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PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

By **Tim Thacker**
RTR President



I am glad to see that summer is finally in the rear-view mirror. It was just too hot to enjoy any outdoor activities, but fall is upon us and hopefully that will change. We have a Brighton to London Run coming up and working on a potential drive for seafood. Hopefully no one with catch Covid this time around.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a big shout out to the Colemans for another outstanding club picnic. For the most part the rain held off and everyone had a great time. No secret that this is my personal favorite club activity of the year.

Finally, glad to see Greg Spencer up and around and getting out to some club events. And a special get well wish to Gary Kinney as he is on the mend from his stay in the hospital!

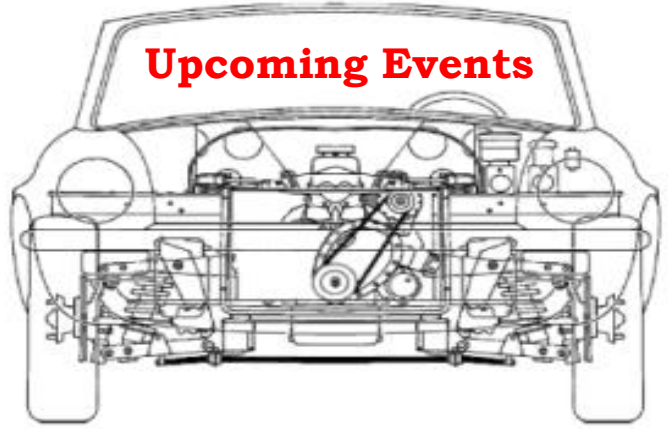
Cheers-Tim

John Bubb

Long time Richmond Triumph Register member John Bubb passed away unexpectedly on September 13th. Though John and his wife Dixie lived many miles away in Spotsylvania County, they regularly drove their 1974 TR6 to numerous RTR events over the years, including our annual picnic and poker runs. John and Dixie first joined RTR in 2002. We have fond memories of John's smile during John and Dixie's participation on RTR's trips to Edenton, NC. Occasionally, John and Dixie would arrive in their Corvette on a hot day to an RTR function. Those of us driving TRs wished we too had air conditioning! Read more about John's life and his service to our Country in this [tribute](#). John, you will be missed.



Upcoming Events



RTR Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 12th, 7:00 p.m.
At David Renn's Garage
Tire Kicking Starts at 6:30
10492 Windam Hill Rd., Glen Allen

RTR's October meeting will be at David Renn's garage on Thursday, October 12th. Tire kicking starts at 6:30 with a short business meeting beginning at 7:00. Pizza and favorite liquid refreshments will be available. Follow-



ing a presentation on engine compartment painting, there will be a round table session on recent member projects. Have something to share? Bring it to the meeting! Please also bring a camp chair if you want to sit. Spouses and significant others are not separately gathering this month.

Directions: The Renns live 1 mile West (North) of 295 on US33 (Staples Mill/Mountain Rd). From 295 turn left onto Gladfelter (about 1/4 mile past Debbie's Kitchen). Take first right onto Windam Hill, then turn into the driveway at 10492. There is parking at the top of the drive and on the sides of the drive.

Questions or need more direction? Contact David at 804-690-8049. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

RTR Breakfast
Saturday, October 21st, 9 a.m.
Joe's Inn Bon Air

Our next RTR breakfast is Saturday, October 21st at Joe's Inn, 2616 Buford Rd. in Bon Air. We hope you can join us! For information, contact Tim Thacker at (804) 502-3532.

SVBCC British Car Festival Waynesboro, VA Saturday, Oct. 7th

See the September Spokes for details. Find out more about the show and registration [here](#).



Hunt Country Classic Sunday, October 8th Marshall, Virginia

Drive-up/day-of registration is \$40. Spectator parking is \$10 per vehicle. Marshall is about 20 minutes north of Warrenton. Find out more about the show and registration [here](#).



