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DAY OF TRIUMPH

Our club's annual car show, Day of Triumph, will be held on Sunday July 26th at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton St., Brookline MA from 10 am to 2pm. There are always a good variety of Triumph automobiles and even a few motorcycles on display. Members come from all over New England for this event. There will be a raffle table and awards for the best in various classes of Triumphs. Please support your club and bring an item for the raffle table. Volunteers are always needed for this event as well. Please contact John Gibbs if you are willing to help with this event. Car registration is \$20 per car and includes the driver and one passenger. This year will also mark our 25th Day of Triumph!

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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)

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:

- Michael Fernandes Spitfire1500 Attleboro, MA**
- Bruce Swiren TR6 Brewster, MA**
- Mason Daring TR3 Marblehead, MA**
- David Steinhauer TR6 Londonderry, NH**

ROAD REPORTS:

Southern New Hampshire Tour: Sunday April 26, 2015

We had a tremendous turnout of NET members for this event along with some members of BCNH (British Cars of New Hampshire). The unofficial car count was "at least 20". We filled the parking area at John Bowe's shop with a variety of British cars both large and small, mostly small. It was a chilly day but many opted to put the top down. As long as you were bundled up it was fine. John took us on a great ride again this year, adding some new roads to the route that had us going uphill, downhill and around lots of curves. It made for some fun driving and some great photos. We ended the tour with lunch at The Holy Grail. Someone from the restaurant took some photos of us and our cars and posted them on their Facebook page. There are also a lot more photos from the event on our Facebook page. Thanks John for a great day out! – Stan and Debbie

Cape Ann Tour Saturday: May 30th 2015:

The weather turned out great for our annual Cape Ann Tour led by Alex and Pam. It was definitely top down weather but not too hot like in past years. We departed from Friendly's at the Grant circle rotary (and after a missed turn by a few of us) we gathered for our group photo in our usual location. After that it was smooth driving thru Gloucester, Rockport, Essex, Ipswich, Hamilton and Wenham. (I think I named all the towns we drove thru). About midway, we stopped at Russell Farms in Ipswich for a stretch, and refreshment. The tour concluded at Lobsta Land back in Gloucester. Thanks Alex and Pam for a great day!

Western MA Tour: "Cars-Coffee-Candle-Covered Bridge-Quaint Town Rally" Sunday June 14th 2015

This was another great rally. We met up at Kringle Candle's "Cars and Coffee" show in Bernardston, MA. There was a good turnout of NET members and we all took advantage of everything there was to see and do at Kringle Candle. It was a great spot to start our rally. After getting final instructions from Tony we were on our way. The route included several covered bridges and lots of good driving roads. We stopped for lunch at the Cold River Café in Charlemont which had an outdoor seating area for our group. After lunch we drove to the picturesque town of Shelburne Falls where we had over an hour to explore and shop. We crossed the famous Bridge of Flowers and walked down to see the glacial potholes. After Shelburne Falls, we drove 20 miles to Yankee Candle where we enjoyed some ice cream (they have a Ben & Jerry's right in their store!) and other goodies. All in all it was a great drive, great weather and of course excellent company. Thanks again to Tony, Diane and John for organizing this fun event. - Stan and Debbie

Save the Date: Saturday August 22, 2015. NET 2nd Drive Up Movie Night

Feature movie will be the **1955 Fast and Furious**. The club will provide pizza, salad, popcorn and bottled water. Our projection and audio system is limited so we can't actually sit in our cars during the movie, so bring a lawn chair, soda of choice, and bug repellent. **Please RSVP to: netriumphnews@yahoo.com** so that we order enough food! Our "theater" is the parking lot of John Bowe's shop: Underground Cycle, 17 Gigante Drive, Hampstead, NH Tel: (603) 329-6161. In case of rain the event will be moved indoors. Arrive between 6:30 and 7:00pm. Our pre-show (some Triumph films) begins shortly after 7pm. Our feature film starts between 8:00 and 8:30pm. Triumph Optional (event ends around 10pm).

Kastner Cup report by Bill DeWar (As forwarded to the NET newsletter from Bob Lang):

Amici,

My report on the Kastner Cup weekend.

Thursday practice beautiful weather. About 40 Triumphs on site. Sam Halkias, Mike Munson, Dick Stockton, Jerry Barker (63 Herald) among those. Super photo shoot with approx. 45 cars.

