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President's Message



Happy New Year's to you all! I hope it's one that allows for a bunch of time in the seat once the nice weather returns. The first thing I'd like to say is that I'd like to offer a tremendous amount of gratitude to Skip Gould for his services as club president over the past 5 years. As a club we've had to navigate some pretty sketchy waters since 2020 and still being a viable club is really a testament to how important this club is to its members and Skip was an integral part of that throughout. Thank you, Skip!

I think the goal for us this year should be to get back out in the wild as an automotive enthusiast organization and show WNY that we're still here. So, whether it's reaching out to other clubs, organizing some fun activities, working on expanding membership and meeting attendees or any other ideas we can come up with to prove that we're still here would be great.

There's also that car show that we've done in the past - and I do get asked about it from many other local car guys and girls - but that's a larger topic to be discussed in greater detail at an upcoming meeting. Maybe "baby steps" is the way to proceed in 2024 with something more akin to what we've done in the past for 2025. Who knows, let's chat.

Regardless, I'll need quite a bit of help. We do have some empty board positions that need to be filled, so that may be step one and we go from there. January 17th - 7:00pm is the date and time of our next meeting at the Buffalo Irish Center and hope to see you all there! Come early and grab a bite to eat.

Happy motoring in 2024!

Pat Mullins

Event Calendar

The following is a tentative calendar of planned and proposed events for 2024. If you would like to add an activity or know of a speaker you would like to have at one of our meetings please call Cass Culotta at 716-545-0275 or Todd Schupbach at 716-435-4279.

January 17 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm, Buffalo Irish Center

February 21 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm, Buffalo Irish Center

July 29 - Lockport Optimist Club's British and Foreign Car Night Cruise

Please send in your events for the calendar!

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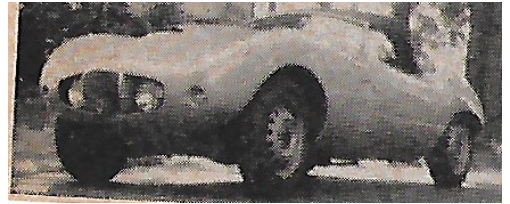
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Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow

Believe it or not I actually had a reply for the mystery car in December. If you are still trying to figure it out it was an Arnolt Bristol. These were quite competitive at the time and with the Bristol engine quite quick...



January's Mystery Car

OK here is real RARE one. I have admired this particular car for years and have seen a total of ONE! I believe all seven were built so it is a bit rare. Keep plugging!!! If you think you know what it is send an email to me or Linda Kula. No prizes but maybe you can become an expert. Jay jaylock7440gmail.com

6-Pack TRials 2024 by Skip Gould

What's 6-Pack?

Founded in 1982, we are a single marque club dedicated to ownership of Triumph TR6, TR250 and now GT6 vehicles (which are all 6-cylinder engine cars) manufactured from 1968 to 1976. We offer free forums for technical advice and, with a paid club membership, a club periodical and the ability to attend the annual get-together, the "6-Pack TRials". (website: 6-Pack Car Club - 6-Pack Car Club of the Americas)

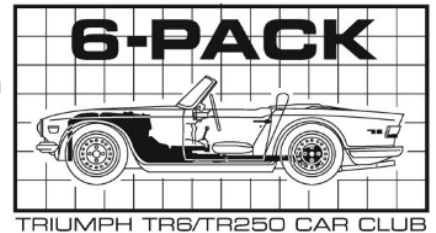
What's 6-Pack TRials?

Traditionally in the UK, a "Trial" is a car rally or event to test the durability and reliability of a car. The 6-PACK CAR Club has taken the name TRials for our annual membership gathering, the largest single event gathering of TR6, TR250 and GT6s in the US (and sometimes Canada). Each year in the Fall, 6-Pack hosts members to a long weekend of drives, tours, technical discussions, a car show, and an awards dinner celebrating our Triumphs. It has been held in various US States as well as Ontario, Canada.

What's different about this year's TRials?

For 2024, we have arranged the schedule so that it will be possible to attend both the British Car Day

event and the traditional TRials event. Having travelled with others to past TRials, the journey with other Triumph owners to the various TRials locations has been a large part of the overall TRials experience. This year we plan to extend the schedule to nine days (Saturday, September 14 – Sunday, September 22) starting in Oakville, Ontario, Canada and travelling through the fall foliage and wine country in Southern Ontario, Western New York State and the Finger Lakes region of New York. We'll travel as a caravan and visit many optional interesting stops along the way, finally ending in Corning, New York with considerable time in Watkins Glen, New York.



6-Pack Car Club

What's British Car Day®?

