



THE SPOKES

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at Don Tate's Garage**

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PRESIDENT'S GARAGE



By **Tim Thacker**
RTR President

The past month has not been kind to a couple of Richmond Triumph Register members. Janet Roe is recovering from a broken foot that required surgery and Greg Spencer has now joined her with his own set of injuries (broken leg). Mike Roe and Alison Spencer are now in the process of getting their nursing degrees, so wish them luck in their new profession! In any case, please keep these two in your thoughts and wish them both a speedy recovery.

On a positive note, it appears our new website is seeing a lot of activity. RTR has already added three new club members via this site. Ken Simms has done an amazing job with the club website and I would encourage everyone to give it a look. Sometime in the near future, we hope to have an archive of past "Spokes" issues on this site. You will be able to go back in time and to see what you looked like with hair, less wrinkles and other physical features I will not mention!

Tim

On This Month's Cover

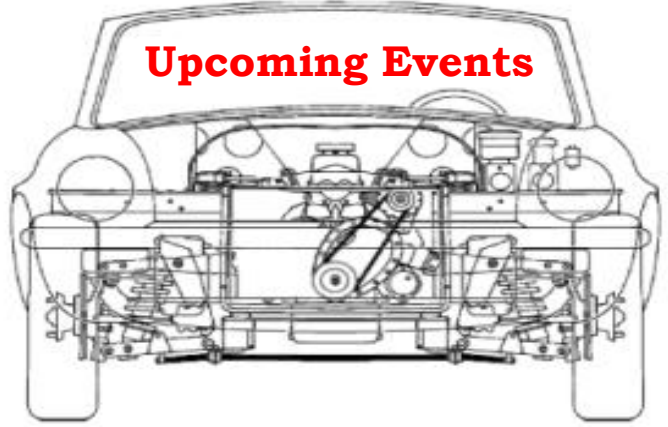
RTR's Eric Crenshaw demonstrates how to adjust Ken Simms's TR6 valves at the May 11th RTR meeting.

Richmond Cars & Coffee Canceled

The following announcement was recently posted online by Kenny Holder, Richmond Cars & Coffee organizer:

"Cars & Coffee Richmond is officially canceled until we find a new home for the event! Unfortunately, I've been informed that we can no longer meet at Regency Square for Cars & Coffee due to two serious back to back issues. I had been passively looking for a new location anyway because we were in need of more room as we venture further into the summer months and I had a gut feeling of an issue coming up. What actually happened? I was told there was a motorcycle and car accident right in front of the Starbucks entrance. Also, after our last event someone was drifting around the lot (made someone scared for their life) where they had to call the cops. I can't say I'm not a little annoyed at this but what can you do other than keep on keeping on! What's the plan? I will continue the search for a new venue. If you know of any venues you'd like to be considered, comment below or message me. Thanks again for all the continuous support."

Upcoming Events



RTR Monthly Meeting Thursday, June 8th, 7:00 p.m. Tire Kicking Starts at 6:30 p.m. 830 Running Cedar Ct. Manakin-Sabot

RTR's Thursday, June 8th meeting will be held at Don Tate's garage. We'll have a short business meeting followed by a tech session on veneering wood dashboards. Pizza and favorite liquid refreshments will be available. Please bring a camp chair.

Directions to Don's Garage: We are 2 1/2 miles from the intersection of Rt 288 and Patterson Ave. Head west on Patterson Ave for 1.5 miles which becomes River Rd. West when you pass Richmond Country Club. Turn right onto Rt 622/Manakin Rd, which is the first street after you pass the fire station. Proceed 1 mile and you will see a white board fence on the left at the entrance to our neighborhood 'Running Cedar Place'. Turn left and then take the first right onto Running Cedar Ct. We're the first house on your left. There's plenty of parking in the driveway but if you prefer to park on the street you can turn around in the cul-de-sac and park on the grass in front of our house. Our street frontage begins at the cul-de-sac and extends to the stop sign where Running Cedar Ct begins. Please do not park on my neighbor's side. For more detailed directions, contact me at bn2cars @comcast.net or 804-833-9750.

RTR Breakfast Saturday, June 17th, 9 a.m. Joe's Inn Bon Air

Our next RTR breakfast is Saturday, June 17th at Joe's Inn, 2616 Buford Rd. in Bon Air. We hope you can join us! For information, contact Tim Thacker at thackett@outlook.com or (804) 502-3532.

