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UPCOMING EVENTS for March & April 2007

March

- ◆ 1st - TTR Meeting @ Longshots
- ◆ 10th - BBBreakfast
- ◆ 10th - TRAACA Swap Meet in Chesapeake
- ◆ 24th - BBBreakfast

April

- ◆ 1st - April Fools Poker Run
- ◆ 5th - TTR Meeting @ Longshots
- ◆ 14th - BBBreakfast
- ◆ 20th - The Gathering in Dobson, NC
- ◆ 21st - RIMS on the Water, Wilmington, NC
- ◆ 21st - Azalea Festival
- ◆ 22nd - Williamsburg Winery Car Show
- ◆ 24th - BBBreakfast
- ◆ 29th - Brits on the Green in Alexandria



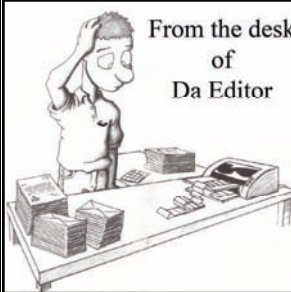
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Greetings Fellow Triumphites!

It is hard to believe that I have been the Editor for a year now. Where has the time flown?

Hopefully I have improved upon the content and the information that the newsletter provides and that my efforts to merge the newsletter and the webpage are proving fruitful. I am still learning new tricks to use with both formats.

Our classified section continues to grow and, with any luck, all those Spitfires will begin to move and become new members of the club.

This edition is a little slim, but with the car show season starting again I am hopeful that our members that attend the shows will bring back plenty of photos and a few write ups on the fun they had.

VTR has announced a new award for club webpages and I have posted a request for help from members to assist with making the webpage better. As one person I can only see things from one perspective. I need your help to provide a second opinion and maybe a little thinking out of the box.

Until Next Month,

Skip

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Prez Sez Hello Everyone!

When I first read former president Martin Pachey's (the George Washington of our club) ad in the auto section of the Pilot, back in 1997, I thought that it could lead to a club of guys meeting in some parking lot on a Saturday morning to exchange tips and parts for Triumphs. I would have been happy with that.

I never thought that it could lead to the large organized club that we now have, in which I would be on a first name basis with so many decent and well informed people. I am happier with this.

I have been in this hobby for many years and have met some wonderful people that I would not have met otherwise . I wonder, is it the cars that attract good people or is that good people are attracted to our type of car. If I figure this out I will let you know.

As one of the original eight members of our club, I have seen the club grow and evolve for the better. As president, I will do my best to help this trend continue.

We Were Born To Run
Marty Rutkowitz
TTR President



VP's Corner

This being my first TOOT as Vice President, I will continue Marty's tradition of filling a small corner of information where necessary to instill interest in our hobby and club.

At the last meeting, I handed out some pre-registration forms for those interested in attending the 8th annual Colonial Vintage British Car Club show to be held on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at the Williamsburg Winery. I will have more forms at the next meeting or you can contact Doug Wilson at 757-565-4668 to get a registration form.

The show field opens at 9:00 A.M., and there will be a tour of the Winery at 1:00 A.M. Pre-registration fee is \$20.00 and European cars will be accepted. No restrictions on model year.

The Jamestown settlement is only 5 to 10 miles from the Winery and is a must see if you haven't seen the new display and all three ships; the Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery.

Attending the Williamsburg show may influence the members of their club to attend our show.
Bob

**TTR Meeting Minutes
February 1st, 2007**

The February meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Randy Brackett. This meeting was the 2007 Annual general meeting and was the last meeting for Randy Brackett as club President.

Guests - Tino Vander Haeghe (aka Davy Crockett) introduced his daughter and Richard as guests.

Carmel Million reported that Ed's mother passed away the previous night.

Randy Brackett's birthday is tomorrow.

Vice President report – VP Marty Rutkowitz reported a summary of the meeting held by the car show committee. Three activities will be available this year. One activity is a “what's This” contest in which guests identify odd objects. David Hunt will be in charge of this. A Find the Mistake contest will require guests to find an obvious mistake on a car on the show field. Additionally, Marty will try to get the cylinder head from John Procida that was used in the Funkana at the Richmond VTR.

