



# Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Club

## *Triumphantly Yours*

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Greetings from snowy and cold Rochester! My name is Rory Raymond and I am the newly appointed 2016 President of our Rochester Triumph club (Please entertain fanfare here). Hoping your Triumphs are all hibernating snug in their garages.

So, What's New?

If you read no further, let me direct your attention to our new website! Just google our name, or even triumphs in Rochester, and you will easily find us. Our events and pictures and a whole lot more is now a wonderful easy access to the year for our club. You can even pay your dues on-line.

Next, since I have already introduced myself, you will find we also have a new Secretary with Mark Dolan. Mark and his wife Carol are TR6 owners. I will be telling you about Mark and myself in the next couple issues of Triumphantly Yours as space permits.

Latest Breaking news is thinking ahead to our UK car day. As you know, these things don't happen overnight and the planning and prep have already started. The Board is looking for someone to chair this as Ned and Julie Paulsen will still be involved to coach but are going to have a much deserved rest for the major part of the effort. Since many parts of this are already in place such as the return of people in the jobs they did last year, and, We also have a master plan of who should do what, by when, The coordinator would be the go to person of all our "Helpers". If no one steps up for this, we will drastically reduce the day by downsizing it to a more manageable state. We have already reserved the site so it will again be at the Park on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you would be interested in the Coordinator position for a, no obligation, discussion. Thanks for considering this!

Don't forget the Cabin Party on February 7<sup>th</sup>! Check the website for details and don't forget to let the Williams's know you are coming so we properly plan for the Chili. If you haven't attended many functions of the club, this is a great "get to know you" event. I am looking forward to meeting those of you I don't know at this, and our upcoming events. So come out and say Hi! We strive to be a social club just as much as we do a driving club. (smiley face should be inserted here).

Don't forget Dues are now due. We don't want anyone left out of the fun! See the new website for details on your choice of the way to pay and, Super Thanks to Pat Gaglio for Superwoman efforts on getting our new website up and running and training the Board on how to use it.

Lastly, for this issue, I would like to personally meet all of you at our upcoming events but until then, here is a little about me... First, I am a car guy.. it probably started being a used car salesman son of a used car salesman. My love of mechanical things started with building a mini bike out of a bike frame and a lawn mower engine, and then a go cart with a tiller for steering. Then, it was washing cars for a car lot up the street. I traded my labor for a 55 Studebaker that I wasn't old enough to drive.. My Father managed Dorschel Buick for 25 years and I started going in to work with him on Saturdays when I was 14. My job was changing license plates, shoveling snow, Mechanics helper etc. I did either car lot work or restaurant work till I was 20. Dollup work, truck driver, Parts counter, Painter etc. At 20 I became the youngest salesman Piehler Pontiac ever hired. They had British Leyland back then with Triumphs and later on, Rolls Royce. My boss told me that if I beat the other salesman, I could pick my company car and I ended up with a new spitfire and then a GT6 in 1972. When gas went to 50 cents a gallon(!) I was selling used Pontiacs with big V8's and was awaiting the arrival of my first (of two) Daughters. I walked across the street to Kodak and was hired. I need benefits and a steady paycheck! But, I couldn't get away from my love of cars so I got my car dealers license and started buying and selling on nights and weekends. I had promised myself a Corvette by the time I was 20 (done- a 59) a Jaguar by 25 (done- a 61 xke roadster) and a Rolls Royce by the time I was 30 (missed that one, I was too busy raising two beautiful little girls). I worked the next 30 years at Kodak as a pipefitter/welder after my 4 year apprenticeship. 34 years ago I traded 2 guitars and \$1000 for a 57 MGA which I still own today. George Haynes had rebuilt the motor so we had a common connection way back then. I also have a Triumph Tr6 that I bought t the Barrett Jackson auction in Arizona. But, that is a story for another time. These days I am semi retired, teaching plumbing/pipefitting classes 2 nights a week at MCC. I try and go sailing when I'm not in the garage or playing bass in the Amy Hazard Band. I also play a little guitar. I have 6 Grandsons that are all going to be future sports car owners. I hope!

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