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PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

By Bruce Vaden
RTR President



As the autumn season peaks, hopefully we still have four to six weeks of nice driving weather ahead. For those whose Triumphs are on the road, the next few weeks typically offer excellent top down driving conditions. A few club members are driving their Triumphs to Battersea Oyster Roast in Petersburg on Saturday, November 5. Cars and Coffee at Regency Square will be held on Saturday, November 12 and Saturday, November 26. Our monthly breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air will be on November 19 at 9 a.m.

At this time of year, the club's Board of Directors begins looking ahead to next year. There's a lot of enthusiasm for additional ideas and club activities in the coming year. The club will select a new President and Vice President for 2023-2024.

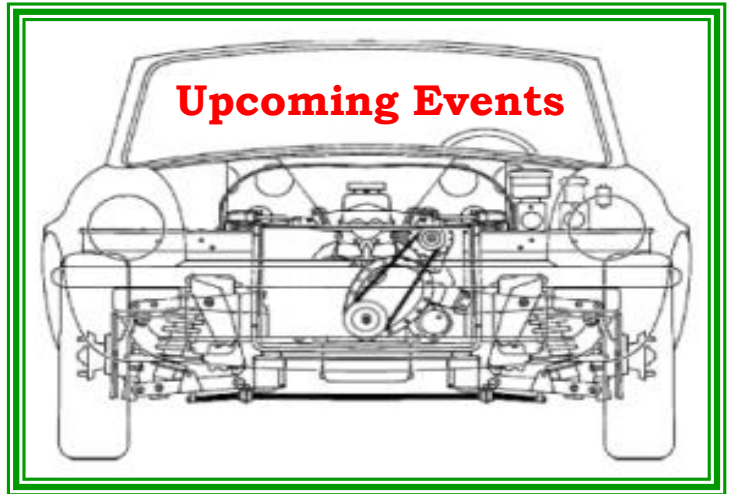
This is also the time of year to start planning your winter car project. This entails getting a parts list together and sharing it with your family and friends. Triumph parts make great holiday gifts and have the added bonus (hopefully) of inspiring the completion of the planned project. Most of the Triumph vendors have winter parts sales that will save you a few dollars on the parts you need. We still have quite a few members who are working towards completing their restoration projects. I love it when a long dormant Triumph roars back to life. My own TR6 was dormant for 22 years.

Hope to see you and your Triumph somewhere during November. I'll be back again in December with another edition of President's Garage.

Bruce

On This Month's Cover

At October's RTR monthly meeting, Mike Roe explained how his GT6's second gear exploded during Mike and Janet's trip to the 2002 6-Pack Trials in Lexington, KY.



Please Note: There is no RTR monthly meeting in November.

RTR Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 19th, 9 a.m. Joe's Inn Bon Air

The next RTR breakfast is 9 a.m. Saturday, November 19th at Joe's Inn, 2616 Buford Rd. in Bon Air. We've had great turn outs the last few breakfasts, so we hope you can join us on the 19th!

Mark Your Calendars! 2023 RTR Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5th, 3 p.m.

Mark your calendars for RTR's 2023 Annual Meeting, 3 p.m. Sunday, February 5th, at the Walton Park Clubhouse. Don't worry—there are no NFL games that Sunday. It's the weekend between the playoffs and the Super Bowl. More details in the January Spokes.

Welcome New RTR Members

Bob and Deirdre Booth
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1973 TR6

A Message From RTR Member Paul Hemler

"My wife and I will be moving to Sun City West, AZ. They have a wonderful auto restoration club that I am looking forward to becoming an active member in. I have to teach at Hampton Sydney during the fall semester next year, so I will be around and can hopefully join in the club fun then. Please give my best to the guys."

**RTR Holiday Party
Sunday, December 4th, 5 p.m.
Walton Park Clubhouse
530 Walton Park Rd.,
Midlothian, VA
Please RSVP by Thur., Dec. 1st**

We hope you can join us! Please plan on bringing an hors d'oeuvre, side dish or dessert to share. RTR will provide drinks and a light selection of meats and cheeses. Please **RSVP** Bruce Vaden at (804) 330-2487 or shelley-v8@comcast.net no later than Thursday, December 1st so we can get a head count.