CVBCC Woodside Farms Classic Car Display Saturday, October 14th Woodside Farms, Glen Allen

Our friends at the Central Virginia British Car Club have invited RTR members to participate in a classic car display at Woodside Farms in the Chickahominy Falls community located on Cedar Lane just off US-1 just north of Virginia Center Commons. Essentially, it is a British car display at the monthly farmers market for this upscale 55+ community. No judging, no pressure, just fun and fellowship. Arrive by 9:30 a.m. and commit to staying until 1:00. Lunch is available or you can bring your own picnic. If you are interested in displaying your Triumph or other British car, contact Jim Godwin at (804) 310-4992 or Jimgodwin7@gmail.com.



Coming Up In November and December

RTR London to Brighton Run Sunday, November 5th, 10 a.m.

As detailed in the September Spokes, thousands of spectators line the main roads between London and Brighton in the UK on the first Sunday in November to watch several hundred pre-1905 classic cars take part in the world's oldest motoring event.

RTR members are invited to meet at the Publix at John Rolfe Center (2250 John Rolfe Parkway) in Henrico County for RTR's first "London to Brighton Run." We will meet at 10 a.m. for a 10:30 start. The run will proceed the short distance to London Road, then we will make a short detour to Sussex Road and then follow Pump Rd, Patterson Ave, River Rd, and Huguenot to Brighton Green subdivision, where Brighton Road is located. Afterwards, those

interested can join the group at Kickback Jack's (10330 Midlothian Turnpike) for lunch. Contact Mike Roe at microtr6@gmail.com for information.

Want to know more about the London to Brighton Veteran car run? A good, and fun place to start is to watch the 1953 movie "Genevieve" on YouTube. As detailed on the UK

National Motor Museum [website](#), "The comedy film follows the adventures of two couples participating in the annual London to Brighton event when driving a pair of veteran cars, the 1904 Darracq called



Genevieve after which the film is named and a 1905 Spyker." Both these cars were on display during our September visit to the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. Here's a picture of Mike Roe admiring both. G.L.

RTR at TopGolf November 9th

RTR November 9th monthly meeting will take place at [TopGolf Richmond](#), 2308 Westwood Ave., just off the intersection of Broad St. and Westwood, near Scott's Addition. More details in the November Spokes.

Buy Your Tickets Online Today!

RTR Holiday Party Sunday, December 10th 5:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum 880 W Roslyn Rd, Colonial Heights, VA

RTR is hoping to have 60 or more British car lovers attending. Tickets are \$30 per person, which includes dinner, entrance to the museum and access to all exhibits. Purchase your tickets online [here](#), or mail a check made payable to "RTR" to Jim Scherer, RTR Treasurer, 1012 Fernview Trail, Midlothian, VA 23114. Payment must be made by December 1st.



Mark your calendars, and we hope you can join us. Want more information? Contact Ken Nachman at (804) 840-1441 or kennachman@comcast.net.

On This Month's Cover

RTR member Jeff Boyea and his recently restored 1973 TR6.

RTR's Gary Kinney Receives VTR Hall of Fame Honor

Richmond Triumph Register member Gary Kinney was unanimously approved by the Vintage Triumph Register's board for inclusion in the VTR Hall of Fame at VTR's September 27—October 1 annual



convention. Gary joins an exclusive list of 28 dedicated Triumph enthusiasts in the Hall, including RTR member Dean Tetterton, who have tirelessly advanced appreciation of the Triumph marque and the classic British car hobby. Congratulations Gary, and we wish you a speedy recovery from your recent hospitalization.

Here is Gary's VTR HOF nomination letter as submitted in April to the VTR Board:

Dear VTR President:

In a motion unanimously approved by its Board of Directors on March 28th, 2023, the Richmond Triumph Register (RTR), a chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, enthusiastically nominates Gary Kinney (VTR Member 12192) to the VTR Hall of Fame. For more than 25 years, Gary has been well established and respected in Triumph and classic British car communities, both in central Virginia and nationally. His accomplishments in advancing the Triumph marque and the classic British car hobby are many and are detailed here.

