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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:*

*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.



## 2010 Calendar of Events

### NET Events

### **To Be Determined @ Spring Start up Meeting**

### Non-NET Events of Interest

**VTR 2010, Oct 17 - 22, 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**.)

### 2010 START UP MEETING



NET 2010 Start Up Meeting, mark your calendars !

March 28, 11am for breakfast, 12pm -2pm for the meeting

401 Tavern, 401 Lafayette Road (US Rt 1) Hampton, NH. Upstairs function room/wine bar

Please join us on March 28 for our start up meeting for the 2010 season. During this meeting we will confirm our club officers and roles, discuss potential tours and activities, recruit leaders for events and start building our 2010 event calendar.

2009 was a good year for NET with great participation in some very enjoyable and fun events so lets get 2010 off to a good start on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



### You've Got Mail !

Last year we made a number of changes to the IT systems that support the club. Greg moved the web site to locate it under a VTR hosted system which saves us some money and gives us a modern platform to host the NET web site. Soon after that we re-designed the web site and Debbie used some current tools and techniques to make it easier to view and navigate and give it a new modern, cleaner look. We want the web site to serve the club and keep everyone informed (and sometimes entertained) and we will make further investments in these areas this year.

One final piece of our old environment that we need to migrate is our email list which is currently hosted under mv.net and has been kindly provided by Doug Frank. This has worked well for us for the most part but it is lacking some management features that we need to keep the email list aligned with the membership and also to give our members more control over how and when they receive the email sent to the NET list and what format they prefer.

One of the features of the VTR hosting environment is an email list feature and we plan to migrate the mv.com hosted lists over to the VTR system in the next few weeks. We will communicate more about that as we get closer to the day but a few things that you will notice:

- The email address we use to communicate with the NET community will be changing.
- We will grandfather the old address for some time, probably months, to give people a chance to get into the habit of using the new email address
- We will migrate people who are already on the list, you don't have to do anything
- If you would like to join the NET email list, select that option on the membership form or just contact Rick Trowel
- The NET email list is intended to serve the NET members so we will over time align the email list with the membership and as people leave us we will remove them from the email list
- Each NET member who subscribes to the mailing list will have a password that can be used to:
  - Leave the email list
  - Suspend delivery (eg while on an extended trip)
  - Change the address for email delivery
  - Control the email format, eg plain text or HTML

You might question why we even need an NET email list since many of us participate in other online Triumph communities but time and time again I see NET members looking for local help and information and it is a great way to reach members with last minute information about upcoming events so please consider joining the email list.

This edition of the newsletter includes our annual membership renewal form so this is a good opportunity to include your email address and stay better connected with the NET community.

## New England Triumphs – A look back at 2009

By Stan Foster



**Let's take a look in the rear view mirror and review some of the highlights from 2009 as we think ahead to our 2010 season.**

We try to include a driving event each month during the April to October season and 2009 was a bumper year with many club members participating in events that ranged as far north as our traditional Lobster Tour in Maine and as far south as Woonsocket, RI.



Following our season startup meeting in March we held our first driving event on a picture perfect April day with a tour of John Bowes custom bike painting shop in Derry, NH followed by a pleasant drive and lunch in Exeter. Thanks John for getting us off to a good start.



Our April drive was soon followed by a tour of Cape Ann organized on May 16<sup>th</sup> by Alex and Pam Delis. This is a very pretty area within easy driving distance for many members and despite the mist over the ocean we had a great dry top-down day with a lunch stop at Lobsta Land overlooking the Atlantic. Thanks guys, really enjoyable day in a classic New England setting and I hope we can fit this tour in again in 2010 and hope for a sunny day so we can fully enjoy the view.



June saw two major events with our first Faneuil Hall show on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the June 26<sup>th</sup> South Coast Tour arranged by Frank Frett. The Faneuil Hall event was run by our friends at the Boston Area MG Club and we were invited to participate by Kurt Steele. This was a fantastic day and a unique experience and the feedback from the NET members that participated was universally positive so we all looked forward to another chance at this location in September.



The South Coast tour is also known as the “Valley of Sin Tour” for reasons that become clear when you read the tour description: “Stops along the way include the **Westport Rivers Winery** approx noon, “**The Westporter**” for lunch, and the **Sakonnet Vineyards** in the afternoon - all expecting us with ample, spacious parking! After the winery visits and lunch, we intend to stop at **Gray's Ice Cream** at historic Tiverton Four Corners! “.

Rare wildlife sightings are an integral part of NET tours and here we see a lesser spotted Old Thirsty Yellow Belly Buzzard aka Dennis Sokol

Looks like everyone had a great time, nice job Frank.



