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Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club

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Looking Back: A Bit of TR History

Reflecting on 35 years of TR obsession

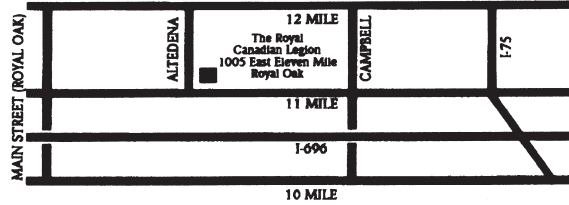
Editor's note: This essay was written by T.R. Householder, of Lancaster, Ohio, who adds in his cover letter, "I put this together some years ago, era 1998/99. It will give you an idea of the changes we lived through so far with our Triumphs." I thought it was fascinating the first time I read it and still do. I hope you enjoy it.

It has been forty-four years since the Triumph Sports Owners Association published their first newsletter aligning mysteriously with the numbers heralded by Triumph's historical race team, Group 44. T.S.O.A. reigned for 25 years and we are embarking on a summer of celebration marking the 25th Anniversaries of the Triumph Register of America and the Vintage Triumph Register. Car club activities trickled down since the early 1900s. In the teens the Automobile Racing Club of America found its start. Enthusiasts collectively got together under the banner of the Sports Car Club of America in 1944 in an effort to protect prewar American cars from going to the scrap heap. SCCA eventually became the stateside governing body of sports car racing. Triumph's final success at breaking into the sports car world in the early 50s can be attributed to their support of a phenomenon we know as the club newsletter.

One good thing that's come from being indoors this past winter is that I've found time to stay in the office and clean up piles of stuff that's accumulated over the last few years. For seven days I've been amidst a collection of 35 years of Triumph memorabilia, newsletters, parts and the sort. The realization that it's been over a quarter of a century of doing this TR obsession thing grabbed right at my throat!

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Above: Mike Simon's beautiful 1967 TR4A photographed last year at the Wolcott Mill during the photography workshop.



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An official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register

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Regular membership meetings of the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday 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.

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

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

MAY	2-5	Tour to 14th Blount British Car Gathering, Townsend, TN	Sue & Dave Snyder
	7, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	14, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	15, Wednesday	DTSC Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi	Dave & Laurie Carlson
	CANCELLED 18-19	DTSC Mystery Tour British Car Day at Easton Center, Cloumbus OH	Pat & Tamara Barber ***
JUNE	1, Saturday	Tour to British Car Day, London, Ontario	Sue & Dave Snyder
	2, Sunday	Lake Erie British Car Show, Ft. Meigs, Perrysburg, OH	Sue & Dave Snyder
	2, Sunday	Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, MI	Dick Arend
	4, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	8, Saturday	CEMA Car Show, Walter P. Chrysler Museum, Auburn Hills	Mike Simon
	9, Sunday	DTSC Brunch Run to the River Crab	Dave Murphy
	11, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	14-16	Sprint Vintage Grand Prix, Mid-Ohio Race Course	***
	15, Saturday	4th Annual Cruisin' Gratiot	***
	19, Wednesday	DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville	Dave & Laurie Carlson
30, Sunday	Larry's International Tour	Dave & Sue Tomaszycski	
JULY	2, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	6-7	Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Kalamazoo, MI	***
	9, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	15-21	Tour to VTR National (Convention Dates: July 16 - 19), Red Wing, MN	Mike Bilyk & Sue Snyder
	17, Wednesday	DTSC Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi	Dave & Laurie Carlson
28, Sunday	6th Annual DTSC Family Picnic & Pool Party St. Heights	Sue & Dave Snyder	
AUGUST	2-4	Meadowbrook Festival Weekend	***
	3, Saturday	Meadowbrook Historic Races BBQ, Waterford, MI	Roger Cotting
	4, Sunday	Larry's Island Beach Party! Harsen's Island	Larry & Sue Tomaszycski
	6, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	8-11	TRF Summer Party, Armagh, PA	***
	10, Saturday	WAMBO, Wallaceburg, Ontario	Bill Goin
	13, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	17, Saturday	8th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise Picnic	Jim & Sue Watch
21, Wednesday	DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville	Dave & Laurie Carlson	
SEPTEMBER	3, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	8, Sunday	19th Annual Battle of the Brits Freedom Hill County Park	Synders & Carlsons
	10, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	13-15	Tour to TTC British Car Day, Bronte Provincial Park, Ontario	Sue & Dave Snyder
	18, Wednesday	DTSC Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi	Dave & Laurie Carlson
OCTOBER	1, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	8, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	16, Wednesday	DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville	Dave & Laurie Carlson
	TBA	DTSC Fall Colour Tour	TBA
NOVEMBER	5, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	12, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	TBA	DTSC Day at the Races #3	Sue Snyder & Mike Bilyk
DECEMBER	3, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	10, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC



