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Dinner, 700 PM meeting. Norcross Cafe
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**Turning Wrenches
The Stag
continues to be a
Snag
Hugh McAleer**



It seems like it was only a few weeks ago that I gave you an update on the Snag. It is still living up to the earned name.

The brakes have been bled and are ready to go. The car is back on the ground.

The upper radiator hose had been installed but I didn't like the way it flattened out due to the angle from the radiator to the motor. I found one that fit better and replaced it. The lower hose proved to be a challenge also. The water pump outlet required a 1 3/4" hose and the radiator required a 1 1/2" hose. Gates makes an adaptor for this very instance. The problem was finding it. The local parts guy never heard of such a thing and since I didn't have a part number couldn't help much. Several phone calls to parts houses resulted in similar responses. I finally waited for my 'go to guy' Randy to come back to work at the local O'Reilly. He lets me go look around for what I need. I found one hanging on the wall. The hose problem was resolved. The adaptor works slicker than whale ... anything.

I've added an electric fan in place of the mechanical fan. We'll see how well that works. I'll also be adding driving lights and a rear fog light. I had made a panel in a Radio Shack project box for the switches and lights and was going to mount it under the dash. After playing with that for a while I didn't like it and was concerned that it could be a hazard in case of an accident. I decided to pull it out and replace the ashtray with the panel. Well it wasn't really that easy but it will work pretty slick. Stay tuned. Keep the greasy side down!



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The Director's Chair

July, 2008



In the movie *The Graduate*, Dustin Hoffman was cornered at a pool party by one of his Dad's friends and given a tip for the future. That tip was "plastics." In 2008 my word for the month is "Al-you-min-ee-um." Yep, aluminum! Why aluminum? Because that's what my radiator is made out of in my TR6. Most of us have heard about aluminum radiators, but

so what's the big deal? I'll tell you what, because they work extraordinarily well. I recently had my engine rebuilt and couldn't be happier with the change, but just to keep me on my toes, my electric fan decided to call in sick. This happened a couple of weeks before the Athens Terrapin Beer run, and I didn't have time to fix it. Ordinarily one wouldn't think about running their car without any sort of fan, and I don't plan on it being a permanent flaw, but I've been able to drive my car with no fan whatsoever (my engine driven fan has been removed). Unless I'm sitting in stop and go traffic for miles and miles, the car is ok. In fact, even when I've been stopped for short periods of time, the temperature gauge has never crept about a little less than half. That's better than my old radiator did, coupled to a 16" fan and it had been re-cored to increase cooling after developing a leak years ago. So the moral of the story is if your radiator gets its third leak, and you are about to take it out to take to the radiator shop yet again then perhaps getting one of those Al-you-min-ee-um radiators might not be such a bad idea.

I mentioned the Terrapin Tour, and I would like to thank Mark Pruitt for mapping out a great back roads route to our destination. We met on the NE side of Atlanta and took some roads I'd bet even some GTA members who live on that side of town didn't know about. The weather, like it does all summer long, threatened to dump thundershowers on us, but just like the Callaway trip, no one got wet. I'd like to think part of that luck was due to me driving the first fifteen minutes or so with the top up. As most of you know, though I don't like doing that, so I stopped shortly after the wooden covered bridge and put it down. We wound our way along the "longest" route to Athens possible, but eventually ended up at Locos for lunch. Lunch was good and some GTA members from Athens joined us.

After lunch we hopped in our cars for a short trip to the Terrapin Beer Company where Jen (?), our enthusiastic tour guide, gave us a tour of Terrapin's facilities. We learned about the entire brewing process starting with the hops and grain. The lengthy tour was not only interesting, but we were encouraged to bring along a full beverage of our choice during the tour...which didn't take much encouragement. Jen, who was a unpaid volunteer, said she did it for the "love of the beer." You gotta love someone who is as dedicated to the cause as she is. After the tour our members settled back in to the sampling process for some in-depth discussion about the different varieties. They had a beer they were testing out that was very tasty. I couldn't pronounce it, but found it easier to label it the "Weimaraner" beer (no, it didn't taste like dog).

On to what's next. On July 26th the club will drive to Moccasin Creek State Park on Lake Rabun. The plan is to meet at the Starbucks in Roswell at Alpharetta Hwy & Mansell Road. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and leave shortly thereafter. The drive will take us up some nice back roads where we will have lunch. Moccasin State Park has a nice picnic facility so don't forget to pack your picnic.

In August, we will reprise our now annual trip to the Swan Drive-Inn on the 16th. As usual, we won't know until closer to the date what will be showing, but that's rarely of great importance as we'll have a nice drive up there and enjoy the evening regardless.

