



Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club

Triumphantly Yours

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Almost Tops Up October Edition

Dear Fellow Triumph Enthusiasts,

I continue to make progress on the GTG and have accumulated the parts I need to rebuild the Spitfire. There are a few things that I keep thinking about. First is seatbelts. We take these things for granted, but ultimately other than an attentive driver they are pretty much the only safety devices our Triumphs have. When I was stripping the GTG down I could see that the last time the car was driven ended in an accident. From what I can tell there was an impact in the front left of the car damaging the bonnet. The really surprising part was when I was digging the nasty rusted lap only belts out of the car. The floor was rusted and had been repaired incorrectly and it looks like the passenger side belt pulled loose from the floor mount. The belt did not simply detach, the floor tore at the attachment point. If someone was in that seat with these inadequate belts on, they had an unpleasant surprise which could be part of the reason the car spent the next 24 years in storage.

Similarly when we were hit while we were in the Spitfire we had our seatbelts on and they were the standard lap and shoulder belts. No doubt that these belts played a role in keeping us both safely in the car as we were propelled down route 31F after being hit by an inattentive driver. Interestingly many Triumphs have the mounts to attach three point safety belts but may only have a simple lap belt. If you have a chrome bolt behind your seats protruding through the wheel well about shoulder high, you have what you need. If you do not, it is not that hard to provide. It is also recommended that you regularly inspect the condition of your seat belts including any inertial mechanism that lets you move freely under normal conditions. There are several options to upgrade including an inertial four point harness. Keep in mind that should you choose to add shoulder restraints that the shoulder belt should always be at shoulder height or higher. A shoulder restraint attached too low can lead to spinal compression during an accident and additional injuries.

Andy

From the Treasurer:

Come prepared to provide any necessary changes to Don Radio at our GRTTC Fall Meeting, October 22, 2014. Don will be available to receive your Year 2015 Club Dues (\$ 20.00) at this Meeting. Should you not be able to attend the October 22, 2014 Fall Meeting, please mail your check in the amount of \$ 20.00 made payable to GRTTC to our club Treasurer. Please also include any changes that you would like made to the Membership listing for the next updating.

Events

As summer winds to a close, we are looking forward to our fall meeting, holiday party, and 201S.

Stonecat Cafe Tour September 28th

Pat Gaglio took a group southeast to Hector. They say a picture speaks a thousand words so here is saving you from reading several of mine.



THE GREAT HAMMONDSPORT ADVENTURE OCTOBER 3rd_Sth

The first weekend in October saw 8 club members and Canadian members Jim and Christine Allan meet on the shores of Keuka Lake for the annual Hammondsport outing. While the weather was somewhat uneven (high 70's on Friday afternoon, rain Saturday morning and a frosty start to Sunday) and only 2 Triumphs actually attended (no names will be given), the weekend was highly enjoyable.

Before heading out on Friday night for an excellent dinner, we were treated to the sight of one of the smallest Homecoming parades ever around the village green. After breakfast on Saturday we split up - some went to the Windmill Market, some to the Glenn Curtiss Museum, some shopped locally and some just loafed. Late afternoon proved too chilly for wine, cheese and munchies in the motel's gazebo, so we retreated indoors before moving on to a delicious dinner at a new restaurant in town. We were joined at the restaurant by members Bruce and Debbie Henry, who happened to be staying at their place on Keuka Lake. Sunday morning we headed back to the Ice Cream Parlor for a hearty breakfast before hitting the road for home.





Be watching for next year's calendar of events, and be part of the fun!
(Thanks to Susan Krobusek for the write up)

Wednesday, October 22 GRTTC will hold it's Fall Membership meeting.

This will include a recap of 2014 and a preview of 2015 events, status of charitable giving, etc.

It will again be held at the Vineyard Buffet in the Finger Lakes Gaming Center on Route 96, just a little south of Victor, NY. There are 120 items on the buffet menu with something for everyone and no waiting. The buffet is \$19.95 plus tax or \$17.95 plus tax with a players club card (which is free). The club will pick up the tip. Gather for a cocktail at 5:30, enjoy the incredible Vineyard Buffet at 6:30 and we'll hold our meeting around 7:15 PM.

Not interested in the buffet? Just show up for the meeting. However, a headcount will be useful for door prizes, etc.

Contact Andy Paris at: andyparis3@gmail.com or call: 585-742-2744

Saturday December 1st will be our annual holiday party at Mickey Finn's in Victor. We will be having a buffet similar to last year. Hold the date and look for additional information coming soon.

Miscellaneous

Attached to this email is also a copy of our constitution and bylaws. The board is considering some changes to clarify and update the documents. You will be able to see those things we are proposing to change in red.

Feel free to bring any questions or comments to the general meeting on the 22nd or contact one of the board members.