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UPCOMING EVENTS for June 2006

1st - TTR Meeting at ABL's SPORTS GRILLE

2nd & 3rd - 22nd Annual British Bash in Louisville, Kentucky

3rd & 4th - SCCA Regional's in Atlanta, Georgia

4th - Original British Car Day in Buckeystown, Maryland

4th to 11th - Red Mills British Car Days in Clinton, New Jersey

9th to 11th - Virginia Raceway in Danville, Virginia

11th - Brits Motorcar Gathering in Hellertown, Pennsylvania

14th to 18th - TRA Nationals in Glouster, Ohio

19th & 20th - Vintage Grand Prix in Lexington, Ohio

22nd to 25th - MG Nationals in Gatlinburg, Tennessee

24th - BBBreakfast

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From the Editor

As I put the final touches onto this month's newsletter the final days of May is fading into history. It is Memorial Day and I have spent the day like most Americans trying to complete a yard project and enjoying a nice BBQ dinner.

Earlier this afternoon as I toiled in the backyard to build an aluminum storage shed to make room in the garage for my TR6 frame I could hear the throaty drone of an aircraft as it circled nearby. At the time I did not realize that it was not the only aircraft in the air. A few seconds later I looked up to see a P-51 Mustang and a F4U Corsair cruising around my neighborhood. The view was magnificent and at the same time made me reflect upon everything we hold dear and the price it has cost us.

Memorial Day is for honoring those that have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure we have the ability to tinker with our old cars and go for long drives with the top down with the wind in our hair. Each of us has a friend or a family member that has served our country and some of us have lost friends or family.

As we make preparations for the 5th annual Brits on the Bay car show, take the time to remember why we have our freedom and the liberties that we enjoy.

Until Next Month,

Skip
74 TR6

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Prez sez

Hi Everyone,

If you didn't make the AACA Show on the 13th we had a lot of fun. The cars were unbelievable!!!! Walking around million dollar cars and looking in their windows

without fencing. You can't do that everywhere. The best of the best was there.

We are gearing up for the Brits on the Bay Show on June 10, 2006. If you haven't registered your car please do. The club needs your support. Remember that your car doesn't need to be perfect to enter. Most people use these car shows to remember their past when they were young and owned them. I love it when someone comes up to me at a show and exclaims.... "I had one just like that when I was in college" or "I had one just like that when my wife and I started dating". I'm waiting for someone to come up to me at a show and say "I have one in my garage and haven't touched it in 30 years. I need the room. Do you want it?"

We will be planning our annual picnic and TOOTER Runs. So please, if you have an idea for a run or place you will like to visit with some of the best people in Tidewater, let me know and I will set it up. Hope to see you at the next meeting. Remember: TRIUMPH over conformity, Randy Brackett, TTR Pres.

1961 TR3A

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VP's Corner

Last weekend I was at the AACA show at Camp Pendleton, in Virginia Beach. I saw everything from a 1931 Duisenberg Dual Cowl Phantom to a Kaiser Darrin and almost everything in between. Marjorie and Ivan were also there, it was good to see them again. I also had a good time at the Williamsburg Winery, two weeks earlier.

After much drilling and banging, I finally got the cylinder head and studs removed from my car. I would like to thank all of the club members that gave me ideas and help on this problem. It was as if you were feeling my pain (ha ha).

Lastly, I received my weekly issue of Auto Week yesterday. I can't believe what I saw on page 31, At Barrett-Jackson, earlier this month, in Florida, a 1963 TR4a sold for an astounding \$97,200. You heard it here first.

Till Next Month,
Marty Rutkowitz

DID YOU KNOW?

The Newsletter Editor and Webmaster is looking for pictures and stories of your efforts to restore your treasured old cars, stories of your past trips to far away shows and whimsical stories of experiences while driving or owning your cars. If your pictures are original photos I can scan them into a digital format in order to preserve them for you and will be happy to return them with a CD copy of the scan. If you happen to come across a Triumph website or an interesting article on Triumphs while surfing the internet, please forward a copy of the link to me so I can include it in the newsletter and website. The Newsletter and Website can only be as good as the information I have to put into it, please help me make them the best they can be.