July is our traditional Day Of Triumph at the Larz Anderson museum. This is always well attended and this year was no exception with the added attraction of John Macartney joining us as part of his national tour in the restored Triumph Stag as part of his benefit for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder charities. We met John in York, ME and drove down the coast following Rt 1A. You would think that driving a Triumph in a 40 mph gale with rain lashing the windshield would be a miserable experience but that spectacular route and the waves crashing over the sea wall

and the occasion of John’s visit made this a memorable day.



Day Of Triumph was another fun day, organized by Matt Hogan with lots of help from our volunteers to assist with registration, regalia, signage and the sound system. The Larz Anderson museum is a very nice location with a spacious lawn area that can easily accommodate the 70 or 80 Triumphs that typically attend this event although the weather has been eerily predictable for the last few years with an early evening thunderstorm just as many of us are arriving home.



The next day a few of us escorted John Macartney to his next venue near Albany, NY and enjoyed a scenic drive through Western Mass and a pleasant lunch in the mountains while we watched the thunderstorm in the valley below.

Another New England event that seems to grow in popularity each year is the British Cars of New Hampshire (BCNH) Field Of Dreams in Wolfeboro, NH. The 2009 event was held in August and we had good representation from NET members. This is a very nice location and a very pretty part of New England with plenty of opportunity for pre and post event touring.



September saw us back at Faneuil Hall for another show with the BAMG folks. For this event we had 13 Triumphs sparkling in the New England fall sunlight and an extra bonus of a People's Choice award that was designed to encourage interaction between exhibitors and visitors. I think the folks that have participated in the Faneuil Hall events this year all had a good time and we are already planning for similar shows in 2010.



The Lobster Tour is a unique event that in 2009 was held on September 13 and it was not an unlucky number as we had a fantastic day which I consider to be one of the best driving tours that I have done with the club. Tom and Wendy led us through the winding streets of some famous New England resort towns and included a visit to this magnificent lighthouse that you see on the left. The dinner on the island was a special treat as was the dramatic sunset over Portsmouth as we headed back to the mainland on the ferry.



The third weekend in September is the traditional time for the British Invasion in Stowe, VT and several NET members are regulars at this event. Just like last year the organizers arranged for the attendees to party in main street with great food, real beer and a Beatles revival band. Great fun and an excellent weekend spent with



very well looked after TR6.

Triumph friends from New England and beyond. Here we see Chuck collecting another trophy for a



October 4<sup>th</sup> was our fall foliage tour and what a great day that was, full of surprises and a great day out ending in Woonsocket where a successful benefit dinner was planned for a great friend of NET and the triumph community, the late Art Baker. Once again we were lucky with the weather and thanks to some great planning by Bob and Linda a very enjoyable drive through some spectacular New England fall foliage.

October 11 was Columbus Day where NET was invited to participate in the Boston parade. This was another unusual but fun event where we flew the Italian flag and practiced waving like The Queen as we followed the procession through South Boston.



Our final event for the 2009 season was our end of year party which this year we moved to a new venue in Northborough, MA. The party was well attended and we had a very nice meal thanks to the staff of the Courtyard By Marriott hotel who took great care of us before, during and after the event. We learned some lessons with our first Cardboard Concours Competition and we will have to try that again another year. The Yankee swap was a lot of fun as usual so thanks to all that attended the party, thanks everyone for supporting NET through 2009 and look for the 2010 startup meeting details in this newsletter and on the NET web site. [www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org)



## New England Triumphs -- Membership Application

www.newenglandtriumphs.org

A club for those interested in the restoration, preservation and ultimate driving pleasure of the vintage Triumph motorcar. Ownership of a Triumph is not required. New England Triumphs is an affiliate of The Vintage Triumph Register, Triumph Register of America and the 6-Pack Club.

Check One:  New member: fill out entire form  Renewal: fill in name and any new/changed info

Contact Information: Please note: We do not share NET member information with anyone

Name(s):

Address:

City:  State:  Zip:

Phone 1:  Phone 2:

Email:

Do you want to be added to the NET E-mail list?  Yes  No

This list is used for club announcements and is also our "Bulletin Board" where you can ask questions and share information with other club members. Please update your email address if it has changed.

How did you hear about us?

Car Information: If your car information has changed, please update it below.

Year	Model	Color	Comm #	Tag No. & State

### Activities and Interests

- Tours       Dinners       Workshops       Tech Help       Parts Exchange  
 Newsletter/website articles       Concours       Racing       Rallies

Other:

### Other Club Memberships

- Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)       Triumph Register of America (TRA)       6-Pack

Other:

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Annual dues are \$20. Mail your check payable to New England Triumphs along with your completed application to the address on the left. This form can be filled out online and then printed or printed first and completed by hand.