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## It's time to hit the road!

We held our annual planning meeting on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>. See inside for the full report and the 2011 event calendar. The calendar includes both New England Triumphs events and other events that will be of interest club members.



Our first driving event of 2011 is coming up soon -- the Southern New Hampshire Tour on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will go for a drive on some scenic back roads with a lunch stop along the way. Looking back on last year's drive (literally, since this photo was taken in the side mirror) it was a spectacular day with plenty of sun shine and lots of

spring flowers in bloom, just what we need after this past winter. See the calendar inside this newsletter or on our website for more information about this event. Hope to see you there!

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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 \$35.00 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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*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 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.

## **NET Annual Planning Meeting - March 27, 2011**

Our annual planning meeting was held on Sunday March 27th at the Yangtze River Restaurant in Littleton, MA. This was a new venue for us and it worked out really well. The food was good, there was plenty of parking and we had our own function room for our meeting. There were 22 people in attendance including new members John and Trish Gibbs, who recently acquired a TR6!



We proceeded with the election of club officers. Stan Foster offered to continue as Club Director for one more year. Rick Trowel will continue as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and Tom Walling will continue as Regalia Coordinator. We do need someone to volunteer to take over the newsletter if we want to continue to have one. Even more important, we need club members to submit articles for both the newsletter and the website since the job of the newsletter editor is to edit and assemble the content, not to create all of it as well. Anyone can volunteer to write an article about an event they have attended (club or non-club), a repair job they tackled, the story of how they acquired or restored their car, or anything else that might be of interest to club members.

We had a good discussion about club events for 2011. Everything should be on the 2011 calendar. Let me know if I overlooked anything. On the schedule again this year are the Southern New Hampshire Tour, the Cape Ann Tour, the Lobster Tour and the Fall Foliage Tour. Thanks go to the club members who volunteered again this year to organize these events: John Bowe, Alex and Pam Delis, Tom Walling and Wendy Rose, and Bob Lang and Linda Cragin. Stan Foster is organizing another Faneuil Hall event. Space is limited for that event so you need to contact Stan to reserve your spot.

Tim Piper and John Cyganowski were unable to attend the planning meeting but they have volunteered again this year to organize our Day of Triumph event. This is a big event so we thank them for volunteering to take this on again. We appreciate all of the volunteers who have helped with this event in the past and hope that we can count on many of our club members to do so again this year. In addition to the planning and

organizing activities we will also need volunteers on the day of the event. Work will begin soon so if you are willing to help please contact Tim or John or Stan Foster.



Some new events were added to the calendar this year. Ned Sparrow talked about his previous trips to the vintage car racing events at Lime Rock in early September. He volunteered to co-ordinate a group outing this year to attend on the Saturday. Based on Ned's description it sounds like a great day out and several of us have already made the decision to join him this year. More information can be found in the calendar. Bob Lang proposed a Covered Bridge Tour in early October and suggested moving the Foliage Tour to later in the month so that the foliage would be closer to peak. This will also give us two club events in what is usually the last month of the driving season!

## **Our New Online Calendar**

Speaking of the calendar, we're now using Google Calendar on our website. It's quirky and a bit buggy but has some useful features that outweigh its shortcomings. It offers multiple views (Week, Month and Agenda) and allows printing up to a year's worth of events at a time. We actually have three calendars merged into one:

- Club Events, shown in British Racing Green
- Other Events of Interest, shown in Topaz for events sponsored by other clubs that might be of interest to our members
- Holidays, shown in Magenta, to help us schedule around them

By default, events from all three calendars are displayed. If you want to exclude any of the calendars (useful when printing a list of events) click on the little triangle next to the "Agenda" tab and select only those calendars whose events you want to see. To print out a list of events, click on the Agenda tab and then click on the little printer icon (next to the word "Print") to bring up a print preview window. Select a date range and check the box to "Print Descriptions" if you want more than just the title, date and location for each event. Unfortunately the color coding does not carry over when printing but the calendar name is displayed for each event.

## “Oh my gosh, it’s Frothingslosh” by Ed Boylan

I was recently engaged in a scary chore, cleaning out the cellar. In addition to several old, used Triumph parts, I came across two unopened beer cans. I have no recollection of how, when or why they came to me, but there they were. One was of very, very minor historical note, “Billy Beer.” For most of us that’s a flashback to the Carter administration and his sadly addled and alcoholic brother, Billy. He got his own six pack/15 minutes of fame with Billy Beer. *Sic transit gloria mundi!*



Closer to this newsletter’s reader base but much further out of the spectrum of weirdness, the second beer was a can of “Olde Frothingslosh Pale Stale Ale.” Again, not a clue but probably given to me in the 1970s (a decade of many unusual events personally and nationally). As I am the proud owner (since 1968) of a 1965 TR4, I can only assume that this eBay-destined beer can gem was given to me by a friend. As the pictures show, the connection is that the Rubenesque lady (the banner says, “Olde Miss Frothingslosh of 1969) is riding in a TR4 at what appears to be an urban parade with streamers and confetti.