LET'S GET TECHNICAL

Car Tech That Is – At the May, 2002 Tech Session



Where:

The Sims'
515 Goldengate Avenue
Lake Orion, MI
248-814-8441

When:

Saturday, May 11, 2002
2:00pm

Why:

For tune up and drivability issues.
This will be an instructional session aimed at both the performance seekers and the Mums. The mechanical and non-mechanical are welcome.

Who:

For all DTSC members (or wannabes)
Presented by Andy Dixon, Brian Sims, John Uloth and
Terry Walters

As always, food and drink will be available. Remember to bring your check-book as Connie has VTR books for sale!

Take I-75 to the M-24 (Lapeer Road) north, about five miles to Goldengate Avenue (just past Clarkston Road) right, go through the stop sign, over Paint Creek and we are the first house on the left. (It's a dead end road.)

Looking Back at 35 Years of TR History, Pondering Future

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Amazing! Here we all are, the few that bought Triumphs new, the many who picked them up on their way to being down and out then drove them into the ground, and the masses that insisted on resurrecting them and preserving them for the future. It's been some forty-four years since the Triumph Sports Owners Association (T.S.O.A.) published the first factory-sponsored newsletter. It provided technical support and product updates for the new Triumph owner. T.S.O.A.'s format also reported regional club and race activities from all parts of the country and Triumph competition news from



around the world. T.S.O.A. was the link to the enthusiast from across the pond for over 25 years. The club networks are still alive and well. They are everywhere – all corners of the earth. And I'd be the first to believe that somewhere, some TR nut is doing research out in space trying to figure out how to get their favorite toy to go beyond the forces of gravity – a lot further than you get slipping on the oil coming out of the "S's" at the Mid-Ohio Race Course.

I've watched most of them form and grow. Club enthusiasm has proven itself the bond that perpetuated life for the TR eccentrics. The thrills and spills have taken us to places near and far where we have initiated new friendships and renewed old ones, its members passing to each new generation of enthusiasts the wherewithal to experience the glory of days gone by. It's not just been about educating someone as to the the difference between a "cute little car" and "an interesting piece of automotive engineering". Club associations have grown from day to day, month to month, national meeting to national meeting, with a

picnic, rally, marque day or race scattered in between. Everybody's questions got answered whether it was a mass outing coalition or the interested passer by who would say nice "____" as they stood there looking at 7-inch initials T.R. on your tee-shirt. We lived through the highs and lows of factory growth, union disputes and club organization.

Nonetheless, the energetic commitment of the owners enabled the TR series to march on through time. In 1955 the factory club began providing service to the new TR2 owners. T.S.O.A. evolved with the new products of the factory, constantly expanding the scope of their support. Enthusiastic early TR owners formed the TR Register in England in 1970 initially providing concentrated support to TR2 - 3B's. Then within five years their membership was opened to other marques. The Triumph Register of America was kindled in 1972 as a TR3 sports car club and aligned as TRA in 1974. Here the TR2 - 3B finds its most concentrated support. In recent years, TRA began trying to reconstruct the TR4s they had destroyed for parts cars in the beginning. (Both the TR Register and TRA recognized owners of TR4 and other drivetrain-similar cars as associate members.) The Vintage Triumph

Register formed in 1974. It seemed the initial interest was in providing support for prewar Triumphs, but VTR formally came out in support of Triumphs ten or more years old, which included the TR2 through TR4. When T.S.O.A. published their last newsletter in December of 1981, VTR accepted the torch from them to continue support for all the Triumph marques.



