

# Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

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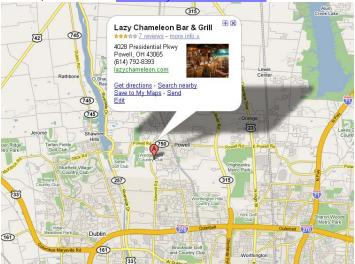
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#### **BT March Meeting**

March's meeting is at 6:30 PM at the: Lazy Chameleon Bar & Grill 4028 Presidential Pkwy

Powell, OH 43065 www.lazychameleon.com



Located just south of Powell road between Sawmill Pkwy and old Sawmill Road.

Pool tables are open for us if we like!

#### **Editor's Corner**

Happy 2009 to Everyone! How about our Holiday Party!?!

I saw many of you there, A wonderful time was had by everyone who attended. Our thanks to Tim and Lee Swartz (and their 2 sons, who kept thinks rolling along nicely) for transforming their living room into a banquet hall.

Did you get a look at this year's scrapbook that Kim Johnson put together? Wow. Thanks to everyone that organized the prizes, collected the dues, and I know we all enjoyed John Johnson's video tribute to the year.

I was trying to get our "first" newsletter out before the February meeting, but I ran short (of material and time) – so I decided to consolidate January and February.

2008 was one of our most active years to date – and I hope we can keep things going upward and onward in 2009.

Our "Ground Hog" day meeting was well attended at City BBQ. Unfortunately, I took a nasty spill on some black ice in the parking lot before the meeting. I was sure my ankle would never move correctly again, but I was pleasantly surprised that I did not seem to do any long lasting damage. (I was a bit worried, it was my "clutch" foot.)

Time has flown since we were blown home from TRials by lke and I have not had a chance to chat much here. This month I decided to take a moment and fill you in on what I have been up to.

Last summer, Ryan decided that he was going to simplify and told me that he planned to sell his Audi Avant wagon. Well, the first time I drove that car when he bought it 2 years ago, I really liked it. So since Ryan was looking for a "beater" (and I had a Toyota with 200,000+ miles on it) — we "traded". I bought the car from Ryan and he gets an old, reliable, no car payment Avalon. I really love the Audi — I fit comfortably, its all-wheel drive and a blast to drive.

Having said that – two weeks after I started driving the car regularly – BOOM – I tagged another dear on our road. The Audi took the hit pretty well, but still had to replace the front fender and headlight assembly. We're all fixed now, but still a pain. (Have I mentioned recently how much I hate deer?) What are your favorite events that you look forward to each year? For me, it has always been River Run, Vintage Races, Immke, TRF Summer Party, Riverside Motors Summer Party, SCCA Runoffs and 6-Pack TRials. I am happy to say that River Run is still on the agenda, and I have heard that the Riverside Motors party will be held as well. The TRF summer party has undergone rescheduling, cancellations and various changes – this year seems back to "normal" the second week of August – but they may have lost a lot of the support that they once held.

I'm really looking forward to TRials this year on the New Jersey shores, although the roads and scenery of Townsend will be hard to beat. For Ryan and I, I think this will be a 2 day trip to get there – we will probably leave after work on Wednesday, drive until we get tired on Wednesday evening, then get to NJ at a reasonable time the next day. I will once again be your host for "TRials Feud" – so we will be answering questions related to our TRiumphs for the Feud – please stay tuned...

I spoke with Sam Halkias at the February meeting and we talked about the venue for the 2009 runoffs. He said that SCCA will move the Runoffs to Road America (Elkhart Lake, Wis.) in 2009. Apparently race days will be Friday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Sept. 27. I really wanted to attend this event, but it looks like that is the same weekend as TRials in NJ (bummer).

It has just been too cold to go out to the garage and do much of anything; even though we have had a bit of a thaw I am still waiting for some warmer weather. I have a TR6 parts car that needs to be disassembled. When it looks

promising for warmer weather I will put out the call for a tech session to properly save all of the worthy parts.

I have tentatively scheduled our first "drive" of the year the weekend of April 18th. We will meet in downtown Granville in the morning (arrive early enough to have a good greasy breakfast at the Aladdin restaurant - we will then have a tour of 60 miles or so of my favorite roads in Licking county with stops along the way to enjoy the flowers (I do know every fun road in the county) - and we will end our tour back in Granville where we will be able to enjoy the Granville Garden Club's annual daffodil show. Lot's of fun! Be sure to mark your calendars!

I am now the proud owner of a new set of 15x6 Panasports. Your opinions on tires for these would be welcome and appreciated. I would like to have my new wheels / tires on our first drive.