**RTR at Gelati Celesti
Friday, June 30th, 7 p.m.
Stony Point Shopping
Center on Huguenot Road**

Summer is here, so it's time once again for RTR and ice cream! Drive your Triumph and join RTR for a scoop or two at Gelati Celesti in the "original" Stony Point Shopping Center at the intersection of Huguenot and Buford Roads (across Huguenot from Joe's Inn Bon Air). Find out more at www.gelatiicecream.com.



**AACA Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet
St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond
Saturday, June 10th
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The 54th annual Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet, will be held Saturday, June 10th on the lawn of St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond. This event is presented by the Richmond Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Opening ceremonies and the singing of our National Anthem begin at 10:00 a.m.

Food and beverages will be available throughout the day. Awards presentation will be at 2:30 p.m. 100 percent of the proceeds raised from the General Admissions gate will be donated to St. Joseph's Villa.

Visit www.richmondcarshow.com to register your show car, purchase discounted admission tickets, or to learn more about the 54th annual show. See the May Spokes for more details.



**Moss Motors 75th Anniversary
Cars and Coffee
Saturday, July 22nd
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
25651 Simpson Road
Petersburg, VA**

"As part of our 75th Anniversary celebration, we are continuing to share the journey with our customers and friends of the hobby. We did it on the West Coast, and it's time to prepare for our East Coast customers! Come

join us for an informal meet-up at the Moss East Coast Cars & Coffee. We'll have some good coffee (and tea), fun prizes, and casual voting at our Virginia warehouse. We'll be opening the doors to the showroom for browsing of our cars on display, as well as a chance to peruse the Coventry Foundation area. There will also be a British Sports Car Hall of Fame induction, with several new members plaques mounted on the wall. Stay in tune with all the relevant details at the 75th Anniversary hub at MossMotors.com.



All of this will happen on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You'll be parked alongside your fellow enthusiasts for a fun get-together. The first 200 cars will receive a Moss goody bag, and voting will take place for some fun categories so a select few will win some product packages as well. We hope to see you there!"

Moss would like to know who plans to attend. You can let them know [here](#).

Second Annual 41st Annual Fall British Car Festival Saturday, October 7th Waynesboro, VA

Greetings to one and all! This year's Shenandoah Valley Fall British Car Festival is scheduled this year on October 7th and will, as in the past, be located along the river in beautiful Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro, Virginia. We are fortunate to be located just ten minutes from the famed Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive. Both scenic roads run along the ridges of the Blue Ridge mountains with the Parkway going south from Waynesboro and the Drive north, so clubs can get on and enjoy great winding roads and beautiful vistas on the way to our show.



As you may have noticed, this year is our "Second Annual Forty-First Annual Fall British Car Festival". Although normally a "rain or shine" event, our original 41st annual show had to be cancelled two days prior as our Governor imposed a "State of Emergency" due to hurricane related weather danger. So, what does a club do with numerous 41st car show awards in hand? Well, our cost-conscious treasurer came up with what we thought was a brilliant idea! We'll have a "Back to the Future" themed car show and simply reuse the trophies we for the show this year! We have invited two regional Delorean Car Owner Clubs to participate in this year's show and we hope to have several attend and boost our show's theme.

This year also marks the 100th Anniversary of both the MG and Triumph cars and we plan to celebrate accordingly. One aspect of this celebration is to award both the MG and Triumph club that has the most participation with an award of recognition.

Fall is a wonderful time to be in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Our show also is scheduled in conjunction with the area's Fall Foliage Festival so there will be other attractions close at hand to enjoy after the show and on the following Sunday should you like to extend your stay. As such, area hotels generally become fully booked. There are numerous hotels in the Waynesboro/Staunton area, but I'd strongly suggest those coming to our show and who require overnight accommodations book early (like now).

Go to <https://svbcc.net/carshow.html> for registration and more information about our show.

RTR's May 11th Meeting

About 20 RTR members and significant others ventured along the scenic byways of southern Chesterfield County to the home (and huge garage) of Ken and Cheryl Simms for RTR's May monthly meeting. Thank you, Ken and Cheryl, for being such gracious hosts. After a barbecue dinner prepared by Ken, Eric Crenshaw conducted an informative tech session on adjusting TR6 valves. The big winner of the night was Gary Kinney (AKA "Mr. Lucky") who won the 50/50 raffle for the second time in three meetings.