We will once again hold our annual "white elephant" gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift, valued at no more than \$10 to \$15. Gag gifts are highly encouraged, though not mandatory. Each person bringing a gift will draw a number. The person with number "one" chooses a present to unwrap. The person with number "two" has a choice: They may choose a new, wrapped present, or they may take the unwrapped present from the first person. If they take the present from the first person, that person chooses another present to unwrap. This goes on until all numbers are drawn. Great fun!

The Walton Park Clubhouse is in the middle of the Walton Park neighborhood in Chesterfield County and a bit hard to find. Please use Google maps or your GPS if you have not been before. If you need directions on the way on Sunday, call Bruce at 804-882-0472. See you there!



Another Triumph Stag spotted in Richmond. This one, with NY plates, has been parked in front of the Mercer and Woodson shop on Lakeside for the last few weeks. Anybody know the owner?

Interested in Serving as an RTR Officer or Committee Chair?

The Richmond Triumph Register needs the help of all its members to keep our club active and thriving. Interested in serving as an RTR officer or committee chair in 2023 and 2024? RTR will hold officer elections for two-year terms at our 2023 Annual Meeting on February 5th. Committee chairs will also be appointed to serve two-year terms.

At RTR's October monthly meeting, a nominating committee consisting of Gary Kinney (chair), Ray McCaskey and Greg Spencer was tasked with nominating candidates for the elected positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer/membership, and Spokes Editor. The nominating committee is also suggesting the following revisions to appointed committee chairs to more efficiently run club programs and activities.

- Web Administrator – Maintain all aspects of the RTR website and keep the data current including updates, photos.
- Activities Coordinator – Create and inform the membership of RTR and local activities as well as update the website calendar.
- 6 Pack Representative - Update the membership of events related to the National organizations.
- TRA Representative - Update the membership of events related to the National organization.
- VTR Representative - Update the membership of events related to the National organization.
- Wedge Owners Representative - Update the membership of events related to the National organization.
- Car Club Council & Club Liaison – Inform the membership of legislation and activities that are published by the council such as car shows, displays, parades or festivals that may be car related.
- Technical Advisor – Inform the membership of matters related to restorations, maintenance, or other related Triumph upkeep.
- Chapter Historian – Gather information, published articles, photographs or other related historical material to be published from time to time in the club newsletter, "The Spokes".
- President's Advisory – Existing member or past president appointed as a council to the board.

Those interested in serving RTR in 2023 and 2024 should contact Nominating Committee Chair Gary Kinney at gkinney72@gmail.com or 804-334-2605. Gary says that some RTR members have offered to serve, but he encourages each member to consider putting in their name for any elected or appointed position. Nominations will be announced prior to the Annual Meeting in The Spokes newsletter.

6-Pack Trials 2022, Lexington, KY By Mike Roe

Janet and I attended the 6-Pack Trials for 2022, which for this year were located in Lexington, KY and hosted by the Cincinnati Triumph Club. During the year the officers decided to let Triumph's GT6 model into the club, so Janet and I decided to take her 1968 GT6 MK1, which has been in her family for 41 years.

Thursday, Sept 22

We started out around 8 a.m. for the 500 or so mile drive out I-64 to Lexington. The weather was cool (which is a good thing in a GT6), traffic was light, and the GT6 ran just fine, so we made it to the Embassy Suites Lexington around 4 p.m. We saw Mark Anderson (6-Pack President) and his wife Terri in the parking lot, as they had just arrived from Michigan. The Embassy Suites has complimentary refreshments and snacks in the evening, which provided a nice venue to catch up with the other attendees.



At the reception that evening, Matt Mullin (Trial Coordinator for 6-Pack) welcomed the attendees and went over some of the activities planned for the weekend and where to park for the car show on Saturday. Then we welcomed all first-time attendees and learned a bit about the TR6 or TR250 they were working on.

Friday, Sept 23

The club had arranged for a tour at the Buffalo Trace Distillery in nearby Frankfort, limited to only 40 attendees. Janet and I were lucky enough to sign up early and get in the group, so we left around 8 a.m. for the short drive to the distillery. Buffalo Trace is one of the oldest distilleries in Kentucky, being in continuous operation for over 200 years. Our tour guide (Rae) was a hoot in that she brought a high level of energy to the tour, had a wealth of information, and could not stop cracking terrible one-liners. We were treated to a view of the interior of the oldest barrel aging



house on-site (dating back to 1881), the bottling line, and the railway where they move the proofed barrels around the site to final preparation.

