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## Start'em Up! Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> So. NH tour

Our first organized driving event will be the **Southern NH tour on May 7<sup>th</sup>**! Departing from Underground Cycle, 17 Gigante Drive, Hampstead, NH. John Bowe will be at the shop around 8:30 am to allow time for coffee and whatever breakfast goodies anyone brings along to share. The tour will depart around 11am. The lunch venue will be the Green Bean in Exeter. Check the NET club calendar for more details.

It wouldn't be a startup meeting without Bruce Penttinen bringing along something for "show and tell". This year he brought his Dolly Sprint "crate engine". Very nicely done complete with cylinder head, exhaust manifold and a plastic crate for the block. Thank you Bruce for always coming up with something to make us smile.



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VACANT POSITION: Newsletter Editor

**\*\*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\*\***

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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.

**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)

**Welcome New Members**

**Fred Thompson NH 64 TR4 (Blue)**  
**Carlton Sparrell MA 58 TR3A (Black)**

## **2017 Startup Meeting – Sunday March 26, 2017**

We kicked off our 2017 season with a very well attended start up meeting on March 26.

### ***Club Announcements***

Club director John Gibbs began the meeting by welcoming two new members, Mark Petersen (1971 TR6) and Fred Thompson (1964 TR4). We look forward to seeing them again soon at future club events!

John reminded everyone that club dues for 2017 are past due at this point. Please send your payment to Rick Trowel soon. He also asked for volunteers to step up to help run the club. We need a Newsletter Editor. Job requirements include pulling together and editing the articles submitted by club members into a document and emailing it to John or Tricia Gibbs who coordinate the printing and mailing. Tricia has been serving as



the Editor for several years and will train the new volunteer. The newsletter is a great way to keep our members engaged but to keep it going, we need someone to volunteer to take it over. We also need club members to submit content! If you have been to a car event that you found interesting or you want to share the story of what inspired you to buy your Triumph, consider writing an article to share with the club.

### ***2017 Event Calendar***

With the announcements completed, we moved on to populating our 2017 event calendar. This year is the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary so we hope to make this the best year ever! Our online club calendar includes all the events discussed during the meeting. Go to [www.newenglandtriumphs.org](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org) and click the "Calendar" button. In some cases, the details are still "to be determined" and dates are sometimes subject to change. Check the online calendar periodically for the most up to date information. Other local events attended by many of our club members such as Brits By The Sea, the BCNH Show of Dreams, Lime Rock historic racing and The British Invasion in Stowe VT are also posted on our 2017 calendar as well as several national Triumph events. Our club's events are highlighted in British Racing Green, other "events of interest" are in TR6 Topaz ("Don't call it orange!"). Holidays are in purple.

Of special note is this year's **VTR National Convention**, August 16-19. VTR's location moves around the country each year to give all Triumph owners a chance to attend every few years. This year it is in Princeton, New Jersey, a reasonable drive for our club members. Tony and Diane Rhodes have volunteered to lead a convoy of club members along a scenic non-highway route to Princeton, departing on August 15 with an overnight stop and group dinner along the way, arriving at the event hotel soon after registration opens on Aug 16th. These road trips are great fun and a way to experience a longer trip with the added security of traveling with a group. For more information on the convention

and to secure a reservation at the convention hotel, go to the website: [vtr2017.org](http://vtr2017.org) or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/2017VTR/> To join the group trip and reserve the hotel Tony has selected for the drive to Princeton, contact Tony Rhodes as soon as possible (no later than 4 weeks before the event).

Other driving events this year include John Bowe's **Southern New Hampshire Tour** (May 7 for NET members or April 30 if you want to join the British Cars of New Hampshire on an identical drive). We congratulate club member Dr. Pam Delis who earned her PhD last year!! That's also good news for us because she and Alex will have time this year to do a **Cape Ann Tour** (May 21). Stan Foster and Debbie Christopher will lead a tour to **Parker's Maple Barn** in Mason, NH (June 10), Wendy Rose and Tom Walling will again organize our **Lobster Tour** (Sep 23) and Ned and Ellen Sparrow will lead another **Magical Mystery Fall Tour** (early October, possibly Oct 8).

Our **Day of Triumph car show** at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum is on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be part of our official 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration so please attend if you can. Other events this year will include a **Drive-Up Movie Night** at John Bowe's shop in Hampstead, NH (Aug 12). The movie is TBD. The event will include pizza, salad and popcorn plus any goodies that people would like to share with the group. Other events in the works but yet on the schedule include the following: John and Tricia Gibbs are considering hosting a **Dirty Garage Tour** for the guys and **Ladies' Tea** for the gals at their home, (date: TBD). There was also discussion around organizing a **Parts Swap**, either on our own or perhaps jointly with another club. There are plans in the works for a **Valve Cover Racing Day** using a track that John Bowe recently acquired and restored. This will likely be held at John Bowe's shop in Hampstead, NH. Valve Cover Racing requires advance preparation (participants need to acquire the parts and construct their race cars) so there will be more details in a future NET newsletter. And finally, our **End of Year party** is booked for the evening of **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard by Marriott in Marlborough MA**. We have arranged for 10 hotel rooms at a discounted rate. We plan to do a buffet again this year. Details will be provided later this summer but for now, save the date!

With our business concluded, we enjoyed the Yangtze River's Chinese buffet and enjoyed catching up with fellow club members over dinner. Thanks again to the Yangtze River for allowing us to use their function room for our meeting and to Ned Sparrow for making those arrangements. **Reminder:** Always check the club calendar for details (when and where to meet, etc.) as sometimes plans change.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER**

If you have not done so already, please fill out the membership form and send your check to our treasurer, Rick Trowel. Please include an up-to-date email address so that we have a means to contact you for official club business. You can also have your email address added to the club email list for general discussions and questions. If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of this newsletter, please indicate this in your renewal application. Please note that we do not share your personal information with anyone. 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.

## 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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