



Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

HOT FLASH – BT Joins the Information Age!

Over the last few months we've been discussing whether or not BT needs a home on the Web. Now, thanks to club member Nelson Riedel, we now have a home on the Internet.

Have a Look! The address of the WebSite is:

www.nextek.net/BuckeyeTriumphs



I'd like to encourage every BT member that has access to a computer and internet port to check it out and give Nelson ideas on what to host.

To list your car, please click on the "Members" icon on the left edge and follow the links. Nelson will be happy to accept emails (with attachments) to add your information to the page.

December Events:

December 7th: Business Meeting

The December Business Meeting was held on Tuesday December 7th at Massey's Pizza in Gahanna.

- The Web site was demonstrated
- Officers for the year 2000 were confirmed
- Club badges were reviewed for next year
- Holiday Party plans were firmed up

Discussions on how the newsletter might be effected by the web site were begun. (more on this in later newsletters – but if you have access to the web would you prefer to use that to get your club information – for those without Web access we're still going to issue monthly hardcopies)

Editor's Corner



Remember our plea of last month? We needed another 1.5 pages of stuff for the newsletter so that you, the discerning readers, didn't see a whole bunch of white space. Well, Bill came a bit late with a great short article. I thought I'd stick it in this month's newsletter here for all to read, and view the pretty picture!

We're going back to our old email address. One month of Compuserve. One month of busy signals at night. Forget the \$400 they're giving me for the computer. One night it took three hours to log on! So, from now on we'll just keep our old email address. Slow, but reliable. Besides, our cable connection will be along eventually, and we don't want to get bogged down in a contract anyway. Email me at:

clough@erinet.

Bruce

Next Newsletter Article Deadline – 1 Jan 1999, that is, if your computer is still working! COBOL Forever!

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President's Corner



I want to wish everybody a Happy and safe Holiday and hope that you are all able to spend as much time as possible with your family and friends.

We are deep into our planning for the annual Buckeye Triumph Holiday Party to be held on January 9, 2000, Sunday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. There is a flyer with the menu and details in this Newsletter. Note it is RSVP, we will have door prizes and are planning some fun things to do. So please try and come and help Buckeye Triumphs bring in the Millennium.

Our club has now gone "High Tech". Thanks to club member Nelson Reidel, of Granville, Ohio, we now have a website.

The address of the website is

<http://www.nextek.net/BuckeyeTriumphs>.

Through Nelson's time-consuming effort this was accomplished within the last 2-3 weeks. I want to thank Nelson for his efforts, it is very much appreciated.

The website will allow our club - at last count - 2/3rds of our members had access to E-mail and the Web. We will be able to communicate and receive information from club members in a very efficient and timely manner. When you visit the site you will note there are many things that you as an individual can add to the site. This is all voluntary, and you should give consideration to what you want to add to the site as individuals.

The 2000 Planning calendar is now in the Newsletter with dates. Most of the driving events are open, so anyone who wants to host an event next year needs to convey this to the Events Chairman Ron Fowler and he will add your name to the Calendar. Tech articles are *always* (hint hint) welcome, if any member wants to submit an article, please submit it to the Newsletter Editor. It will now be in the Newsletter and the BT Website.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Jim VanOrder

ANNUAL DUES - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank You for the early Membership Dues; we are off to a great start with our renewals for 2000.

Our sustained growth and expanded activities will again depend upon your continued support, active involvement and personal creativity.

