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Triumph Speaks



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From the Desk of the President

Oh Boy! Another month!

To acknowledge the longest day of the year, it seemed like a good evening to go for a Triumph drive. So Beverly and I took off for Lyons, NY to locate an old Ford Econoline van similar to one I owned many years ago. Don't ask; it's a long story, perhaps for another time.

I have examined quite a few of these vehicles over the years and almost all were rusted or loaded with Bondo or both. No big surprise, as they were built between 1961 and 1968, about the same time as many of our Triumphs. This truck was actually better than most, with SOME Bondo but straight and attractive. It renewed my interest in owning one again although this example had a Fordomatic (two speed) transmission and a very suspicious, obviously amateur paint job. I'll try to locate the owner to learn more about but will keep looking.

Two things are going on here.

One is the appeal of simple vehicles like our Triumphs. For the most part, they are easy to understand, diagnose and repair. No onboard computers, complicated fuel delivery systems or emission equipment. Inexpensive parts are readily available. All this appeals to those of us from an era when you fixed your own car. Old Ford vans are simple and utilitarian but Triumphs are fun to drive!

The second thing is the joy of chasing down a lead on an old vehicle and actually find it and deciding if it is worth buying. The same process led me to buy a 1970 Spitfire in Mount Morris last month. The car was apart, but the engine had been rebuilt (some assembly required) and the owner was gonna have it crushed if no one bought it. This one came home with me- for \$400. Not sure what is in store for the little gem, but it's not gonna be crushed. Anyone wanna buy an inexpensive project car?

OK, maybe. The First Day of Summer was just an excuse to take an 80-mile drive. We stopped for ice cream, too. Do you need a better reason to take your Triumph for a drive?

George

From the Desk of the Editor

Here's my biography:

I was born in Rochester in the early 30s. (Hint: Take a gander at Penny's "vanity" license plates.) Cindy and I think that my mother, being a kindergarten school teacher, was exposed to German measles. Hence, I was born with a hearing defect which translated to about 95 or so decibel loss. My father was a salesman for The Metal Arts Company which was located on Portland Avenue. His district was the six New England states and the long commute back to Rochester made him decide to move the family to Worcester, MA. My mother enrolled me at a day school at the age of two at a public school in Worcester. During his travels, he found a school for the deaf in Northampton, MA. Again, we moved to Northampton and I was a day student at the Clarke School for the Deaf for 11 years. The next school I attended was a prep school, Williston Academy in Easthampton, MA. My parents felt that I would benefit from the smaller classes at Williston. University of Massachusetts at Amherst was the next school where I graduated in 1956 with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. Barely a month later, I was employed by Eastman Kodak. I was a mechanical designer and my bailiwick was the Research Labs Engineering Department. I designed all kinds of mechanical apparatuses for in-house use. In 1991, Kodak said to me, "Read my lips and Git!", and so I "got" on December 1, 1991.

I used to have department retirees stop at my office, telling me that retirement was hard work. I poo-pooed them at that time and now, I have found that they were absolutely right! However, I have enjoyed my retirement and with the sports cars we have, I am enjoying the MGCC club activities a great deal and hopefully, the upcoming GRTTC activities.

I married Cindy in 1960 and we have four children. David and Donna live in Rochester and Debbie and Dean live in Denver, CO. To date, we have no grandchildren. Fate, maybe?

As for the two sports cars I had before marrying Cindy, I was influenced by my friend's 1954 Jaguar XK120. A couple of years after arriving in Rochester, I purchased a XK120M from Paul Meacham. His place in Pittsford is now the Chase Bank. I went through a lot of trial and tribulations with **THAT** car and after the last repair on **THAT** car, I traded it in for an all black beauty, a 1959 Triumph TR3A from Webb Motors on Monroe Ave. Hence, I have had the TR3 in my blood for all those years and purchased the current one from Wilson Motors in Washington, MO in 2002.

