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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)

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 netriumph@yahoo.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:

Andy Kaplan Meriden NH 60 TR3

Rodney & Diane Plunkett Ipswich, MA 71 TR6

Roland Desroche Atkinson NH 75 TR6

Michael Hirsch Cambridge MA 76 Spitfire



The Famous Lobster Tour!

We will travel a different route this year - checking out some new sights in southern Maine and New Hampshire. Same starting point as in the past...

- Date:** Saturday, September 26, 2015
- Gathering place:** Stonewall Kitchen Store,
I-95 exit 7 in Maine
- Time:** Gather at 11:30-ish. Leave at
12:00 sharp.
- Cost:** Pay individually at the restaurant.
No need to pre-pay or send in
deposit.
- Drinks:** Club will supply water at start.

No need to RSVP—just show up.

Tour organized by Tom Walling and Wendy Rose.

Back by popular request.....Ned's Magical Mystery Tour ---

Well, maybe not so magical and it will not be a mystery. People have asked for a repeat of the route taken at the 2014 Last Gasp! Tour/Rally. Last year the weather was horrible and people were so busy answering rally questions that they did not get to enjoy the scenery. This year we will hopefully enjoy good weather and beautiful scenery as we drive the back country roads of north central Massachusetts (yes, including the one with the herd of hobby horses). No questions to stress about, just a relaxing drive. We will take a quick break at the Dunkins on Devens then drive some more before we end at the Kimball's in Westford.

Yup, Kimball's to Kimball's.

Interested? Here are the details:

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2015.

Meeting Time: 10:30AM ish

Shove off time: 11AM

**Location: Kimballs at
1543 Lunenburg Road in Lancaster, MA**

**Please call Ned at 978 407-1250 if you have any questions.
We hope to see you there!**



Are you looking to unload some Triumph bits and pieces? Are looking to add to your Triumph collection? If you answered "Yes", then check out the "Classifieds" section of the New England Triumphs webpage.

Drive Up Movie Night: Saturday August 22nd **Submitted by Stan Foster**

Our second Drive-Up Movie night was a resounding success. After feasting on pizza, salad, cookies and an amazing Triumph cake decorated with a TR3, the evening's entertainment started with the most recent John Clancy video from the 2015 Kastner Cup racing featuring our very own Bob Lang in Khartu. The video not only had some great footage of the racing but also interviews with many of the competitors and organizers as well as video from the participant's in-car cameras that John Clancy had integrated into his video.

Our feature movie was the original "The Fast and The Furious" from 1955 starring John Ireland and Dorothy Malone. The movie also has a delightful selection of cars including the star of the movie, a Jaguar XK120 as well as many 1950's British cars including a Triumph TR3.

This movie was short on plot and acting but the cars were a real treat and it was fun spotting all of the silly things that go into budget movies. We lost track of how many times the XK120 changed between wire wheels and steel wheels, how many times the number plate appeared and disappeared and marveled at how two people could be travelling at speed in a car with a single aeroscreen for the driver and yet neither occupant had a hair out of place.

We had a great turn out for the movie and unlike last year, where we held the event outside of John Bowe's shop, for 2015 we moved inside the shop. This made for a very cozy evening away from the bugs and we kept cool and ventilated by an enormous fan that John borrowed from one of his neighbors. A Special "Thank You" to Hannah Groudas, daughter of Mark and Maureen Groudas for making the TR3 cake for our movie night.



It's a Small LBC World

Submitted by John Gibbs

First a little history about our car. Back in 2010, Tricia and I bought our LBC from a classic car dealer out of Manchester NH. It is a 1975 TR6, green with a silver stripe along the body and across the bonnet, not the typical paint scheme of a TR6. Along with the car came a folder of invoices detailing the work that the previous owner had done to the car. As it turns out, the previous owner was from Conway, NH, a place that is very familiar to us. We wondered if we had seen our LBC sometime in the past while we were in Conway.

Onto 2015...On Saturday August 8th, we headed out from Norway, ME in our TR6 along with Tim Hutchisen and Karen Hakala in their TR6, to meet up with the BCNH Northern Council for their North Country Ride. The ride started at the Town and Country Hotel in Gorham NH and took us back into Maine along Rt. 2. At Rt. 26, we turned to head back towards NH, going thru the Grafton Notch State Park. We made a few stops while driving thru to check out the impressive waterfalls and gorges of Screw Auger Falls, Mother Walker Falls, and Moose Cave. We did not seem to be on any particular time schedule. We made another stop to look at Lake Umbagog, the largest lake along the ME/NH border. We stopped again, this time in Errol NH, at the L.L. Cote store for ice cream and a stretch.

This is where our LBC world got a little smaller. I was waiting in line for ice cream inside the store, when Tim came in to tell me there was a gentleman outside standing by my LBC. He had asked Tim if I had purchased the TR6 in Manchester NH. Tim said yes, he thinks so, and asked why. The man explained that he was the former owner of our LBC. Tricia and I went out and met Dave Morrison, from Conway NH. He was a really nice guy. He said he was glad to see that the car was being taken care of and that he missed it. He told us the reason he traded it in was that he was too tall for it and it was too hard for him



to get in and out of it. He told us his wife missed and regretted getting rid of the TR6, too. Now he can tell her it went a good home and was still on the road.

We just happened to be in the right place (Errol, NH) at the right time (a random Saturday afternoon) to meet the former owner of our LBC. And after that we headed south through Gorham on our way back to Norway ME for the night.

NET MEMBERS ON THE TRACK

Bob Lang in Khartu at Whiskey Hill/Palmer Motorsports Park



Henry Frye in his Beady Eye Racing #29 TR3 at Lime Rock Park



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