



The Triumph Trunnion

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From The Driver's Seat By Geoffrey Levy

A funny thing happened on our way to this year's election. At the end of our November meeting, we wound up with a slate of officers with no opposition. The membership present voted to cast one ballot for acclamation for the slate as proposed. That's why you are getting this newsletter at its regular time and that's why the vote in December will be an acclamation vote.

The membership at the meeting also proposed that the dues be raised \$5.00 for next year. Now since we did not have a quorum, this is something we could not permanently decide at that meeting. Therefore, the executive board will discuss the issue at its December meeting and will present it to the membership attending the December meeting. If the membership at that meeting agrees, the dues for January will be \$30.00 for a year. As I have said before, "Decisions are made by the people who show up". Since it was the membership who proposed this change, we'll bring it up again for confirmation at the December meeting. If you disagree, then come to the meeting and make your voice heard.

It's been an interesting year. We've enjoyed a tremendous amount of growth,

had fun at all the events, and been the beneficiaries of some great technical experiences at the tech sessions. If you doubt how busy it's been this year you'll want to come to the Holiday Party and get a gander at the scrapbook lovingly prepared by Lynn McLeer. For more information on the Holiday Party, look within the pages of the newsletter.

Dave Mazzolla gave an excellent presentation on our upcoming car show. He asked for volunteers for various positions but was only able to fill about half of them. He'll continue this at the December meeting. These are key positions that must be filled if we are to move this thing forward. If you can't make the meeting, contact Dave if you want to get involved at this juncture. Eventually you'll all be involved in one way or another so you may as well get in on the ground floor now.

And now, let me introduce some new members of our team. Kate Hurney is a relatively new member to our club but she has shown tremendous enthusiasm for the club and its people. She will be taking over as Membership Coordinator as of January. Bob Futterman will be leaving us and I want to

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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 12 • MIKE PELLICANO'S SHOP

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The Triumph Trunnion is the monthly newsletter for the **Long Island Triumph Association, Ltd.** (L.I.T.A.)

This club is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of automobiles

built by the Triumph Motor Company. Members share a common goal; to help make this club great for every member, not just for their own personal gain.

L.I.T.A. Members are welcome to submit photos or articles to this newsletter for publishing. Items such as write-ups about past or future events, tech information they have experienced first hand and want to share, letters to the editor or anything thing that might be of interest to other members. All materials to be submitted should be mailed to: **Lynn McLeer**, 47 Jayne Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772 • (631) 758-4361 or e-mail: lmcleer@portjeff.net.

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thank for all his efforts and wish him best of luck for the future. Kate's willingness to serve comes exactly at the right time and I believe she'll be great at the job.

Tony Vigliotti has been serving as secretary for the club. As many of you know, he declined to accept the job again for next year so he could concentrate on the planning and running of the tech sessions. The office of Secretary is a voted on office and originally we actually had a race there. At the November meeting the other candidate requested his name be removed from consideration. Enter, stage right, Skip Daniels. We've all seen the hard work he puts into helping the club with the various activities so we already know it's a good choice. We look forward to working with Skip.

The meeting is moving. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the American Legion Hall we used to have in Bay Shore is no longer a viable option. So, we will move our meetings back to Mike Pellicano's Garage for the meetings. AND being that we are no longer constrained by another schedule, we will be back to holding the meetings on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month. Now, I know that puts a strain on some of you Nassau and "western members". So, as always, here's the deal: If you want to have a meeting closer, to you find us a suitable location that's available. If you're not sure what that may be, give a call to Anthony, Mike or myself and we'll help you out with the planning.

The December meeting will be on December 12th at 7:30 PM at Mike's place. We have a lot of year-end business to attend to so you'll want to attend. At this point, I want to wish all of you Happy Holidays and only Good Times for the New Year.



LITA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 28 •Sunset Harbor • Patchogue

\$40 per person, includes the cocktail hour with Hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, open bar all night, DJ and dancing, and valet parking.

8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Please to bring a wrapped present. Not something you have to go out and buy, but something you have at home that is still in "brand new" condition but just don't have a need for it.

Mike Pellicano needs to know if you will be attending the party by December 7, **no later** and **will need the money by our December 12 meeting...no later.**

Send in or hand the "reservation form" below to Mike Pellicano. Remember if you are paying by check, the check needs to be written to "Jay Gammill".

Call Rose or Mike with your RSVP as soon as you can or for any other info at (631) 289-9027 (shop) or at home (631) 281-0239.

