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## April Showers Bring Mayflowers

We held our annual planning meeting on Sunday April 1st. See inside for the full report and the 2012 event calendar. This newsletter also includes your membership renewal form. The calendar and renewal form are also available on our website.



Our first driving event of 2012 is the Southern New Hampshire Tour on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> led by John Bowe in his Mayflower. We'll take a scenic drive on back roads and stop for a late lunch. We will be joined by some friends of NET in classic American cars and on British motorcycles. See the calendar for more information about this event and all the other events scheduled for 2012. See you there!

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New England Triumphs membership dues are \$20.00 per calendar year. They cover expenses such as website hosting, production and mailing of newsletters and special notices, and supplementation of some event costs.

*Membership Info:*

*New England Triumphs* is an official chapter of:

**The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)**, dedicated to the history, preservation, and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles. VTR welcomes all Triumph owners. Check their website ([www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)) for membership information.

**The Triumph Register of America (TRA)**, 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. Check their website ([www.triumphregister.com](http://www.triumphregister.com)) for membership information.

**6-Pack**, dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of the TR6 and TR250 ( [www.6-pack.org](http://www.6-pack.org) )

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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. 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. If you have supporting photos, please submit them. Send electronic submissions via e-mail to [stan.foster@hp.com](mailto:stan.foster@hp.com). 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.

## Annual Planning Meeting

Our annual planning meeting was held on Sunday April 1st at the Yangtze River Restaurant in Littleton, MA. There were 21 members in attendance from as far south as Rhode Island and as far north as Bowdoinham, Maine. Ned Sparrow was able to arrange with the management again this year to get us a function room at no charge in exchange for our dinner business and it worked out great for us. Despite several people bringing cameras, nobody took any photos so here are a couple of recycled photos from last year showing a few of our members sitting in or near the same seats, so that will have to do. John and Tricia Gibbs provided a slide show of photos from our 2011 driving season as a backdrop during the meeting, putting everybody in the mood to make plans for 2012.



The election of club officers was a non-event as there were no other candidates for any of the currently-filled positions. Stan Foster offered to continue as Club Director for one more year but stated that it's time to start training a successor. If someone is interested in being an apprentice director this year, please contact Stan. Rick Trowel will continue as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Tom Walling will continue as Regalia Coordinator and Bob Lang will continue as our Competition and Events Coordinator.

We discussed the position of newsletter editor which has been open for over a year now and whether or not we want to continue to have a club newsletter. Greg Elevich presented the results of a member survey conducted about 5 years ago which indicated that at that time the majority of members wanted a regular newsletter. We discussed the pros and cons of electronic versus paper delivery (to save the club some money) and whether just having news on the website was sufficient. In the end we decided to keep the newsletter. Also, at some point we will offer members the option to opt out of receiving a paper copy and instead be notified when a new issue is available online.

That still left us with the problem of the lack of a newsletter editor when Tricia Gibbs offered to take on the role! We are very grateful that she is willing to give it a go and ask that everyone please give her your support by volunteering to provide content for the



newsletter. In addition to coverage of driving tours, “how to” articles would also be very welcome as would anything else you think may be of interest to your fellow club members.

The club’s Photobucket account was also discussed. We set up a free account last year so that members could share copies of some of their event photos with the rest of the club. We quickly realized that it needs someone to own it, to create the albums for each event to keep things organized. Things never quite got off the ground last year so we’ll try to fix that this year. Stan Foster is going to look into it when he gets some time. Once things are organized a bit better we will put a link and some instructions in the Members’ Only area of the club website. **Please do not put your only copy of your photos in that account!** It will be necessary to purge some of the photos from time to time due to space constraints.

Next up was the discussion of club events for 2012. We added many events to our calendar (see below and on our website [www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org)). 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 in advance to the club members who volunteered again this year to organize these events: John Bowe, Alex and Pam Delis and Tom Walling and Wendy Rose. Bob Lang and Linda Cragin usually plan the Fall Tour but they have too much going on this year. It was suggested that we just repeat a drive from a prior year but we will need a volunteer to step in for Bob and Linda to manage the logistics.

At least two couples are planning to attend The Roadster Factory’s Summer Party this year (Aug 2-4). Planning must begin soon so we can book our accommodations. Contact Stan Foster or Tom Walling if you are interested.