The tour ended at the tasting room, where we were treated to 6 different variations on the Buffalo Trace brand and were regaled with the subtle nuances of smells and flavors that have been noticed in each by the company's group of experienced tasters. After the tasting session, we exited to the gift shop. As Buffalo Trace (and all distilleries) is registered as a manufacturer, they can sell their spirits at a deeply discounted price (including Blanton's). Needless to say, this is quite popular for those that consume Bourbon and is reflected in a near frenzy in the sales area since only a limited supply of the chosen tittle is put out each day. Once that stock is depleted, no more is made available.

After the tour, we joined Glenn and Susie Minucci and the Harrs at a restaurant (aptly named "Goodwoods") for lunch, then returned to Lexington via 1993/Lawrenceville Rd., which is aptly named the G.O.A.T. road by the guide since it is 8 miles long and has over 80 sharp turns as the road runs along the ridgeline of the valley.

Later that evening, after spending some time on a parking lot tour and enjoying the complimentary happy hour at the Embassy Suites, Janet and I set out for "Hall's on the River" a famous eatery started by a contemporary of Daniel Boone and in continuous operation at the same site since 1781. Unfortunately, along the drive out, as I selected 2nd gear when pulling away from a 4-way stop, a sound akin to grinding rocks emanated from the transmission. I quickly shifted to 3rd and the sound went away, same with 4th, so I decided to continue on to Hall's, where we were joined by Triumph friends Ashford Little and Alan Atkinson for a nice dinner on the deck overlooking the Kentucky River. Janet and I both had "Hot Browns", a Bluegrass delicacy that made its debut at the Brown Hotel in Louisville in 1926.

Evening back at the Embassy Suites consisted of enjoying the hospitality suite, catching up with old friends, and enjoying the pleasant weather while admiring the fine Triumphs in the parking lot, which were in their assigned spaces for the car show (in the parking lot) Saturday morning.

Saturday, Sept 24

The car show was held in the parking lot of the Embassy Suites from 10-noon. Lining up the cars was easy since we had been instructed to park in our car class



spots the evening before. Around 60 Triumphs were arranged in the parking lot, with TR6, TR250, GT6, Stag, and TR4 represented. Many of the TR6s and

TR250s were outstandingly restored, especially Dave Tushingham's gorgeous TR250, the restoration of which is posted on YouTube ("Chef Tush"). Our GT6 represented a class of exactly 1 car, which bode well for our chances at a trophy. I had a chance to catch up with Fran Manno, who Janet and I had met when he came to Trials in Richmond in 2021.

After the car show, we led a small caravan consisting of Ashford Little in his TR6, Alan Atkinson in his TR250, and Glenn and Susie Minucci. We drove out Versailles Rd. and the Bluegrass Parkway to Lawrenceburg, KY for the Burgoo festival. Burgoo is a stew similar to Irish or Mulligan stew and is popular in Kentucky and southern Indiana. We found a stand serving Burgoo so we all enjoyed a serving while listening to a local band, then we walked to a local restaurant for some drinks and snacks. The return trip was once again uneventful, even with 2nd gear missing.

That evening was the awards banquet at the Embassy Suites. During the excellent buffet meal, Matt Mullin and Todd Bermudez called out door prizes so folks could come up and pick out something. Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors there was a prize for everybody! The evening wrapped up with the awards.



Sunday morning arrived all too soon and we started out for the 500-mile return trip to Richmond. The weather started out sunny and mild, but about halfway into the trip the skies opened up and it rained in torrents off and on for the remainder of the trip. Amazingly, the GT6 soldiered on through the deluge, though with the huge "sunroof" cut into the roof by the previous owner and the amateur tonneau cover it was not the driest of rides inside. Fortunately, Janet is a real trooper and put up with the tropical interior and kept sopping up puddles and clearing the windscreen with a towel while I tried to keep the GT6 on the road. The transmission also held together long enough for us to make it back to Richmond under our own power and we arrived home just before nightfall. All-in-all a great trip and a chance to see friends old and new with the fine Triumphs!

