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Jay Leno and his brother's TR3

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**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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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.

## Sunday Driving: The Southern New Hampshire Tour

The Sun Gods were smiling down on NET on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> for the first driving event of 2013, the Southern New Hampshire tour. Approximately 20 cars and a few motorcycles attended the event, including a 1960 Chevy Impala convertible and a 1930 Model A Ford. A few members of the British Cars of New Hampshire also came along for the ride.

The event began at John Bowe's shop in Hampstead, NH, where everyone gathered for coffee and breakfast goodies and a tour of the neighboring shop, Classic Car Blasting. They posted a few pictures of the cars in the shop parking lot on their website, <http://www.classiccarblasting.com/our-facility.html>; scroll down to "British Car Day".



John, in his TR7 with the top off, led the way over hill and dale through the scenic towns of Hampstead, Derry, Chester, Fremont, and Kingston, to name a few. After a couple of hours of driving everyone was ready for a stretch and some lunch. The group reconvened in Exeter at the Loaf and Ladle. The weather was even warm enough to sit outside on the back porch of the restaurant to eat while overlooking the falls of the Exeter River.

After all bellies were refueled, the ride continued on through Exeter, Kensington, East Kingston, Plaistow and Atkinson and then back to the shop. It was a great day to get back on the road and enjoy the New Hampshire countryside in our little British cars! And many Thanks to John Bowe for a great tour.

### Great day for a spring ride



### Some American Antiques joined in...



## **A Tour of Some Car Museums in LA and an Afternoon with Jay Leno**

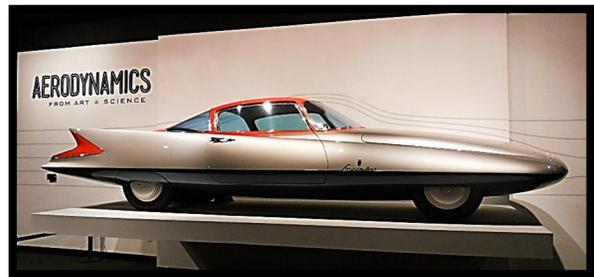
**By Carl Hanson**

**NET Member since 1992, Bedford, MA, 1973 TR6**

With a daughter living there, my wife and I visit the Los Angeles area a couple of times a year. Each time we go, I try to combine our family time with a visit to one of the many car museums or car shows in the area. It is probably not a surprise to you that there are a lot of them. After all, car is king in Southern California! One of my favorite car shows is the LA Roadster Show held every year on Father's Day at the Fairplex in Pomona. This show has over two thousand of the best hot rods and custom cars found anywhere on the planet, plus all the vendors and used parts purveyors that you could ever want to see.

Museums in the LA area include the National Hot Rod Association Museum in Pomona, the Riverside International Raceway Museum in Riverside, the Petersen Museum in LA, the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar, and the Mullins Museum in Oxnard, just to name a few. During my most recent trip I had a chance to visit two museums, the Petersen and the Nethercutt, with a colleague from the Jaguar club and spend an afternoon with Jay Leno in his famous garage in Burbank. Jay's garage is not usually open to the public, but in this case, my colleague Keith Carlson had recently sold Jay a rare Bristol and was invited to drop in while he was in the area.

First up was the Petersen Auto Museum on Wilshire Boulevard in LA. This museum was the brainchild of the same Petersen who published many of the car magazines that we have read over the years, starting with Hot Rod, continuing with Motor Trend, and many others which resulted in a very successful publishing career over time. Six years after the Ohrbach's department store closed on Wilshire Boulevard, Petersen acquired the largely windowless building and turned it into a large car museum with themed exhibits that change periodically. A few years ago, I saw Steve McQueen's car and motorcycle collection on exhibit. This time there was an extensive Corvette exhibit, a show that featured "Fins: Form without Function", an Aerodynamic Shape exhibit, as well as their usual fixtures with old cars and hot rods in dioramas. A person can spend the better part of a day in this museum including having lunch at a fifties-style diner (Johnny Rockets). Parking is easy with a large garage connected to the museum building.



The next morning, we visited the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar. This is one of the premier automobile collections in the world. In addition to automobiles, there is an amazing collection of mechanical musical instruments, including the second largest Wurlitzer theater organ in the country. (Don't ask me who has the first, this one was big enough!) J.B. Nethercutt's cars usually show up at Pebble Beach and other top end car shows and often come away with Best of Show. There are two buildings associated with the collection. One full of beautifully restored cars of all types, and another with classic cars and musical

instruments. Admission is free to both buildings, but the one with cars and musical instruments requires a reservation in advance. Believe me, it is worth getting that reservation. You will see cars of such quality that it will take your breath away. They are displayed in an equally breathtaking Grand Salon that emulates the high-end car showrooms of the past, with crystal chandeliers, mirrored walls, and marble columns.