Triumph "Approved" 1973 Model Accessories

Very few Triumph owners have cars that have not been accessorized over the years. Remember the stuff sold by the likes of MG Mitten and JC Whitney? Ever wonder what add-ons were directly provided by the dealer? This brochure details the goodies offered by Triumph for the 1973 Spitfire, GT6, TR6 and Stag. I've detailed the TR6 offerings here, and plan to include the other models in future issues of The Spokes. Anybody know what a TR6 dealer installed air conditioner unit cost in 1973?



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V 350 • ALL

'AM' radio, push button, all transistor, custom designed for Triumph automobiles for best performance.

V 480 • ALL

'AM-FM' radio, features superb sound reproduction, all push buttons can be pre-set for 'AM' or 'FM' selections, and automatic frequency control is built-in on 'FM' to operate at all times for customer convenience. (ILLUSTRATED)

V 383 • Black • ALL

Rubber floor mats custom made for the TR6, protect floor carpets, are long lasting and easy to clean.

V 724 • Black

V 725 • Silver

Striping Kit.

V 421 • With Shift Pattern • ALL

V 424 • With Emblem • ALL

Walnut wood shift knobs, hand rubbed to high lustre. Available with shift pattern or original Triumph emblem, both finished in fine enamel. (not illustrated)



V 722 • Air conditioning blends gracefully with the decor of the dash. Fingert control lets you direct cool air in any direction you choose. TR 6 air conditioning a cool idea.



V 830 • Up to 1972

Frontguard.

Front and rear guards combine function and elegance by providing additional protection and blending with the lines of the car. Made of steel tubing with durable chrome finish.

V 631 • Up to 1972

Rearguard.

(NOTE: Rearguard guards are not applicable to 1972 models).



BLM 002 • ALL

Quartz-Halogen fog lamp by Lucas, specially effective in adverse weather conditions. Can be fitted singly or in pairs. Each lamp comes with a black leather plastic protective cover (wire and switch not included).

BLM 003 • ALL (Not Shown)

Matching Quartz-Halogen long range lamp by Lucas. (NOTE: This lamp may be considered too powerful for use in some states).



V 633 • ALL

Luggage rack, permanent fitting, with superb chrome finish. Effectively increases luggage carrying capacity.



V 552 • Ski Riser Bar • ALL

V 553 • Ski Clamp • ALL

By using these adaptors, the luggage rack readily converts into a convenient ski carrier. They are easily fitted and removed. One clamp bar holds one pair of skis.



V 043 • ALL • Cigarette lighter, with bracket.

V 079 • 1970 - Deep dish wheel trim rings (standard in 1971-72). Original color touch-up paint in two convenient sizes:

1 - 02, jar with applicator.
8 - 02, spray can.
Specify name or number of color when ordering.

ADDITIONAL
ACCESSORIES
NOT ILLUSTRATED

The Search for the Elusive Alaskan Triumph By Glenn Larson

Fellow RTR member Ken Nachman and I, along with my wife Sue and Ken's fiancée Carolyn, just returned from an almost two week trip to Alaska and Vancouver, BC. Those of you who have ventured to Alaska know how amazing our 49th state is. Our trip started in Fairbanks, with the "land" portion of our vacation venturing to Denali National Park, followed by a scenic train journey to Anchorage (actually Whittier) where we boarded Holland America cruise line's Noordam, with stops at Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, before embarking in Vancouver, BC.

Being dedicated car guys, Ken and I were constantly on the look-out for classic cars throughout the land portion of our trip. Honestly, we didn't expect to see any in such a frigid climate, or encounter anybody who shared our dedication to the Triumph marque, but here's where the story gets interesting.

First of all, let's get the "terrible Alaska weather" question out of the way. We had fantastic weather our whole trip, with only one afternoon of rain in Juneau. With the exception of a very cold morning on the ship in Glacier Bay, we had no need for all the gloves, long underwear and other warm clothing we packed. The day we were in Fairbanks, it was warmer there (75 degrees) than in Richmond (70 degrees). Glad we brought sunscreen!