Advertising will be placed in the newspaper 2 weeks in advance. Additionally, more awards will be available. One will be for the longest distance traveled. Another will be for the “Most Unrestored” vehicle,

A volunteer is needed to take care of t-shirts. We need to determine how many to order. A discussion followed about using a generic t-shirt or a custom t-shirt every year. A discussion followed about which car to feature on the t-shirt. It was decided to use the Tr-7 as the official car and to sue Ed Smith's TR7 on the t-shirt. A discussion followed about designs and it was agreed that all designs should be brought to the next meeting.

Annual Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Steve Allen reported on the financial status of the club. Money was received, funds were spent (mostly by Skip Paetz) and the club has a healthy balance as of Feb 1, 2007.

Membership Report - Martin Patchy was not present. Steve Allen reported that the club had 3 new members and that 21 renewals had been received.

Web Site - Skip Paetz reported that he is working on it again. He is adding project information to it and needs pictures of members and their cars.

Installation of Officers - The following club officers were sworn in for 2007:

President - Marty Rutkowitz
Vice President – Bob Bohannon
Treasurer – Steve Allen
Secretary – Fran Manno Family

Remarks - President Marty Rutkowitz thanked the club for his selection and thanked Randy Brackett for his service. He presented a plaque to randy for a job well done. David Hunt took official photos of the plaque presentation because official photographer had already put his camera away.

TTR Meeting Minutes (Cont)

President Marty then presented his agenda for the coming year.

Upcoming Shows - VP Bob Bohannon announced the April show at the Williamsburg Winery and encouraged a good turnout.

Activities - Dale Morgan announced an April 1st Poker Charity Run. A 10 car minimum is needed. It will be on a Sunday and start at 2pm. You do not have to have an LBC to participate.

Land's End - Skip announced that Land's End does not have a minimum order requirement at the present time. You only need to pay the \$8 service charge to have the club logo embroidered onto your item.

Azalea Festival – Is still looking for cars for the parade and a static display. UK is the favored nation.

Car Show Trophy – A discussion was held concerning the quality and type of trophies to be presented during the car show. A suggestion was made to consider giving a better trophy rather than more trophies. Mike Jones displayed and discussed various types of trophies that he had either won or stole in past car shows. A decision was made to look at three types: Acrylic, cup and a plate. Estimated prices will be provided at the next meeting for further discussion.

The next meeting will be on March 1, 2007.

An Interesting Picture submitted by Ed and Carmel Million



In Keeping with the previous input for Winter, I received this from a Non-club member than knows I am the editor for the car club and thought this was a neat picture. Looks like a fun way to get around for those of us that don't mind a little cold wind in our face.



Birthdays and Anniversaries!

3rd - April Morgan

14th - Meredith Paetz

15th - Skip Paetz

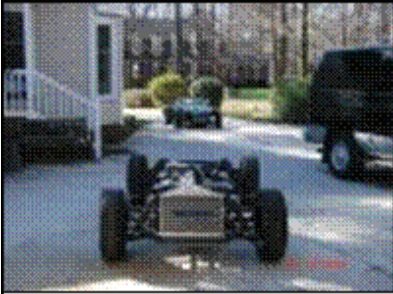
24th - Sharon Fisher



April Fools Charity Poker Run on April 1st

Directed by
Dale Morgan

The cost will be \$5.00 per car. This will go in part to the car with the best hand at the end in the form of a gift card for their meal. Any other proceeds will be donated to the Hospital of the Kings Daughters. This is a fun run with a driver and a navigator through area roads. Real need a minimum of 10 cars with a maximum of 30. Contact Dale Morgan at DMorgan.ttr@cox.net to sign up.



**1970 TVR Project Car
By Bob Ross
Pictures by Bob Ross**



After one year of looking for a Ford 1600 powered TVR, I found one in Fran Manno's neighbors garage. In December 2005 with Fran and Mike Sullivan's (seller)

help it was loaded onto my double axel car trailer and deposited in my garage.