Specialty marque clubs continued to branch out: the Triumph Sports Six Club on the continent supporting the small cars such as the Spitfire, GT6, and Herald. In the States, in 1982, "6-Pack" geared up to support the fraternal order of TR6s. You could usually find a TR250 hanging out with these guys. Although the organization "4-Play" never was widespread, it still lives in the hearts of the adoring following of the Triumph TR4. T.S.O.A. spawned Triumph clubs all over the world. Even a quasi

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New TR Registry Seeking Submissions

Hello fellow DTSC members! Over the past several months, *The New TR Registry* (<http://www.trregistry.com>) has been under development. Corey Sherman of New York has done an excellent job by providing a "universal" public location for all Triumph TR enthusiasts to visit, register their cars and document history.

The Registry officially opened the TR6 section last month and since then, the TR4 & 5/250 sections have recently opened. If you own a TR4,5/250 or 6, please check out the registry. If you have not registered your car, seriously consider doing so. There is no charge and the tiny bit of personal info (name, state, country) will not be given out. No phone numbers or addresses are asked for.

Corey has been working hard to get the other models ready. The TR3 section will open in early May and the TR2 area will be ready later in May.

The TR Registry has some neat features including highlighting the oldest and newest cars of each model, indicating stolen or "for sale" cars, an official registration certificate that you can print, and more. The Registry is not affiliated with any club or organization. I encourage you to visit the TR Registry when you get a chance at <http://www.trregistry.com>.

Submitted by Mike Brinker

Enthusiasm for TR Marque Clubs Gains Year After Year

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club registry was initiated amidst all this. (Now *there's* something for somebody to do: list all the TR clubs that have been formed over the past forty-four years and, in addition, make a collage of all their badges. (This would take one whopper of a badge bar!)

All the Triumph marques have had some sort of individual support directed to them over the years. With these affiliations, enthusiasts and their TR's stumbled through parts supply lulls. (Some still! Try to find a Doretti grill or a windshield for an Italia.) Far and wide, the Triumph diehards would grab every want-ad and newsletter they could get their hands on, constantly searching for new and used parts. Airline people were bribed to smuggle in tax-free parts from abroad. People stood in line in a seller's back yard praying that the person in front of them didn't buy that parts car, then at the last minute someone would start a bidding war in order to get the prize. Now we get dozens of catalogs in the mail, and multiple vendors flock to the meets with more parts than you can shake a stick at. (I don't know about you people, but I'll draw the line on TR parts telemarketers.)

National meetings were few and far between in the early days. "Triumph Rally of Europe" was a group event initiated in 1957. These were not annual meetings, but were organized to give enthusiasts the excitement of buying their cars directly from the factory and driving them around Europe before bringing them home. This provided the inspiration for national meetings to come. Funny about the people thing: the group that went on that first rally reunited annually for over twenty years. Maybe they still do?

The internet. Wow! Well, sort of wow. The balderdash and the stupid questions are still being reiterated and those who don't know how to read a "TR" tee-shirt are making comments on things they know nothing about. Fortunately, club web pages abound and the parts and service areas are starting to expand. Anyone that completes a restoration and complains about how much trouble they experienced simply had their head somewhere other than under the hood of their car or at a computer monitor.



The cars! Oh what an effect camaraderie and competition had. At the start of the registry efforts, over half the cars in a show field were vying for "Diamond in the Rough" or UF-DUH awards. Given an opportunity to park their cars in rows to compete for multiple awards in all sorts of classes, the enthusiasts began striving to attain new heights for their Triumph

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cars. With the availability of concourse guideline manuals, quality of the cars took a jump beyond their original production specs. Nowadays, almost any one of the cars on the field you'd feel comfortable parking in front of your parents' house, or at least in front of the neighbors.