We had a full day to explore Fairbanks before our bus trip to Denali National Park. What to do? After a morning at a local Alaskan heritage museum, and leaving the ladies at our hotel, Ken and I made a beeline to the [Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum](#). Who knew there was an amazing car museum anywhere in Alaska? I've been to a lot of car museums, and the Fountainhead ranks right up there. Not a large collection (about 60 cars) but all immaculate-

ly restored and historically significant. All pre WWII vintage and mainly American, the cars ranged from



the first automobile in Alaska to 1930s era Packards, Cords and Duesenbergs. This museum is an amazing find, and well worth visiting if you find yourself in "frigid" central Alaska.

Fairbanks is the starting off point for Holland America's tour of Denali National Park, home of the tallest mountain in North America. Denali is about a two hour drive south of Fairbanks, so about 100 of us were loaded on to tour busses. Sue, Ken, Carolyn and I found some seats in the front of our bus, and right behind us a guy boarded wearing a Laguna Seca raceway sweatshirt. Hmmm, I think. Sue and I went to the 2016 Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca while visiting our son and daughter in law in San Francisco. I wonder if this guy on the bus likes old cars? Not being shy, I asked. "Yes," he replied. "I own a Triumph TR6." Just like that, we'd found another Triumph guy. Perhaps the only one on our trip, let alone Alaska!

Gary Hunt and his wife Nancy own a mimosa yellow 1975 TR6, which Gary bought new. They live in Orange County, CA and are very active members of the Triumph Club of Southern California. We had a great time on both the land and sea portion of our trip together talking about Triumphs, especially the different Triumph related events taking place on the east vs. west coast. Gary even brought the latest issue of the TCSC newsletter along on the trip! (Editor note: I now must bring the latest issue of The Spokes along when I travel. Who

the first automobile in Alaska to 1930s era Packards, Cords and Duesenbergs. This museum is an amazing find, and well worth visiting if you find yourself in "frigid" central Alaska.



knows who I may run into!) Find out more about the TCSC and Gary's TR6 "Ol Paint" at the [TCSC website](#).

The second part of our trip was the "sea" portion on the Noordam, with stops in Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan before ending in Vancouver, BC. For some reason, it was really difficult to spot classic cars, let alone Triumphs, once we got on the ship. For those of you who have been on a similar cruise, you know



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there is ample opportunity to shop on-board. Ken and I did find this really cool Swiss made Frederique Constant "vintage rally Healey chronograph" watch and accompanying model of "the famous Healey 100S NOJ393" in the ship's jewelry shop. NOJ393 was one of the Healey works special test cars that ran in the 1953 Le Mans 24-Hours race. It sold a few years ago for more than one million dollars, which, I guess, makes it okay to lay out north of \$2000 for this watch. I decided to forgo purchasing it, as the \$10 Casio currently on my wrist is still ticking away.



That's not to say we saw no classic cars on the remainder of our trip. For some unexplained reason, we saw two different early 1960s Jaguar Mark 2 saloons in Victoria, British Columbia. There were also numerous Jaguars out and about in Vancouver, perhaps because Canada is still part of the British Commonwealth. I think it's ironic that the one classic European car I was able to take a picture of while



in Alaska was this Volkswagen Beetle parked in Ketchikan. If any classic car could survive in the frozen north, it has to be a Beetle!

Odds and Ends



My son Andrew and I, with the help of a neighbor, recently installed the rebuilt engine back into my 1973 Stag. More details on the Stag's progress will be featured in the July Spokes. G.L.



Speaking of Stags, one pops up on the most recent edition of the popular YouTube series ["Barn Find Hunter."](#)



I recently came across this picture from RTR's 2004 hosting of the VTR national convention. Brings back memories!



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For Sale: 1975 TR6. 58,000 miles. Garaged and not driven for seven years. January services included new battery, new gas lines, new front brake lines, rebuilt carburetors, new throttle linkage and bushings and 4 new tires. Overall, I have spent about \$2,900 getting it back on the road. It is fully stock with an overdrive transmission that I installed in 2006. I still have the numbers matching original transmission. It's considered a good looker from about 15'. The issues are a dent in the passenger's door and a small dent on the right rear quarter panel as well as a small tear in the top. Otherwise, it's solid TR6 and runs nearly perfectly. I have more pictures if someone is interested, and the car is available for viewing locally. I live near 288 and Hull St. Rd. Asking \$11,000. Contact Sean O'Brien at 804-937-8186.

