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A Beautiful Day for Day of Triumph!



Unlike some past Days of Triumph, the weather was perfect for a Summer day – not blisteringly hot, not oppressively humid, and certainly not pouring rain! Our attendance was good, the line-up of cars was interesting and inspiring for all of us with a car that could use some TLC, and the conversations were great. One thing that made this year's show really stand out was the formal inclusion of an "Other" class for non-Triumph marques. We saw an E-type Jaguar, a Marcos, a Range Rover among some other "Others". What a treat for everyone in attendance! The full results follow...

Class	Car Types	First	Second	Third
Class A	TR2	John Kundy		
Class B	TR3, 3A, 3B	Dick Langhoff	Ryan McKee	Michael & Joshua Stuart-Shore
Class C	TR4, 4A, IRS	Andy Amatruda	Lou Duphilly	Dan Rourke
Class D	TR250	Robert Gillingham		
Class E	Early TR6	Rick Barnard	Bob Blizard	Lew Bednarczuk
Class F	Late TR6	Stan Foster	Daniel Anderson	Mark Karas
Class G	TR7	Henry Frye		
Class H	TR8	Richard Douglas	Ned Sparrow	
Class I	Early Spitfire	Donald Weldon	Anthony Wilson	
Class J	Late Spitfire	Ed Dougherty	Rod Baker	Richard Ferrino
Class K	GT6	Colin Davis	Denise Griffiths	James Egan
Class L	Stag	Roger Canto	Susie Wilson	
Class M	Modified	Bob Totten	Graham Briggs	
Class O	British Other	Phil Roy '61 MGA	John Bowe/ Lars Aasrud '92 Jag XJS	Tim Hutchinson Range Rover

Best in Show: Robert Gillingham ('68 TR250)

Best Motorcycle: Daniel Rabkin

Spectator Choice: Ryan McKee ('60 TR3)

Congratulations to all for attending and participating. (Please forgive any mistakes on the spelling of your names.)

2018 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and Kastner Cup

By Bob Lang

After the 2017 trip to Blackhawk Farms in IL and the disappointment that we experienced there, we started planning for the 2018 edition of the Kastner Cup to be held at Pitt Race in Wampum, PA in early July 2018. We got "old smokey" installed and then ran a few events in the Fall of 2017 to shake out the bugs. The car seems to be running okay.



On July 4th of this year, Ned Sparrow and I headed west for the adventure. The drive started out with a minor problem - the trailer brakes were a tad too tight and we were pushing a little grease from the trailer bearings. A quick roadside adjustment took care of that problem.

Once we got to Pitt Race, formerly "Beaver Run", we found NETers Phil and Dave Gott as well as Joanna Ellis camped and we wound up paddocking amongst a number of Triumphs. There were a lot of Triumph friends there coming from all over, but the Western PA group and the ISOA group showed up in force.

There were a number of significant Triumphs there including a Group 44 GT6 as well as THE TR6 and THE GT6 that Kas Kastner ran back in the day. Apparently, the last time both cars were on the track at the same time was 1972! Jack Madison owns the TR6 and he let Sam Halkias drive it and Jim Dolan owns the Group 44 and Kastner GT6's. Actually, Dolan had FOUR GT6's running at the event!

Thursday was a practice day with rain in the forecast for later in the day. We opted for taking the morning sessions and got out on the track with little fanfare. This was our first time to the track, but we did some homework on the gearing and track layout and it seemed to pay off running sub 2:10 laps timed by stop watch.

Friday was a practice and qualifying session and we managed to get the lap times down into the 2:06 range which would be "competitive" for the all Triumph feature. In fact, we qualified on the outside front row! Former SCCA National Champion, Sam Halkias was on the pole position and there was a cluster of high 2:06's and 2:07's including FOUR GT6's.

We elected to sit out the Saturday races with the combined groups. Not because we didn't want to race, but because we were running on marginal tires, three-year-old Hoosiers, to be precise. But we were also not going to repeat the Blackhawk experience where we blew up an engine in a practice session.

Over 50 Triumphs were street driven to the event, there were 32 racing Triumphs registered for the all-Triumph race.

The all-Triumph feature race on Saturday was interesting. The plan was for a 30-minute timed race, so we should have gotten a total of 13 laps for the race. We were ready with fuel and plenty of rubber on the tires to make 13 laps at speed. Sam and I cleared the field by about 10 or 15 seconds over the first four laps. I noticed a possible problem with Sam's car and backed off a bit in case it broke. Then we hit lapped traffic and a gaggle of GT6's started gaining on us. Things changed on lap 11 when a Spitfire spun in the esses and some of the less experienced drivers did not know how to drive properly for the situation.

Lap 12 was crazy - heading into the esses we hit some oil and nearly drove off the track. Because there was a yellow flag, there was no passing allowed. Once we cleared the incident, we were able to use a pick with a TR3 and Dave Gott in a TR4 to make some space on the Group 44 GT6 driven by Jim Dolan. Entering the last turn before the start / finish straight, I passed Sam and got the checkered flag. I knew that we hadn't run the full race, but "checkers is checkers". No more racing for the session.



