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## PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

By Bruce Vaden  
RTR President



On what was a warm and beautiful Saturday, November 5th, several other RTR members and I drove our Triumphs south over the back roads of Chesterfield County to Battersea Plantation in Petersburg for their annual oyster festival. Our caravan, organized by Ken Nachman, numbered 12 British cars. We picked up a few more on the way. This was my first time going and we had a great time. Forty to fifty British cars ringed the seating area. The food was good, lines weren't long and the band played a wide range of covers.

It's almost December and the cold weather we've been expecting has arrived. Our annual Holiday Party is less than a week away on Sunday, December 4. Come out and join us for this event. We all bring side dishes and a not too expensive gift for sharing. That's when the real fun starts because the rules of the gift exchange allow stealing of gifts that have already been claimed. It can get downright treacherous, all in good fun, of course.

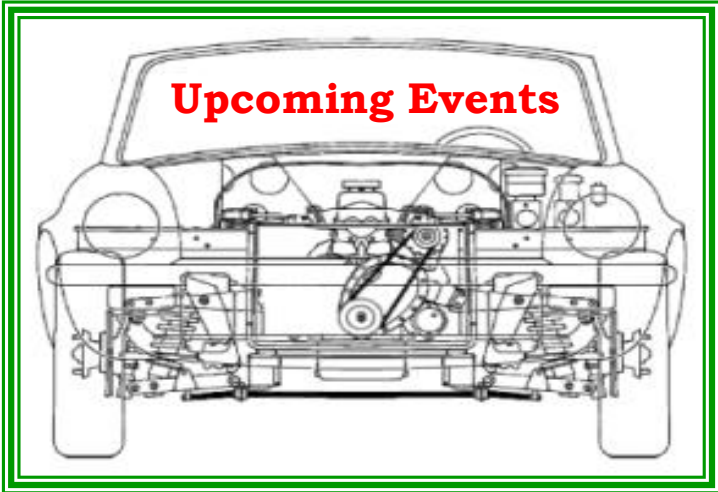
There is no December RTR breakfast, but we'll have breakfast together at Joe's Inn Bon Air on Saturday, January 7th. I hope everyone is healthy and can join us before the final rush to Christmas Day. We had breakfast on Saturday, November 19 and apparently a lot of RTR members were under the weather. We had a small breakfast party of 7 and did a lot of catching up.

We'll spend our holidays locally with family. My nephew will be home for Christmas, after completing an eight month tour of duty in Iraq with Virginia's National Guard. We are looking forward to welcoming him home. In closing, I wish all of RTR's members a safe holiday season.

Bruce

### On This Month's Cover

27 very hungry RTR members gathered in front of the Surry Seafood Company on November 13th prior to enjoying great seafood and fantastic company.




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

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 Jim Scherer at (804) 594-5694 or [rosiesch3@aol.com](mailto:rosiesch3@aol.com) no later than this **Thursday, December 1st**. Jim is buying stuff for the party and needs 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!



**Please Note:** There is no RTR breakfast in December, and the January breakfast has been moved forward a week to January 7th.

## 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.

## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for RTR's second annual drive you Triumph day run on February 10th. We had a great turn-out on a very sunny day for the 2022 run. Let's hope we have equally good weather on February 10th. Details in the January Spokes.

### Drive Your Triumph Day Friday, February 10, 2023

Dear Fellow Triumph Owner,

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California. In 2016, I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today. Drive Your Triumph Day has gained momentum every year, and last year I received over 600 photos from all over the world: Scotland, Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and of course all over the USA.

I'm hoping we can increase that number again this year! The concept is straightforward. On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Take a scenic drive on a country road or out to lunch, to the market, to work, wherever. Go for a drive alone or in a



big group with your local Triumph Club. Take your spouse, buddy, child, grandchild, or your dog; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner or passenger, if possible, ideally in front

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### 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](mailto: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 January Spokes.

## Surry Seafood Run

By Mike Roe

Tim Thacker arranged a drive for RTR members on Sunday, November 13 to Surry Seafood Company in Surry, VA, which is a nice drive's distance from greater Richmond. The temperature had dropped dramatically from Saturday, but the morning dawned sunny and pleasant for the trip. Janet and I set off in Bailey ('76 TR6) for the 50-minute drive to the starting point at the intersection of I-295 and Route 5 near 4 Mile Creek. We had a great turnout for the event, with about 30 members and their guests participating. As for Triumphs, we had 3 TR6's (Moore, Spencer, Roe) and 1 Spitfire (Smoot).

We headed out promptly at 9:30 and headed east along Route 5 for a bit until turning south near Charles City to cross the Benjamin Harrison Bridge at Jordan Point, then turning east at Route 10 and then north on Route 31 for the run up to Surry. Once in Surry, it is a short distance along Route 31 towards the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry. The Surry Seafood Company is on the left just before the ferry landing.

The restaurant is situated on Gray's Creek, which is a calm tributary feeding the James. There is plenty of dock space for boaters wishing to tie up and dine, plus ample boardwalk. We arrived before the 11 a.m. opening time, so Glenn Larson took the opportunity to arrange the group on the boardwalk for a group photo. At 11 a.m., the doors opened and we proceeded inside for lunch. We were arranged in a common room in groups of 4 or 6 to a table and proceeded to have a delightful repast of fresh seafood and other offerings. Janet and I had the good fortune to sit with Greg and Allison Spencer, who were great dining companions to chat with over lunch.