I believe that dues payments have been coming in right along - if you have not yet renewed - please do so ASAP. Think Spring!



Bruce Miles bmiles@intinfo.com or bmiles@buckeyetriumphs.org

#### **President's Corner**

Well as far as the Buckeye Triumphs are concerned, 2009 couldn't have gotten off to a better start. The holiday party at Tim and Lea Swartz's home was perfect. The final head count was 48 people, so we had a strong turnout for the party again this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to Tim and Lea as well as the Huddy's, the Mercier's, Jim VanOrder and Pam Jefferson for everything they did to make this years party special. Bruce also did a fantastic job putting together a great slideshow that everyone enjoyed. Also to everyone else who pitched in to make the party such a success. If you have ever been to a party that had more food or better food I would like to know where. I hope the club enjoyed the DVD I put together chronicling the past few years of the club, I know a lot of people said it was funny and that made me feel good.

In the gift exchange this year I picked up a neat little item that turned out to be a game for the Nintendo Wii. Classic British Motor Racing and two of the cars featured in the game are the TR6 and the Spitfire; maybe this game will bring us a whole new generation of Triumph lovers. Thanks for the great gift, Howard.

In the near future the club officers will be getting together to go over some of what we plan to do in 2009. I know this time of the year nobody (in their right mind) is driving their Triumph but many of us are working on their cars so if you need a tech session contact Bill and we can get it on the calendar. I started out December by pulling the engine and transmission from the GT6 so I could change the oil pan gasket and that simple task I turned into a major job. I have the ability to take the simple things and let my as of yet,

undiagnosed OCD takeover. So now after tearing down the entire engine and installing a new clutch, all I needed to do was degree the camshaft.

A special thank you to Sam Halkias who showed me what attention to detail is all about by setting up the cam for me. Also thanks to "Garage Assistant" Joe Lynch.

Also I guess now is a good time to mention that we have a few meetings this year that could use a sponsor, so if you have an idea for a location let someone know. Our calendar is beginning to fill up with some driving events though, with the Oil Change/ Hooters drive, a spring drive to Granville and a few others, so start counting the days.

To all of the club members who made food and delivered dishes to our home while Kim was recovering from her recent surgery, a heartfelt thank you from the whole Johnson family!

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting at the Lazy Chameleon in Powell on March 2nd.

Gotta Motor.....John

## **BT Meeting Minutes**

#### Minutes of December, 2008 Buckeye Triumphs **Business Meeting**

Attendance: Ann and Greg Gillman, Bill Blake and Kathy Scott, John and Charma Huddy; Jacqueline and Murry Mercier; John, Max and Kim Johnson; Jim and Margo Washburn; Howard Jefferson; Bill and Jennifer Reinheimer; Joe Lynch and Anne Hunter; Jim VanOrder, Kevin Eschhofen, Lisa West, Steve Neumann, Doug Mansfield, Tim and Lee Swartz, Susan Logan, Sam Halkias, Chuck Davis, Buck and Mary Henry.

The December 1st, 2008 meeting of Buckeye Triumphs was called to order by President John Johnson at 7:30 pm at Mimi's Café at Polaris. He thanked Joe and Anne for hosting, and all present for the good turnout.

#### Old Business:

- John Huddy and Bill Blake reported on the SEMA Convention (Specialty Equipment Market Assoc.) that they attended in Las Vegas.
- The Eric Jones Memorial Drive in November was a great drive and well attended. BT members who participated were the Henry's, Huddy's, and Mercier's.

#### **New Business**

- Holiday party – January 24th, 2009, 6:30 pm, hosted by Tim and Lee Swartz at their home. Tim said that the caterer has been lined up. The fee will be \$10 per person, dress is casual, and the intent is to maximize social time but allow for recognitions, awards, etc. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Please bring your own adult beverages. Tim and Lee request RSVP's by January 10th at the latest. There will be doorprizes -Jacqueline Mercier volunteered to coordinate gifts for the women.

The calendar is wide open for 2009. Let Bill Blake know if you want to host a meeting or a tech session. We'll have City BBQ meetings this year and will plan some tours on Saturday's (such as Sutphens). Buck Henry suggested including the MG club for the tours, and Jim VanOrder mentioned joint driving events as well.

Susan Logan announced that there will be a Riverrun in 2009. It may be sponsored by the Miata club.

Chuck Davis mentioned that he would like to see more support for The Roadster Factory Summer Party in August 2009.

Website – Webmaster Ann Gillman says to keep the pictures coming.

