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**NET had 9 cars in the Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day Parade in Boston, including Frank's**  
The above photo was shown on the Universal Hub Website with the caption of "This guy loving driving his old Triumph down Hanover Street with the top down." Stan Foster added "at least he only called the car old"

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*Membership Info:*

New England Triumphs membership dues are \$20.00 per year running from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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](http://www.triumphregister.com)).

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*Business Members:*

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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](mailto: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** .....It's in the record books
- Foliage Tour in Central MA** .....The leaves have fallen on this one
- End of Year Party**.....January 9, 2010

## Pre-Planning for NET 2010 Events

**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**.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Adam & Mariah Shrey	Hudson, NH
Garry & Meryl Hampton	Lexington, MA
Karl Kussin	Concord MA
Bjoern Schwer	Brookline MA
David Roberts	East Otis, MA
James Maxon	Bedford, MA
Edward Morrissette	Franklin, MA
Rick tuttle	Warren, MA

Hope to see all of you at upcoming NET Events

## Coming soon – The NET Cardboard Concours Competition

Planning for the NET End Of Year party is still in the early stages but this year we will be holding a Cardboard Concours competition. In this edition of the NET Newsletter you



should find the template for a cut out model of a TR3. We invite you to take out your X-Acto knife and scissors, your crayons, highlighters etc and engage the left side of your brain and have some fun creating your cardboard TR3. You can make your car any color you want, decorate it as you prefer, use any theme. Then bring it to the end of year party and enter it in the Cardboard Concours competition. Just like a regular concours, a team of experts will judge the cars, award points and determine which cars will win the Coveted

Cardboard Concours trophy for Best In Show.

Just detach the template from the newsletter and think about a theme and color scheme. Use your imagination, perhaps download and print the template onto plain paper to practice with then commit your masterpiece to card.

Details of the end of year party date and location will be included in a future newsletter.

**The following are Stan Foster's (edited for brevity) notes on from the NET Officers meeting, held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Redhook Brewery, Portsmouth NH**

Hi everyone, thanks for attending our planning meeting. Not the best venue with high ambient noise even on a good day and the Halloween and band, as expected, put an end to any hopes of discussion after 8:00pm. So much for getting a table on the other side of the room from the band..

It was great to see everyone however, I hope at least the beer and the food was acceptable and we did manage to get through many items on the agenda.

I hope I have captured everything in my notes below, let me know of any omissions.

Stan

### **New NET web site review and future plans including members only area**

The web site testing seems to have gone well with nobody so far experiencing rendering or navigation issues so we will plan on archiving the existing web site and moving the new web site into production in the next

few days. We discussed the members only section and we will try and not rely on a Members Only section to hide material that may benefit the club more by being freely accessible (including pdf versions of the newsletters). After some discussion there was support for maintaining the Member and Member Cars section as a secured area as that is useful for helping people identify their fellow club members and there may be some sensitivity to that being publicly visible.

We will transition that current page to the new web site and launch a campaign in 2010 to update the content and switch to the image viewer we are using for the Gallery page.

We need to do some further cleanup of the membership form to align it with our new email list policies and generally further refine it so that it renders and prints cleanly regardless of browser.

#### **Review current NET email mailing list mechanism and discuss options**

While waiting for folks to arrive I saw an email from Greg indicating that we now have a new email mailing list solution, also hosted by the VTR site. The new solution uses Mailman for the list administration and has some great features for members to control when and how they want to participate in the email distribution so thanks Greg for taking charge of that. Mailman is a bit more feature rich and user friendly compared to the cryptic majordomo used by mv.com and will give NET full control of the process.

#### **Review and discuss NET participation in the British Marque publication**

We have the option to participate in the British Marque publication at no cost. The participation would require us to submit a short news/info article that would be published under the NET banner and contact info and the benefits are that we get to expose NET to a wide audience, many here on the east coast, and also qualify for a discount for the British Marque publication. There is no cost to NET other than a request that we offer the BM reduced subscription in our newsletter twice a year via a small ad.