Thanks to Google, the “rest of the story” can be found at <http://www.rustycans.com/HISTORY/oldfroth.html>. A search will turn up many links to the “Pittsburg Brewing Company,” the actual brewer of the beer. I found no references to or shots of the Triumph beer can but it

looks like it was one of many spoof issues.

The copy on the label says, “Everybody loves a parade and when Miss Frothingslosh was invited to appear in the annual parade of the Sons and Daughters of the Sons and Daughters, she enthusiastically accepted. It was a beautiful parade, gay floats, dancing girls, confetti, cheering crowds, music, laughter, and a wonderful air of festivity. Only one problem...Miss Frothingslosh’s float, just fresh from a triumphal tour of McKeesport, McKees Rocks and Brady’s Bend, had to detour for a few blocks because of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge weight limit. But Miss Frothingslosh kept her chins up and waved happily to the surging crowd.”

So, there you are...yet another in-depth look at the venerable history of Triumphs brought to you by New England Triumphs!



PS. I never tasted the Olde Miss Frothingslosh but web site comments for similar beer typically ran, “Utter swill” for taste ratings. If I recall from the late 1970s, Billy Beer had a similar grade.

## New England Triumphs Event Calendar

**Sat Apr 30, 2011**

**Lift Day at Brit Bits: 10am - 2pm**

**Where:** Brit Bits, Rye, New Hampshire

**Description:** Check your car's undercarriage, suspension, steering, etc. at BritBits' shop in Rye, New Hampshire. Contact them to reserve a spot. See their website for more information:

<http://www.britbits.com/>

**Sun May 1, 2011**

**Southern NH Tour: 10am-4pm (NET event)**

**Where:** 17 Gigante Drive, Hampstead, NH

**Description:** Driving tour of back roads in southern New Hampshire, including a stop for lunch. Meet at 10:00am at John Bowe's shop: Underground Cycle, 17 Gigante Drive, Hampstead, NH. Tel: (603)329-6161. Our lunch stop will be a bit later than usual, possibly as late as 2pm.

**Tue May 17, 2011**

**21st Annual Vintage Racing Celebration: Tue May 17 – Sun May 22, 2011**

**Where:** New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 1122 Route 106 North, Loudon, NH 03307

**Description:** Legendary racing machines from around the world gather to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Vintage Racing Celebration. For more information see the New Hampshire Motor Speedway's website: <http://www.nhms.com/schedule/major/vintage/>.

**Sat Jun 4, 2011**

**Cape Ann Tour (NET event)**

**Where:** Cape Ann, MA

**Description:** A great scenic tour of the area including seaside vistas followed by a late lunch at a local seafood restaurant. Details TBD but we usually meet up around 12:30 in Gloucester and begin the tour around 1pm. Rain date is Sunday June 5th.

**Sun Jun 5, 2011**

**CT MG Club "British by the Sea": 10am to 4pm**

**Where:** Harkness Memorial State Park, Great Neck Road, Waterford, Connecticut

**Description:** Annual show organized by the Connecticut MG Club. See their website for more details:

<http://mgclub.homestead.com/>

**Wed Jun 15, 2011**

**TRA National Meet: Wed Jun 15 – Sun Jun 19, 2011**

**Where:** Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Description:** Triumph Register of America, 2011 National Meet. Event website: <http://new.tra2011.com/>

**Fri Jun 17, 2011**

**The Tanglewood British Motorcar Festival: Fri Jun 17 – Sun Jun 19, 2011**

**Where:** Lenox, MA

**Description:** A weekend celebration of the British lifestyle and all great British motorcars and motorcycles. Event website: [www.tanglewoodmotorcarfestival.com](http://www.tanglewoodmotorcarfestival.com).

