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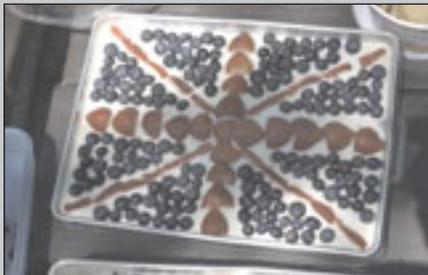
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AUGUST EVENTS:

- 2:** Wine & Dine with Roger, Northville
- 5:** Board meeting, Royal Oak
- 6-10:** VTR/TRF Summer Party, Armaugh
- 9:** WAMBO, Wallaceburg, ONT
- 12:** Member Meeting, Royal Oak
- 16:** Woodward Cruise Party, Royal Oak
- 17:** "French Laundry" Run, Fenton
- 20:** Summer British Knights, Novi
- 24:** Larry's Beach Party, Harsen's Island



Hot Fun in the Summertime

Despite forecast, weather is great, water is fine, food devine

Written by Sue Snyder

Despite a cloudy beginning and several forecasters calling for a 50% chance of rain, Sunday's weather was picture perfect for the 7th Annual DTSC Family Picnic & Pool Party with temperatures in the low 80's and plenty of sunshine all day.

Once again this year we had a big turnout with 17 sports cars and 42 members on hand. Early arrivals were greeted by our own 'Kojak' aka 'Telly' aka Mike Simon as the event got underway. By noon, most of the crowd had arrived and members were spread out and about the pool and the cars on the lawn. Early swimmers got in some action while another group spent time checking out cars and doing a general "tire-kicking" session. We all did a good job on snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks, and even though we a did a fine job consuming the aforementioned, we were all still pleased to see the main courses arrive from the Chicken Shack. After a short flurry of preparation, our feast was ready. BBQ chicken wings and ribs, broasted chicken and potatoes were complimented by coleslaw and a bevy of salads and side dishes provided by the members. As if that wasn't enough to satisfy the most outrageous appetites, the dessert table was overflowing with treats. In fact, there were so many great looking desserts, we had a hard time deciding which to choose. Some of the heartier appetites - whose owners shall remain anonymous - gave in and sampled all of them! I am happy to say I was able to resist that temptation.

After our most satisfying feast, we continued to enjoy the day with swimming and socializing. Hermann "the German" Schaller entertained many the troops as he

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Above: Talk about ganging up on a kid! Hermann 'the German' Schaller rounded up every squirt gun but one in his effort to defeat Aaron Meyer in a fierce pool battle.

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE PARTY

Saturday, August 16 is the 9th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise party at Jim and Sue Watch's house. Your family, kids, and friends are welcome.

This is an open house party, so come when you want to anytime after 8am. The party lasts until the traffic clears and the police open up the streets (11:30pm - midnight). We are only a block from Woodward, and in past years parking started to get tight around noon.

We provide burgers, dogs, bottled water, the grill, cooler capacity, soft drinks, indoor plumbing, and shade to all comers.

Please BYOB, but please remember that open alcohol is not permitted on Woodward. If you want to, bring a small dish to pass.

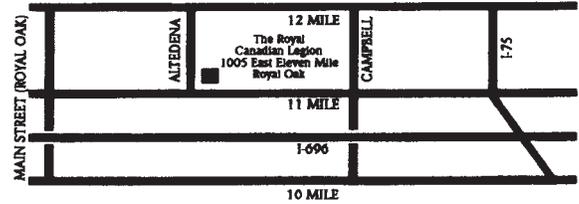
We are west of Woodward, and on the day of the cruise the best way to approach our house is from Greenfield. Go north on Greenfield to Normandy (13 1/2 mile.) Go right (east) on Normandy for 1/4 mile until you reach Parkway. Turn right on Parkway, and then immediately turn left on Parkview (the street that goes up the hill).

**We are at 4008 Parkview,
phone 248-549-1368**

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members!

Tony Berci, 1973 Spitfire
Bill Caton, 1976 TR6 Yellow
Jim and Carolynn Cox, 1979 MGB Yellow
Ken Danek, 1978 Spitfire
Eric & Deborah Everson, 1980 TR7 White
Bill Fullmer, 1960 TR3 Red
Simon Iregbu and Nancy Tite, 1973 TR6
Jerry & Cathy McConnell, 1979 TR7
Tony Nardone, 1974 TR6
Ken & Connie Spencer, 1977 Alfa Spider



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Being a member of DTSC is fun, owning a Triumph is optional, you can drive whatever you want. Just send your dues of \$30 to our membership chair, Dave Jonker, 22609 Carolina, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Your dues help cover the costs associated with this newsletter. **Talk to any club member and join today!**

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings and regular meetings.