**TTR May Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2006**

Randy Brackett called the meeting to order at 7:02 at ABL's Sports Bar and Grill on Military Highway.

New member Chris Hendrix and his newly acquired red TR4 were introduced and welcomed.

Marty Rutkowitz had nothing to report.

The reading of the Secretary's Minutes were waived and dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Allen reported on the club finances.

Web Site: Skip Paetz is seeking pictures, examples of old advertising, and member profiles. He wants to start building member's pages of current projects.

Activities: Dale Morgan reported on upcoming Show and Shines for CHKD at Military Circle and a show at the Hampton Convention Center. The Richmond (RTR) Show is 5/06.

Regalia Committee: 72 T-shirts will be printed for the car show. The artwork is done and the shirts will be ordered in 2 weeks.

Brits on the Bay Show: Various aspects of the upcoming show were discussed. Door prizes are needed. Everyone is encouraged to provide something. All members are asked to volunteer for a committee if they are not already on one. At some point before the show, members will meet at Fran Manno's house to stuff envelopes.

Leads and Acquisitions: Dale Morgan is looking at 2 TR7s.

The next meeting is June 1st and is the last meeting before the show.

The Williamsburg Winery Car Show was reported on. It was a good event and club members passed out lots of flyers. It was a nice trip there and back.

Photos: Skip requested that when sending photos to him to please explain the photos and provide the names of everyone in the photo.

TOOTER RUNS

Antique Automobile Club of America Virginia Meet

By David Hunt

The day started with cars driven by President Randy, David, Mike, Harry, Bob Ross, Sharon, Fran, Marty and Bob Aaron all meeting at the Red Wing Park. After getting our free distemper injections we moved off in convoy to Camp Pendleton and the AACA National Eastern Spring meet.

I'm told that the 2006 AACA National Eastern Spring Meet got off to a rousing start with a Friday Night Social with more than 350 attendees. Featuring a wide array of food that included pasta, steamship round, bacon-wrapped scallops, and a chocolate fountain, the evening's festivities also provided live entertainment, dancing, and good old-fashioned socializing. And for those hard-core car enthusiasts who couldn't wait until the show, two Duisenberg's and



Sharon & Mike with their 1960 TR3A

two Packard's were on display out front of the Cavalier Hotel. The weather was perfect, sunny and not too warm, thanks to TRAACA's perennial good-weather Genie, Terry Bond!

Many other TTR members were at the show including the Vader Haeghe team, Richard (showing his very fine red GT6), Al from across the water and last but not least Ivan and Marjorie. Wonderful to see you both looking so well.

Saturday morning gave us more sunny skies, a terrific location, and some of the most beautiful cars in the AACA combined to provide a fantastic and memorable show. More than 250 trailers were quartered directly next to the show



Harry Watson and his MGB GT

field at Camp Pendleton, and twice that many cars arrived to take part in the event. There were 280 regular and apprentice judges at the Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning, and 565 people at the Awards Banquet! All in all, a whole bunch of people had a great time in Virginia Beach!

And a whole bunch of people from the TTR were very impressed with the quality and selection of cars (and bikes) that were on display.

Great job Tidewater AACA!

Brits on the Green

By Mike Miller

On April 30, 2006 the Capital Triumph Register held their annual showcase, "Britain on the Green." Roughly 60 cars were displayed on the grounds of Collingwood, near Alexandria, Virginia. On display were the principal marquee, Triumph, along with MG, Lotus, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Tolls Royce, Mini, Land Rover, plus special interest cars from Aston Martin, Jensen, Bristol and Sunbeam.

