



## GREATER ROCHESTER TRIUMPH TOURING CLUB

### TRIMPHANTLY YOURS MAY 2011

**Hi All!**

Well, I don't know about the rest of you but I'm thinking that, given our weather, my sports car of choice should have been an Amphicar from 40 years ago!  
Whaddayou think?



Last November Jeff Kramer shared some information about LED tail light bulbs from LiteZupp. I looked into them more and bought tail and signal bulbs for my Healey and TR3A. They're expensive but custom made. For instance they match the color of the lens with the LED and the direction of the light (i.e. the tail light bulb on the TR3 has to point toward the rear but the socket points straight up). So I got the bulbs and was very happy with the brightness. The problem was that the LEDs produce so little heat that the directional lights flashed too quickly and the dash indicator light didn't work (acted like there was a blown bulb). I have to say, Chris and Jim at LiteZupp were very persistent in solving the problem and great at communicating with me. Together we discovered and tested an electromechanical flasher unit that was not polarity sensitive (TR3 is positive ground) and that solved the problem. If anyone would like more information, let me know.



Ned

### **EVENTS:**

#### **May 7: Tune Up Clinic**

Our joint tune up clinic with the MG Car Club on was a big success. We had a good turn out and some important work got done on the cars such as Craig Carey's and Mark Wright's exhaust systems. (Though, truth be known, Mark's muffler fell off on the way to the tune up clinic and, thus, had to be reinstalled. Talk about being at the right place at the right time!)



Special thanks, as always, to George Haynes for the great job in planning and carrying out the event!

## **UK Car Day planning continues to move along well.**

Our planning committee met last week at Mulconry's Irish Pub for shared planning and support. Special thanks to all the committee members: Bev and George Haynes, Jack Harrison, Julie Paulsen, Pat Gaglio, Jeff Kramer, Andy Paris, Craig Carey, Bill Rampe, and Ned Paulsen. Visit [ukcarday.com](http://ukcarday.com) for registration information. Please let me know if you can help out the day of show. [nedpaulsen@aol.com](mailto:nedpaulsen@aol.com)

### **May 29: Glen Iris Lunch Run**

This will be a delicious tour from the beautiful scenery through Letchworth State Park to the wonderful food at Glen iris. We'll leave at **Noon Sharp**, from Breugger's Bagel Bakery, 3333 West Henrietta Road, Rochester, 14623. This is at South Town Plaza, near Jefferson Road. There's a parking area behind Breugger's where we can congregate prior to departing. The route will be fairly direct, so we arrive at Glen Iris on time. The route home can be longer and more scenic, if desired (and the weather cooperates. Suppose that will EVER happen?) This is not a fixed price brunch but lunch off the menu. We look forward to seeing all who can come on the 29<sup>th</sup>. George

### **June 26: Sunday Brunch at Belhurst Castle in Geneva**

Mark your calendar for this terrific event hosted by Ken and Penny Heusler. More details coming.

**August 13:** Following is a note from Jack McAllister, a Triumph Club member, inviting any and all of us to his cottage for a really grand party.

“Last year's Summer Bash was a real hoot - food, drinks, and entertainment at Cap'n Jack's Tiki Bar and Grill on Seneca Lake. This year it is scheduled for August 13th from noon thru the evening with entertainment by the Ithaca Lone Rangers band featuring one of the top female vocalists in the east - Dee Specker. It was great having a number of Triumphs, sailboats, and power boats invade Cap'n Jack's and we hope this summer will include the return of those colorful classics again. Our address is 78 Charles St, Dresden, NY. For directions email Jack at [senecachrles@live.com](mailto:senecachrles@live.com) or call 315 277 0296.” Jack McAllister

### **Mystery Car:**

Congratulations to Doug Jack as the only member to correctly identify this 1935 MGPB! Yea Doug!

#### **THIS MONTH'S CAR:**

Do you know this car? Be immortalized (like Doug) on the pages of Triumphantly Yours by correctly identifying the make, model, and (you can get close) year of this car. Email me if you guess it at [nedpaulsen@aol.com](mailto:nedpaulsen@aol.com).



#### **INSURANCE NEEDS:**

Craig shared some information at the general meeting on insurance. Following is more information as a service to our members.

## **Personal Insurance**

During our April membership meeting I spoke briefly about adequate insurance in the context of the insurance we purchase for the club and its members.

In review, the club purchases liability insurance for our events which includes General Liability for liability not related to the use of our Autos, and Non-Owned Automobile Liability insurance which will respond excess of a club member's own Automobile Liability insurance, should a club member be involved in an accident during a club event.

In other words, your Personal Automobile Liability insurance will first respond to its full liability limits available, and then the insurance provided by the club will respond providing additional limits above yours.

This is not to be confused with Automobile Physical Damage coverage which IS NOT provided by the club and must be purchased by the car owner.

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I want to speak for a moment to the membership about what constitutes adequate Personal Liability Limits related to your home and personal automobiles. When deciding on proper liability limits it is important to understand that if you purchase limits that are too low to respond to an injury regardless of fault your personal assets could be at risk.

