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Waiting for Warmer Weather

(Or someone with a snow shovel!)

Next Newsletter: Mid-April to allow reporting on results of Spring start-up meeting.

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Membership Info:

New England Triumphs membership dues are \$20.00 per year running from January 1st to December 31st. They cover expenses such as website hosting, newsletter production and mailing costs, and special notices as well as to supplement some event costs.

New England Triumphs is an official chapter of:

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) was founded to promote historic research, encourage sensible and accurate preservation of Triumph automobiles, maximize the enjoyment to be had from driving a Triumph and emphasize camaraderie and social interaction among Triumph owners. VTR welcomes all Triumph automobiles. Membership to VTR is \$30.00 USA and includes 4 issues of "The Vintage Triumph" magazine and newsletter. Check their website (www.vtr.org) for membership information.

The Triumph Register of America (TRA) is the only national U.S. organization devoted to the TR2-4A series. TRA was established to aid TR2-4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic cars. For membership information check their website (www.triumphregister.com).

Business Members:

The Widow Fletcher's Tavern
401 Lafayette Road
Hampton NH 03842
603-929-8800

Past NET Member and friend Parker Ryan invites you to visit Widow Fletcher's Tavern, "**a Classic Tavern**".

Submissions:

All submissions except classifieds should go to the Editor; classifieds should go to the classified department as shown above. The deadline to submit items for this newsletter is the 21st of each month for the next month's issue. We encourage every member to submit anything they feel might be of interest to club members. We will do our best to include all contributions within the limits of space, time, interest, and our abilities. All originals can be returned upon request, but a stamped, return envelope would be appreciated. We do hope that whatever you submit will be legible, but if we can read it, we'll fancy it up for you. If you have supporting photos, please submit them. Prints are best, but we'll do our best with anything. If you want to submit something electronically, we can accept submissions via e-mail to artd_net@verizon.net. Plain text files are best, but we'll try anything once. If you would like to reproduce anything in this newsletter for another publication, please contact the Editor. We ask only that you credit the author and this newsletter as the source.



2009 Calendar of Events

(Spring Start-up Meeting
Planning Version)

The following are events which New England Triumphs members plan to discuss, add and/or subtract at its Spring start-up meeting to be held on March 29th at Widow Fletcher’s Tavern, Hampton, NH. (See next page for meeting specifics and travel directions.)

NET Events:

NET Invades the Walter Mitty (Road Atlanta, GA) **April 19 – May 4**
(Contact Bob Lang for more info on this one)

Cape Ann Tour (Looking for a repeat.).....**May/June ?**

North Shore Tour (Looking for a repeat.)..... **June ?**

19th Day of Triumph at the Larz Anderson Museum in Brookline, MA.....**July 26**
(This is a fixed event date.)

NET Lobstah Tour..... **Sept. 13**
(Tentatively reserved date, note this is a Sunday.)

Foliage Tour in Central MA **Oct. 4**
(Penciled in date)

Other Non-NET of Interest

Jag Club (Jags of New England) **Slalom** **April 19**
(NET usually has a few members at JANE events.)

TRF Summer Party **August 7 & 8**

British Invasion, Stowe, VT **Sept. 18 - 20**

BCNH Show of Dreams **Date yet to be found**

VTR 2010 (Yes, 2010) **Jekyll Island, GA** **Oct X, 2010**
(Long range plan which would make a fun end of year event for NET-ers in 2010.)

You're Invited!!!!

What: NET's 2009 Annual Spring Start-up Meeting

Where: Widow Fletcher's Tavern
401 Lafayette Rd. (U.S. Route 1)
Hampton, NH

When: Sunday, March 29th

Agenda: 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch/Social
1:00 pm to ???? – Business Meeting

What to bring: Lots of ideas, enthusiasm, a willingness to volunteer, and a hearty appetite and moderate thirst.

Discussion Points: Listed at Calendar of Events on page 3 are tentative events for the coming year and the Club welcomes any additional ideas! However, first-off we need to discuss the Club's need to select a new **Director**. Additionally, members are welcome to step forward and volunteer to take over positions that have been covered by the same people for several years. Note: it is not necessary to be in attendance to volunteer. The Club accepts mail-ins.

Directions to Widow Fletcher's Tavern:

Coming from the south: Take I-95 north to Hampton, NH, Exit 2 and follow directions provided below from Hampton Exit.

Coming from the north: Take I-95 south to Hampton, NH, Exit 2 and follow directions provided below from Hampton Exit.

From Hampton Exit (Rte 101, Exeter/Hampton):

Immediately after going through tollbooth you will come to a fork. Take left branch to Rte 101 east to Hampton/Hampton Beach.

Once on Rte 101, stay on right and take first exit to Rte 27 Exeter/Hampton (approx ½ mile after getting on Rte 101).

Exit ramp loops around to the right. At the top of the hill (T-intersection) take a right towards Hampton. This is Rte 27.

Take Rte 27 to set of traffic lights (Hampton Center/Rte 1), approx 1 and ½ miles. Take a right (south) on to Rte 1 (Lafayette Rd).

Widow Fletcher's Tavern is down Rte 1 approximately a ¼ mile on the left.

AH 100M, TR4A, XKE REBUILD CD AVAILABLE

By Jack Nixon

Many of you will remember Peter Davis and his daily driver, a 4A Surrey Top, who was an NET member from the '80s until moving to NJ and finally to retirement in eastern Tennessee. Peter had a devastating fire in his basement caused by a 100w bulb inspection light igniting gas vapor from one of the vehicles - Peter escaped, the house remained intact, but the 4A and the beautifully restored 100M sustained major damage.

Peter cautions that ONLY fluorescent tube trouble lights be used to avoid this danger. There are also wireless, rechargeable LED trouble lights that are equally as safe and less awkward, but they emit less light.

After extensive cleanup and purchase of an array of tools all of us would be envious of, Peter began the second frame-ups for the Triumph and the Healey, which are the subject of close to a 2 hr CD of progress to this point. Peter is a top-notch mechanic and body craftsman, and his typical British wit and candor are a plus. In the interim, he purchased an XKE coupe with major unforeseen maladies (typical of Jaguars) which are also featured on the CD. As a bonus, there is an additional CD of 2006 Goodwood Revival meetings in GB featuring vintage British sports cars in action.

I have these most entertaining and instructional CDs which I'll be glad to loan out to any members interested. Please contact me at jandjnix@aol.com and I'll do so on a first come, first served basis. An additional CD or CDs are promised in due course.

POSITION FILLED

Newsletter Distribution Coordinator

Don Jenkins of Litchfield, Maine has come forward and offered to take on the task of Newsletter distribution. Don is a welcome addition to the list of NET club officers willing to support our membership. He brings to the table some new ideas to streamline the distribution process.

Thank you, Don

NET WEB SITE

Recently, anybody who may have tried to access the NET Website has found the site to be "down". We, or more specifically Greg Elevich our Webmaster, is in the process of moving our hosting services to VTR. We had talked about doing this in the recent past, but since our current host service just let us know that the business is for sale, it became time to finally move forward with the switch to VTR. When more specific information regarding the new web site, addresses, passwords, e-mail list, etc becomes available we will pass it on.

**REMINDER
2009 Membership Renewal is Due**

All you need to do is send your dues payment to Rick Trowel using the Membership Renewal form that was included in your February Newsletter.