Whenever I see Ned Paulsen's black TR3A which is a spitting image of my first TR3, my heart goes pitty-a-pat. That was the past! We have enjoyed the trips with Penny and now, we also have Percy, an all-black 1976 TR6. For the other hobbies I have, I enjoy my walks in Eastview Mall 3 times a week, play spotty golf, making sawdust in my basement work shop and bike riding with Cindy.

Doug

Minutes of the June 4 Meeting at the Lehigh Restaurant

Present: Jim & Audrey Davis, Gene Dinkel, Joe & Linda Fazio, Pat & Jim Gaglia, Jack Harrison, George & Beverly Haynes, Allen & Elaine Hess, Scott Hill, Ken Heusler, Rob & Pam Houseknecht, Cindy & Doug Jack, Jeff Kramer, Bruce & Susan Krobusek, Andy Paris, Ned Paulsen, Don Radlo, Bill & Kathy Rampe, Steve Rossini, Larry & Susan Rousch, Dan Sinski, John Trippe, Carl Webeck, Norman & Char Wright, John & Val Zoltner

Guests: Cliff & Virginia George

Introductions (those who were not present at the last meeting): The Krobuseks, Jack Harrison, Dan Sinski, Andy Paris, Kathy Rampe, Jim & Pat Gaglio, Jeff Kramer, Gene Dinkel, Pam Houseknecht, Carl Webeck, Steve Rossini.

Wine & Wheels: Virginia George spoke, representing the Deer Run Winery. They've been on Rte 256, Geneseo for 5 years. The owner is a retired Kodak employee. "We're growing and now produce

20 wines.” There are 5 employees in the tasting room. Her objective for the last year has been to attract more people to the winery through events. This alliance with the GRTTC for the event on July 12. In the past, the event was a pork barbeque, but now will include the car show. People can arrive for the car show about 11:00 AM, but it will officially start at 12:00. Door prizes will be given out on the hour. There will be advertising so there should be a good turnout. People who sign up for the car show will get discount coupons for the wines and discounts for lunch. Virginia will meet with George H. and John Z. the week of June 23 to discuss final details. Ned will bring flyers to the Buffalo British Car Club show on June 8th and Cindy Jack will bring them to the Bristol Days car show, also on the 8th. Virginia will include information in their e-mail list communications.

John Zoltner will spearhead taking care of the details of the car show. George Haynes suggested a map to go along with the fliers. The Triumphs will be parked together under our new banner (Thanks to Bill & Kathy Rampe!).

The only judging will be by George Kuyon, the winery owner/head vintner. Tentatively, we will have a general meeting on July 2nd and discuss any final details.

VTR Connection:

All applications have been submitted to VTR. No response yet. The VTR Board will not have to wait for a formal meeting but will use e-mail to decide on our application.

Activities:

Thanks to our new Activities person, Beverly Haynes. She will use the questionnaire we completed at the meeting to begin to plan future events. “Keep those comments and ideas coming.”

Treasury:

We have approximately \$450 in our treasury.

Banner:

Thank you to Jennifer Rampe for designing the banner! And a special thanks to Bill and Kathy Rampe who donated the cost of the banner!

Triumph Trans-American:

Bill Rampe shared the following about a wonderful event which we might want to participate in. John McCarthy is organizing the Triumph Trans-American Charity Drive 2009, “A Brit driving across America and Canada for Charity”. The charity drive event will benefit those who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder. John will drive a Triumph Stag which is being restored by the Illinois Triumph Club. Every \$10 donation will buy one chance for a raffle of the Stag. The proposed route is to start in Florida, go to Maine, through Canada west to Detroit, and through the USA, ending in California. There will be opportunities to Participate along the route. For lots more information, the website is: <http://triumphtransamerica.org.uk/>.

Website:

Andy Paris has been working on the website, He shared that he is setting up the website on GoDaddy in such a way that members will be able to add their own material (e.g. pictures, blogs, newsletters, links). As of June 6, 2008, the site is up and running. Enjoy perusing it at www.rochestertriumphclub.org. Thanks a million, Andy!

Roadster Factory Summer Party:

Apparently the attendance is so low that, sadly, it might be cancelled this year.

Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix Update:

Lodging is always at a premium. Your best bet is to call the Schuyler County Chamber of commerce. We will need to arrive and stage ourselves together if we want to move as a group. Apparently the Tour de Marque is filled.

Regalia:

Val showed samples of all items and passed them around. She stressed the importance of being certain of your size as items will not be able to be returned because they don't fit. All sizes from youth to 3XL

are available. Questions: Sales tax? Tax is included. Lead time? Will have them for the next meeting if the orders come in soon. Where should forms and checks be sent? To Val Zoltner, 28 Brantley Way, Penfield, NY 14526

Next Steps:

*John Zoltner will set up a meeting for he and George Haynes with Virginia George to tie up any details for the Wine and Wheels event.

*Val Zoltner will process regalia orders ASAP in the hope of having shirts, etc for the winery event.

*Beverly Haynes will compile the survey results and discuss event possibilities at the next meeting.

*Andy Paris will continue to fine tune the website and he welcomes your input.

Next Meeting:

July 2 at Pat Gaglio's house (Picnic/meeting).

(End of minutes)

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.

As some of you already know this, Beverly Haynes is the GRTTC events coordinator and hopefully will have several events planned. I will list them in the Upcoming GRTTC Events, but I will make a special up-to-the-minute e-mailing to all the GRTTC members as soon as I get the details. In this way, you would not have to wait until the next newsletter comes out. This will give you more time to plan for whatever event is planned.

Continuing the saga of my travel woes to Carlisle, I finally purchased an overhauled differential from British Auto. With the help of Jeff Kath of the MGCC, we used a SUV car jack to hoist the differential into position. When that was done, the 3 flanges were bolted on and after checking out the bolts, etc, the car was lowered. On June 6, we went to an ice cream place called Sharks in East Bloomfield. The car ran well and we are planning to take Percy to Northampton, MA and thence head up to Manchester, VT. The route I have selected will be mostly Route 20 in NYS and Route 9 in Massachusetts. Hopefully, there will be no repeat performances on this trip.

Addenda: At the last minute before we started our trip to MA/VT, I decided to switch cars and take

Penny (our TR3). Going through Albany via Rt. 20 was quite interesting as we took a wrong turn in the downtown district. I did have a MapQuest copy showing the route. Eventually, we got back on Rt. 20 and continued eastward. Would a GPS have helped me, it is hard to say at this point. Needless to say, the car ran very well and the scenery in Vermont, especially along Route 30 from Brattleboro to Manchester, was absolutely stunning. The weather on the day of the car show was hot and sticky. However, the weather was much more pleasant the next day for our trip back home. We did stop at EuroCar 2008 at Lorenzo's Park in Cazenovia, long enough to say Hi to GRTTC members Elaine and Allen Hess who exhibited their 1963 Triumph TR4. It was a challenge to get Penny up those **LONG** hills in the LaFayette/Pompey area on Route 20.

Doug

Advertisements:

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

Tyre Service:

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

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

GRTTC Regalia:

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:

July 2, 2008: General Meeting at Pat Gaglio's house, Webster, NY (patmgaglio@frontiernet.net)

July 12, 2008: Deer Run Winery Tour, Geneseo, NY (deerrunwinery.com)

July 13, 2008: GVACS Car Show (RIT), Henrietta, NY (gvacs.com)

July 13, 2008: Car Show, Sodus, NY (Call 315-438-4531 Sodus Fire Dept. for information)

July 17, 2008: Super Cruise No. 2, Perry, NY (charcoalcorral.com)

July 17, 2008: Cruise Night, Mendon Meadows Marketplace grocery store, 6 to 8 PM, Mendon, NY

July 20, 2008: MGCC Autocross No. 1. MCC Campus (mgcarclub.com)

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

August 10, 2008: MGCC Autocross No. 2. MCC Campus (mgcarclub.com)

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

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

September 28, 2008: MGCC Autocross No. 3. MCC Campus (mgcarclub.com)

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