



Triumph Speaks

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From the Desk of the President

Beverly and I have been at again. Driving our TR4A, that is. This trip included a drive to Otter Lake in the Adirondack, to spend a couple of days with friends at their cottage, then to Little falls and the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, where the Fifth Annual Great American Irish Festival was held. Goes without saying that we enjoyed the pleasant company of old friends, followed by some great Celtic music, with several excellent meals at both places. (Dieting to follow...)

In all, we covered nearly 500 miles, some in beautiful top-down weather and some in heavy rain. The worst of those storms was after the last Saturday night concert, when a monsoon struck and visibility was just about nonexistent. Always a quandary: pull off the road and hope no one hits us, or keep crawling along, and ditto. We kept moving, albeit at 30 mph, while Beverly frantically towed off the inside of the windshield and I tried to keep road markings in sight. We made it to the hotel without incident.

I drive my Triumph as much as possible during the season, but this rain stuff is one of the downsides. Not only is it difficult to drive well without powerful wipers and defrosters, but the interiors of most British cars get pretty soggy, requiring a thorough drying out and cleaning up following the trip. This is not a plea to keep your Triumph in your garage if a cloud appears in the sky. Rather, drive it anyway, enjoy the adventure and clean it up afterwards. Triumphs are tough cars and can handle it well!

As August arrives, wit it comes the national VTR Convention in Ypsilanti. It was at last year's convention that the seeds of our new local club were planted and I'm looking forward to a good turnout of our members again this year. We're gonna try to squeeze another dinner meeting in between VTR and Watkins Glen, if possible. That gives us a chance to recap the convention and make some plans for the Glen. Look for a note in the next few days.

On the subject of the Glen, Don Radlo is planning to have those who are participating in the Tour de Marque meet first and caravan to the Tour's starting point. Again, look for a note with details from Don. It promises to be a great Triumph Weekend and I'm hoping all of us will be there.

As always, send along your comments and criticisms to me or any Board member. How are we doing?

George

From the Desk of the Editor

Back in January 2008, I submitted the application forms to the VTR National Convention and also made reservations at the Marriott Hotel. Since then, Cindy's back had gotten worse and we have cancelled our trip to Ypsilanti. Cindy's back problem is due to stenosis of the spine, which, in fact, pinches the spinal column nerve. She will have an August 11 appointment and we will find out what the next step for her will be.

We have always enjoyed the VTR National Conventions and yes, we are disappointed that we will not be going. However, there will be other conventions in the next few years.

Mark your calendar! On August 20, the next GRTTC meeting will be at Bob & Ruth's in Naples, NY. We will start our trip from Stickley's at Eastview mall at 5:00 PM and end at B & R at 6:00 PM. More details will be sent out when George Haynes returns from the VTR National Convention.

Minutes of the July 2 Meeting at Pat Gaglio's house

Present: Mary & Isselhard, Joe & Linda Fazio, Pat & Jim Gaglio, Bob Harris, Jack & Bernadette Harrison, Rob & Pam Houseknecht, George & Beverly Haynes, Allen Hess, Jeff Kramer, Susan & Bruce Krobusek, Cindy & Doug Jack, Ned, Julie, Andrew & Ed Paulsen, Andy & Pam Paris, Don Radlo, Tim & Rhonda Rizzo, Steve Rossini, Susan & Larry Rausch, John & Ruth Anne Trippe, Norman & Char Wright, Val & John Zoltner, Katie Houseknecht & Eric Ferguson.

Intro:

Thanked pat & Jim Gaglio for their generosity in providing their park-like back yard. Cheers and Applauses! Hopefully it will be an annual event. Pat graciously offered.

George introduced new meeting attendees: Bernadette Harrison, Pam Paris, Al & Mary Isselhard, Eric Ferguson & Katie Houseknecht, Julie, Andrew, Ed Paulsen.

Car Show:

George talked about the car show at the Deer Run Winery. Reminded about the sign-up sheet for volunteers. 21 cars signed up so far.