Back in the paddock, the event steward was in a panic. Apparently, the checkers were flown before the lead cars crossed the finish line. That presented a problem because some drivers didn't get the full session. In the end, the race win was awarded to Sam Halkias and Jim Dolan wound up winning the Kastner Cup. Note that Jim Dolan was the event organizer and the effort he and his team put in was significant. So, well deserved, in my opinion.

It was a lot of fun and we hope to run another all-Triumph feature in the future.

NET Fall Mystery Tour - October 13th, 2018

We plan to take a leisurely ride through Central Mass in search of the elusive “country store”. The tour details have not been fully determined as-of yet, but we will meet at around noon somewhere west of I-495 at a convenient location (with services), and then head west "in search of." Plan for mostly country roads and bucolic settings and a two-hour ride to a mystery destination. There should be ample time to get home before sunset, or if there is sufficient interest we could make a stop for an early dinner in the area.

The ride will be rain or shine, so don't be afraid to drive the daily driver if you want to join the fun.

Details will be forthcoming.



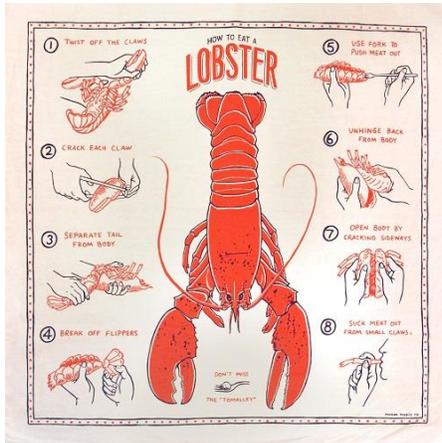
Keep the shiny side up!

2018 Lobster Tour – September 22

Once again, NET will be reclaiming the roads of coastal Maine from the Summer “complaints” while we search for the elusive perfect sea side meal. We will gather in York Maine at the Stonewall Kitchens parking lot hoping for an 11:00 departure. We will wander up the coast until we arrive at Two Lights Lobsters in Cape Elizabeth for dinner.

The course will be (mostly) familiar to those who have been on the tour before, but we are always refining it to either include something new or to avoid something that was a

problem. What never changes or gets old is the fun of cruising the coast with a bunch of other Triumphs.

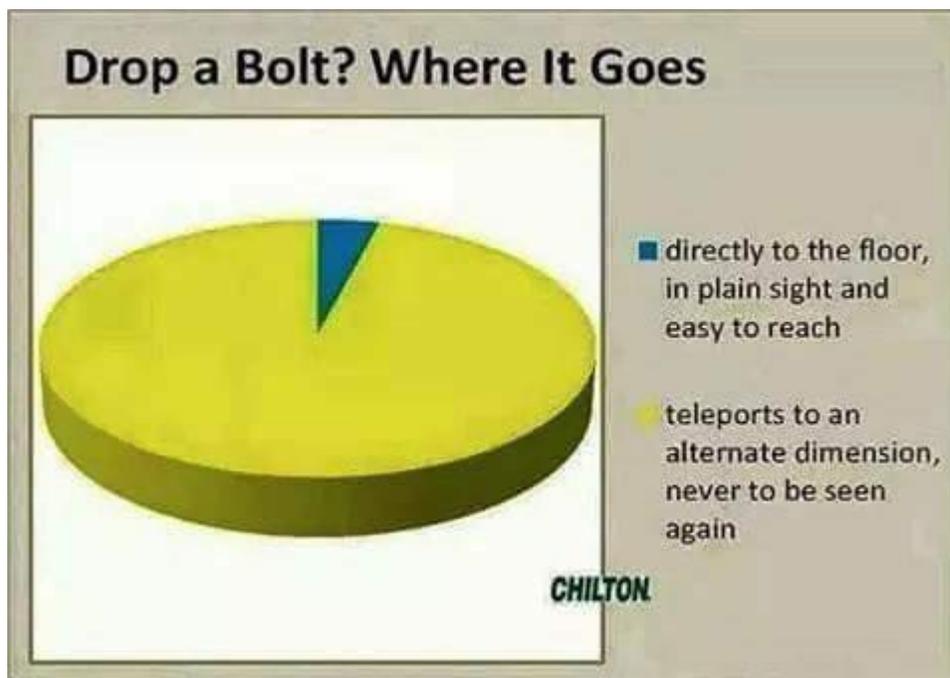


Welcome New Members

Noel Almeida	Westford, MA	71 TR6
Marc Bourassa	North Andover, MA	76 Spitfire
Will Conrad	Holbrook, MA	Looking
Raymond Desanti	West Boylston, MA	59 TR3A
Denise Griffiths	Auburn, MA	73 GT6
Stephen Hall	Holden, MA	65 TR4A
Bob & Deb Morneau	Portland, ME	61 TR3A
Keith Tannenbaum	Purling, NY	73 Stag
Rick Thompson	Westford, MA	71 TR6
Damon Vrettos	Belmont, MA	75 TR6

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6-Pack, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the TR6 and TR250. www.6-pack.org

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- Check One:** **New member:** Fill out entire form
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