Regular membership meetings of the Detroit Triumph Sports car Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are held on the 20th of each month. All meetings begin at 8:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Post 84, 1005 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan. Please see map above for location details.

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Ideas for articles relating to club activities or of general interest to Triumph and other British car owners are welcome!

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

1-3
2, Saturday
5, Tuesday
6-10
9, Saturday
12, Tuesday
NEW! 16, Saturday
17, Sunday
20, Wednesday
22-24
24, Sunday

Meadowbrook Festival Weekend
Wine & Dine With Roger Northville Roger Cotting
Board Meeting Canadian Legion
TRF Summer Party & VTR Convention Armagh, PA Pat Barber
WAMBO, Wallaceburg, Ontario (tentative)
Member Meeting Canadian Legion
Woodward Dream Cruise Party at the Watches Jim & Sue Watch
Doug & Mark's "Light Starch" French Laundry Run Mark & Doug
Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi
British Car Triathlon V, Stratton Mountain Inn, Stratton, VT
Larry's Island Beach Party! Harsens's Island Larry & Sye Tomaszycski

SEPTEMBER

2, Tuesday
9, Tuesday
14, Sunday
17, Wednesday
21, Sunday

Board Meeting Canadian Legion
Member Meeting Canadian Legion
21st Annual Battle of the Brits Freedom Hill County Park Sue Snyder
Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville Carlsons/Snyders
TTC British Car Day, Bronte Provincial Park, Ontario

OCTOBER

4-5
5, Sunday
7, Tuesday
14, Tuesday
15, Wednesday
TBA

Michigan British Reliability Run Lower Peninsula, MI Blake & Lesley Discher
Oakland County Parks Colour Show, Location TBA
Board Meeting Canadian Legion
Member Meeting Canadian Legion
Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville
Fall Colour Tour TBA

NOVEMBER

4, Tuesday
11, Tuesday

Board Meeting Canadian Legion
Member Meeting Canadian Legion

DECEMBER

2, Tuesday
9, Tuesday

Board Meeting Canadian Legion
Member Meeting Canadian Legion

Events in BOLD are DTSC sponsored events.

Summer British Knights

*A series of British-only Car
Cruise-in nights to be held on the
third Wednesday of each month
through October, 2003. Evenings,
from 6pm until whenever.*

*All British car clubs and owners are
cordially invited to join the Detroit Tri-
umph Sportscar Club in enjoying these
summer evenings in the company of
fellow British car enthusiasts, while
also enjoying great food and spirits.*

September:

BRAVO! Italian Restaurant
29047 Utica Road, Roseville
586-775-4500

August and October:

Local Color Brewing Company
42705 Grand River Ave., Novi
248-349-2600

For more information contact Dave & Laurie Carlson:
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HARSENS ISLAND OUTBACK BEACH PARTY SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH

1st Checkpoint at 10:00am

Big Boy Restaurant, Rochester Rd. and Big Beaver (16 Mile Road)
(Come early and have coffee with us at the Big Boy, about 9:30am)

2nd Checkpoint 11:00 AM

In the drive of the parking lot of the Ford Dealership
(across from the Big Boy Restaurant, 23 Mile Rd. 1/4 Mi east of I-94)

Please join us for an afternoon of watching colorful ships. (no, not the ones
that passed you in life, but the great lakes steamships, so close you, can
practically touch them.

There will be a terrific picnic lunch, swimming, just plain old hanging around,
and as always the Cape Cod atmosphere of Harsens Island.

To add more to this folly... there are plenty of scenic roads to tour on the
island, antique and gift shops to browse, and pubs to visit if you are so inclined.

And lastly but certainly not least is the fact you will be along with friends, the
extended family of the Detroit Triumph Club.

So shine up your buggy, you have nothing to burn except a little petrol.

A Perfect Day for a Perfectly Grand Erie Canal Tour



This canal boat is pulled by a mule led by its handler along the Erie Canal. The 40-minute boat ride takes passengers through a working lock. We also toured a working grist mill.

Our first planned inter-club event was absolutely fabulous as 26 DTSC members caravanned to northern Ohio for a meet with a group from the Lake Erie British Car Club. We enjoyed perfect weather, a beautiful park setting and a grand picnic, all topped off by a ride on an historic mule-drawn canal boat.

