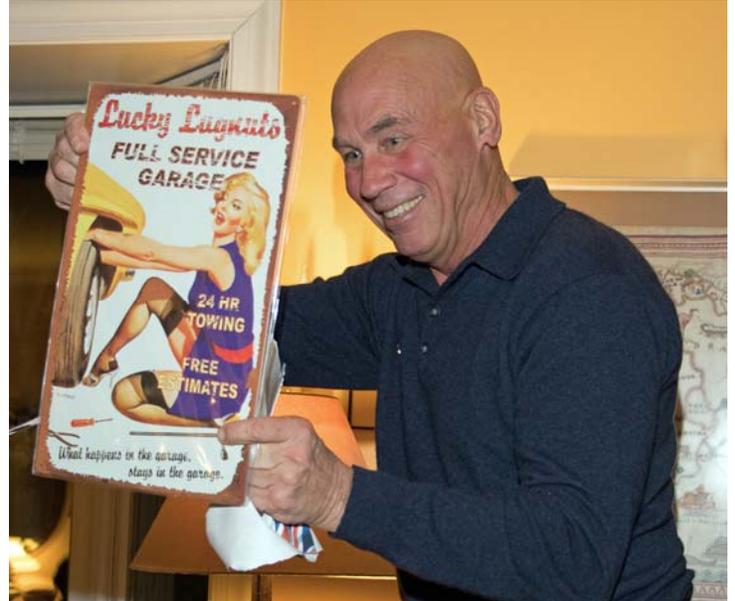




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Scenes from the 2016 CTR Holiday Party. Top left: Nancy Mitchell, Loretta Metcalf, and Ho Yong Oertwig. Bottom left: Sharon Edelstein, Sheila Skipper, and John Buescher. Bottom right: René Burcksen, Tom Burke, and David Dougherty. Top Right: Bob Fox showing off his pick from the gift exchange.

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From the President

By Stephen Oertwig

CTR serves up hot breakfast to kick off winter events

2017 promises to be a busy year for Capital Triumph Register members. Even though January started out cold, CTR members shared hot coffee and tea over breakfast January 9.

A tableful of members gathered at Primo's in Alexandria to share stories about their Triumphs and other projects. Art Fournier planned the inaugural breakfast meeting that drew members from across CTR territory. Despite the cold weather and salt on the roads, everyone came with stories to share. We'll have another breakfast gathering soon.

Driving a Triumph was not a requirement for the breakfast. In fact, many people's cars were undergoing maintenance. Jim Moscardini is working over his convertible GT6 and showed off a hub puller for Spitfires and GT6s. It is a special tool, and is required to do the job correctly.

J.P. Puckett showed off photos of his recent garage addition. The garage is insulated so J.P. can work on his TR3 without freezing. Having a good place to work on Triumphs is high on everyone's list. That includes talk of lifts to improve maintenance and to have room to park two cars in the space of one.

Winter gives us some slack to catch up on maintenance and improvements — as long as Mother Nature cooperates. Andrew McGinley is rewiring his TR250 and had planned to host a Get Your Hands Dirty (GYHD) session January 14, but the threat of freezing rain prompted a rescheduling.

There are many nondriving events planned during winter. We have the kickoff meeting for Britain on the Green January 21, the awards brunch January 22, and a joint gathering with the Delaware Valley Triumph members February 25 to tour the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum and eat Philly cheesesteaks.

There is administrative work ongoing to improve CTR. Rich Smalling is investigating an online membership payment system. Presently, processing of new members and renewals is done through cash or check. Many clubs use PayPal or something similar to take care of the handling of funds. This will be a great improvement for CTR members when implemented. Stay tuned for other tweaks on the membership side.

Capital Triumph Register is all about its members and helping them enjoy Triumphs. While we are always looking to bring in new members, it is important to meet the expectations of current members. Driving events are family affairs as are social gatherings. We had a great turnout for the holiday party at Tom and Mary Burke's house. It takes a lot of work to host a house

full of people, and I appreciate greatly Tom's and Mary's hospitality and good cheer.

