



Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club

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Last Gasp of Summer September Edition

Dear Fellow Triumph Enthusiasts,

We are closing off the year with a lot of activity. To keep things brief and to the point I will hold off on my continued series about what I learned this summer. I hope to see you all at our upcoming biannual business meeting.

Andy

From the Treasurer:

Please review your identity/contact information on the attached GRTTC Membership Listing (Updated 8/12/14) and come prepared to provide any necessary changes to Don Radlo at our GRTTC Fall Meeting, October 22, 2014. Don will be available to receive your Year 2015 Club Dues (\$ 20.00) at this Meeting. Should you not be able to attend the October 22, 2014 Fall Meeting, please mail your check in the amount of \$ 20.00 made payable to GRTTC to: Don Radlo, 219 Heather Lane, Farmington, NY 14425. Please also include any changes that you would like made to the Membership Listing for the next updating.

Events

As summer winds to a close, we still have several events on our 2014 calendar

On Sunday, September 28, Pat Gaglio is hosting a Lunch Drive to the Stonecat Cafe in Hector, NY.

Most of us will start at Stickley Furniture at the south end of Eastview Mall. Please arrive around 9:45 for a 10:00 departure.

An alternate rendezvous place is at Mac's Drive-In in Waterloo on Routes 5 & 20. If you're joining us there, please arrive by 11:00.

We arrive in Hector at Noon. There will be live music and separate checks.

A flyer describing the Stonecat Cafe and some menu choices is attached.

Please contact Pat by Wednesday, 9/24 at: patmgaglio@frontiernet.net or call 585-671-7733

On Friday, October 3, thru Sunday October 5, several couples will drive to Hammondsport, NY on Keuka Lake, for a weekend to "extend summer" a bit more. In years past this has been a very relaxing weekend, with a visit to the Windmill in Penn Yan, stops at several wineries in the area, some great restaurants within walking distance of our motel, plus the Curtiss Museum and other attractions. Sound too hectic for you? Then relax in your room, take a walk or a nap, or both. No pressure here! If this sounds good to you, call Ron at the Lakeside Motel (607-569-2600) to learn if there are any rooms still available.

Next, on Sunday, October 12, Joe and Joeanna DeBlaere will host their ever-popular Fall Tour. With help from Mother Nature, we may have colorful foliage!

Our meeting site is the Burger King on Route 96 (600 Rowley Road, Victor, 14564)

A 1.5-hour tour of the Finger Lakes Region will end with lunch at an historic hotel. Order from the menu with separate checks. Please contact the DeBlaere's by October 5, at deblaere@frontiernet.net or call 585-229-2230

Finally, on Wednesday, October 22 GRITC will hold it's Fall Membership meeting.

This will include a recap of 2014 and a preview of 2015 events, status of charitable giving, etc.

It will again be held at Finger Lakes Gaming Center on Route 96, just a little south of Victor, NY.

Gather for a cocktail at 5:30, enjoy the incredible Vineyard Buffet at 6:30 and we'll hold our meeting around 7:00 PM.

Not interested in the buffet? Just show up for the meeting. However, a headcount will be useful for door prizes, etc.

Contact Andy Paris at: andyparis3@gmail.com or call: 585-742-2744

George was able to represent us at the national VTR convention this month. Here is his summary:

National Vintage Triumph Register Convention 2014

Most members of GRITC know that our club is a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, the only Triumph club encompassing every model Triumph manufactured.

In fact, our ties to the mother club are almost nonexistent, but the club gets the benefit of reasonably-priced insurance coverage.

To qualify to be a Chapter, GRITC must have a minimum of ten VTR members. When we incorporated in 2008, we had 18. The mother club publishes a very nice bi-monthly magazine called The Vintage Triumph. If you're interested in joining the mother club, annual dues are \$35.00 and your GRITC officers can help you join.