Membership and Service to VTR, Richmond Triumph Register and Other British Car Clubs:

- Gary has been a member of The Vintage Triumph Register since 1998. He has served as the VTR Board's Vice President of Business Affairs since 2019 (interim in 2019, appointed in 2020). His responsibilities as VP of Business Affairs include managing the VTR insurance program,

maintaining the advertising program for the Vintage Triumph magazine, and assisting curation of the Mike Cook Archive.

- He has been a member of the Richmond Triumph Register since 1997. Gary has served as club Treasurer, Membership Director, Vice President, and President.



- Gary is a current member of Red River Triumph Club (Dallas/Ft Worth Texas), the Central Virginia British Car Club (serving as President and Events Coordinator), the Triumph Wedge Owners Association, the Triumph Six-Pack club, the British V-8 group.

Organization, Participation and Preservation:

- Gary has actively participated in four regional VTR conventions and sixteen VTR national conventions since 1998. The Triumphs he entered in those events received eight Participants Choice awards and three Concours Modified Touring Second Place - Gold Certificates.
- He has chaired four classic car shows for two British car clubs in the Richmond, Virginia metro area, including acting as:
- Treasurer for the 2000 VTR Southeastern Regional Convention hosted by Richmond Triumph Register.
- Events Chair for the 2004 VTR National Convention, hosted by the Richmond Triumph Register. Specific responsibilities included creating and running all the moving events, assisting with regalia and awards design.



- Since 2019 Gary has overseen, along with VTR Hall of Fame member Dean Tetterton, the cura-

tion of Mike Cook's collection of historic Triumph artifacts, documents, and sales literature, with the goal of preserving both the history and ongoing appreciation of the Triumph marque in the United States. He participated in the 2019 relocation of the collection to Moss Motors, Petersburg, Virginia facility following Mike Cook's passing.

Triumph Ownership and Marque Knowledge:

- Gary's dedication to classic British cars over the last forty years has focused almost exclusively on the Triumph marque. Since purchasing his first Triumph, a 1974 Spitfire Mk IV in the early 1980s, Gary has owned nine Triumphs, including a Spitfire 1500 Spitfire purchased in 1996, a 1977 Spitfire he completely restored, 1974 TR6 he still owns, a 1980 TR7 Spider, a 1968 TR-250 (full restoration), a second 1974 TR6 (significantly restored), a very rare 1962 Triumph Sports 6 (one of only 679), and most recently, a very rare 1980 Triumph TR8 Coupe, one of only 250 sold by Triumph in North America.



- Gary has almost exclusively personally maintained and serviced the nine Triumphs he has owned. He has completely or significantly finished ground-up restorations on three of his Triumphs.

Expertise and Mentorship:

- Gary's extensive knowledge of Triumph mechanicals and electronics has been a valuable resource for Triumph owners in Virginia and throughout the United States. He never hesi-



tates to offer his expertise and mentorship to those willing to work on their own cars. Gary has led numerous tech sessions at local RTR meetings on a variety of topics, with emphasis on Triumph electrical issues and solutions.

- His knowledge extends to occasional professional support on extensive Triumph and classic British car restorations done by central Virginia shops.
- Gary is the Vintage Triumph Register's British Motor Trade Association representative.

In summary, there are very few, if any, Triumph owners in the United States with greater knowledge of, enthusiasm for, and commitment to the Triumph marque than Gary Kinney. We, the undersigned, wholeheartedly support Gary's nomination to the VTR Hall of fame.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tim Thacker, Richmond Triumph Register President
 Jim Coleman, Former RTR President, Former VTR Board Member
 Ken Nachman, Former RTR President
 Glenn Larson, Former RTR President
 Bruce Vaden, Former RTR President
 Dean Tetterton, VTR Hall of Fame Member, Former RTR President



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Out and About With RTR

Having fun at the September 10th RTR annual picnic.