I've really enjoyed reflecting on my Triumph experiences over the past thirty-five years: I was a wide-eyed child who was given a ride in one in the beginning. I was a prosecutor presenting my case to Dad to buy my first one (my paper route money, his garage and wood-working shop); he and I rebuilt the engine in "Ole Blue" by bonfire in the barn while I was home on a weekend pass. During a blizzard, five friends and I piled into my Triumph, top up, side curtains in place and drove from Madison to Milwaukee so someone could visit his Mom to get her Rambler station wagon. I've driven down that long hill into Knoxville at a hundred and ten miles an hour, possessed with wanting know what she'd do, and therein forming an inseparable bond between man and TR. I went to sea for the first time, longing to get one more glimpse of my Triumph before cresting the horizon, then started thinking maybe when I came

back there would be a whole lot full of them there. I've reread the newsletters, reexperienced the laughter, fought the struggles and won the rallies all over again. I remembered the concourse fields filled with TRs. I stopped, called old friends and promised myself if the ice ever thaws I'll take a wide-eyed kid for a ride in my TR. It's the youth of today who are the new torch bearers of the TR marque we've toiled to preserve. It's tomorrow I want to preserve for the next thirty-five years.

The enthusiasm never stopped, but it sure is pumped up for this year. This goes out to all the enthusiasts, volunteers, owners, Triumph dealers, used car salesmen and is directed at everyone who even took a ride in one, wanted one, or just saw a picture of one; -- yes, even to the Detroit iron mechanic in the gas station on the corner that blurted out, "You want me to work on that furrin' thing?"

Get your TR out, convince a young friend to go along, and celebrate these twenty-five year anniversaries wherever you participate in activities this summer. Get together and tell "TR stories" and show the world that the *Triumph Glory Still Exists!*

Thanks to all of you, the old, the new, the not yet touched; and, take heart, you, the young. Pat your newsletter editor (and nowadays, your webmaster!) on the back. They've been the lifeblood of this success story. The memories are great and the future still holds excitement and mystery. We haven't found them all. Start your engines. Let's power shift into the new season!

Participation Points Summary

(As reported by Roger Cotting, through April member meeting. Review articles not included in totals. Submit points and questions to Roger.)

Anderson Mark	6	Flynn Bonnie	0	Mancuso Paulette	6	Smigelski Dale	15
Anderson Terri	3	Flynn Fred	3	Mancuso Steven	6	Snyder Dave	18
Barber Pat	17	Fuller Jack	6	Merrick Jess	3	Snyder Sue	19
Barber Tamara	14	Fuller Nancy	6	Meyer Jamye	9	Snyder Jamie	3
Bilyk Mike	19	Gietzen Norm	6	Meyer Jeff	12	Stevenson Elizabeth	6
Bush Geoffrey	3	Gietzen Janie	6	Meyer Aaron	3	Tomaszyci Sue	3
Calkins Steve	3	Goin Bill	18	Meyer Aaron	3	Tomaszyci Larry	14
Calkins Peggy	3	Goin Denise	6	Moody Ken	3	Truett Richard	11
Campana Dan	15	Grant Bill	3	Moore Carole	6	Uloth Carole	12
Carlson Dave	15	Grant Pat	3	Moore Jim	6	Uloth John	18
Carlson Laura	15	Holbrock Chris	3	Mynek Robert	3	Urbanski Janet	3
Chambers Bob	3	Holbrock Gris	3	Mynek Barbara	3	Verdejo Julian	4
Cook Doug	3	Jonker David	15	Nahass Matt	7	Walker Greg	6
Cotting Roger	18	Jonker Maureen	18	Nash June	3	Walker Glen	3
Dawe Paul	6	Kalbfeld Saul	3	Olsen Karen	3	Walters Terry	15
Day Lauri	3	Lambert Carol	3	Olsen Bob	6	Walters Laura	6
Derikx Julie	9	Lambert Charles	3	Pardonnet Judith	18	Watch Jim	19
Discher Blake	12	Larose Wayne	18	Pardonnet Ken	21	Watch Sue	19
Discher Lesley	12	Laskos Linda	9	Parks Grechen	18	Young Maureen	3
Dixon Andy	22	Lawton Allan	9	Reiner Allen	3	Young Bob	3
Ehrhardt Stu	6	Lawton Jean	3	Reinowski Dave	3	Zachel Kathy	3
Ehrhardt Joan	6	Lawton Jennifer	3	Rollinson Mark	3	Zorn Janet	11
Ehrhardt Hannah	3	Lawton Steve	3	Royal Matt	3	Zorn Jeff	15
Ensley Don	3	Lawton Patricia	3	Royal Michele	3	Arend Dick	3
Ensley Janet	3	Lesage Bob	9	Sheets Allen	18	Outland Rodger	3
Fader Hugh	3	Lesage Bob	3	Simon Mike	18	Gietzen Norman G	3
Flaherty Charles	6	MacKenzie Darcy	9	Simon Sharon	18	Gietzen Ethyl	3
Flaherty Norma	6	MacKenzie Fraser	9	Sims Connie	14		
Flaherty Fred	3	Mancusco Salvatore	3	Sims Brain	14		