Enjoying the day were members Dick & Lucille Arend - TR6, Mike Bilyk - TR4, Dave & Laurie Carlson - TR250, Blake & Lesley Discher - Stag, Stan & Carol Fingerhut, Jack & Nancy Fuller - TR3, Dave & Maureen Jonker - Jensen Healey, Jeff, Jamye & Aaron Meyer, Ken & Judy Pardonnet, Mike & Sharon Simon - TR4A, Dale Smigelski - GT6, Dave & Sue Snyder - GT6, Larry & Sue Tomaszycski - Spitfire, Jim & Sue Watch - Stag, and Jeff & Jan Zorn - MGA. Most of the DTSC group met at our usual staging point at the 8 Mile & Haggerty Meijer's for an 8:30 am departure. From there, we boogied down I-275 to the Monroe area to pick up Dick & Lucille at their house. The Srends then took over the lead as we wound our way over to LEBCC members Jim & Louise Brandt's house for a mid-morning snack of coffee, juice and donuts. After some

socializing and refreshment, we made our way onward to the Providence Metropark in Grand Rapids - Ohio, that is!

At the park, we were shown to some specially arranged parking along the roadway, where a park ranger halted traffic while we all backed in to join the LEBCC cars already there. The eleven DTSC cars lined up along nine Brits from the Lake Erie club for a grand showing of 20 British beauties parked all in a row. The group of cars turned the heads of all the



visitors to the park as they cruised on by. LEBCC members present were Jim & Louise Brandt, Dave & Doris Bobak, Lou & Barb Keefe, John & Mary Wallace, Art & Laura Shippey, Roger & Norma Wheeler, Phil & Connie Leidigh, Bob & Rose Murphy, Jack Butcher, Ray Shoviak and Ted Barron. One note of interest is that The Arends, Fingerhuts, Simons, Snyders and Zorns hold "dual citizenship" being members of both clubs!

The LEBCC group had reserved a picnic pavilion within eye sight of our cars and we unloaded and made our way over to meet the group from Lake Erie. Once we had all said hello, a couple members hung the DTSC banner right next to that of the LEBCC. Soon, the folks had split into several smaller groups, and in no time at all, preparations were underway for the picnic. Some of the guys from both clubs headed over to the horseshoe pit and soon had a game going, while others set to work getting the grills fired up and the dogs and burgers cooking. There were very clean restroom facilities nearby and it was just a short walk to Kimble's Landing and the historic mule-drawn canal boat, the feature attraction of Providence Metropark.

Soon, all the lunch goodies were ready and we eagerly lined up to fill our plates with a variety of delectable dishes, including salads, beans and a plethora of desserts. DTSC member Blake Discher did a fine job wielding his spatula to prepare burgers to order while the Lake Erie guys handled the hot dog side of the grill. In very short order, everyone was enjoying a fine feast, with several returning for a second serving. Dick Arend and Larry Tomaszycski made great inroads on the desert table and still had enough room for a later "snack!"

Once we were all satisfied, several people settled down for an afternoon siesta, while a large part of the group walked over to the Kimble's Landing area to check things out. Most decided to take advantage of the extremely reasonable fare of \$4.00 to ride through history on a section of the once famous Miami & Erie Canal via the mule-drawn canal boat. The crew of three did a wonderful job explaining the workings of the canal system and demonstrated what travel conditions were like in

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Tony Reinowski Memorial Award

Call for Nominations

The DTSC will honor the memory of long-time Club member, friend and devoted Triumph enthusiast, Tony Reinowski. The Club will present the second annual "Tony Award" at the next Year End Party in January of 2004. The first recipient of this, our club's most prestigious award, were Dave and Maureen Jonker.

Please remember Tony's quick wit and outgoing personality, as well as his great storytelling abilities and enthusiasm for British cars as you consider candidates for this award. Remember also, Tony's always smiling and friendly approach to members, new and old alike. Tony always made a point of including new and prospective members in activities and conversations.

As the former treasurer (for many years,) Tony was very active and attended most club events. He acted as our "ultimate shopper," always finding the best deals on door prizes. Tony took pride in making the DTSC better and more enjoyable for members. As a board member, his ideas were most respected, and his knowledge and opinions valued.

I mention all these things about Tony because I would like you to consider them, as you think of a club member whom you would like to nominate for the Tony Award. Please send nominations in writing and include the member's name, and why you think they should receive this honor. Include a description of how the person reminds you of Tony and which Tony qualities he or she demonstrates the most.

Nominations will be accepted until November 1, 2003

Send nominations to:
Dave Snyder
39148 Boston
Sterling Heights, MI 48313



Ménage-a-Trois DTSC Style

On Memorial Day weekend I had the pleasure of doing the "Spring Fling" with two handsome and charming men along with many members of the Toronto Triumph Club. The Fullers and Calkins were planning to attend together, but Nancy had emergency eye surgery that week and needed to relax and heal. Rather than cancel and lose deposits, we decided to go minus Nancy (thanks to her urging) and so began my ménage-a-trois weekend. Eat your hearts out ladies!