John reported. Will need 6 or so people to go down and help set up on the 11th. Meet at noon. Sign-up sheet was circulated at the meeting.

Events:

Beverly shared the results of her questionnaire.

- * The driving events showed the most interest.
- * An August event might be a driving tour.
- * September is Watkins Glen.
- * October might be a fall tour.
- * Parties in the wintertime.
- * Member car work parties (over winter).
- * Pictures from this event will be on our website (www.rochestertriumphclub.org)

Website:

The site is up and running. Just needs to be "plumbed out" through members' contributions. George gave a couple of examples such as a write-up on the Roadster Factory party.

Regalia:

Val distributed all items ordered so far and shared that she has order forms available. She explained possible additions such as fleece jackets, wind breakers, patches of the club logo.

Joe asked a question- has VTR gotten back to us on our charter? George shared that it is most likely a go but we haven't gotten final word yet.

Jeff asked if people might want to drive together to events such as Deer Run. These requests could be posted on the forum section of the web site.

Don shared that Triumphs will be staged at Lafayette Park. If you have a Triumph and are not registered for the Tour de Marque, you might want to park near or at the park also.

Joe asked if the name of our group has been recorded in the county clerk's office. George said we would look into that.

Doug asked why the stickers fit on the outside of the glass. George was told that it would be more expensive if they were fit on the inside.

Pat has 2 free passes to the RIT show.

Congratulations to Doug on the great newsletters!!

(End of minutes)

Here is Don Radlo:

Hi, I am Don Radlo, the original and current owner of a 1970 Sienna Brown TR6 with N.Y. License No. "DR'S TR". It is my second TR6, having lost my 1969 Light Yellow TR6 due to a head-on accident with a 68 year old drunk on Christmas Eve afternoon in 1969. Yes, that was me that made the 6 PM news about a bad car accident on Route 490 near the Penfield Road Exit. The drunk got on the Expressway via that Exit and traveled the wrong way for 1.2 miles before hitting me. I survived but the car did not! Enough bad news because I quickly got back on the horse in January 1970 and ordered "'The Shelf" from Best Motors.

On the brighter and happier side of my TR6 ownerships: picture a bright sunshine filled Saturday July 1970 when "The shelf" was brand new. Traveling from Rochester to Fulton and returning midday along old Route 104, my wife, Gina and I ventured into Wolcott, NY to find ourselves as the lead vehicle in a local parade. We were not supposed to be there but there were no barricades, nor police to stop our travel progress and we quickly figured out that we had better start waving to the crowds that had lined up the two blocks of Wolcott's Main Street. Gina did well with above the pearls, Queen's wave to the folks on the shop side of the street while I had the duty of waving at the folks at the park side. We had no idea what we were involved in but looking in the rear view mirror, we became the Grand Marshal of the local Parade! At least for two blocks after which I sped up to avoid being arrested for impersonating parade members.

You'll probably wonder where the nickname "The Shelf" comes from. Please ask.

(Editor's insert: According to Don, the explanation of the term "The Shelf" will appear in the September 2008 issue of Triumph Speaks.)

Here is George Haynes:

Today we had what I would describe a very successful car show in conjunction with the Deer Run Winery near Geneseo, NY. Many club members were on hand to donate some (hot) personal time toward setup, teardown and manning ladies included here) the many posts involved during the day.

We were entertained by our own Ned Paulsen and family members. Great Stuff! Thanks, Ned!

With a couple tiny exceptions, the event could not have gone better. I'm pretty sure the winery staff thought it went well and I'm looking forward to meeting with them later this week to review everything and discuss a similar event for next year.

On top of this success, the winner of the 50-50 raffle was David Jack, son of Doug and Cindy, who very generously donated his winning (\$105.00) back to our Triumph Club treasury. Thank you very much, David!

While I'm tempted to mention the names of the many club members who really pitched in, I'd probably forget someone, so I'll issue a Blanket Thank You to all who attended and worked hard to make our first real event a genuine success. This is one heck of a group of dedicated people and I couldn't be more grateful and pleased. I'm looking forward to our next activity, tentatively planned for mid-August after the VTR Convention.