I personally see this as a good recruiting opportunity so I will follow up with the BM folks and move the discussion to the next level and see what we need to do next to participate.

#### **DOT 2010 date and Larz Anderson schedule**

The day that Larz traditionally allocates for DOT will collide with the TRF Summer Party date (July 30, 2010) that several NET members are hoping to attend. If possible we need to move to a different Sunday. Matt will call Larz and see if we can move the DOT date.

**Review Club roles and open positions:**

- Director(s) - Set the overall direction for the club, actively promote the club, keep the club healthy, encourage participation, grow membership
- Treasurer – Manage the finances and subscriptions, process new member applications
- Newsletter Editor – edit and publish the club printed newsletter
- Competition Secretary – keep members informed of events, arrange NET competition related events (eg autocross for dummies, TSD events, Poker Tour, dyno day)
- Event coordinator – Maintain event calendar, recruit leaders for trips/tours, recruit event recorders (photos, video, articles), coordinate the DOT and EOY Party events
- Regalia Coordinator – Designs and recommends suitable regalia (hats, T-shirts, jackets, key-rings, car badges, name badges etc). Work with club officers to suggest and select collateral for events like DOT. Identify suitable vendors. Order regalia for events.
- Newsletter distribution – Arrange for the printing and distribution of the club newsletter
- Classifieds – Maintain the classified ad section of the web site, accept new ad's, actively purge old ad's and sold item ad's.
- IT (web, email) – manage the club web site, mailboxes and club email distribution





# New England Triumphs

For all past, present and future Triumph owners



## End of Year Party

**When:** Saturday January 9, 2010 -- 6pm to 10pm

**Where:** The Courtyard By Marriott Hotel,  
75 Felton Street,  
Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752

**Cost:** \$29 per person, Cash bar

### Nearby Cities

Providence (36.9mi/59.38km)  
Manchester (44.7mi/71.94km)  
Framingham (9.4mi/15.13km)  
Worcester (12.7mi/20.44km)  
Waltham (17.6mi/28.32km) >>

Help us close the 2009 season! Join your fellow NET members for an evening of fine dining and great company. Celebrate our members' achievements with our annual awards ceremony. Enter your cardboard model TR3 ( see template in the November newsletter) in the **Cardboard Concours Competition**.

Be as creative as you like. Enter as many cars as you like and mount models on a card base and write your name on the *bottom* of the card. Prizes will be awarded for:

- **Standard Class** – judged on build quality
- **Best Paintwork**- judged on decoration quality
- **Modified Class** – judged on overall creativity

We will have our usual Yankee Swap. If you would like to participate, bring a gift (\$20 value).

If you would like to stay overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott, there is a special rate of \$89 (including breakfast for two) available to NET members if you book by December 10th. Call 508-480-0015 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and mention "New England Triumphs".

### Dinner Menu

**Starter:** Minestrone Soup

**Appetizer:** Garden Salad

**Entrée:** Choice of one of the following plus chefs choice of rice or potato and a side vegetable:

- Prime Rib Au Jus
- Grilled Twin Breast of Chicken with cornbread stuffing and applejack glaze
- Chef's Special Grilled Vegetarian Wellington (grilled vegetables in puff pastry)

**Dessert:** Chocolate Cake with a choice of Tea or Coffee

Complete and return the form below by **December 21st** with a check for \$29 *per person*, payable to "New England Triumphs" and send to: **Rick Trowel, 22 Duane Drive, North Reading, MA 01864**

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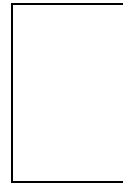
I plan to attend the EOY party, please reserve the following meals (indicate the number required in the appropriate boxes, eg [ 1 ] Prime Rib [ ] Chicken [ 1 ] Vegetarian)

[ ] Prime Rib Au Jus      [ ] Grilled Chicken Breast      [ ] Grilled Vegetarian Wellington

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

I am including a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **NEW ENGLAND TRIUMPHS**



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