The 6-Pack Trials are September 11-13th in Townsend, TN. Information can be found on the 6-Pack site or www.2008trials.org. The hotel is filling up so if you are planning on coming and staying with the rest of us, then go ahead and not only get your hotel reservations, but register for the event as well. While the 6-Pack is geared to TR6's and TR250's, there are usually several other Triumphs that show up so don't feel like you need to have one to come and have a good time... or you can add to your Triumph collection if that makes you feel better. Who doesn't need another car to tinker with?

There are also rumors about a trip to the Hendersonville area and one of our members is working diligently behind the scenes, so look for details on that shortly.

In the meantime, get out and drive your car. I know gas is \$4.00 plus a gallon, but think of it as cheap therapy.

Cheers, Ashford Little

Activities Report
July, 2008
Mark Pruitt



The June drive to the Terrapin Beer Company was a great day. Even though we only had 6 cars show up for the drive, the weather cooperated and the day was wonderful. I took us through Rockdale, Walton and Oconee Counties to get to Athens. The drive took about 2 hours to get to our lunch stop at Locos in Athens. We had about 4 more cars join us at the lunch stop and

proceeded on to the Terrapin Beer Company for a tour and tasting. The brewery was very interesting and I think everyone that showed up enjoyed the day!

Unfortunately, due to issues with my "real job", I'm going to be forced to resign as the Activities Director. If you are interested in taking over this position, please contact our club Director, Ashford Little.
 Mark

Mark, the GTA board appreciates everything you have done to help the club grow the past years and we feel confident that you will land on your feet. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

**CORRECTION AND
 AMPLIFICATION**

George Forster sent this information.

The articles that were submitted and published in the June issue of the Trumpet on the Townsend and Orphan events were written and submitted by Joan Forster, not George Forster as was listed in the newsletter. I don't think that she noted it in the article, itself, but she sent the two files. She has since chosen to get herself her own email account to avoid such confusion.

September 3rd - 7th
Kasner Cup Vintage Races
Watkins Glen, NY

It's like a planetary alignment for Triumph fans, only way cooler, since you can actually see it: Hundreds of historic Triumphs from around the globe are converging on Watkins Glen September 3-7 for the Kastner Cup Vintage Race, presented by Classic Motorsports magazine and Moss Motors.

Among the luminaries will be the famed Group 44 factory race cars, the first production Triumph sports car, and — of course — Kas Kastner, the legendary Triumph tuner, racer and head of the North American Triumph Competition Department.

It's all part of the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association's U.S. Vintage Grand Prix — the largest vintage race weekend in the east. Kastner will present the Kastner Cup to the racer who best embodies the spirit of the marque and the event for the award. He'll also be on hand to assist racers and talk to fans of the marque.

TS1LO, a 1953 TR2 that holds the distinction of being the first production Triumph sports car off the line, will also be there. Joe Richards, who painstakingly restored TS1LO to its historic original specs, will be honored by Friends of Triumph, the North America-based group of Triumph racers and race fans.

Triumph enthusiasts and racers will also be welcomed into the Friends of Triumph Hospitality Tent and into the town of Watkins Glen, where the local Chamber of Commerce organizes the yearly Grand Prix Festival on Friday.

Triumph enthusiasts have an opportunity to enter in a Triumph-only road rally, and selected SVRA race cars will make a trip down from the track, park on display, and then take parade laps of the original 6.6 mile street circuit.

[Check the Watkins Glen site for ticket info.](#)

For technical questions or to enter a Triumph, contact [Joe Alexander at Friends of Triumph](#).

More information on the Grand Prix Festival is available at grandprixfestival.com.

**A Little History Please....
Bob Ragan
The GTA 20 Years Ago
July, 1988**



This Trumpet was published in July 1988. Editor Hal Doby described his new computer that would improve publishing of the Trumpet. It had TWO floppy drives and a 30 meg hard drive. Hal also got a new puppy (a Great Pyrnesse) named Vitesse DeVille.

Hal announced that British Motor Heritage, a division of the Rover Group, had begun manufacturing MGB body

shells. The original body dies were found and put back in service. The initial cost for a body would be about \$2000.

Chris Gore reported on the Greenfest 1988 tour, beginning in Dahlenega with five Triumphs, a BMW, and Joe Earnest's rice burner. The tour went well and ended with a party at Chris and Paula's home. Hal announced the next Quarterly membership meeting of the GTA would be held in Tucker at the home of Mike and Glinda Elder. Topics would include the upcoming VTR National Convention and other club events.