A couple of new events were proposed this year. Tom Walling suggested a Mt. Washington climb this summer, perhaps as a joint event with another club. Debbie Christopher proposed a group outing to a Boston Pops holiday concert since our fellow

club member Colin Davis plays violin with the Pops. There was interest in both events so they will both get back to the club when they have more information.

The Boston Area MG Club is holding another "Triumphs at Faneuil Hall" event this summer. We have successfully negotiated our way out of the \$10 per car fee in the past but this year the price has been raised to \$15 - \$20. Rather than fight the battle again, Stan has decided not to pursue this with the BAMG club and to no longer officially support this as an NET event. Anyone who wants to attend on their own should sign up directly with the BAMG. (There is a link to the event in our online calendar.)

Our annual Day of Triumph event is scheduled for July 29th. This is a big event and volunteers are needed to help with the planning and also to help on the day of the event. Contact Stan Foster. We also need ideas for this year's DOT t-shirt.

For those who may not have heard, Sir Sterling Moss is scheduled to be at Lime Rock this year! Several NET members are going, some just on Saturday Sep 1st and others for the entire multi-day event. If you are interested, contact Ned Sparrow.

At this point we were hungry so we adjourned the meeting and headed for the buffet!

## **Our Online Calendar**

Events are listed here in the newsletter but you may also want to get familiar with our online calendar on our website ([www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org)) since it will be updated as event details become available. We are using Google Calendar which is a bit quirky 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

If you want to view/print events from just one calendar, 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.

## New England Triumphs Event Calendar

\* Club events are marked with an asterisk.

### Sun Apr 1, 2012

\* **Planning meeting: 3pm to 5pm (NET event)**

**Where:** Yangtze River Restaurant, 584 King Street, Littleton, MA 01460

**Description:** NET Planning Meeting: Election of club officers, discussion and scheduling of events.

### Sun Apr 15, 2012

**Stafford Springs Swap Meet**

**Where:** Stafford Motor Speedway, Stafford Springs, CT

**Description:** Good deals on British parts. Get there early and be prepared for large crowds and a lot of walking. <http://www.staffordmotorspeedway.com/Pages/BoxOffice/RaceSchedule.htm>

### Sun Apr 22, 2012

\* **Southern NH Tour (NET event)**

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

**Description:** Driving tour of back roads in southern New Hampshire followed by a late lunch. Organized by John Bowe. Meet at 10:00am at John's shop: Underground Cycle, 17 Gigante Drive, Hampstead, NH. Tel: (603)329-6161. Tour departs at 11am. We'll drive for a couple of hours and then stop for lunch. Check the club website and online calendar the day before if the weather is iffy in case we need to reschedule.

### Fri Apr 27, 2012 – Sun Apr 29, 2012

**The Classic Motorsports Mitty**

**Where:** Road Atlanta race track in Braselton, Georgia

**Description:** The Classic Motorsports Mitty is one of the largest classic car events on the east coast. The focus of the 2012 Mitty will be a celebration of all British marques, with special attention given to the ageless rivalry between Triumph and MG. <http://www.GRMSpeedFest.com/>

### Thu May 10, 2012 – Sun May 13, 2012

**NH Speedway Vintage Racing**

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

**Description:** The Vintage Racing Celebration recognizes the roots of auto racing in New England. The four-day event features some of the racing community's earlier car models.

### Sat May 19, 2012 (Rain date: Sun May 20<sup>th</sup>)

\* **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/early dinner at a local restaurant. Details coming soon but in past years we met up around 12:30 and the tour departed at 1pm. Rain date is Sunday May 20th.

### Sun Jun 3, 2012

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

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

**Description:** Connecticut MG Club's annual event: <http://mgclub.homestead.com/>

### Fri Jun 15, 2012 – Sun Jun 18, 2012

**Berkshire British Motorcar Festival**

**Where:** Lenox, MA

**Description:** A weekend celebration of the British lifestyle and all great British motorcars and motorcycles. Event website: <http://www.berkshiremotorcarfestival.com/>

**Wed Jun 20, 2012 – Sat Jun 23, 2012**

**TRA National Meet**

**Where:** Little Switzerland, North Carolina

**Description:** Triumph Register of America, 2012 National Meet. <http://www.triumphregister.com/>

**Sat Jun 23, 2012**

**Triumph Day at Faneuil Hall: 8am to 3pm**

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

**Description:** Share your love of Triumph cars with the general public. Due to the \$20 registration fee the club is no longer officially participating. Space is limited, advance registration is required.