There are Triumphs in CTR's territory that belong to people who are not CTR members. Maybe they don't know there is a Vintage Triumph Register chapter for Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. It could be he or she just bought a Triumph, and doesn't know there is a support network. We have save-the-date cards for Britain on the Green. Maybe we need a prospective member card to hand out to the wayward Triumph owners and want to be owners. Britain on the Green, scheduled Sunday, April 30, is a great place to see perspective members and tell them the benefits of CTR membership.

The Vintage Triumph Register hinted at a membership drive for 2017. That is good news for CTR members who are not VTR members. VTR's national convention is August 16-20 in Princeton, New Jersey. Princeton is about three hours drive from Washington, D.C., and an incentive for CTR members to attend. The caveat is that one must be a VTR member to attend the convention. This is expected to be one of the best attended conventions, and the hotel is filling up. More information is at <http://vtr2017.org/>

VTR honored our editor of *The Standard*, Art Fournier, at the 2016 VTR convention. VTR named *The Standard* as one of six exceptional VTR chapter newsletters. Congratulations, Art, and thank you.

I plan to drive the 2000 to the convention. Lots of work to do before August. I want to fit the leather dash cover to hide the cracked dash, install an oil pressure gauge, put on rear suspension adjusters and, if time and money permit, fit an air conditioner. Winter doesn't last long enough to get this all finished, but as long as the garage doesn't get too cold, I can make some progress. I also need to fit into the schedule unbolting the Herald body from the frame so the frame can be repaired. That may be a project for a GYHD.

New Year's Day was perfect to hit the roads before the sand and salt hits the roads. I had the New Zealand 2000 out for photos. I plan to drive the 2000 from the land down under often. It has some rust, so the sand and salt are not a concern. As long as it starts, I am going to drive on and drive often.



CTR Happenings

Membership Secretary Change

Due to Mark Shlien's move to Florida and competing priorities with work and Britain on the Green sponsorship, he has decided to relinquish his long-held duties as CTR membership secretary. For the interim, Art Fournier will pick up this job from Mark. Note the membership address change on page 19. CTR owes Mark a huge thank you for his service as membership secretary for so many years!

Winter Events

CTR's winter schedule has filled in to include several events that were not previously on the calendar.

In January, the Britain on the Green Kick Off meeting is planned for the 21st at Gunston Hall and the annual CTR Awards Brunch will be held on the 22nd at Chad's in Friendship Heights in Northwest DC near the Maryland line. On January 28th, Andrew McGinley will host a Get Your Hands Dirty (GYHD) session to work on his TR250's wiring harness.

In February, we are planning our annual trip to the Washington Auto show for Friday the 3rd and on the 5th, Matt Schipani will host a GYHD session to clear out the garage at his former home. Our annual Winter luncheon will be on the 12th at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. On the 25th, we plan to attend the "Best of Britain" show at the Simeone Museum near Philadelphia.

In March, JP Puckett is planning to host a GYHD session on the 25th in his garage in Ashburn, Virginia, to see what needs to be done to get one of his TR3As roadworthy. And on the 26th, we will have another breakfast get together. Details on these winter events may be found in this issue of *The Standard*.

In March or April, we will schedule a tech session at London Auto in Falls Church. Our more-or-less annual George Washington Parkway Run will take place in April. And, of course, our big event for April will be our 20th annual Britain on the Green British car and motorcycle show at Gunston Hall in Lorton.

We are always looking for opportunities for other events, including additional drives, tech and social sessions, and GYHD projects. Speaking of which, if you have a project that requires a little help or expertise, consider hosting a GYHD. And if you just need a helping hand or bit of advice rather than a full blown GYHD, contact one of the board members or ask on our Facebook page.

CTR Membership Dues Change

The Capital Triumph Register's Executive Steering Board (ESB) approved a dues increase effective January 1, 2017. Rising postal and printing costs have made the cost of providing the printed newsletter to some members significantly more costly than their actual annual membership fees. In effect, the cost of providing the printed and mailed version to those members is being subsidized by the members who choose the email version. So, in fairness to everyone (and rather than just discontinue the print version), it was decided to set up a two-tier membership plan, so those who prefer the printed and mailed newsletter can still receive it while the printing and mailing costs are distributed more equitably.