D.T.S.C.

*The Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club
is pleased to present*



“Summer British Knights”

*A series of British-only Car Cruise-in Nights to be held on the
third Wednesday of each month through October, 2002. Evenings, from 6pm until
whenever we decide to leave.*

June, August & October:
BRAVO! Italian Restaurant
29047 Utica Road
Roseville, MI 48066
586-775-4500

May, July & September:
Local Color Brewing Company
42705 Grand River Avenue
Novi, MI 48375
248-349-2600

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

For more information contact Dave & Laurie Carlson: davida49@aol.com 248-426-0124,
or Dave & Sue Snyder: snydleydog@yahoo.com 586-979-4875.

New DTSC Travel Adventure in Planning Stage

Since the first trip was such a success, we have decided to plan the second adventure. We're hoping to spend eight wonderful days in Ireland, three days in England, and many onther supprises are in the works! We'd be travelling in February, 2003 and need a commitment from about 35 car enthusiasts interested in joining us.

No money is required at this time, we just want to get a feel for the level of interest. Of course, just like this year's trip, we are going to work hard to keep the costs down.

If interested, please contact Dave Carlson as soon as possible via email at davida49@aol.com or telephone at 248-426-0124.

Submitted by Dave and Laurie Carlson and Jan and Jeff Zorn

Letter To and Reply From 'Mad Dogs & Englishmen' Show Organizers Regarding Prizes for This Year

To whom it may concern:
Several members (about 8 I believe) of the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club made the trip out last year to Mad Dogs. You guys put on a great show in a fabulous setting. We were very disappointed however, when it came to announce the awards, that only one prize was given in each class. It was a large silver/pewter plate that looked expensive. Why not spread that prize budget around and at least have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class. I've always thought that the more people that walk away with prizes, the more word-of-mouth advertisers you have for your show. What are the plans for prizes this year? Sincerely, Blake J. Discher

Dear Blake,
Thanks for taking the time and effort to write your concerns, and issue your compliments too. We prefer hearing from people than to have them not return, silently. This year will please you, I'm sure. First, we are honoring 50 years of TRs by having TRIUMPH (all types) as our featured marque. We expect to have quite a large attendance of them. And, we learned that our really nice, but too few prizes last year, was not a good plan. Our apologies. Therefore, we are adding a few more classes (especially in Triumph and MG), and giving THREE awards for each class. I'm hoping the awards will all be interesting and "classy", as well. Our brochure will be mailed out in early May, so you can look forward to getting all the information. Perhaps we can interest you and many of your club to return for more fun July 6 and 7. We'll treat you well. Guaranteed.
Best regards
Gary Tallenger, President

DTSC "Most Driven Member Competition" Entry Form

Once again, members of the DTSC will be comparing how much they actually drive their British sports cars during the year. We encourage all members to drive their British cars and to register to enter the "Most Driven Member" competition. This is a friendly game to earn bragging rights for the Year-End Party and one that we hope will encourage all DTSC members to get out and drive their cars.

To enter the "Most Driven Member" competition, provide the following information:

DTSC Member _____ Navigator _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ E-mail address _____ Phone _____

British vehicles I wish to enter: (please include year, marque, model and color)

1. _____ April 1st odometer reading: _____
2. _____ April 1st odometer reading: _____
3. _____ April 1st odometer reading: _____
4. _____ April 1st odometer reading: _____

Email or give to: John Uloth, 4822 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, MI 48442. Phone: 248-634-7715, email: juloth@tir.com. You may also give the information to any club board member or officer.

