

TRIUMPH REVIEW

Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club
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PARK HERE: Jeff Branch moved the DTSC cone the easy way at the last Summer British Knights. *Recap, page 10.*



HURRY GUYS: Need to change a tire on the Little British Car Company's trailer? Where you stop to park is critical. *Page 3*

2003 CALENDAR AVAILABLE: You need one, maybe two! New format, larger pictures, what more could you ask for? *Page 11*

YEAR END PARTY: Dan Campana has again planned a fun-filled Year End Party. Get your reservations in soon. *Details, page 5*

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- 5:** Board meeting, Royal Oak
- 12:** Member Meeting, Royal Oak
- 24:** DTSC "Day at the Races," Utica



Cider and Donuts Usher in Fall

Fall tour to orchard and Frankenmuth draws 52 members!

The fifty-two of us who ignored the weatherman's call for rain in the late afternoon and made it out for the 2002 Fall Driving Tour on Sunday, October 6th were rewarded with outstanding fall weather. As we began to gather at the Barnes & Noble store in Sterling Heights, the temperature was brisk, but the sun was shining brightly. At about 11:15pm I led the parade of cars out of the lot onto Hall Road and on to the cider mill.

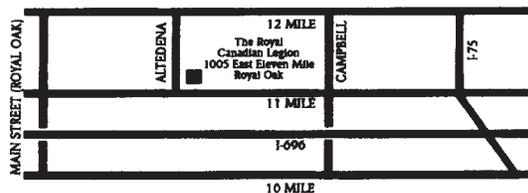
It wasn't too long until my wife Lesley radioed me to say that Alex Labarre had white smoke coming from the back of his Lotus Europa. The caravan pulled into a restaurant parking lot in Romeo to figure out what to do. Alex had pulled off the road a ways back, so a couple of members backtracked to see if they could lend a hand. They phoned to say that he was going to get the car towed to English Motors and we all should continue. What a bummer for Alex, he just picked it up from the paint shop and this was its first time out. But it sure looked good Alex!

Once again the group was on the way. Except for a short run on the Van Dyke Expressway, the route was entirely backroads. One was recently repaved and incredibly smooth. As we entered the town of Dryden, we noticed a white TR4 body shell on blocks with a huge For Sale sign on it. The guy was asking \$3,000. When my dad and I drove the route a few weeks earlier, I'd noticed the shell just sitting at a corner. Of course, I stopped to take a look. The guy who owned it said he had, "been working on it for years" and had to either sell it or get the project moving forward. I guess he thought there would be a fish amongst our group. Alan Sheets stopped to take a closer look and reported, "the only thing rust free was the door handle!" Alan's right, I saw it up close too, it was a rust bucket.

Several members met us at the cider mill, Porter's Orchard in Davisburg. The owner of the orchard gave us our own area in which to park. By the time we arrived, the place

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Above: Patty and Doug Cook and Bill and Denise Goin enjoy cider and donuts at Porter's Orchard in Davisburg during the Fall Tour to Frankenmuth.



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Regular membership meetings of the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 8:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Post 84, 1005 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan. Please see map above for location details.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings and regular meetings.

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Ideas for articles relating to club activities or of general interest to Triumph and other British car owners are welcome!

EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER	5, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	12, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	24, Sunday	DTSC Day at the Races #3	Sue Snyder & Mike Bilyk
DECEMBER	3, Tuesday	DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC
	10, Tuesday	DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion	DTSC

Heading to Nashville for a Show and a Visit to Southern Members

For our last long road trip of the 2002 driving season, several DTSCers made the 10 hour drive down to Franklin, Tennessee October 11th for the Nashville British Car Club's inaugural car show. Making the trip were Mike Bilyk - TR4; Dave and Laurie Carlson - TR250; Dave and Sue Snyder - GT6 and MGB; Larry and Sue Tomaszycy - Spitfire; and Jeff and Jan Zorn - Range Rover, with LBCarCo in tow. Although the TR4, TR250 and GT6 went on trailers, the Tomaszycy Spitfire and Snyder MGB managed to drive the entire way without incident. In fact, there was only one minor hitch in our drive down, when the LBCarCo. trailer needed to mount the spare - a few short minutes of tire changing and we hardly noticed the stop.



