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MAD DOGS AND ENGLISH CARS GO OUT IN THE MIDDAY SUN.

Summer finally arrived here in New England and with a few NET events already behind us we can look forward to a busy July with the annual Day Of Triumph on the 25th closely followed by our convoy down to the TRF Summer Party. There is more information about those two events later in this newsletter. The last few days have been official heat wave conditions for most of us. This kind of weather in Old England would have produced newspaper headlines like

“Phew, what a scorcher!” and there would be reports of birds dropping out of the sky. Hopefully most of us managed to take advantage of the weather and take the Triumph out while keeping a careful eye on the temperature gauge. These old cars deal with the heat pretty well as long as the cooling system is in good working order. It is amazing how much the cooling efficiency is reduced by the 30+ years of accumulated sediment and rust inside the core of the radiator.



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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:

Membership Info:

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).

6-Pack – Dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of the TR6 and TR259 (www.6-pack.org)

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 artdtr6@comcast.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.

DAY OF TRIUMPH, July 25 2010



On Sunday July 25th New England Triumphs will host our annual gathering of the Triumph faithful on the grounds of the Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation in Brookline, MA. This year we will celebrate 20 years of DOT and we hope to see a good turnout of Triumphs from all over the New England Region to help us celebrate this milestone event.

This year Tim Piper is leading a team to organize the DOT event which will include a commemorative T-Shirt, raffle prizes, breakfast and lunch catered by Euro Delights as well as a great car show with trophies awarded to cars that attract the most votes in their class.

DOT is a popular event that regularly attracts over 80 Triumphs and Triumph derivatives and it is not unusual to see some interesting vehicles with Triumph engines or Triumph frames in addition to a wide range of Triumph road cars and race cars.

DOT is also one way that we help to keep the club financially healthy and we would like to ask that you consider bringing an item for the raffle table. Good raffle items are useable Triumph parts or items that keep our hobby interesting and fun. Please take a look in the basement or the garage or pick an item from one of our suppliers like TRF or Moss and make someone's day.

We hope to have a feature promoting DOT in the Saturday July 24th edition of the Boston Globe "g" section. Tim has been busy working with the newspaper so look out for that color section in the Boston Globe on the 24th.

The Larz Anderson Museum is at 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA. The show hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm but our volunteers will be there well before that setting up the field. We will look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

TRF Summer Party – July 30 and 31st



New England Triumphs will be represented at The Roadster Factory Summer Party again this year with a small convoy departing on Wed July 28 and returning on Aug 2nd. Our route will take us over a mixture of highways and minor roads so that we can complete the journey in the required time given the round trip of 600+ miles each way from the Boston area. We plan an overnight stop near Wilkes-Barre on the outbound journey and an overnight stay in Matamoras on the return leg.

The theme for the 2010 Summer Party is Le Mans. The folks at TRF have once again planned a fun-filled event schedule including local tours, Le Mans start competition, autocross, dinner and drive in movie and the car show on Saturday. Check out the TRF web site for full event information.

NET cars will have the option of displaying the special rally plaque shown above for the event, modeled after the Monte Carlo rally plaques of the 50's and 60's.

It is not too late to join us. Contact Stan Foster for information about the logistics for the trip and details of where we have booked accommodation. A full description of the event can be found on the TRF web site: <http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/SPLetter.php>

New Hampshire Tour



On April 25th John Bowe once again organized a southern NH tour starting at his shop in Hampstead, NH, leading us on a scenic drive before stopping for lunch at the Loaf and Ladle in Exeter. Setting out in a Triumph is always an adventure. This tour was no exception as after lunch we were invited to stop by the home of one of our tour party. We spent a very pleasant hour touring his barn and admiring his motorcycles and a very well preserved original Model A Ford that has been in the family for many years. Thanks John for your generous hospitality and for a great day. Thanks to Rich, his wife and Wilhelmina the cat for entertaining us during our impromptu visit to their home.

