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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).

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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

- Cape Ann Tour**Done for '09
- South Shore Tour** Now in the Rear View Mirror
- 19th Day of Triumph at the Larz Anderson Museum in Brookline, MA**.....A Good Day
- NET Lobstah Tour** (New twist on this great event, save the date)..... **Sept. 13**
- Foliage Tour in Central MA** (Details to follow in future Newsletter issues)..... **Oct. 4**

Non-NET Events of Interest

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**.)

2009 Day of Triumph

BY Matt Hogan



Ed Note: Additional photos of 2009 Day of Triumph will be included in the September Newsletter.

In spite of early morning rain and the threat of afternoon thunderstorms, a very respectable 59 Triumphs turn out for this year's 19th Annual Day of Triumph. It was held as usual on the lawn of The Lars Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA.

There was a good mix of models that even included a Triumph powered Amphicar just in case the heavy rain materialized (which thankfully it never did)! We also had a very special guest. John Macartney arrived mid-morning in his beautifully restored Stag. The Day of Triumph show was a scheduled stop on his Triumph Trans-America Drive to raise awareness and money for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed John's company and his impressive Stag nicknamed "Uncle Jack". Our raffle raised over \$300 with the proceeds going to John's PTSD charity. Thank you to all who donated to the raffle table and purchased tickets. Also a special thank you to the following volunteers who helped make this year's show a success; Colin Davis, Jane Nixon, Ned and Ellen Sparrow, and Doreen Georgio.

Hope to see you all at next year's big **20th Anniversary** Day of Triumph!

Participant's Choice Ballot Results

TR2 none entered

TR3

1st Jane Nixon '60 TR3A
2nd Bob Morneau '61 TR3B
3rd Dennis Morrison '60 TR3A

TR4

1st Rick Aust '66 TR4A
2nd Steve Mackay '66 TR4A
3rd Tim Cason TR4A

TR250

1st Steve Lindquist '68 TR250
2nd Mark Alexander '68 TR250

TR6 - Early

1st Chuck & Doreen Georgio '73 TR6
2nd Darcy Hunter '73 TR6
3rd Russ Malloy '73 TR6

TR6 - Late

1st Scott Rassouljian '75 TR6
2nd Steve Howitt '74 TR6
3rd Adam Karos '76 TR6

TR7

1st Ellen Sparrow '77 TR7
2nd Randy Look '80 TR7
3rd Erik Nygard '80 TR7

TR8

1st Anthony & Sandra Cerbone '80 TR8

Spitfire - Early

1st Don Weldon '66 Spitfire

Spitfire -Late

1st Bryan Russell '73 Spitfire

GT6

1st Colin Davis '70 GT6
2nd Tim Hutchison '70 GT6
3rd Hector Agostini '72 GT6

Stag

1st Henry Frye '72 Stag
2nd Jim Willett '71 Stag

Modified

1st Bob Lang '73 TR6 "Kartu"
2nd Graham Briggs '80 TR7 V8
3rd Bob Totten 64 LeMans Spitfire

Special Interest

1st Geoff Dupont '71 TVR
2nd Charles Gould Amphicar

Best In Show

Bob Morneau '61 TR3B

NET Coastal Tour With John Macartney, July 24 2009

BY Stan Foster

A 40 mph nor easter and torrential rain doesn't sound like great Triumph weather but we needed to get John Macartney further south than his temporary home with Tom and Wendy in Maine and into his next temporary home with Tom and Carol Mulligan ready for attending Day of Triumph on July 26.

You may recall that John is touring the US and Canada to raise money for several charities and his transportation is a full restored 1973 Triumph Stag (christened "Uncle Jack") which looks absolutely fabulous inside and out. (Photo below)



So nor easter or not, the tour was ON and we met as scheduled at the Stonewall Kitchen in York, ME and ventured forth into the mist heading for Kennebunk. It was raining so hard and was so windy that we did not linger there but instead headed south for a very pleasant lunch overlooking the ocean before making our way to Rye, NH where we had arranged to visit the folk at BritBits. I was expecting a brief social call just to say hi, but instead we were given a guided tour of the vast workshops and of all the cars currently in for work and several that were for sale. Norman Michaels of BritBits was very gracious in allowing us to take up so much of his time and we tried to reciprocate with John explaining the origins of some of the Triumph engines and telling some great stories from the factory and Bob Lang and I helped out with some Weber DCOE info.



Photo above: John Macartney (red T-Shirt, second from left), Norman Michaels, BritBits (dark blue shirt, center), Bob Lang (front right) and a couple of customers.

BritBits has a large collection of British cars in various condition including the Ford Zephyr and Landy that we can see in the background of photo above and a “barn find” MGA in the foreground.

Bob Lang and I were immediately taken by this little gadget (photo below), an engine testing rig. The system is fully adjustable and has the infrastructure for fuel, ignition, cooling, primitive exhaust, cranking alone (eg to build oil pressure) or cranking to start etc. Really handy thing to have as being able to test the motor *before* you put it back in the car can save a lot of blood sweat and tears as a few of us have found out the hard way.

I see another winter project idea forming.. BritBits not only has a great facility for repairing and restoring our favorite cars but also has some interesting diagnostic equipment like a genuine Lucas distributor test and calibration machine and wheel balancer that has been adapted for proper splined hubs so that wire wheels can be balanced more accurately. BritBits is well worth a visit if you are in the area or need help with your car. www.britbits.com



After leaving Britbits we headed south on the coastal roads and stopped occasionally to watch the ocean and the many people surfing.



Close to Hampton we headed our separate ways home after a really fun day despite the weather and we achieved our goal of moving John further south and exposing him to some of New England's finest coastal driving.



The Lobster Tour is Near!

The 2009 NET Lobster Tour is getting closer. It will be held on September 13 this year, and will be a little different from past Lobster Tours. The reason for this is that we want to celebrate and remember the 1999 VTR National Convention that we hosted ten years ago.

The first change is that the tour will occur on a Sunday instead of Saturday. This means that you will have to a little more planning to make sure you have plenty of time to get back home after the event is over. If you decide to spend the night in Portland, there are several good choices for you to consider such as the Holiday Inn (800 315 2621) or the less expensive Clarion (207 774 5611) or the very convenient Hilton Garden Inn (207 780 0780).

Another change is that we will be going to Peaks Island by ferry for our meal. There is

plenty of parking in the Casco Bay Lines indoor parking lot, and the ferry will leave at 3:15 for Peaks Island. The cost is \$7.70 for adults and \$3.85 for children and seniors. And just like ten years ago, the Lions Club will be providing the food (lobster, steak or vegetarian). You can even order a "twofer" lobster dinner for a little more. We haven't calculated the cost yet, but the club may help pay for part of it.

The driving route will differ from the tours of the past, but we will gather again at the Stonewall Kitchen Store in York, ME – right off of Exit 7 on the Maine Turnpike (I-95). This year's route will take us along the shore and into some of the town centers that we have not seen before.

So start making your plans, saving-up your pocket change and getting your Triumph in shape for a Lobster Tour that folks will be talking about for a long time after it's done.