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PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

By Bruce Vaden
RTR President



June has arrived with beautiful weather in the first week. After that, all bets are off. The calendar is full with an event planned every weekend. Let's review our options.

RTR members are invited to the CVBCC British Car Week run this Saturday, the 4th. More information appears herein. Our monthly club meeting will be held June 9 at the home of Glenn and Sue Larson. I'm sure refreshments left over from the Poker Run will be available. The annual ACCA event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11 at St. Joseph's Villa on Brook Road. This event attracts an amazing assortment of cars, trucks, fire engines, ambulances, motorcycles and more and is run by really nice people.

We'll have breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air on Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. The food and service are top notch so if you haven't attended recently, come on out and join us. On Friday, June 24 we'll meet at 7 p.m. at Gelati Celesti in the Stony Point Shopping Center on Huguenot Road, next to Trader Joe's for an ice cream social.

Come on out and share a few hours socializing with your fellow Triumph enthusiasts. It's fun and we always find something new to talk about. Hope to see and hear from as many of you as I can. I'll be back next month with another edition of President's Garage.

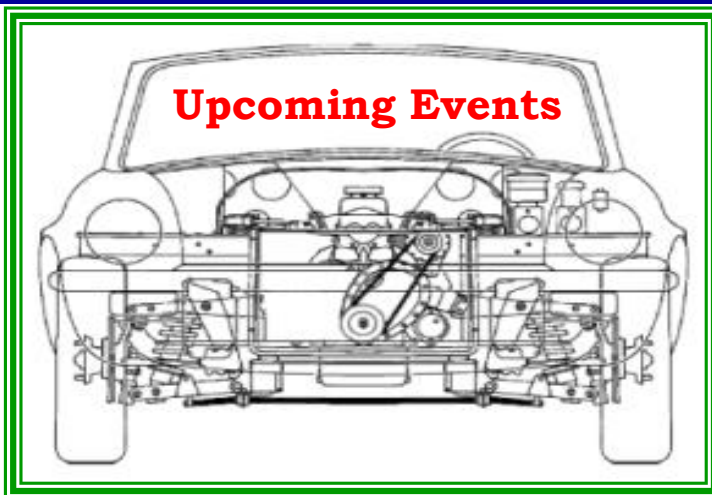
Bruce

On This Month's Cover

RTR members Eric and Linda Crenshaw in their 1976 TR6 at the May 21 RTR Breakfast.



TR3s at the Standard-Triumph plant, Coventry, UK.



Note Location Change!

RTR Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 9th

At the Larson's, 7:00 p.m.

Tire Kicking Starts at 6:30 p.m.

3923 W. Franklin St., Richmond

Spouses and Significant Others Invited!

RTR's June meeting will be held at the Larson home and garage. We'll have a short business meeting followed by a tech session on Triumph nuts, bolts and fasteners. Pizza and favorite liquid refreshments will be available. Sue will host all RTR spouses and significant others for drinks and appetizers on the patio. Drinks will be provided. Spouses, please bring an appetizer to share and **RSVP** by emailing Sue at GLarson182@gmail.com.

Directions to the Larson's: We're in the near West End, two blocks off of Malvern Ave. and Monument Ave., adjacent to the intersection of E. Franklin and Lafayette. Best to park on Lafayette and walk up the back alley to our garage, second house in, or come through the side gate to the backyard). Contact Glenn at GLarson182@gmail.com or 804-350-6820.

RTR Breakfast

Saturday, June 18th, 9 a.m.

Joe's Inn Bon Air

The next RTR breakfast is 9 a.m. Saturday, June 18th at Joe's Inn (www.joesinnbonair.com), 2616 Buford Rd. in Bon Air. Please **RSVP** Bruce Vaden at (804) 330-2487 or shelleyv8@comcast.net no later than June 17th.

RTR at Gelati Celesti

Friday, June 24th, 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.



Mark Your Calendars!
RTR July Meeting
Thursday, July 14th, 7 p.m.
At Gary Kinney's Garage
10109 Hearthrock Ct., Henrico

Gary is looking for RTR member tech session requests for the July meeting in his garage. If you have any suggestions, please contact Gary at gkinney72@gmail.com.



