

OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB AUGUST 1991

Editor's Note

Well, don't say we didn't tell you so. The Second Annual OVTC pool party, hosted by Harris and Marie Popplewell, was a big success, despite the cold front blowing through the region. Still, while no-one wished to 'break the ice' with a swim, there was plenty of good conversation to go around. Events like this also provide an opportunity for many of the wives to come out and get together, as 'TR-speak' does not dominate the topic of discussion at these sort of get-togethers. This was also one of those rare occasions when Terry Dale was not called upon to provide a demonstration to the club! Thanks once again to the Popplewells for their hospitality!

OVTC By-Laws

As mentioned in past meetings and newsletters, we've attempted to establish a formal set of by-laws for the club. A meeting of the Executive on August 6 resulted in the by-laws attached to this newsletter. Plenty of discussion went into the final version, and it is one which we should all be in agreement with. While some of the contents appear to be stating the obvious, other areas more formally set the directives of the club. Also, the duties and obligations of the members of the Executive are spelled out, so that no-one should be confused as to who does what (or doesn't do what). In particular, the process of forming committees for special activities or events has received careful attention in the By-Laws. This should permit a more efficient manner of dealing with special events as they arise.

Election of OVTC Executive for 1992-3

One reason the above by-laws were readied for August was to provide a new Executive to have a constitution with which to begin their term. The August meeting will allow the membership to nominate new candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Clive Law, our current CEO, has declared he will not be seeking re-election as President (it's cutting into detailing time!), but the other members (Steve Challinor - VP; Jane Benco - Treasurer; John Day - Secretary/Editor) are willing to give things a go for one more year. This is our version of democracy in action, so please think seriously about whether you wish to run this year, or for which candidate you support following the

nominations this month. The new Executive will be formally elected at the September meeting. (please - no 'Perots' need apply!)

Presidential Mutterings

As stated by John this is my last month as El Presidente of the OVTC. In the last twelve months we have experienced an aggressive growth to our 85 + members and have earned a reputation as a "good" club to belong to. This past year we have had a series of theme evenings such as insurance/appraisal and wire wheels/tires. Our friends at 3M came out again last fall and we heard all about synthetic oils.

Of course special thanks are due to Terry Dale who unfailingly, unselfishly, altruistically, generously, unflinchingly, charitably and magnanimously filled in at a moments notice when the scheduled speaker couldn't attend.

I was also fortunate to have some very good people on the Executive Committee, two of whom can never been thanked enough for their contributions to the club - Pat Mills, our Regalia Co-ordinator and Jane Benco, the Treasurer. Both of these ladies spend an inordinate amount of time doing club business, ensuring that the coffee is hot and fresh at our meetings and putting up with various and sundry members at all hours of the day. I hope that both of these members stay on in their positions. I have to also mention the hard work done by both Paul Reatherford and John Day for their work on the newsletter, Juliano Benco for co-ordinating special events, especially the Manotick show, Steve Challinor who put up with his name being mis-spelled for the past two years and to Steve Rudnicki who, as a committee of one, wrote the draft OVTC by-laws, the final version of which is attached.

This brings us to the present. As in most clubs 20% of the membership enjoys 80% of the activities. Over the past year we have tried to involve as many members as possible, in as many events as could be planned, this was not always successful, however new faces did appear at the Sunday fun-run and at Manotick to help man the booth. It is a hope that some of these new faces will offer themselves as candidates in next months election. This club can survive with just the old gang, but it can only improve if fresh ideas are introduced. Please, consider getting involved in the club, if you really can't then at least come out and vote. Remember- If you don't you may end up with someone like me again!!!!

Seventh Annual Canadian Classic - Barrie, Ontario - Clive Law

As one of the OVTC members who attended this annual function, I have been asked to give a brief report.

This year's Classic, held on the shores of Lake Simcoe, was an amalgam of previous Classics. It held all the usual events and introduced some new ones. The hill climb, which I missed, was declared by all a major success, while the gymkhana certainly challenged a drivers navigational ability, (would you believe that there were over 320 pylons). Friday morning saw us leave for a scheduled 2-hour fun run. Unfortunately it rained the whole time (quote of the day: "a wee bit damp") and the trip turned into almost 3 hours of slow convoying through the back roads. It was the only time I ever saw 60+ cars in convoy, with 60+ co-drivers wiping the condensation off 60+ windscreens. The run back was a question & answer rally that I and my non-serviceable speedometer begged off.