In the afternoon we drove to Burbank, to the gated buildings alongside the Bob Hope Airport, where Jay Leno has his famous garage. I should say famous and huge. One whole building contains a shop that has everything needed to restore or even build from new, a complete car. Two more buildings hold his extensive car and motorcycle collection. When we arrived, Jay was working with his staff on a 1925 Doble Series E steam-powered car that had been



owned by Howard Hughes. There was Jay, up in the driver's seat running the controls of the car (which was on the lift) while mechanics were diagnosing problems with the gearing and steam generation. One whole room of that building is devoted to steam cars; Stanley Steamers, Whites, Dobles, you name it, he's got it!

I estimate he has over 100 amazing cars and an equal number of classic motorcycles in his collection, most of them licensed and ready to hit the road. The walls of Jay's garage are decorated by huge graphics, copies of advertisements and scenes related to cars and bikes, all hand painted by studio

artists. I was interested in his Jaguars since he has a fixed head XK120 almost identical to mine as well as an XK120 roadster and some E-Types. It was actually an XK120 that got him interested in cars back in his home town of Andover MA, a story that he likes to tell. (You can see him telling it on one of his episodes of "Jay's Garage" on You-Tube.) But in addition, I spotted a red TR3 in the mix that belonged to his brother Patrick. He keeps that TR3 in a special place in the collection because Patrick passed away in 2002. As I recall, Patrick was a member of NET back in the early '90s and brought his TR3 to our events. I took a photo of Jay next to Patrick's TR3 and he was pleased when I said I would put it in our newsletter.

So that is a summary of two car-filled days in LA. My colleague Keith went on the next day to the Mullin Museum in Oxnard, another magical place! but I had to get back to family festivities. Another visit to look forward to in the future! (All photos courtesy of Carl Hanson)

## 2013 Club Events and Other Events of Interest

**NET events are marked with an asterisk. Event dates and details are subject to change, sometimes at the last minute due to weather forecasts. For club events, be sure to check the calendar on our club website [www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org) for the latest information.**

**Sat Apr 13 – Sun Oct 27, 2013**

**Concept Car Exhibit: Apr 13 - Oct 27, 2013**

Heritage Museum & Gardens, 67 Grove Street, Sandwich, MA 02563. "Driving Our Dreams: Imagination in Motion" An exhibit of some of the most historically significant concept cars ever built. Open April 13 through October 27, 2013.

**Sat Jun 1, 2013**

**\* Cape Ann Tour (NET event)**

Gloucester, MA. A great tour of a very scenic part of Massachusetts. The tour usually includes some views of the sea so wear a hat in case there are seagulls overhead! This year's tour will focus less on Cape Ann and more on the Newburyport, MA area. The tour concludes with a late lunch/early dinner at a local restaurant. Details on when and where we will meet will be provided closer to the event. check the NET website, Rain date: Sunday June 2

**Sun Jun 2, 2013**

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

Harkness Memorial State Park, Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT. Annual show organized by the Connecticut MG Club.

**Fri Jun 7, 2013 – Sun Jun 9, 2013**

**\* Mt Washington Climb (NET event)**

Jackson, NH. The Mt. Washington Climb will be held on Saturday, June 8. The base of operations is the Eagle Mountain House in Jackson, NH, a beautiful, historic inn with stunning views to some of the White Mountains. Twelve cars have signed up for the event and there may still be rooms at the hotel if there are any last minute additions. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-966-5779. Plans include a climb up beautiful Mt. Washington, touring routes for two additional drives through this lovely landscape, a Moose shoot contest (pictures only of course), and a black fly bulls eye contest. The hotel offers a great menu at their restaurant and there are other dining places in the area. Jackson even has a classic New England covered bridge. There is

great shopping at the outlets in North Conway for those who are so inclined. If anyone has any questions about the event, feel free to call Tom at 207-666-5837.

**Wed Jun 12, 2013 – Sat Jun 15, 2013**

**TRA National Meet**

Kenlake State Resort Park, Aurora, Kentucky. Triumph Register of America, 2013 National Meet.

**Sun Jun 23, 2013**

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

The Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02445. British Car Day at the Larz Anderson Museum. There are usually a lot of cars at this event so get there early to get your car on the main show field.