British Car Week is an annual British car awareness week intended for promoting British cars everywhere. Participants don't need to travel very far for this event because it takes place in their own community. This is a calling for all owners of classic British cars to get together with other car owners in their own communities to show their cars, meet new enthusiasts, catch up with old friends, share stories about their cars, answer questions, and best of all, have a good time. Find out more at: <http://www.britishcarweek.org/>.

British Car Week Run
Saturday, June 4th, 11 a.m.
Goochland and Western Hanover

To celebrate British Car Week, CVBCC has organized a short ride for Saturday, June 4th, and RTR is invited. The run will start at the WaWa, 12564 West Broad Street, Henrico, Virginia 23233, between 10:30 & 10:45 a.m., departing at 11:00. The one hour drive will meander through rural Goochland and Western Hanover counties. It will end around noon at the AW Shucks Country Store in Hyland, Virginia where we can get lunch and ice cream and sit outside to enjoy each others' company while we eat. Bring folding/bag chairs and may-

be an umbrella if it's warm and sunny. The route notes will be emailed a few days in advance of the ride to print & bring. Contact Jim Godwin at jimgodwin7@gmail.com or (804) 310-4992 with any questions. RSVP not required.

AACA Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet
St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond
Saturday, June 11th
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the 53rd annual Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet, to be held 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. We are excited to feature "The Evolution of the Sports Car" this year!



Classes for virtually every make and model car, truck, and motorcycle will be available with judging performed by experienced teams.

As an alternative to having your car in the judged portion of the show, you are invited to participate in the 2022 St. Joseph's Cruise In! This non-judged area of the front lawn will be reserved for you to arrive in style, with the freedom to depart whenever you wish.

The show also attracts one of the largest automotive Swap Meets in Virginia, where you can find that elusive part or that special vintage license plate to make your restoration complete. 100% of the proceeds raised from the General Admissions gate will be donated to St. Joseph's Villa.

Click on this [link](#) to register your show car, purchase discounted admission tickets, or for more information on the 53rd annual show. We look forward to seeing you at the Villa on Saturday, June 11, 2022!

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
July 23-24

The [Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix](#) has got to be the premier classic British and European car event on the east coast. Last year there were over 2500 cars (about 300 British) in the Schenley Park show field on the Saturday, with vintage racing going on at the same time. This year it's Saturday, July 23 and Sunday July 24. A few RTR members have already booked hotel rooms, planning to drive up on Friday (July 22) and come back on Sunday, as it's about a five and one half hour drive from Richmond. Anybody else interested in going? Contact Glenn Larson at glarson182@gmail.com if you are.

Richmond Cars and Coffee May 28th

A sunny and warm Saturday morning brought out hundreds of classic cars to the May 28th Richmond Cars and Coffee. British cars were well represented, including a 1960s [Morris Minor](#) convertible that I had not seen there before. Former RTR member Harlan Schufeldt brought his newly acquired red 1960 Volkswagen Beetle. Ken Nachman's Grandson Karl did a great job detailing Ken's 1968 TR5. G.L.



Carlisle on the Rebound?

For many of us RTR old-timers, the annual import show and flea market in Carlisle, PA was to go-to event of the year. Then, with the advent of eBay, the number of vendors began a steady annual decline, and the count of British cars on the show field started to dwindle as well. I haven't gone in the last four years, and while I was hoping to go to this year's show on May 14th, my buddy Charlie Edmonson and I bailed because of the rotten weather forecast. Perhaps we should have gone regardless of the forecast, because this is what the Carlisle show organizers posted last week:

"If you ignored your weather app and actually came to Carlisle two weeks ago, you know how much fun everyone had at the Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals. Hot cars, hot temps and best of all, dry conditions. You helped power a show field that notched 1,802 show cars and trucks, making this year's event the third largest Import & Performance Nationals offering of all-time."

Included with the announcement was a [link](#) to more than 1000 photos taken at the show. I've included some here. Looks like Carlisle is indeed on the rebound. I've already put the May 12-13, 2023 show dates on my calendar! G.L.