It was voted that a \$5 per year increase would only apply to those who elect to receive the newsletter in paper (hard copy)

format. The new rates are: \$25 for electronic newsletter and \$30 for paper newsletter for one year memberships and \$40 for electronic newsletter and \$50 for paper newsletter for two year memberships.

The increase is to encourage members to receive the newsletter in electronic format since the printing and postage cost for paper newsletters is about \$3 per issue mailed which equates to as much as \$36 for 12 issues.

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Thank you!

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CTR Night - Friday, February 3

The Washington Auto Show at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center will run from January 27th through February 5th, 2017. This year CTR will attend on Friday, February 3rd, to take advantage of the show's longer hours that evening.

Current plans are to meet at 6:00 PM at the High Velocity Sports Bar, located across from the Convention Center at 9th and L Streets, NW, in the Marriott Marquis Hotel. Stop by the Auto Show at any time, then join your car-loving friends from CTR at 6:00 for dinner. When you respond to the invite be sure to specify if you're going to rendezvous with the CTR gang and join us for dinner.

If you take Metro, use the Mt. Vernon Square/Convention Center Station on the Yellow and Green lines.

There won't be any new models from Triumph, but it is a great opportunity to check out the latest offerings from the world's auto makers. Come on by to slam a few doors, kick a few tires, and share opinions, but wear comfortable shoes; the DC Convention Center is huge!

For more information on the Auto Show, check out their website: <http://www.washingtonautoshow.com/>

CTR

Awards Brunch

January 22nd

Looking for a break from the gloom and cold of Washington's winter? If so, you'll want to come out to the warm and friendly confines of Chads Friendship Heights on January 22nd for CTR's Annual Awards Brunch. Each year we gather in January to recognize the participation and contributions of CTR members during the preceding year. A lot of time and hard work goes into planning and organizing, conducting events, publishing this newsletter, putting on Britain on the Green, and all of the other tasks large and small associated with a successful club like ours. So it's important to take time to recognize all the members who support the Capital Triumph Register with their attendance and participation in all of the above.

The Awards Brunch also serves as CTR's annual business meeting. While 2017 is not an election year for CTR — we've all had enough of election campaigns recently — it is an opportunity to bring forward recommendations for the club to consider.

If you have recommended topics, please bring them to the attention of the president or one of the other Executive Steering Board members.

The Awards Brunch is also a great way to keep in touch during the months where we are not as busy with driving events. So plan to join us at Chads Friendship Heights on January 22nd beginning at 11 a.m. Chads is conveniently located at 5247 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20015. This is just inside the District line at Wisconsin Avenue and Jenifer Street. It is also directly across Wisconsin Avenue from the Friendship Heights Metro stop on the Red Line, a convenient option in the event of inclement weather. If you drive, keep in mind that the ample metered street parking is all free on Sundays. For more info on Chad's please go to www.chadsdc.com.

Please plan to join us for great food and good fun as we recognize the noteworthy efforts that made 2016 one of CTR's best yet!

Look for the invite. See you there!

Hagerty Youth

Judging Program

at Britain on the Green

RJ Fortwengler

As I hope you know the 20th Annual Britain on the Green at historic Gunston Hall is fast approaching on April 30th. Excitement is already building for this milestone BOG, and we are happy to announce that the Hagerty Youth Judging Program will be joining the show!

The Capital Triumph Register is pleased that BOG is to be among the elite shows hosting the signature Hagerty Youth Judging Program, which is designed to give youth ages 6-14 years old the opportunity to interact with classic car owners and their special automobiles, while learning about the vehicles and the basics of judging. We often wonder where the next generation of car lovers is coming from and we hope this program will help to spark the passion for the car hobby that we all want to share with our youth.

The Young Judges will evaluate up to five cars on the BOG show field and, at the end, will present awards to their chosen place finishers. The program is free and lasts about 90 minutes.

Do you know a child who likes cars and wants a chance to learn more about some really cool classic British cars? We are looking for fifteen excited 6-14 year olds to take part as official judges. Signups are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information and to register a Young Judge, contact your Hagerty Youth Co-Coordinators RJ Fortwengler and Sheila Skipper at skipper5@yahoo.com.

