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**Annual Planning Meeting  
Sunday March 15, 2015 at 3pm  
Yangtze River Restaurant  
Littleton, MA**

As I am watching it snow outside, I'm reflecting on our past driving season and all the great scenic drives we took last year. With all this snow on the ground, it is hard to think that we were just driving our LBCs a few months ago and our first drive is only about 10 weeks away. Our 2015 startup meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 15th at the Yangtze River restaurant in Littleton, MA. Our meeting will start at 3pm. The meeting agenda for this year is to once again ask our volunteers to organize our major events and plan our 2015 calendar. Last year some new events were added that were quite successful and I'm hoping that we can continue to have monthly events with something for everyone to enjoy. If you have an idea for a tour or event, please let us know so we can add it to our calendar. I have also been thinking we need a yearly event to celebrate our clubs anniversary around June 19th. This year will mark 38 years of driving together thanks to all of our great members. I would also like to remind everyone 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 in this newsletter and on the NET website ([www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org)) or you can see Rick at the startup meeting.

The [Yangtze River Restaurant](#) is located at 584 King Street, Littleton. Phone: (978) 486-0500. The restaurant has a dedicated function room that we can use with a good view of the rear parking lot if the weather is good enough to bring a Triumph. And after the meeting, anyone wishing to stay for dinner can order off the menu or take advantage of the buffet.

See you on the 15<sup>th</sup> - John Gibbs

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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) )

*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.

**Welcome New Members:**

- Bill Jones - Wrentham MA**
- Donald Fletcher – Abington, MA**
- Richard Morrissey – Andover, MA**
- Jeff Beverstock & Linda Gunn – Kensington, NH**
- Mike Kerouac – Upton, MA**
- Joe Manzi – East Providence, RI**

## **End of Year Party, Saturday January 24, 2015**

By Debbie Christopher & Stan Foster, Photos by Rick and Stephanie Trowel

We had a fantastic turnout for our traditional End of Year Party despite the surprise snow storm. The weather forecast had evolved from “no snow” to “snow in the evening” to “snow all day” on Saturday. Since we were past our cancellation deadline we had to pay for all the meals we ordered whether anyone showed up or not so there was no turning back – the party was on, it was just a question of how many people would turn up. A total of 41 (or maybe it was 43?) members managed to make it to the Holiday Inn in Boxborough MA for the event and we had a great time.

After dinner Stan gave a short speech to close out the year and to thank everyone for helping make the club so successful. This includes the club officers who help keep the club running but especially Debbie Christopher who maintains the NET web site, Rick Trowel for serving as the club treasurer and John and Tricia Gibbs for the great work that they do in editing, publishing and distributing the newsletter and managing the club’s Facebook page. He also thanked the members who organize driving events throughout the year. In 2014 we had one of our best years for touring with some new driving tours in addition to our traditional ones.



This year the Stripped Gear award was presented to John Bowe. We present this award annually to a club member who has gone above and beyond in his/her contribution to the club and helping others.

John organizes driving tours, hosted our drive-in movie night and is very generous with his time helping other club members with repairs and restoration projects. Congratulations John and thanks for everything that you do for the club.

The other big announcement of the evening is that effective January 24, 2015 Stan Foster has stepped down as Club Director. John Gibbs has been serving as Assistant Director for the past year and has agreed to become our new Director! Stan will assume John's former role as Assistant.

In addition to being a very active club member, John handles the printing and distribution of the club newsletter. He created and manages the club's Facebook page. John provides and sets up the audio/video equipment at the EOY party and the kickoff meeting, entertaining us with



slide shows of past club events as a backdrop for our meetings. Tricia Gibbs is our newsletter editor and both Tricia and John have organized club events including our Drive-In Movie Night. They help out at many other events as well so our club is definitely in good hands!



In his first act as Club Director, John thanked Stan for his years of service as Director and presented him with this legal reproduction 1959 Massachusetts vanity plate: BLU TR3. This plate follows the tradition of Stan and Debbie’s RED TR6 license plate and John and Tricia’s GRN TR6 license plate. The plate came with a stand so that it can be displayed in Stan’s home office while he continues working on his powder blue TR3. Rick Trowel took great delight in having Stan pose for a traditional mug shot with the plate.

Tom and Wendy facilitated the Yankee Swap (aka “Have Your Photo Taken with the Mailbox”) which as always blended a mixture of fun and anxiety as you never know how long you will get to hold on to your chosen swap item. The gift table was loaded this year with large, beautifully wrapped gifts. There were several car themed gifts, great looking gift baskets, chocolates, interesting adult beverages, a wicker picnic basket that would look great on the luggage rack of any Triumph, BBQ sets, gift cards, and many other great gifts this year.



John Bowe disguised his custom painted Triumph mailbox this year by putting it inside an oddly shaped package. It wasn’t discovered until about half way through the swap but once it was unwrapped, it became the hot item again this year. It changed hands multiple times and since each owner understood they would possess the mailbox for only a short time, commemorative photos were taken of each interim owner.



In the end, the mailbox went home with John Cyganowski who was fortunate to have pulled the number 1 ticket from the hat making him eligible to select any of the swap items.



## 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:

### Mail to:

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