We trailed our cars to Toronto on Friday where we spent the night in separate rooms of course. Early Saturday morning we awoke to fog and rain but with spirits undaunted, we took off to the meeting place and joined the Toronto club for our caravan to the Georgian Bay area. The fog eventually lifted but the light rain continued for most of the trip. We stopped for lunch at the famous Weber's Hamburgers - known to serve as many as 6,000 burgers on a busy day. While dining in a warm, dry railroad car, our British cars were judged by all the participants. The roads to the resort were great, with lots of interesting rock formations and curves to maneuver. The rain stopped in time for us to check into our rooms at the Port Severn Lodge, a beautiful resort nestled on the shores of Gloucester Pool, near Port Severn. It reminded us of the setting of the movie "Dirty Dancing" but I never saw anyone that looked like Patrick Swayze.

Jack had reserved the honeymoon cottage with a fireplace and Jacuzzi tub but graciously switched with us so we could enjoy the extras and be close to

the entrance. After settling in and exploring the beautiful grounds, I took a dip in the heated outdoor pool, determined to make use of all the amenities. Coffee was always brewed and ready on the front screen porch with lots of rocking chairs to sit and enjoy the view. We did some socializing and shared a few beers with the Toronto club members. The banquet Saturday night was enjoyable - great food, door prizes and awards. Steve won a first in his class from the participant's choice judging.

On Sunday, after breakfast, most of the group motored to a nearby community center for a funkana event but we decided to start exploring the area since we were staying an extra night. The weather was still cloudy and cool, but the roads were dry and the scenery beautiful. We stopped in a small town and had lunch outside at "The Lobster Pot" overlooking a river - the sun even came out and made it a great outing. We headed back to rest and Jack took off for more exploring. He discovered several other neat resorts and collected pamphlets for future reference.

A quiet dinner on Sunday with only a few of us left at the resort - enjoyed getting to know some of the club members better and of course, lots of car talk. We watched a movie in our rooms and settled down early. Back to Toronto on Monday, cars onto trailers and a good trip back home. We had a great time and would love to go back to the area with our club sometime. We missed you Nancy, so we'll go again!

Written by Peg Calkins



Great Lakes Steamship Tour, S.S. Willis B. Boyer: Rated a 10

Top-down weather and the spirit of adventure were the orders of the day for our DTSC group as we departed for the Great Lakes Steamship Tour. You could almost touch the air of expectation, much like a bunch of wide-eyed kids going to tour a real, real big, real life steamship!

And what an interesting big steamship tour it was, from the pilot house going aft, as you learned about the many facets of the vessel, your mind couldn't help but imagine what it would be like to actually work on board under sail.

After the boat tour, we stopped at the St. Hedwig Polish Festival a few miles away. Well, I want to tell you what a bash

that was... a four city-block long jamboree. It was both interesting and fun. Some in our group opted out of the festival, instead to choosing to visit a restaurant near the steamship. Everyone praised the great food.

Sue and I wish to thank the DTSC for allowing us the privilege to host the trip. We also would like to offer special thanks to the following folks for coming along on the adventure. Without you guys we would have been dead in the water. (Pun intended!)

Dick and Lucille Arens, Ron and Lori Clark, Wayne Larose and Julie Perik, Chuck and Carol Lambert, Dale Smigel-

ski, Doug Sims, Matt Van Benschoten, Ken and Judy Pardonnet, Dave and Laurie Carlson, Tamara Barber, Mike Bilyk, Doug and Debbie Mitchell, Dave and Sue Snyder, Sarah, Victoria and Noah Tomaszycski and friends.

Written by Larry Tomaszycski

Ford Yacht Club Car Show Was Fun

On Sunday, June 29th, several of us headed out to the 2003 Ford Yacht Club Car Show. This small show was located at a beautiful spot on Grosse Ile. The DTSC attendees were Dave & Laurie Carlson, TR250; Bill Goin, TR4; Robert & Joann Bergman, TR4; Ken & Carolyn Northcutt, Spitfire; and Bob Owsinski, Spitfire. We arrived at 11:00am and parked near the water.

What a site seeing our Triumphs parked side by side and the water in the back ground. There were 50 cars on display, but only two awards given: the Commodore's Choice, a 1957 Black Lincoln, and the People's Choice, a 1965 Fairlane, both in mint condition. After the awards, Bob invited us on his sailboat for an after-glow party.

The party was complete when Bob's girl friend Mary joined us. Thanks Bob for the great time! After socializing a bit, we said our goodbyes and headed home. Next year, if you're thinking about going to a small show to have a relaxing day by the water, we would highly recommend this show.

