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## LOOKING BACK FROM THE SIDEVIEW MIRROR



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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 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.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED:**

**We are looking for a volunteer to serve as Newsletter editor. Duties include editing a regular newsletter and helping with other communications to promote the club. Skills needed include using Microsoft Word and simple image editing tools for resizing and cropping pictures. Contact John Gibbs you are interested.**

### DAY OF TRIUMPH JULY 31, 2016

Submitted by Stan Foster and Debbie Christopher

Our annual Day of Triumph event is always in late July, when the weather tends to be hot and humid with a chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. Turnout is lower when rain is predicted so every year we sweat it out, hoping we will get good weather for the event. With the severe drought this year, we liked our chances of getting a dry day but once



again we had steady rain during most of the event. Despite the soggy conditions, a hardy group with their 18 Triumphs put on an excellent display. We all had an enjoyable day catching up with old friends and making some new ones.

Thanks to the generosity of club members as well as our favorite Triumph parts vendors, we had a well-stocked raffle table. Tricia Gibbs and Tom Walling kept us entertained as they drew numbers and called up the winners to come forward and

choose something from the table.

There were 19 Triumphs if you include Barbie and her friend who arrived with Bruce. They were having a great time in their TR7. There is a certain Thelma and Louise quality about these two so let's hope they made it home safely with Bruce.

We want to thank our volunteers who helped out by registering attendees, directing cars, and selling raffle tickets and T shirts. They made the event enjoyable for everyone who attended.



#### Congratulations to all of our Day of Triumph 2016 Class Winners!

Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
TR250	Steve Lindquist		
Early TR6	Rick & Mary Barnard	Joe Patneau	Bill Raymer
Late TR6	Stan Foster	David Anderson	Rick and Stephanie Trowel
TR7	Bruce Penttinen		
TR8	Ned Sparrow	Richard Douglas	
Early Spitfire	Anthony Wilson		
Late Spitfire	Ed Dougherty	Paula Collins	Bob Dexter
GT6	Colin Davis		

<b>Modified</b>	Rolando Amarin
<b>Special Interest</b>	John Bowe
<b>Best of Show</b>	Steve Lindquist (TR250)
<b>Spectators' Choice</b>	Richard Douglas

## Drive-Up Movie Night -- Saturday August 20, 2016

We had a good turnout for our third NET "drive-up" movie night. A few people even drove their Triumphs up to Hampstead NH for the event. We enjoyed pizza and salad before the movie, popcorn during the show and cookies afterwards. The movie was ["Kill the Messenger"](#) featuring a British Racing Green TR6 (and a Triumph motorcycle). Thanks again to John Bowe for providing our "movie theater".

## 2016 Lobster Tour –Saturday September 24th

There were at least a dozen cars at this year's Lobster Tour. The tour started an hour earlier than usual so that anyone attending the Owl's Head event on Sunday could make some headway in that direction after Saturday's drive and lobster dinner. It was a nice autumn day, a bit cool but sunny enough that people were able to put the top down. This tour is always a treat, with lovely views along the coast. Some of the Massachusetts members opted to leave the tour at Kennebunkport and stop for dinner on the way back south in order to get home before dark. We haven't heard any reports from those who continued on to Owl's Head, but if you check the Owl's Head Transportation Museum Facebook page, you'll catch a glimpse of the rear fender of member Warren Westbo's TR6. Thanks to Wendy Rose for providing the photos and to Stan and Debbie for posting this article. The newsletter Cover photo is Tom Walling at Two Lights Lobster Pound.



Left: Leaving Stonewall Kitchen

Right: First stop at Short Sands in York.





More Pictures from the Lobster Tour



### **Ned and Ellen's "Stone Wall Tour" 2016 – October 15, 2016**

A Kimball's (Lancaster MA) to Kimball's (Westford MA) tour over scenic roads with stone walls, farms and views of Wachusett Reservoir. The tour stopped at the Nashoba Valley Winery for a picnic lunch. There was a stop for a photo op in Harvard at a scenic overlook before heading to Kimball's in Westford for their famous ice cream. There are some photos from the tour on our Facebook page.



## NET End of Year Party November 12, 2016

Submitted by Stan Foster & Debbie Christopher



This year we tried something new for our End of Year party. Based on the results of our member survey, we moved the party to November to avoid the potential weather issues of our usual late January date. We also changed the event to a lunch/afternoon party so people could head home before dark. With those changes in place, on Saturday November 12 2016 a total of 29 New England Triumph members gathered at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury, MA to wrap up our 2016 driving season in style.

The event started with a reception at 11:30am. The room was nicely decorated by the hotel staff. John and Tricia Gibbs had set up the PA system at the podium, hung the NET banner on the wall and had a tripod standing by for our group photo.



