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**Annual Planning Meeting
Sunday March 13, 2016 at 3pm
Yangtze River Restaurant
Littleton, MA**

Our annual startup meeting will be held on Sunday March 13, 2016 at 3PM at the [Yangtze River Restaurant](#) at [584 King St, Littleton, MA](#). We will begin the meeting at 3pm. The agenda is to plan our driving and club events and plan our 2016 club calendar. If you have an idea for a club event or would like to volunteer to plan and lead a driving event, come and share your thoughts during the meeting. Thanks to our members, we have added some great new driving events over the past few years and hopefully we can continue to do this again this year. The restaurant does not charge us for the use of their function room so please consider staying for dinner. The dinner buffet will be open by the time our meeting is over or you can order off the menu. See you there and bring your ideas for a great 2016 driving season!

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.

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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 the Editor. 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:

Hamish Gunn Newport RI

Paul & Valerie Pagounis Chestnut Hill MA

End of Year Party, Saturday January 16, 2016

By Debbie Christopher



For the most part, Mother Nature co-operated this year. Those coming down from Maine had to brave slippery conditions but for the rest of us, the bad weather was over before we were out on the roads. There were 37 club members at the party including one of our newest members, Anthony Wilson, owner of an early Spitfire. We look forward to seeing Anthony again at future club events.

John and Tricia Gibbs found a new venue for us this year at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury MA. It worked out well. The hotel staff was very welcoming, the rooms were clean and comfortable and the food was good so I think we would all agree that this year's End of Year party was a success! John and Tricia put in a lot of time organizing the event so we thank them for everything they did to throw us a great party.



After-dinner announcements included the presentation of the Stripped Gear award, given to someone who has been of service to the club in the past year. This year the award went to our webmaster (that's me!) for maintaining and enhancing our club website. Thanks very much! It's nice to hear my efforts are appreciated. We added two new features this year, a club regalia page and a membership status application. Thanks go to John Gibbs, Rick Trowel and Tom Walling for collaborating on the regalia page (Tom also provided most of the photos), and to Rick for suggesting we provide a way for members to check their membership status and for providing the data updates.



There was a very special presentation this year. Frank Frett and Carol Baker got married in September so the club presented them with two margarita glasses and a bottle of top-shelf tequila . We passed around a card for everyone to sign. Congratulations Frank and Carol!! They sent the club a thank-you card describing how they first met over 25 years ago through their mutual interest in Triumphs. They plan to try out those margarita glasses on a cold and snowy weekend and think about the warmer days to come. We wish them the very best!

The final event of the evening was the Yankee swap, aka “the great mailbox hunt”. Beginning last year, John Bowe has been wrapping the mailbox in interesting ways so that it’s less obvious which package contains this prized gift. Knowing this, someone did exactly the opposite and disguised their gift as a mailbox! (Notice the package over on the right wrapped in polka dot wrapping paper?) Well done!



There were lots of great gifts this year: wine glasses, cozy blankets, Cadbury’s drinking chocolate, maple syrup, and an industrial-sized flashlight to name just a few of the gifts



people were happy to be taking home this year, and of course that one-of-a-kind Triumph mailbox. Frank Frett was the lucky winner this year. You can see him on the left in the group photo above, holding the mailbox. The best close-up photo of the mailbox was this one with Karen Sokol taking a turn as interim owner.

For those who stayed overnight, the hotel set up a special area for us to have breakfast together on Sunday morning. We all enjoyed one last chance to eat together, laugh together and celebrate the last moments of a very enjoyable End of Year party.

There are many more photos from the event on our Facebook page.

Can't remember if you paid your dues this year? Now you can check on our new [Membership Status](#) page in the Members Only area of the NET website. If you need to renew, please fill out the form provided in this newsletter and send to Rick Trowel.

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.

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Other Club Memberships

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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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