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Travelling through downtown Exeter, NH.

Group photo in Gloucester, MA.



We found it! In Epping, NH.



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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.

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)

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.

Upcoming Events:

British Car Day at Larz Anderson Sat. June 22nd

Rally around the Quabbin Sat. June 28th (rain date Sun. June 29th)

A new NET event led by member Tony Rhodes

The "Rally Around The Quabbin" is set for Saturday June 28th. The rain date is the following day. The route is about 66 miles. We will meet at 11:00 AM at the Shell gas station, with a Dunkin Donuts, just off Rt. 2 at the Rt.202 South exit (exit 16), street address: 167 Daniel Shays Hwy, Orange, MA 01364. People should bring a picnic lunch and some folding chairs. Also bring a blanket to put on the ground if you want. The park only has 3 picnic benches, and they are fairly widely separated. We will drive clockwise around the Quabbin Reservoir. There is the option for a stop at a sandwich shop in Hardwick if you do not bring food. We will stop at the Hardwick Winery for a wine tasting (\$6.00) then continue on to the Tower in Quabbin Park. After the stop for lunch, we will drive to the other side of the dam and have the opportunity for a photoshoot of each our cars, individually, overlooking the water. From there we will continue on to a frozen yogurt shop in Belchertown, and back to the starting location north on Rt 202.

Spring Rides Highlights:

Southern NH tour, Sunday April 27th

Our first ride was a success despite the cool weather. Members of NET and BCNH gathered at John Bowe's shop in Hampstead NH for a meet, greet, (and eat) over coffee and pastry before setting out on the Southern New Hampshire tour. John led the group in his Mayflower* down the scenic back roads. The route changed a few times during the tour, we lost a couple of cars, and had a minor breakdown along the way. All was good by the time we gathered in Exeter for a stretch. We completed our quest with a late lunch at the Holy Grail restaurant in Epping, NH.

*John and his 1952 Triumph Mayflower are featured in the June 2014 issue of Hemmings Sports and Exotic Cars magazine. Check it out!

Cape Ann Ride

The club gathered up in Gloucester MA for the Cape Ann tour led by Alex and Pam Delis. The weather turned out great. By the time we hit the roads, the sun was shining and the early morning rain clouds had moved on. We were joined by some new NET members and some members of BCNH. Since the temps were a tad cooler than last year, the traffic thru Rockport and to Crane's Beach was nil which made for great motoring. We stopped at Russell Farms to check out the cider donuts, warm cider and to get a stretch. From there we explored some more Cape Ann roads before reaching our final destination, Lobsta Land. Thanks again to Alex and Pam for a great day!

A Word From a Passionate Triumph Lover

It's an interesting quandary, that of a classic Triumph owner: what is the best use of the car?

Do you drive it?

Do you bath it, polish it and wax it?

Do you return it to the absolute most perfect representation of the marque and as-new condition?

Do you smooth out the warts? Do you LEAVE the warts?

Do you try to improve the ride comfort or performance or handling?

Do you try to do things with this car that the designers never imagined? Do you try to do things that the designers DID imagine?

The truth is, all of these answers are correct. Maybe not for you, but for someone out there every one of these uses for our beloved marque. Or any marque for that matter.

Once in a while this topic comes up in discussion, whether it be at a cruise night, Day of Triumph or maybe even at the race track. And, interestingly, the discussion can feature a comment that may seem simple and maybe even true, but it cuts to the heart of the passion of another, maybe even a host of others.

What I would ask is this: if you find an aspect of the classic car hobby to be somehow abhorrent, take the time to find out what it is that makes the effort interesting to those that pursue it. Really.

What you will find is passion. Sometimes deep, deep passion that makes these folks pursue the effort. And, while winning a plastic trophy or a beer stein might seem trivial at the time, for the winner, it could just be the end of a long, long road. Or maybe even just the beginning.

So, next time you try to trivialize someone's use of their TRIUMPH, take a moment in pause and remember that while YOU may not find "x", "y" or "z" to be to your taste, consider that others do and celebrate the moment.

And no matter what,

DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH.

June to October 2014 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 for the latest information.

Sun Jun 22, 2014 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.

Saturday, Jun 28, 2014 *Quabbin Reservoir Tour New for 2014! This will be a tour around parts of the Quabbin Reservoir in central Massachusetts with a lunch stop (perhaps a picnic!). Tour organizer: Tony Rhodes. NOTE: The tour date is tentative at this point. Stay tuned for updates.

Fri Jul 4, 2014 – Sun Jul 6, 2014 Cars of Summer Show

Green Hill Park, Skyline Drive, Worcester, MA. Three day car show and auction. Over 1,000 antique cars, food and product vendors, auction, live bands. Club discounts available with reserved parking spots. For more information, see the event website.

Sun Jul 13, 2014 CCBC Progeria Foundation Benefit

Southeast Massachusetts. The Cape Cod British Car Club invites NET members to attend their event to benefit the Progeria Foundation. Featuring a car cruise around southeast Massachusetts and a silent auction. CCBC and NET members Joe and Kathy Rocha, your hosts, are finalizing the details.

