

# OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB SEPTEMBER 1992

Editor's Note

Another sports car season is winding down. The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer, and I for one will be glad when next spring arrives. It can't be any wetter than it has been this year! I take some consolation in seeing that I've done virtually nothing to my TR6 again this summer, but I thought that I could go without driving it for a little while longer as I decide whether to go whole hog on a frame-up or merely get it road-worthy. Recent events have given me the itch to get working in earnest for next year. First was the kind offer of John and Evelyn Carr to allow Lori and I to have their TR4A for the weekend of Grass Creek, and second was Juliano and Jane Benco loaning us their TR6 on the following weeks' Fun Run to the Ashton Pub (which had to be the sunniest weekend of the summer). I think that both the Carrs and the Bencos knew this wouldn't suffice - I've got to get my car going again! Look out 1993 (or '94) !!

# British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont. September 18-20

This is the last notice in our newsletter for this event, so if you've been thinking mildly about going, act now! A number of us are planning to take in the event, and (weather permitting) it should be quite the thing. If you want further information on accommodations, get in touch with Clive Law or Jane Benco to get in on the action.

## **OVTC By-laws**

By act of majority show of hands, the OVTC Bylaws were accepted at our August 26 meeting. While there may be some who are not 100% in agreement with the contents of these by-laws, most concerns were discussed prior to the vote and settled without any major distress (let's wish the same of the next referendum we vote on in Canada!).

#### Errata

It took two non-members to notice the mistake that was made in the last newsletter. The August issue was for 1992 and not 1991 as printed.

#### **Membership Notices**

Unlike Rick, who has 12 months to ignore this and future reminders, those of you with September and October renewal dates should be contacting our membership coordinator, Dave Huddleston, with your \$\$.

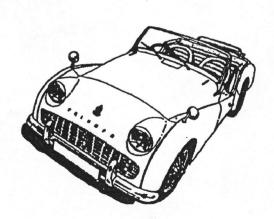
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This is your last chance to place an order with Pat Mills if you wish to have any OVTC gifts under the Xmas tree for that special someone. It's a shame those who have placed orders may be unable to have them filled if we can't reach the minimum of 25 items. Pat wishes to mention that she has had a few people say they want an item, but who have not paid the 50% down payment (and you know who you are!). At present, we have orders for roughly 10 shirts, so let's get to that magic 25 for next season's events. To make things even simpler, Pat will have order forms with her at the September meeting, so be prepared!

In addition, we still have some other items, such as a pair of size XL sweaters, a few Gatsby hats and ball caps, plus the requisite window decals. Let's lighten the load on Pat's suitcase, and she'll be sure to thank you!

### **OVTC Executive for 1992-93**

At the August 26 meeting, nominations were put to the floor for candidates for next years' Executive. Despite the strong endorsement from all of us, we couldn't convince Clive to take a second term, but the rest of the cast (Steve Challinor - VP; yours truly (John Day) - Editor; Jane Benco - Treasurer) are willing to give it a go if elected. Steve Rudnicki accepted his nomination for VP, so come September, we're certain 'Steve' will do a fine job, as Clive says (whichever Steve that may be). Careful prodding also allowed Derek Holbeche to accept a presidential nomination, but only after Clive convinced him there really isn't much to do, and if there is, to delegate (so that's Clive's secret!). The formal votes will take place at the September 23 meeting following any additional nominations, so come out and show your support.





Letter from the Maritimes - Fred Pantalone Hi Guys!!

As a couple of you might remember, I've moved out here to the south shore of Nova Scotia (St. Margarets Bay), I've quickly become spoiled by the wonderful touring that can be done out here. Hell, my drive to work in the morning is the kind of touring I used to dream of. I've made contact with the Annapolis Valley Touring Club and joined them one Sunday as they met with about six or seven Triumphs from the New England Triumph Club. The NETC windshield decal now rests beside my OVTC decal on my TR6. About 8 Triumphs, Jags, etc .. from Nova Scotia met up with the New Englanders and toured to Halifax via Peggy's Cove from Mahone Bay. Brit stuff is not near so common here as Ottawa, so this procession of Triumphs etc...was really a treat for the locals.

I got to thinking ....(listen up Juliano), the perfect special event for next summer....

Last weekend I did the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton and I gotta tell ya that it was nothing short of incredible. The roads are wonderful and the scenery is wilder than pictures you may have seen. It has to be Nirvana for folks like us.

So here's the Plan...Two easy days of driving from Ottawa to Halifax, via Montreal, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick and into Nova Scotia (a very nice

run in itself). Then three leisurely days from Halifax to the Cabot Trail and back, then another two days back to Ottawa. I promise you it would be a trip to remember. Seven days would leave plenty of time for lots of stops along the way and assure a non-rushed (unrushed) tour. I'll take care of things (hotels etc) from Halifax eastward. Let me know.

As far as I know, I have the only TR2 in the Marirtimes that's on the road. I've talked to a fellow from the Annapolis club who is in the midst of restoring one, but it is probably two years away from completion. I've also acquired a '68 Cooper S recently which I plan to strip down to sub-frames and redo with lots of help from some local nuts.

So far the "six" is performing admirably aside from yanking the alternator out and having it rebuilt, pulling the gas tank out and having a leak welded and a knock that's developed in the right rear suspensionm (Help Terry!!).

I enjoy getting the news from Ottawa via the newsletter. I miss seeing all the folks at OVTC, if anyone is ever out Halifax way, please call ahead and let me know (Factory 902-275-5997, Home 902-857-3886). Hope you all had "Buckets" of fun this summer.

(Ed. Fred moved to Nova Scotia in the Spring after buying into a bucket manufacturing company. Obviously he is enjoying his new home.)

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