Postscript: The following weekend I pulled the transmission and found that two teeth on second main gear had sheared off (see photo). I found the two broken teeth in the drain pan after emptying the transmission of lubricant. I'm very glad the broken teeth did not find their way between the remaining gears!

Spitfire/GT6 Drip Pans

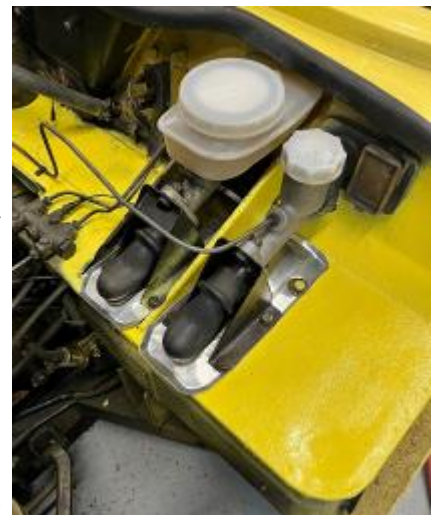
By Mike Roe

As owners of vintage Triumphs, I'm sure we all have experienced leaking brake or clutch master cylinders. If you drive a Spitfire, GT6, Herald, or Sports 6/Vitesse, the leaking fluid drips onto the scuttle bulkhead where it sits. If the brake fluid is anything other than silicone, it will do a great job of removing the paint from the bulkhead/firewall area. As a long-time owner of a GT6 I have witnessed this many, many times, to the point that nearly all paint had been removed from the bulkhead of the GT6, which had subsequently rusted.



Through the wonders of Facebook, I learned of a guy in Australia that makes drip pans that fit beneath the master cylinders and catch any dripping fluid. They are available on Ebay for a nominal sum from a seller who goes by "triumphfarm", though the shipping from down under is a bit steep. I ordered a set, which came a couple of weeks later. To be honest, they are quite simple, to the extent that someone with reasonable metal skills could make a set, but this way you know they'll fit and it is much less of a hassle.

Installation is very simple: disconnect the pedals from their respective clevis pins, remove the bolts securing each master cylinder to the bulkhead, lift the master cylinders (the hydraulic lines should have enough "give" in them to allow you to lift them), slide the pans in, bolt everything down, and re-attach the pedals to their respective clevis. While I had everything apart I killed the rust with rust converter and sprayed the area in body color. Hopefully the pans will protect the bulkhead from here on!



Tech Tip

Phillips vs Pozidriv

By Glenn Larson

Ever wondered why just about every screw you encounter on your Triumph looks like its been chewed up and spat out? That's because a Phillips head screwdriver was used on a Pozidriv screw head. Here's more on Pozidriv from the UK [Shop 4 Fasteners](#) website:

“Have you ever tried to use a ‘crosshead’ screwdriver on a crosshead screw and found that, to your frustration, the screwdriver is slipping? The reason could be because there are two different types of crosshead screws which look similar but are actually different. The two types are the Pozidriv and the Phillips. So what's the difference between them? Phillips screw heads are designed so that the Phillips screwdriver will cam-out (slip) if too much torque (power) is applied. The reason is that this prevents the risk of the screw head being twisted off by a power tool. This can be helpful, because if the head breaks off, a screw is very difficult to move.

Pozidriv screws, on the other hand, are designed specifically so that the screwdriver head does not cam-out. Phillips screwdrivers fit in Pozidriv screws, and can turn them. However, they are liable to slip-page, and can damage the screw. Pozidriv screwdrivers, on the other hand, do not fit Phillips heads. If you try, you'll probably fail, and you'll probably damage your screw. The easiest way to know wheth-



er a screw is Phillips or Pozidriv is that all Pozidriv screws have lines etched in the screw head in between the four arms of the cross. This visual aid means that you can instantly recognize a whether a screw is a Pozidriv or not.”

According to this [Gosforth Handyman](#) video, Pozidriv screws, first appearing in the early 1960s, are the most common screw type in Europe. That explains why there are so many on our Triumphs. Perhaps the most obvious Posidrive screw location are the screws that hold the dashpot cover to the bodies of Stromberg carburetors. Ever seen one not totally mangled? This picture is of a brand new



Pozidriv screw I ordered for my Stag's Stromberg carbs. You can really see Pozidriv markings on the larger screws fitted to 1970s Triumph door strike plates.