TRA (Triumph Register of America) national meeting in 2009 will be held June 17 thru 20 in Charles Town, West Virginia. John Huddy distributed flyers for the event.

Regarding membership, Jim reported that we've had several new members in recent months.

New shirts are available from Bob Mains (not present this evening). Speaking of shirts, John Johnson still has a few night drive shirts available for sale.

Sam Halkias reported that Kas Kastner has been in touch with him since Watkins Glen in September. Kas has a new book coming out in approximately 6 months, and the picture appearing on the back cover is a picture Murry Mercier took at the Glen. Sam dubbed his team Buckeye Triumphs Racing Team.

British Car Council – no news to report at this time. Buck announced that he plans to take his carburetors off this Saturday and would like some help – he'll send a note

50/50 raffle - winner Kathy Scott, \$29.

to Bill with the details.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Our meeting this evening is the last before the Holiday party – no first Monday meeting in January.

Respectfully submitted, Charma Huddy, Secretary

#### Minutes of February, 2009 Buckeye Triumphs Business Meeting

Attendance: Bill Blake and Kathy Scott, Jacqueline and Murry Mercier; John, Max and Kim Johnson; Jim and Margo Washburn; Howard Jefferson; Bill and Jennifer Reinheimer; Joe Lynch; Jim VanOrder; Lisa West; Tim and Lee Swartz; Susan Logan; Sam Halkias; Buck, Mary and Sean Henry; Charma Huddy; Bruce and Ryan Miles; Bob Mains; John VanNorman; Kurt Essenmacher; Gary Kimberling

The February 2nd, 2009 (Happy Ground Hog Day!) meeting of Buckeye Triumphs was called to order by President John Johnson at 7:30 pm at City Barbeque at Polaris. He thanked Bill Blake for setting the meeting up and commented on the great turnout. He announced that there

was still a silent auction in progress for 3 books from the library of Eric Jones.

A round of applause was given to Tim and Lee Swartz when John thanked them again for hosting our January Holiday Party at their home. There were 48 people there, and a great time was had by all.

#### **New Business:**

- There are lots of open dates on the calendar for hosting meetings. It's also a good time to schedule tech sessions. (There was an impromptu camshaft session this past weekend at Sam's; John said he learned a lot.)
- The second annual Lube and Hooters outing (aka Lube and Boob) is scheduled for May 2nd. Be sure to bring your own oil (last year oil was in short supply). Show up at John's house and use his lift to change your oil. Then it's off to Hooters for lunch.
- John has plans for an officer's meeting in the next couple of weeks.
- Susan Logan gave details regarding the Alley Rally, February 28th. This event started in 1965 and was patterned after a Cleveland night rally. The last one held locally was in 2000. The Central Ohio Rally Club initiated this one. They will be using more streets than in the past, vs alleys. Susan will send John more details.
- Riverrun May 23rd
- Arthritis Show July 10th and 11th Dublin Metro Center - Bill Blake distributed a flyer. Treasurer, Jim VanOrder, said that we will be sending in a donation for the event.
- John has received an email regarding our website suggesting that we do videos of our tech sessions.
- Bob Mains has regalia items on sale this evening sweatshirts, caps, shirts.
- Murry Mercier asked, in John Huddy's absence, if Buckeye Triumphs would consider hosting the TRA (Triumph Register of America) National Meeting in 2010. John is the national meet coordinator for TRA and has been approached by the Dayton Convention Bureau as a potential location for a meeting. Murry and John recently met with them and toured some possible Dayton area venues. John would like to have the 2010 meet location determined so that it can be announced at the June, 2009 meet in Charles Town, WV. Buckeye Triumphs is a TRA chapter. If anyone is interested in attending the 2009 meet, Murry has flyers.

The next Buckeye Triumphs meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Lazy Chameleon in Powell. 50/50 raffle – winner Jacqueline Mercier, \$38.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

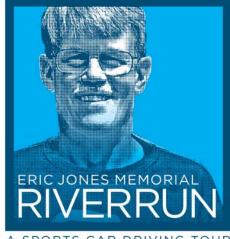
Respectfully submitted, Charma Huddy, Secretary

#### **Rust in Peace**



John Johnson spotted this TR7 on route 423 on his way to the Holiday Party.

#### **Eric Jones Memorial RIVERRUN**



A SPORTS CAR DRIVING TOUR

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009**

Eric's Riverrun is a 300+ mile, all-day driving tour using some of Ohio's most interesting and challenging roads. This year we'll go southeast through Woodsfield & down SR 536 to Hannibal on the river. After a picnic on the riverbank (recommended), we'll loop over SR 255 and SR 26 back to the river, down through Marietta, north on SR 555 to Zanesville for a finish at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl or Clark's Dining Room in Jacksontown at SR 13.