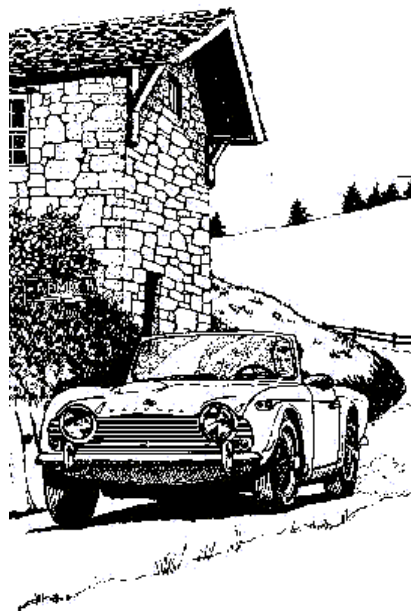
To encourage more early renewals, we will enter the name of the members who have paid or will pay their family membership dues by or at the January 9, 2000 party into a **special 'Early Bird' Door Prize drawing**.

(Yes, we hope you will attend and No, you do not need to be present to win.)

Calendar Year 2000 Family Membership Renewal Dues are payable by January 30, 2000.

Please submit your check for \$20.00, payable to Buckeye TRIUMPHS and mail to PO Box 584, Lithopolis, Ohio 43136-0584. Please include any updates for our data base. PLEASE NOTE: IF you joined the club after July 1, 1999 then your Renewal Dues are only \$10.00 for your first renewal.

As an explanation, BT by-laws established Calendar Year dues at \$20.00 per family membership, with full payment at initial membership. The intent was to avoid monthly renewal tracking and bookkeeping efforts. Members who joined after July 1 would be asked to pay only \$10 at their first renewal.



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Officers and the Fine Print

The Buckeye Triumph Newsletter is a publication of Buckeye Triumph Club, and the content herein is not officially endorsed by the staff or members of the Buckeye Triumph Club, their families, or lawyers. If you decide to follow the advice of anything inside this newsletter, you do at your own risk. We are all adults here, so if you do something stupid, own up to it and don't sue the club. Heck, we don't have any money anyway...

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BTC Events List

Contact: Ron Fowler triumph@ameritech.net

BT Business/Social Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. - those wishing to order food generally arrive at 6:30 p.m. at the meeting location.

BT Driving Events are generally held the third Saturday of the month.

All current dates are tentative - WATCH FOR FUTURE UPDATES AND EVENT LOCATIONS!!!

January

9 Holiday and Y2K Survival Party

February

1 Business/Social Meeting

March

7 Business/Social Meeting

April

4 Business/Social Meeting

15 BT Driving Event

May

2 Business/Social Meeting

20 BT Driving Event

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June

- 6 Business/Social Meeting
- 17 BT Driving Event

July

- 7-8 Triumph Show within a Show!
- 15 BT Driving Event

August

- 1 Business/Social Meeting
- 19 BT Driving Event

September

- 5 Business/Social Meeting
- 16 BT Driving Event

October

- 3 Business/Social Meeting
- 21 BT Driving Event

November

- 7 Business/Social Meeting
- 18 BT Driving Event

December

- 5 Business/Social Meeting

Info: www.ifounditcarlisle.com/events/events.htm

Contact: Becky and John Hartley jhartley@frognet.net (740) 753-1066

May ? Riverrun - A 300 mile tour from Columbus wherever Eric Jones wants to take us (it's a day of driving driving and a lot of fun)
Info: Eric Jones (740) 363-2203

Contact:

John Huddy jhuddy@columbus.rr.com (614) 846-2321

May 20-28 British Car Week - Annual week designated for British Car Owners to drive their cars for the rest of the world to see and enjoy.

Info:

<http://members.aol.com/Trmgafun/britishcarweek.html>

June ? Triumph Register of America National Meet

Contact: Becky and John Hartley jhartley@frognet.net (740) 753-1066

June 23-25 Sprint Vintage Grand Prix, Mid-Ohio Race Course, Lexington, Ohio

Info: www.midohio.com Tickets: 1-800-643-6446

Contact: Bob Mains ims_mains@ode.state.oh.us (614) 890-7767

July 7-8 Arthritis Foundation 18th Annual Len Immke Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In, Dublin Metro Center, Dublin, Ohio - Triumph Show within a Show!