Postcard Corner

By Charlie Edmonson

While collecting postcards is not as much fun as collecting cars, it does not require as much garage space, of course. I have recently added two cards to my Triumph collection. A beautiful red Spitfire MK IV and a RHD racing prepared TR7. Note the extra wide performance tires, which adds to the aggressive looks and winning profile of the car. I have several race/rally prepared TR7 cards and was glad to now include this new card.



So true!

Triumphs at the British Motor Museum, Warwickshire, UK

By Glenn Larson

These days I watch way too many Triumph Stag videos on YouTube. One recent "[Arry the Stag](#)" (don't ask) video showcased a visit to the British Motor Museum in the UK to drive the last Stag made. The museum curator makes reference to the Triumphs that came to the museum for Drive Your Triumph Day on February 10th. Here's an excerpt from their news release for that event:

"The British Motor Museum hosted around 50 Triumphs and Standards which turned up as part of the 'Drive your Triumph Day'. The Museum displayed both the last Stag and the last TR7 (from their collection) outside the Museum for Triumph drivers to photograph their own Triumph alongside. Members from the Stag Owners Club, Coventry TR Group and Club Triumph all joined the Museum to



celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WWII."

I believe the really old car between the last TR7 and Stag is a [Triumph 10/20](#), the first Triumph automobile. Way cool!



A great turn-out for the May 21st RTR breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air, with more than 25 attending.

Triumph's in the British Motor Museum include:

- 1953 Triumph Mayflower
- 1959 Triumph TR3
- 1965 Triumph Vitesse
- 1969 Triumph GT6
- 1970 Triumph 1300
- 1972 Triumph Dolomite Michelotti one off prototype with experimental Michelotti design body
- 1974 Triumph TR6
- 1975 Triumph SD2 'Allied' only surviving prototype for a Dolomite replacement which never reached production
- 1977 Triumph Stag last vehicle off the line
- 1977 Triumph 2500S estate last vehicle off the line
- 1978 Triumph TR7 V8 rally car Tony Pond's Ypres and Manx Rally winning car
- 1978 Triumph Lynx prototype for a fastback coupé to replace the Stag, similarly styled to the TR7
- 1978 Triumph Lynx Broadside prototype GT car as a successor for the Lynx project but never came to fruition
- 1979 Triumph TR7 Broadside prototype convertible as a successor for the Lynx project but never came to fruition
- 1980 Triumph Spitfire 1500 last vehicle off the line
- 1980 Triumph Dolomite Sprint last vehicle off the line
- 1981 Triumph TR7 last vehicle off the line
- 1984 Triumph Acclaim last vehicle off the line and the last Triumph produced

Find out more about the British Motor Museum and its extensive collection of British classics [here](#).



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For Sale: TR Parts. Chrome Bullet Mirror NEW in box, \$35. 4 Chrome safety knock-offs, USED wide thread, \$20. Safety knock-off wrench, NEW, \$6. YOM 1969 Virginia license plate, \$15. YOM Pair 1968 Virginia license plates, \$100. TR4/4A/250/early TR6 Ignition Switch w/key, NEW in box, \$20. TR4A Grille, USED, fits TR4/TR5/TR250, \$100. TR4/4A/250/6 Dash Plinth, USED, \$55. TR6/Spitfire Ignition switch, USED, w/key, \$50. TR4/4A/250/6 Moss Emergency Hood Open Wire, USED, \$10. TR4/4A/5/250/Spitfire Boot Handle, USED, w/key, \$30. 6X K&N (or similar) 2" intake Air Cleaners, USED, \$30. 2X TR4/4A/250 Headlight Rings, USED, \$20. Battery Cut off switch, NEW, \$10. TR6 Owner's Manual, 1st Edition 1969, \$25. TR6 Door pocket attachment hardware, \$15. British Leyland Badge, NEW, \$5. TR6 Original Fuel Pump, Rebuilt, \$100. PI Air Intake hose (Have 5), \$20. Contact Ken Nachman at kennachman@comcast.net or 804-840-1441.