Individual membership in VTR also includes the opportunity to participate in the National Convention, which moves around the US each year. Many of our members have made trips to Albany, NY, King of Prussia, PA, Ypsilanti, MI, Richmond, VA, Rockford, IL and Jekyll Island, GA. This year's convention was held recently in Dobson, NC, in the Smokey Mountains.

While some years six or eight GRITC members drive to a national convention, this year it was only Chris Holliday (1968 TR250) and me (1965 TR4A) who drove to Dobson, about 650 miles each way. We drove steadily but not hurriedly, and it took about a day and a half. (I should mention that local non-GRITC members Russ and Mary Deveso trailered their TR3A as well.)

First announced in 1974, the TR7 was the featured model, celebrating its 40th year. With over 250 Triumphs entered, about 50 were "Wedges", a very large turn-out. Two guys drove their TR8's from Saskatchewan! Not to be outdone, one TR3A owner drove from Sacramento, through 33 states, covering 11,000 miles - so far!

Host hotels were scattered over several miles, as were the sites of major events. With directions from the several hotel locations to various events, it was easy to read the wrong directions and get lost. (You can guess how I know that.)

As usual, I participated in the Autocross, and new this year, the Hill Climb. We both attended Seminars, and Chris and I also entered the Car Show, in our respective Participants' Choice classes. At the awards banquet Saturday evening, I took home plaques for a Fourth in TR4A Class in the car show and first in my Autocross class. Not as fortunate in the hill climb competition!

The host club, Triumphs of The Carolinas, did a super job of pulling everything off with hardly a hitch. It was a great convention and well worth the drive to attend.

Next year's national convention will be held August 11 thru 14 in Fontana, Wisconsin, on Lake Geneva. This is considered a resort destination for many travelers and I'm sure will be lovely. It sounds like a long drive but is only slightly longer than to Dobson this year, 700 miles, according to Google maps, from Webster.

The speaker who pitched the 2015 convention told us the "Spinal Tappets" will perform again, after a several-year hiatus. This is the band that does covers of once-popular favorites with a Triumph flavor. One is "Rust In the Tin" after "Dust In The Wind" and "While My Gearbox Gently Leaks" from "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." We were told they have several new songs, which will probably be included on CD's in the Goodie Bags for all participants. Mark your calendars now. I can hardly wait!

George Haynes

Pat Gaglio also set up a small car display for the seniors at Grand Vie

On Wednesday, September 10th, four members of the club drove their cars to the Grand Vie Senior Living Community in Penfield as part of a special event week for the residents. The residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed seeing the vintage cars. They asked lots of questions and took lots of pictures. Residents and staff alike had a difficult time deciding which car they liked best. Thanks to Pat Gaglio and her TR3A, Ned Paulsen and his Austin-Healey, Rory Raymond and his TR6 and Norm Wright with his TR4 for helping to bring smiles to the folks at Grand Vie.

Miscellaneous

Here is a recent article from AUTOWEEK listing the TR6 as a good car to buy if you want to get into collector cars but do not know where to start. The rationale is fun driving dynamics, good parts availability, ease of repair for shadetree mechanics, and a reasonable entry cost for the first time collector. Thanks to Bruce for sending this along.

1969-76 TRIUMPH TR6

■ Fancy a British sports car? The Triumph TR6 offers a nice blend of straight-six power, gorgeous design and traditional construction, making it ideal for first-time classic-car owners. Thanks to a relatively large production run and several specialty suppliers, parts support is outstanding, and a TR6 can be almost completely disassembled using just a half-inch wrench and a Phillips screwdriver (ask us how we know). Despite being the last traditional body-on-frame Triumph roadster, TR6 values have remained relatively flat for 20 years; that means good examples have a fantastic fun-to-dollar ratio, but skip the basket cases and restoration projects—you'll never make your money back on a ratty TR6. But, with prices between **\$8,500** and **\$34,900**, you could afford not to.



Triumph TR6

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