



OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB

JUNE-JULY 1992

Editor's Note

This section of the newsletter will be in the spirit of the old Miscellaneous Ramblings portion of Road & Track magazine, where the editor (Tony Hogg, then John Dinkel) would, as the title implies, "ramble". As this is my 'break-in' period for the newsletter, I'll try not to 'over-rev' for the first while as I settle in to the role, so please bear with me. As my goal of a body off restoration will approach the next millennium, the opportunity to participate in a more non-driving role for the moment appealed to me. It also gives me the opportunity to play 'cub reporter' and attend as many classic car functions as time and Lori's patience allows. I must admit that over the past two years belonging to the OVTC has only increased my enthusiasm for the Triumph, and introduced Lori and I to some terrific folks, while events like the Classic, Manotick and so on confirm that sports cars are the best hobby a person could have. I'll stop here before I start to cry! On to business...

Change of Venue for July Meeting!!

Of immediate importance to all members is the announcement that at our last meeting Harris Popplewell graciously offered to repeat last year's kindness by hosting the July meeting at his home, combining it with a pool party! If ever there was an incentive to boost attendance at our meetings, this HAS to be it, as those who attended last year will attest. Harris and his wife Marie have a gorgeous home, and since I can safely assume nothing was broken and the neighbours didn't complain of excessive exhaust noise, we are again being treated this July. As a note to all (especially the Popplewells), this is on the **fourth** Wednesday, July **22**, so you'd feel pretty silly on the 29th with your beach towel in hand and no one else there. Thanks in advance to Harris & Marie. (Don't know where the Popplewell residence is? See map on last page.)

Renewal time

At least a third of our membership is due for renewal in the months of June and July. Please check your address label, if it shows any date prior to Aug 92, then send in your \$30.00 now.

Because of the haphazard mailings of the newsletter over the past few months, we have not cancelled any memberships yet. However, as of 1 August, any members not up to date will be dropped from the mailing list. We have to do this because of the high cost of postage. Too often in the past we have carried members for up to six months after expiry of their membership in the hopes that they

will rejoin the fold, most do but we felt it was unfair to the many members who renewed on time.

June Meeting - Firehawk Racing

As the scheduled guest for this meeting, TR8 racer Bob Armstrong, was called away at the last minute, Terry Dale (of Old Car Factory and Dinner Circuit fame) once again dusted off his cue cards and presented another in his series of interesting Carrozeria. This particular episode focused on **Firehawk Racing** in the Ontario-Quebec region (imagine people actually wanting to race cars, rather than driving slow and being noticed?!) Terry explained the hierarchy and politics of the various national and international racing bodies, as well as the different levels of both pro & amateur racing. For our viewing entertainment, Terry had a driver's eye view of the Mosport Series. The group was allowed to play "spot that foul" as our man zigged and zagged around the track at better-than-Queensway speeds. A second film shown at the meeting featured highlights of the 1991 Pirelli Classic Marathon Rally starting in England and ending in Italy, with several cars of yesteryear twisting through narrow European country roads. Thanks again to Terry!

One matter of business we are pleased to report is that the Triumph club reigned supreme over MG's at the first annual Croquet Challenge, held June 21 at the home of Len & Debbie Fortin. Home court advantage was of no benefit to the MG's, as the TR teams won every match! A fine (?) trophy was on display at the June meeting to mark the victory, and will be kept at the home of Jane and Juliano until the rematch next season.

Ottawa Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance. 6 June

Our club put in a fine showing at this event, despite the poor weather. What made this especially significant was the total lack of MG's at the show, and only a minor turnout from such marques as Healey, Porsche and so on. At least us TR fans acknowledge other sports cars (even if they may be a little fancier!). Clive Law again received an award for "baby" - this one for First Place in non-Jaguar Class. Nice going, chief!

Campout, Tour and Picnic. June 13-14

Brian & Pat Mills and Jane & Juliano Benco attended this event and reported that a great time was had by all.

Ottawa Classic Sportscar Show. June 28

At last - sunny weather on show day! The sports car gods smiled on John & Evelyn Carr with terrific conditions for this event, and sports car owners responded with a strong turnout. The award for best club exhibit this year went to that Morgan rabble. This doesn't prove that they had a better display, rather that they stuffed the ballot box better than we did! Many interesting cars were to be seen outside the arena, also. In particular, a Jensen-Healey GT (a nice combination of station wagon with Lotus power under the hood) was present, as were a Citroen convertible and a 1937 Austin, complete with a front engine crank-start. Congratulations on another successful show, J&E.