Info: www.immkeautoshow.com/index.htm

Contact:

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August 2-6 VTR National Convention, Portland, Oregon

Info: www.portlandtriumph.org/vtr2000.html

Contact:

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August 5 British Car Day 2000, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, OH

Hosted by: MG Car Club - SW Ohio Centre and MiamiValley Triumphs

Info: Skip Peterson MGBSkip@aol.com

Contact:

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August 11-13 TRF Summer Party, Armagh, PA

MG is the featured marque for the 2000 Summer Party.

Info: www.the-roadster-factory.com

Contact:

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September 16-17 British Car Day 2000 - Toronto Triumph Club Bronte Creek Provincial Park, Bronte, Ontario, Canada Over 1,000 British cars on display!!! The Fowlers will be going.

Contact:

Ron Fowler triumph@ameritech.net (614)833-6885

Triumph Events 2000

The following is a work in progress of future events that may be of interest to BT members. All dates and times are subject to change - watch for future updates! Please feel free to send additional info and dates to me and I will update to the membership.

Contact:

Ron Fowler triumph@ameritech.net or 614-833-6885

March ?? Import Swap Meet, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, Ohio

Contact: Doug Braden braden.13@osu.edu (614) 878-6373

May ? British Car Day, Richfield Holiday Inn, Richfield, Ohio

Contact:

Doug Braden braden.13@osu.edu (614) 878-6373

May ? British Car Day, Columbus, Ohio

Contact: John Huddy jhuddy@columbus.rr.com (614) 846-2321

May 19-21 Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals, Carlisle, PA

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September ? 6-Pack Trials 2000

Info: Kevin Andrews keina@emji.net
<http://members.xoom.com/6Pack/6-pack.html>

Contact:

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October 2-8 Valvoline Runoffs?, Mid-Ohio Race Course, Lexington, Ohio

Info: www.midohio.com Tickets: 1-800-643-6446

Contact:

Bob Mains ims_mains@ode.state.oh.us (614) 890-7767

T Classifieds:

These classifieds are free to BTC members, given, of course, that they relate to Triumphs, and are for private (not business) use. No, you cannot sell that old couch here! We'll run classified ads for two months, beyond that you'll have to ask for an extension. We have yet to establish a business ad policy, so if it's a business being run by you please be patient.

FOR SALE - Austin A-1100, RHD, 4Dr., BRG w/tan interior. Drivable... good car to restore... access to parts, \$1,000 or best offer or trade for Triumph. Also... Misc. GT6 parts for sale from parts car. Shane Wedekamm, Parkersburg, WV 304-863-9354

PARTS...PARTS...PARTS - Triumph and LBC parts available... New, Used & NOS... The Roadster Factory, Moss & Victoria Br. items at discount prices. Many common parts in

Doug's Parts

614-878-6373

Braden.13@OSU.edu

<http://www.triumphparts.com>

For Sale: The following parts are all used and in good to excellent condition. TRF\$ is the new or rebuilt part cost at the Roadster Factory.

Part	TRF \$	My \$
Wheels -4	\$160 (out)	\$100ea
Hood	459	200
Rt Frt Fender	269	135
Frt Bumper	149	75
Truck Lid, bottom	390 (out)	200
Steering Rack Asmbly	199 (Rbt)	75
Radiator	240(new)	125

Contact LARRY J. KASPER at (614) 291-3135

For Sale:

TR6 Hardtop. Complete. No dents. \$500.

TR6 Hardtop. New. Rear window glass and some chrome pieces missing (available from TRF). Headliner must be replaced. \$700.

TR4/TR250 right front wing. New reproduction. These repros need a lot of work to fit. \$300.

Front and rear bumpers for both '73 and '76 TR6s.

TR6 Hood. Dinged at front and in center. No rust. \$75

TR6 Trunk Lid. Have two. One has luggage rack and some rust at rear edge, \$50. Second one has more rust at rear edge, \$25.