Ken Nachman's TR5 (left) along with four other TR5s at the VTR National Convention in Dillard, GA.



Tom Thomas's 1970 TR6, with a new dash.



RTR at the Sept. 15th Jimmers Frozen Custard run.

RTR in the UK: Top Five Takeaways

By Glenn Larson

In September's Spokes, Mike Roe gave an initial report on his, Ken Nachman's, Don Tate's and my August 31st to September 5th England trip to attend the Beaulieu International Autojumble. Mike did a great job in summarizing our adventures, so now it's my turn to highlight what I feel were my top five visit takeaways.

Are we Ready for EVs?

Very early in our UK trip planning, I was determined to rent a car with an automatic transmission. I've driven in England many times, and each time I've sworn it would be a lot easier driving on the opposite side of the road if I didn't have to constantly shift with my left hand. Terrifying! I quickly determined that Hertz was offering smoking (not literally) deals on the Polestar 2, an electric vehicle made by Volvo.

As gas in the UK is now about \$7 a gallon and EV's all have automatic trannys, I took the plunge. Little did I know how "entertaining" an EV would be during our five-day 440-mile UK adventure. While the Polestar's technology was amazing and it accelerated like a supercar, the dearth of a sufficient public charging system throughout our trip was a real let-down. We wasted a lot of time, especially at the end of each day, searching for places to recharge and/or waiting in the charging "queue" with other desperate EV owners. It got to the point where it became a running joke and the source of "range anxiety" (Look it up.). My opinion on EVs? Fantastic technology, but not ready for prime time unless the public charging in both the UK and US vastly improves.



Searching for Triumphs

The British don't baby their classic cars. We didn't see many trailer queens on our adventures. Because of the sunny and warm (80 plus degrees) weather during our trip, we spotted nu-



merous classics on the road. We knew we'd see some classic Triumphs in the car museums we visited, but because of the sunny weather, we even caught a glimpse or two of TR6s on the road. Our first museum stop, Brooklands, was focused primarily on cars of the 1920s and 30s, so not much Triumph stuff there except for an early Triumph motorcycle. We hit the jackpot, though, at the Haynes Motor Museum, which featured the collection of the founder of the Haynes repair manuals. Oh my goodness, Triumphs everywhere, especially in the "Red Room," where every car is red. The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu also featured some classic Triumphs, including a very well preserved TR3 and several Triumph saloon cars. There was also a beautiful 1949 Triumph 1800 up for auction on the autojumble grounds.



Plenty of Junk-Treasures

The Beaulieu International Autojumble was amazing, but in many ways different from the huge car-oriented flea markets (i.e. Hershey) here in the US.

With more than 1000 stands, the Beaulieu autojumble is huge. My phone's step tracker counted almost 50,000 steps over the weekend. Located on grass made walking easier, but the 80 degree plus heat took its toll.



I think our biggest surprise was that given the enormity of the venue, there really wasn't a lot of Triumph stuff for sale. We think the reason for that was that most of the TR models we love were exported to the USA, and the remaining ones in the UK were so highly valued that they were not parted out. If we owned classic saloon cars made by Morris, Riley, Austin, and MG, there were many treasures to be found, because those are the classics most collected in the UK, not necessarily sports cars. I did find two stalls devoted to Triumph Stags, and



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For Sale: Triumph engine 1500. Block # FM53292UE. Head TKC 3239. 10 bolt head and block. \$50 or best offer. Mark Hornick. 804-551-0745. Pick up at Mark's garage.

For Sale: Triumph TR6 A type overdrive transmission. Cannot vouch for its condition other than it looks good and turns and shifts. Solenoid works. \$1000. Set of nearly new SU conversion carbs for a TR6. With linkage, I used them once for less than a week, but decided to go back to Strombergs. \$800. Contact Steve Terrell at steve@stva.net.

For Sale: Pertronix Ignitor electronic ignition for 1975-90 Triumph Spitfires. Removed from my 1977 Spitfire before I sold the car. Lists new for around \$190. Yours for \$50 OBO. Contact Glenn Larson at GLarson182@gmail.com.