Fortunately the Saturday Concours, held in conjunction with the annual Kempenfest, on the shore of Lake Simcoe, was blessed with sunshine. In all approximately 80 cars turned out. The OVTC was well represented amongst the prize winners - Malcolm Brown placed first in Late TR6, Alasdair and Tom Higginson placed first in GT6, Richard Strong came second in TR4, yours truly was second in Early TR6 and Alan Manship was third in TR7. Well Done OVTC!!!

If I were to voice any complaints at all about the event it would be the lack of any planned functions for Thursday and Friday evenings and the absence of an itinerary for those participants who arrived late. On the other hand, congratulations are due to Don and Judy Johnson for organising the entire Classic almost singlehandedly. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Niagara-on-the-lake. See you there.

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Monte-Carleton Car Rally - Clive Law

The Ottawa MG Club issued another challenge to the OVTC (along with some of the other Brit clubs in town) in a futile attempt to win a trophy, any trophy, that they could claim as their own. Although the MG club certainly fielded the most three-car teams, it was the Jag club that took top honours with both first and second place cars sporting the leapin' cat. Third in individual placing was our own OVTC member Martin Harasek with his TR6. Cars sporting the octagonal emblem tended to garner the double-digit positions.

Now that I've bashed our poor cousins, let me describe the rally itself - Immaculate planning and an eye for detail were evident in this 120 mile event. Timed to take place over a three hour period, the route had drivers discovering almost every town and way-station south of Ottawa. Bishops Mills, Oxford Station, Heckston, Hallville, Merrickville and North Augusta were just some of the stops. Winners were chosen based on a time/distance ratio that had drivers aim for an average 40 mph. Yours truly, without a navigator, decided to run the course at speed and succeeded in traveling 129 miles in 129 minutes for an average speed of 60MPH, this earned me last place in the race but got me to the Cheshire Cat Restaurant first. The team trophy went to the Ottawa Jaguar Club and was a custom-made shield that caused most of us commit to next years repeat event. All participants received handsome a dash plaque. Both the trophy and the dash plaque were made by an MG club member. Although this event was originally advertised at no cost, each participating car was asked to pay \$5.00. As each participant received a prize, in addition to the dash plaque, this was indeed good value.

British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont. September 18-20

There has been a strong interest expressed in this event to date, so if you're interested in going, get in touch with Clive Law or Jane Benco to get in on the action.



OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this association is the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club (or OVTC).

ARTICLE II

Aim

The aim of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is to foster the camaraderie and friendship that prevail among those who share an interest in the TRIUMPH marque of automobile. The Club facilitates the conduct of activities and pastimes that allow for the richer enjoyment of the TRIUMPH marque.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership is open to all; ownership of a TRIUMPH automobile is not a prerequisite for joining the club. The following are the classes of membership in the club:

- Regular member: Enjoys the rights and privileges of regular membership in the OVTC:
- Life member: An individual may be b. awarded life membership in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the club. The member shall have all the privileges of the regular membership but shall pay no annual dues; and
- Corporate member: Enjoys the rights and privileges of regular membership in the OVTC:

ARTICLE IV

Fees and Dues

Annual membership dues shall be set by a vote of the general membership at a regular meeting.

It is noted that regular membership dues apply to

a household. That is, to be a regular member and receive any mailings of the OVTC, a household need only pay for a single membership. This membership is irrespective of the number of Triumph cars owned (if any) or the number of active club participants residing at the household. Voting rights are accorded to all active club participants residing at the same household provided that the households membership is in good standing.

A membership cannot be divided between two or more households.

The Club may from time to time charge user fees to cover the expenses of specific events. Any such fees shall be set by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE V

Officers

The officers of the Club shall be as follows:

- a. President;
- b. Vice-President;
- c. Editor;
- d. Treasurer:

No person will be eligible to hold office in this club unless a member in good standing.

The duties of the Officers are as follows;

- President: The chief executive officer of the Club; shall preside at all meetings of regular membership and the Executive Council; will appoint standing and special committees: shall ensure that elections are called and held; shall have no vote at regular meetings except to break a tie;
- Vice-President: Will stand for the b. President if unable to perform his duties; generally assist the president in the running of the club:
- Editor: Under the supervision and direction of the President shall keep the following records;
 - Minutes of Regular and Executive Council meetings. These need only record

decisions agreed to by vote;

- ii) Hold Club records, scrap book, etc.
- iii) Be responsible for the OVTC newsletter, to be issued on a schedule decided by the Executive,
- d. Treasurer: Will have the following duties:
 - i) Receive monies collected from the membership and deposit same in a bank;
 - ii) Pay out monies in payment of Club obligations only on the authority of the President;
 - iii) Have custody of and keep and maintain general records of club receipts and disbursements; and
 - iv) Be prepared to give a report to the Executive on receipts, disbursements and balance, when requested.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Council

The members of the Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Editor, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Regalia Co-ordinator and immediate Past President, and any other members the President deems necessary.