Hurry.....space is limited!

Get Your Hands Dirty Sessions

CTR has three GYHD sessions planned in the next few months. As a reminder, if there's a project you need help on, let us know and we can set one up for you.

TR250 Wiring Harness January 28th

Please join us for a Get Your Hands Dirty event to install a wiring harness in a Triumph TR250. Snacks and beverages will be provided in the morning and lunch will be served at mid-day.

Host: Andrew McGinley (phone 703-796-6675, email asm@spiritui.com)

Location: 35951 Paxson Rd., Purcellville, VA 20132 (note: last 1/2 mile is a gravel road)

Date/Time: Saturday, January 28, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (In case of inclement weather, the GYHD event will be rescheduled)

Please RSVP to the invite or to Andrew by Thursday, January 26 so that a head count can be determined for food planning.

This will be a great opportunity to learn about wiring harnesses, as well as help a fellow club member.

Please contact Andrew if you have questions.

Garage Cleanout February 5th

Please join me at my former residence for a garage clean up and sale event. I am vacating the garage and everything must go. I need some help with cleanup and also to pass on my collection of extra parts and tools that have accumulated over the years. During the restoration of my GT6 many years ago I amassed quite a few extra parts that I have no need for as well as some tools and equipment that are either duplicate, triplicate, or just plain old and not needed. Everything left will be for sale to the first approaching with a reasonable offer - first come first serve.

Items include some shelving, workbench items, spring compressor, flaring tool, GT6/Spit bumpers, bell housing, gaskets, carb parts, so forth and so on.

Date/Time: Saturday, February 5. Please arrive at 9:30 AM. Coffee and donuts will be on hand.

Host: Matt Schipani (phone 571-275-3800, email matt@ashburnsoftware.com)

Location: 12205 Meadowstream Court, Herndon, VA 20170

I was planning on keeping and moving my 4 post lift, but I have access to another lift where I am going and am entertaining reasonable offers on the lift that include the purchaser breaking it down and taking it away on their own. I will be happy to help. It would not have to be removed before February 25. The lift is a BendPak HD9-ST which is the perfect size for TRs and most other vehicles. It lifts up to 9000 pounds and fits well in garages with at least 18' of front to back space and a minimum of 10' ceilings.

TR3A on the Road March 25th

Help go over a TR3A to determine what needs to be done to get it back on the road.

Date: Saturday, March 25

Host: John Puckett (phone 301-395-6566, email tr3aguy@verizon.net)

Location: 42977 Bonnieblue Court, Ashburn, VA 20147

Look for more on this session in next month's newsletter.

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Winter Luncheon

February 12th

Tom Burke



In the interest of staying with a nice meal with nice friends at a nice place, this year's Winter Luncheon will convene, once again, in the warm and congenial halls of The Irish Inn at Glen Echo. The event will take place on Sunday, February 12th starting at 12 noon, so, it's like a two-fer, in that you can also count it as a Valentine's Day date (at least, I will).

The Irish Inn at Glen Echo is located just past the old Glen Echo Amusement Park off MacArthur Boulevard at 6119 Tulane Avenue, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Their phone number is 301-229-6600. An evite has been sent out. So please RSVP ASAP so we can give them a proper head count. Y'all may recall that the year before last, the luncheon was eaten by a 12 inch snowstorm that drove off all but a few hearty, and hungry, participants, while last year's gathering was almost top-down weather, so, that's February in the DMV for ya. In the event of a sketchy weather forecast, be on the lookout for an evite update that will reschedule or cancel the event.

The Prix Fixe buffet will offer:

- ◆ Shepherd's Pie with Potato Chive Crust
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- ◆ Choice of Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, and Seasonal Vegetables
- ◆ Dessert Cookies and Pastries

Cost will be \$31.00 per person including taxes and tip, collected at the door. Buy your drinks at the bar.

Contact Tom Burke at 703-354-1361 or tburke4@aol.com with any questions.