Rain date: Sunday June 24th.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5p1btzac21d70b4&llr=ijhzwidab>

**Sun Jun 24, 2012**

**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/events/lawn-events/lawn-event-list/british/>

**Fri Jul 6, 2012 – Sun Jul 8, 2012**

**PEI International Motoring Festival**

**Where:** Prince Edward Island, Canada

**Description:** The International Motoring Festival is a car show taking place on the site of the Cavendish Beach Music Festival in Prince Edward Island, Canada. <http://www.peimf.com/>

**Fri Jul 20, 2012 – Sun Jul 22, 2012**

**British Motoring Festival**

**Where:** King's Edgehill School, Kings Edgehill Lane, Windsor, Nova Scotia

**Description:** Held on the grounds of King's Edgehill School, Kings Edgehill Lane, Windsor, Nova Scotia. See the event website for more information: <http://www.britishmotoringfestival.com/>.

**Sun Jul 29, 2012**

**\* 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 plan the event and on the day of the show. Contact Stan Foster [stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org](mailto:stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org)

<http://larzanderson.org/events/lawnevents/lawn-event-list/day-of-triumph-2/>

**Thu Aug 2, 2012 – Sat Aug 4, 2012**

**Roadster Factory Summer Party**

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

**Description:** The Roadster Factory's Summer Party includes social and competitive events, an event dinner and outdoor movie, and a car show. <http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/>

**Sat Aug 4, 2012**

**BCNH 16th Annual Show of Dreams: 10am – 4pm**

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

**Description:** Please visit the BCNH website for registration forms and further details:

<http://www.bcnh.org/>

**Fri Aug 31, 2012 – Mon Sep 3, 2012**

**Lime Rock Historic Festival**

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

**Description:** Three days of on-track racing of vintage cars driven by some vintage drivers makes this a very special event. This year's special guest: Sir Stirling Moss! 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)

**Thu Sep 6, 2012 – Sun Sep 9, 2012**

**6-pack TRials**

**Where:** Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

**Description:** The 2012 6-Pack TRials: <http://www.6-pack.org/>

**Sat Sep 8, 2012**

**\* Lobster Tour (NET event)**

**Where:** Southeast Maine

**Description:** One of our great annual events! Details will be available closer to the date. We usually meet in the York area around 11:30 and depart at noon. We'll head north, visiting coastal areas along the way, with a stop or two along the way. Dinner will be at a restaurant that serves lobster (and other things too).

**Sun Sep 9, 2012**

**CT Triumph Register Annual British Motorcar Gathering and Picnic**

**Where:** Wickham Park, Manchester, CT

**Description:** Connecticut Triumph Register's annual British motorcar gathering and picnic.

<http://www.ctriumph.com/index.html>

**Fri Sep 14, 2012 – Sun Sep 16, 2012**

**The British Invasion**

**Where:** Stowe, VT

**Description:** A great multi-day event featuring hundreds of British cars invading the scenic town of Stowe, VT. Event website:<http://www.britishinvasion.com/> Note that accommodations in Stowe sellout early for this event. If you plan to go, book a room ASAP.

**Fri Oct 5, 2012 – Mon Oct 8, 2012**

**CCBCC British Legends Weekend**

**Where:** Falmouth, MA

**Description:** Cape Cod British Car Club's annual British Legends Weekend. The event usually includes a Meet & Greet on Friday, a drive on Saturday, a party on Saturday night and a car show on Sunday. See their website for more information: <http://www.capecodbritishcarclub.org/>

**Sat Oct 20, 2012**

**\* Fall Foliage Tour (NET event)**

**Where:** Sturbridge, Massachusetts

**Description:** Bob and Linda's Annual Fall Foliage, Fruit and Farm Tour in Central MA, possibly without Bob and Linda this year. We will probably just repeat a prior year's tour to minimize the planning time required. If someone wants to help plan this tour this year that would be appreciated! Details will be provided closer to the date.

**Sun Oct 28, 2012 – Fri Nov 2, 2012**

**VTR National Convention**

**Where:** The San Luis Resort, Galveston, TX 77551

**Description:** The Vintage Triumph Register's (VTR) annual convention. For more information:

<http://www.texastriumphregister.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.

**NEW!** Do you want to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter?  Yes  No  
(An email will be sent when an electronic copy is available online, saving us printing and mailing costs).

How did you hear about us?

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

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### Other Club Memberships

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

Other:

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