Cars leave the Bob Evans at SR 256 & I 70, between 8 and 9 am. We should be at the Ohio River around 12:30 pm and finish by 6 pm., depending on the time spent sightseeing. There is no fixed schedule nor any assigned speeds, other

than posted speed limits. This is a tour rather than a rally.

The Buckeye Miata Club invites all driving enthusiasts, regardless of vehicle make, model or type, to join us on Eric's Riverrun 2009.

You may reserve your spot <u>after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Susan Logan at <u>slogan.osu@gmail.com</u> or (740) 363-2203 for more details and to reserve your spot. There is a \$5.00 fee to cover organizational expenses.</u>

All profit will be donated in Eric Jones' memory to The James Cancer Hospital for Mesothelioma Research Fund.

## **Holiday Party Photos**

















Editor's Note – Be sure to ask Charma about her Kleenex box.

## **Notes from Members**

From: billblake [mailto:billblake@thekayesco.com] Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 10:29 AM

Subject: Riverrun

Eric Jones' Annual Riverrun is on for the Saturday before Memorial Day as always. (See rare photo as we remember Eric). Bill



From: rmains1@columbus.rr.com

Sent: Monday, January 05, 2009 3:49 PM

Subject: Re: TR6 steering column

Mike

Thanks for the compliments on our Tech articles...the efforts of folks much more qualified tham I am....

So I will need to forward your steering column questions on to others who may be able to help,

Good luck.

Hey guys....any answers or contacts for Mike??

---- SROOCMAN@aol.com wrote:

Hi Robert , Mike Pellicano here director of the Long Island Triumph assoc. I'm amazed at all the techincal info on your website and often read the articles to gather info as i also work on triumps mostly TR6's. Especially found sticking clutch pedal article interesting & cant wait to tackle my own 6 with that problem (never enough time to work on my own car). What I was looking for is a procedure for replacing the 2 bushings in the steering column while the column is still in car. Its a locking column so its not the easiest to take out of the car & also the main shaft does not slide out of column with busings in place because of the raised portion that the lock engages. Is there a short cut procedure or do i have to play with those shear bolts that hold column lock in place.

Thanks Mike

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From: Jim& Gayle VanOrder

[mailto:vanordergj@columbus.rr.com] **Sent:** Sunday, January 04, 2009 12:37 PM

Subject: Overdrive trans. oil

Bruce

#### http://www.quantumechanics.com/index.php

The above is a website that I got into as they are expert rebuilders of OD's. They have an excellent article on their testing of what is the best OD oil for our transmissions. I did this because my TR3 shifts so hard until it warms up. They recommend 30 wt non-detergent oil. I am going to try it this spring to see if it will improve my shifting problems. It might be a good article to print in the Newsletter. Talk to you soon.

Jim

Editor's Note: I found this on the 6-Pack Digest and thought it was a great story:

**Date**: Tue, 9 Dec 2008 09:44:59 -0800 (PST) **From**: Joe Merone jmerone@rocketmail.com>

Subject: [6pack] TR6 to the rescue

Sunday night my wife and I returned home after being away someplace warm for almost two weeks. The family car had sat unused in the driveway all that time. It lives outside because in the garage Trevor the TR6 has been resting while waiting to go into storage.

So, Monday morning brings the coldest day of the year so far here in Vermont, -2 degrees in the morning. Added to that was 2 inches of new snow still falling on top of blackice covered roads. The Saab won't start, and it won't take a jump from my battery charger. So I fire up the Triumph (no problem there of course) and try to jump it from that. Nogo. We need to get going as my wife HAS to be at work early, and there's no time to wait for AAA. So what do we end up driving to work in? You got it - the TR6. All that new body work, paint job, and pampered LBC life be damned. I actually said "It's time to earn your keep fella."

Clothed for the office and with briefcases in hand, we both squeeze into the Triumph and begin our silly looking and frightful commute. With my hands firmly gripping the wheel

I slowly maneuver through morning traffic up and down hills of ice, snow, and slush. And yes the salt trucks had been out-further causing me grief. It was un-freaking-believable. I stayed within my built in bubble of safety, not wanting to get anywhere near anyone. Ever notice how bad people drive, and the conditions are, when you're equipment and/or conditions are compromised? The stares coming back from other drivers was a combination of confusion and amusement. But we made it.

