



OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club
January – February 2012



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OVTC wins Dart Tourney

Mike and Pat reclaimed the dart tournament trophy for the OVTC after years of MG and Jag dominance!

NEXT EVENT

OVTC February Meeting

Feb. 28, 2012

Manordale Community Centre 7pm.

WALLY'S WORLD (aka President's Message)

By Walter Cotie

We had a very nice Christmas Party at our traditional location, the Buffet Yangming. However this time Pat arranged to have a private dining room which worked out very well. We also had the "Winter Bash" at the Dyers in January which was very nice. No one got stuck this time!

On 31 Jan, the All Clubs meeting of Eastern Ontario and nearby locations was attended by our VP Tony Davis. He met many people there and brought back a long list of events which he passed on to Pat for use in her planning for this year.

The Dart Tournament was held in February at the Barrhaven Legion and for the first time in many years was won by an OVTC team. Congratulations to Pat Mills and Mike Graham who were the winning team! (see also the article elsewhere in this Overdrive)

We had our 3rd meeting of the club Executive on 21 February in preparation for this year. Some items of interest arising from the meeting include:

- our financial situation is solid, and details will be explained at our meeting of 28 February by the Treasurer Stephan Briere,
- members owing dues for this year should pay Stephan,
- Tony Davis reported on the ABCD organizing meeting held on 20 February. It is made up of the MG club, OVTC, Jaguar plus the Rolls Royce & Bentley Clubs. This year it will be chaired by Dawn & Randy McKendry who are members of the RR&B club. Our Past President, Don Leblanc, will remain as an advisor. Tony, who is the OVTC representative for ABCD, has volunteered to be the Treasurer. The ABCD will be held on 21 July at Britannia Beach.

Although the weather has been very nice this winter, I am still limited because I don't have a heated garage. Work on cars is therefore possible only intermittently. The red 1960 TR3A in one of the photos below, is VIN 71404 which I bought locally here in late 2009. It has not been used since 1993. I have purchased a number of parts including an alloy fuel tank which is a lovely piece of work (see above photo). I plan to replace or restore the complete fuel and brake systems, both of which are in bad shape. My aim is to get it into a drivable state.



The photo of the white 1960 TR3A which carried Ontario license plate number 44203 was my first TR. I drove it to Vancouver to go to school and drove it in the first Gray cup parade ever held in the city, in the fall of 1960. The photo was taken in Vancouver in the spring of 1961.

Look forward to seeing you next time.....

Walter Cotie

Interclub Darts Tournament - February 18

By Martin Burt



The annual All British Car Clubs Darts Tournament was held at the Barrhaven Legion on February 18.

Eight teams and several onlookers from the OVTC, the Ottawa MG Club and the Ottawa Jaguar Club showed up to do battle in this long standing interclub competition. Over pizza and a beer or two, the arrows flew, the cries of One-hundred-and-eeeeighty rang out [*Ed - OK, maybe not that last one*] and the tension mounted as the rounds progressed.

As the OVTC teams of Janet Eckersley/Tony Davis and Martin Burt/Paul Hawkins dropped by the wayside, it was left to Pat Mills and Mike Graham to uphold the club's honour.

In a tense final against the Jag club, Mike and Pat, after taking it easy in the early rounds, doubled in quickly and after reaching 84 before their opponents doubled in, graciously allowed their rivals to catch up. In a nail biting finish, Mike closed his eyes and hit the magical Double -1 to claim victory. After many years of MG dominance, the trophy once again belongs to the OVTC. Congratulations Mike and Pat!



EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burt

Trust Mother Nature to mess with us. Thoughts of an early spring (and driving season) were put on hold with the blast of winter we've had over the past few days. At least it gives those of us who've been procrastinating on those winter projects a bit more time to get the jobs done before the snow does melt.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to get down to Toronto for the auto show, but I've been reading about the great Triumph display on some of the forums and we have some photos in this issue. Check the website for some links to videos of the show too.



Speaking of the website, don't forget you can use it to submit photos for the "car of the month" feature or to send input to the *Overdrive*. I'm always looking for material, so if you've been doing a winter project, take some photos and write up a blurb to send in. I'm hoping to get the next issue out at the end of March with news of some of the early season events.