The presence of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Council.

<u>Duties and Powers</u>: All new policy of the Club should first (but not necessarily) be considered by the Executive Council prior to presentation to the general membership for approval.

It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of the Club, nor authorize any disbursements of Club funds inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the Club membership.

The Executive Council shall meet at the direction of the President.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

A nomination meeting shall be held in August of each year for the election of Club officers. The Elections of Club officers will take place in the September meeting. Notice of these meetings will normally be given in the previous Club newsletter.

The election will be by show of hands by those present and qualified to vote. Simple majority wins.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Regular meetings of the OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB will normally be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of every month at a prearranged location.

The presence of fifteen (15) members or, one third (1/3) of the membership should that membership be less than forty-four (44), shall constitute a quorum. Motions may be passed by a simple majority. All votes will be by a show of hands.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this Club provided notification in writing of such changes are provided to all Club members. This notification will normally be provided in the previous OVTC newsletter.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

The following standing committees may be appointed by the President:

- a. The OVTC newsletter committee;
- b. The Regalia sales committee; and
- c. The membership committee.

The President may from time to time appoint special committees as may be deemed necessary.



SEPTEMBER 18th, 19th & 20th, 1992

The EVENTS:

* FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

- Starting at Noon -

* British AutoJumble

* Auto Restoration Services

* British Classic Motor Car Parade

- * British Marketplace
- * British Pub & Food Service
- * Registrants Cocktail Party

* SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

-Daytime at the Stowe Polo Grounds-

* CLASSIC BRITISH MOTOR CAR SHOW (Sponsored by ArmorAll Products)

(Over 30 Classes; People Choice Awards; Drawing for British Airways Tickets to London)

- * British Motorcar Auction Preview
- * British Marketplace & AutoJumble

* Rolls-Royce Engine Display

* Auto Restoration Services

* British Pub & Food Service

- " Car Corral
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- " Rugby (the Montreal Barbarians vs the Schnectady Reds)
- * Cricket Match ("the Mad River Cricket Club" vs. "the Bishop's College Old Boys")
- * British Colonial Troop Encampment (the Kings Rangers & the 29th Regiment of Foot)
 -Saturday Evening-

"AN EVENING IN CAMELOT"

(A Medieval Banquet & Dinner Theater)
(Costumed Guests eligible for Special Awards)

' SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

- at the Stowe Polo Grounds-

- * BRITISH MOTORCAR AUCTION (Presented by Paul McInnis, Inc.)
- * TAILGATE PICNIC COMPETITION (Sponsored bu Barbour, Inc.)
- POLO MATCH (British Airways vs. Ye Olde England Inne)
- * Auto Restoration Services

- * Colonial Troop Encampment
- * British Marketplace & AutoJumble
- * British Pub & Food Service

****MEET HEADQUARTERS****

Ye Olde England Inne & Mr. Pickwicks Polo Pub the Mountain Road, Stowe, Vermont 05672 Chris Francis @ 802-253-2106 Fax: (802)253-8944

*** MEET REGISTRATION INFORMATION ***

Michael Gaetano (617)237-4950 Fax: (617)237-6811
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REGALIA

This is the last reminder for new regalia. If you want golf shirts, windbreakers, jackets or sweatshirts with an embroidered OVTC crest, place your order by September 23rd or we will be forced to cancel all outstanding orders!! We require a minimum 25 items before the order can be processed. As of this date we have two orders for a total of 6 items!!

NAME BADGES

OVTC name badges are available at \$8.95 each. These are great for inter-club gatherings, (or for those members who attend meetings on an irregular basis). Call Clive at 820-7350. Would all those who placed an order at the pool party please call me to confirm.

RENEWAL

Most members are now due for renewal, check you mailing label for details. If you are coming due then please forward a cheque for \$30.00 to Dave Huddleson, Membership Secretary, 5053 Limebank Rd., RR# 1, Manotick, Ont. K0A 2N0.



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