Trying to clean out the garage, shed, basement, etc. to make a few points with spouse. Have many parts from three TR6s junked over the years. Threw out body panels that were badly corroded and the parts that wear out. Have seats (need redone), suspension and dash components.

By the way - I'm looking for a pair of very good condition pre '73 TR6 doors.

Nelson Riedel, 740 587-2509, nriedel@ee.net

Murry's Moment

BT Nov. DRIVING EVENT

We had a great drive to and around Marion on Saturday last. Car models represented included Spitfire, TR3, TR250, TR6, TR7 & TR8. The Shovel Lounge may not be the same after the LBC invasion.

Lots of tops down (or off in some cases) for the beautiful sunny day drive. Thanks to Dave-of-the-Orange-Hat for hosting a great event!

SILICONE GASKETS

The following is a follow-up on the availability of silicon valve cover gaskets FYI. Visit his web site for pictures and further information.

Date: Tue, 16 Nov 1999 17:13:42 -0800

From: [jmwagner <jmwagner@greenheart.com>](mailto:jmwagner@greenheart.com)

Subject: Silicone Valve Cover Gaskets

Hello!

You all know that I rarely ever promote my gasket directly on the newsgroup, but I felt this would be of interest to all.

I have recently completed a retooling effort on my TR 2 through TR 4A gasket. The gasket has not changed, but I had to replace some aging molds and I also wanted to increase my production capacity. (Many of you were very patient with me as production bogged down at times. Thank you!) To celebrate being back in action, the coming holidays, and the new year, I wanted to offer a sale on the gaskets. (OK, to be honest, an injection of sales would help offset some serious retooling costs and silicone purchases!)

I am currently offering free shipping/handling (in the continental USA) for the remainder of 1999 for the black gasket for various Triumph Clubs as well as the Triumph Newsgroup. This saves you \$5.00. (Outside the USA, just dtake \$5.00 shipping costs) (Please mention you are a

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member of the newsgroup or name your Triumph club affiliation.)

I know I have indicated that a Spitfire gasket was on the horizon. I regret that this has been held up, but I truly hope to see things come together in 2000. And I do have renewed interest in the TR 6. I believe I have an answer to my concerns... so it is possible that a gasket would follow the Spitfire in a reasonable time.

1999 has been a big year of change for me... and I see light at the end of tunnel. Thank you all for your patience and supportive e-mails! For those of you that already have one of my gaskets in use, I would love to hear feedback. I'm particularly interested in hearing about the quality of the directions, the initial installation, general performance, the ease of re-use, and so on. (I do post some feedback on my website, but only after attaining the writers permission.)

Sincerely,

--Justin Wagner, proprietor

J. M. Wagner Sales, Ltd.

<http://www.greenheart.com/jmwagner> <---- gasket details, etc.

PS This sale applies to the black gasket. Until further notice, the blue gasket is not available.

The Spitfire Magazine is a Go!

Yes! Triumph Spitfire Magazine is currently in production. It will feature Maintenance/Troubleshooting, Spitfires on the Track, Reader's Cars, Engine Swaps, How-to's, FAQ's, Free Classifieds (for subscribers), and much more.

This quarterly magazine sells for \$9.95 per year in the US, \$14.95 the rest of North America, and \$19.95 overseas. Payments can be made via snail-mail by personal check, money order or cash. Credit cards payments can be made by calling 1-800-487-3333 (or 1-865-690-0522), 95 EST (due to worries about security, we do not take payments via the web -- *whimps! The Ed*).

To subscribe, visit the Subscription page at

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Ed Note: Janet at Newsworthy (Grandview Ave & ~3rd Ave./Sawmill & SR161) is watching and will carry when available.)

A Conversation With Leon Guyot

Who is Leon?