**Sat Jun 25, 2011**

**Triumph Day at Faneuil Hall: 8am to 3pm (NET event)**

**Where:** Faneuil Hall, Boston, MA

**Description:** Note the date change! A fun event and the best parking spot you'll ever have in Boston. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. Contact Stan Foster:

[stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org](mailto:stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org)

**Sun Jun 26, 2011**

**British Car Day: 10am to 2pm**

**Where:** The Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02445

**Description:** There are usually a lot of cars at this event so get there early to get your car on the main show field. See the event website for more information:

<http://www.larzanderson.org/Topics/Topic.cfm?TopicName=Show%20Event&CalendarEventId=135>

**Thu Jul 7, 2011**

**PEI International Motoring Festival: Thu Jul 7 – Sun Jul 10, 2011**

**Where:** Prince Edward Island, Canada

**Description:** See the event website for more information: <http://www.peiimf.com/>

**Sun Jul 31, 2011**

**Day of Triumph: 10am to 2pm (NET event)**

**Where:** The Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02245

**Description:** Our annual event at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the show. Contact Stan Foster [stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org](mailto:stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org) See the museum's event webpage for more information:

<http://www.larzanderson.org/Topics/Topic.cfm?TopicName=Show%20Event&CalendarEventId=140>

**Sat Aug 6, 2011**

**BCNH 15th Annual Show of Dreams, 1st Annual Cruisin' for Dreams: Sat Aug 6 – Sun Aug 7, 2011**

**Where:** "The Nick" recreation field, Trotting Track Road, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

**Description:** August 6th (Show of Dreams) and August 7th (Cruisin' for Dreams), 10am to 3pm each day at "The Nick" recreation field, Trotting Track Road, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Please visit the BCNH website for registration forms and further details: <http://www.bcnh.org/>

**Fri Aug 12, 2011**

**The Roadster Factory Summer Party: Fri Aug 12 – Sat Aug 13, 2011**

**Where:** The Roadster Factory, Armagh, PA

**Description:** The Roadster Factory's 2-day event includes social and competitive events, an event dinner and outdoor movie, and a car show. See their website for more information: <http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/>

**Wed Aug 17, 2011**

**Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) National Convention: Wed Aug 17 – Sat Aug 20, 2011**

**Where:** Breckenridge, Colorado

**Description:** The Vintage Triumph Register's (VTR) annual convention. See the official convention website for more information: <http://vtr2011.com/>

**Fri Aug 26, 2011**

**British Marque Triathlon: Fri Aug 26 – Sun Aug 28, 2011**

**Where:** Point Lookout Resort in Northport, Maine

**Description:** A mountain climb, fun rallye and car show. This event is strictly limited to 100 driver/navigator teams and fills up fast! Event website:

<http://www.britishmarque.com/britishmarque/triathlon.cfm>

**Sat Sep 3, 2011**

**Lime Rock Vintage Car Racing**

**Where:** Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT

**Description:** Lime Rock's Historic Festival 29, September 2-5, featuring cars from pre-1920 through the 1980s including Spitfires, TR3s, Alfas, MGs, Porsches, etc. Some NET members are planning to drive our Triumphs to the event on Sat Sep 3rd. We'll meet at 6am for the group drive, arriving at the track between

9:30 and 10:00am. Racing starts at 9am. We will leave the event around 5:30pm with a dinner stop on the way home. Be sure to bring a lawn chair. Corral tickets may be an option and if so, these must be purchased in advance. The first 25-50 cars in each Corral get a parade lap! See more info here: [http://www.limerock.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=295](http://www.limerock.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=295) Event website: [http://www.limerock.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=99](http://www.limerock.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=99)

**Sat Sep 10, 2011****Lobster Tour (NET event)**

**Where:** Stonewall Kitchen, 2 Stonewall Lane, York, ME 03909

**Description:** One of our great annual events! We will meet at the Stonewall Kitchen in York, ME and depart on a scenic drive through southern Maine followed by dinner at a lobster and seafood restaurant. (If you don't eat seafood, don't worry we usually pick a place that has other options available). We usually meet up at 11:30 and head out on the tour at 12:00 sharp. Details will be provided closer to the date.

**Fri Sep 16, 2011****The British Invasion: Fri Sep 16 – Sun Sep 18, 2011**

**Where:** Stowe, VT

**Description:** A great multi-day event featuring Triumphs and many other British cars in the scenic town of Stowe, VT. Event website: <http://www.britishinvasion.com/>

**Thu Sep 22, 2011****6-pack TRials: Thu Sep 22 – Sun Sep 25, 2011**

**Where:** Galena, Illinois

**Description:** The 2011 6-Pack TRials in Historic Galena, Illinois: Scenic drives, social and competitive events and concours and popular choice car show. Event website: <http://6-pack.org/2011Trials/>

**Sat Oct 1, 2011****Covered Bridge Tour (NET event)**

**Where:** Greenfield, MA

**Description:** A tour of covered bridges in the Greenfield, MA area. Details will be announced later.

**Sun Oct 23, 2011****Fall Foliage Tour (NET event)**

**Description:** Our annual fall foliage tour. Details will be announced later.

## 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 NETA member information with anyone

Name(s):

Address:

City:  State:  Zip:

Phone 1:  Phone 2:

Email:

Do you want to be added to the NETA 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
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### 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

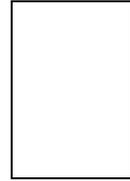
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