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# Triumph Speaks



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## From the Desk of the President

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I don't know... Finding a few words for each newsletter is tougher than I thought.

Let's start with a reminder that our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lehigh restaurant on West Henrietta Road. We can gather around 5:30, order dinner around 6 and begin the meeting around 7PM. There is ample Triumph parking around the building. Virginia George, from Deer Run Winery will join us to talk about the winery and our mutual Vintage Wine and Wheels car show. Several members have contacted me to say if they will be coming for dinner. Several others have not. The Lehigh will add wait staff for a larger group, so please let me know-in the next few days-if you will be dining with us. They have a separate room which holds 40 diners and we will bring a PA system so all can hear what's going on. I've also asked Andy Paris to tell us about our new website and Bill Rampe to talk about next year's Triumphs Across America Charity event.

Beverly and I went for a leisurely drive (in the TR4A) to Chimney bluffs on Memorial Sunday. Visited a local winery (sorry, Virginia) and hiked along the Bluffs before eating a couple of the area's best burgers, at Orbachers in Williamson. Before the day was over, I noted that the car already has over 1,000 miles so far this season. On the flip side, neither of our other Triumphs is yet out of winter storage.

I hope all of you are enjoying the good weather and I look forward to seeing you on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Here's my biography:

Information:

Born in Rochester, raised in Brockport. Graduated from Alfred Tech. Career at Xerox from 1960 to 1994. daughters Kathy and Stephanie. Grandsons Patrick and McKenzie. Married Beverly in 1994.

More interesting (Car) Stuff:

My Dad was a mechanic and that's where the genes came in. In High School, I drove a 1950 Ford convertible which was customized and had a 1955 engine. Exposures to British cars came in college, where one roommate drove an MGA and another classmate had an early Austin-Healey and Jag XK120.

I bought my first British car, a 1958 Triumph TR3A in 1962. It was black with red leather and a factory hardtop. It was a very nice car which "set the hook" for a string of other British cars. I sold the TR3 in 1966 and bought a 1961 LOTUS SEVEN. Got into autocrossing in the Lotus with Xerox Auto Club in

1967, switching to Autocross “Specials” with John Forrester for a few years. After a brief retirement, I renewed the sport with the MG Car Club when Steve Fitch was the autocross guy.

The TR4A has an interesting story. I bought it in California in 1985, and after spending a couple of weeks nursing it back to health, drove it home to Rochester. It was driven until 1994, and then got a complete restoration, completed in 1996. This car has been driven to Nova Scotia twice and to California again in 2001, when the VTR Convention was held in Breckenridge, Colorado. Yep, I got the Longest Distance Driven Award! We have accumulated nearly 48,000 miles since the restoration was completed.

The GT6 is often mistaken for a GT6 chassis with a Spitfire body. In fact, I cut off the roof and used a few Spitfire body panels to make it a convertible. It is “warmed over” but remains tractable and gets great gas mileage.

Since retiring from Xerox, I’ve been restoring British cars with my partner and good friend, Gil Langswager. We have done seven cars, six MG’s and a 1958 Austin-Healey. We also rebuild engines and gearboxes for our customers. It has been a great way to turn our life-long hobby into mini-business, keeping us busy. In addition, I have been “The Tyre Guy” for many years, undaunted by the challenges of wire wheels and inner tubes. Don’t take your tyre work to Pep Boy’s or K-Mart!

### **From the Desk of the Editor**

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Here is the GRTTC Constitution: (As drafted on April 10, 2008)

#### **Article I- General**

##### Section 1- Name

The name of this club shall be the **Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club.**

##### Section 2- Purpose:

The purpose of the Greater Rochester Touring Club shall be to promote the use, maintenance, restoration and enjoyment of TRIUMPH automobiles, and furthering interest in the Triumph marque. Administration of this organization will be kept as simple as possible, with a strong emphasis on the club’s purpose.

#### **.Article II- Membership**

##### Section 1- Eligibility:

Membership of this club shall be limited to owners of TRIUMPH cars and other TRIUMPH enthusiasts. Honorary members may be named by the Board as deemed appropriate.

#### **Article III- Officers**

##### Section 1- Composition of the Board

A. The governing body of this Club shall consist of: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Activities Coordinator. The positions of Newsletter Editor, Website Monitor, Regalia Coordinator and other offices shall report to the Board and attend meetings of the Board.

B. Matters voted upon by the Board of Officers shall be passed by a simple majority.

##### Section 2- Term of Office

The term of office, for Board members, shall be one full year beginning on the first day of January. These terms may be extended by incumbents if they wish to continue serving, with approval of the membership.

#### **Article IV- Amendments**

##### Section 1-Revisions

Any proposals for amendment of this Constitution shall be made in writing to the Board of Officers. A simple majority of the ballots cast shall be required for a proposed amendment to be passed.

**Article V- Affiliation**

Section 1- Affiliation

This Club is affiliated with THE VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER.

**Bylaws:**

**Article I- Meetings**

Section 1-General Meetings

Meetings shall be held as determined by the Board of Officers.

Section 2- Board Meetings

The Board of Officers shall meet as necessary. Board meetings shall be open to the general membership.

**Article II- Elections**

Section 1- Nominations and Voting

At the last club event of the year, the officers for the next year will be selected and voted upon.

Section 2- Tied Vote

In the event of a tied vote, there shall be a run-off vote of the two Candidates.