Hung the fiberglass body and front hood from the ceiling, while I started work on the chassis. It is a 1970 TVR Vixen S2 (438 units produced), Ford Kent 1600 engine. Fiberglass body bolts onto a tubular steel frame, double wishbone coil spring suspension. When completed the car will weigh about 1,700 pounds. Mike had the chassis and fiberglass body pieces painted and had some suspension pieces installed with new rubber bushings.

With the help of Abacus Machine shop and service facility the engine and transmission have been rebuilt. Brakes have been refurbished with steel lines. An aluminum radiator was obtained from Ron Davis which has an integral, shrouded fan, and overflow tank. Next major effort is to clean up the body and install insulation on the underside transmission tunnel....then should be ready to place the body on the chassis. That's it for now....

**Dale's TR7 Update
By Dale Morgan**

The past two months have been a little slow on what has taken place on the Tr-7. The parts that were ordered in December from Summit finally made it to my door February 8th. The rod and flywheel bolts from ARP are 12 point heads which will cause me to go buy some 12 point metric sockets since all of mine are 6 points. Darn a trip to Sears to shop for TOOLS. The flywheel bolts, at this time, appear to be to short. With the engine on the stand and that part of the crankshaft covered it will be a while before this can be confirmed. May stop at a Ford dealer to see if they have any of the stock flywheel bolts on the shelf to compare length.

In the mean time have started to take off some of the trim pieces along the rocker panel, that will eventually be sold. The passenger side has started to be sanded down in preparation for the car to be painted. Found that previous body work had been done over the rear wheel arch and a dent that needs to be popped out. On the front fender all the chips in the paint were sanded to bare metal and primed with rust preventative. Two areas on the front fender wheel arch will have to be cut out and replaced with patch panels. Other than the few areas mentioned the passenger side is in pretty good shape. One thing though, I haven't removed the tar like substance that Triumph used to cover the rocker panels to see what is there. Hopefully there won't be any surprises when this is done.

During this time period have been in contact with the owner, John, of Quad4Rods and we talked about the bell housing he offers for sale. This is the unit that mates the Ford Zetec engine to a Ford T-5 transmission. This is the key piece of this build, this will give me the gear ratios that I feel will make this car a great autocross vehicle as well as very easy on the street. Especially cruising down the road in 5th at around 2500 rpms at almost 70 mph. By the time you read this one of these bell housing will have been ordered for this project.

That is all that has happened for the moment. With some warmer weather just around the corner, I may get motivated to work more out in the garage. Till next time.

Skip's RATCO TR6 Frame Up Project

The picture on the front cover is just the frame sitting on two Stanley Fat Max Saw Horses which are rated at 2200 lbs for the pair. All of the hardware that came with the frame has been removed and placed in labeled bags. My rear suspension pieces are at Precision Powder Coating and should be completed around the 1st of March. The front suspension pieces, with the exception of a couple of larger pieces have been powder coated already.

My current game plan is to get the rear suspension on the frame and then work on the front suspension. The Owner of RATCO, Tony Vigliotti, is planning to visit Virginia Beach later this year to assist with setting the body on the new frame just to ensure the main strut brace was attached correctly. Hopefully I can talk Tony into being here during a club event so everyone can meet him.

My over all game plan to have a rolling chassis by the June car show. A slim to none chance that will happen this year, but still a goal to have.

WEBMASTER Calling for help!!!!

Many of you may have received the below information from the VTR email that was sent out recently. I have put a lot of work into the webpage for the club, but I am just one person and with one view to how information should be portrayed online.

I am asking for help with proof reading the website, ideas for how web pages should be displayed, what information should we put on the webpage, etc.....

If you would like to help, please drop me a note at 1974TR6@cox.net and tell me what you would like to help with. I can assign pages of the website for proof reading on a regular basis. The webpage and newsletter are only as good as the content provided by you the club members.

Call for Entries: Member and Club Website Awards

For the first time, awards will be given at the National Convention for both individual member and club websites devoted to Triumphs. Any chapter, zone or member in good standing at the time the awards are presented is eligible to submit their website for entry into the competition. Judging criteria include, for individuals: layout and appearance, fresh content, and ease of navigation.