The event started at 9:30 a.m. with participants arriving to set up, followed participant voting for the top cars followed by a silent auction and awards presentation in the afternoon for both the silent auction and top cars. Also present were some of the sponsors of the show, including several local garages—Motorhead, Ltd. and Mountjoy's plus a new participant Capitol Motorcars of Fredericksburg, Va. In addition to providing mechanical service and restoration, Capitol also provides heater storage spaces. Sponsors were identified and grouped by the amount of their support and contribution—gold, silver and bronze. (continued on Page 6)

TOOTER RUNS (CONTINUED)

Collingwood is located on the George Washington Parkway between Alexandria, Va. and Mount Vernon, George Washington's home. The land that Collingwood is located on was once owned by George Washington. Its location provides views of the Potomac River and for many years, a restaurant operated at the location. Now it is home to a Library and Museum on American retracing many significant events in American history.

The weather held out for a great day for participants to show off their cars. Those that glistened in the bright sun were the early Triumphs and several of the Stags on display. This was even more evident by their location in the lower field near the river. The upper field had Austin Healy's, several minis both early and later editions and Jaguar and Rolls Royce. Having the entire marquee in one location allowed both club members and new entrants to exchange stories and tips. One of the differences in this show from others that I have attended was having cars on display from earlier periods with cars that brand new or almost new, in this case the new Lotus that have just been brought into this country.

While the show had a lot of participants, there was not as large a turnout as I would have expected particularly as there was a 10K race that was run earlier that morning which would have brought the public out. As it was, many participants left early much to the chagrin of event and club organizers. So while the show ran from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m., you really had to get there early if you wanted to see all of the participants as by 2:00 many had departed.

VTR ROCKFORD, IL, 2005

By Ed Smith

On Saturday 23 July 2005 I departed home about 11:15am to begin the trip to Rockford, IL, for the 2005 Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) annual national convention. I drove about four hours to son David's home near Scottsville, VA. Upon arriving I opened the bonnet to show off the rebuilt engine and repainted engine compartment and discovered a coolant geyser occurring at the clamp fastening the top radiator hose. Luckily it was a quick fix by unclamping the hose and cutting approximately one and one half inches off the end of the hose, re-connecting the hose and putting the clamp back on and I continued on the trip. The car did not have any other problem during the entire time. I left David's home at 3:50pm, and I had to go 25 miles to get to I-64 at Exit 121 in Charlottesville.

Sunday morning, after an excellent night's sleep with no outside noise and a small continental breakfast, I headed west again on I-64. I did see one Triumph, a red TR6 on a trailer and heading east away from the VTR! That was the only Triumph I saw on the road except for the ones in Rockford at the convention. Passing through Louisville, KY, in the late morning I connected with I-65 North and a visit with my brother, who lives near Scottsburg, IN, getting there about 1:00pm VA time which was 12:00pm Indiana time. Visited and stayed the night sleeping in their 24' RV camper. I got an early start Monday morning and continuing on I-65-N toward Indianapolis to connect with I-74 West. The intersection of I-65 and I-74 West occurs south of the city which was in my favor as I arrived there in the morning rush hour traffic. Making the connection I headed west toward Bloomington, IL and once in Bloomington I turned north on I-39 for the run to Rockford. You pass field after field of corn and soy beans with a few grazing cattle on fields of alfalfa thrown in. Driving on this stretch may be boring to some but I enjoy it.

I pulled into Rockford on I-39 around 3:00pm and had to find Business U.S. 20 East to get to the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center where the convention was held. Right in the midst of making this change from I-39 to U.S. 20 is another interstate, I-90 which is a toll road heading north from Chicago to Madison, WI. Yep, you guessed it I ended up on the I-90 toll road and had to go 9 miles before I could get off. And I made up my mind that even if I had to stop and ask directions, I was not going back the way I had come those 9 miles. Before I had to stoop low enough to stop and ask I saw a sign saying "this way to Business U.S. 20." What a relief! Following the pointing arrow I found U.S. 20 and found the Clock Tower. Finding the overflow motel and registering I went back outside on the way to my room and the first person I saw was Jim Coleman, from Mechanicsville, VA, trailering his 1964 TR4. He had also just arrived and had been in convoy with Harlan Schufeldt, from Richmond, trailering his 1960 Italia, and a couple, Steve and Ho Yong Oertwig, from Fredericksburg, VA, in their 1973 GT6. (continued on Page 7)

The first thing he said to me was "I want to see the engine compartment." Guess he had heard about the "miraculous transformation." For the record both Jim and Harlan are members of the Richmond Triumph Register, a club I also belong to. Tuesday morning the rain came and lasted most of the day. It was welcomed as it cooled the temperature from the mid to high 90s to the mid 80s and remaining there during the convention. It made for a very pleasant meeting.