British Car Day, Bowie, Maryland. June 28.

Joe & Steve Lashley along with Dave Huddleson braved the roads and went the distance for this event. Starting with a Friday departure in the pouring rain, Dave found himself with no wipers (mind you his A/C was still working!!). The intrepid trio crashed (slept) in Harrisburg. Saturday morning Dave's inertia switch died on expressway, finally they limped into Bowie MD. 700 British cars were in attendance! This event was also used as the annual TR8 Car Club of America meeting (Dave is the Newsletter editor) 10 TR8's attended. Joe, Steve and Dave shared the longest distance award, 920km (550miles).

Vintage Memoirs Car Show. July 5

This event is one of the largest shows in Eastern Ontario, as evidenced by the number and variety of classic cars which attend. It was a pleasure to see such awe-inspiring wheels as a TVR Griffith, a Maserati Merak (?), and Lotus Elite. The green TR6 of Clive Law won best in it's class, trouncing a Lotus Super 7, a pair of MGB's, and a 911. Having completed his restoration, Clive's next project may be the addition of a trophy room on his house. Bruno & Bruno (Mills and Benco) Restorations are also earning themselves quite a reputation with each win.

Vintage Triumph Register Convention. July 22-26.

This annual event, held in Savannah. Georgia this year, will have special emphasis on the 30th anniversary of the Spitfire.

Canadian Classic. July 30-August 2.

It is not too late to register for this event. This is the premiere Triumph event in Central Canada and attracts Triumph enthusiasts from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and all the other hard to spell States. contact: Don Johnson, 6 Lovers Court, Barrie, ONT, L4M 4S6

Monte-Carleton Rally. August 9.

The Ottawa MG club will be holding its Second Annual Monte-Carleton road rally. The MG people have extended the invitation to three Triumphs (I guess they're scared of too much competition) from the OVTC. As Clive placed first amongst non-MG cars in last years rally, he will be one of the three. Anyone else that is interested please contact Juliano (727-8113). Lots will be drawn to if necessary.

Grass Creek Car Show. August 16.

Located 10 miles east of Kingston on the Loyalist Highway. There will be a participant's choice award plus door prizes. For further information, contact: Joe Lightfoot. (613) 476-5881.

British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont. September 18-20

This event was extremely successful last year considering it was a first-time effort by the organisers. This year the fine people of Stowe promise to outdo themselves. We should have all sorts of details by our August meeting. Unfortunately this event conflicts with Bronte Creek. contact: Michael Gaetano, (508) 358-7619

British Car Day. September 20.

The 9th Annual will be held at Bronte Creek Provincial Park, Gates open at 10:00AM. No details are available about the fee but it is believed to be \$5.00 to enter the park and \$5.00 more to enter the British car corral. contact: TTC, PO Box 39, Don Mills Ont, M3C 2R6 (416) 693-8983

Family picnic

This has been an on-again, off-again event. The idea is to have a family picnic with spouses and kids. Ideally we would arrange for Vincent Massey park and bring our own food and drink, but enjoy the companionship of fellow triumph enthusiasts. If there is any interest please call Clive (820-7350) and maybe we will organize it.

Newsletter Exchange

In addition to the other clubs with whom we exchange our newsletter we have added the Club Automobile Triumph Inc. from Montreal. We look forward to hearing from our sister club and advising OVTC members of upcoming events which may be of interest to them.

Regalia

The response to the new line of OVTC regalia has been underwhelming. Golf shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and sweater with an embroidered crest are being offered at prices very close to what we charged for silkscreening. If you are just procrastinating, please pick up the phone and let Pat Mills (825-1698) know what you want. Better yet, place your order at the next meeting.

Name badges are now available for OVTC members. Most of you will have received a phone call from Clive about these. They are 3x1 inches in size, blue, with the OVTC logo and the member's name in white. Cost is \$8.95. See Clive if you would like one.

For Sale

1970 Triumph GT6, \$13,000.00. Call Alastair Higginson 1-632-8290
(Hawkesbury)

1962 Triumph Herald, Call Clive Law for details on this little Gem
820-7350

1955 Austin Princess, \$5,000.00. Call Sid MacCallum 1-674-5646
(Hawkesbury)