For Sale: 1970 Triumph TR6. Classic Triumph red, new paint, no rust, great condition, premium custom leather seats, side panels and tonneau cover, new top, new tires, never wrecked or in accident. 80,000 miles on odometer, actual as far as I know. Purchased 6 years ago in Collinsville, Virginia from second owner. Garage kept. Bumpers have weathered and lost some of their chrome luster. Most gauges and electrical components work most of the time—typical English wiring harness challenges. New dual exhaust and muffler last year—sounds great. Clear title, two sets of keys, new radio with

steal free removable face. Selling due to recent knee surgery and now have challenges getting in and out. You won't be disappointed. Asking \$26,000 OBO. In Roanoke, Contact 540-420-0551 or clackey51@gmail.com.



Help Needed: I may need help from some RTR members, maybe in the fall, either installing new differential seals and/or a speedi sleeve on my TR6. Not sure which would be best. Volunteers needed please. Contact Bill Moore at bill.mysonnm@gmail.com.

Wanted: I am looking for a used or new at a reasonable price windshield wiper switch for my 1973 TR 6. Contact Bill Moore at bill.mysonnm@gmail.com.

For Sale: TR6 short block \$200, TR6 rollbar \$80, Mazda Miata seats \$120. Contact Mike Newhart at mike@newharts.com.

Wanted: Does anybody know of a good media blaster in the Richmond area? I need to get the paint off a number of Stag bits.



Contact Glenn at Glarson182@gmail.com.



It's obviously not a Triumph, but I couldn't resist recognizing the bravery of a guy who would stuff a 400HP 5.0 liter Ford Engine with aluminum heads, dual quads, roller cam, and stainless headers into a 1979 MG Midget. And it's for sale! Find out more [here](#).





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Driving Me Nuts By Glenn Larson

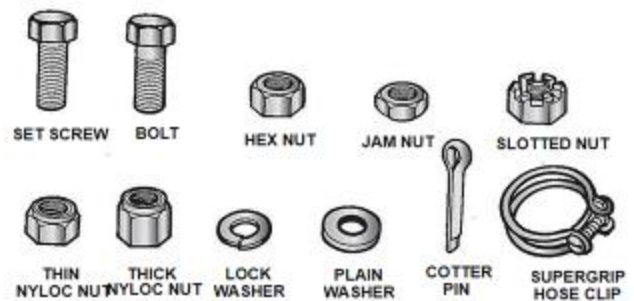
How many of us have, hidden in the far reaches of our garage and/or basement, a container of various old and rusty nuts and bolts we've taken off our Triumphs over the years? I certainly do - hundreds piled in an old Maxwell House coffee can.

When I owned my Spitfire, nuts and bolts weren't really on my radar. I often reached into the coffee can and grabbed what I thought I needed. I knew the difference between coarse and fine threads, as so much on the Spit were coarse bolts sourced by prior owners from a local hardware store. I quickly learned that most, but not all Triumph bolts and nuts are not coarse thread, but fine. But what's the difference between a set screw and a bolt, between a hex nut and a jam nut? What is a Nyloc nut and where is it used?

Now that I have the Stag all apart, I'm trying to make sure I use proper hardware in the proper place. A little research into the history of the nuts and bolts fitted to our classic British cars reveals a complex and confusing array of varieties, sizes, and options. The complexity is further compounded by the different codes used by the major parts suppliers for the same hardware.

Let's take, for example, the nut used to secure a Stag's drag strut. It's a 7/16 inch UNF Full Nyloc nut. The 7/16 is the thread diameter in inches. UNF stands for "Unified National Fine," the more or less universal designation for fine thread nuts and bolts (but not always). "Full" is the nut size, vs. "half" or "jam" for a thinner nut. Nyloc is a nylon-insert lock nut. The original Triumph parts book number is TN3210 for this nut, and the same number is used by the Roadster Factory. However, in the Rimmer catalog it's GHF274 and in the Moss catalog it's 310-650. Go figure.

While there is no simple way to identify the nuts and bolts used on our Triumphs short of referencing respective supplier catalogs, I've found the clearest overview in the British Hardware section of the Roadster Factory's [Spitfire Glove Box Companion](#).