So where do you find Pozidriv screwdrivers? It's not easy to find them here in the US. I could not find them at Home Depot, Harbor Freight and a number of other local hardware location. They just weren't used much here. The solu-



tion? [Amazon](#), of course. I ordered a set of PZ 1 and PZ 2 drivers for about \$8. Notice the PZ (Pozidriv) marking compared to PH (Phillips Head). It's amazing how well they fit Pozidriv screws compared to the Phillips driver I've used on my Triumphs for the last 45 years. No more mangled screws!

CLASSIC-FIEDS

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Wanted: TR3/TR2 engine draft tube. Contact Bob Powell at 804-389-2555 or rplkp@comcast.net.

Wanted: I am looking for a used or new at a reasonable price windshield wiper switch for my 1973 TR6. Contact Bill Moore at bill.mysonnm@gmail.com.

Free to a Good Home: I found this Spitfire MK 1,2 and 3 handbook at a used book store for cheap. It's yours by contacting Glenn Larson at glarson182@gmail.com.



The TR7 Tracer

The British were well known throughout the 60s and 70s for custom coachwork based on existing marques, including Triumph. Called the Tracer, this one-off, made by Crayford Engineering in Kent, was an attempt to convert the TR7 into a "sporting estate."



Hundreds of Classics, Including Triumphs, Auctioned Oct. 19-21 in Lynchburg By Glenn Larson

The Mark Smith classic car auction in Lynchburg a few weeks ago generated considerable interest from car lovers throughout the US. According to the BigShift.com website, "Mark Smith had one of the larger car collections on the East Coast, that was mostly housed in Lynchburg, VA. Unfortunately Mark passed away last November leaving this massive collection behind. Mark did donate a large portion of his nicer cars to museums, and even gifted a few to friends. The remaining cars and parts were auctioned off this past week (Oct. 19-21) and it was one of the largest auctions we have been to in a few years. The auction was held over three days with over 700 pallet loads of parts and 350+ cars sold, which doesn't include the boats and boat parts!"



1959 Triumph TR10: Sold for \$6700

Foreign cars and parts were highlighted the [third day](#) of the auction, with more than 100 British, German, Swedish and Japanese classics crossing the



1955 TR2: Sold for \$8750

auction block. The most expensive British car sold was a 1960 Austin Healey that went for \$92,500. A lot of pretty rare parts went for remarkable prices. A Bugatti radiator and grill sold for \$10,000! Somebody spent \$200 on a salesman sample toilet seat. Sorry I missed that! The cheapest car sold? A very ratty and rusted MG for \$30.



1966 TR4A: Sold for \$2600



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RTR at the Hershey AACA Flea Market and Car Show October 4-7

Charlie Edmonson and I drove up to the annual [Fall Hershey](#) Antique Automobile Club of America show again this year, catching up with RTR members Ken Nachman, Greg Spencer, Ray McCaskey and CVBCC friend Don Tate. This is the same group who went in 2021, and we once again tried to see as many of 3,300 vendors and over 1,000 classic cars as we could. The 2022 show dates shifted a day back from past years, starting on Tuesday, Oct. 4 and ending with the car show on Friday, Oct. 7th. My fitness tracker says I walked over 25 miles the three days I was there. I'm still exhausted! Not much British stuff to find, but going to the Hershey show is amazing! Mark your calendars for the 2023 show October 3-6. G.L.



Ken Nachman receives his award for his 1968 TR5 at the October 9 Hunt Country Classic Show. Watch a YouTube video with highlights of the show [here](#). Photo courtesy of Steve Oertwig.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you know of an event, or have an idea for one that might be of interest to our members, contact us with details (or rumors). Please use the contact to confirm event status before making any trips. RTR sponsored events are in yellow.

Nov.

4-6	Hilton Head Island Concours, SC	THUR-SUN	www.hhconcours.com	
5	British Cars at Battersea, Petersburg - 1 to 4 p.m.	SATURDAY	-	804-732-9882
12	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/	
13	RTR Run to the Surry Seafood Company, Surry, VA - 10 a.m.	SUNDAY	https://surryseafoodco.com/	
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21-29	Barrett-Jackson Auctions - Scottsdale, AZ		www.barrett-jackson.com	
21	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/	
20-29	DC Auto Show		http://www.washingtonautoshow.com/	

Feb.

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