Posing in front of the Carnton House Plantation.

Our journey to the Nashville area began early as our group pulled out of the usual west side Meijer's lot at 6:20 am. The early departure allowed us to conveniently miss rush hour traffic in the major cities along our route. Of course, traffic in the Cincinnati area is always rush hour and Nashville was right behind with its own heavy traffic. Without too many delays, however, we arrived at our hotel in Franklin, where we were promptly joined by a couple of our long-distance members, Thom and Billie Phillips from Macon, Georgia. Once we settled in, we had plenty of time to unload and wash the LBCs for tomorrow's show. At 7:00 pm we joined most of the other pre-registered partici-

pants for a great hospitality "lunch" sponsored by the Nashville club. Shortly, after indulging in the food and beverages, most of us adjourned to our rooms to rest up -



Mike Bilyk and show organizer Mark Endicott.

or should I say recover from the drive - in anticipation of the early start to the show field on Saturday morning.

Next day, we were all up early for a quick breakfast at the hotel and then we headed on over to the Carnton Plantation, site of the show. Although temps were mild, cloudy skies, lots of dew and several previous days of rain made the field quite slick and muddy. Most of us got situated without too much mud flinging and only a bit of slippage, but the cars still picked up lots of splatter and grass. Ahh, the joys of wet weather! Before long, the clouds parted and the sun came out, warming



A beautiful and unusual 1924 Rolls Royce.

things up quite a bit, so we hauled out our canopy and prepared to enjoy the day.

All in all, there were approximately

120 cars registered, with some very interesting types that are seldom seen, including a pair of 1920s Rolls Royces and a couple of Scooter cars.

Included in our show registrations were tickets for the guided tour of the Carnton House, which proved to be quite interesting. The house served as a Confederate field hospital during the Franklin Battle - one of the bloodiest of the Civil War - and there is quite a bit of early



Parking next to a pig hauler was an extra incentive to quickly get the spare on the LBCarCo trailer.

American history associated with the area. There is also a Confederate graveyard on the grounds, which is very unusual in that all the graves are individual and marked, a real rarity for the Confederate burial sites, most of which are mass graves. After finishing the plantation tour, our group returned to the car show field to cast our votes and check out all the cars. Pretty soon, the show organizers began calling car numbers for door prizes and a couple

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Tale of the 6-Pack TRials in Ohio and a Cat's Ghost



It was an early departure from Milford on Wednesday, September 25 for Doug Cook and myself in our respective TR6s. We were bound for Granville, Ohio to attend the annual 6-Pack gathering. The Buckeye Triumph group played host to this year's gathering of owners and their six-cylinder Triumph TR6 and TR250s for the first time since the very first 6-Pack gathering, or TRials as they are known, held back in 1982.

I had not attended a 6-Pack TRials since 1989 and up to that year had attended nearly every year. (Digging around my closet for clothes for this event I discovered a true relic: an original 6-Pack tee shirt from the 1983 TRials.) Doug had never attended one. We decided rather than take a direct route that would probably be rather boring via main freeways we decided we would make a "tour" of it and see some beautiful scenery and some great roads. I grew up in Ohio and lived both in the Cleveland area and also in the eastern part of the state. So for me it was an opportunity to revisit some of my favorite roads.

Doug seemed enthusiastic about taking the tour and was certainly receptive to making the trip memorable. Shortly after departing from our homes in Milford I noticed Doug pull abruptly off Route 23 from the left lane to the center median. Seemed that Doug did not notice that the latches had not been properly fastened on his top that resulted in a 65 mph top deployment. It was thrilling for Doug and those traveling near him on the freeway but for-

tunately damage to his car was limited to some minor bending to the top frame and a small tear to the top fabric. It was going to be a fun trip and Doug was already getting into the spirit!

We made a brief stop outside Cleveland to visit a friend of mine and to see his car collection. His collection includes a 1969 TR6 he had purchased for the modest sum of \$1 from a former neighbor of mine.



This trailer, constructed from the front end of a TR6, matches the car that it's pulled by.

Over the years my friend has spent many times the purchase price in restoring the car to a very fine example of a first year TR6. Regrettably he was not able to join us.