DIRECTIONS TO SUNSET HARBOR:

LIE to exit 64 South (Rt. 112). Follow Rt. 112 South to end (approx.4 miles). Make a left turn on to Main St./Montauk Hwy. and follow for approx. 1.5 miles. The road will fork. Bear right at fork. This will be South Country Rd. (Swan Cleaners on corner & car dealer across from cleaners). (You missed fork if you see Waldbaums Supermarket on left.) Follow South Country Rd. for approx 8/10ths mile. Look for white brick walls saying "South Country" on them. Make right here onto Southern Blvd. Take Southern Blvd.to end. Make right onto Colonial Drive. Take Colonial Drive to end. (There should be water in front of you). (If you go too far here, I suspect you'll get pretty WET!!). Assuming you don't end up in the Great South Bay, look for Dockside 500 & Sunset Harbor signs. Make left and drive through parking lot that runs alongside the water. Make left again and drive up to Valet Parking at Sunset Harbor entrance. **DON'T PARK IN ANY OTHER PARKING LOT IN THE AREA AS YOUR CAR COULD BE TOWED. SINCE VALET PARKING IS INCLUDED, LET THEM PARK YOUR CAR!**

Holiday Party Reservation Form

Please make checks payable to "Jay Gammill"

Please include ____ guest at LITA's Holiday Party.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Mail to: LITA Holiday Party 2002

C/O Mike's Main Street Car Care

439 West Main Street

Patchogue, New York 11772

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____



On The Road With John Baumann

Howdy Dudes and Dudettes...Whew! time flies when I'm having fun. Life in Carlisle is good but I still miss my wonderful club. Time and distance keeps me from attending as many events as I would like to. I see the club growing beyond anything I ever could imagine.

Some of you may or may not know this but its been six years since Jimmy's unexpected death. Jimmy passed on at a much to early age. The people who had the pleasure and yes happy torture of knowing Jimmy will remember him for a lifetime. He had a way of cutting through the "bull."

Besides his being an expert in all things Triumph-like he loved cars. He loved our cars in all their stalling, shorting out, oil leaking and rusting glory.

A funny Jimmy story was how I became the events person for the club. During on of our monthly meetings as I was I was listening to the minutes from the prior month..Jimmy wanted to thank John Baumann for heading up the events for the club... "Hey that's me!! How did that happen?" I asked Jimmy.With his usual tone he

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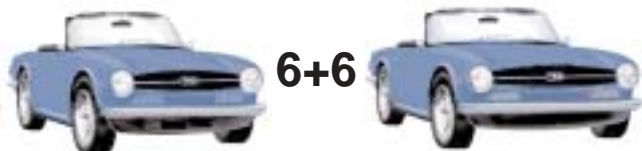
Triumph Sign Siting...



I found this piece of Triumph history in Rossville, Pennsylvania on RT#74. According to the locals, the building was used as a Triumph dealer from the 1950s to early 1980s.The interesting thing is that it was a Triumph dealer only. They never sold any other British Leyland products like MG or Jaguar. It became a non-dealer Triumph service and sales for a few years after Triumph left the USA

around 1981. Without factory backing and the bad times for sports cars in the 80s its doors closed and its lights went dark in the early 80s.It has been closed since then (according to local people). If you look in the windows you can still see remnants of the parts department, showroom from many, many years ago what was Triumph heaven.

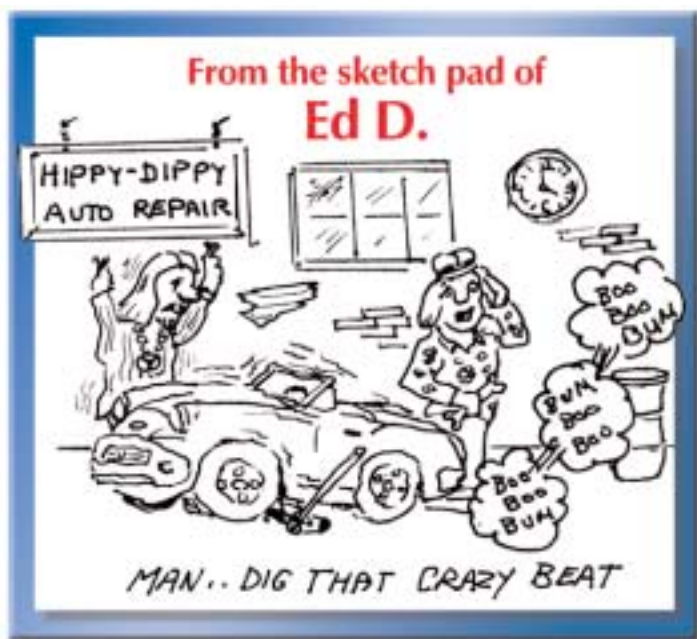
-John Baumann



Six Plus Six Update

November 2nd brought the new frame down from the rafters of the "Toy Shop" and connected to it's rolling dolly. The question of building/manufacturing new front shock towers was answered when an inspection of one of the donor frames revealed a pair that seemed to be in very good shape. These were cut out and given a rough trim - good clean steel, very little surface rust (well oiled!) with only minor dings and cracks to repair- Thing were looking good! At the November 9th session we went back to the

plans and took some very serious measurements; If we had built the new frame in specs the towers should fit. If not it was going to be back to the drawing board. BINGO! Perfect fit. The rest of the session was spent sand blasting and fine tuning the towers for installation, which will be done when the frame receives it's final alignment and welding. The new suspension parts are on order from TRF and the crew is excitedly talking about seeing a "Rolling Chassis."
-Skip Daniels



TOY/CLOTHING DRIVE

As we have been doing the past couple of years, we will be collecting unwrapped toys and clothes at our **December 12 meeting** for donation to Maryhaven. Please bring any coats, jeans, t-shirts, hats, gloves, etc. that are in good wearable condition.