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bought a number of small Stag bits. Ken did find a very rare TR5 manual and Don found some stuff for his Austin Healeys. For the most part, though, the prime experience was just being there with all this British junk. Quite an experience! Read more about this year's Beaulieu autojumble [here](#).

Very British Food and Beer

It used to be that one didn't go to England to enjoy the food, but that's no longer the case, at least for the most part. Our eating itinerary was very pub focused, as these days many pubs offer some pretty good meals. We visited eight all together, and with the exception of a couple, the food was very good, especially the traditional offerings, like



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1971 TR6
1977 Spitfire



shepherd's pie and fish and chips. A highlight was the Old Mill pub near Basingstoke, where we all enjoyed a traditional "Sunday Roast" of medium rare roast beef, roasted potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and a veg, topped by sticky toffee pudding for dessert. Heaven.

Our best British beer experience had to be the Haunch of Venison pub in Salisbury. We enjoyed our pints in a "snug" next to the bar under a drawing of Winston Churchill and Dwight Eisenhower sitting in the same spot. Turns out Churchill visited General Eisenhower





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there in 1944 to plan the Normandy Invasion. History everywhere!

I was in beer heaven throughout the trip, with an extensive selection of local “real ales” available at every pub. First time UK visitor Don quickly determined he was more of a lager guy than an ale guy. Ken refrained from asking for iced tea in a pub, though he did find some bottles elsewhere. Mike, who was “designated driver” most of the trip, made do with non alcoholic beer, the variety of which turned out to be remarkably good.



The Guys

All in all it was an amazing trip, with sunny weather and no major mishaps. Ken, Mike, Don and I had a great time and had many laughs along the way, especially at the expense of electric vehicles. I couldn't have asked for better travel buddies. A big thank you to Mike, who did most of the driving, eliminating considerable driving angst on my part. Would we do it again? You bet, but not driving an EV!



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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.

Oct.			
3-6	Hershey AACA Fall Nationals	TUE-FRIDAY	http://hershey.aaca.com/eastern-division-fall-meet/
5-8	SVRA SpeedTour & Trans-Am, Virginia International Raceway	SUNDAY	http://virnow.com/
7	Hagerty Cars and Caffeine at VIR	SATURDAY	https://speedtour.net/st/?lib=product&pid=675&cat=11
7	SVBCC British Car Festival - Waynesboro, VA	SATURDAY	www.svbcc.net
8	Hunt Country Classic - Middleburg, VA	SUNDAY	www.mgcarclubdc.com
12	RTR Monthly Meeting - David Renn's House - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	Tim Thacker 804-502-3532
14	Cars & Coffee Richmond - Stony Pt. Fashion Park - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	www.carsandcoffeerichmond.com
14	CVBCC Woodside Farms Car Display, Glen Allen, VA	SATURDAY	Jim Godwin jimgodwin7@gmail.com
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28	Cars & Coffee Richmond - Stony Pt. Fashion Park - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	www.carsandcoffeerichmond.com
Nov.			
3-5	Hilton Head Island Concours, SC	THUR-SUN	www.hhconcours.com
4-5	British Cars at Richmond Highland Games - Dorey Park	SAT-SUN	www.vacelticfestival.com
4	British Cars at Battersea - Petersburg - 1 to 4 p.m.	SATURDAY	804-732-9882
5	RTR London to Brighton Drive	SUNDAY	Mike Roe 804-774-1750
9	RTR Monthly Meeting - Richmond Top Golf - 7 p.m.	THURSDAY	https://topgolf.com/us/richmond/
11	Cars & Coffee Richmond - Stony Pt. Fashion Park - 8 to 10 a.m.	SATURDAY	www.carsandcoffeerichmond.com
17-19	Coastal Virginia Auto Show - Virginia Beach	FRI-SUN	https://cvautoshow.com/
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