Written by Dave & Laurie Carlson

LEBCC Getaway Weekend

The 2003 Lake Erie British Car Club Summer Getaway will be held the weekend of Friday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 24th. We

will be motoring to Berlin, Ohio, in the heart of Amish country to enjoy the rolling hills and relaxing atmosphere among good friends. Our accommodations are at Zinck's Inn at a special rate of \$87.50 per night, which includes spacious rooms with refrigerators, a generous continental breakfast, snacks throughout the day, and very accommodating hosts. *Members of the DTSC are invited to join us.* Call Zinck's at 877-435-6600 to reserve your room now.

If you are unable to leave on Friday morning with the group, consider traveling to Berlin later in the day to meet us there. Between the beautiful rolling countryside, the horses and buggies, and all the things to see and do, you'll have a great time! If you would like more info, please contact Art & Laura Shippey @ 419-891-9870 or Lou & Barb Keefe @ 419-841-2493. Call Zinck's Inn at 877-435-6600 to reserve your room now. Be sure to mention Lake Erie British Car Club to receive our special weekend rate.

VARAC Vintage Cars Races at MOSPORT Raceway

MOSPORT International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ontario is one tough race track, as we learned when attending this year's vintage race. Although this event hosted the highly touted 2003 Triumph Challenge, DTSC had only a few attendees - namely Mike Bikyk in his TR4 and Dave & Sue Snyder in the GT6. I suppose in the long run that was OK, as the actual TR Challenge race never materialized, but there was still a lot of good competition to

check out the many race cars being readied for qualifying. Making the rounds through the maze of canopies and trailers, we soon found our pal, Irv Corey and the rest of the "Team Thicko" guys working on their Triumph racers. They had their canopy set up along the track so we could visit and watch the practice sessions at the same time. Irv was in the midst of a scramble for some "drivable" tires as he had his down to the belts and was waiting



Team members inspect the damage to Irv Corey's rear wing.

for an overnight shipment of new rubber to Toronto, where he would have to hustle in to pick up before Saturday's qualifying. No problemo, as the boys managed to beg, borrow or steal four reasonable practice tires and get them on the TR4. Although Irv missed some practice, we still were able to see the rest of the team warm up. After a couple hours of practice, we decided to head back to the hotel to relax and have dinner. Not wishing to drive, we elected to partake of the "pasta buffet" being offered by the hotel restaurant. This proved to

be seen throughout the weekend in both the qualifying and race sessions.

We departed for Canada and parts North early on Friday, June 27, in order to avoid any rush hour delays at both the Blue Water Bridge and when driving through Toronto. Our drive was indeed trouble free until we hit a bit of construction on the 401 right in Toronto. This "minor delay" added close to an hour to our drive time, but we still arrived at our hotel in Oshawa before noon. We were delighted to be able to check in early and wasted no time in unpacking and getting the Triumphs ready to head over to the track.

The 20-mile drive to Mosport from the hotel proved a bit challenging as we missed a couple of turns and had to make some U-turns, but we soon found the race course and once through the gate, we were able to drive the TRs through the tunnels and right into the paddock area. This made for some interesting time as we could then walk about in the paddock area and

be a great choice as each order was prepared within 10 minutes and served steaming and tasty. We were no slouches at the dessert table either. Out to the patio for a couple hours of digesting and we hit the sack early in preparation for Saturday's all-day qualifying.

We rose early Saturday morning to enjoy a huge breakfast before cruising over to Mosport, but were soon on the road for the track, arriving in time for the first practice session. During the early session, Irv decided he needed a close-up look at one of the walls near the finish line and was forced to return to the paddock with a quite crumpled left rear wing. The rest of Team Thicko was right on hand, however to pitch in and attempt repairs before qualifying. In the meantime, Irv was off to Toronto to pick up the new tires. While all this action was going on, we decided to take a spin around the camping area and the rest of the Mosport facility to check out some different vantage points. We stopped

and had a quick picnic, while watching several groups practice.

We then returned to the paddock area to check out the vendors on site and promptly spotted our old friends Kim & Mac from KDC. After an enthusiastic hello, we agreed to meet for dinner at an Irish pub we discovered close to the hotel. Upon describing the location to Kim, we learned that she used to live in the Oshawa area and knew exactly where to meet. We did do some vending (naturally) and Mike and I purchased a very nice new polo. Kim insisted on giving each one of us an extremely strange looking "Hawaiian" style shirt, covered with crabs and lobsters, which were purchased for an outdoor restaurant, so we insisted that we all - including Kim & Mac - wear our new cool shirts to dinner. Agreeing upon a meeting time, we returned to the paddock to check progress on the TR4 and were pleased to find that there was no damage to the fuel cell or other safety concerns.

The team had managed to get the car looking OK, too. Now the big question was whether it could pass tech and whether or not Irv returned with the new tires in time to get to the mounting facility. Finally, all was ready for the big day on Sunday, and we departed the track to get our Triumphs and our selves cleaned up and ready for things to come.

