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NET Start-Up Meeting Sunday March 29, 2020!

We will hold the 2020 NET start-up meeting on **Sunday March 29th** from **3-5pm** at the **Yangtze River Restaurant in Littleton, MA.**

John Gibbs will take us through the process of electing/confirming club officials. We will also make a start at populating our event calendar. Bring your ideas for events and consider volunteering to organize one yourself. Club members are always up for something new. To paraphrase Field of Dreams, "If you organize it, they will come!"

The Yangtze River is kind enough to let us use their function room for this event so many club members have dinner there after the meeting. There is a dinner buffet, or you can order off the menu. The Yangtze River is located at 584 King St, Littleton, MA 01460

Membership Reminder

Club membership runs from January 1st to December 31st so it's time to renew! Annual dues are \$20. There is a form at the end of this newsletter if you need to update any information. The form can also be printed from the club's website. Send your check to the address on the form, or you can bring a check to the start-up meeting. If you haven't ordered a badge yet, members are entitled to two member badges courtesy of the club. You can purchase additional badges for about \$12 each. Order now to have them in time for the driving season! See the club website for more information.

If at any time during the year you can't remember if you already renewed, you can check your membership status in the Members Only section of the club's website (password required): http://newenglandtriumphs.org/membersonly/membership_status.php

Wrapping up the 2019 events

There were several fun events last fall that didn't make it into the last newsletter. Let's look at how NET finished the 2019 season.

Twin Mountains (Monadnock Region) Tour September 7, 2019 *(by Stan Foster)*

Lou and Nancy Duphily hosted an excellent tour that included stops that were new to many of us. We met up in Fitchburg and headed to Mt Wachusett, taking a winding two-mile road to the summit.

We continued on for 26 miles to Cathedral of The Pines in Rindge NH, a beautiful location with a panoramic view of Mt Monadnock. We had time to explore the footpaths and enjoy the views here.



We ended our tour with a BBQ at Lou and Nancy's home which has amazing views of its own, in addition to this display of beautiful Triumphs. Thank you to our hosts for organizing a wonderful event and for their generous hospitality and great food!

British Invasion, Stowe, VT Sept 13, 2019 *(by Stan Foster)*

The British Invasion continues to be a favorite event for NET members and friends. Several of us drove up as a group, led by Phil and Linda Brzozoski. We started off in the rain, but the sun came out after our lunch stop allowing us to enjoy the rest of the trip up Rt 100 with the top down.

The British Invasion event itself was another enjoyable weekend in Stowe with the street party on Friday, the show day on Saturday and the tailgate competition on Sunday. Most of us stayed at the same place, making it easy to get together for dinner or hang out together in the evening, toasting marshmallows at the fire pit.

NET and friends did very well, as you can see from the list of winners below. The standard is very high at Stowe so congratulations to everyone on the list!

Debbie and I had a very pleasant return journey following Rt 100. We were delighted to discover our niece's in-laws, owners of "Mom and Pop's Maple Syrup", were at their mobile stand on Rt 100 near Rochester, VT. They are two of the nicest people you will ever meet, so next time you're driving along that part of Rt 100, keep an eye out and try a sample of their syrup.

Closer to home, we rounded a bend and encountered a red TR6 pulled over to the side of the road. We stopped to lend assistance. It was a young couple from Fitchburg out for a drive in their recently acquired TR6. The lug nuts on one rear wheel were loose and they did not have the tools to fully tighten them. Fortunately, we were able to help, and they were soon on their way, along with information about our club. We all marveled that the first car to come along after they pulled over was a nearly identical TR6 with the right tools!

Congratulations to:

Mark & Maureen Groudas, 1956 Triumph TR3

Bob & Deb Morneau, 1961 Triumph TR3A

Ken & Wanda Redden, 1958 Triumph TR3A

Fred Thompson, 1964 Triumph TR4

Kandyce & Rick Aust, 1966 Triumph TR4A

Steve & Lori Grenier, 1974 Triumph TR6

Dave & Patti Friedlander, 1974 Triumph TR6

Stephen Genatossio, 1976 Triumph TR6

Pete & Erin Groudas, 1970 Triumph Spitfire

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Henry & Helen Frye, 1972 Triumph Stag (pictured)