The NET web site has a more complete description of this tour with photos.

Cape Ann Tour

We met with some old and new friends on the Cape Ann tour, possibly one the prettiest areas in New England, an hour or less travel time for many of our members in the greater Boston area. We want to thank Alex and Pam Delis for once again arranging this tour which started at the Friendly's restaurant in Gloucester and ended a few hours later with a late lunch at Lobsta Land.

The weather held up for the most part. We spent the majority of the tour with the tops down, waving and chatting with the locals and enjoying the scenery and ocean views.



Highlights for me included driving through the narrow streets of Rockport which are barely able to accommodate the many pedestrian tourists and shoppers let alone a convoy of Triumphs.



We also experienced some interesting moments where Alex in the lead in his TR3 would disappear into the fog just a few hundred feet ahead of us. The variable nature of New England weather can really add to the adventure.

A full report with pictures will be added to the NET web site Events section soon.

Thanks again Alex for an awesome day.

Faneuil Hall June 19th 2010

NET was well represented at a car show hosted by our friends at the Boston Area MG club. A special thanks to the NET members who supported this event and to Kurt Steele of BAMG for inviting us.



Our display of Triumphs consisted of:

Jim O'Hara - TR7 DHC
Dennis Sokol – TR6
Deb and Bill Richardson – TR6
Stan Foster and Debbie Christopher - TR6
Tim Piper – TR6
Steve and Sue Lindquist – TR 250
Hugh and Caroline Cockrill – TR3

We participated in two similar shows last year and found them to be a lot of fun. They are quite different from normal car shows attended mostly by car enthusiasts. It was a hot but spectacular day with a lot of shoppers and tourists passing through the area and expressing their surprise at seeing the display of classic British sports cars arranged in order of their date of manufacture.

As if getting the chance to attend this unique event wasn't enough, Kurt presented all of the participants with a very nice laser etched granite plaque that he had commissioned just for this event.

Check out the NET web site for more pictures from this event. If you missed this one you will have another chance in September so stay tuned for more information about the September Faneuil Hall show.

Newsletter Editor

We are still looking for a volunteer to serve as the Newsletter editor. Duties include editing a regular newsletter and helping with other communications to promote the club. Skills needed include using Microsoft Word and simple image editing tools for resizing and sometimes cropping pictures. If you would like to learn more about this role please contact Stan Foster.

Upcoming Events

Here is the 2010 event calendar for the rest of the year, as of the publication date of this newsletter. The latest version is always available on the NET web site so check there for updates.

July 2010

Sunday July 25, 10am to 2pm -- Day of Triumph. Our annual event at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA.

Fri/Sat July 30-31 -- The Roadster Factory Summer Party in Armagh, PA. A 3-day event that includes social and driving activities. Several club members are planning to drive down as a group, taking back roads at a leisurely pace. Contact Stan Foster.

August 2010

Sat/Sun August 7-8 -- BCNH Show of Dreams. At the Nick, Wolfeboro, NH

September 2010

Saturday September 11 -- Maine Lobster Tour. One of our great annual events! A scenic drive through southern Maine followed by a lobster dinner (vegetarian option also available).

Fri-Sun, September 17-19 -- British Invasion, Stowe, VT. A great multi-day event featuring Triumphs and many other British cars in the scenic town of Stowe, VT.

Sunday September 26 -- Faneuil Hall, Boston. A fun event and the best parking spot you'll ever have in Boston. Space is limited, advance registration is required. Contact Stan Foster.

October 2010

Saturday October 2 (rain or shine) -- "Fleeting Fall Foliage Farm and Fruit Extravaganza" (aka Fall Foliage Tour). Organizer: Bob Lang. A scenic drive with a stop or two along the way at a fruit farm and for lunch.

Sunday October 3 -- JANE slalom at Devens. A laid back but challenging autocross. Contact: Bob Lang

Sun-Fri, October 17-22 -- Vintage Triumph Register National Convention, Jekyll Island, GA