The route I selected from *mapquest.com* was designed to be scenic as well as noteworthy. I routed us east so Doug and I could drive our Triumphs through the little town of Triumph, Ohio. Yes, there is such a place. Or rather, there *was* such a place located on Route 46 near the intersection

of Route 87 in eastern Ohio. I stumbled upon this town on a Sunday drive perhaps 30 years ago with my dad. My recollection was there were a few deserted buildings, a couple of farms and a sign welcoming travelers to Triumph. The town had gotten much smaller. In fact you could say it vanished altogether since there was no indication of its existence.

But Doug was determined to make our passing through Triumph memorable. In tribute to Triumphs everywhere his TR6 developed fuel delivery problems very close to the exact location of where the town had once been. Irony? I think not. We pulled over at the side of the road and opened the hood. Fuel was leaking from the forward carb and a strange ticking noise was coming from the fuel pump. Strange. We couldn't determine the cause of the leak and decided, with darkness approaching, to continue on to Warren, the closest city of any significance in the area. As we carried on (we were both carrying fire extinguishers) Doug's car began to run better.

Perhaps the time spent in Triumph, Ohio had some spiritual healing powers over his car.

After an overnight stay in Warren, Ohio and with Doug's car running better we rejoined my original drive route aiming toward Granville through some of the Amish areas. The roads were as good as I remember them. We arrived in Granville just after noon on Thursday, September 26,

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You're Invited

Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club's 2002 Year End Party

Saturday, January 11, 2003
6pm Social, 7pm Dinner

Best Western Sterling Inn
34911 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, Michigan

You are cordially invited to celebrate the past season and the beginning of the 2003 season at our Year End Party.

Participation Points Awards
Most Miles Driven Awards
Service to DTSC Recognition
Introduction of New Officers
Fabulous Door Prizes

Arrive early for social hour and spend a fun-filled evening with your fellow club members. There will be a cash bar and buffet style dinner featuring beef, chicken, salmon, relish tray, six different salads, vegetables, pasta and desert, coffee and tea. The Sterling Inn has an award winning chef that prides himself in serving excellent food.

\$30 per person
(DTSC has subsidized a portion of your dinner.)

Please mail your check payable to DTSC to arrive by January 5th to:

Dan Campana
19170 Ike
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810-773-5257 (before 9pm please)

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the first day for the TRials.

We checked into our respective rooms in the historic Buxton Inn. The woman at the counter explained that the Inn is reputed to be haunted by the ghosts of Major Buxton, the former owner and namesake, and a woman named Bonnie. The woman apparently had a fondness for the color blue and lavender perfume and her fragrance occasionally can be detected on the second floor of the Inn near the room where she was living when she died. The tavern, located in the basement, is reputed to be haunted by the ghost of a cat. The



This car, owned by Sam Halkas ran at Mid-Ohio earlier this year.

part of the Inn where Doug stayed was a favorite part of the Inn regularly visited by Major Buxton himself. I stayed in a third building separated from the main Inn by a narrow path. Neither Doug nor I saw anything strange but I kept my car keys near the bed and my shoes near the door.

Later that evening the remnants of Hurricane Isidore arrived with an estimated five inches of rain anticipated for Friday. Doug and I and many other Triumph owners battened down the hatches and prepared for the worse. Friday arrived with rain and plenty of it. Spirits were a little damp but activities continued unabated including simultaneous trips to a motorcycle museum and a basket weaving company. Later in the afternoon 6-Pack technical advisor Nelson Riedel led us through a brake rebuild exercise as well as an excellent seminar of rebuilding clutches with some helpful displays including a cutaway transmission for illustration.

Friday evening the 6-Pack members were invited to a cookout at the home of a local entrepreneur. Not only was the food delicious and plentiful but he opened his various garages and barns for inspection of his "toys," admittedly most of which were

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Driver Spaces Still Available!

"A Day at the Races"

All DTSC members and their immediate families are invited to join in on the fun for some exciting kart racing on Sunday, November 24th at the Kart 2 Kart facility in Sterling Heights. Driver's fee is \$15.00. All proceeds go to the Children's Home of Detroit

DTSC has reserved two hours of track time from 1PM until 3PM at the European-style indoor kart track, located at 42705 Van Dyke (M-53) just south of 19 Mile Rd. After our heart-pounding hour on the track, our afternoon will continue with awards and dinner at the Rochester Mills Brewing Company, 410 Water Street, Rochester, MI.

