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## It Has Been a Triumphant Year!

The last months of the driving season were busy and fun starting with our annual Day of Triumph in late July. Days later several club members were off to rural PA for The Roadster Factory summer party where 100-horsepower Triumphs shared the road with single horse powered wagons.



Many NET members participated in the BCNH Show of Dreams in Wolfeboro, NH this August. Several members won awards for their cars and the club won an award for the most attendees. September featured our annual Lobster Tour, the British Invasion event in Stowe VT and a second Faneuil Hall event. October events included our Fall Foliage Tour and the VTR national convention, a fitting end to a great driving season!

And what better way to end a great year than with a great End of Year Party! The date: Sat Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. **You must sign up no later than JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**. Detailed information and the sign up form are in this newsletter and on the club website [www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org).

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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)).

**6-Pack** – Dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of the TR6 and TR259 ([www.6-pack.org](http://www.6-pack.org))

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*Membership Info:*

*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 stan.foster@hp.com. 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.

## Remembering David Cox

On Sunday July 18 2010 our friend David Cox passed away. Dave was a regular and enthusiastic participant in New England Triumphs events as well as national and



international events. Dave and Mary Ellen drove their beautiful blue 1973 Stag to Triumph events around the US and Canada. We have fond memories of long distance tours with Dave to VTR national events, local New England tours and many of the unique events last summer like the Faneuil Hall shows and the Columbus Day parade in Boston.

Dave was one of the few Triumph owners who can claim to be an original owner. He bought the Stag new in 1973 and maintained it in show winning condition. This photo was taken at the VTR convention in Valley Forge, PA where Dave's stag took 1<sup>st</sup> place!

Several NET members visited with the extended Cox family at the funeral home but unfortunately the weather prevented us from arriving in our Triumphs as we had originally planned. The club sent a donation to the VNA Care Network and Hospice in Dave's memory. We received a very nice thank-you card from Mary Ellen on behalf of the Cox family that included this anecdote:

*"We drove the Stag to the funeral. After the ceremony the car would not start. We thought David was not ready to let go. After a bit it started but not after many at the cemetery had come over to see us to see if they could help. My son said, as people applauded, "guess dad wanted everyone to see his beloved Stag!"*

Rest in peace David. Our lives are richer for having known you and we will miss you.

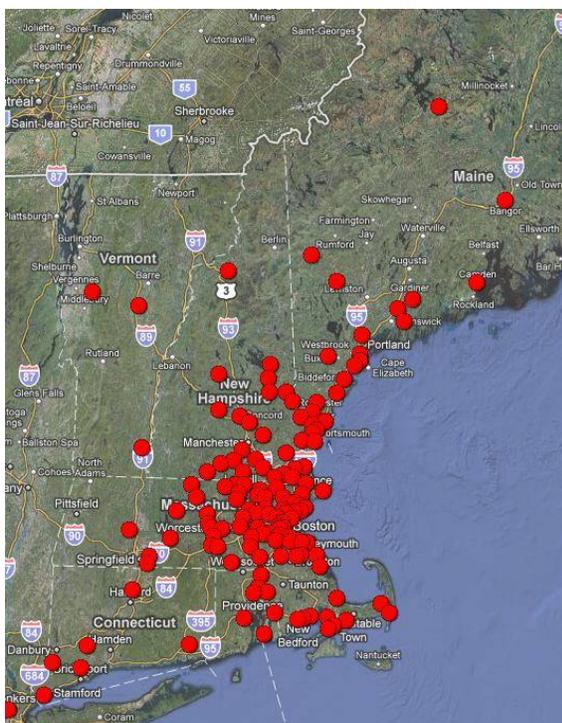
## Newsletter Editor

There have been very few newsletters this year because 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 cropping pictures. If you would like to learn more about this role please contact Stan Foster.