Our group met at the pub all decked out in our very strange shirts, and were an immediate hit with patrons and staff! We enjoyed a leisurely dinner and decided to adjourn to the hotel parking lot to continue our evening. Mindful of the fact that we would need liquid refreshments, Mike and Dave got directions to the closest beer facility and were off. In the meantime, Mac, Kim and I discussed the upcoming Battle of the Brits and how the preparations were going. KDC generously offered to donate a pair of leather jackets, embroidered with the Battle logo, for a charity raffle for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, and also 100 special edition BOTB caps to be sold with profits coming to the Club. Thank you Kim!! Dave & Mike soon returned to the pub sans any beer. It seems either the directions or the navigation to the store were faulty. Once again it was Mac & Kim to the rescue as they just

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Snyders Host Another Great Club Picnic and Pool Party

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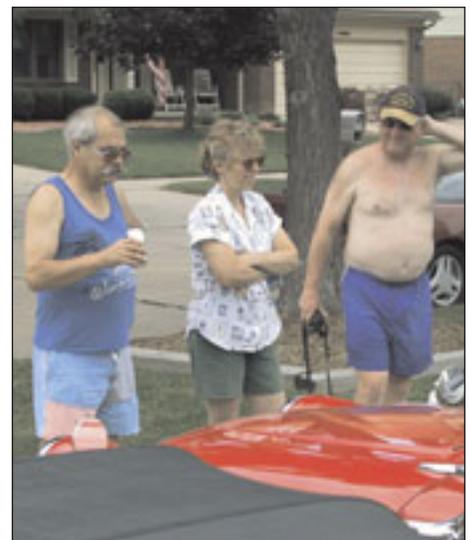
kept Aaron Meyer at bay in the deep end of the pool from the security of his almost impregnable water bunker. It was Jeff to the rescue however, as the "father & son" team were able to outflank the enemy and get in some good shots. Dave & I had a wonderful time watching the faces of passengers in cars that drove by as they "ooohed and aaahed" over our cars! Picnicers continued to arrive as Richard Truett pulled up in his cool gold TR8 and the Ehrhardt clan rolled in with the girls in hand (and in stroller.) Abby and Leah had us all smiling with their antics and they also had a great time in the pool with parents, Stu and Joan. As the afternoon wore on, some of the folks wore down and people began to depart. For others, however, the festivities continued. Mike "Telly" Simon and Richard Truett took off for a test ride in the TR8 - which Mike thoroughly enjoyed, so watch for a possible addition to the Simon stable some-time in the future. A few people had a second meal before leaving, and I really don't know where they put all that food!

By and by, members continued to take their leave and by 8:30, there were only a few partiers left. After solving all the world problems, this small gathering also ended as all said "adieu." By 11:30, the garage and yard were cleaned up and the Snyder cars back to their normal resting spots. Ah, another fun DTSC event in the books, and one we hope to continue for a while yet. I think everyone would agree that a good time was had by all, thanks to the contributions of the attending members, especially our favorite "rock of Gibraltar," Mike Bilyk.

Written by Sue Snyder



Aaron Meyer, left with just one squirt gun, prepares to battle Hermann Schaller.



VARAC Vintage Races Were Great Entertainment for DTSCers

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happened to have their cooler in the car, and so we were off for a small but lively parking lot party. We did manage to empty the cooler and soon - well, not really - we all said good night.

Up early for breakfast again on Sunday, we packed up and loaded TRs onto their trailers for the final trip out to Mosport. The sky looked a bit overcast, and possible thundershowers were predicted, but we didn't let that worry us as we arrived at the track and unloaded the Triumphs. We then proceeded to take our cars through the tunnel and over to the car show area where the Toronto Triumph Club was busy getting things ready for the very low-key event. Car classes were based upon age of cars, except for Triumphs, the featured marque. All the Triumphs were, however, in one big class. The show was open to any car older than 1980 and so there were a few huge American cars as well as a smattering of other European names. It was kind of interesting to see an MG Midget parked next to a Pontiac Bonneville! We had no sooner got our cars all arranged and opened up for spectators and found a good spot to watch the racing, when the rains hit. Dave & I were down in the paddock area when things started and thank Mike for Closing up the GT6. We had a rather heavy rain, but it lasted only a short time. Although the sky still looked pretty bad, we decided to take a chance with our chamois and soon had our cars again looking good. We then settled in to watch the races.