Cheers,
Martin

Letter to the Editor

While having a great time at our Christmas dinner gathering – at which we all won a prize (those absent truly missed out) - I revealed that I once worked for Laycock Engineering, who were the makers of the De Normanville overdrive. Whilst not specifically involved, I am aware of some of the history. In particular, knowledge of the two people who took over the repair and maintenance of said overdrives.

Below you will find web sites to the companies established following the closing of Laycock overdrive division:

- www.overdrive-repairs.co.uk (I have had personal experience with Joe Winter and can vouch for his competence;
- www.odspares.com (I did have dealings with Ernie, but since he has died I can only speculate that his vast knowledge has been passed on).

In addition I am aware of a U.S. company that also licensed the De Normanville overdrive and their contact info is:

- www.gearvendors.com .

Trust this info, if not known, is useful.

Regards,
Bill Eckersley

6-Pack – A Special Car Club

By Martin Burt

Like many enthusiastic new classic car owners, after I bought my TR6, I joined a number of car clubs (other than the OVTC) as well as their online forums. Vintage Triumph Register, Toronto Triumph Club, TR Register etc. Even though many were located far away and I had little chance of actually attending a club event, I was interested to see what they offered, get technical advice, and perhaps most importantly, read their newsletters. For the majority of them, I let my membership lapse after a year or two, and then joined a different one.

Then I found 6-Pack – the TR6 and TR250 Car Club of the Americas. Initially it was the lively discussion forums that got me interested. Being a specialized club for the model I owned helped, but the depth of knowledge, willingness to share advice and opinions, and perhaps above all, the respectful tone of the forums, was a refreshing change from many of the bulletin boards out there. Although not a requirement to participate in the forums, my membership dues were soon in the mail and I became a paid up member (plus I wanted to see what their newsletter had to offer). As well as being a national club, the 6-Pack has local chapters and not long after I joined, the 401-Pack Chapter for Ontario and Quebec members was set up. A few Toronto-based gatherings were held and then the first 401-Pack Mini-TRials, modelled on the club's annual TRials meeting, was held in Belleville. I attended, along with the Grahams, and a year later we hosted the 2nd mini-Trials here in Kemptville. The distance to the annual 6-Pack TRials events (Tennessee, Ohio, New Jersey and Illinois), has prevented me from attending, but reading about the welcoming, familial feel of these gatherings on the forums has also left me wishing I could go.