My First Triumph: In 1995 Terry Walters Writes to Join Club

February 5, 1995

Mr. Bill Goin, President
Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club

Dear Bill:

I am a member of The Vintage Triumph Register and read about your local chapter in the latest edition of their magazine. I am interested in joining a local club and request any membership or other information that you might send me.

As a little background, I am a first time British car owner and purchased a 1971 TR6 a little over a year ago. The plan was to purchase a fairly affordable and somewhat unique convertible that a 16 year old teenage girl could drive (and occasionally the dad too) and turn a few heads. It needed some brake work (the wheel cylinders were shot), the universals all needed replacement (goes without saying) and closer inspection and diagnosis indicated that two of the differential mounts had cracked at the frame causing a clunking sound that I originally thought was only universal noise!

The good news is that the car originally was a Texas car, seemingly with very few miles since coming to Michigan. It had a good frame, floor pans, original spare never on the ground, and lots of original parts (including green hoses). All the numbers on the chassis, engine, transmission, differential, carburetors, etc. are what they're supposed to be. A fast brake job, a tune-up and a few cosmetic odds and ends have instead turned into a complete chemical stripping of the body, new paint job (in progress), numerous mechanical replacements/upgrades including new springs, shocks, brakes, etc., new carpet, interior and dash trim, and many, many other things! It will still be driven by daughter and dad fairly routinely (except in winter) but I expect that it will still measure-up well when taken to a show or club event.

I have become a real garage Triumph fan during the restoration and repair of my TR6. I am looking forward to being a Triumph fan on the street and hearing from you about your club.

Sincerely,

Terrence (Terry) Walters



By August of 1996 the restoration was finished. This is Heather Walters and her dad Terry standing beside the completed 1971 TR6 just after The Roadster Factory's Summer Party. If you haven't seen the car, it's a beauty!

“The plan was to purchase a fairly affordable convertible a 16 year-old girl could drive.”

Have an interesting story about how you came to love little British cars? Please share it with your fellow club members! Send it to review@detroittriumph.org along with a photo.



In 1994, Heather holds up the tachometer from the “restoration project.”

12th Annual DTSC
Brunch Run to the River Crab



Has the occasional warm day got you thinking about taking your sportscar for a drive in the country?

How does joining other enthusiasts cruising along winding roads as waterfront scenery rolls by enroute to a smorgasboard brunch accompanied by a live Dixie Land jazz band sound?

SOUND APPETIZING?

Then join me, Dave Murphy, in my Java Green TR6, on an enchanting drive along the Detroit River, Lake St Claire and the St. Claire River to:

The River Crab Restaurant
(north of St Claire Michigan)
Sunday 9th June, 2002

Meet me in the parking lot of either the Drury Inn
at I-75 and Big Beaver in Troy for a 9:00 a.m. departure

- or -

The parking lot one business east of the Big Boy Restaurant at I-94
and M-29 (23 Mile Road) for a 9:45 a.m. exit!

Last year, we had a parade of 27 cars carrying 58 people. There were TR-3s, Spitfires, a GT-6, TR-6s, TR-4s, at least one TR-4A, an MG-A, an MGB, a Sterling, a Jag XKE V12, a Jag XJ-6, a Jensen-Healey, an Austin-Healey, two Minis, a Morgan and even a Triumph motorcycle!

Brunch is at 11:30 a.m. and I've already made reservations for you.

Caption Contest!

This photograph of Dave Jonker first appeared last month accompanied by an invitation show off your wit by writing an appropriate caption. Here's a sampling of your submissions.



"Tired of always being the last person served, Dave takes matters into his own hands in the kitchen..."

"Dave checks the temperature in the English-style hot tub."

"This would be great for cleaning parts!"

"Thank goodness those Brits really know how to feed me."

"Wow, a meal I can share."

"I think I am gonna be sick."

April 2nd Board Meeting Summary

Attendance: Tamara Barber, Pat Barber, Blake Discher, Ken Pardonnott, Mike Simon, Dave Snyder, Sue Snyder, Larry Tomaszycski, John Uloth, Jim Watch, Sue Watch

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. Driving season is here and our activities are starting.