Chapter and zones will be judged on the items above and these: club information, local events calendar, joining information, and the ability to join online. **Entry deadline is June 30th.** To enter, please submit your website's URL in writing (email preferred, you will receive an acknowledgement of entry) and include: club/individual's name, club contact, webmaster's name, and webmaster's contact information including telephone number. Four awards will be given in each category (individual and chapter) and shall be deemed equal in merit; there will be no first through fourth positions awarded.

Member Profile

Members' Name:

Randy Brackett, TTR Past President

Where did you come from (geographically speaking)?

Worcester, Massachusetts

Extended family, pets?

My fiancée Carolyn Grimes enjoys my Triumph almost as much as I do.

What brought you to Hampton Roads? To our meeting?

I came to Virginia Beach in 1969 while in the Navy. In 1997 I met Martin Pachey and the Tidewater Triumph Register at a Mount Trashmore car show.

If married to whom, how long?

I'm single for the time being.



Are you retired? If so, where were you previously employed?

I'm not retired yet but have 29 years with the City of Virginia Beach Public Works Engineering Division as a Construction Inspector.

What British car(s) do you own? (Model and year)

1961 Triumph TR3A.

Where, why and from who did you acquire the car(s)?

Antique cars run in my family.

My uncle had 5 antique cars and 2 antique wooden boats for water skiing at one time. One car was a 1952 MGTD. He was a secretary of the New England Antique Car Club.

My brother owned an MGA and still owns a 1973 Triumph motorcycle with a side car.

I've owned numerous antique vehicles including a Triumph Herald and a Triumph Spitfire.

I acquired my 1961 TR3A in 1995 from a lawyer in Virginia Beach who had owned it for 15 years. It wasn't running at the time.

What car(s) would you like to acquire in the future?

I would like a Triumph Herald convertible.

Do you work on your car(s)?

Yes, I try to do all the work on my vehicles.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Besides cooking, I love surf fishing and listening to blues music.

I restored antique motorcycles after I left the Navy. I have owned 3 Triumph motorcycles and 14 Harley Davidson motorcycles in various condition. I especially enjoy working on the old flat head bikes.

Please Share your Car Stories.

The first car I did body work on was a gull wing Mercedes Benz back in 1964.

The first motorcycle I owned was a Ducati but I modified it with a Triumph 650cc motorcycle motor when I was 16.

The Funny Page

I have received several articles from members of the club that have suggested posting them in the newsletter, so here goes.....

Letter to Dear Abby, submitted by Martin Pachey, originally found on Triumph Register of America

Dear Abby,

I have never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.

The usual signs, phone rings but if I answer the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she always walks down the drive. Although I can hear a car driving off, as if she has gotten out of the car round the corner. Why? Maybe she wasn't in a taxi?

I once picked up her cell phone to see what time it was and she went berserk and screamed that I should never touch her phone again and why was I checking up on her.

Anyway I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her.

I decided I was going to park my Triumph up the street, pop the hood and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home. It was at that moment, peering under the bonnet, that I noticed that the valve cover on my engine seemed to be leaking oil.

Is this something I can fix myself or should I spring for one of those nifty aluminum valve covers and which brand would you recommend?

Signed,

"Concerned"



WHY MEN HAVE TWO DOGS AND NOT TWO WIVES

Fifteen reasons why men have 2 dogs and not 2 wives:

1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
2. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
3. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
4. A dog's parents never visit.
5. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
6. Dogs like to do their snooping outside rather than in your wallet or desk.
7. You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24 hours a day.
8. Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk.
9. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
10. A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, "If I died, would you get another dog?"
11. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.
12. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
13. If a dog smells another dog on you, they don't get mad. They just think it's interesting.
14. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck.

