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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.

**“The Plum” Dirty Garage Tour
December 8, 2013
By Mary Barnard**

Sunday morning dawned cold and clear. At 10 o'clock, New England Triumph members (and some potential members) started arriving. We welcomed them into our warm kitchen for coffee, apple cider donuts and name tags!

Eventually, Rick decided that it was time to show off “The Plum”, which he had taken off the jack stands and rolled out into the driveway, earlier that morning. As the crowd admired the shell of a car in its new Damson paint, he was asked the “story” behind the car. So, he launched into an impromptu speech recounting the early days, from its purchase in 1997, through 2005 when it was sold, to 2010 when



he bought it back, and last year when he stripped it down and flat-bedded it to Massasoit Auto Body in Worcester, for body repair and paint.

He also had his hardtop assembly fixture and hardtop storage dolly on display. We settled the question of “How much does a fully assembled TR6 factory steel hardtop weigh?” with the help of the abundant manpower present to pass it to him, as he stood on a scale (65 pounds). Another fun math activity was calculating

how many TR6s were produced at Coventry per month (about 1,100). This was prompted by the presence of another 1973 TR6 owner whose car was also built in November 1972, 569 cars ahead of The Plum.

By this time, toes were tingling, so we shuffled back indoors for mulled cider and finger sandwiches. The floor in our little antique house was bouncing with 25 happy Triumph owners and their animated conversations. By 12:30, everyone headed off to watch the Patriots, and Rick and I relaxed on the couch.

We’re looking forward to future NET activities, including dirty garage tours, where we can really see where our Triumphs “live”, share tips and tricks, and tell heroic stories.

What a fun morning it was!

LOBSTER TOUR 2013 BY TOM WALLING

Sitting here looking out the window, I see snow, lots of snow. The wind is blowing hard and the plow guy has been here twice today already. But just a few short months ago it wasn't like that... it was Saturday September 14th and the sun was shining, the sky was blue and it was Lobster Tour day.



We all met in York at the Stonewall Kitchen store to begin our annual trek along the Maine coast to Cape Elizabeth where seaside dining awaited us. For the 15 of us who made the trip, there were nearly 70 miles of scenic ocean views, interesting towns, extravagant architecture and winding roads to remind us why we drive Triumphs rather than Corollas. Lots of people who were out for a stroll waved and smiled at us and gave us the “thumbs up” (at least I hope it was their thumb they were raising). When we got to the Twin Lights Lobster Restaurant, there was plenty of parking for our group and the outside tables gave us a great view of the ocean and the cruise ships that were leaving Portland Harbor

heading back to NYC or Boston. This is what the Lobster Tour is meant to be!



Of course we'll do it again next year. We always schedule it for the Saturday between the Vintage Races at Limerock and the British Invasion in Stowe. Maybe this time we'll “shake things up a bit” and explore the New Hampshire coast. If there is anyone who has knowledge of the roads between Portsmouth

and Salisbury, think about contacting me to discuss a tour of that area.

HALLOWEEN AND HARVEST RALLYE BY ELLEN SPARROW

October 20, 2013 dawned sunny and mild. Eighteen intrepid British cars (OK, a couple were Miatas) arrived at Yangtze Restaurant in Littleton, MA for the Halloween and Harvest Rallye. The restaurant kitchen workers sneaked away from their chores to see what was going on. A man who happened to be driving by was lured in by the sight of all the cars stopped by and tried to woo Rose, who has a Lotus. Was he interested in the car or the woman? Who knows, but she wisely



rebuffed his advances. After drivers and navigators had time to compare car stories and conducted general tire kicking, Ned and Ellen Sparrow provided an overview of how the afternoon would proceed....if all went well! There was trepidation in the air. Would people be able to follow the instructions?

Would they be able to find the answers to the questions? Would they be able to find their way back home? Instructions were given and off they went. Well, not exactly. Three cars remained with their hoods up. Ahhh, Triumphs...you got to love'em!

