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As reported in recent email to NET members, our club enters a new chapter to its 45-year history. NET is in the process of incorporating. The advantages to this effort have been noted in recent NET member wide email. In lockstep with this, a new board of directors has been announced.

Henry Frye, President

Peter Quigley, Vice President

Rick Barnard, Secretary/Treasurer

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Bob Lang, Board Member

Tim Hutchisen, Board Member and Ramble Coordinator

Ned Sparrow, Board Member

## **President's Message**

From your President's desk

We enjoyed a peaceful transfer of power on Saturday, September 10, 2022 on the show field at the British Invasion in Stowe, VT. John Gibbs happily shook my hand in front of Secretary/Treasurer Rick Barnard and member Rick Aust and said something like "This is all the fanfare you get, you are now the Director of New England Triumphs!" And so it was.

If you have been paying attention to the club's email list, you are aware that my "agenda" was predetermined. Discussions with John Gibbs, Stan Foster and Rick Barnard revealed the club was aware the Vintage Triumph Register has been highly recommending for quite some time now that all chapters incorporate to shield members from potential liability and to file for tax exempt status with the IRS. I was asked to lead the club to make this all happen.

Channeling my best “Thrifty Yankee”, we are hoping to get through the process without incurring professional fees.

In order to nicely fit into the box of an incorporated entity, we needed to change the format of our leadership team. As opposed to the Director, Co-director and Secretary/Treasurer, we needed to form a board of directors, and have officers including a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer.

We formed an 8 person board comprising 3 officers and 5 board members. The board recently held it’s first zoom meeting, it is a great team with enthusiasm and lots of ideas for future fun events.

At the time of this writing, we have completed articles of incorporation and bylaws, submitted them to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and we are now New England Triumphs Inc. I am afraid that was the easy part, as we are now in process with the IRS to gain tax exempt status under the provisions of Section 501(c)(7), Social Clubs. Not to be confused with a 501(c)(3), which is intended for charitable organizations, the 501(c)(7) fits our mission well and has been used by other VTR chapters to obtain taxexempt status. The work continues, and we will continue to update the membership with our progress!

At this time we are still trying to put together an End of Year Party. With a lot of folks still worrying about COVID, we are working on an outside location, and are looking at a luncheon as opposed to a dinner. We will be announcing details on the NET email list

I reached out to Tim Hutchisen, Director and Ramble Coordinator. He has been diligently working behind the scenes putting together the first New England Triumphs Ramble, a weekend event for club members to enjoy their cars, the camaraderie of fellow club members, and the beautiful Maine countryside around Bethel. Tim reported we currently have 14 cars registered from 4 states, and 13 rooms have been booked out of the initial block of 20 rooms we were able to reserve.

Conversations with members about the Ramble have been quite positive, and we think there are several more members who intend to join us. Fair warning to all, at this time we believe we are still able to increase the size of the room block, but if the Bethel Inn gets some other event booked (i.e. a wedding) for our weekend, that could change overnight. We hope nobody gets turned away from staying at the Bethel Inn, but the longer you wait to book, the more likely you may be disappointed. Please consider booking now!

I do plan to contribute to each newsletter during my tenure as your president, to use the newsletter as my way to make sure the membership is kept in the loop and up to date with the events being planned.

I look forward to only talking about events and parties, not about legal matters!  
This has been an enjoyable driving season for us, the Stag performed flawlessly during two weeklong trips, one to Mid-coast Maine in July, and then the annual pilgrimage to Stowe in September. Other Triumphs in the shop received lots of love as well, plus I had a fantastic season at the track. As the leaves are starting to turn here in southern New England, we know the number of driving days left before the salt flies are limited and we hope to take full advantage of the good ones! I hope you do as well.

Cheers – Henry Frye

**British Invasion**--Stowe 2022, a flurry of emails by NET attendees followed the event. Although the longtime organizers of the show proclaimed “resounding success” many attendees felt the show was not up to prior year standards. Nevertheless, we are all thankful the event continues to preserve. The event has become a vacation or a weekend getaway for many. A great opportunity to rekindle past relationships and establish new ones with NET members, and others as well.

The weather was spectacularly summer like and if lodging had a pool, it was welcomed. Also, thank you, Rick and Stephanie Trowel, for organizing a terrific tour through the Notch.



[15 minute video from the Friday tour](#)

Although a couple of LBC's were temporarily unhappy, assistance and encouragement offered by others insured a happy ending for the cars and occupants. These are British cars

after all.

All part of the adventure of driving LBC's The readiness to help others was evident throughout the event.

The following NET members (as well as some close friends of NET) putting their pride and joy on the show field received awards:

- Stephen Genatossio, TR6, 1st place Concours
- Mark & Lisa Reinhardt Triumph T100C. First place British Motorcycles
- Kandyce & Rick Aust. TR4, Second place
- David & Katharine Rogers, early TR6, First place
- Steve and Lori Grenier, late TR6, Third place
- Bob & Diana Stanley, TR7, First place
- Tim Hutchisen & Karen Hakala, TR7, Second place
- Peter & Erin Groudas, Spitfire, First place
- Colin Davis, GT6, Third place
- Carl & Judy French, Triumph 10 esate, First place
- Tim and Sharon Russell, Lotus 7, First place
- Tony Amore & Mary Clifford, Austin Healey 3000, First place

## **Other events 2022**

**Show of Dreams** sponsored by BCNH occurred earlier in August at historic Alvirne House field in Hudson NH.

The following NET members noted:

Best of Featured Marque-TR7 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place John Gibbs 1981 Triumph TR7

Class 20 Motorcycles - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place John Bowe 2005 Triumph Bonneville

Class 13 Triumph TR6 1974-1976 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place John Gibbs '74-'76

Class 14 Triumph TR Series 1953-1968 - 1st Place, Stan Foster 1960 Triumph TR3A

Class 15 Sprite, Midget, Spitfire - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Peter Groudas 1970 Triumph Spitfire

Class 8 Triumph TR 7 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, John Gibbs Salem, NH 1981 Triumph TR7

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

## Triumphs on Track, Summer 2022

In July, a nice group of NET members were attending, as competitors, the Historic Races at Pitt Race which was part of the 40th Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) WEEK. Yes, a week-long vintage fest in Western, PA. One feature race was the 2022 edition (20th) Kastner Cup - all Triumph race.