Bryan Russell, 1974 TVR Coupe

Tony Amore, 1967 Austin-Healey BJ8

Mark & Lisa Reinhardt, 1968 Norton 750 Commando



Lobster Tour September 28, 2019 *(by Stan Foster)*



We had a picture-perfect day for the Lobster Tour, a favorite event for many NET members. We met at the Stonewall Kitchen in York, ME. Tom and Wendy had arranged a shorter drive this year so we could all stay for dinner and still get home before dark. We drove to the top of Mt Agamenticus, followed the coastal road through Ogunquit, Kennebunkport, and Biddeford Pool, ending the tour at The Clambake in Scarborough, ME overlooking the marsh. Great turnout and a good assortment

of Triumphs, including Frank and Carol Frett's latest acquisition, a pretty blue GT6. Our thanks to Tom and Wendy for a very nice day out.

Fall Tour October 12, 2019 (by Bob Lang and Linda Cragin)

Eighteen or so members met at Davidian's Market in Northborough, Mass for our annual Fall Tour... there were a number of six-cylinder Triumphs in the procession along with a collection of cars manufactured across the globe - including a '66 Mustang fastback and a Mercedes drop-head and a Jaguar XJS - top notch stuff!!

After milling around at Davidian's for "a while" Bruce Penttinen announced his arrival with a bang - seems the TR7 runs a tad rich and on occasion the car backfires when the ignition is turned off. At any rate the 12 or so cars headed off for "parts unknown" with the promise of foliage, fun back roads and, of course, food of some sort or other.



The tour covered around 45 miles in central Mass around Wachusett Reservoir and the Nashua River. We touched the following towns: Northborough, Boylston, Berlin, West Boylston, Stirling and Lancaster.

We made a couple of stops en route. First stop was Parker's Candy in West Boylston - free popcorn (with any purchase). The cars parked under the huge beech tree was quite a sight. Then we were off to Meadowbrook Orchards if anyone wanted to try picking apples.

The last stop was Kimball Farm in Lancaster - still open for the last weekend of the season, so folks could grab a bite and /or have an ice cream treat. All in all, it was a fun event and we're looking forward to 2020 and another foliage drive in October.

End of Year Party, November 9, 2019 (by Stan Foster)



We had 43 people at our End of Year Party at the Courtyard Marriott in Marlborough, MA. We started with cocktails and snacks as people arrived, followed by a buffet dinner. John Gibbs wrapped up the year for us and then it was on to the Yankee Swap which is always a lot of fun. Top swap this year was a very pretty winter-themed water lantern with glitter “snow”. Fortunately, those of us who lost out were told where the item had been purchased, so they could go in search of one for themselves.

As in previous years a few people stayed overnight at the hotel and met for breakfast the next morning before heading home.

Welcome New Members!

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members of New England Triumphs and look forward to meeting them at upcoming NET events:

Ricky Guertin: 1975 TR6, Topaz – great to see another Topaz TR6 in the club.

Daniel Rourke: Valencia Blue TR250 (1968 of course), 1966 BRG TR4A, 1960 Red TR3A

Tony Amore, a long-time friend of NET, joins the Triumph family: Yellow 1976 TR6

Donald Bunker: Blue 1971 TR6

Norman Landino: Blue 1975 TR6. Norman included this interesting note on his application form. “Purchased in 1977 with 6,667 miles registered. I am the 2nd owner. Took car overseas 1978-1981 while in the U.S. Navy. I am a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Navy. Always garaged. Drive only during warm weather. Original paint. NOT a showroom auto. Approx.175,000 miles on the odometer. Thought you might be interested in this info.”

We thank you for your service Norman and look forward to seeing you and all our new members during the upcoming driving season.

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Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year. They cover expenses such as website hosting, production and mailing of newsletters and special notices, and supplementation of some event costs.

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. www.vtr.org

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. www.triumphregister.com

6-Pack, dedicated to the preservation 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 listed above. We encourage our members 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.

New England Triumphs -- Membership Application

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- Check One: **New member:** Fill out entire form
 Renewal: Fill in name, email and any **new/changed info only**

Contact Information: Please note: We do not share NET member information with anyone

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____
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Year	Model	Color	Comm #	Tag No. & State

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Mail to:

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Annual dues are \$20. Mail your check payable to **New England Triumphs** along with your completed application to this address. This form is available online: newenglandtriumphs.org/membership_form.html You can fill it out online and then print it, or print it and then fill it out by hand.

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