



# SMALL TORQUE

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### Past Events



#### **White Point Beach Planning Weekend January 31st – Feb 2nd**

A total of 15 couples stayed the weekend and the numbers swelled to well over 40 with the arrival of the Valley crew and others for the meeting at 2 PM. The weather was clear but cool and many took the opportunity to walk



along the beach to the golf course on Saturday morning.

The meeting was very productive with a lot of input for the upcoming summer's event schedule which is listed below under "Upcoming Events". Tony and Monique Gibson presented us with a proposal for a 10 to 12 day excursion to Newfoundland and after some discussion it was decided this would be the destination for the annual BATANS Maritime British Invasion for the first week in August in the year 2000.

After the meeting, thirty two members sat around a long dinner table Saturday evening and enjoyed a wonderful buffet meal put on by White Point Beach Resort. After a leisurely breakfast Sunday morning, we sadly packed, said our farewells and departed for home with many good memories to take with us.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Saturday, May 1st – Annual General Meeting**

Again the Sperry's are generously opening the Club room for our A.G.M. at 11 Cranston Ave., Dartmouth, starting with a Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. As usual you are requested to bring an entree, salad or desert and a beverage of your choice. To ensure we don't end up with a totally vegetarian dinner, please call Sheilia by the previous Wednesday at 463-4406 to confirm your choice of food is not redundant. The meeting will commence after the dinner or about 7 p.m..

If there are any items that you would like to discuss at the meeting, please call any of the executive so it can be included on the agenda.

#### **Sunday, May 9th – "Mother of all Runs!"**

Mother's Day Early Bird Run - As this is Mother's Day, the route, stops along the way and destination are being planned by all the Mother members of the club. Meet at Sunnyside Mall near Tim Hortons at 10 a.m. for directions.

#### **Sunday, May 30th – Apple Blossom Challenge, Annapolis Valley**

Meet at 10 a.m., Tim Hortons, Wolfville. Bring a Picnic Lunch. No other details have been provided by the Valley members who are planning this run. Be prepared for anything!

***Saturday, June 19th – 20th, Parrsboro Lobster Tales, Parrsboro Overnight***

Halifax area members meet at the Sunnyside Mall, Bedford near the Tim Hortons at 9:30 for a 10 a.m. departure. There will be another short stop at the Drive-Thru Tim Hortons beside Wendys in Truro at 11 a.m. to pick up members in this area and from the Valley. Lunch will be at That Old Dutchman's Cheese Factory near Economy and then on to Parrsboro.

After settling into our accommodations, we will take a short drive to the Age of Sail Heritage Centre, Port Greville and Fox Point lookouts followed by a lobster boil at Davison's Pancake House about 5 p.m.

Sunday there is a Champagne and pancake breakfast at the home of Jim and Nancy Cleveland at 9 a.m. and then a walk at low tide to the big island across from their home or a Partridge Island hike, whichever you prefer to do.

Please make arrangements for Saturday night accommodations at the Riverview Cottages (902-254-2388), The Maple Inn B&B (902-254-3735) or the new Tidal River Ridge housekeeping cabins (1-800-806-8860) in Moose River about 10 minutes from Parrsboro.

We must also have confirmation of your intention to partake in the lobster boil by Thursday June 17th so enough lobsters are ordered. Please call Bob Hamilton at 861-3277.

***Thursday, July 1st – Canada Day Pig Roast at the Dartmouth Yacht Club with the Visiting Jaguar Association of New England (J.A.N.E.)***

This promises to be a great way to celebrate Canada Day and at the same time July 4th with our American visitors. Bruce Calk is arranging this event and more details will be provided in the next newsletter coming in June. Be sure not to miss this one.

***Saturday, July 24th – Scott Manor House Show and Shine & BBQ, Bedford***

We have again been asked to display our cars from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the beautiful grounds of the Scott Manor House, 15 Fort Sackville Rd. off Shore Drive in Bedford. This is a good time to meet the public and talk British cars. Refreshments are available in the Scott Manor House. After the show, there will be the BBQ at a location to be determined. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

***July 28 - Aug. 1st – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention, Portland, Maine***

This is obviously not a BATANS event but Drew & Sheila Sperry will be attending and would welcome other members joining them. You do not have to own a Triumph to attend. Give the Sperrys a call at 463-4406 if you are interested in joining them.

***Saturday, July 31st to Saturday, August 7th – Annual Maritime British Invasion "Back Roads, Beaches & Lighthouses"***

Halifax to Halifax via the Lighthouse Route and Evangeline Trail, a leisurely trip through all the unseen bays and villages of southern Nova Scotia. We plan to stay for two nights in three locations along the route, Liverpool, Yarmouth and Digby giving us a day in each location to explore the attractions of each area. Organizers: Tony Gibson, Ron Gray, Ken Argent, Stuart Clare.

***Sunday, August 22nd - Halifax Antique Car Club Show & Shine, Exhibition Park, Halifax***

Meet near the Tim Hortons in Clayton Park Shopping area at 9:30 a.m. for departure at 10 a.m.. This is a great day for networking and seeing some fine cars and one of our members usually takes home a trophy. Bring along a couple of folding chairs, an umbrella and a lunch.

