

Shake-up in Montreal Triumph Club

August, 2002

Editorial by Don Elliott

As a result of the last Newsletter where Tom Snabl wrote that we, the club members must help out with the running of "Our Club", if we are still to have a club, a total of 12 members responded by attending the meeting held on August 13th. All the input was positive and constructive contributing to the end result that we still have a club. The minutes and other topics are below.

Minutes of the Meeting – August 13, 2002

The tone of the meeting, unlike others in the past, was all business. Tom Snabl, President, stated the situation. Since the sad departure of our dear friend Dave Geller, interest in the club has sagged. Tom added, "This is our club. If we want to keep it going, we all need to pitch in".

Vic Nobel proposed that we have elections for several positions. Tom accepted to be Treasurer as there is not too much to that. The open positions are Vice-President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor including liaison to report up-coming events and activities related to our cars. Don Elliott accepted to do the minutes and the Newsletter. Dick Aharonian and Arnold Van Nieuwburg offered to present themselves as candidates. The elections will take place during the next meeting on September 17, 2002.

Other areas needing help were identified. Printing, mailing plus e-mailing the newsletter. Help was offered by Dick Aharonian. Tom will prepare the membership list for mailing of this issue in a few days. The concensus was that most still want to receive the Newsletter in the mail.

Preparing club activities. Vic Nobel related how members many years ago attended 23 fun events in a single year. There were brunches, picnics, fun tours, etc. all organized by individual club members. These were subsidized by the club funds. Another was the "Spring Tune-up". In return, the reward to anyone preparing an event was free membership for a year. This was more or less accepted as there was no opposition to the proposal. The club is open to offers for fun events. Anyone willing to step forward ?

Other Business – Don Elliott asked if we could have our meeting on another night because we could all attend the fun evening at "The Orange Julep" every month on the second Tuesday which conflicts with our present date. To resolve this problem, it was agreed that the next meeting will be on September 17th, just a few days before Stowe.

Points for Driving your Triumph to an Event

Don Elliott suggested that everyone get one (1) point for driving his or her Triumph to an event. This will encourage members to drive their cars. See the list attached showing who attended the meeting, the car they have and the number of points so far.

Stowe

This year, The British Invasion will be held in Stowe from September 19 to 22. The big show day is Saturday, September 21, 2002. Plans for a group to drive down together were suggested. Details for this will be one item on the agenda for the next meeting.

The last date for registration for Stowe is September 12th. No one arriving on show day can register. Pre-registration is essential. Check www.britishinvasion.com

Dave Geller Annual Memorial Award for the Best Triumph Runner at Stowe

Ton Snabl agreed that he will get the plaque for this year's presentation at Stowe. The winner last year was a Spitfire runner. The owner, Daniel Conrod from Lewiston, Maine, was so surprised that he couldn't believe that he would ever win a prize for his ordinary looking Triumph. He was so excited and pleased that he drove his car up front to receive his award with his wife and child in the car.

Unveiling Ceremony for Dave Geller

Triumph owners and friends have been invited to the unveiling of the tombstone for Dave Geller to be held Sunday, August 18, 2002. We are asked to meet at The Orange Julep at 10 AM with our Triumphs. From there, we will convoy to Duvernay.

Members at the meeting plus points for driving a Triumph to the meeting.

Don Elliott	1	TR3A	elliott_tr3a@hotmail.com
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Dick Aharanian		TR4A	atplus@videotron.ca
Gerry Lozoff	1	TR6	gerry@redstone.ca
Tom Snabl	1	TR4A/IRS	tomsnabl@sympatico.ca
Vic Nobel		TR3A & TR8	
Miro Lanaro	1	TR6	
Gary Grant		TR3A	ggrant@canada.com
Chris Thompson		TR6	thompsonrox@videotron.ca
Alcide Lessard		Spitfire	photoboot@videotron.ca
Arnold Van Nieuwburg		TR6	arnold_van-nieuwburg@hp.com
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Don't try to sell your car at Stowe or at any other US event.

If you put your Canadian registered car among the cars in the "For Sale Paddock" at Stowe, or if you hang a "For Sale" sign on your car, you may be approached by someone you think is interested in buying your car. Don't do it! He may be a US Customs Officer and he will impound your car if you have not pre-paid the 10% duty when you drove across the border. If you think your car is worth say \$15,000.00 and you answer that when he asks "How much?", your 10% pre-payment should have been \$1,500 US

when you entered the USA. It could take months of wrangling and lawyers before you pay the amount plus a fine to get it back. If you pay the amount in advance at the border on your way down and you don't sell it, you lose your \$1,500 US that you pre-paid.

Stolen Mini

Nigel of BritAuto is offering \$1000.00 for information leading to the recovery of his 1972 red right hand drive Mini with black roof stolen from in front of his house in Lachine on August 7, 2002. Call Nigel at 514 366-6661.

Orange Julep – August 13, 2002 Report

About 40 or 50 Citroens (about 15 or 20 came from France) were at the Orange Julep on Tuesday evening. They had travelled up from Amherst, Mass. where there were a total of 700 Citroens last weekend. One Californian from Santa Cruz drove his DS 19 up to Sacramento to join up with 11 other Citroen owners and took nine days to drive across the USA. He had learned French and was very pleased with the reception they all got in Montreal. There were also about 30 British Sportscars there. Drive your Triumph to the next fun evening on September 10, 2002.

Triumph Web-sites

Check out the Triumph Bulletin Board – Most questions are on the TR6.
<http://www.british-cars.co.uk/cgi-bin/gen5?runprog=trbbs>

Up-coming Events

- August 18 – Unveiling Ceremony for Dave Geller
- August 25 – British Car Day – Kingston (613) 385-1947 thomasl@post.queensu.ca
- September 10 – Orange Julep – Come show your Triumph from 7 – 9 PM
- September 15 – British Car Day – Bronte Creek (near Oakville) Ontario hosted by The Toronto Triumph Club
- September 17 – Next Meeting - Arnold Van Nieuwburg's house – 8 PM - **ELECTIONS**
Take 20 west, past St.Charles Blvd to Woodland exit
Exit Woodland, turn left going south.
Turn right at Beaconsfield Blvd.
At the 5th street turn right onto Brentwood.
On Brentwood turn right at the 3rd street called Heritage
First house on the left is # 78.
Lots of parking space, come in your Triumph.
Arnold van Nieuwburg
78 Heritage
Beaconsfield Tel: (514) 630-9841

September 19-22 – British Invasion at Stowe – Check for Registration Forms on:-
www.britishinvasion.com

September 21 – Car Show - Saturday – British Invasion – Stowe