



## GREATER ROCHESTER TRIUMPH TOURING CLUB

### TRIUMPHANTLY YOURS

NOVEMBER 2013

Friends,

Looks like winter is coming in like a lion this year, 4 inches of snow Sunday with 6 to 10 additional inches last night depending on where you live, with more in the forecast later this week. Hopefully it will go out early next year like a lamb so we can all get a longer drive time in 2014. Personally, I was just able to get my cars bedded down for the winter this past Friday, just in time for a long winters nap.

Looking back, the Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club had a great year in 2013. We've had record attendance to our many events, record receipts from our main event UK Car Day, and I believe a record number of new members joining compared to years past.

We seem to be ending 2013 with a bang with over 40 people having attended our year-end membership meeting a few weeks ago at Mulconry's. It would be great to see as many or more members attending our upcoming Holiday Party on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at Mickey Finn's in Victor.

Take our accomplishments of 2013 and our new leadership in 2014 with Andy Paris – President, and Pat Gaglio-Vice President, and 2014 should be a banner year.

### 2013 EVENTS

#### **GRTTC HOLIDAY PARTY**

When:

Saturday December 7, 2013

6 O'Clock – until?



Where:

Mickey Finn's  
14 Railroad Street,  
Victor, NY 14564  
585-924-4660



MENU:

Hors d'oeuvres

Vegetable Tray  
Cheese & Cracker Tray

Buffet:

New England Clam Chowder  
Salad & Rolls  
Vegetable Lasagna  
Roast Beef  
Chicken French  
Shrimp and Scallop Scampi over Penne  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Chef Vegetable Medley

Dessert:

Cookie Tray  
Pastry Tray

Price: \$25 per person which includes the buffet, and one beverage.



Send payment to:

Jack Harrison  
228 Squiredale Lane  
Rochester, NY 14612  
(RFS1jack@rochester.rr.com)

**AUTO HUMOR**

**"A Holiday Gift"**

**A guy bought his wife a beautiful Diamond Ring for the Holidays.**

**After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those Sporty Classic British Sports Cars, A Triumph?"**

**"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Triumph?"**



## DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

Instead of the usual automotive article, with the on-set of winter I thought I might share a few Winter Driving Safety Tips you may find helpful:



One of the most dangerous winter driving hazards is to skid. If it happens at a high speed, the result can be deadly. But most skids can be avoided by simply adjusting to driving conditions and knowing how to recover from a skid.

Skids are most likely to occur on curves and turns, so slow down ahead of time to prepare for them. Then, when in the curve, accelerate slowly and steer steadily with no abrupt change in direction and, especially, no abrupt braking. Driving smoothly in general can help prevent skids.

### **Skid Safety Techniques**

If you go into a skid, remember two critical rules:

- Don't steer against the skid.
- Avoid using the brakes.

Instead, immediately take your foot off the accelerator and steer in the direction the vehicle is sliding until you feel recovery of traction, then slowly straighten the wheels until you recover complete control. If the back of your vehicle is fishtailing to the right, turn the wheel gently in that direction until your car recovers.

If braking is necessary before traction is recovered, apply the brake pedal cautiously so you do not lock the wheels and intensify the skid. You will also have better brake control in a skid situation if your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes.

You should constantly be on the lookout for areas that might induce skidding, such as unexpected ice patches or piles of wet leaves, which tend to be found in shady areas or on overpasses. Keep in mind that wet ice, warmed by the sun, is twice as dangerous as completely frozen ice. Be especially alert whenever there.

### **General Winter Driving Tips**

Since accidents are common in winter, you should be extra cautious while driving. Drive on slippery roads at reduced speed and increase following distance behind the vehicle ahead. This gives an additional space cushion for safe stopping. Because winter driving can be risky, it is also a good idea to practice driving in slippery conditions so you are well-prepared and comfortable.

A safe stop on icy or snow-packed roads is a tricky maneuver that requires skill and good judgment.

- Anticipate stops by slowing down gradually, well ahead of intersections. And allow for more than enough time to stop safely.

Plan ahead of time for lane changes; check your rearview mirror, your blind spots and signal your intentions to traffic behind you. Then, swing over in a long, gradual line. Make the move with the smallest possible steering change and with a light foot on the gas.

When you drive into deep snow, stepping on the gas may cause the wheels to spin, with little if any forward movement. In such cases, avoid over-accelerating. A light foot on the gas pedal and a high gear is most effective.

### **Ensure Your Safety**

Whenever you will be driving in any weather, be sure your vehicle is properly equipped. Your brakes should be functioning correctly, and your tires should be properly inflated with a good tread surface. Sometimes snow tires, and even chains, may be best to help keep your vehicle under control during dangerous winter conditions.

### **Wishing you all a safe Happy Holiday!**

Please drive carefully if you are traveling to your celebration. Remember to watch out for the other guy.

Cheers,

*Craig*

