



Triumph Speaks

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From the Desk of the President

Triumph Greetings to All!

I hate this time of year! Summer just arrived, is passing much too quickly and now it's time for some September words!

Not to let it pass without notice, however, Beverly and I have driven to Ypsilanti for the VTR Convention and spent a few days vacationing in Vermont since August 5th, with over 2,000 additional miles on the TR4A. I have installed a new aluminum radiator to keep the engine temperature at a reasonable level, but otherwise, no maintenance has been required (is there a lump of wood around to knock on?).

Truth be told, most Triumphs are pretty reliable once brought to a certain level of confidence. That confidence comes from driving time and a reasonable level of maintenance. Members like Joe Fazio and Steve Rossini, who bought their Triumphs new, will attest to years of reliability, without the problems associated with Dreaded Previous Ownership and the lack of attention to proper maintenance that often goes with it. Let's vow to help make each other become more confident with our cars so we can enjoy them more. I think we'll have some technical sessions this winter; more about that another time.

During our many miles on the road, Beverly and I often discuss the Triumph club and we agree with Webmaster Andy Paris that we- the members – do not utilize our new Website enough. It's a powerful tool which can be much more current than the most recent newsletter and is so easy to access. Board members have discussed how to utilize this tool to better advantage and we will be making some changes in the next couple of months. Stay tuned; meanwhile I encourage everyone to go to: rochestertriumphclub.org to see what's there now and learn to contribute, whether it's an ad, a photo, a question or response to a Forum topic.

OK, there hasn't been much to read thus far, but the more we use it, the better it will become. I'm looking forward to starting some Forums on topics like:

- The correct oil to use in our older cars (the ZDDP controversy)
- Why don't (most) Triumph owners take their cars on long trips/ (and how to get over that)
- How should a proper sports car sound?

Meanwhile, no one has said a few words about the Final Summer Part at The Roadster Factory and Norm Wright (sorry to pick on you, Norm) still has not shared the story of his recent TR4A acquisition.

Meanwhile, our Special Triumph Weekend at Watkins Glen begins Friday September 5th with Downtown Festival and continues at the race track during the rest of the weekend. I hope to see lots of you enjoying this chance to celebrate our cars.
The Best Triumph Traveling to each of you!

Also, there will be a British Car Day at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada near Burlington. Please see the club website to sign up and for details about this great show put on by the Toronto Triumph Club. There will be over 1,000 British cars-many rare and unusual cars in a park setting. There will be a caravan being led from Rochester on Saturday afternoon, September 20. The show is on Sunday, September 21 and we will return on Sunday late afternoon. Information about a hotel adjacent to Bronte Park is also on the website. Room reservations should be made soon. Please call George or Beverly for further details at 585-872-6536.

Breaking News

With great regret, the Board has accepted the resignation of Valerie Zoltner as regalia Coordinator. Health issues have precluded Valerie's continuation in this post after several months of getting the ball rolling for us. We are working with our supplier to develop an on-line regalia ordering system via our Website. An announcement will be made when it is up and running.
George.

From the Desk of the Editor

On August 10, Cindy and I heeded George Hayne's advice to take our Triumph out in a direction. That direction turned out to be a southern one as we went to the United Methodist Church in Canadice, NY. We went through some very nice NYS countryside along CR 37. The current minister there is a retired minister and is a member of the United Methodist Church of Fairport. Our return route turned out to be part of a 100 mile bicycle race route and many intersections were manned by the NY State Police, County Sheriff deputies and auxiliary police.

Breaking News

I have tendered my resignation as a newsletter editor, effective September 2, 2008. Beverly Haynes will be the new editor and I will assume the position of an Events coordinator. Basically, this is a job position switch. Cindy and I have planned several past events such as a MGCC brunch run to Miller's Essenhaus in Penn Yan, several TRA 2007 winery, breakfast, etc runs. This was a good experience for us and we are hoping to continue this kind of work for the GRTTC members. Right now, we are working on the GRTTC Fall Tour that will take place on October 5. Mark your calendars! If you know of an interesting place such as a museum, a train ride, etc, please let me know at: djack@rochester.rr.com.
Doug

From the Desk of the Treasurer

What could I write about myself that members of the GRTTC would be interested in knowing?

Some routine facts: I was born in Baltimore MD where my father worked for the new government agency which would become Social Security. When the agency moved to Connecticut, my parents returned to southern New Jersey, where my father's family lived. Summers during those years were spent in Bristol NY where my maternal grandparents owned a large dairy farm. After one year in college in PA, I decided to come to the Rochester area to work and here met Douglas and his first TR3.

I was never interested in cars or learning to drive and actually never took my driver's test until I was 27 years old. By then I was the mother of two young boys with a car in the garage (Doug rode in a carpool) and it seemed prudent for me to learn to drive. I took the drivers Ed class at the Fairport High School for the huge amount of \$5 and had a wonderful teacher. Suddenly I had an expanded world at my fingertips.