After sitting outside my office all day, Trevor started up just fine for the drive home. Good thing I switch to 10W40 for late fall driving. I then pick up the wife and stop by Auto Zone for a new battery for the Saab. When we finally got home I was outside in the dark (it's now up to 6 degrees) installing the battery, then hosing down the Triumph as best as I could before putting it away again. You should have seen the neighbors staring. "There's that crazy car guy out there again." It's actually supposed to warm up some tomorrow so I'll be taking it out again for a full bath and rubdown before going back in the garage and ready for the next rescue.

Joe Merone South Burlington, VT CF18928 5-speed Presently covered in a little slush and salt

From: Bruce Miles [mailto:bmiles@buckeyetriumphs.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 9:19 AM

Subject: How to lose an hour or so...

Visit this site: <a href="http://triumph-brochures.be/index.php">http://triumph-brochures.be/index.php</a>

Have fun



I know this will give <u>lots</u> of new material for our friends at the Triumph Lodge up in Meeechigan

You Spitfire and GT6 folks will really enjoy "your" section

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Editor's Note: and it begins .....

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## **Buckeye TRIUMPHS Newsletter – January / February 2009**

From: Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:52 PM **Subject:** RE: How to lose an hour or so... We all know where babies come from...

But guess how a gal get's her very own sports car???



From: Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:46 PM **Subject:** RE: How to lose an hour or so...

"Damn it, Madge... what on God's green-earth possessed

you to park way the hell over there?

And exactly HOW the heck am I supposed to open the driver's door?"



From: Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:43 PM **Subject:** RE: How to lose an hour or so... "...and over there is where the muffler fell off."



**From:** Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:59 PM **Subject:** RE: How to lose an hour or so... "You listen...and you listen good, Hank...

Either you get rid of this stupid looking piece of crap and get me a DB4, or so help me God.

get the a DB4, or so help the God,

I'm going to your wife and tell her all about Vegas."



The Triumph Sedan

**From:** Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, February 15, 2009 9:38 AM

Subject: But wait, there's more!

"Yeah it's the weirdest thing...got the all lads back in Engineering stumped.

"Were on a sweeping right-hand turn...but the bloody car is leaning RIGHT!



From: Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, February 15, 2009 9:42 AM

Subject: But wait there's more...

" Nice to see you for lunch Mrs. Hawkins."

"Randolph...your fly is down."



From: Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2009 9:49 AM

**Subject:** But wait, there's more.

"Terrance! Terrance! Come back, Darling...

"You forgot your orange cap....

"Oh, and another thing Terrance, sweetheart...I'm pregnant!"

"Terrance...TERRANCE!!!"



From: Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 6:33 PM

**Subject:** When a young man's thoughts of Spring go bad.

Explains why MG owners look at us funny.





**From:** Mark Uhlig [mailto:triumphlodge@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 6:37 PM

Just minutes a day, make the "Gay Triumph Boys" go away.



**From:** billblake [mailto:billblake@thekayesco.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 8:45 AM

Subject: Fwd: Ron Rush Lincoln Mercury Auction - March

14th 2009!

Also, here is the flyer for our March 14<sup>th</sup> dealership auction--please distribute it freely.

www.tinyurl.com/rushauction

Thanks,

Mark Rush, Rush Motor Sales, Inc.

m. 614.361.3571

#### **Triomphant Strikes British Sub?**

By Bill Blake/Events

Nuclear submarines collide in Atlantic,

Damaged British and French vessels return to base after crash deep below ocean's surface



HMS Vanguard before it suffered 'scrapes' in a collision with a French submarine.

A Royal Navy nuclear submarine and a French vessel have been damaged in a collision deep below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean. HMS Vanguard and Le Triomphant, which were carrying nuclear missiles on routine patrols, are reported to have collided while submerged on 3 or 4 February. Between them they had about 250 sailors on board. The Ministry of Defence initially refused to confirm the incident, saying it was not policy to comment on submarine operations. This afternoon the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Jonathon Blake, issued a statement saying the two vessels hit each other while travelling at very low speeds and no one was injured. "We can confirm that the capability remained unaffected and there has been no compromise to nuclear safety," he said. The MoD said the Vanguard returned to its base in Faslane, Scotland, with only "scrapes". Defence officials told guardian.co.uk the two submarines collided in what they said was an extraordinary accident. "They can't see each other in the water," one official said, raising questions about the submarines' sonar and why they did not detect one another. The sonar equipment is made in Coventry on old Triumph Motors tooling. Opposition parties asked how the accident was possible? The SNP's Westminster leader, Angus Scott, said: "The UK Ministry of Defence needs to explain how it is possible for a submarine carrying weapons of mass destruction to collide with another submarine carrying weapons of mass destruction in the middle of the world's second-largest ocean? Empty bottles of Newcastle Ale were thrown overboard after surfacing. "In contrast to MoD secrecy, the French military authorities publicised details of the incident on a website. The MoD cannot hide behind operational secrecy and must make a statement on this as a priority." Wine bottles were found floating in the sea. The shadow defence secretary, Liam Fox, called the incident "extremely worrying but the defense stage was not moved to "run and hide" from "mostly pissed." The Liberal

