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Let's get ready to roll...

Annual Planning Meeting

Sunday March 17, 2013 3pm - 5pm, followed by dinner

Spring is fast approaching and that means it's time to get together to plan our driving schedule for 2013. Our annual kickoff meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 17th at the [Yangtze River Restaurant in Littleton, MA](#). The meeting will start at 3pm. We will elect club officers for 2013 and then discuss and schedule events for the driving season. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm and bring your appetite as well. The Yangtze River's dinner buffet opens at 4:45. If you prefer to eat before the meeting rather than after, you can order off the menu. Tom Walling announced at the End of Year party that he is working on a possible weekend-long event that involves going "vertical"!

Membership Renewal Reminder

It is NET Membership renewal time so if you have not done so already, please fill out the membership form and send your check to our treasurer, Rick Trowel. The form is included in this newsletter and on the NET website (www.newenglandtriumphs.org). Rick asks that you please include an up-to-date email address so that we have a means to contact you for official club business. You can also have your email address added to the club email list for general discussions and questions. If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of this newsletter (to help defer printing and mailing costs to the club), please indicate this in your renewal application. Please note that we do not share your personal information with anyone

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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) 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) for membership information.

6-Pack, dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of the TR6 and TR250 (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. 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. 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.

Making Merry in Marlborough

Although it was cold outside, the atmosphere was warm and cheery inside the Marlborough Courtyard by Marriott for our annual "End of Year" party. Approximately 43 members attended the event on Saturday January 26th, and enjoyed spending a midwinter night reconnecting, sharing a meal and Yankee swapping with friends.

Highlights of the evening included a slideshow of NET events from the past 10 years. Member Bob Lang provided most of the photos and John Gibbs provided the technical equipment. In honor of the club's 35th anniversary, a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" was sung. Two original club members, Jane and Jack Nixon were in attendance to celebrate. Jane said that she remembered that 7 people were at the very first meeting.

After dinner, Director Stan Foster thanked the club officers for their service over the past year. He announced that member Bruce Penttinen was chosen to receive the "Stripped Gear" award this year. This award is presented to the member who goes above and beyond to help out the club and fellow members. Bruce was chosen in recognition of his many years supporting NET and his fellow NET members while at the same time dealing with his own TR7 problems, two surgeries and a break-in at his home! As you can imagine, these events sorely tested Bruce's normally upbeat and positive attitude but despite everything, he continued to offer whatever help he could to fellow club members over the past year. It is a true story of Triumph over adversity so the club officers chose to honor Bruce by selecting him as this year's "Stripped Gear" award winner. Unfortunately, Bruce was unable to attend the party so his trophy will be presented at a later date. Stan also presented members attending the party with a 2012 NET DVD with some British car videos and other Triumph content to help us pass the time until driving season begins again.

Next came the much anticipated NET Yankee Swap. Tom Walling, Regalia Coordinator, passed the hat for members to pick their number. He then explained the rules for the swap. Bill Lepere picked number one and at the end of the swap was able to choose from all of the opened gifts. He chose the Triumph mail box custom painted by John Bowe.





There was a lot of spirited swapping and a lot of spirits swapped this year including a bottle of single-malt scotch, the second most coveted gift, claimed by new member Donnie Mathis.

John Bowe took the record for the most gifts taken away from him. He finally was able to keep a very nice alpaca wool scarf.



At the end of it all, everyone was able to swap gifts with each other.

Once again, it was a great night to celebrate being part of NET and go home with happy memories and one or two tire gauges. Special Thanks also go to Bob and Linda who invited everyone over for a "Dirty Garage Tour" and brunch on Sunday.

(Photos courtesy of NET member Bill Richardson)

An interesting find on Main Street in Nashua, NH



Do you recognize the car in this picture? Stan Foster finally did after about 20 years and hundreds of times of driving down Main Street in Nashua. Stan said he noticed the TR3 this past summer while walking by the Yankee Flyer Diner mural. There is a plaque next to the mural explaining the history of this cornerstone of downtown Nashua. The mural captures life in the city in the 1940s and 50s. It was painted in 1997 by James Aponovich at the site where the diner was once located. In

1965 the Yankee Diner was sold and moved to Newburyport, Massachusetts, thus marking the end of an era. The people shown in the mural were actual residents of Nashua in the 1940's and 1950's.

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.

Year	Model	Color	Comm #	Tag No. & State
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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.

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