Attending were The Gott (Phil and Dave) clan including support members and team owners (Joanne Ellis), Henry Frye with Tim Hutchison as crew and a few others, names escaping this writer. Lang was there with Ned Sparrow as crew. But an excellent turnout!

Almost 40 Triumphs took the green flag for the Kastner Cup feature and a hired gun from Germany, Christian Marx, was the overall victor in a TR8. When the factors were compared, Henry Frye came home with the Cup - great job Henry.

August is typically a slow month for vintage racers, but the SCCA Historic Racing Group (HRG) had a feature race group at Thompson on the 21st.

Lang had been "chasing" an annoying problem over the last couple of events and with some sleuthing, Ned Sparrow was able to pinpoint a timing issue as the cause. With that fixed, all the Triumphs in the field finished all the laps, with Lang 6th overall. Nice work Bob Lang and Ned Sparrow!

Ricky Guertin captured some video of the feature race. Maybe we can capture the video for a future newsletter.

Later September had HRG at Watkins Glen and the Gotts, Phil and son Dave, were there for the fun. Dave Gott reports taking a huge chunk out of his previous laps there, that's win, for sure. Nice work by the Gotts at Watkins Glen. WG is a great non-oval track in a beautiful area in upstate NY. Go there if you ever have a chance.

The last weekend in September was the Vintage Racer Group (aka VRG) at the Glen. Henry Frye and Lang / Sparrow were there representing NET again. The race finished with Lang 6th overall and on the heels of a Lotus 7. Another good showing.

So, NET'ers were out there flogging Triumphs and keeping the marque alive this summer! Looking forward to 2023 vintage racing.

Editor's note;

submitted by Bob Lang, edited for this newsletter

## North Central MA tour August 2023



The tour began in Lexington at Historic Minute Man National Park. Good weather and venue resulted in a great showing of 25 LBC's, NET members and others as well.

After a 40 mile tour through Concord, Walden Pond, DeCordova Sculpture Park, a lunch was enjoyed prior to a last stop at Harvard Alpaca Ranch.

A private fenced in area at HAR was reserved for our group to allow a couple of us to mingle with some year old Alpaca. Their first encounter with British Cars no doubt. Click below for short video entrance. [Tour group arriving at the Alpaca ranch.](#)



## Other Upcoming events:

### 10/16 Castle Hill Vintage Car Climb- Sponsored by Trustees of Massachusetts. new



event featuring pre-WWII cars competing in timed races. Come for the day and enjoy live music, food trucks, a bootlegger's garden, and picnicking on the lawn! Cars will be on display in the forecourt between races. Races in morning and afternoon. Park at Crane Beach, shuttle to Crane Castle.

Cost is \$30/adult, \$24 if a Trustee Member. Children 12 and under half price. Location, Ipswich MA

Link: [Castle Hill Vintage Car Climb - The Trustees of Reservations](#)

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**Scarecrow Tour.** Sponsored by John and Tricia Gibbs, a fun ride in southern NH like last year, new scarecrows this year. Meeting spot and details reminder will follow via club email.



## Spotted in Scotland:

**MG** making comeback as a cloned Miata aka MK5?

Spotted at a shopping center near Inverness.



At a recent Auto Show in Tokyo, a new Miata made SUV with MG badge was unveiled. It is an Electric Vehicle. I can't wait to hear the comments on Lucas electrics "Prince of Darkness" to begin if the prototype is released to production.

Rumors are BMW purchased the rights to Triumph name. Is a similar revival brand attempt coming?

### **Scotland Ramble** encounter

Another Scotland sighting was in a hotel restaurant. The hotel's drink special was "Ramble". Almost too pretty to drink. Almost...but not impossible. How did our NET's event set for next July '23 get leaked to the Scots?



### **Welcome new members**

Max Stephens, Medford, MA, '74 TR6 (green)

James McGlame, Effingham, NH, '72 TR6 (red)

Jeff and Bonnie Ross, Shrewsbury, MA, '80 TR7 Spyder (black)

Gerrit Lansing, Somerville, MA, '55 TR2 (green)

Paul and Jane Almeida, Bailey Island, ME, '75 TR6 (French Blue)

Gene and Laura Pellerano, Surry, ME, '72 Spitfire (emerald green), '73 TR6 (mallard green)

Pinch Polenchar, Manchester, NH '61 TR4 (Spa White) and a '62 TR3B (primer/TBD)

James Palmer, Brunswick, ME, '76 Spitfire 1500 (blue)

Members with dues not current will be receiving notifications shortly.

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[www.newenglandtriumphs.org/calendar.html](http://www.newenglandtriumphs.org/calendar.html)

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Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year. This covers expenses such as website hosting, production, and supplementation of some event costs. If you are reading this newsletter and have not paid 2022 dues, the grace period is over and this will be last NET correspondence

#### ***See website for membership form, renewals or new membership***

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The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), dedicated to the history, preservation, and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles. VTR welcomes all Triumph owners.

[www.vtr.org](http://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](http://www.triumphregister.com)

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[www.6-pack.org](http://www.6-pack.org)

## Submissions:

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