Sat Jul 19, 2014 Paris Hill Maine Classic Car Exhibit

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill, ME. On the Green in historic Paris Hill, Maine a Classic Car Exhibit, featuring the extensive private collection of Robert & Sandra Bahre to benefit the Hamlin Memorial Library & Museum. This 60+ vehicle collection features Packards, Duesenbergs, Stutz Bearcats, a Tucker, Thomas Flyer, vintage racecars, and much more.

Sun Jul 20, 2014 Codman Estate Antique Auto Show

Codman Estate, 34 Codman Road, Lincoln, MA. More than 300 classic and antique vehicles, music, food concessions, family activities and tours of the Codman Estate at the annual Codman Estate Antique Auto Show.

Thu Jul 24, 2014 – Sat Jul 26, 2014 Roadster Factory Summer Party

The Roadster Factory, 328 Killen Road, Armagh, PA. The Roadster Factory's Summer Party includes social and competitive events, an event dinner and outdoor movie, and a car show. See TRF's website for registration forms and more information.

Sat Jul 26, 2014 BCNH Annual Show of Dreams

211 Derry Road (Route 102) Hudson, NH. **Note the new location this year (Hudson, NH).** Featured marques will be glass fibre cars (TVR, Lotus, etc.) Please visit the BCNH website for registration forms and detailed information.

Sun Jul 27, 2014 * Day of Triumph 10am to 2pm (NET event)

The Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA. 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

Fri Aug 1, 2014 – Mon Aug 3, 2014 NH Speedway Vintage Racing

Loudon NH. Vintage Racing Celebration. See the New Hampshire Motor Speedway website for more information.

Sun Aug 10, 2014 Antique & Classic Car Show at Smolak Farms

Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford Street, North Andover, MA. Smolak Farms Antique and Classic Car Show. Music, door prizes, trophies, ice cream, BBQ, Pizza, Popcorn and much more on a 300 acre New England farm.

Thu Aug 28, 2014 – Mon Sep 1, 2014 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 go on Saturday just for the day and drive out together early Saturday morning. Tickets can be purchased online at the Lime Rock park website and are cheaper if purchased a few weeks ahead of the event.

Sun Sep 7, 2014 CT Triumph Register Annual Gathering and Picnic

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

Tue Sep 9, 2014 - Sun Sep 14, 2014 VTR National Convention

Dobson NC Description: The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) National Convention Some club members are planning to drive their Triumphs to North Carolina for this event. Contact Bob Lang if you are interested in joining fellow club members on the drive to North Carolina.

Sat Sep 13, 2014 – Sun Sep 14, 2014 Foreign Auto Festival & Antique Aeroplane Show

Owls Head Transportation Museum, Museum Street, Owls Head, ME. Open to all pre-1994 vehicles of any make. Vehicle demonstrations, Model T rides, family activities and more. See the museum's website for more information.

Fri Sep 19, 2014 – Sun Sep 21, 2014 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.

Sat Sep 27, 2014 * Lobster Tour (NET event)

Stonewall Kitchen, 2 Stonewall Lane, York, ME. One of our great annual events! The event is scheduled a bit later in September than usual to avoid a conflict with the VTR National event. Details are TBD but we usually meet at the Stonewall Kitchen store in York, ME (exit 7 on I-95) at 11:30-ish, leaving at 12:00 sharp on a scenic drive along coastal Maine roads. The tour concludes with dinner at a lobster place (with plenty of other options to choose from for those who prefer something other than lobster). Details will be provided closer to the date. Rain date: Sunday 9/28/2014. Event Organizers: Tom Walling and Wendy Rose.

Sat Oct 4, 2014 * Covered Bridge Tour (NET event)

Central Massachusetts. A tour of covered bridges in central Massachusetts. We did a similar tour a few years ago and had a great day out despite a steady rain. You will be surprised how many covered bridges there are in that part of the state. The tour will conclude with a stop for dinner. Details will be provided closer to the date. Tour organizers: Bob Lang and Linda Cragin.

Thu Oct 9, 2014 – Sun Oct 12, 2014 6-Pack Trials

Oxford Mississippi. The 2014 6-Pack TRials Check their website for details. Oh, and check out the photo of the row of TR6s and a 250 in their slideshow...

Fri Oct 10, 2014 CCBC British Legends Weekend

Heritage Museums & Gardens, Sandwich MA. The Cape Cod British Car Club's annual British Legends Weekend. Parties, Car Tour, and British Vehicle Show: CCBC's biggest event of the year! Event details can be found here.

Sat Oct 25, 2014 * Fall Rallye (NET event)

Ned and Ellen had so much fun running last fall's Halloween Rallye that they have decided to do it again this year! Details are TBD but the general location will be similar to last year (Littleton, MA). Tour organizers: Ned and Ellen Sparrow.

Welcome New NET Members:

Jonathan Cue Lexington, MA TR6
Stuart H. Goodwin Cumberland, ME TR6
Stephen & Susan Maloney Cumberland, ME TR6
Richard Merrill Concord, NH TR6
John Murphy North Reading, MA SPITFIRE
Charles Prescott Leominster, MA TR3A
Steven Galante Wellesley, MA



A beautiful sight on 128 in Gloucester

A note from your Editor... If you attend any of the events listed in the Calendar, please consider emailing me a paragraph about the event. Also if you come across something that you think would interest other Triumph owners, please submit it to the newsletter. Photos with a description are also welcome. Send to netriumph@yahoo.com. Thanks.

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