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New England Triumph's new Co-Directors; Stan Foster on the left and Tom Walling on the right. The outgoing Director, Matt Hogan, in the center.

**LAST CALL
2009 Membership Renewals are
Past Due**

If you have forgotten, all you need to do is send your dues payment to Rick Trowel. See Club Officer listing on page 2 for Rick's contact information.

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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:

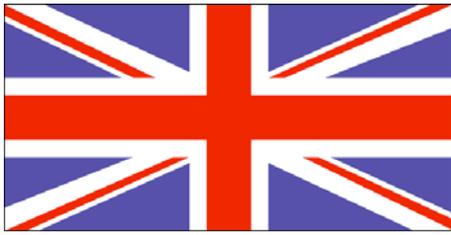
The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) was founded to promote historic research, encourage sensible and accurate preservation of Triumph automobiles, maximize the enjoyment to be had from driving a Triumph and emphasize camaraderie and social interaction among Triumph owners. VTR welcomes all Triumph automobiles. 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:

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

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 (Details in this Newsletter, see Pg 5).....**May 16 (rain date May 17)**

South Shore Tour (Details to be in next Newsletter)..... **Late June**

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

NET Lobstah Tour (Still in planning stages, but save the date)..... **Sept. 13**

Foliage Tour in Central MA (Details to follow in future Newsletter issues)..... **Oct. 4**

Non-NET Events of Interest

Spring Thaw Tech Day, May 9th, 10 am – 2 pm, at Brit Bits, Rye NH

British by the Sea, June 7th, Harkness Memorial Park, Waterford, CT. Sponsored by the CT MG Club.

European Union Show, June 14th, Heritage Museum, Sandwich MA.

TRF Summer Party, August 7 & 8.

BCNH Show of Dreams, August 8 & 9, at the ‘Nick’, Wolfeboro, NH. Sponsored by BCNH.

CTR 29th Motorcar Gathering, Sept 13th, Wickham Park, Manchester, CT. Sponsored by Connecticut Triumph Register.

British Car Triathlon VIII, August 28 -30, Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, Hancock, MA. (info at www.britishmarque.com/britishmarque/triathlon.cfm)

British Invasion, Sept 18 -20, Stowe, VT

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

START UP MEETING MINUTES

On Sunday, March 29th New England Triumphs held their annual Start Up Meeting at the 401 Tavern (formerly Widow Fletcher's Tavern) in Hampton, NH. Nearly 30 members showed up to have lunch, lift a pint and share their ideas for the upcoming year. The typically British weather (cold/rainy) kept the Triumphs at home but didn't dampen the enthusiasm.

Out-going Director Matt Hogan kicked off the meeting by addressing the subject of Club Officers. Matt has served as Director for the past 3 years and indicated at the End of Year Party in January that he intended to step down. When he asked if there were any nominations from the present members, a ground swell of support for Stan Foster arose. In somewhat typical NET fashion, a movement began to coerce a "volunteer" into an officer's position! Stan, being the good sport that he is, finally relented but let it be known that he might not be able to make the full commitment to NET with his busy work schedule. It was at this point that the idea of having Co-Directors came up and with current Assistant Director Tom Walling agreeing to share the duties with Stan, the idea was put to a vote and passed unanimously. Congratulations Stan, we know you'll do a great job. With the remainder of current club officers agreeing to continue through 2009 the NET leadership was set for another year.

Next up was a group discussion of NET events for 2009. The two mainstays on the calendar, Day of Triumph and The Lobster Tour, are still on but both will have a special component added for this year. Day of Triumph will have John Macartney as a special guest. As many of you know, John is coming over from England to drive a restored Stag across the US to raise money for charity. We are delighted to have John and his Stag join us for Day of Triumph. We will be working out details on how club members can join him in his quest the raise money for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Stay tuned for details.

The Lobster Tour will also be a special event this year. 2009 marks the 10th anniversary of NET hosting the VTR National Convention in Portland. So to help commemorate the event, Tom Walling is putting together a trip to Peak's Island for the lobster dinner as was done during the 1999 VTR National. Those who were there know, this is a great trip via a ferry out to the island for lobster. It will require some planning and will cost more per person than prior Lobster Tours but Tom is hoping NET can raise some additional funds, possibly through a rally, to help defray the costs. With those two events on the calendar, attention turned back to the next few months. John Bove, current "Tremendously Impressive Triumph Award" holder for his excellent Mayflower, agreed to hold a Tech Session/Tire Kicking Event at his shop in Hampstead, NH in April. Alex then volunteered to hold a Cape Ann Tour in May as he has for the past few years and Frank Frett stepped up to hold a South Shore Tour in June. Not to be out done, Bob Lang will once again run a Foliage Tour in Central Mass during the beginning of October. Matt then thanked all of his fellow club officers for their support over the years. Tom Walling and the rest of the members thanked Matt for all he has done for NET during his tenure as Director and the meeting was adjourned. So plans are firmly in place (by NET standards!) for another years' worth of events. Watch the newsletter event calendar for details so you don't miss a thing and can plan ahead. Also keep an eye out for information on the new NET website. Greg Elevich has been working diligently with VTR and promises to get us back up on the web as soon as possible. If you haven't done so already, wake your Triumph from it's winter's slumber and get ready for a terrific 2009!

(These meeting minutes were prepared by Matt Hogan as his last Director's action. Thank you Matt for your service to NET – Ed)

CAPE ANN TOUR INFORMATION

At the March 29th spring start-up meeting, Alex Delis volunteered to sponsor a re-do of his Cape Ann Tour. It will take place on Saturday, May 16 at 12:30 (rain date Sunday May 17th). Alex plans on meeting at the Friendly's restaurant parking lot on Grant's Circle, right over the bridge on Route 128 in Gloucester. Alex will lead a tour of Cape Ann back roads and then we'll stop for some food and drink.

If you have any questions, Alex can be reached at 978.281.5780 or 978.828.0071 (try both- since his mobile phone does not work at house).

Alex hopes to have a great turnout, great weather and a great time!

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.



Another way to get your Triumph up car ramps, this provides a little bit more control than trying to drive up a ramp.

NET gives a warm welcome to new members

Tom and Carol Mulligan, Strafford NH
Car Type: TR3