



Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club

Triumphantly Yours

Are we there yet? March 2014 Edition

Dear Fellow Triumph Enthusiasts,

It feels like it has been a long winter. There have been very few of the brief periods to go start the cars or even go for a ride this year but it cannot stay this way for much longer. We went to visit the cars a few weeks ago when it looked like the snow might melt someday and I snapped this picture of the GT6 looking a little sad behind the huge pile of snow patiently waiting to come home. I know it will only be a short while before I can start entertaining my neighbors again with the high pitched whine of the grinders, spraying primer in the driveway and the inevitable production when the car finally gets painted. And yes, you are correct; there are about two cars worth of parts there.



This month I thought I would add a new section from who I like to call my founding member(s) Doug and Cindy Jack. They are my founding members because they found me, in a hardware store, in Victor. If you have not heard the story, ask us and we can tell you. Anyway, Doug not only has two beautiful Triumphs but he is an overall car maven and has lots of interesting car trivia he finds. Without further adieu here is:

You Don't Know Jack (play on words)

"The first 6 minutes is boring, fast-forward to the 6 minute mark and see the rest...."

Members of the TR Register Australia provided the cars for the driver's parade at the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix. <http://youtu.be/DdaKMxuQaw0>

Events

On Saturday March 8th we had one of our annual tech sessions at Golden Boys in Webster. This year's session was held over a great breakfast and included technical discussions such as "maple syrup; adhesive or lubricant" and "sausage patties or bacon, the best breakfast side". All kidding aside, thanks to George for setting this up, we did not do any hands on project this year (yet?) but had a good time and got to talk cars and drink coffee, what could be better?

Our next event is our annual spring meeting on Wednesday April 16th (see the attached full year calendar). Setting up this meeting has been a challenge in part due to the increasing participation of our membership. Last November we had over 40 people at Mulconry's which posed some special challenges for the meeting. Simply put it, has been hard finding a place that can accommodate all of us comfortably and conveniently, and it looks like we have outgrown Mulconry's. The April meeting will be at Finger Lakes Gaming on route 96 in Farmington about a mile east of route 332 just off of the Thruway. We have chosen to try out this venue for the following reasons:

- They can accommodate up to 200 people in their new private meeting room (partitioned in half for us)
- They are conveniently located right off of the Thruway and other major roads and easy to get to
- They have a lot of parking and even valet parking (for \$3 or free with a handicap tag)
- They have a 120 item buffet with 5 carving stations (always prime rib) and other specialty stations (pasta, pizza, potato, Mexican, Asian, seafood, etc)

- Soft drinks, coffee, and tea are included while beer, wine, or other liquor are extra

We will have a Cocktail hour from 5:30-6:30, dinner from 6:30-7:30 (we all get to eat at the same time!), followed by the meeting at 7:30. Anyone that does not want to eat at the buffet may come at anytime. The price is \$19.95 plus tax or if you get a Players Club card (which is free) you receive \$2 off of the buffet (making the cost \$17.95 plus tax) each time you eat there and \$10 in gaming credit. The GRTTC will pick up the tip to make it easy for everyone. We will try this out and see how it goes.

The Williams' annual drive is also in April. A note below:

Come drive and dine with us on April 27 as we head West this time. We'll follow the route of the Erie Canal westward from Spencerport, crossing over it several times and in fact under it once on Medina's famous Culvert road, arriving in Lockport in time for brunch. Along the way we'll share some history of the places we pass through and relate the significance of the canal's route to the growth of the entire area. We'll also see remnants of what was once the New York Central's Niagara Falls line, that at one time carried up to 12 passenger trains each day in direct competition with the canal.

Our brunch destination will be revealed on the day we drive, but we liked it very much. When we visited, we found a full brunch buffet, featuring a waffle and omelet station, a hot line, a salad station, a yogurt and parfait station, and a pastry desert station. Food on the hot line changes from week to week, but typically contains a selection of meat dishes such as bacon, sausage and ham, potatoes, vegetables, butter and rolls and we liked everything we found.

The Buffet will be \$22 per person. Please send a check made out to the Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club (GRTTC works) to Chris and Eileen Williams, 4112 Ridge Chapel Road, Marion, NY 14505

Finally, on a sad note, we lost one of our friends on March 7th. Tim had a rare sense of humor and is the only person I can think of clever enough to put a sign on a pile of stuff in the front yard that said "FREE or best offer" and get someone to pay him! Special thanks to Susan Krobusek for writing this.



IN MEMORIAM – TIM RIZZO

On March 7, area car clubs and racing organizations lost a great friend with the passing of Tim Rizzo. Tim, as most of you know, fought a long battle with leukemia until it finally bested him.

Tim and his wife Rhonda were longtime active members of the MG Car Club. Their Fall Foliage Tours were (and still are) legend. Tim was also very active in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), teaching driving classes, participating in racing and rallies, and always going down to Watkins Glen for various car activities. Almost any car club gathering or event saw either the TR6 or the Mini (sometimes both), and nearly always with their Jack Russell terrier Milo in the car – and occasionally, at the wheel! Unfortunately for our club, Tim's illness limited his participation in our events the past few years. However, he always enjoyed hearing about what was happening in the GRTTC, and it was always a happy occasion whenever he could join us.

Tim will always be remembered for his dynamic personality. So many adjectives could be applied to him: generous, friendly, helpful. Tim had a sly sense of humor that was constantly in operation, and added spark to any gathering. Most of all though, he had a smile that was like a benevolent, beaming ray of sunshine and a hearty laugh that was unmistakable and joyful. To Tim, a stranger was simply a friend he hadn't met yet – and no one stayed a stranger for long. He will be missed

by many people in many ways. Thanks for being part of our organization, Tim – the privilege was definitely ours.

Looking forward to our first drive,

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