All karting participants need to attend the mandatory drivers' meeting at 12:15PM. At this time, drivers will sign their release forms and be fitted for safety equipment. Please feel free to arrive even earlier to take care of these routines. Required safety equipment includes collar and helmet, fire suit is optional. This equipment will be supplied by Kart 2 Kart, or drivers may use their own. Gloves are also recommended, but not provided by the track.

Don't miss the Excitement!

Kart 2 Kart
42705 Van Dyke
South of 19 Mile Rd.
810-997-8800

DTSC Track Time:
1:00 - 3:00PM
Please be prompt!

Are You Driven?

If you are participating in the "Most Driven" tally for 2002, John Uloth asks that you send your ending odometer reading to him as soon as possible.

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American. The sole British car in the collection was a '63 Jaguar E-Type roadster that had definitely seen better days. His vehicles of choice were Model T and Model A Fords although he also had a nice pair of '36 Fords, a pair of '55 Thunderbirds and a very nice '54 Ford convertible.

Saturday morning began dreary but got increasingly warmer, drier and clearer. Wash buckets and sponges were in evidence as TR6s and 250s were prepared for judging. It was hard to believe after all the rain dumped the previous day that we were adding more water to our cars. A section of the main street located between the two hotels where the 6-Pack members were staying was roped off from traffic and Triumphs were lined up and down on both sides. More than 60 Triumphs were on display, considerably more than expected and about twice the number that took part in the 2001 6-Pack TRials held in Oklahoma.

Following judging was a fun rally through some of the beautiful countryside of rural central Ohio. A Funkhana was held after the judging at the local high school. In the evening was the awards banquet where DTSC members made their presence known.

Mark and Terry Anderson took second place in the Participants Choice TR6 Late category and Mark Uhlig claimed top award in the Concours Modified category. Separately Terry Anderson took top honors in the fun rally.

Submitted by Mark Rollinson

Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club Membership Survey

This year, the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club has more than 170 members. Throughout the many events our club sponsors, we meet many of you. However, we don't get to see or talk to all of you. We realize that your car club interests are many and varied, and we seek to organize events which are beneficial and fun for you. Please take the time to complete this survey so that we, your club officers and board may better serve you. Your answers are anonymous and confidential. Thank you.
(Please return survey by December 10th – You may mail it or drop it off at a member meeting.)

PART 1 – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. Do you regularly attend DTSC monthly membership meetings? (Yes / No)
2. Have you attended a DTSC membership meeting in the last 12 months? (Yes / No)
3. How far do you live from the membership meeting location at the Royal Canadian Legion Post 84, 11 Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI?
 - A. Less than 10 miles
 - B. 10 to 24 miles
 - C. 25 to 50 miles
 - D. More than 50 miles

*Please answer questions 4-6 if you **have** attended a membership meeting in the last 12 months.*

4. Do you find the meetings beneficial? (Yes / No)
5. Does the content of the meeting suit your needs? (Yes / No)
6. What do you think of the duration of the meetings? (Too Short / Adequate / Too Long)

*Please answer questions 7-9 only if you **have not** attended a membership in the last 12 months.*

7. If you are unable to attend monthly membership meetings, what keeps you from attending?
(Please circle all that apply)
 - A. Meeting location unsuitable
 - B. Meeting time or day unsuitable
 - C. Other - Please explain:
8. If you are unable to attend, does the club's monthly newsletter, DTSC Review keep you informed about club events? (Yes / No)
9. What would you like to see at the monthly membership meetings?