Lunch wrapped up around 12:30, with the service and food universally praised by the participants. Some set off across the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry for Williamsburg and a return trip along Route 5, while others returned the same way we came. Janet and I had to get a daughter (Maddie) ready to send to flight attendant training the next morning, so we headed back to Powhatan. As usual, Bailey covered another two hundred miles without missing a beat. Thanks to Tim for arranging a fun drive and gathering!



## CLASSIC-FIEDS

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**Wanted:** TR3/TR2 engine draft tube. Contact Bob Powell at 804-389-2555 or rlpkpc@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.

### Tech Tip A Clean Windshield By Charlie Edmonson

I have found that it has always been a frustrating and exhausting experience to achieve a satisfactory cleaning of the inside windshield on my Spitfire and other cars. I've tried Windex and other specialty cleaners, paper towels, microfiber cloths, newspaper and nothing works. As soon as you drive into the sun you see the streaks and missed areas. If you've experienced the same unsatisfactory results, I have a solution.

While listening to a home improvement talk show one Saturday morning, this very topic was discussed, and the host recommended JAWS cleaner... and it works like a charm. A clean windshield with no streaks, or smudges and it is easy to use. They also make other products, but I have not tried them. I recommend it and hope it works for you. The website is [jawscleans.com](http://jawscleans.com).



The classic Mini RTR members David and Bonnie Renn won last summer in an UK based raffle has made it to our shores, displayed in November at a Richmond Cars and Coffee event. Very cute!

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of a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or in your driveway. If your car is in hibernation or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to [driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com](mailto:driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com), along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country).

The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: [driveyourtriumph-day.shutterfly.com](http://driveyourtriumph-day.shutterfly.com). Please feel free to send this on to other Triumph Owners and Triumph Clubs you may know of, and your club Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Be sure to contact me with any questions.

Regards, Rye Livingston  
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1960 Triumph TR3A  
[DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com](mailto:DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com)



RTR Vice President Tim Thacker has ordered 250 copies of the RTR bumper magnet, the first new run of these magnets in 15 years! Distribution details will be provided in the January Spokes.



A big thank you to Peter and Irene Churins for this really cool vintage Castrol can and cup in appreciation for my help with diagnosing carb issues on their TR6. The cup now holds pens and pencils on my work bench. G.L.

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## A Stag's Progress (Part IV) By Glenn Larson

My 1973 Stag's engine is back home! My son Andrew and I picked it up from Competition Engine Service (CES) at the Hanover airport on Halloween day. One hundred percent more treat than trick! While it took some time, I really appreciated how helpful the machinists (Billy and Rudy) were as we sorted out the necessary work over the last few months. At 3.0 liters, they said it was one of the smallest V8s they had worked on. Billy and Rudy spent about an hour with us going through all the work they did (see below). Rudy also gave me a lot of detailed notes. Thank you, Dean Tetterton, for recommending them.

As can be seen in these pictures, there is still a lot of engine assembly work to do, including installing the pistons, crank, cams and timing chains. I intend to take it very slowly over the next few months. Any help, wisdom and advice you can give would really be appreciated!

Work done by CES:

- Magnafluxed, hot tanked, decked block
- Cylinders bored and honed. Installed sleeve in cylinder #6
- Reground crankshaft
- Checked rods for size and honed for clearance
- Installed new pin bushings, small and big end bearings, and pistons on original rods
- Valve job with new valves, springs
- Welded pitting in cylinder head and resurfaced both heads
- Replaced freeze plugs in heads
- Checked bearing clearance – rods and mains
- Machining done: Decked block .004. Block bored .020. Cylinder heads .010. Crank .010 .010. Honed rods to 1.895 to get .0015 clearance. Honed pins to .0005. Honed mains to .750 over.

Now that the front suspension and brakes are installed, next steps on my Stag's restoration include reinstallation of all engine bay components, including the brake and clutch master cylinders, wiper motor, etc. Lesson learned: even a semi restoration like mine can take 2-3 times longer than anticipated. Can I get the car on the road by the spring show season? Stay tuned!





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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.

#### Dec.

4	RTR Holiday Party - Walton Park Clubhouse - 5:00 p.m.	SUNDAY	Bruce Vaden	804-330-2487
10	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
24	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	

#### Jan.

7	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
7	RTR Breakfast - Joe's Inn Bon Air - 9 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="https://www.Joe'sinnbonair.com/">https://www.Joe'sinnbonair.com/</a>	
21-29	Barrett-Jackson Auctions - Scottsdale, AZ		<a href="http://www.barrett-jackson.com">www.barrett-jackson.com</a>	
21	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
20-29	DC Auto Show		<a href="http://www.washingtonautoshow.com/">http://www.washingtonautoshow.com/</a>	

#### Feb.

4	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
5	RTR Annual Meeting at Walton Park Clubhouse - 3 p.m.	SUNDAY	Bruce Vaden	804-330-2487
10	RTR International Drive Your Triumph Day Run	FRIDAY	Glenn Larson	804-350-6820
18	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
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#### March

2-5	Amelia Island Concours - Amelia Island, FL	THUR-SUN	<a href="https://www.ameliaconcours.org/">https://www.ameliaconcours.org/</a>	
4	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
9	RTR Monthly Meeting - Location TBD - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY		
18	Cars and Coffee - Regency Mall, 1420 N Parham Rd - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	<a href="http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/">http://carsandcoffeerichmond.com/</a>	
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