Hal listed an extensive list of TRIUMPH/GTA sportswear available from Action Awards, including tees, sweatshirts, sweaters, golf shirts, jackets, portfolios, and garment bags, all available with various GTA or Triumph logos, and with ordering instructions through the club.

The next installment of Steve and Lori's TR250 restoration project described the tedious process of removing the engine and freeing the stuck (rusted) piston, having the transmission rebuilt, and working on electrical items. Reassembly of the engine had started.

Hal reported that British Car Day was a huge success, with 33 Triumphs in attendance, and overall attendance the largest thus far, and in Hal's words "the best BCD I ever attended".

Pub night this month would be at P.J. Haley's in Decatur, near Emory.

The GTA Rally School was hosted by Steve and Myra McMath during June. A small rally was conducted to test participant's new skills.

The Roadster Factory had a full-page ad featuring a TR2 and a TR7.

This month's Tech Tip was on rebuilding the Windtone horns found on the TR2 and TR3.

The 1988 calendar of remaining events included:

July – Quarterly Membership meeting and party

Aug – Lake Outing, VTR National in Texas, Walter Mitty

Sept – Polo Invasion and photo day for the cars

Oct – Annual Event with Columbus GTA Members and Florida VTR Regional

Nov – SVRA Races Road Atlanta

Dec – Christmas Party

Every month – Pub Night and every Quarter Membership Meetings

See you next time.

Bob

Name the Dude and win a goodie!

Rules are KISS easy. Recognizing the member last month was not KISS easy. Last month's Dude drew two guesses.

Both were correct but only one was eligible.

Congrats to Joe Earnest for getting it right. His prize? He will be taking over the Name the Dude!

To repeat the rules - Name the member in the picture and win a prize from the GTA goodie bag! First member in good standing to call Joe Earnest and actually speak to him - with the correct answer - wins the prize! You say the members that get the newsletter by email have an advantage? You're right! They do. But to make it fair, the first member that gets the newsletter by email wins a prize and the first member that gets the snail mail copy wins a prize too. Sorry but we can't be responsible if your mail carrier delays the delivery of the newsletter.

If you have a picture of a member from years gone by an would like to have that picture on the front page and Stump the GTA membership, contact Joe Earnest.

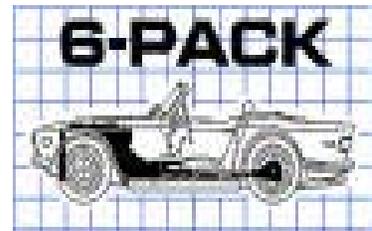


**CONGRATULATIONS
Jeff Kimbrell!**

**His 1962 Triumph TR4
Took
Best Of Show
At the
PENSACOLA BEACH BRITISH
CAR SHOW
APRIL 19, 2008**



**6 Pack Trials
September 11, 12, 13,
2008
Townsend, TN**



6-Pack Trials Update

Plans are falling into place for the 6-Pack Trials this September in Townsend, TN.

We have set up a website to help us plan and inform you about the activities. Take a look at <http://www.2008trials.org/index.html> for a sneak peak at the Trials. We will be updating the web site as plans firm up so check back occasionally.

We already know of more than 60 attendees. If you've not sent in your registration please do so now. If you've not made your motel reservations, better hurry.

Several folks have asked for a historical tour of Cades Cove.

Here is a link for info on the Cove: <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/cadescope.htm>

10 weeks until the Trials.

Mark Walker

<http://www.6-pack.org/>

Registration for the Trials in Townsend, Tennessee September 11, 12, 13 is now open. You can print a registration form at:

<http://www.6-pack.org/spaw/2008TRialsL.pdf>



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Each year, the Vintage Triumph Register holds a National Convention in North America. The Vintage Triumph Register National will be held **August 4-8, 2008**. It is hosted by a Chapter or Zone of the Vintage Triumph Register, this year being hosted by the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club. Although there are many activities at a National, the prime events are based around activities with Triumphs. This year's event will sponsor an Autocross, TSD Rallye, Fun or Gimmick Rallye, Funkana and a Concours d'Elegance car show. Special events include a Triumph Spitfire rebuild in 48 hours and a keynote address by author/columnist B.S (Burt) Levy. The Event concludes with a reception, dinner, and an awards presentation.

For more information stay tuned to the Trumpet, visit the event website at http://www.natc2008.com/index.php?pr=Home_Page. You may also wish to visit the VTR or GTA website.