Several years later, as I approached forty and the mother of two boys AND two girls, I began to think I would like a college degree. With Doug's blessing, off I went to RIT where I majored in Business Administration, minoring in Retailing and Accounting. Again, my world expanded with new possibilities. Without boring everyone with my work history I became Human Resources Director of a small local company.

The children went off to college, married and two moved to Colorado. Retirement was on the horizon. For a few years we went to Florida each winter but like everything else Florida was changing. Douglas still talked about the wonderful car he had when we first met in 1959 and I encouraged him to find another one, which he did. Suddenly our summers became trips to meets all over the eastern seaboard and our winters were spent restoring first a TR3A and then a TR6.

You might say I'm a late bloomer. Little did I think when we married in 1960 that I would come to love these little British cars and their owners as much as I do. So I was pleased to volunteer as your treasurer and to put some of my experience to work in our new Triumph Chapter.

Cindy

Minutes of the August 20 Meeting at Bob and Ruth's

Present: Joeanna & Joe DeBlaere, Mary & Al Isselhard, Bernadette & Jack Harrison, Scott Hill, Cindy & Doug Jack, Jeff Kramer, Susan & Bruce Krobusek, Tom LaChiusa & Melanie, Allyn & Dominic Pardi, Pam & Andy Paris, Kathy & Bill Rampe, Ruth Anne & John Trippe, Valerie & John Zoltner.

Minutes

No minutes were taken as Ned Paulsen was out of town.

Tour Event

We left the Stickley's parking lot in a caravan of 13 cars (12 Triumphs and a BMW). Taking the back roads from Victor, we wound up in East Bloomfield where Scott Hill joined us with his TR4. Going further south took us through some very nice scenery and in spite of the 50 plus years we have lived in NYS, we had never seen this countryside. On CR 40, we received a "reception" in the form of the Priestley's, Dawn waving a British flag and Jim videoing the caravan process. The DeBlaeres joined the caravan with their TR6 in Honeoye. We eventually went on Gulick Road where, ahem, the trees were starting to change into fall colors. The mountain ashes were just loaded with berries. A sure sign of (Ugh!) a long winter? All the 24 of us enjoyed the delicious meals at Bob & Ruth's Restaurant in Naples. On the way home, we observed the beautiful aura in the western skies and it was a chilly night ride!

Doug

Here is Don Radlo:

For your information, "The Shelf" identity was given to our TR6 by our daughter who always laughed that because the TR6 was stored on blocks in our garage for a good number of years for a variety of reasons, and being that our garage storage space is at times very limited, everything got piled on top of the TR6, much like a very valuable flat surfaced storage shelf. I mean everything! it must have taken days to not only remove the stuff piled high on top of the TR6 but also trying to find another spot for storage purposes. It's a simple answer to "The Shelf" identity but it still is used in our family conversations from time to time. Oh, at the same time, my wife, Gina was always after me to sell the TR6 to allow for more storage space. Can you imagine, selling this wonderful machine, which we have owned from day 1. No way, at all, say I!

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 the August newsletter or George Haynes's in the June newsletter.
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, which 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
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 August 20 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 X-L 2XL & 3XL (+\$2.00)

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

Adult: Small Medium Large X-L 2XL & 3XL (+\$2.00)

Extra small shirts available in Youth Size 20

PATCH: \$6.00 Sew-on type, round logo, 3” diameter

SWEATSHIRT: \$26.00-Round logo, \$23.00-State logo CHAMPION, Pullover, 50/50 fleece, crew neck,

Runs big Select color from catalog

Adult: Small Medium Large X-L 2XL & 3XL (+\$2.00)

FLEECE ZIP UP: \$35.00-Round logo, \$32.00-State logo, Medium weight, drawstring @ bottom

(Women’s style: Raglan sleeve, fitted

Colors: Black, Red, Hunter, Navy, Royal, Charcoal

Adult: Small Medium Large X-L 2XL & 3XL (+\$2.00)

JACKET-MEN’S: \$58.00-Round logo, \$55.00- State logo, Micro fiber, weatherproof, full zipper, raglan sleeve

Colors: Black, Sandstone, Navy, River Blue, Havana (Burgundy)

Adult: Small Medium Large X-L 2XL & 3XL (+\$3.00)

Special One Time Offer!

LADIES JACKET: \$53.00-Round logo, \$50.00-State logo Addias, micro fiber, front zipper w/2 pockets, contrast piping

Colors: Black/white, Midnight/white, Pale Blue/white, Pink/white, White/navy

Adult: Small Medium Large X-L 2XL & 3XL (+\$3.00)

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

Upcoming GRTTC events:

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

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

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)

September 21, 2008: British Car Day, Bronte Creep Park, Toronto, Canada (rochestertriumphclub.com)

October 5, 2008: Fall Tour to The Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, NY (djack@rochester.rr.com)

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