This is actually an individual choice which should be based on a few important questions you should ask yourself such as:

- What do I own that can actually increase my liability, or that could put me a greater risk of injuring a friend, neighbor or unknown third party?
  - ✓ Dogs – some breeds are more aggressive than others
  - ✓ Toys – Boats, motorcycles, automobiles, snowmobiles, Triumph(s), etc.
    - What are the ages of those toys and how are they maintained?
  - ✓ Does what I own attract attention to my “wealth” or perceived wealth?
  - ✓ What do I own that might attract unwanted guests? Swimming pools, etc.
- What do I have to lose financially – What are my assets worth?
- How much could I afford to pay out of pocket before it would negatively affect my family, my life style?

In NYS the minimum Requirements are \$25/\$50/\$10 - \$25,000 BI per Person/\$50,000 BI per Accident /\$10,000Property Damage Per Accident – however even a minor accident could blow through these limits in no time flat leaving the buyer with out of pocket expenses.

The key to remember is that you don't have to be at fault to have your personal insurance end up having to pay a claim. A personal example: A number of years ago I had a jaywalker end up on my car hood after being hit by a car to my right, the jaywalker bounced off one car that kept going and ended up on mine. Even though there was no fault on my part the other car, (who also had no fault) left the scene so my insurance ended up paying the persons medical bills. Yes the PIP (no-fault coverage) on my policy ended up responding, but after that was exhausted my liability limit kicked in. The jaywalker's medical bills cost me and my insurance company about \$300,000. All that and I was just a bystander.

Are you under insured?

The attached website questionnaire takes about 20 seconds to complete and can provide some amazing insight to whether you purchase adequate insurance.

<http://www.whatsmyliability.com/>

If you find you might be underinsured I would suggest speaking with your insurance agent immediately.

By the way, the cost of increasing your liability limit or adding a Personal Umbrella Liability policy is very inexpensive in the scheme of things. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Craig R. Carey  
GRTTC Treasurer

## **GRTTC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR April 13<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Wednesday night at Mulroneys pub in Fairport was where 29 GRTTC members came together for our first general meeting for 2011.

Present: Jeff Kramer, Bob Harris, Craig Carey, Pam & Andy Paris, Cindy & Doug Jack, Joeanna & Joe DeBlaere, Chris Holliday, Kathy & Bill Rampe, Jack Harrison, Ken Heusler, Pat Gaglio, Rhonda & Tim Rizzo, Tom LaChiusa, Mark Wright, Julie & Ned Paulsen, George & Bev Haynes, Allyn Pardi, Chris & Eileen Williams, Bill McNamara, Bob Speciale, Norm Wright

Ned started the evening's meeting with a brief welcome message. (I'm sure he did, but I was a few minutes late)

George Haynes started the events portion of the meeting by handing out the tentative events list for 2011. A few events need "hosts" to make the reservations and plan a route to the event site. It's quite easy, so if you have some time to try one, we can help along the way. May 29<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> are in need of sponsors. Also, Norm needs help with the grills for his event; see Norm or a board member. Contact George or any Board member.

Craig Carey gave us a financial review. There was a \$2125.71 balance as of 4-1-11. \$1000 was distributed evenly to five charities - Camp Smile (Lions Club), National Kidney Foundation of Upstate NY, Honor Flight, Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard, and Webster Community Chest Food Bank. Note: the GRTTC board tried to keep the money locally, helping a broad range of people. Ned indicated that suggestions for charities are welcome. Contact any board member. Craig answered an insurance question from Doug Jack. The question was if non-GRTTC people attend an event do they have to pay for a day's membership?.....NO. Craig indicated that our club and members are covered by insurance as well as guests. Club insurance is secondary to one's own personal insurance.

#### UK CAR DAY:

Copies of flyers & registration were handed out for review.

Ned passed around a sign-up sheet for day of show volunteers.  
LBC Co will not be attending our show this year; we will look to other British vendors.

Pat Gaglio has been working hard at getting our club and UK Car day advertised. She has many sites that now have our event listed: D&C Summer Events, Triumph Experience, Moss Motors, and many more. Jeff suggested to try "craigs-list." Also...

- The Lions Club is our only source for food and refreshments the day of show.
- The website is running great and includes online UK Car Day registration. UK Car Day registration as well as club membership can be done with 'PayPal.
- Ned and Julie handed out the door prizes: bottles of wine and car care items. (Did Doug get the bucket?)
- Also there were some club patches and decals "free for a dollar" so says Ned!
- Ned thanked Craig for doing the insurance investigation, Andy for taking care of the website, and George for doing all the events.

I'd like to thank Julie for taking notes until I got there!

Thanks to all for supporting the club and the Board this year. 2011 sounds like it's going to be a great year!!!!

Good driving to all (as soon as the weather warms up).

***Ken Heusler***

Have a great rest of May and I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events!

Kind Regards,

Ned