The June issue of the Triumph Car Club of Victoria Trumpet is available for your viewing pleasure. It can be found on their club website at:

<http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~smeagol021/eTrumpet0608.pdf>

JuneTrumpet password is * 2chris *

**GTA Classifieds
July 2008**

Classifieds are free to GTA members. Descriptions of articles for sale are the responsibility of the seller. No warranty on the items or accuracy of the classified ad is implied by any member of the GTA other than the seller.

WANTED - I am doing a ground up restoration on a 1963 TR4. I have an A type overdrive for the car but I am in need of some parts. I am looking for A type overdrives that are beyond repair. Thank you in advance for your help.

Tony Rodriguez 770-480-4997 Tideswest@bellsouth.net

July Birthdays

GTA Wishes you a great day!

Ben B. Turner	7/6
BettyJo Dillingham	7/8
Raleigh Morgan	7/9
Jan Patrick	7/20
Lyli Perez	7/21
John Dillingham	7/22
Tony Rodriguez	7/23
Leslie Sanders	7/24
Kathie Schneider	7/30
Kathy Mc Aleer	7/31

Triumph Trans AmeriCan 2009 Charity Drive Updates



The team working on the Triumph Trans AmeriCan 2009 Charity Drive Stag is going gang busters! The car has been completely stripped.

For all the late breaking news and updates about the car be sure to check the event website often.

<http://www.triumphtransamerica.org.uk/>

**Tony, back on his feet.
Hey Tony, keep on Truckin'!
Steve Cripps**



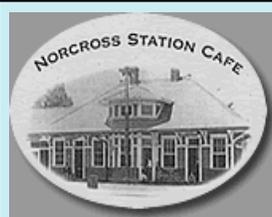
Tony Lewis recently lost feeling in his arm and felt some chest pains, went to his doctor who then sent him to a hospital for "a few tests". Two days later after a lot of tests they sent him home. I spoke with him today and he said that all the tests said he was ok but the worst part of being in the hospital was being tied to the bed while seeing his car parked outside and knowing that his chewing tobacco was in the glove box-and he couldn't get to it!

All the hospital bills equal the cost of another Triumph and Tony said that he'd rather have the car than the memories of his "two day vacation"!

Trevor Wilkinson,

85, Maker of Griffith and TVR Sports Cars,
has passed away

Trevor Wilkinson, the founder of TVR, the small British carmaker known for nimble little sports cars that early owners often assembled from a kit, died on June 6 in Minorca, Spain. He was 85. The first sports car your newsletter editor ever drove was a '66 Griffith series 400 that belonged to his neighbor. What a car!



**Dinner /
Business Meeting
July 15, 2008
Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM**

Directions:

Norcross Station Café is located at **40 S. Peachtree Street**, Norcross, GA 30071.

Phone# is 770.409.9889.

From I-85: Take Jimmy Carter Blvd. West. Cross over Buford HWY and take the next right turn (South Peachtree Street). Follow S. Peachtree (bear left at the stop sign).

Norcross Station is on the left in the Historic district. OR,

take Indian Trail or Beaver Ruin Road northwest (Indian Trail merges left onto Beaver Ruin. Cross Buford HWY and follow Lawrenceville Street into Historic Old Norcross. Lawrenceville Street turns right onto Jones Street. Turn left on South Peachtree (one block), the station is on the right at that intersection.

From I-285: Take Buford HWY exit and go North. Cross Jimmy Carter Blvd. Turn left at Norcross Tucker Road (traffic Light at NOPI auto parts). Norcross Tucker merges with S. Peachtree Street. The Station is on the left.



The Roadster Factory

The Summer party had about

100 attendees this year and by all accounts, it was a great success.

That is based on the fact that no one was sent home and no one had to thumped!

Thanks to Charles and TRF his staff for an enjoyable weekend.



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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Spouse / Partner's Name _____ His/Her Birthday _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____ Email _____

British Cars (model / year) _____ Occupation _____

Interest: (Put a check beside all that apply) Tech Sessions ___ Rallys ___ Volunteer ___

Driving Tours ___ Car Shows ___ Autocross ___ Social events ___ Other ___

Mail this application and \$30.00 to the GTA at the address listed on page 2. Applications may also be processed on the GTA web site using Pay Pal. Club web site address is www.gatriumph.com

I would like to help the GTA leadership with _____

Check here if you would like to receive the Trumpet via email link.

As a member of the Georgia Triumph Association (GTA), I agree to hold the GTA, its Board of Directors, officers and organizers of events free from all liability for any accident or injury which occurs in connection with club events. Signature _____ Date _____

Your name, address and phone number will be published in the GTA membership directory. This information would only be available to GTA members. Put a check mark here if you **DO NOT** wish to have your information listed in the GTA directory. _____

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Ashford's car rolled!