PART 2 – EVENTS

10. How many British car events did you attend last year?
- A. None
 - B. 1-3
 - C. 4-6
 - D. 7-10
 - E. More than 10
11. If you attended a British car event, which event did you enjoy the most?
12. How many “other” car events (of any type) did you attend last year?
- A. None
 - B. 1-3
 - C. 4-6
 - D. 7-10
 - E. More than 10
13. Besides DTSC, do you belong to any other car clubs? (Yes / No)
If yes, please list below:
14. What types of activities would you like to see DTSC sponsor in the future?
15. How far are you willing to travel to a DTSC sponsored event?
16. Do you attend events that last multiple days? (Yes / No)
(*Example: Roadster Factory Summer Party, VTR Convention, Lighthouse Tours, etc.*)
17. What factors prevent you from attending DTSC sponsored events? (*Circle all that apply*)
- A. Timing
 - B. Cost
 - C. Lack of Interest
 - D. Distance
 - E. Other, Please explain:
18. Would you attend an event if you could not drive a British Car? (Yes / No)

PART 3 – CARS

19. How many British Cars do you currently own?
- A. None
 - B. 1
 - C. 2
 - D. 3-5
 - E. more than 5
20. If you own a British car, is at least one operable? (Yes / No)
21. If you do not have an operable British car, does this prevent you from attending DTSC sponsored events? (Yes / No)
22. Do you require assistance in getting any of your British cars operable? (Yes / No)
23. Have you ever contacted one of the DTSC vehicle consultants? (Yes / No)
24. Do you have any other special interest automobiles? (Yes / No)
If yes, please list:
25. Who usually services your British or special interest automobiles
- A. Self
 - B. Family member
 - C. Professional mechanic, please identify:
26. What started your interest in British sports cars?

PART 4 – NEWSLETTER

27. Do you read the articles in the Review? (Always / Sometimes / Never)
28. Have you ever written an article for the Review? (Yes / No)
29. What types of articles/information have you enjoyed reading in the review? (*Please circle all that apply*)
- A. Event reviews
 - B. Events calendar
 - C. Club contacts
 - D. Vintage ads
 - E. "My First Triumph" articles
 - F. Board meeting minutes
 - G. For Sale/Wanted ads
 - H. Local Supplier Ads
 - I. Other - Please Specify:
30. What type of information do you think is missing from the Review. *Please be specific.*

PART 5 – MISCELLANEOUS

31. How long have you been a member of DTSC
- A. Less than 1 Year
 - B. 1-2 Years
 - C. 3-5 Years
 - D. 6-10 Years
 - E. More than 10 Years.

32. General comments:

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Give yourself the gift of making a child's holiday season brighter!

DTSC is once again collecting Toys for Tots. Bring an unwrapped, new toy to the November or December member meetings. Toys should be in their original packaging. We'll deliver them in December to the Children's Home of Detroit.

(If you don't have time to shop, cash donations will also be accepted.)

An LBC postcard



This was taken in June, 2002, at Mid-Ohio. For the noon lap on Saturday at the Vintage Car Races, we were lucky enough to end up at the head of the line of Triumphs preparing to enter the track. Probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we were fortunate to get it captured on film!

— Carol Fingerhut



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Jeff Zorn's First Triumph, errr, Make That Zorn's First MG

Written by Jeff Zorn

Triumph? Well they are nice cars yes, but my true love has always been MGs. Starting way back in the late 1950's my cousin who was a captain in the Marines bought one when he was stationed at camp Pendelton in California. When he returned to New Jersey, he had this beautiful MGA that I dreamed about as a child. My goal was to have one just like my cousin Sandy's. We were living in Michigan by this time, so I was only able to see the car when we went back east to visit our family. Years later, when I was able to drive Sandy would

let me take the car to visit friends. Somehow I must have learned to drive a manual transmission with this car, but I don't recall how.



Jeff Zorn's 1968 Mineral Blue MGB runs a Gymkhana course in 1970.

Forward to 1968, I was 20 years old and still had the love for MG's. I had a job and some money. I decided I

would get my first *new* car (my first car was actually a 1959 Morris Minor that I purchased in Ann Arbor for \$40 and used for about a year until I had to pay someone \$35 to tow it away) which was a brand new Mineral Blue MGB Roadster. Emmie (yes that was her name, just like my current MG's) and I shared lots of time together. We used to go on Road Rallies and Gymkhanas almost every weekend, in fact I still have a trophy from the Detroit Triumph Club from 1969.

In late 1969 Emmie and I moved to St. Louis and we drove back to Detroit at least once a month to visit.

When I first got married in 1971 I took Emmie on our honeymoon to Montreal. My wife and I did lots of shopping at the wonderful underground mall there and I remember when it was



time to head home the bell hop brought our luggage and packages down to the lobby. When he took it outside to load it into the MGB all he could say was, "you are going to put all this into that?"