Triumphantly yours.

George Haynes

PS. In conversation held this past week, I'm pretty sure our application to become a Chapter of the National VTR Organization will be approved and we'll be notified at Ypsilanti in August. G.

Miscellaneous Ramblings

Newsletters will be distributed electronically. Doug Jack, the editor, will welcome input (ideas, articles, etc.). Please contact him in writing (US mail or [e-mail: djack@rochester.rr.com](mailto:djack@rochester.rr.com)). No phone calls, please. For those who do not have an e-mail, a hard copy will be mailed to that person via US Postal Service.

Please submit your ideas, pictures of your Triumph, technical articles, some humorous incident that you may have had either recently or a long time ago, how-to articles, etc. to me (djack@rochester.rr.com).

Please tell me the dates and locations of any upcoming National Meets for the Stags, Heralds, 1800, 2000, Italia, and whatever Triumph you have. Thanks.

I have decided to send out the monthly newsletters on a regular basis so that you will receive it on the first day of each month. The reason is that the upcoming events will be listed starting from the first day of the month. This will be for the member's information and convenience.

We would like to know more about you. Could you please send a biography of yourself? You can use my biography as a guide in this newsletter or George Haynes's in the June newsletter.

Mike Cook of the VTR organization has sent me an e-mail telling me that I had the originator's name of the Triumph Trans-America Charity Drive 2008 spelled wrong. The correct name is John Macartney, not John McCarthy.

The Sodus Car Show was held the next day after the Deer Run Winery event. The day started with heavy rains predicted for the whole day. Nevertheless, I took the TR3 to the show. As my car was the **ONLY** foreign car for the judging, the car came in first place and also received the best foreign

car trophy. There was a downside to that show as I came down with a sinus infection that lasted about a week. The joys of motoring a sports car on a soaking wet and dreary day!

Doug

Advertisements:

For Sale:

1970 Triumph Spitfire Mark 3 project. Car is all apart but chassis is rolling with body attached. Floors replaced but needs rocker panels. Body has been sandblasted without protection, thus surface rust. Bonnet solid and straight. Chrome real good. 1300cc engine machined with new parts but not assembled. Complete 1500cc engine included, in unknown condition. Will need tyres and top, as well as lots of labor and assembly. A worthy project, too nice to scrap. This would be a great driver or little cost. \$400. Firm. Call George at 585-872-6536

Spitfire differential assembly, complete. 3.89 ratio. Works well but too steep for my GT6. Asking \$150. Call George at 585-872-6536

1962 (early) Triumph TR4 complete rolling chassis. No engine or gearbox, although I have three engines available if desired. Call George at 585-872-6536

1960 MGA 1600, matching numbers car, new tires, tubes & 60 spoke wire wheels, runs great, looks good, red. ABSOLUTELY NO RUST!!!! 20 year old restoration recently upgraded. MG mechanic owner. 60K original miles. Stainless steel exhaust, new chrome bumpers & grill, tranny synchros excellent, newer stayfast top, excellent interior, new radiator & hoses, 160 degree summer thermostat, front end rebuilt, rebuilt hydraulics master, brake & clutch cylinders. Asking \$12, 750 OBO. Call Joe 585-229-2230. E-mail me: deblaere@frontiernet.net in Honeoye, NY. Just inspected, ready to go. Can deliver reasonable distance.

1980 Triumph Spitfire, Brown, that has very low mileage, (estimated at around 20K but cannot be verified since the speedometer has been disconnected). It has been in a garage, untouched for the last 10 + years. Last inspection is dated 1997. It was just parked in the garage and not prepared for long term storage.