Triumph #	TRF#	Rimmer #	Moss#	Type	Size	Thread Diameter	Caliper Measure	UNF - Fine UNC- Coarse	Spanner Size
YN2907	YN2907	GHF 221	312-000	Nyloc	Full	1/4"	0.250	UNF	7/16"
YN2908	YN2908	GHF 222	310-290	Nyloc	Full	5/16"	0.313	UNF	1/2"
YN2909	YN2909	GHF 223	310-240	Nyloc	Full	3/8"	0.375	UNF	9/16"
YN2910	YN2910	GHF 224	310-320	Nyloc	Full	7/16"	0.438	UNF	5/8"
YN2911	YN2911	GHF 225	310-400	Nyloc	Full	1/2"	0.500	UNF	3/4"
YN2912	YN2912	YN2912		Nyloc	Full	9/16"	0.563	UNF	7/8"
YN2913		GHF226	310-500	Nyloc	Full	5/8"	0.625	UNF	5/16"
TN3207	TN3207	GHF271	310-100	Nyloc	Half	1/4"	0.250	UNF	7/16"
TN3208	TN3208	GHF272	310-105	Nyloc	Half	5/16"	0.313	UNF	1/2"
TN3209	TN3209	GHF273	310-510	Nyloc	Half	3/8"	0.375	UNF	9/16"
TN3210	TN3210	GHF274	310-650	Nyloc	Half	7/16"	0.438	UNF	5/8"
TN3211	TN3211	GHF275	310-690	Nyloc	Half	1/2"	0.500	UNF	3/4"
TN3212	TN3212		310-605	Nyloc	Half	9/16"	0.563	UNF	7/8"
TN3213		GHF276		Nyloc	Half	5/8"	0.625	UNF	5/16"

For the most part, though not always, I'm comfortable reusing Triumph hardware, with the exception of Nyloc nuts. Nylocs should never be reused, because the threads are compromised. This chart is my attempt to cross reference the most common Nyloc nuts found on my Stag. Sourcing these nuts from the major suppliers is pretty much a wash. While Rimmer's hardware is cheaper, the shipping cost cancels out any savings over Moss or TRF. Last resort? Pleasants Hardware stocks UNF Nyloc nuts, but at twice the price. Forget about Home Depot.



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Odds and Ends

Dying to watch a [video](#) of classic British pop star Cliff Richard sing “Keep The Customer Satisfied” while riding in the back of a Triumph Stag? Yes, it’s the worse interpretation of a Simon and Garfunkel song, or any song, I’ve ever heard!

You never know what you’ll find poking around in used bookstores and junk shops. This “ABC British Cars” book was found in a Yorktown, VA antique shop. It features the Triumph Renown and the “T.R.2. Sports Convertible,” available with a “detachable fibreglass hardtop” for the princely sum of 956 pounds, 5 shillings and sixpence.



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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	CVBCC British Car Week Run - 11 a.m.	SATURDAY	Jim Godwin	804-310-4992	
5	Original British Car Day - Mt. Airy, MD	SUNDAY	www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com/index.htm		
9	RTR Monthly Meeting - Larson Garage - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	Bruce Vaden	804-330-2487	
11	Richmond AACA Show - St. Joseph's Villa, 800 Brook Rd.	SATURDAY	http://www.richmondaaca.com/show.html		
11	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/		
12-15	British V8 Meet - Wytheville, VA	SUN-WED	https://britishv8meet.org/		
18	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	https://www.Joe'sinnbonair.com/		
20-24	TRA Nationals, Gettysburg, PA	MON-FRI	www.triumphregister.com		
24	RTR at Gelati Celesti, Huguenot Road - 7 p.m.	FRIDAY	http://www.gelatiicecream.com/		
25	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/		
July					
9	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/		
9	Classic Vehicle Display at Woodside Farms, Hanover County	SATURDAY	-		
14	RTR Monthly Meeting - Gary's Kinney's House - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	Bruce Vaden	804-330-2487	
22	RTR at Gelati Celesti, Huguenot Road - 7 p.m.	FRIDAY	http://www.gelatiicecream.com/		
23-24	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	SAT-SUN	www.pvgp.org		
23	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/		
27	CVBCC Mini Show - Brandermill	WEDNESDAY			
30	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	https://www.Joe'sinnbonair.com/		