Later in 1971, we took Emmie on a long road trip to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia and the Cabot Trail. What a joy it was driving the MGB on the wonderful roads in Canada, it was a trip I will never forget. Emmie was my pride and joy for four years until I had to get something a little more practical that started in the rain and cold weather. Of course, like the rest of us who had an LBC in our earlier years, I still wish I had kept her. It was another 23 years before I was able to finally get an MGA (EmmieA) and another year before I was able to get my present 1971 EmmieB. Between Jan and I we now have six British cars, so we both must be crazy!

Nashville British Car Club Show

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of our members picked up some nice hats and such. The DTSC contingent was also rewarded for traveling the longest distance to the show, with each person receiving a Nashville British Car Club T-shirt.

Awards were presented right on schedule at 4:00 pm and the club cars did pretty well, with Mike Bilyk's TR4 taking a third in the TR4/TR250 class, while the Carlson's TR250 was second. The GT6 placed first in the Spitfire/GT6 class and the MGB also took a first in its group. We were also pleased to see an ex-DTSC car, Terry Walter's old TR6, take a first in the TR6 class. Best in show was a really pretty Astin Martin DB4. After awards were all presented, we packed up all our gear to head back to the hotel and relax a bit before dinner. Georgia members Thom and Billie Phillips suggested a local restaurant where they had dined the previous day, so our plans were set. I must say, the Phillips' recommendation was great, as we all had wonderful meals and at a very reasonable price. After dinner, it was back to the hotel to load cars and prepare for an early start home next day. Of course, we still kept to

DTSC tradition with our usual parking lot party!

On the road early Sunday morning, our group began the long drive back to Michigan. Things went really well until we decided to stop for lunch near Cincinnati. Some confusion on the CBs and some really bizarre roadways had everyone but the Tomaszycis (who had stopped one exit earlier for a pit stop) back on I-75 heading the wrong way. What a mess! We again exited and got ourselves turned around and headed north. We decided to bypass our intended lunch stop and instead drove on to a really good barbecue joint suggested by the Zorns. Unfortunately, in all the confusion, we lost Larry and Sue in the Spitfire. After a short lunch break, we were back on the road. An hour or so later, we were amazed to have the Tomaszycis pull up from behind and rejoin our caravan! We were sure they would be long ahead of us. Timing is everything! The rest of our drive was, thankfully, incident free and we arrived in the Detroit area around 6:30. We all agreed this had been a pretty good adventure and a nice change of pace show.

Written by Sue Snyder



Fall Tour: British Cars, Cider and Donuts, and Chicken

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was hopping and we were able to just take cider and donuts as we needed them, keeping track of what we bought. It worked out great because we didn't all have to wait in line to buy cider. We had a couple of portable tables set up to hold an endless supply of cider and donuts. The conversation of course centered on little British cars. And little Italian cars, courtesy of James "Woody" Woodson, the president of the Detroit Fiat Club, who came along as a guest of the Watches with his wife Leela. Stu and Joan Ehrhardt came in their TR-Suburban with their three daughters in tow. It was big fun watching Hannah

weave through the grown-ups with powdered-sugar donuts in each hand. After we ate nine gallons of cider and 12 dozen donuts it was off the Frankenmuth for, what else, chicken!

Upon arriving in Frankenmuth, the group split up to shop for about an hour. Some went to clothing stores, some to toy stores and some just walked the town. After a time, we reconvened at Zehnder's where we were immediately seated for dinner. Most made a bee line for the all-you-can-eat buffet. The food was excellent, the company was terrific! After dinner, some stopped at Bronner's Christmas store and others made their way home. Apart from Alex's incident, everyone's British car was up to the task and performed as expected.

Lesley and I thank everyone who came out; each of you made it a big success!

Written by Blake J. Discher



Hannah Ehrhardt looks suspiciously at the photographer as she enjoys a donut at Porter's Orchard in Davisburg.



Charles and Carol Lambert in front of their white TR6 in Frankenmuth on the Fall Tour



Jack Fuller and Chris Holbrook look over Wayne "Dr. Mini" Larose's hot-pink Mini.