Simeone Foundation Museum Visit

February 25th

Stephen Oertwig



Capital Triumph Register members will again join Delaware Valley Triumphs members to tour the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum at 10:30 a.m. on February 25 then lunch on cheesesteaks after the tour.

Highlights of the Simeone Museum visit will include a "Best of Britain" show of historic AC cars assembled from across the United States and a "demo day British Beauty Contest" featuring classic cars from England. Featured Cars at the indoor event will include a Squire Roadster, Jaguar SS 100, Bentley Van Vooren Streamliner, Jaguar C-Type, Jaguar D-Type, and Aston Martin DBR1.

Museum admission is \$12 per person. The address is 6825 Norwitch Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19153. Website is <http://www.simeonemuseum.org>

An evite with details on carpooling options will be emailed in February. Driving time to the museum from Washington, D.C., is about 2.5 hours.

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Premier CTR Breakfast January 8th



The area had received anything from a dusting to nine inches of snow the day before. The temperatures were ridiculously cold for the Washington area, so cold that starter motors would barely crank. The event had been conceived and planned at the last minute. But 15 stalwart CTR members overcame these challenges and showed up for CTR's first breakfast get together. There was no agenda, just the opportunity to visit, talk cars, complain about the weather, and enjoy each other's company. No one drove Triumphs. Perish the thought. Their daily drivers were salt encrusted; imagine what that would have done to a Triumph!

On hand were Patrick Carter, Jay Christopher, Don and Dawn Clarke, RJ Fortwengler, Art Fournier, Bob Fox, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, Lionel Mitchell, Jim Moscardini, Stephen Oertwig, John Puckett, Walt Seedlock, and Stetson Tinkham.

There was even a mini tech session of sorts. Jim Moscardini brought two Spitfire/GT6 hub pullers for "show and tell" and explained how easily they aided disassembly of the rear axles of



his GT6 when used with a 3/4" impact wrench. (Shades of Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor and his Binford Tools "More Power" mantra.)

We plan to make these breakfast sessions regular CTR events. The next is planned for 9:00 AM on Sunday, March 26th. Once again we'll meet at Primo Family Restaurant at 1636 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22307. Look for an evite as we get closer or contact Art Fournier (phone 410-535-0690 or email artfournier@comcast.net) for additional details. Who knows, it may even be warm enough to bring out a Triumph.

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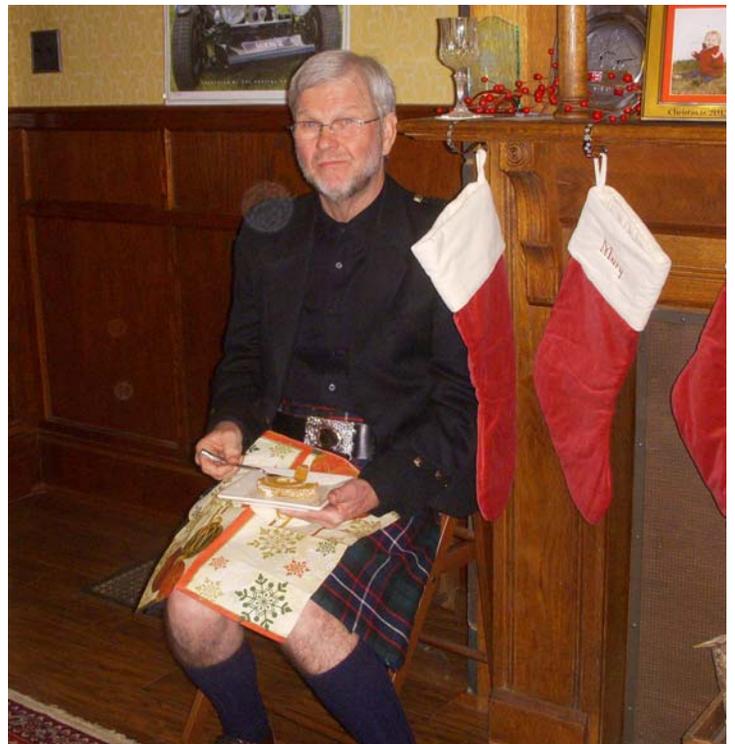
Capital Triumph Register Holiday Party December 11th