Registered the first thing in the morning and didn't do much but hang out at the convention site. My car was #148; I believe they had in excess of 220 Triumphs for the show. The Clock Tower management had set aside a very large main parking area where only Triumphs were allowed. It was a neat sight to see all types of TRs plus Spitfires, Stags, GT6s, an Italia (only 1 registered), and some early Triumph types.

Wednesday dawned bright and cheerful with the temperature staying in the 80s most of the day. I decided to do the Fun Rally expecting it would take between 2 and 3 hours to complete. Left the Clock Tower about 10:00am and took turns leading and following several other Triumphs making the same run. We were fine until we came to a section of the county road where a crew was laying asphalt and had just put down a coating of oil. Two or three cars had already turned back and gave me the message. So I turned around and back tracked to the starting point and reported the problem to the staff. They already knew about the situation and gave me an alternative route. But I decided to wait until the next day to complete the run.

Wednesday night we enjoyed a cookout and several races at Rockford Speedway about 10 miles south of the Clock Tower. We drove to the speedway in convoy with about 45-50 Triumphs.

Thursday began with a 6:30am Breakfast Run which I did not do since I wanted to sleep in. Later that morning I resumed the Fun Drive and did quite well over the part I was retracing from the previous day. Later that afternoon I took my car to the washing area provided by the Clock Tower and wet and wiped down the exterior and spent some time on making sure the engine compartment was nice and clean to show off Tino's gem.

Thursday evening saw the assembly of Triumphs for the Ice Cream Run. I followed Jim Coleman, Harlan Schufeldt, and the Jerry Moore's' who were also from Richmond. We drove about 10 miles on some nice LBC roads to a little burg where the VTR people overwhelmed the small ice cream stand and took it over from the locals. An overflow parking area was needed to accommodate all the cars making the run. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ice cream and the talk about Triumphs as bonnets were raised and inspected by those in attendance.

I drove to the Participants' Choice area for the show which was from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Weather predictions for the day estimated the temperature moving upward again possibly into the lower 90s. Hoping for some shaded area I was pleasantly surprised to be directed to a nice shaded parking place on the paved show field. Being the first TR7 I was put in the corner directly beneath several nice shade trees with plenty of places to put my chairs right next to the car. I took a tour of the field and voted for a car in most of the classes. The show was scheduled to last for 10:00am until 3:00pm with voting completed by 2:00pm. I packed up and left about 3:15pm to drive to visit my sisters in Elkhart County, IN. The banquet dinner and awards presenting was that evening starting at 5:30pm.

This story really has its conclusion two weeks after the VRT show when I received an e-mail from Mike Jones. Remember I left Rockford in the afternoon and the banquet was that evening so I did not know the results of the Participants' Choice voting. Well, Jim Coleman had tried to e-mail me but could not get through. So he sent a message to Mike who in turn e-mailed me. Mike stated that I had just won a million dollars but quickly said he was joking. What I had won was the first place plaque for the TR7 class which consisted of a total of 7 TRs. This was more than I had hoped for but was very welcomed to say the least. The wait was worth while and I have enjoyed the car shows over the years and especially the folks I have met and have become friends. This goes double for the Tidewater Triumph Register people and I even, grudgingly, include the MG people. We have a super group who are fun to be with in driving our LBCs.

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June 1st, 2006

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August 3rd, 2006

6:30PM

At

ABL's Sports Bar

1125 South Military Highway

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