocery store.

Take kindly the savings of your years of hard work, gracefully blowing it on the toys of youth. Like the Morgan you owned 30 years past.

Nurture strength in Lucas, Stromberg and SV to shield you from sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born at the side of the road of fatigue and loneliness. But many more were born of the B.M.C. plants in the 60's & 70's

Beyond a wholesome tinkerer, be gentle with your wrench and kind with your wallet.

You are a car owner of the universe no less than the hills and the twisty roads; you have a right to drive. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the restoration is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with the Prince of Darkness, whatever you conceive Him to be.

And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy traffic jam of life, keep peace in your soul and gas in your tank,

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken down dreams, there is still a beautiful mountain pass somewhere to challenge.

Be cheerful. Strive to stay on the road.

Life is too short to drive a boring car.

OVTC LONG DISTANCE CHALLENGE

The purpose of the event is to encourage OVTC drivers to drive their Triumph as much as possible. To help and encourage all participants, the participation to this challenge is also compliant with the British Car Council Incorporated "Long Distance Award". The logistics, rules and regulations are as follows:

1. Vehicles participating must NOT be "daily drivers" (i.e.: only classic cars used for driving for events and pleasure during the season are eligible)
2. Contest timing will be April 1st through October 31st, 2011.
3. The event will be open to all OVTC members. OVTC is a member of BCCI so mileage also counts for the BCCI Distance Award.
4. Each participating automobile will have the odometer read by a member of their club executive at the start and end of the contest.
5. Club executives will be responsible for recording the starting and the ending odometer reading on the attached form.
6. Any defective odometer instruments are the responsibility of the owner to repair (no verbal estimates of distance will be accepted)
7. A dash plaque or other prize will be awarded by the OVTC to the top three drivers at the end of the season.
8. A distance achievement certificate will be awarded by the OVTC to all club members who successfully complete more than 2000 miles within the contest period.

Let's get out there and drive those Triumphs! Remember to have fun and drive safely.

OVTC LONG DISTANCE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATION FORM

Driver(s) Name(s) _____

Car Make, Model & Year _____

Contest Commencement

Odometer reading at April 1, 2011 _____ km / miles

Odometer/distance gauges in working order Yes / No

Name/Signature Club Executive Member

Date _____

Contest Conclusion

Odometer reading at October 31, 2011 _____ km / miles

Odometer/distance gauges in working order Yes / No

Name/Signature Club Executive Member

Date _____

OIL DRIPS – OVTC Member Submissions

I came across a mention of this in a Triumph discussion forum. The International Plowing Match is being held east of Ottawa this September and they are raffling off a TR6 as the grand prize.

Concours international de labour et Exposition rurale
International Plowing Match and Rural Expo

TIRAGE / DRAW
PREMIER PRIX / FIRST PRIZE

Gagnez une voiture antique
Triumph TR6 1970
évaluée à 12 500\$

Win an antique car
1970 Triumph TR6
valued at \$12,500

DEUXIÈME PRIX / SECOND PRIZE

Gagnez un voyage de 4 nuits/5 jours pour deux à
Las Vegas, (vol, hôtel, repas et spectacle de Elvis Presley au
City Center production Cirque du Soleil.) Valeur de 4,600\$

Win a trip for two for 4 nights/5 days to Las Vegas.
(Flight, hotel, meals and Elvis Presley show in City Center
Cirque du soleil production.) Value of \$4,600

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Prescott
Russell **2011**

International Plowing Match and Rural Expo
Concours international de labour et Exposition rurale

September 20-24 septembre 2011
Chate-à-Blondeau

Mike Graham sent this link for the Wedge guys:



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AavSc_ZBUEI

and a few more links:

Great old footage. Some fantastic cars. Safety of spectators ... not likely :-)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WVmHt9mBc4&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tH-wvh3HGBQ&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxxWrRL9Y3M&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SU1anmKg0zs&feature=related>

Yes my friends, 10 years ago this weekend I bought my GT6.

http://www.gt6.ca/photo/01/0417_My_New_Triumph/index.html

In response my wife said, "You mean I've been living with a stinky garage for 10 years? You so owe me a dinner out this week."

For me the GT6 has been a defining piece in my life. The friends, the knowledge and experience have all been very rewarding. I won't dwell on the frustrations, hours spent and money ...errr ... consumed.

Over the past 10 years I've gotten to know every single nut and bolt on my Smurf. (Named for her primer blue paint)

I can't wait till my son is old enough to take his first drive with me.

So raise a cold one when you have a chance this weekend and say cheers to 10 years of Triumphed fun.

André

AUTOJUMBLE

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 burt@sympatico.ca [1]

For Sale

71 GT6 for sale in the Carleton Place area.

Tina and Rob Kelly
 613-267 7809 [2]

For Sale

1974 Spitfire 1500
 In good condition. Upgrades include Weber carb, electronic ignition and a performance 4 into 1 header and exhaust. It's got a new rear spring, new brake master and new Yokohama tires. The top has a few tears and there is a tear in the driver's seat. Other than that the interior panels, carpet, dash etc are in good shape. Car is in Prescott, ON.
 Asking \$6500 OBO.

Chris & Kim 613-925-5920 [2]

[Note – I've seen the car and it's in nice condition, runs well and would be a good car you could jump in and drive – Martin]

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) [1]



For Sale

1998 Jaguar XJR
 121000 KM
 Black with Black leather interior
 4 litre V8 supercharged engine
 \$6500.00 OBO
 Car located in Hamilton, Ontario
 Call Bill Eckersley @ 613-284-1976 for more info [2]



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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