The Calkins arrived with their top down. Winter jackets and layered clothing helped!

Final Summer British Knights Chilly

What a difference a day makes! Tuesday October 15th was as pretty a Fall day as you could ask for with mild temps in the low 70s and lots of glorious sunshine. It was the perfect day for washing LBCs in preparation for the last Summer British Knights cruise-in of the 2002 season at our Eastside spot, Bravo restaurant in Roseville. Wednesday - cruise day - ,on the other hand was a completely different story, with highs only in the low 50s and sun and clouds about 50/50. To make things even cooler, there was a steady wind from the west. Well, at least our dry streak continued as we had no rain.

Not to be stopped by a bit of cool weather, a number of DTSC members and friends made the scene at Bravo's. Braving the cool evening were 22 intrepid souls and 11 British cars, including Mike Bilyk - Jag XK8, Steve & Peg "Claus" Calkins - TR3 (top down!) Dave & Laurie Carlson, Roger Cotting, Blake Discher - newly purchased TR2000, Dave & Maureen Jonker - Jensen, Ken Pardonnet, Mike & Sharon Simon - TR4A, Dave & Sue Snyder - GT6 & MGB, Larry Tomaszycski - Spitfire, John & Carol Uloth, and Jeff & Jan Zorn - new Mini "Pearl!" The DTSC cars were also joined by a pair of MGBs and a Sunbeam from local clubs.

We didn't spend the whole evening

outside as usual, however, with temps dropping rapidly once the sun was down, but we still managed to get in some good tire kicking and every one had a good look at Blake's new car. Really a good deal as it has the workhorse 2 litre six and runs like a champ. After giving the 2000 a good once over, we moved inside to enjoy the great food and hospitality of Bravo. It was nice to get out of the wind, and a cup of hot soup really warmed one up.

Our 2002 season of seven Summer British Knights cruise-ins proved to be a success, with large groups attending at both the Eastside and Westside locations. We are thankful for the hospitality of both Bravo Italian Restaurant in Roseville and the Local Color Brewing Company in Novi. Both establishments treated our group like royalty, with excellent food and service, and we are always appreciative of that. Event organizers have already arranged for the 2003 SBK season with another seven cruise-ins scheduled at the same two locations, and on the same third Wednesday of the month. The series will begin April 16, 2003 at the Westside location - Local Color. We are looking forward to another great series of cruises.

Written by Sue Snyder

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members!

David Carlson
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 1960 TR3 Red



Stan and Carol Fingerhut's 1972 Spitfire MkIV

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Carol Fingerhut
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 1972 TR Spitfire Mark IV Green
 1969 TR GT6+ Burgundy
 1960 Austin Healey Sprite White

Robert Owsinski
Mary Sparks
 26977 Rochelle
 Dearborn Hgts. MI 48127
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 rmo@virtualgrp.com
 1976 Spitfire blue



Robert Owsinski's 1976 Spitfire

Kathy Zachel
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October 1st Board Meeting Summary

Attendance: Pat Barber, Tamara Barber, Dave Carlson, Laurie Carlson, Dan Campana, Blake Discher, Ken Pardonnet, Mike Simon, Dave Snyder, Sue Snyder, Larry Tomaszycski, John Uloth, and Jim Watch.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Dave Jonker reported in a note there are 158 members.

Most Driven: John Uloth requested a notice be put in the Review.

Participation Points: Roger Cotting will bring a corrected summary to the member meeting.

Treasury: Member information only, direct inquiries to Dave Carlson.

Web site: Pat brought up the idea of buying the rights to the name "Battle of the Brits." This will allow us to protect the name in future web-based applications.

Recent Activities:

- Sept. 8: We had a record number of entries for the *Battle of the Brits*. The weather was great and the new parking set up worked well. There was, however, a shortage of supplies due to the unexpected number of walk-in registrants. Board members received a balance sheet of income/expenses showing a profit of \$1,185.03. Sue thanked everyone for their assistance.
- Sept. 13-15: Some DTSC members were able to make it to the Bronte Park show. As usual, a huge number of unusual British vehicles were present.
- Sept. 18: Another Summer British Knights. The 26 cars in attendance were given a beautiful night to enjoy outdoor socializing.
- Sept. 27: Some members attended a fund raiser for the Leukemia Society, brought to the clubs attention by Maureen Jonker.