British Car Day® (BCD), hosted annually by the Toronto Triumph Club, is the largest one-day, all-British car event in North America which draws more than 1,000 British cars and over 9,000 spectators travelling primarily from Ontario, the northeast United States,

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The **OIL SPOT** is the official newsletter of the **British Car Club of Western New York**.

The purpose of BCC is to foster good will and camaraderie among enthusiasts of British cars, and to exchange ideas and technical expertise attendant to the restoration and preservation of all British marques.

The monthly **OIL SPOT** is sent by e-mail or traditional mail to all BCC members. It includes a calendar of events, articles and photos of general interest provided by the members, and classified ads.

E-mail contributions should be sent by the 25th of each month to Linda at lmkula1@gmail.com. Attach the file, or type information in the body of the e-mail. You can also send articles through the mail to **Linda Kula, 1566 Inwood Avenue, Angola, NY 14006**. Photos should be in JPEG format. Articles are appreciated in MS Word or pdf formats. Classified ads appropriate to this newsletter are free. Ads run for three issues.

For further information or a membership application, visit our website at: www.bcc-wny.com.



Drive Your Triumph Day (From [\(20+\) Facebook](#))

Drive Your Triumph Day is just around the corner on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

I'm Rye Livingston, a proud member of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club located in Northern California, and I wanted to extend an invitation to all Triumph and Standard owners worldwide to join us in commemorating Sir John Black's Birthday. This visionary individual orchestrated Standard's acquisition of Triumph post-World War II, paving the way for the incredible cars we cherish today.

Participating is easy – on February 10th, take your Triumph or Standard out for a spin. Whether it's a solo drive on a scenic country road, a leisurely outing to lunch, or a commute to work, seize the moment. Bring along your spouse, friend, child, grandchild, or even your furry companion, and take a photo. The focus should be on the car, ideally with the owner or passenger situated against a cool backdrop, landmark, scenic vista, or even in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Embrace creativity and have fun with it!

Once you've captured the moment, email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, accompanied with some basic details: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter and website, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day Facebook page.

Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your members and friends to drive their Triumphs & Standards on February 10th.

Rye Livingston (DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com)

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the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Manitoba. It is open to vintage, classic and current British-manufactured vehicles, including motorcycles. British Car Day® is held in Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Oakville, about 25 miles west of downtown Toronto.

What's planned for the extended event?

Day 1 – Saturday, September 14 - Arrive in Oakville, Ontario, Canada

Day 2 – Sunday, September 15 - British Car Day® show

Day 3 – Monday, September 16 - Travel along northern shore of Lake Ontario through wine country to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario for lunch at an Irish Pub. Visit to Niagara Falls, Ontario, then to Niagara Falls, USA.

Day 4 – Tuesday, September 17 - Travel to the Naval Park in Buffalo New York. Visit the park and the Western terminus of the Erie Canal. Travel to the Anchor Bar for lunch, tour the Pierce Arrow museum, then travel through fall foliage and wine country to Geneseo New York.

Day 5 – Wednesday, September 18 - Travel to Corning, New York to the beginning of the traditional TRials weekend. TRials onsite registration

Day 6 – Thursday, September 19 - TRials onsite registration, Technical Breakout sessions, Welcome party

Day 7 – Friday, September 20 - Drive to Watkins Glen International for Pace Laps (WGI) Racecourse,

lunch at Seneca Lodge, drive old Watkins Glen circuit.

Day 8 – Saturday, September 21 - Car show on Market Street Corning, NY, visit Corning Glass Museum, TRials Banquet

Day 9 – Sunday, September 22 - Breakfast, then leave until next year's TRials.

There are also classes for other Triumph and other British cars.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and know that if you can't make the entire trip (you'll be missing out), you are still welcome to join us for the part you are able to attend. TRials car shows provide awards for various classes of the three featured Triumph six-cylinder varieties, but **there are also classes for other Triumph and other**

British cars.

The information in this article was taken from 6-Pack article "TRials FAQ" (where you can find more complete information and website links for lodging, dining suggestions, places to be visited, as well as Border Crossing Requirements) located on: [\(20+\) 6-Pack TRials 2024 - The Motoring TRials | Facebook](#)

and [TRials 2024 - 6-Pack Car Club of the Americas](#)



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from
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British Car Club of Western New York

British Car enthusiasts from the area are invited to join our club for meetings, technical sessions and drives throughout the region!

See our Facebook page to exchange news, events, information, photos from recent outings and humor at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/229699855909145>

For details on our meetings and organization, see our website at <http://www.bcc-wny.com>

For information on events, our Meetup page is <https://www.meetup.com/British-classic-cars-Meetup/>



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Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Irish Center.

Join us at 5:30 pm for dinner at the pub!