Leon is an avid Triumph fan totally involved in the cars since he was first driving and got a Herald. He has been in the major club TSSC in England ever since and comes to America as the

International Liason, he came over two summers ago and traveled from Seattle to Tennessee and then to Ohio. He was driving Dan Masters TR and stayed overnight with me on his way to Pandora and Ted Schumakers. He later had trouble driving Dan's car and many e-mails followed. He is in his forties and very active with club activities such as auto jumbles and meets, and seems to be well known by most enthusiasts. He works as a tax consultant but seems to be always going or doing something in regard to Triumph. His knowledge of the history of Triumph is unbelievable. He lives near Wimbelton England.

Bill Blake is lucky enough to discuss The conversation seems a bit disjoint at times, but that's due to the time lag in the data transmission.

BILL: "Hi Leon, Its Bill Blake in the states, how are you?"

Leon: "Hi, good to hear from you. How's life in Columbus? I am fine, and how the devil are you?"

BILL: "I am doing fine, funny thing, 3 of us with the triumph club had lunch today and we all said "we haven't talked to Leon forever, then boom, you are on line!"

Leon: "No such thing as coincidence"

BILL: "I took my TR for a decent spin saturday and blew some carbon out of the engine and out of my head, this is very



true..."

Leon: "My head is full of carbon!

BILL: "A Britain thing?"

Leon: "Weather is not too nice, TR stays under cover, and soon they may salt the roads. My car stays well away from that"

BILL: "We are having unreal weather, 70 degrees F tomorrow. How are your cars otherwise?"

Leon: "Sold Herald in Nov 98, the GT6's staying in USA."

BILL: "How long had you owned it?"

Leon: "18 years (sob)"

BILL: "Seattle? I don't believe it"

Leon: "Yes, cost of shipping and tax was too much to bear."

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BILL: "Damn, bloody pirates."

Leon: "Only sold herald to get GT6."

BILL: "Now what?"

Leon: "Concentrate on Vitesse, plenty of mods on way."

BILL: "I met a bobby last year at the SAE show in Detroit who owned such a car, what will you do?"

Leon: "Close ratio gearset from race Dolomite Sprint"

BILL: "Triple webers? Hhmmmm"

Leon: "Alloy Flywheel"

BILL: "Wow"

Leon: "Co-axial hydraulic clutch release"

BILL: "Please your mom i wished her well, this will be a new car"

Leon: "Sure thing Bill"

Leon: "Already has the webers btw"

BILL: "I was kidding you ..."

Leon: "... and limited slip diff, and TR6 sliding spline half shafts"

BILL: "The picture of that car in front of the castle is a favorite..."

Leon: "... and one of mine, after gearbox job work on the engine"

BILL: "It's a great shot, what on the engine?"

Leon: "Unleaded valve seats, alloy water pump housing, alloy water pump, alloy distributor pedestal..."

BILL: "What final performance improvements do you expect?"

Leon: "... alloy alternator mounting block, modern high output alternator, inlet valve stem oil seals, 175-180 bhp approx..."

BILL: "You are spending some pound sterling! Wow!"

Leon: "... after engine work, go to back of car..."

BILL: "Will it still be 2.0 litres?"

Leon: "... new rear hubs to replace originals, it will remain 2 Litres..."

BILL: "Keep going, I am interested..."

Leon: "...then replace rear brake drums with rear discs (MGF)"

BILL: "What compression ratio?"

Leon: "C/R is about 9.5:1 I think, I kept it down due to fuel"

BILL: "I was wondering..."

Leon: "It may be 9.75:1. I reckon that lot should cost me about 3000 GBP"

BILL: "That's not bad considering the improvement. We see pics of MGF but only that."

Leon: "Calipers, Aeroquip hoses and balance valve, also dual brake master cylinders..."

BILL: "Thanks can I use in our newsletter?"

Leon: "...which is what I got for my Herald. Yes, of course...did you get all that?"

BILL: "That is amazing!"

Leon: "I hope you can make sense of it!"

BILL: "I think I did"

Leon: "I have lots of ideas..."

BILL: "Like, what else?"