As with Saturday's qualifying, there were plenty of full-course yellows. We were rather surprised at the number of mis-haps and contact incidents during the various sessions. It almost seemed like the drivers were not paying attention and we couldn't figure out why there were so many accidents. This mystery was soon cleared up when we took a few parade laps during the lunch break. I was really surprised by the number of elevation changes and blind turns on the track. Sitting in the driver's seat, it was easy to see how so many cars went off course. Mosport looks like one very difficult track to drive at speed! On the other hand, this makes for some very exciting competition. After our laps, we were directed back onto the

show field to finish voting and check out all the cars. We found a most interesting Fial F-24 from the 50's group. The body was trimmed in very fine teak and presented a most interesting appearance. I was so intrigued by this car, it was my selection for best in Show. I wonder if it's easy to maintain a body you can polish with Lemon Pledge? Hmmmmmm...

A few sessions after the lunch break, our friend Irv and the rest of Team Thicko were scheduled to race and we decided we would watch the Group 2 race and then head out. After all the scrambling of the day before, Irv barely managed to qualify, and he was on brand new tires to boot, so he started in the last position and was forced to take it easy for a couple of laps in order to break in the new rubber. Irv had just managed to move up a few spots and was driving well, when the carbs decided to act up, forcing him into the pits and out of the race. What a bummer! We were disappointed, but I'm sure he was even more disappointed. Mike decided to run down to the paddock to see what the problem was while Dave & I waited to see if we might just get an award. We were not really expecting to place with close to 80 cars in the Triumph class and were pleased to receive a 2nd place award for the GT6. After the presentation, we joined Mike in the paddock and then decided to load up and exit Mosport as quickly as possible to avoid a jam up at the one opened gate.

Thanks to our friend, Tony Fox from the Toronto Club, we had a good bypass route around Toronto that would allow us to skip the hassle of the 401 construction. Of course, this route came with a price - a toll, that is - of what amount we are still waiting to learn. Whatever the cost, it was well worth it as we did not have to make any stops on the newly completed and completely automated 407. Another benefit of using the tollway was the most welcomed absence of any big trucks. That's right folks, not one single semi did we see all the way to the 401 west of the city. We'll be interested to see what the final toll is when we receive our invoice in the post! The rest of the return trip went pretty well until we hit some major thunderstorms between London and Sarnia. At one point, vivibility got so bad that many motorists were pulled of on the shoulder. We just

dropped speed and plunged on through. By the time we hit the Blue Water Bridge, skies had pretty well cleared. We did run into a 40 minute wait at customs. I guess Sunday evening is just not the time to come home. From now on, I think I'll stick to the ferry at Sombra. Home at last around 8:00 pm, we unloaded and unpacked and prepared to relax after a full weekend of racing excitement. I recommend Mosport to all who would like to see some thrills and really good vintage racing.

Written by Sue Snyder

Doug and Mark's "Light Starch" French Laundry Lunch Run

Sunday, August 17th

Okay, so it doesn't flow smoothly from the lips. Sort of a tongue twister. Doug and Patty and I have purified this run over the past few weeks on Sunday afternoons.

We'll meet at the 'Park and Ride' lot at the intersection of I-96 and Milford Road in Milford, exit 155. The lot is on the northwest corner. We'll plan to meet there about 1 p.m. and then drive through some scenic roads to Fenton.

The French Laundry, our lunch destination, is neither French nor a laundry. But they do make some outstanding sandwiches. And they have seating (albeit limited) inside and, weather permitting, outside under umbrella tables. We'll dine and kick tires and perhaps investigate some antique shops that are open nearby. Then when we're ready we'll hop in our LBCs and drive back ... on a different scenic route. Promises to be a fun afternoon.

A Tale of Mad Dogs, a Long Rally, and Beautiful English Cars

Our trip started at 9:00am departing from the Meijer's at 8 Mile and Haggerty on Saturday, July 5th. The drive to Kalamazoo was uneventful and we arrived just before noon. Several of us went to lunch after checking into the hotel. Then it was off to take part in the fun rally.

The show and rally is put on by the Kalamazoo-based British car club, Mad Dogs & Englishmen. Over the years the rally has been a fun reason to get there a day early. This year, a new rallymaster arranged for a rally that was a bit on the overly-challenging side. The instructions were by design a bit vague and without street names for navigation. Instead, the directions would read for example, "turn left at the second opportunity." We would count the streets we passed, turning left onto the second one. There were no street names anywhere in the instructions to assist you in making sure you were on course. This meant that if you discovered you may have made a wrong turn, there was no way to know where the error occurred. Whew!

On the bright side though, they had an ice cream stop at the halfway point in a county park. We did however, regroup with the Carlsons and the Zorns and decided to abandon the run and look for a pub in which to drown our rally sorrows. With no pub to be found, we ended up at the hotel where we just relaxed until the evening barbecue started. In fairness, a rally is a giant undertaking, and since this was the work of a new rallymaster, I suspect he'll make next year's rally simpler and much more fun.