Democrat defence spokesman, Nick Harvey, said: "While the British nuclear fleet has a good safety record, if there were ever to be a **bang** it would be a mighty big one. The public entrust this equipment to the government confident that all possible precautions are being taken. Now that this incident is public knowledge, the people of Britain, France and the rest of the world need to be reassured this can never happen again and that lessons are being learned." France's defence ministry said in a brief statement on 6 February that the Triomphant had struck "a submerged object (probably a wine container)" during a return journey from a patrol, damaging the sonar dome on the front of the submarine. It said no crew members were injured and the nuclear security of the submarine had not been compromised. (ed. note *I feel much better now*). Today the ministry confirmed that another sub was involved, saying: "They briefly came into contact at a very low speed while submerged." After the accident, the French submarine returned to its base on L'Ile Longue, near Brest, under its own power and escorted by a frigate. Vanguard, one of Britain's four V-class submarines that make up the Trident nuclear deterrent, each of which is capable of carrying up to 16 missiles, was said to have visible dents on its hull as it was towed home at the weekend. Inquiries are under way on both sides of the Channel. Kate Hudson, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament chairwoman, described the incident as "a nuclear -nightmare of the highest order". "The collision of two submarines, both with nuclear reactors and nuclear weapons on board, could have released vast amounts of radiation and scattered scores of nuclear warheads across the seabed." she said. "The dents reportedly visible on the British sub show the boats were no more than a couple of seconds away from total catastrophe." A body shop in Wales was called for an estimate. It was not immediately known if the dents were new or if the sub had come that way from the factory.

Hudson said it was the first time since the cold war that two nuclear-armed submarines were known to have collided. "These dangers are inherent whilst the British government maintains its 1960s policy of having at least one nuclear -weapons submarine sailing round the Atlantic 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with Lucas electronics" she said. "HMS Vanguard is likely to be confined to port for months with a multimillion-pound repair bill. Gordon Brown should seize this opportunity to end continuous patrols, and get German made parts." Le Triomphant, which entered service in 1997, carries 16 nuclear missiles and is one of four nuclear-armed submarines in the French fleet. Stephane Lhomme, a spokesman for the French antinuclear group Sortir du Nucleaire, said its network of activists was on alert for any signs of radioactive leaks near French shores.

"This reminds us that we could have a new catastrophe with a nuclear submarine at any moment. It is a risk that exists during missions but also in port," he said. "These are mobile nuclear reactors." The thinking is they should return to coal fired subs.

#### **Events 2009 - Bill Blake**

Date	Event			
Mon, Mar 2	6:30p -11:00p Monthly Business and Social Meeting at the Lazy Chameleon in Powell just east of Sawmill and south of Powell Road. Pool tables are open for us.			
Sun, Mar 8	Start Daylight Saving Time			
Tue, Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day			
Wed, Apr 1	April Fool's Day			
Mon, Apr 6	6:30p -10:00p Monthly Business and Social Meeting hosted by Lisa Wells, location to be announced later.			
Sun, Apr 12	Easter Sunday			
Wed, Apr 15	Taxes Due			
Sat, Apr 18	10:00a -3:00p 2009 Kickoff Drive - "A Tour of Licking County" - Start your day with a late breakfast at the Aladdin restaurant and end your day taking in the Granville Daffodil show at the College Town Hose in Granville Bruce Miles to host			
Sat, May 2	10:00a Tech Session & Hooters drive. Oil changes at the Johnson's at 10 am, then lunch at Hooters. Contact John Johnson for more info.			
Mon, May 4	Monthly Business and Social Meeting			
Sun, May 10	Mothers Day			
Mon, May 11	6:30p -9:30p Quaker Steak British Cruise In with Tony Burgess Tune Up for the BCD Show			
Sat, May 16	Armed Forces Day			
Sun, May 17	10:00a -4:30p British Car Day at Quaker Steak and Lube Polaris			
Sat, May 23	8:30a -8:00p Riverrun is ON, flyer is available, email Bill Blake			
Mon, May 25	Memorial Day (Fed)			
Mon, Jun 1	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting			
Sun, Jun 7	10:00a -5:00p Ft. Meigs British Car Day (Holy Toledo!)			
Sun, Jun 14	Flag Day			
Sun, Jun 21	Fathers Day			
Sat, Jun 27	Vintage Race British Showdown at Mid-Ohio Lexington, OH			
Fri, Jul 3	Independence Day (Fed)			
Sat, Jul 4	Independence Day			
Sat, Jul 11	9:00a -11:30p 27th Annual Classic Auto Show at Dublin Metro Center for British Cars			
Mon, Jul 13	6:30p -10:00p Quaker Steak British Cruise In with Tony Burgess			
Thu, Jul 16	2:00p -9:45p Scooter Show Portland, IN			
Fri, Jul 24	6:30p -11:00p Grand Lake St. Marys Amphicar Splash In and Cruise In in Celina, OH			
Mon, Aug 3	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting			