Leon: "It is a good thing that it isn't a TR6 because they have so much more stuff available"

BILL: "Would be too fast?" This is true..."

Leon: "But I can fit a lot of it"

BILL: "This is great. I would like to see your Vitesse at our British car day this summer....."

Leon: "More lightening! There is always room for improvement..."

BILL: "I like lightening, want to hear something a bit funny?"

Leon: "...Colin Chapman at Lotus my hero"

BILL: "I took my TR out of the barn Friday playing hooky from work and blew past a new Mercedes on the on ramp to the freeway...it was on a test drive"

Leon: "Nice one!"

BILL: "Good for British machinery to blow off some German stuff once in a while"

(Bill, Seems to me I remember some Detroit cast iron under that hood, or am I just under some delusion? Ed)

Leon: "Wwe can still show em! Wunderbar"



Leon's Car Somewhere In London, Can You Guess Where?

BILL: "No doubt"

Leon: "Und fantastich! That's almost all my German!"

BILL: "Wwe keep having questions here within the club about things usually how to do stuff the right way, usually clutch and rear end stuff"

Leon: "You can ask me and if I don't know, I will forward onto Triumph newsgroup"

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BILL: "Ok, I will offer this."

Leon: "I wonder if any of your guys are already on the newsgroup?"

BILL: "I know some are, I hear about it all the time."

Leon: "I suppose they could ask directly?"

BILL: "Murry Mercier is our main guy and he says there is too much to read sometimes."

Leon: "A lot of folk on the list are more knowledgeable than me on TR's."

BILL: "We usually get into smaller discussions and want a direct "what do people do that you know of answer"

Leon: "I am on the digest version."

BILL: "I understand, how many pieces does that amount to a day? "

Leon: "About 30-50 pieces a day in one digest"

BILL: "That's what I thought."

Leon: "I gave a talk recently on Triumph cars to the Surrey Vintage and Veteran Car Club."

BILL: "Wow, do you have the text? "

Leon: "The chairman has a 1912 Citroen..."

BILL: "Front wheel drive? Wow"

Leon: "...and his daily runabout is a jaguar XJR (the new one!)"

BILL: "Very cool"

Leon: "A different class of enthusiast, but they were very nice, and paid me to be there."

BILL: "I understand. Ii bet you enjoyed and they did too ."

Leon: "I will send you the text but it is all about the TSSC my club

BILL: "We would like to see ..."

Leon: "The talk about Triumph cars was ad-lib."

BILL: "...if you don't mind. "I see..."

Leon: "No problemo."

BILL: "Thanks"

Leon: "I will send to you."

Leon: "Oh yes, I forgot the roller rocker mechanism for the Vitesse"

BILL: "Sandy says hi and is making dinner, I better go! On the cam, that should be really helpful."

Leon: "Enjoy your dinner."

BILL: "Okay"

Leon: "Say hi to Sandy!"

BILL: "Thanks Leon, be well and I will pray for some sunshine for you."

Leon: "Better go 2 bed! Goodnight!"

More Notes From Leon: The roller rocker mechanism is at the top of the engine, remember it is an OHV unit, not one of those fancy "new" V8's with cams and hydraulic tappets!!! ;-)

All that stuff about the Vitesse and I forgot the coil-over rear damper conversion, using coil springs at the back instead of the big heavy transverse rear leaf spring. As I said always room from improvement.

Léon F Guyot

Triumph Sports Six Club

International Liaison Secretary

1963 Triumph Vitesse 2-Litre Convertible

Article submitted by Bill Blake: Here is a great picture of my TR6 on the trailer in North Carolina in November of 1996

My son and I stopped at Waffle House after pulling away with this trailer and enough parts to build another TR from scratch. We thought we had just made a gigantic mistake, an understatement of the decade. Just think if I had known all of you I might have been talked out of this project and now might still be married (kidding of course). Yet even though the car had never ran under its own power, I took it to get pizza within three months. Anyway I am trying to help the newsletter. Bill