The barbecue was fantastic and a nice way to end the day. A jazz quartet played in the background while folks met up with old friends and made new ones. The food was great, the sun was shining and we were among about 100 fellow British car enthusiasts. We all were looking for Hermann and Jeri Schaller at the barbecue. About an hour after the dinner began, in came the Schallers looking tired and haggard. Unlike the rest of us, the Schallers refused to be defeated by the rally and stuck it out to complete it after about six hours! They definitely get an 'A' for effort.

Washing our cars, looking over other British cars in the hotel parking lots and meeting more enthusiasts filled the balance of the evening. Since Morgan was the



Top: Twenty-four Morgans were on display at the Mad Dogs show. Middle: Don Ensley's Morgan. Bottom: A 1932 Morgan three-wheeled automobile.

featured marque of the show, there were many of them in the lot being prepped for Sunday's exhibition. What a beautiful assortment of Morgans; more than most of us had ever seen in one place. Finally, dusk turning to night, and with everyone growing tired, we headed off to our rooms.

We checked out of the hotel and were on the road for the site of the show, the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners at about 8:30am. I led the gang to the show, or maybe I should say I tried to lead the group. We made a u-turn and were finally rescued by another British car driver who happened upon our gang. He led the rest of the way. Entry was quick as most of us had pre-registered. We got settled in and after a bit of talk about which direction the sun would move in, chose a shade tree on

the grounds to set up our chairs under.

The weather was perfect, and by noon there were just under 400 cars on display on the museum grounds. The site was once a working farm and now has several restored barns filled with antique and special interest automobiles and memorabilia. A total of 24 Morgans were in attendance including Don Ensley's recently completed restoration. The gorgeous Morgans did a parade lap as the awards were being announced, giving everyone a chance to get a good look at them.

Just as we were getting ready to depart, Jack and Nancy Fuller showed up. The Fullers had a family reunion out of state, hopped an early flight back to Detroit's Metro Airport, jumped in their car, and drove to Hickory Corners with the goal of seeing the Morgans. There were still several around so Jack ran about to check out as many as he could.

Several of us opted to take the back roads back to Detroit and since the Shalls were the only ones from our group to complete the rally, we voted them the leaders for the trip home. Unfortunately, our Stag decided to act up by stalling repeatedly and being difficult to restart. We pulled into a sleepy town to try to diagnose the problem. Larry Tomaszycski discovered the primary problem; the carburetor pedestal was literally bouncing on the intake manifold because the stud that was supposed to hold the pedestal to the manifold was stripped. The result of this was that the car was running exceptionally lean and hot because so much air was being sucked into the manifold. After a few Band-Aid-type repairs, we made it back home by taking it easy on the backroads.

DTSC had a great turnout, what with 27 members and 18 cars making the trip. Sue Tomaszycski got lucky and snagged \$137 in the 50/50 raffle. In people's choice voting, Jeff and Jan Zorn's MGA took a third place. Second place awards went to Hermann and Jeri Schaller's TR6, Richard Koch's TR3A; and Blake and Lesley Discher's Stag. Firsts went to Richard Truett's TR8, Dave and Laurie Carlson's TR250, and Don Ensley's Morgan. All in all, the weekend was a great time and the setting for the show can't be beat. If you've never been to Mad Dogs, you should plan on making it out next year!

Written by Blake J. Discher

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Inter-Club Picnic To Erie Canal

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the 1800s when the canals were teeming with boats carrying freight and travelers from Toledo to Cincinnati. About halfway through the 45 minute ride, we got to experience moving through one of the original locks of the canal system. At this lock, we changed elevation by about 18 inches. During the canal's heyday, there were several hundred of these manually operated locks. We also stopped by a general store and toured the historic Isaac Ludwig Mill that functioned as both a saw mill and grist mill. The mill was totally water and steam powered.

Soon after completing our "adventure in time," we walked back to the picnic grove, where some of the guys again hit the horseshoe pits, where Dave Snyder & Mike Bilyk remained undefeated, while the rest just talked and enjoyed the afternoon. Some even had seconds from the dessert table. All too soon, however, it was time to head for home, so we packed up and said our good byes to our hosts. The DTSC cars hit the road, but soon split into two smaller groups – one for the freeway route and one for a more leisurely drive along the back roads. Our opinions of the event were all positive and hopefully this will be just the first of many joint ventures with the Lake Erie club. We thank them for a wonderful day and look forward to the "next" time.

Written by Sue Snyder

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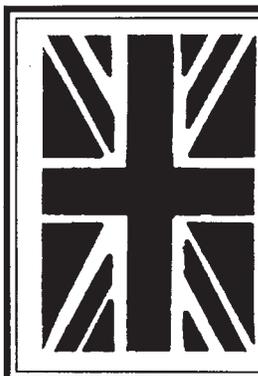
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