December marks the passing of another year for CTR. The days are short and cold; most of our Triumphs are put away until spring. It's a time when we gather together to celebrate the good times of the past year and look ahead to even better times yet to come. On December 11th, over 30 of us gathered together at the Laytonsville, Maryland, home of Tom and Mary Burke to celebrate the holidays and each other. Holiday sweaters, old friends and new, good food, reminiscences, camaraderie, and much laughter abounded as afternoon grew into evening. And as the day grew later, we marked it with our annual gift exchange. The gifts are tamer now: no Union Jack bikini underwear or old TR6 pistons cut in half and made into candle holders. But if we're a more mature group, we have no less fun than we've had in the many, many times we've gathered to mark the passing of the seasons.

A huge CTR thank you goes to Tom and Mary Burke for opening their home to us. Hosting a party is always a huge amount of work, but there was a benefit in it for Mary: the pressure was on Tom to finish the dining room renovation that had been languishing while he tinkered in the garage on his TR8 or their son's Alfa Romeo. And thanks to all of you who brought food to share. But most of all, thank you all for attending and sharing your holidays with your CTR family!









Who's Who in the CTR Holiday Photos



Page 8: Top left: Joanne Wilkins, Sara Buescher, and Nancy Mitchell; Top right: Bob Fox, Art Fournier, and Beverly and David Dougherty who are returning a cap that belongs to Bob which David accidentally borrowed during the 2015 Holiday Party at Bob's house; Center right: John Buescher and Bruce Hislop; Bottom right: Joanne Wilkins and Camellia Blackwell.

Page 9: Top left: Paul and Sharon Edelstein, and Sheila Skipper; Center left: Sherman Taffel, Camellia Blackwell, and Bruce Hislop; Bottom left: Don Clarke and Michael Harris; Top right: Bruce Metcalf; Center right: John Buescher, Ben and Susan Pontano, and Mary Burke; Bottom Right: Sheila Skipper, Ho Yong Oertwig, Dawn and Don Clarke, and Susan Pontano.

Page 10: Top left: Ben Pontano and Glenn Minucci; Center left: Dawn and Don Clarke; Bottom left: Paul Edelstein and Rich Wilkins; Top right: John Buescher and Tom Burke; Center right: Lionel Mitchell; Bottom right: Rich Wilkins, and David and Beverly Dougherty.

Page 11: Top left: Stephen Oertwig without his camera; Center left: Sara Buescher, Bruce Metcalf, and Michael Harris; Bottom left: Sherman Taffel and Glenn Minucci; Top right: RJ Fortwengler.

EVENTS

All listings including “*CTR*” are events for which club participation points will be awarded.

- Jan 21 - Britain on the Green Kick Off Meeting at Gunston Hall
- Jan 22 - CTR Awards Brunch at Chad’s *CTR*
- Jan 27-Feb 5 - Washington DC Auto Show
- Jan 28 - TR250 Wiring Harness GYHD, Purcellville, VA *CTR*
- Feb 3 - CTR Night at the Washington Auto Show *CTR*
- Feb 5 - Garage Clean Out GYHD, Herndon, VA *CTR*
- Feb 10 - Deadline for the February issue of *The Standard*
- Feb 12 - CTR Winter Lunch at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo *CTR*
- Feb 25 - Visit to Simeone Museum “Best of Britain” Show *CTR*
- Mar or Apr TBD - Tech Session *CTR*
- Mar 10 - Deadline for the March issue of *The Standard*
- Mar 14 - CTR Executive Steering Board Meeting, Arlington, VA
- Mar 25 - TR3 Get Your Hands Dirty at JP Puckett’s *CTR*
- Mar 26 - CTR Breakfast, Alexandria, VA *CTR*
- Apr TBD - GW Parkway Run *CTR*
- Apr 14 - Deadline for the April issue of *The Standard*
- Apr 22 - Williamsburg British and European Car Show
- Apr 26 - Britain on the Green “Stuffing Party”
- Apr 29 - Britain on the Green Set Up at Gunston Hall
- Apr 30 - Britain on the Green at Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA *CTR*

*** Much More to Come ***

Keep up to date on CTR events by visiting our on-line calendar: <http://capitaltriumphregister.com/events/> for details, updates, changes, and additions.