Upcoming Activities: Information elsewhere in this issue.

Old Business:

- Pat Barber informed the board that he was unable to secure the Yacht Club for the year end party. Dan Campana gave the board his researched locations along with their costs and menu considerations. It was voted to have the party at the Sterling Inn at 15 Mile and Van Dyke. Information on the party will be in next *Review*.
- We will continue to accept nominations for the election of officers. Tentative candidates are Tamara Barber, secretary; Dave Carlson, treasurer; Jim Watch, vice-president; Pat Barber, president. It would be nice to get more names on the ballot.
- We'll decide the winner of this years "Hard Luck Award" at the December meeting.
- We still need Tony Award nominees. Please give any deserving member names to Mike Simon.
- The 2003 Calendars are now available for purchase. These are larger than previous years and even better. The purchase price is \$7 each or \$12 for two.
- Remember to bring any unwrapped toy donations to the December meeting.
- The Membership Survey is ready for release in the next *Review*. We hope to receive quality feedback from our members.

New Business:

- It was suggested that we have a new cruise night location every now and then. Give the Board information on any great spots you may have found.
- An approval was given to Sue Snyder to order more jacket patches. We have limited supplies on hand and we can purchase additional ones at a reasonable price.
- Start thinking of events and dates for possible activities in the new year. Some ideas are another Pinewood Derby, a Loud Pants Golf Open, a visit to the Automotive Archives and a new schedule for the Summer British Knights.
- Members possibly accepting board positions are Fraser Mackenzie, Rich Truett, Brian Sims, Mark Rollinson, Mike Bilyk, and Mike Simon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tamara Barber, Secretary

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For Sale and Items Wanted

For Sale: Starting that winter TR6 restoration? I have new, still in the box fenders made in England (front-early) & rear-all) & the associated fasteners you need. Why do all that welding and patching when you can have brand new, bolt-on sheetmetal!? I've done it both ways and I'll never go back to the patching when panels are available! \$1,000 (firm) for the lot. Call Terry Walters, 734-464-8149 or email twalters@twmi.rr.com (11/02)

1980 TR8 convertible: Carbureted, Panasports, uprated brakes and suspension, GM alternator, 44,000 miles, garaged winters, runs great. Many extra parts. Call Paul Amaranth, 248-650-2428 or email paul@auroragr.com. (11/02)

For Sale: Spitfire 1500 engine, ASP trans, rear end from 74 Spit (said 45,000 miles on speedo, ran well before pulled.) Misc. other Spit parts. '71GT6 complete roof section with mint hatch, good glass, rear side vents and headliner. 1500 Spit. Open to offers. Call Wayne at 519-253-8870. (11/02)

Michelin Red Line Tires: Set of 4, 185-15X, deep tread (6-7/32) with good tubes. \$25 each OBO. Dick Arend, 734-242-3139. (10/02)

Six wire wheels: Fit 1967 Austin Healy/MG Midget. Asking \$300 for the lot. Ed Damer, 517-485-8576. (10/02)

Complete Monza Performance Exhaust System: For TR6, includes manifold, \$200. Stuart Bailey, 248-706-1330 or swb4@daimlerchrysler.com (10/02)

Triumph TR 2-8, Spitfire, GT6, Stag, Herald, Vitesse & TR10 parts. Call Ed at 248-828-8243 or email needs to trispare@aol.com

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DTSC Membership Renewal

It's that time again, your 2003 DTSC dues are due on January 1, 2003. Please use this form to renew your membership and update your information for the DTSC Directory. DTSC dues are still a great value at only US\$30. If you do not wish to cut this form from the Review, it is available online on the club's website at: <http://www.detroittriumph.org>. **Members in good standing as of February 15, 2003 will be included in the 2003 Membership Directory to be mailed with the March issue of the DTSC Review.**

DTSC Member _____ Driving Companion _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ E-mail address _____

I am interested in the following: Tech info Mech help Tours Rallies Shows Social

I'd like to help the club in it's activities and events.

British vehicles owned (please include year, marque, model and color)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Please complete and mail to: Dave Jonker, DTSC Membership Chair, 22609 Carolina, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

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