And, last but not least:

15. If a dog leaves, it won't take half of your stuff with it.

Classifieds

Wanted: TR6 Project/Parts Car. Contact Jim Crawl at 562-1943

Free to a good home: 75 Spitfire Engine and Transmission: Don't know if engine block is usable--cylinders 2 and 3 are pretty well hammered but maybe could be bored. Looks like the engine was running so there may be usable parts. Nothing known about the transmission. Contact Rick at roverbau@odu.edu

For Sale: 1979 Spitfire OD, runs great, new red paint, needs hounds tooth upholstery work and leak in the radiator fixed. Drove from FL last year. Negotiable. Call Eric 757-558-0928

For Sale: New Front TR6 Sway Bar
Purchased new from The Roadster Factory and Powder Coated Gloss Black. Original cost was \$85, asking \$75. Call Skip at 217-6368 or 1974TR6@cox.net Original Sway Bar also available for a song.



For Sale: 1979 Spitfire
A project car with low miles, just under 50K. Needs some work. New Interior and top still in plastic. Asking \$800 firm. Contact James Barton for more information, jamesbarton@uwuxo.com Office: (757) 451-8545 or Mobile: (757) 572-7750

For Sale: 1977 Spitfire
77 Spitfire and spare parts are for sale. Needs some work, paint and a new convertible top. I have a fiberglass hard top on it now. I have a spare engine that needs to be reworked, a spare OD transmission, body tub, doors, hood, trunk lid, etc. Asking \$2500 negotiable. Contact John T. Blair @ jblair1948@cox.net or (757)495-8229

For Sale: 1978 Spitfire
Stored since 1996, needs work, many extra parts. \$500.00. Contact Nelson Craig @ (757)535-5378



For Sale in Kansas 1972 GT6
GT6 is a rust free Colorado car that Jerry restored as a driver although it has been in several shows. Price is \$7,500.

For Sale: 1966 Triumph TR-4A
White with a Black interior, 4-speed, wire wheels. Needs to be restored. Contact either Angela or Clinton at 757-357-7911 for more details.

Contact Jerry Swartz at Lotus1970@sbcglobal.net for more information.



For Sale in Kansas 1970 Lotus Europa
Jerry Swartz, A Charter Member of the club now living in Kansas is selling his Lotus. No price given.

Please contact him at Lotus1970@sbcglobal.net

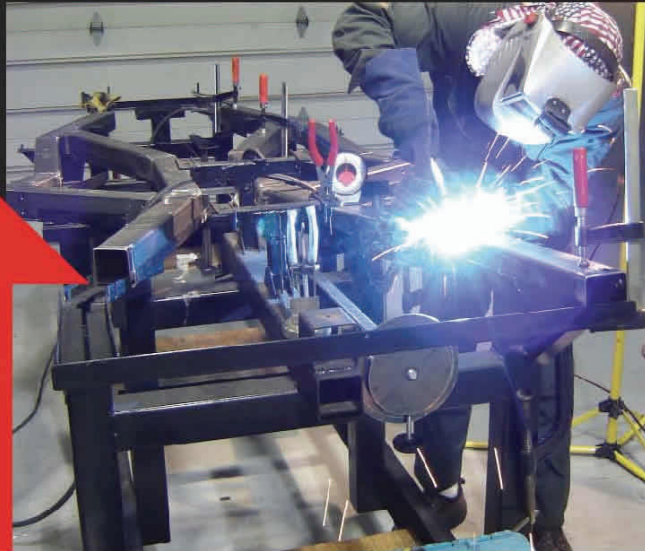
For Sale in Kansas 1979 TR7
Rust free Car with "no title" that is very nice shape, runs, but needs top, front bumper cover and TLC to be a driver. Contact Jerry Swartz @ (620)663-5090 for more details. Price is \$1,000.

For Sale in Kansas 1961 Austin A40
Car is disassembled but all there with Colorado Title and New tires. Please contact Jerry Swartz at 620-663-5090 for more information. Price is \$1,000.

Editor's Note: If you have items for sale please send me all the information and I will be happy to post it for you. Pictures are also accepted and help the prospective buyer.

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March 1st, 2007

April 5th, 2007

May 3rd, 2007

6:30PM

at

Longshots Billiards and Darts

1125 South Military Highway

Between Indian River Rd &

Greenbrier Pkwy

Remember: Tooter Breakfast Bunch is at 9 am on 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month @ Bagel Joe's, 1600 Crossways Blvd. Across from Greenbrier Mall