## NET Membership

Our club continues to maintain a membership of around 130 members. We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our newest members who joined us during 2010:

James Batty (1970 Spitfire MKII), Ray Boas (TR3), Thomas Day (1974 TR6), Martin Deacutis (1958 TR3A), Jim Fitton (1960 TR3), John & Tricia Gibbs (1975 TR6), Christopher Goss (1969 TR6), Bobby Jaffe (1967 TR4A), Skip Layton (1975 TR6), Dennis Magnan (1972 TR6), Justin Mercier (1976 TR6 & 1977 TR7), Jim Turnbull (1976 TR6), Bill Ucius (TR6) and Donald & Donna Weldon (1966 Spitfire).



I was interested to know how our members are distributed throughout New England. Rick (our Membership Secretary) provided a list of zip codes that I fed into Google Maps to produce this map.

The vast majority of our members are clustered around the greater Boston area, RI, southern NH and southern ME so it's not surprising that most of our events take place in eastern and central MA, southern NH and southern ME. It is our goal to organize events over a wide enough area that every NET member will have an opportunity to participate in something. Any member can organize an event. Pick a date, plan a route and we'll add it to the club calendar and publicize it on the club's website.

## Day of Triumph 2010 – July 25, 2010

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Day of Triumph. We filled the Larz Anderson lawn with a broad array of Triumph cars, a few Triumph motor bikes and some Triumph derivatives like the TR6-engined TVR and a TR4 based Amphicar. I don't know if it is a record for DOT but I counted 30 TR6's out of the 69 cars on the field.



This year we publicized the event more broadly including getting an article in the Boston Globe. It made a difference because we had greater participation from the Boston community than in past years. The museum staff counted over 80 people coming through the pedestrian entrance. Walking around the show field it appeared that everyone was enjoying the day.

DOT requires a lot of planning and relies on many volunteers. Tim Piper led the team with help from John Cyganowski and Matt Hogan. I want to thank them and all of the other volunteers for organizing such a successful event. Thank you to everyone that came to DOT and brought their Triumph. We hope to see you all again at DOT 2011.

## The Roadster Factory Summer Party – July 30-31, 2010

The NET expedition to the TRF Summer Party was everything we had hoped for with great weather, a very enjoyable trip on roads just made for Triumphs, good food and good company. The trip was not without its excitement with Dennis having starter issues causing us to push-start his car more often than not and Bob blowing a fuse (no not him, he's a very calm guy, I mean his TR6) that took out his wipers in the middle of the only real rain that we saw in the six day trip.



The Roadster Factory arranged competitive and touring events, an alfresco dinner served on real china (very classy), an outdoor movie and a car show in downtown Indiana. We all had a great time at the event and on the journey there and back. As

long-time customers, it was fun to visit TRF and meet the folks that we've spoken with on the phone so many times.

There is a much more complete description of this trip on the NET web site and a lot of pictures in the gallery so be sure to check those out. Charles Runyan from TRF has stated that there will be another Summer Party next year, currently scheduled for August 5, 6 & 7 so give that some thought as you start to fill in your 2011 calendar.

## **Lobster Tour – September 11, 2010**



Our annual Lobster tour is one of our most popular events of the year. Tom and Wendy led us on an 80-mile tour along the scenic coast of southern Maine before arriving at our dinner destination at the Two Lights Lobster Shack in Cape Elizabeth. The tour included stops at some well-known tourist locations such as York Beach and the Nubble Light as well as a coastal tour that took us through Kennebunkport and Biddeford Pool on our way north. Thanks to everyone that joined us and a special thanks to Tom and Wendy for planning and leading the tour.

## **Fall Foliage Tour – October 2, 2010**



Our Fall Farm Fruit and Foliage Tour in October was a lot of fun with great driving roads, perfect fall weather and a very enjoyable dinner at a unique location. The event was organized by Bob Lang and Linda and Bob summarized the day this way:

I want to thank everyone that made the tour with us. The weather was pretty much perfect and all aspects worked out very well. The foliage was so-so, but timing foliage peak is always a bit iffy.