From front to rear:

Needs new short cover for convertible. Hole in cover

Original exhaust. Unknown condition

Wet trunk. Otherwise all original wheel and cover looks intact

Tires do not hold air. Rusty – original wheels

Will need new gasket seals for trunk, doors, bonnet

Seats are shot. Seat covers in place and no original fabric remains

Dash in good shape with all original instruments

AM/FM radio. Aftermarket

Will probably need new carpet set, although in good shape. May need just a good cleaning

Body:

Body is in good shape with no discernible rust noted. A few door dings. Viewed only in the garage but the paint did not look consistent from body panel to body panel. (Repaint????)

Engine:

Battery dead. Don't want to crank engine due to not being properly stored. Could cause more damage. All engine parts look to be in place with all original pollution components intact. Looks like original hoses, etc.

Valve cover has a lot of paint removed and there is oil on the inside of the bonnet as well as the windscreen. This gives me the thought that there was major engine issue before being stored, although the owner claims it ran till he parked it. I personally have my doubts.

Bonnet paint on the outside is badly crazed and cracked. Needs to be repainted.
I have photos and can send them if you want to see them. Just let me know.
Car is very original and has potential and does not deserve to be sent off to the kidney junk yard.
Owner said he was thinking of asking \$2,500. Personally I feel this is very high due to the unknown engine condition and the amount of work this car needs. It could lead to a very nice Spitfire when work is done. A great base to work on.
If you are interested or know someone who is, contact Frank E. Tamalenus 585-425-1377 X 11
Above advertisement is by Steve Rossini for owner.

1978 Triumph Spitfire. Green with tan interior. Completely restored 5 years ago. Few carefully-driven miles since. A nice trouble-free car. Call Bill Rampe at 585-671-6519, Cell 585-330-1661 for details.

Services:

Experienced Triumph enthusiast offers tyre service: mounting and dynamic balancing of steel, alloy and wire wheels. Some new tyres available. Reasonable prices. Call George at 585-872-6536

Free Item:

Buzzer, Pektron No. 7610. Condition unknown, removed from my 1976 TR6.
Doug Jack (djack@rochester.rr.com)

Got something to sell or a part wanted. Send your free ads to the Editor: djack@rochester.rr.com

GRTTC Regalia:

REGALIA REMINDER: If you would like the GRTTC shirts or caps for Watkins Glen weekend, Val Zoltner will be taking orders at the next meeting. She will have a couple of caps available for purchase that evening.

Cap (One size): \$22.00 Tan cap with Royal Blue visor, round logo

Tee-Shirt: \$14.00 Medium Blue with Royal Blue round logo on front left, state logo on back.

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL (+\$2.00)

Golf Shirt: \$23.00, Light Grey & Royal Blue, Round logo on front left chest.

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL (+\$2.00)

Extra small shirts available in Youth Size 20

Also available: Club logo on personal clothing when item is submitted with club orders

Round: \$18.00 State: \$12.00

Important: Please be sure of the size ordered. Individuals are responsible for their orders. Clothing cannot be returned, exchanged or refunded

Upcoming GRTTC events:

August 4-8, 2008: VTR National Meet, Ypsilanti, MI (vtr.org)

August 17, 2008: Car Show, Marion, NY (dndbed@juno.com)

August 20, 2008: GRTTC General Meeting at Bob & Ruth's, Naples, NY. Details to follow.

August 21, 2008: Super Cruise No. 3, Perry, NY (charcoalcorral.com)

August 24, 2008: A Taste of Britain Car Show & Polo Game, Rothsville, PA (lancomgclub.com)

August 30, 2008: Buffalo Octagon Car Show, Lancaster, NY (buffalomg.com)

September 7, 2008: Sage-Rutty Car Show, Mendon, NY (hfmrotary.org)

September 5-7, 2008: Vintage Car Show, TRIUMPH IS THE MARQUE, Watkins Glen, NY

September 11-13, 2008: Triumph 6-Pack National Meet, Townsend, TN (6-Pack.org)

September 13-14, 2008; Canal Days, Palmyra, NY (gcooper1@rochester.rr.com)

September 20-21, 2008: British Invasion, Stowe, VT (britishinvasion.com)

October 18, 2008: The Windmill Car Show, Penn Yan, NY (thewindmill.com)