Date	Event		
Sat, Aug 22	3:00p -12:00p Monty Python Theme Party in the Cottwolds. Bill Blake and Kathy Scott to host, mark your calendar now!		
Sun, Aug 23	11:00a -6:00p Picnic at the Eric Jones Shop in Delaware, sponsored by your British Car Council, held on the grounds of Riverside Motors off Pollock Road.		
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day (Fed)		
Mon, Sep 14	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting at the Quaker Steak Cruise In		
Thu, Sep 24	TRials 2009 Long Beach Island, New Jersey		
Fri, Sep 25	TRials 2009 Long Beach Island, New Jersey		
Sat, Sep 26	TRials 2009 Long Beach Island, New Jersey		
Mon, Oct 5	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting at the Gillman's for Chicken		
Mon, Oct 12	Columbus Day (Fed)		
Sat, Oct 31	Halloween		
Sun, Nov 1	End Daylight Saving Time		
Mon, Nov 2	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting		
Tue, Nov 3	Election Day		
Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day (Fed)		
Thu, Nov 26	Thanksgiving (Fed)		
Fri, Dec 25	Merry Christmas		

## **Buckeye TRIUMPHS REGALIA**

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Halkias Video on Valve Adjustment for 6-cyl TR's - \$10.00 Send or bring your articles to Bob Mains. Turn-around is usually about 2-4 weeks. (Names or lettering can be added for additional costs).

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## Comedy Clips

Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 7:41 PM

**Subject:** Great News

According to Bloomberg, Wal-Mart announced that sometime in 2009, it will begin offering customers a new discount item - it's own brand of wine.

The world's largest retail chain is teaming up with Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery of California to produce the spirits at an affordable price, in the \$2-\$5 range.

Wine connoisseurs may not be inclined to put a bottle of Wal-Mart brand into their shopping carts, but "there is a market for inexpensive wine," said Kathy Micken, professor of marketing at the University of Arkansas.

"But the right name is important," she added. Customer surveys were conducted to determine the most attractive name for the Wal-Mart wine brand.

The top surveyed names, in order of popularity, were:

- 10. Chateau Traileur Parc
- 9. White Trashfindel
- 8. Big Red Gulp
- 7. World Championship Riesling
- 6. NASCARbernet

- 5. Chef Boyardeaux
- 4. Peanut Noir
- 3. I Can't Believe it's not Vinegar
- 2. Grape Expectations
- Nasti Spumante

The beauty of Wal-Mart wine is that it can be served with either white meat (Possum) or red meat (Squirrel).

P.S. Don't bother writing back to complain: I know possum is not a white meat.

From: SHughes [mailto:shughespk@yahoo.com] Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 8:18 AM

Subject: Louisiana Ghost Story

Louisiana Ghost Story

This happened about 6 months ago on Louisiana Hwy 57 just outside of Dulac, a little town in the bayou country of Louisiana, and while it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's real.

An Ohio businessman, Saul Rubin s, abandoned his disabled vehicle on the side of the road, and attempted to hitchhike. The night was pitch dark in the middle of a thunderstorm. Time passed slowly and no cars went by. It was raining so hard he could hardly see his hand in front of his face.

Suddenly, through the sheets of rain, he saw a car moving slowly, approaching and appearing ghostlike in the rain. It slowly and silently crept toward him and stopped. Desperately needing a ride, Saul jumped in the car and closed the door; only then did he realize that there was no one behind the wheel, and no sound of an engine to be heard over the rain.

Again the car crept silently forward and Saul was terrified, too scared to think of jumping out and running. He saw that the car was approaching a sharp curve and, still too scared to jump out, he started to pray and beg for his life; he was sure the ghost car would go off the road and into the bayou and he would then drown!

But just before the curve, a shadowy hand appeared at the driver's window, reached in and turned the steering wheel, guiding the car safely around the bend. Then, just as silently, the hand disappeared through the window and Saul was alone again.