Friday Qualifying race major item was Jerry Barker breaking left rear axle. No spare on site, called his son in CA to send spares overnite. Friday group 3 race Dick Stockton sat that one out. Top six finishers were Alan Tosler with a 66 Lotus Elan (who would give Sam And Mike Munson fits) Mike Munson, Henry Frye, Robert Lang,(with rookie stripes) Leo Oddi, and Scott Janzen. Sam Halkias dropped out early which would be an ongoing theme. 13 laps. Sat group 3 race Alan Tosler, Mike Munson, Dick Stockton, Mark Wheatley,(after finishing only 5 laps on Friday) Robert Lang (who ran a 130.937) and James Dolan with Group 44 GT6. Sat group 3 race 2 Alan Tosler, James Dolan, Robert Lang (who let Dolan slip by under yellow) Mark Wheatley, Henry Frye, and Charlie Dolan. Only 7 laps, Sam Halkias and Mike Munson only making 3 laps Mike breaking his diff chasing the Lotus. As of midday still no joy for Jerry Barker as UPS plane carrying axles delayed. Luckily another competitor, Joe Wisnewski? donated his axles from early Spitfire damaged in a Friday group 4 race. With all that drama Kastner Cup Race delayed til Sunday as skies let loose wind and rain deluge flooding track and the pits. Sunday started off light showers that kept track slightly damp for the 8:45 am Kastner Cup Race. Sam Halkias was gone with Mike Munson on pole. Pace car led field on 2 pace laps to highlight slick spots. After green flag Mike Munson James Dolan and Robert Lang were leading with Mark Wheatley, Dick Stockton and Tony Drews gaining quickly on the damp track. After about lap 5 rain picked up and James Dolan GT6 and Boyd Wagner TR6 went off near the Carousel. This brought out yellow then quickly black flags. Unfortunately Scott Janzen, Dick Stockton, and Jerry Barker (who had been driving like a demon from last place) saw them late and missed pit entrance coming up quickly on the rest of the field

putting. That earned all three an early exit. After a cleanup delay the field took off again for only a few more laps. From where I watched it looked like a Mike Munson, Mark Wheatley Tony Drews Jeff Snook (TR3) Robert Lang finish. Congratulations to all but specially Mark Wheatly and Robert Lang for really strong weekends. Apologies to the other TR groups as it was a busy weekend and I could not keep track of it all. - Bill DeWar (Central PA Triumph club)

REMEMBRANCES:

CARRIE GROVE

We are saddened to report that Carrie Grove lost her battle with brain cancer on May 18, 2015 and joins her husband Bob who died four years ago. Bob and Carrie were long active in NET, joining the club in its early days in 1980 and continuing until they moved to Indianapolis in 2008 to be closer to their daughter Kim and their two granddaughters.

Remembered most fondly perhaps was the NET Seacoast Tour and Lobster Feast at Chauncy Creek Lobster Co. in southern Maine which they organized in 1984 and continued for close to 25 years before turning the reins over to Tom Walling and Wendy Rose. They also participated in numerous Triumph events, driving to VTR and TRA national and regional meets, the famous Jeff and Ann Creel tours, and many other local and regional functions in the US and Canada.

Our last reunion with Bob and Carrie was on a cool, misty day three weeks before Bob died. He wanted one more drive in their cherished Powder Blue TR3A, which was accomplished with top down, their two granddaughters sitting on the package shelf, and Jack doing the shifting as Bob was too weak to steer and shift at the same time. The short drive was done with no mishaps, and the car survives now somewhere in France. Great memories at the loss of two great friends. - Jane and Jack Nixon

ANTHONY CERBONE

We are also sad to report that NET member Anthony Cerbone lost his battle with cancer and passed away on May 12, 2015 according to his wife Sandra.

Sandra wrote: *"We just sent in our membership dues and were looking forward to driving our TR 8 but sadly it never happened. I thought you should know that he missed not being able to participate in the events these past few years. Diagnosed in February 2012 with Renal Cell Carcinoma which had already metastasized to his left shoulder and lungs- contributions to the kidney cancer fund can be made in his honor.*

*kindest regards to all,
His loving wife, Sandra Cerbone"*

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