Committee Reports:

Participation Points: No report from Roger Cotting. Tally dates are May, July, September, November.

Membership: Dave Jonker sent a report showing 126 paid members. We expect 150 by the Battle of the Brits.

Mileage: Mr. Uloth will have tally forms for the mileage points at the April meeting. This program will also be mentioned in the review.

Web site: Mr. Barber mentioned that he was having some computer problems but all is well now. He will be updating the site as needed.

Recent Activities:

March 8: We had a great turnout at the Fish Fry. Approximately 52 people attended.

England trip: A fantastic adventure. The Carlson's will report at the member meeting.

Upcoming Activities: Information elsewhere in this issue.

Old and New Business:

- Mr. Tomaszycski was in charge of the March meeting. He reports that all went well. A new member signed up, Richard, and he has volunteered to be the TR6 vehicle consultant.
- We are still working on the Tony Award.
- Discussed the pre-meeting kicking tires session prior to each member meeting beginning at 7:00pm.
- Membership survey needs a little tweaking. Mr. Barber is still working on it. Discussion held as to anonymity needed for accurate answers.
- Mr. Barber mentioned that he sent information to the VTR to list him as the contact person.
- Mr. Barber asked if board could get a detailed treasurer's report. Requested that Dave Carlson be asked to provide this with expenses categorized.
- Mr. Barber suggested that we have a garage crawl since we had no tech sessions scheduled. This could be an all-day event going to different homes of our members.
- It was suggested that if we are short of content for the Review, Mr. Discher might check to see if the Automotive Archives at the Detroit Public Library would be a good source for story ideas.
- Mr. Discher reminded everyone to get him your "My First Triumph" article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tamara Barber, Secretary

For Sale and Wanted

Used Triumph and MG parts: TR3A: chrome and painted windshield posts \$15 pair. TR4: short block (liners & pistons out, go with) \$35. TR6: short block (no cam, early) \$30; gas caps \$5; twin inlet muffler (exc) \$30; grille \$10; grille emblem \$5; R/H rear light set chrome \$25; rear 1/4 bumper and ceterpiece (rechromable) \$15; wheel dishes (four) \$5 each; ash tray \$4; alternator (polished, tested OK) \$45; dashboard (restorable) \$25; clutch fork & pin \$10; front turn signal lenses \$15 pair. **MGB:** (two) doors good pull out handles \$30 each. **Misc:** various gauges \$5 each; octagonal wire wheel lug wrenches \$10 each. Other misc TR and MG parts available. Peter Vandervord. 586-463-6773 (h) or 586-360-9072 (m) (5/02)

English Car Magazines: "Thoroughbred & Classic Cars" (41) editions dating 1994 - 1998. \$1 each sold as one lot. "Classic Cars" (70) editions dating 1987 - 1997, \$1 each sold as one lot. Peter Vandervord. 586-463-6773 (h) or 586-360-9072 (m) (5/02)

1953 MGTD: Chocolate met. tan int. Professionally rebuilt gearbox, clutch and thrust bearing, resleeved master brake cyl., new carpets, heater. Good motor, aluminum coffin tappet and valve covers. Body, paint, chrome, interior and tires excellent. Period Lucas spotlights. Older restoration, stored since '87. \$15,900 or best. Peter Vandervord. 586-463-6773 (h) or 586-360-9072 (m) (5/02)

Triumph TR 2-8, Spitfire, GT6, Stag, Herald, Vitesse & TR10 PARTS. Call Ed at 248-828-8243 or email needs to trispare@aol.com (04/02)

Restoring my 1967 TR6, original owner. What I need are all four fenders, rear valance, head light buckets, trunk lid, splash pans, front valance. Call Ken Moody at 734-676-1098. Email kmoody27@comcast.net (04/02)

For sale: Factory steel hardtop for Triumph TR6. Comes with new headliner and most of the fitting hardware. No rust. One minor ding. Russet Brown. Overall good condition, \$900 OBO. **1982 TR7 engine,** one of the last ever built. 50,000 miles, runs great, no leaks, no smoke. Hear it run before I pull it, \$499. Call Richard 248-336-0472. (04/02)

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