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We have our CTR club logo and the BOG logo on-file with Fourth Gear under the British Car Club Logo Gallery. These logos can be embroidered on the different items. Items such as polo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, caps, patches, and tool bags, among other products, can be selected under the On-line Shopping link. Enter the logo code (CL003 for CTR or CL027 for BOG) as part of the item description and then check out as with any on-line web site. Ordering instructions are given on the home page. Embroidered items can be ordered in any quantity.

We have moved away from having to manage club regalia inventory. Having a supplier such as Fourth Gear allows us to have a source where members can order regalia on-demand.

When exploring the Fourth Gear web site, you'll also notice that they have other logo galleries for Triumph and other British cars as well as British marque logos. You could custom-design you own merchandise with more than one logo. Ralph at Fourth Gear is very amenable to custom orders both in terms of the logos as well as products not show on the web

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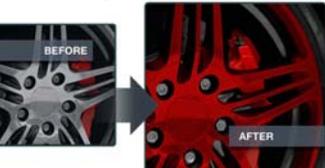
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VTR National Convention 2016

Dennis Eckhout

Let's Go!

It's not very often a VTR National Convention lands close to home. This year's event was at the Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma, a mere three hours away. Lake Texoma gets its name from the fact that – wait for it – it's half in Texas and half in Oklahoma. By scheduling the convention for early October, the Red River Triumph Club avoided the blistering heat of Texas summers. But it was a week before fall break and LuAnne would have to work. I could survive on my own for a couple of days, but it sure wouldn't be as much fun as Valley Forge in 2007.

I registered my white TR6 for the Concours, but had numerous unfinished side jobs from changing out the clutch. I decided to take my red car instead and enter it in the Participants Choice category. With the VTO wheels I got last Christmas, a fresh buff and wax, and under-hood detailing, it looked darn good. Driving to Tanglewood was a combination of interstate and back roads.



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The emergency GPS I stashed in a side-pocket came in handy when I missed a turn-off and the road eventually turned to dirt. Good thing it wasn't dark.

After getting a late start Wednesday, the day's events were well-underway when I arrived. I checked into the resort and headed to the vendor area. The Roadster Factory was set up, so I browsed their inventory and made a mental list of a few nice-to-have items. Charles is always a pleasure to talk to, but the long hair and beard were quite a change from the last time I saw him. His son Simon was tending the exhibit and offered a complimentary Summer Party t-shirt with my purchase of a couple of new side-marker lenses and a Pertronix ignition.

Thursday was the autocross, which I generally avoid simply because things can break and I depend on my car to get me home. I made a side-trip of my own to Dennison to pick up something for LuAnne at the local quilt shop. There is a small Dwight Eisenhower birthplace museum nearby, so I visited there. The evening dinner runs would qualify as driving events for show eligibility.

The Show

Friday morning, show day, arrived with heavy rain. (Think our last BOG at Woodlawn). The organizers huddled, watched the skies, and huddled some more. The decision was made to cancel the panoramic photo of all the participants and their cars. Around ten-o'clock, the rain stopped. Heavily overcast, chilly, and still threatening, they gave the go ahead and everyone went to the show site at a nearby private airstrip. The grass airfield was solid and tolerated the pounding it took from the cars driving across it. (Not like Woodlawn).

There were eight or ten other late-TR6s in the Participants Choice category, so we lined up and hoped any further rain would hold off. While I sat with my car, one of the Concours judges stopped by, gave it a once over, and told me I should have entered it with the judged cars. Obviously, by then it was too late to change, but enough for me to start second-guessing how I registered the car. The show ended at 2:00pm, about thirty minutes before the weather broke into a warm sunny afternoon.



The Banquet

The Banquet and Awards Presentations have something for everyone. All the registrants received a "VTR Award Arc," a truly remarkable trophy, with their goody bags. This seems to be the trend now, where each attendee gets some sort of plaque as a souvenir with space to attach an award emblem later. I believe this is founded on the concept that it helps speed up the presentation process. All they do at the banquet is have a runner bring the emblem to wherever you're seated. At that, the presentation was still scheduled for four hours.