Despite the effort to make the directions "fool proof", there were challenges. For some, going off course was par for the course! Yes, the directions were correct, dead ends are dead! Some discovered this the hard way. One found a town that was not on the route. For most, however, the ride was smooth. There were stops at two cemeteries as well as multiple opportunities to stop at both large and small farms to buy produce or snacks. Most impressive of all was that The Stig himself (or is he a she?) in full racing gear was gracious enough to help NET by coming to the town of Shirley to pass out candy and snacks to the participants! It was at this stop that Bill and Evelyn Lepere found that gremlins had attacked their brakes. Fortunately, this occurred at Ned's garage...and Ned happened to be there. So, up on the lift the Spitfire went and it was quickly repaired. The Leperes wisely decided to not push their luck and finish the event, but went directly home. It is reported that they arrived safe and sound.

In the end, 5 teams answered all questions and the bonus questions correctly. Cards were drawn to determine the top 3 winners. 1st place went to Frank Frett and Carol Baker; 2nd place to The Lindquists; 3rd place to Bob Lang and Linda Cragin. Congratulations!



If you missed the Rallye and would like to go for a drive, email a request to esparrow2@hotmail.com and the directions will be forwarded to you.

Ned and Ellen want to thank Phil and Linda Brzozoski and Bob and Bess Thorpe for their



help in organizing the event and working the checkpoints. Their assistance was much appreciated.

Take a closer look... I was doing



some gardening this year and decided that I would try out that weed block we had left over from last year's project. This is the stock photo that was on the label.



If you have an article or any interesting Triumph related news that you would like to share with your fellow NET members, please submit to netriumph@yahoo.com. –Tricia Gibbs, Newsletter Editor.

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.

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:

Mail to:

New England Triumphs c/o Rick Trowel 22 Duane Drive North Reading, MA 01864
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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.

NET END OF YEAR PARTY! JANUARY 25, 2014 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Help us wrap up the 2013 season with the NET End of Year Party! This year's event will be held on Saturday January 25, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA near exit 28 on I-495. The festivities will start at 6:00pm with pre-dinner snacks and a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:45, followed by club awards and our world famous Yankee Swap. The party normally wraps up around 10:00 pm. Please note the change in venue from the last several years. The move to the Holiday Inn is a result of scheduling and cost issues with the Marriott.

There are three entree options: beef (\$30), chicken (\$23) or vegetarian pasta (\$16)

Minestrone Soup

Caesar Salad with Croutons

Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus

or

Chicken Boxborough: Tender Boneless Breast of Chicken with Herb Stuffing and Supreme Sauce

or

Penne Pasta Tossed with Roasted Vegetables in a Roasted Red Pepper Cream Sauce

NOTE: Prime Rib and Chicken dinners include chef's choice of rice or potato.

All entrees include a side of seasonal vegetables.

Apple Crisp

Tea or Coffee

Each person participating in the Yankee swap should bring a wrapped gift worth \$20. The Swap is the highlight of the evening with many changes of fortune before we see who finally goes home with which gift!

If you would like to stay overnight we have a special rate of \$109 including the breakfast buffet for two or \$99 without breakfast. Rooms should be booked directly with the Holiday Inn in Boxborough MA at 978-263-8701 or through their central reservation number: 1 800 HOLIDAY (800-465-4329). Be sure to request the New England Triumphs room rate.

IMPORTANT: You must book your hotel room by January 4th to get this special rate.

End-of-Year Party Sign-up Form

Complete and return this form by **January 13th** with a check payable to “New England Triumphs”.

This form is also available on the NET web site www.newenglandtriumphs.org where you can complete the form online and print it out before mailing it to Rick.

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

Indicate the number of meals in the appropriate boxes, for example:

Prime Rib Chicken Vegetarian

Prime Rib - \$30

Chicken - \$23

Vegetarian - \$16

Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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