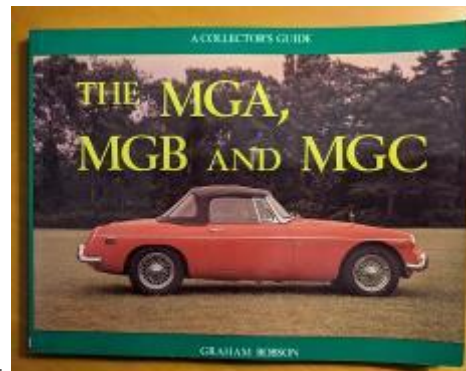


Spotted: TR6 hardtop that needs to go to a good home. If anyone is interested, it is at Virginia Auto Parts. 1325 Portsmouth Blvd in Suffolk, VA. Ask for Gill at 571-589-7054.

Wanted: Need the metal bracket that holds the high low headlight switch located on the left inner panel on a TR3. Contact Bob at r1plkp@comcast.net.

Free to a Good Home:

Know any MGB owner who may want this book? Bought it for \$1 at a recent library sale. Needs to be picked up at my house in central Richmond. Contact Glenn Larson at glarson182@gmail.com.



Triumphs on the Telly

RTR member Jim Barker and I are big fans of spotting Triumphs on British TV shows broadcast here in the US. Jim sent me this screenshot of a TR6 featured on an episode of the long running "Midsomer Murders" series. I spotted a Triumph TR10 sedan driven by the principal detective in the "Magpie Murders" series recently shown on PBS. G.L.





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TSOA Newsletters By Glenn Larson

RTR founding member Dean Tetterton has been a Triumph enthusiast since the early 1960s. He's amassed a noteworthy collection of Triumphs and related memorabilia over the years, and recently gave me several original issues of The Triumph Sports Owners Association (TSOA) newsletter. According to the Vintage Triumph Register website, "TSOA was the factory-sponsored club for 26 years from 1956-1981. The TSOA was originally started as a sales tool, with the TSOA Newsletter sent free to every new Triumph owner. From October 1958 through December 1981, the TSOA newsletter was published in the same format, changing at various times from a monthly to bi-monthly and quarterly publication. The newsletter had a peak circulation of nearly 40,000, paid for by Triumph. It ended however, with the demise of Triumph in 1981."

Issues of the TSOA newsletter are available for download at the [VTR web-site](#). If you would like to borrow some of the original issues Dean gave me, get in touch. They are packed with cool articles and graphics that I plan to feature in future issues of the Spokes.



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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.

June

4	Original British Car Day - Mt. Airy, MD	SUNDAY	www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com/index.htm	
8	RTR Monthly Meeting - Don Tate's House - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	Don Tate	804-833-9750
6-9	British V8 Meet, Monticello, IL	SUN-WED	https://britishv8meet.org/	
10	Richmond AACA Show - St. Joseph's Villa, 800 Brook Rd.	SATURDAY	http://www.richmondaaca.com/show.html	
17	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532
18-23	TRA Nationals, Oxford, Ohio	MON-FRI	www.triumphregister.com	
30	RTR at Gelati Celesti, Huguenot Road - 7 p.m.	FRIDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532

July

13	RTR Monthly Meeting - Larson Garage - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	Glenn Larson	804-350-6820
13-16	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	SAT-SUN	www.pvgp.org	
21	RTR at Gelati Celesti, Huguenot Road - 7 p.m.	FRIDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532
22	Moss Motors Cars and Coffee	SATURDAY	https://mossmotors.com/	
29	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532

Aug.

10	RTR Monthly Meeting - Gary Kinney's House- 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	Gary Kinney	804-334-2605
18	RTR at Gelati Celesti, Huguenot Road - 7 p.m.	FRIDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532
26	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532

Sept.

10	RTR Picnic at the Colemans - 4 p.m.	SUNDAY	Jim Coleman	804-569-9135
21-24	Six Pack Trials, Indiana, PA	THU-SUN	www.6-pack.org	
23	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	Tim Thacker	804-502-3532
27	CVBCC Mini Show - Brandermill	WEDNESDAY		
28-1	VTR National Convention, Dillard, GA	MON-THUR	https://www.vtr2022.org/	
30	Wings, Wheels and Keels - Topping, VA - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SATURDAY	http://www.wingswheelskeels.com/	