**Article III- Liabilities**

Section 1- Liability to Club Creditors

No members of this Club shall be personally liable to its creditors for any indebtedness or liability, and any and all creditors of this Club shall look to the assets of this club for payment.

Section 2- Club Liability to members

Members must, by law, have their own insurance. Members shall participate in Club events at their own risk and shall look to their own insurance agent for any liabilities.

**Article IV- Amendments**

Section 1- Revisions

Any proposals for amendment of these Bylaws shall be made in writing to the Board, who shall cause such proposals to be published in the next Club publication. A simple majority of the ballots shall be required for a proposed amendment to be passed.

**Minutes of the April 30 Meeting at the Peppermint Restaurant**

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George began with a quick history of how this club came about.

Connection with VTR made our organizing more complicated.

Must maintain at least 10 VTR members to be affiliated.

Must identify officers and create a constitution and bylaws.

Introduced club officers.

**President:** George Haynes

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**Newsletters:**

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:e-mail-djack@rochester.rr.com) By the way, please, no phone calls.

**Regalia:**

Val Zoltner is in charge of regalia. She talked about name badges (\$14 each); Showed logos on shirts; T-shirts start at \$6.23, golf shirts start at \$23, club jackets (micro fiber) start at \$35, and other items will be available.

They're working on the club banner which will be about \$300.

Round of applause!

**Events:**

Vintage Wine & Wheels at Deer Run winery in Geneseo on July 12. This will hopefully be our annual, signature event. Our club will sponsor the car show.

**August 5-8 VTR Convention in Ypsilanti. MI**

**Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend**-Triumph will be the featured marque. The Tour de Marque is \$135 and it is important to sign up as soon as possible. Ned Paulsen signed up on Thursday, May 1 and was number 99. They will extend the limit beyond 100, but not a lot beyond.

Here is a website for more information about the Tour de Marque and a contact number:

<http://www.grandprixfestival.com/marque.html>

Another event or events might be a get together to provide support on member's projects.

As a charity event, George contacted Habitat for Humanity regarding a possible time donation.

**Other:**

Our website will be up and running soon. Discount event insurance and car insurance might be available as a benefit of being a VTR Chapter.

A suggestion was made to push to have VTR national Convention in Rochester.

**Suggestions:**

Consider planning events/ideas to raise revenue. (Ex: have our own flea market sale of parts; create certificates to go on sale to charter members of the club).

Include a directory of members with the newsletter.

Become Stonebridge Drivers in their rallies.

**Next Steps:**

Val will come to the next meeting with more samples and order forms for regalia.

Officers will look into helping people make contacts to travel together to Ypsilanti.

next meeting: Wed. June 4 at the Lehigh Restaurant.

(End of minutes)

**Miscellaneous Ramblings**

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There will be a possibility of door prizes for each meeting, but this is not definite yet.

For some future meeting, there might be a possibility that someone from the Tour de Marque will give us a talk on the Watkins Glen Vintage weekend, and the same thing may be true with an oil company spokesperson.

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. Please submit them to me.

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.

Many of you will remember filling out a brief information sheet at our first general meeting. Part of the reason for that was to get current information for sending the newsletters and/or other pertinent information. We also wanted to know how comfortable you felt on working on your own car and/or helping others with their repairs. Almost unanimously, you were willing to help another owner "as time allows". We are a busy group, no doubt about it. As to your assessment of your skills, you were almost a perfect bell Curve with a few in the 1-4 range and a few in the 9-10 range. Most fell in the 5-8 part of the curve, just proving what a skilled group we are.

Per a phone call to Lickety Splits in Fairport, the first cruise night will be on June 10, 2008. No word on whether the 2008 dash plates will be available that night.

The Log Cabin Wednesday cruise nights have already started and the Thursday night Canandaigua Wegmans cruise night started on May 22, 2008.

Here's our website as created by Andy Paris ([andyp3@frontiernet.net](mailto:andyp3@frontiernet.net)). It is: RochesterTriumphClub.org

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.

Continuing the saga of my travel woes to Carlisle, I finally removed the differential from the car. At first look, it looked like the front pinion bearing failed. The vibrations made the cotter pin fall out and loosened the pinion nut, making the flange pull away from the splines. The flange flopped around until nothing worked anymore. I was sure that the pinion shaft had sheared, but this is a very rare case.

Hopefully, the car will be up and running before the June 4 meeting.

Doug

**Advertisements:**

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For Sale:

1970 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

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

For Sale:

Lucas point and condenser sets. Fits all Triumphs. 5 sets available. \$5.00/set. George Haynes will bring them to the June 4, 2008 meeting.

**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.r.com](mailto:djack@rochester.r.com)

**GRTTC Regalia:**

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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:**

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June 1, 2008; MGCC Car Show, Farmington, NY

June 4, 2008: General Meeting at the Lehigh Restaurant, Henrietta, NY

June 8, 2008: Car Show (no judging), Noon to 4:00 PM, Bristol, NY

June 14, 2008: Multi-Club Picnic, Queenston Heights Park, Queenston, ONT.

June 13-15, 2008: Hildene Car Show, Manchester, VT ([manchestercarshow.com](http://manchestercarshow.com))

June 11-15, 2008: TRA National Meet, Huron, OH ([triumphregister.com](http://triumphregister.com))

July 12, 2008: Deer Run Winery Tour, Geneseo, NY

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

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

August 17, 2008: Car Show, Marion, NY

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](http://6-Pack.org))

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