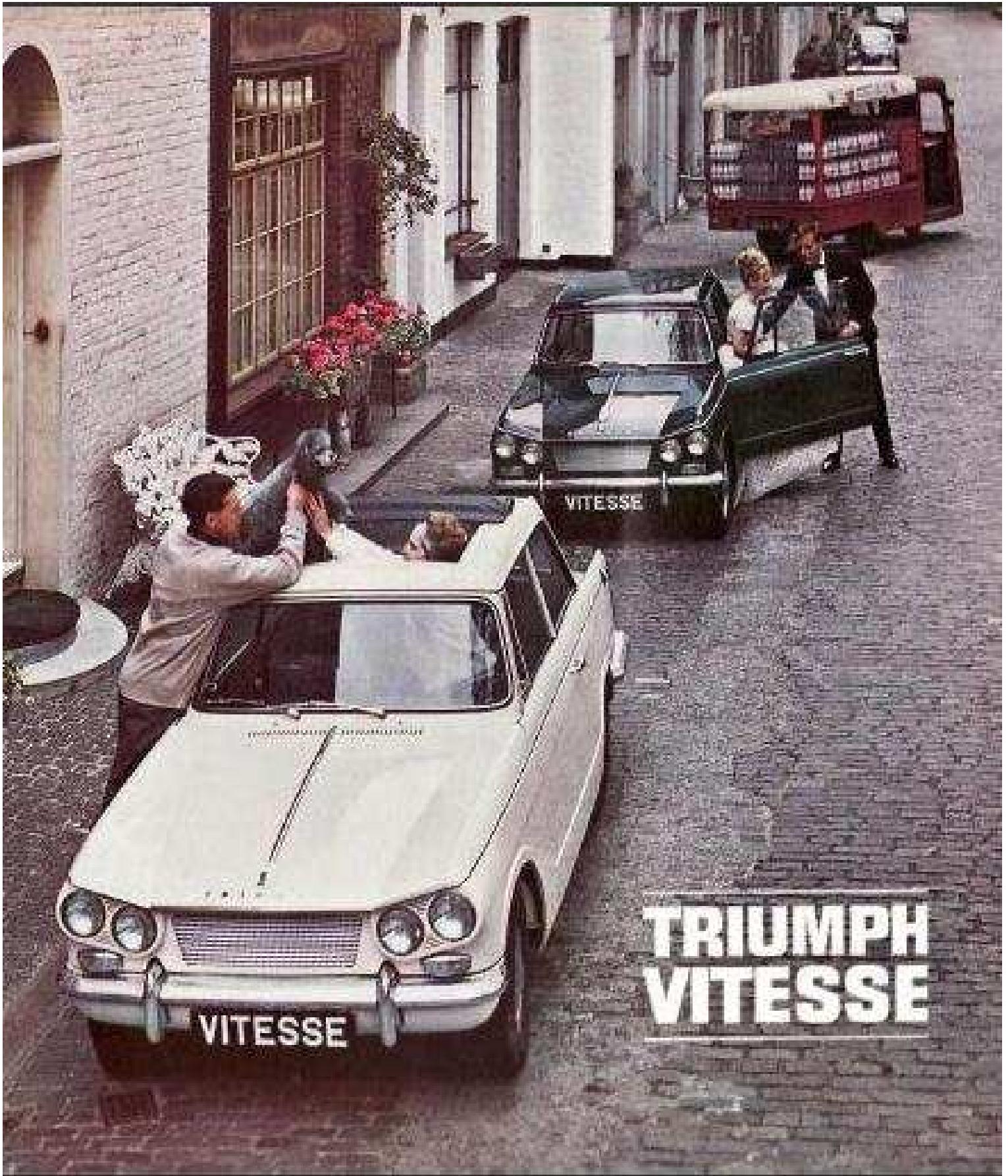
But I think I really got an understanding of the benefits of a club like this last fall, when a member in Mississippi had a piston go missing. Ken, or Poolboy as he's known online, is one of the forum regulars and the resident carb guru. Whenever anyone has problems with their ZS-175's, Poolboy is there, diagnosing the problem and talking the victim through the steps to resolve it and get them tuned, synced and running smoothly. It's also clear that he's often on the phone, helping some poor newbie tell his bypass valve from his temperature compensator. One day last September, Poolboy posted that he'd been fixing a leaking needle valve, started the engine, heard a rattling sound and then the engine died. It re-started but wouldn't settle down to idle and sounded rough. A compression test indicated lost compression in one cylinder and he pulled the head to discover a piston was missing. Further investigation located what was left of the piston in the sump.



At this point, the friendly folks on the 6-Pack forum kicked into action. Two members, one in the US and one in Canada, got in touch with each other and hatched a plan to give something back to Ken and help him get his treasured car back on the road. They posted a request for the community to step up and send donations to them and members who'd received assistance over the years streamed out of the woodwork. In just 3 weeks, 99 club members from 3 countries donated \$3010 to help fund Ken's engine re-build. And every one of them got a personal thank you message from him.

I've never been to a TRials and haven't met many other 6-Pack members, but I was excited when Niagara Falls was confirmed as the location for this year's TRials. I'm looking forward to meeting many of this very special group of car owners.

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY - TRIUMPH VITESSE



Canadian International Auto Show Triumphs!

Pictures courtesy of Ian Parkhill – Toronto Triumph Club

This year's CIAS featured a display of "Triumph Motor Cars" and with the help of the Toronto Triumph Club they managed to amass what could be the largest indoor gathering of Triumph cars in the World - EVER! The History Room featured an example of every post war Triumph sports car produced, from the TR2 to the Stag, including early and late examples of each model, and examples of race prepared TRs. They also had rare Triumphs including not one, but TWO Italia 2000s and an even rarer GTR4A Dové! Plus, a very rare 1935 Gloria/Southern Cross brought up from the US. They also had a general display with examples of other Triumph models including the Herald, Vitesse, Standard 10 (two!), modified TRs, TRs in different guises, with hardtops, with sidescreens and without, tops up, tops down. Congratulations to the TTC for pulling this together and thanks to Ian for sharing some photos with us.