Paralyzed with fear, Saul watched the hand reappear every time they reached a curve. Finally, scared nearly to death, Saul had all he could take, jumped out of the car, and ran to town.

Wet and in shock, he went into Schmoopy's. Voice quavering, he ordered two cups of coffee, black, and then told everybody about his supernatural experience.

The room became silent and everybody got goose bumps when they realized Saul was telling the truth (and not just some drunk).

About 30 minutes later two Cajuns, dripping wet, walked into Schmoopy's and one says to the other, "Look, Boudreaux, ders dat idiot what rode in our car when we wuz pushin' it in the rain!!!"

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**From:** John [mailto:johnjohnson@columbus.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:38 PM

Subject: Hundreds Gather To Protest Global Warming



From: AWBurtis@aol.com [mailto:AWBurtis@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 3:37 PM

Subject: Celibacy

Hi Bruce;

I thought you might like this for the newsletter.

Dying to get the TR out of the garage - as soon as the snow melts!

Al Burtis.

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, Al and his wife, Liz, listened to the instructor declare, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.'

He then addressed the men, 'Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?'

Al leaned over, touched Liz's arm gently, and whispered, 'Gold Medal-All-Purpose, isn't it?'

And thus began Al's life of celibacy!

From: Joe Lynch [mailto:jlynch1@columbus.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2009 9:55 PM

**Subject**: The barber

A guy stuck his head into a barber shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?

" The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, "About 2 hours." The guy left.!

A few days later the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around at the shop and said, "About 3 hours." The guy left.

A week later the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop and said, "About an hour and half." The guy left.

The barber turned to a friend and said, "Hey, Bill, do me a favor. Follow that guy and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then he doesn't ever come back." A little while later, Bill returned to the shop, laughing hysterically.

The barber asked, "So where does that guy go when he leaves?"

Bill looked up, tears in his eyes and said......

"Your house."

From: Dave Hanson [mailto:dahanson@woh.rr.com]

Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2008 2:34 PM

Subject: Unique Cars

Editor's Note – there were lots of interesting cars, but I found this one the most appropriate:



## Classifieds

From: Ian Parkhill [mailto:iparkhill@cogeco.ca] Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 11:03 AM

To: agillman@aol.com

Subject: Wanted to Buy ad request. Thanks!

If anyone here also visits the 6-pack website (<a href="www.6-pack.org">www.6-pack.org</a>) you may know that I thought I had a line on a restoration project, but the CT owner does not seem to want to complete this transaction (the line at the DMV is too long to get a proper registration???).

In any event, after spending some time on this and other sites, as well as money at the magazine racks and e-bay

for Bently's manual, I now officially have the disease. So, I am looking for any year TR6, as a restoration project.

Bodywork is not my forte, but not shy about the mechanical side of things.

Any suggestions, or offers, would be greatly appreciated! Thanks.

Ian Parkhill Ph. 905-317-3784

Editor's note: Ian – you should look at Steve Hughes 75

TR6 listed here!

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#### Editor's Note:

My son Ryan and his friend Artie have begun working on cars in their shop located just west of Granville on State Route 16. These two young men have had a passion for all things automotive their whole life (Ryan built his TR6 from the ground up when he was 15) and are beginning to build a business of their own. Give them a call and talk to them about your mechanical needs. I'm proud to call them my mechanics!

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#### FOR SALE

75 TR6

I have decided to retire and move to PA to be near my son and his family, so I will be selling my 1975 TR6.



All cosmetics are new (interior, trunk, pimento red paint, top, bumpers re-chromed), and the engine was rebuilt by Sam Halkias with new stainless exhaust. It has overdrive and a roll bar. Price \$12,500. Reduced to \$11,000 Reduced to \$9,000 - If interested, contact Steve Hughes - 717-917-3591 - shughespk@yahoo.com

#### **FOR SALE**

From: Sheri Gentry [mailto:gentryunited2@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 8:22 PM

Subject:

Hello!

I am a friend of Joann Beal. She gave me your contact information so that I might provide you with some information regarding my 1978 Triumph Spitfire.





She mentioned that you are the president of the British Car Council and that you may have a way for me to advertise my car. It is brown in color, original paint, rag top, has about 51,000 original miles, and has a Weber carburetor, has always been garage kept, and has extras like a dust cover, boot cover, and tonneau cover. I have adjusted the price from \$5,500 to \$4,500. If you would let me know of anyone interested or where I might advertise it, I would be most appreciative.

Thank You,

#### **Sheri Gentry**

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