



Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club

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Are We There Yet? Mar-Apr Edition

Dear Fellow Triumph Enthusiasts,

Well here we are, on the cusp of another driving season, just a few weeks away from our spring meeting and I still have snow in my yard. It has been a long, cold, busy winter with too many projects and not enough time. With a prediction of temperatures in the 60's on Thursday I just want to go for a ride. The reality is that we just moved the GT6 into the shop to let me resume work (finish painting and assembly) and the Spitfire was just moved from storage to the shop on Monday. Having two cars and lots of work can be discouraging but we are making progress and I am still optimistic (I have a great gearbox thanks to George and the "Gearbox Gang"). The UK Car Day site is up and you can get your car registered online or via a mail in form.

Hope to see you all soon.

Andy

Events

Successful GRTTC Tech Session: Gearbox Rebuilding 101

Well, it was actually three sessions, because at the first, on March 14, only the disassembly of three member gearboxes took place: The GT6's of Mike Mack and Andy Paris, and the TR3 of Doug Jack. A group of nearly twenty members attended. We had rebuilt three TR3 gearboxes in 2010, as an educational project (and to demonstrate the gearbox rebuilding should not be intimidating.)

For session #1, worn parts were identified, to be ordered in time for session #2 on March 21.



On that date, worn main shafts were identified for both GT6 gearboxes, and additional bearings and syncro springs were needed for Doug. Ben Jacob, current proprietor of British Auto, was able to supply two good used GT6 main shafts from his inventory, and reassembly commenced as planned. At day's end, we had two completed gearboxes, ready to install in their respective GT6's.

Thus, a third session was required on March 28, to assemble Doug's gearbox. This job was a little more complicated because of the overdrive unit. With a smaller, but equally enthusiastic group present, we had the job done before 2PM.

It seemed to be a valuable learning experience for everyone, and three members ended up with fresh new gearboxes. If the need presents itself in the future, we might repeat this gearbox Tech Session.

George Haynes

If we ever have a clinic on cleaning things I vote for Doug to lead it. I do not think I have ever seen anything as spotless as that TR3 transmission!

AP

On Wednesday April 22 we will be having our spring meeting to kick off the driving season at Lillian's, 2200 Penfield Road, Penfield, NY 14526 (routes 250 and 441) with a social half hour from 5:30 -6:00 PM and the meeting starting at 6. Dinner will be on separate checks. Let George know if you are coming for a head count, more information to follow.

On Sunday May 3rd it's time to break out our cars and go driving again. This year's first club drive is the Brunch run, organized by Chris and Eileen Williams. The run will take about an hour and a half, and end at a restaurant with a full brunch buffet. Price per person is \$21.00, with payment required in advance. Please contact Chris at cawilliams@rochester.rr.com to sign up, and mail payment to Eileen at 4112 Ridge Chapel Road, Marion NY 14505. Plan to join us at the Wal Mart Super Center on Route 31 in Macedon at 9:30 on Sunday, May 3. The Drivers' Meeting will be at 9:45 with departure immediately afterwards. The drive will take us through some pretty country in Wayne County, past some historic sites, and we'll end up close to the City of Rochester. For folks interested in also attending Swing Into Spring, most should find themselves within about 30 minutes or less from home when the event is over. Please join us for this first, and always good event.

May 9th will be the tune up clinic at the Wayne County BOCES.

Take a look at the full schedule attached to this email.



Insurance

One of the benefits to being a member of the GRTTC is the insurance we offer when participating in club events. Craig continues to guide us through issues related to insurance and we have just renewed our policy for the driving season. One of the benefits of the insurance is that it adds coverage when we are participating in events. In a normal claim case where there is no exclusion the owner's policy would typically respond first and then the club's non-owned auto policy would respond for the club in excess of the members insurance. An important point is that some personal automobile policies actually exclude "driving events" from coverage. If a member's policy has this exclusion and they get into an accident during a driving event, they would not be covered for any damage to their vehicle nor resulting liability caused by the accident.

Members should check their policies for this driving event exclusion.

Et Cetera

Well, I don't think it is any surprise that I am a bit of a tool nut having accumulated enough bulk to be encouraged to find another location to keep it all. My latest find is from a very unusual source, Aldi. Pam saw the listing of Workzone tools in an ad and I decided it was worth a look. It turns out that Aldi has a bit of a history of selling tools in Europe and Australia. In fact they have a set of chisels that they sell annually that has generated a petition in the US to offer them here (I am not kidding). They appear to have a couple of different versions of things they sell, but the ones made by meister (made in Taiwan, India, or some other locale, but meister is German) are actually pretty good.



The Allen wrenches are okay but metric and at \$2.99 are handy. The wrenches are also okay and great extras for \$4.99. But the real deal here is the 1/4" socket set. I have a Craftsman travel set that is okay but this set includes the most common Torx, Allen, Phillips, and slot drives and sockets from 5/32 – 9/16 as well as two extensions, a flexible extension, a universal joint, ratchet, driver handle, T-handle, and some small Allen wrenches. This is a nicely done set for, get this, \$14.99. The ratchet has a very nice feel to it and the overall finish on the other components is nice, better than the China sourced Craftsman tools, in my opinion. If you want some small inexpensive tools that easily fit in the boot then here you go.

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Andy