OVTC Go-Karting – April 3, 2012

By Sid Woznika

Vroom Vroom!

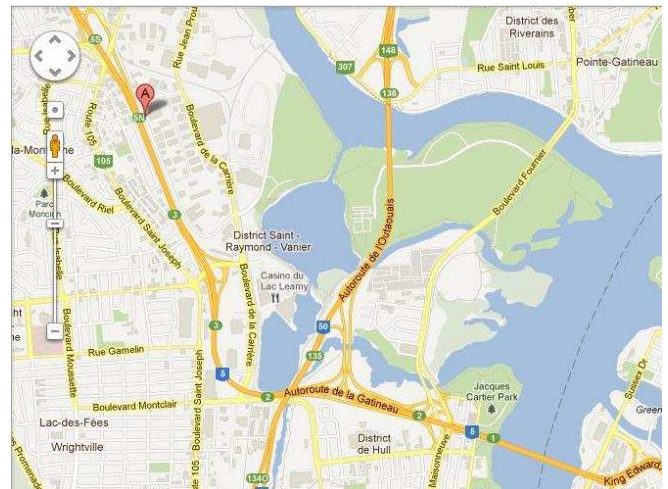
Once again, we are planning an OVTC Go-Karting evening at Top Karting in Gatineau (near the Casino) on Tuesday, April 3rd, 7:30 PM. (200 rue d'Edmonton, Gatineau, QC J8Y 3S6 - www.topkarting.com)

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 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 23rd. Send your replies to: sid.woznica@servicecanada.gc.ca

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.



Healey Club Drive to Classic Wings– October, 2011



OVTC Events Calendar – 2012

<i>February</i>	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
<i>March</i>	27	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
<i>April</i>	3	OVTC Go-Karting 7:30pm at Top Karting, Gatineau
	22	Ancaster Flea Market www.ancasterbritish.ca
	24	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
	29	Boot'n Bonnet Flea Market, Kingston
<i>May</i>	TBC	OVTC Garage Tour – watch for details
	22	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
	26 – June 3	British Car Week www.britishcarweek.org
	27	Hudson British Car Show, Hudson, Quebec www.hudsonantiquecarclub.com
<i>June</i>	15-17	Varac 2012 Canadian Historic Grand Prix at Mosport
	20-23	Triumph Club of America (TRA) National Meet Little Switzerland, North Carolina
	26	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
	29-1	Watkins Glen Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen www.theglen.com
<i>July</i>	14	All British Car Day at Britannia Park
	14	Brits in the Park, Lindsay, Ontario www.victoriabritishcarclub.ca
	24	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
	27-29	Toronto Triumph Club's 27th Annual Canadian Classic Location details later.
<i>August</i>	5	Brits on the Lake at Port Perry www.britsonthelake.com
	28	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
<i>September</i>	6-9	6-Pack Trials, Niagara Falls, Ontario
	14-16	British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont www.britishinvasion.com
	16	29th Annual British Car Day, Bronte Creek Provincial Park, Oakville, Ontario
	25	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
<i>October</i>	23	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm
<i>November</i>	27	Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre 7pm (Elections)

Check www.ovtc.net for the latest news on OVTC events and calendar updates

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 [0]

WANTED: Distance Tube for TR3 rear bumper. If you have one to spare I'm interested for my 56 TR3 restoration. Please contact Mike Graham at triumph@lincsat.com or 613-258-2901. [1]

FOR SALE: Transverse Rear Leaf Spring for Spitfire 1500. Brand new still wrapped in original packaging. \$225. Please contact Stephan at 613-253-7851. [1]

FOR SALE: Hoffman two-post, chain drive lift, 8000 lb capacity, with 3HP motor. Located in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Please contact Ian at 1-905-662-3281 or cell 1-905-334-6927. Looking for \$250.00. [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.

WANTED: Triumph TR6 engine. Looking to for a complete engine (1973 or earlier preferred) to rebuild. Must have solid block and intact head.

Please contact Stephan at 613-253-7851. [2]

WANTED: Driver Side Inner Bumper Spring for 56 TR3. If you have a spare please let me know. Would also be happy to borrow one to try and fabricate my own.



Please contact Mike Graham at triumph@lincsat.com or 613-258-2901. [1]



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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