**Sat Jul 27, 2013**

**BCNH Annual Show of Dreams**

"The Nick" recreation field, Trotting Track Road, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Please visit the BCNH website for registration forms and detailed information.

**Sun Jul 28, 2013**

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

The Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02245. Our annual event at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. **Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the show.**

**Contact Stan Foster:**

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**Tue Jul 30 – Sun Aug 4, 2013**

**NH Speedway Vintage Racing**

New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 1122 Route 106 North, Loudon, NH 03307. The 23rd Annual Vintage Racing Celebration moves to mid-summer this year.

**Thu Aug 1 – Sat Aug 3, 2013**

**Roadster Factory Summer Party**

The Roadster Factory, 328 Killen Road, Armagh, PA. TRF's Summer Party includes social and

competitive events, an event dinner, outdoor movie, and a car show. See TRF's website for registration forms and more information: [www.the-roadster-factory.com](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com)

**Fri Aug 23 – Sun Aug 25, 2013**  
**British Marque Triathlon X**

Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, Hancock, MA.  
British Marque Triathlon X

**Fri Aug 30 – Mon Sep 2, 2013**  
**Lime Rock Historic Festival**

Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT. Three days of on-track racing of vintage cars driven by some vintage drivers makes this a special event. Car show on Sunday. Several club members will be driving out together early Saturday morning. Contact Ned Sparrow for more information. Tickets can be purchased online at the Lime Rock park website. Deadline for reduced price tickets is Friday August 23rd.

**Fri Sep 6 – Sun Sep 8, 2013**  
**Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival**

Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. The ELVF will be celebrating Triumphs this year with Kas Kastner as the "Honored Guest" for the weekend.

**Sun Sep 8, 2013**  
**CT Triumph Register Annual Gathering and Picnic**

Wickham Park, Manchester, CT. The Connecticut Triumph Register's annual British motorcar gathering and picnic.

**Sat Sep 14, 2013**  
**\* Lobster Tour (NET event)**

Stonewall Kitchen, 2 Stonewall Lane, York, ME 03909. One of our great annual events! Meet at the Stonewall Kitchen store in York, ME (exit 7 on I-95). We will depart at 12:00 sharp on a scenic drive along coastal Maine roads, ending in Cape Elizabeth, ME at The Lobster Shack at Two Lights. The restaurant is right on the water with a beautiful view. Pay individually at the restaurant for food and beverages. There are many items on the menu in addition to lobster including options for those who want something other than seafood

(burgers, veggie burgers, chicken sandwich, etc.) The menu is available on their website. No need to pre-register for the event. Simply show up at the Stonewall Kitchen by noon.

**Thu Sep 19 – Sun Sep 22, 2013**  
**6-Pack TRials**

Leelanau Peninsula, Michigan. The 2013 6-Pack TRials

**Fri Sep 20 – Sun Sep 24, 2013**  
**The British Invasion**

Stowe, VT. A great multi-day event featuring hundreds of British cars invading the scenic town of Stowe, VT. See the event website for more information. Accommodations in Stowe sell out early for this event. If you plan to go, book a room ASAP.

**Wed Oct 2 – Sun Oct 6, 2013**  
**VTR National Convention**

Greater San Francisco Bay Area, CA. The Vintage Triumph Register's (VTR) annual convention

**Fri Oct 11 – Sun Oct 13, 2013**  
**CCBCC British Legends Weekend**

Falmouth, MA. The Cape Cod British Car Club's annual British Legends Weekend. The event includes a Meet & Greet on Friday, a drive on Saturday, a party on Saturday night and a car show on Sunday.

**Sun Oct 20, 2013**  
**\* Halloween Rallye (NET event)**

A gimmick rallye with a Halloween theme. The rallye has been designed so that the answers can be seen from the driver's seat so if you don't have a navigator don't let that stop you from participating. Consider wearing a costume or decorating your car. Who knows, you might even earn some extra points for your efforts. The rallye will start and end in the Littleton, MA area. Details will be provided closer to the event date. Rain date: Sun Oct 27.

**Editor's Note: If you attend any of these events, please consider writing a paragraph or two for the newsletter.**

**Membership Renewal Reminder**

If you have not done so already, please fill out the membership form and send your check to our treasurer, Rick Trowel. 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.

**Welcome New NET Members:**

**Gunter Bernardini Millinocket, ME 64 TR4-A**

**Timothy Russel Westford, MA 76 TR6**



**Keith Carlson and Jay Leno  
with Jay's Jags and TR3.**

**The view from John  
Bowe's deck lid during  
the Southern NH tour.  
(photo from John Bowe)**



## 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  
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Other:

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