For the unwrapped toys, please make sure it is a toy that does not require batteries to work it.

If you cannot make it to the December meeting, Mike Pellicano has donated his shop as the drop-off point and will any donations during the month.

*Happy Holidays!
Healthy & Safe New Year!*



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said. "You missed last months meeting." The question that comes to mind is how would Jimmy or some of our founding members like the club now. I think he (they) would be proud. The club has grown and become a family. But with all families the danger of getting to big for your britches becomes a problem. As I travel from state to state. Car show to car show, I meet with all types of car clubs.

I see so many clubs doing well on paper. But the true vision of any social club should be about family and people . Don't let suc-

cess spoil you. The biggest danger is splitting into political groups or cliques. Politics or back stabbing should be left to our leaders in Washington not in the spirit of any club.



**John's 59
Bugeye**

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One of the more shocking things of my job (Auto Appraisal Group) is how much people under insure there collectable vehicle. Did you know that Triumphs are amongst one of the fastest appreciating collectable cars. The reason behind this is the Triumphs have always had a strong following and strong club followings. Also let's face facts. Triumphs are actualy very good cars. They run good and can be driven almost everyday. One more fact is that as



**John's
Lebaron**

far as collectable car go they are very affordable..Have you priced out a muscle car or 57 Chevy lately? Another thing people don't know is if you have an agreed value insurance policy on your collectable vehicle. In the event of an accident it's up to the other persons insurance

company to pay for the repairs on your car. That's why you should know what your car is worth. The only way to do that is with an independent appraisal. Within the next few months I'm going to give a seminar for the club on this subject and the "LeMay Collection." The world's largest car collection, over 3000 cars!

I know it sounds early but Import Carlisle next year is May16-18th 2003.

All who attended last year had a great time. You are invited again to spend the weekend at my house. We will have the usual party, food and drinking fest at my house on that Friday. Ending with the beer and blubber festival at the Market Cross Pub on Saturday. Lynn, Jeff, Lester and Mike Yak, don't worry, your reservations at my house have been made in advance. And just in case you were wondering...that weekend will be the first viewing of the improved and partly restored Scooby Van. Did you guys think I could go a whole page without using the words "Scooby Van" See ya.



Upcoming...

- Saturdays **TECH SESSION**
In Dec. At "Tony's Toy Shop".
See page 5 for more info and directions.
- Dec. 12 **MONTHLY MEETING**
Mike Pellicano's Shop
Directions right
- Dec. 28 **LITA HOLIDAY PARTY**
8pm to 1am. See page 3 for complete info.

Where is this month's meeting?

Our Thursday, December 12 meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and will meet at Mike Pellicano's shop

439 West Main Street, (Montauk Hwy)
Patchogue, New York
(631) 289-9027

LIE to Exit 62 South (County Road 97 - Nichols Road). Take Nichols Road until the end (approximately 5 miles. You will go over Sunrise Highway). When Nichols Road ends make a left. This is Montauk Highway. Take Montauk Highway for 1 mile, Mike's shop will be on the left. (Fadely's Deli Pub will be diagonally on the right) Mike's building as of yet has no signs on the exterior except for the ones on the windows. If you pass Swezy's Department Store, you have gone too far.

CLUB LOGO MERCHANDISE

LITA Hat Pins

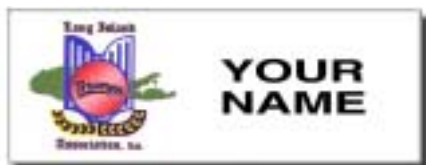


If you missed the November meeting, than you didn't get to see the newest item brought to you from Lester Orlick...the LITA Hat Pins. They are gorgeous and only \$4.00 each. Grab one while we have them.

Also still available for purchase are the following...

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| 8"x8" Magnetic Sign | \$10.00 each |
| 4"x4" Magnetic Sign | 3.75 each |
| Mouse Pad | \$6.00 each |
| Coffee Mug (You own design) | \$9.00 each |
| Pennants (attach to the windshield) | |

If you would like any item listed here, or have an idea of something you would like to see our logo on, please see Lester Orlick at the next meeting.



Long Island

**CHROME LICENSE PLATE
FRAMES WITH OUR CLUB LOGO**

If you are interested in purchasing one of these beautiful frames, please see Mike Torti at the next meeting.

Triumph Assoc.

For those of you who are interested in obtaining merchandise with our club logo embroidered on it, you can go directly to:

ACU+ CUSTOM EMBROIDERY

**2086 Front Street, East Meadow
(516) 542-0505**

(Across from Home Depot on Hempstead Tpke., next to a beer distributor)
They have our logo on file. They will embroider the LITA logo on jackets, hats, shirts that you can choose from in their shop or you can bring your own item of clothing and they will sew it one for a fee.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WINTER MEETINGS

Due to unplanned circumstances, we will be switching our meetings back to the second Thursday of the month. This month's meeting will held on **Thursday, December 12** at Mike Pellicano's Shop. Please mark your calendar with this important date change.