With first through third place awards given for the Concours, Participants Choice, 22 categories of autocross, numerous rallies, plus awards for miscellaneous contests, commemorative trophies, and various speeches, the process borders on mind-numbing. Until it's your turn, that is.

After about three hours, they started announcing the car show winners. Finally, they reached Participants Choice, Late TR6. The third-place winner was announced, and it wasn't me. I thought, that's it, I'm out. But then, Second Place – Dennis Eckhout. They even said my name right. Wow. I was extremely happy how things turned out. The car that won first place, an acquaintance from Tulsa, well deserved it. The rest of our Central Oklahoma club did very well, including Best of Show, a stunning TR4 one of the members owned since new and recently restored.

I've won some local prizes before, but I don't mind saying it was thrilling to have the car I've owned for 28 years, my old driver with the Maaco paint job, place at a national event for the first time. I only wished LuAnne and a contingent of CTR members had been there to share the experience with me.

CTR Newsletter Wins National Award

The Capital Triumph Register's newsletter, *The Standard*, was recognized as one of six exceptional Vintage Triumph Register chapter newsletters at the VTR national convention in Texoma, Texas, in October 2016.

This is the seventh time CTR's newsletter has been received this award. This not be possible without the continuing support of the many CTR members who contribute articles, photographs, and their time to it. Without your help and support, CTR would not be able to maintain this high standard.



CTR president Stephen Oertwig (left) congratulates Art Fournier, editor of The Standard, for the newsletter's recognition by VTR.



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News of Members in Brief



A few of the CTR Triumphs that took advantage of the mild weather during the New Year holiday. Clockwise from above: Lionel Mitchell's maple TR6, Stephen Prior's TR7, Art Fournier's TR8 and his Spitfire, and Stephen Oertwig's New Zealand import RHD 2000 saloon



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Vintage Triumph Register National Convention August 16th - 19th

It's not often that the Vintage Triumph Register's National Convention is within easy driving distance. For example, the 2016 convention that Dennis Eckhout attended and described in his article in this issue took place in Texas. 2015's was in Wisconsin. But in 2017 we luck out; the convention will be held in Princeton, New Jersey, only a few hours from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The August 16-19 event is being hosted by Delaware Valley Triumphs and the New Jersey Triumph Association. The host clubs have already announced a preliminary schedule for the convention that includes fun and time/speed/distance rallies, a funkhana, several drive, LeMans start competition, autocross, concours and participant judging shows, tech sessions, and an awards banquet – something for every taste and skill level.

With the 2017 convention so close, there's no reason why CTR shouldn't have a strong showing, so make plans now to attend. Information, including links to the host hotel, may be found on their website: <http://vtr2017.org/>. Make the commitment now – odds are good that the national convention won't be this close to Washington again soon. But don't forget – to participate, you must be a member of our national club, the Vintage Triumph Register. Membership application information may be found on the VTR website: <http://vintagetriumphregister.org/>. Or you can simply join VTR when you register for the convention.

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Disassembly of Tom and son Thomas Burke's 1974 Alfa Romeo GTV Veloce 2000 continues with the car mounted on a rotisserie provided by Bruce Hislop

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1980 TR7 Spider convertible disassembled and ready for restoration. \$900 or first reasonable offer. Missing engine and transmission, but I have a Buick 3.8L V6 and automatic transmission I can throw in. John's Cars makes a conversion kit. I can also throw in a rotisserie. Bring a trailer to get all the assorted bits and bobs! (including original Spider rims!) Pics and additional info can be seen on Craigslist: <http://annapolis.craigslist.org/cto/5717962880.html> Contact Bruce at 410-721-9411.

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1980 Triumph TR7 for sale. Silver, approximately 134,000 miles. Extremely solid, well-running car with clean red plaid interior. New convertible top in 2014. New stainless exhaust in 2016. Asking \$4,000. (I just bought a TR8 and need to make room by selling my TR7.) Car located near Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. Contact Art Fournier at 410-535-0690 or artfour-nier@comcast.net



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