We drove from Northborough, MA to Warren and then to West Brookfield (aka West Podunk - really!) for a sit-down at The Salem Cross Inn. The route steered clear of any downtown congestion, so the route was a bit "unconventional". But except for a couple of bumpy spots, the roads were pretty nice. We drove by a LOT of farms, active and not, and we got a real glimpse of small-town Central MA - like festivals in West Boylston and Oakham as well as sleepy villages like New Braintree. The miniature horses in West Brookfield were a hit too, not to mention apple picking at Breezelands Orchard and an awesome meal at Salem Cross. For the diehards, there was also ice cream at Howard's. Thanks for coming and let's see what we can do for 2011!!

## **VTR National Convention – October 17-22, 2010**

A planned trip to Florida in October put us within a 4-hour drive of this year's VTR national convention on Jekyll Island, GA. Even though it meant attending the convention in a rental car, we couldn't pass up the opportunity. National conventions offer a good mix of technical sessions and driving, competitive and social events. This year there was even a tech session on something other than rebuilding a Triumph. VTR President and professional photographer Blake Discher shared lots of great tips in a tech session on how to photograph your car. And we couldn't believe our luck when Classic Motor Sports magazine set up a hospitality suite in the room directly below ours making it very convenient for us to pop in whenever we came back to our room! Thanks guys!



Historic Jekyll Island was the perfect setting for the convention. This photo was taken during the set up for the panoramic photo in front of the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. The car show was also held right on the hotel grounds. Competitive events such as the Le Mans Start Competition took place at the island's airport, just a mile or so from the hotel. The non-racing driving events and the dine-around took participants off the island and gave us a chance to see a bit more of the area, though Jekyll Island is so nice you never want to leave!

## **NET End of Year Party – January 22, 2011**

Our traditional end of year party will once again be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 75 Felton Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. This is always a great event and a chance to catch up with old friends, make some new friends and take your chances with our Yankee Swap gift exchange.

Dinner will include Salad, choice of Entrée, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Chocolate Cake and Tea or Coffee. Entrée choices are:

- Prime Rib Au Jus (\$29),
- Chicken Chardonnay (\$20): Breast of Chicken Served with Mushrooms and Artichoke Chardonnay Sauce
- Vegetarian Wellington (\$20): Grilled Vegetables in Puff Pastry with Cheese Topping

Use the form in this newsletter to make your dinner selection and send it along with your check made out to “New England Triumphs” to Rick Trowel by **January 10, 2011**. The form is also available on the club website ([www.NewEnglandTriumphs.org](http://www.NewEnglandTriumphs.org)).

There will be a cash bar. If you want to participate in the Yankee Swap bring a wrapped gift with a value of around \$20.

If you would like to stay overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott there is a special rate of \$89 (including breakfast for two) or \$69 without breakfast available to NET members. You must book directly with the event coordinator to get this rate. Be sure to mention you are with New England Triumphs:

Megan M. Grady, Sales Manager;  
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We will hold our second annual cardboard concours competition, this time with a TR6 cardboard cutout. This year's competition will be a People's Choice Award so every party attendee will help select the winner. The TR6 template is included with this newsletter. A .pdf file is available in the Member's Only section of the club website if you need to print another copy. You will need to print it on lightweight card, not regular printer paper. It can take 2 to 3 hours

to color and assemble your car so don't leave it until the last minute. Chose any theme or color scheme, be as creative as you like, there are no restrictions. Mount your car on a card base and put your name on the bottom. The photo on the left is one of the winning entries from last year's TR3 cardboard concours.

## **New England Triumphs – End-of-Year Party Sign-up Form**

The party will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 75 Felton Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 on January 22, 2011.

Complete and return the form below by **January 10, 2011** with a check payable to “New England Triumphs”.

Send to: Rick Trowel, 22 Duane Drive, North Reading, MA 01864

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I/We plan to attend the End of Year Party. Please reserve the following meals (indicate the number required in the appropriate boxes):

- Prime Rib @ \$29
- Chicken Chardonnay @ \$20
- Vegetarian Wellington @ \$20

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*Season's Greetings from Triumph*



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