Bruce Penttinen brought the panorama photo from the 1999 VTR National in Portland, ME, a national event planned and hosted by our club. Several party attendees had fun finding their younger selves in the photo. With the panorama photo resting on the podium John Gibbs did his best Kilroy Was Here impression.

The buffet lunch was served at 12:30. Looking around the room it was clear that everyone was having a good time. One of the great things about the End of Year party is that there is plenty of time for socializing, to catch up with old friends and get to know some of our newer members.



Following lunch John spent a few minutes reviewing this year's events and thanking everyone for continuing to support the club. At least ten cars belonging to club members won awards at Stowe's British Invasion this year and a few of our members have had their cars featured in publications recently. Well done us!



Next up was the presentation of the NET Stripped Gear award, given to a club member who has gone above and beyond in his/her support of the club. This year's recipient is Stephanie Trowel, in appreciation of her many contributions to the club both this year and in prior years. The past few years she has been very involved with the club's Day of Triumph event, helping with the planning and managing the booth on the show day.

Stephanie does not enjoy being the center of attention, but the club officers thought it was time the rest of the club had a chance to thank her publicly for everything

that she does. Congratulations Stephanie!



Our Yankee Swap was a lot of fun for a few different reasons. We had a full table of swap gifts, several of which were mailbox shaped. For those who don't know, for the past several years John Bowe has brought a custom painted, Triumph themed mailbox to the swap and it is usually the most coveted gift, changing hands many times. This year there were several mailbox shaped packages, creating some confusion as to which package contained the real deal and which might be decoys. However, while a couple of the mailbox shaped packages did contain very nice mailboxes, the hottest items this year turned out to be a set of Triumph logo drinking glasses and a large Triumph clock. (I'm sensing a theme here...) In particular, the clock changed hands (no pun intended) many times but because Rick had drawn the best swap number, the prized clock went home with Rick and Stephanie. The twist here is that at the end of the swap, John Bowe

revealed that he had provided this custom painted clock and the many mailboxes in the swap were made by other people or were re-gifted from a prior year! In the end, few people if any went home with the gift that they had first opened but that is what makes the Yankee Swap so much fun. We are all looking forward to seeing Bill Richardson next year modeling the underwear that his wife Deb won in the swap.



Overall it was another great End of Year party with good food and good company and a fun way to wrap up this season. The November date allowed some people to attend for the first time but caused some others to miss the event. Next year we will aim for this same weekend in November (save the date!) but may go back to an evening event. As always, we are interested in any feedback from our club members about any aspect of the party: the date, the time of day, the food, the venue, etc. We would like to see as many members as possible at this event next year so please share your thoughts with any club officer. Thank you to everyone who joined us this year and a special thanks to John and Tricia Gibbs and the NET team that helped plan the event.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**To provide articles and photos for the next Newsletter.  
Looking for: Road reports from club events/rides, "How To"/Tech articles, favorite stories about your LBC or anything that you think would be of interest to fellow club members. Submit to [netriumph@yahoo.com](mailto:netriumph@yahoo.com)**

Many Thanks to Stan Foster, Debbie Christopher and Wendy Rose for their submissions to this newsletter.

**\*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS\***

<b>Joseph Zarlengo</b>	<b>Springfield, MA</b>	<b>69 TR6 WHITE</b>
<b>Andrew Knott</b>	<b>Hamden, CT</b>	
<b>Darrell Short</b>	<b>East Taunton, MA</b>	<b>71 TR6 BLUE</b>
<b>Mark Peterson</b>	<b>Fitchburg, MA</b>	<b>71 TR6 BLUE</b>
<b>Chris &amp; Sandra Mutti</b>	<b>Merrimac, MA</b>	<b>70 SPITFIRE</b>
<b>Keith Shumway</b>	<b>Berwick, ME</b>	<b>TR7</b>
<b>Norman Nicholson</b>	<b>Denmark, ME</b>	<b>68 TR250</b>
<b>Dennis Luttrell</b>	<b>Lebanon, NH</b>	<b>59 TR3A</b>
<b>Dave Bennett</b>	<b>Sharon, MA</b>	<b>74 TR6</b>
<b>Daniel &amp; Chris Anderson</b>	<b>Lakeville, MA</b>	<b>76 TR6</b>
<b>Helene &amp; Brett Woodvine</b>	<b>Boston, MA</b>	<b>77 SPITFIRE</b>
<b>Jack Clarke</b>	<b>Vestal, NY</b>	
<b>Howard &amp; Janet McCluskey</b>	<b>Attleboro, MA</b>	<b>75 TR6</b>

**Welcome to the club.  
We hope to see you out on the road with us next year.**



Waiting for the ride to start at Kimball Farm in Lancaster, MA.



NET members enjoying a picnic lunch at the Nashoba Valley Winery.



Happy Holidays to all of NET.  
Looking forward to another great year in 2017!



## 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.

Year	Model	Color	Comm #	Tag No. & State
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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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