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As NET closes out a very busy 2022 there is lots to summarize for the year. So here we go;

### **2022 in Review**

- 1 A new President, Henry Frye, took of the NET reigns from John Gibbs last September while at British Invasion in Stow VT. A perfect setting for the transition. Congratulations to Henry and thanks for a job well done John. John managed NET through Pandemic years so some events had to shifted or cancelled. Now we are in full swing looking forward to 2023 and exercising LBC's after winter loosens its grip. If we are just as busy in 2023 as we were in 2022, it will be a great year. Photos from EoY party



- 2 A top priority for Henry was to incorporate NET. That is accomplished. The need to do this was detailed in other Newsletters and emails that went to all earlier this year. The first meeting by the newly formed board members was held at the end of year party held in Marlboro MA earlier this month. Another commitment did not allow me to attend the event EoY dinner and conversations. John and Tricia Gibbs went out of their way to bring me the “Stripped Gear Award”. The mounted transmission gearset trophy will be safe
- 3 Two events emerged simultaneous to replace the former long running Day of Triumph event that used to be held at the end of July, each year . One group gathered at at Thomas Point campground in ME. The other group gathered at Stone Cow Brewery in middle MA. Both events were held miles apart from each other. Despite this, both events were a huge success each drawing about 25 LBC’s. Another event named Ramble July 28-30, 2023 is already solidly in the works. See NET web site for details and sign up for the Bethel Maine location. Details and sign-up form are on NET web site.



Holding the Stripped Gear award

July 28-30, 2023

Looking back on 2022, NET also had four Tours, two in NH, one in Southeast MA and Central MA. Each event was well attended. The weather cooperated with each tour.

Now is the time to think about stepping up to organize your own tour. There were plenty of new ideas suggested in 2022 that just needs a date and plan for 2023. Dry run of a suggested tour can be a fun way to test your tour and may be all that is needed to jump start an idea. Use your daily driver till the weather warms up

Speaking of good ideas, here is an example of a couple of NET folks helping out a fellow British car enthusiast. Nice work Frank Frett and John Gibbs. The paragraph below is courtesy Western NY British Car Club as presented in their December Newsletter called the Oil Spot. Written by their President Skip Gould who is restoring a TR6.

*The car needs new carpet for the interior. A carpet set from The Roadster Factory was recently listed on sale for \$575. I found a listing for an unused carpet set on Facebook Marketplace where the person (in Swansea, MA) wanted \$75. I contacted the seller, but they were not willing to ship it! I realized I could have made a couple day trip and picked it up and still saved money (if not time). I chose a different route: I looked at the various national Triumph clubs to see if a chapter existed near Swansea. I discovered The New England Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register in Massachusetts and located their web site. I then contacted their President -John Gibbs. John informed me that he was certain that they had members in the Swansea area and he would reach out to see if one of them could help me with this. The next day I received an e-mail from Frank Frett – a fellow Triumph owner from Swansea, MA. Frank volunteered his services to retrieve and pay for the carpet, re-box and ship the carpet to me! He said that since I was also a Triumph person he would trust me to repay him after the costs were fully known.*

### **Welcome new members**

James and Nilaya Palmer	Brunswick, ME	'76 Spitfire 1500 (blue)
Norma Karle	Belmont, NH	'74 TR6 (Sapphire)
John Letteney	Tyngsboro, MA	'76 TR6 (brown)
Scott and Donna Douglas	Pownal, ME	'73 TR6 (Mallard)
William Beach	Blackstone, MA	'76 TR6 (Pimento)

### **All Other Members**

Check your dues status paid thru date at NEW web site. NET had

An approximate 30% increase in membership. There are approximate 10 % of our total 19 membership that are currently late on dues payment.

## Member Focus

### Bruce Pierce

My Love affair with the Triumph TR3 series started in 1975 when I acquired my 1st TR3 Robins Egg Blue parts car which I had no idea what I was going to do with it. Shortly thereafter I bought a 1959 TR3A, Primrose Yellow side shot 3, that was in good condition, so I decided to restore it and it became my almost daily driver for a couple of years. After an accident in Boston which left the 3 beyond repair. I shortly thereafter traded my wife's Mustang II for a Sept of '57 TR3, the month they switched to the TR3A's, red pic with Abbydog in the driver's seat. That marriage did not last much longer. Over the years I have had probably a dozen or so TR3's in various states of on and off road conditions. I did at 1 time own Triumph TR3 TS8652L that I was going to restore, but life got in the way and I had to sell it.

My current TR3A is a 1960 that I bought from my cousin who had done a body off restoration, but no drivetrain work. Since owning this TR3A which I have named The FLIVVER I have rebuilt the drivetrain and suspension and am currently waiting for the body paint work to be completed. The Triumph TR3 series cars just grabbed my attention back in 75 and I have been in Love with their style ever since.

Cheers, Bruce S. Pierce & The FLIVVER

Editor's Note: Bruce's Flivver is now getting a paint refresh. Maybe completed end of February. The drivetrain has been restored, as well as several upgrades. Bruce is fortunate to live near Penn Ridge Motors-Norway ME. Owner Tim Hutchisen is a British car expert that has helped Bruce complete the extensive mechanical upgrades. Besides the new paint for the Flivver Bruce upgraded mechanics. New clutch, new pistons and liners. Polished crankshaft journals, new sporty cam. New water pump, spin on filter, new front suspension bushings and vented rotors, new rear leaf springs. After a dozen or so TR3's over the years, Bruce seems to have settled on a TR3 marriage keeper. It all began in the '70s.



Compiling NET by model **Type** and by **State** may surprise you.

	<b>Total in NET</b>		<b>Other</b>	
TR6	79			
TR3	29	A+B's		
Spitfire	26			
TR4's	18	4's + 4A's	Jaguar	2
Stag	7		MGB	4
TR7	6		BMW	1
GT6	5		Morgan	1
TR250	4		Datsun	1
TR2	2		Mazda	1
TR8	3			
Ten Estate	1			
Mayflower	1			

19 people in NET have multiple LBC. Above list should represent the primary car only. Four of second owned LBC are TR6. Interestingly there are 12 NET members who do not have a car listed, but most are "looking". Indicating they see value to the club.

### **Members by State**

MA	121 members
NH	28
ME	28
VT	5
RI	3

Other states: MD, NJ, SC, NY one each

## The New England Triumph

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### **Membership Information:**

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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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