***Sunday, August 29th – Eastern Shore Meander***

Meet at the Tim Hortons at the intersection of Main Street, Dartmouth (Rte. #7) and the Forest Hills Parkway (#107 Bypass) at 9:30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. departure. Starting off along Route #7 up the eastern shore, we will head inland on Route 224 near Sheet Harbour and return through the back roads of the Musquodoboit Valley. Bring a lunch. (Organizer: Bob Hamilton)

***Sunday, Sept. 11th Polaris Sailboat Races, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (Tentative)***

***September 17,18,19 – British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont***

This is not a club event but BATANS members have attended this popular event in past years and it is worth attending even as a spectator.

**Saturday, Sept. 25th to Sunday, Sept. 26th – Keji Colours, Whitman Inn - Overnight**

Preston and Betti Ann Smith are taking us on an overnight back roads tour from Halifax to the Kejimikujik National Park area. The Whitman Inn (2.5 miles south of the Park entrance) on Highway #8 has been fully reserved Saturday night for BATANS and can accommodate nine couples and another in their Honeymoon Suite, for anyone who wants to experience their wedding night again! Other attractions include their swimming pool, whirlpool and sauna and the cost is a reasonable \$60.00 per couple, \$18.00 for Saturday night dinner and \$6.00 for Sunday breakfast. Please book soon (like now!) as they will only hold the rooms for us until June 1, 1999. Call Bruce or Nancy Gurnham at 902-682-2226 now. Visit their web site at: [www.tallships.ca/WhitmanInn](http://www.tallships.ca/WhitmanInn).

Keji is available for those who wish to camp. Be sure to bring a camera and lots of film as the colours will be at their peak and the Queens County Fair in Caledonia is in full swing this weekend.

**Sunday, October 17th – Fall Fun Rally - South Shore Area**

David Etter offered to organize the fall fun rally this year which will be run in the Chester/Mahone Bay area. Details will be available in the next newsletter. (Rally Master - David Etter)

**December 4th - Annual Christmas Party – Sperry's in Dartmouth**

There will be a pot luck dinner as usual. Details later.

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**Show & Shine – Cole Harbour Place – May 1st & 2nd**

If you would like to put your car on display for two days in Dartmouth, here is where to go. Cars are to be set up Friday night or early Saturday morning and the show is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 am to 6 p.m. Sunday. Prizes are given for different years and British cars will compete with the American vintage in the same categories. The cost per entry is \$10.00 with the proceeds going to the Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club. If you are interested in participating, call Wendell Conrad at 435-5280 for more details.

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**British Car Week – May 24th to May 30th**

This is just a reminder that British Car Week will take place during the week of May 24 - 30 this year. It is very important for all British car enthusiasts to pass this information along to their local or national clubs so they can add it to their events listings, publications, or calendars. I've noticed quite a few listings without this date posted for one reason or another. To help make this date simple to remember from year to year, all you have to do is remember that British Car Week will always be the last full week of May.

This is a chance for all British car enthusiasts to do what they can to help promote their favorite British car(s) in their corner of the world. The main objective is to get our British cars out on the roads and give them the exposure they deserve. This annual week is the closest we will ever come to getting them all out on the roads at the same time, thus recreating the way things were during their heyday when it was much more common to see them on the roads. This type of exposure is very important for the future of all aspects of our hobby.

Please take the time to pass this information along to any of the other British car sources that you know of or subscribe to (autox.team lists), otherwise this event may go unnoticed by many, and that would be a shame.

Thanks for your time,

Scott Helms

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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**From: Ed Moody <[moody@idirect.com](mailto:moody@idirect.com)>**

This year marks the 50th anniversary of sports car racing in Canada and plans are underway for a major event to take place July 2,3,4 at Mosport to celebrate. While it is just in the initial planning stages the event will probably see the largest vintage car race ever held in Canada.

Combined with this will be rallies including a TSD competitive rally, Car shows and a major event with entertainment in Lindsay on the Saturday night. Additional attractions including a large flea market will also be held. While its too early to confirm it's hoped that many former racing greats will be in attendance.

Full information should be available by the end of February but please make sure your members are aware to keep the dates open. Those planning to stay in motels should book a room in Lindsay as soon as possible. Being a holiday both in Canada and the US we expect a very large crowd. Free camping will be available at Mosport. We will be issuing press releases as plans become finalized.

Ed Moody (moody@octonline.com)  
Vintage Race Canada

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### **SPECIAL ADVANCED NOTICE – MILLENNIUM ADVENTURE EXTRORDINAIRE**

***Saturday, August 5th to Wednesday, August 16th, 2000 (12 Days)***

To celebrate the millennium, it was decided that our destination for the annual British Invasion in the year 2000 will be the west coast of Newfoundland. We will arrive and depart via the North Sydney to Port-aux-Basques ferry and drive through Corner Brook, Deer Lake Gros Morne National Park to St. Anthony.

Other details are not available at this time but be sure to mark this tour on your calendar for next year. Plans are to have a back-up vehicle to carry any spares you do not have room for in your car. (Organizers: Tony Gibson & Preston Smith)

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### ***Welcome to New Members***

We wish to welcome the following ten new members who have joined the Club since the last *Small Torque* was issued:

Ken & Linda Argent	Annapolis Royal	, NS
Walter & Donna Coggins	Metehgan, NS	1979 Triumph Spitfire
Ervin & Barb Currie	New Glasgow, NS	No Car at Present
Ed & Margaret Driver	Saskatoon, Sask.	1989 Morgan 4/4
David Etter & Gwen Hamm	Mahone Bay, NS	1978 MGB
David & Nancy Flemming	Lakeview, NS	No Car at Present
Dave Geller	St. Lambert, Quebec	1960 TR3
Henry & Judy Anne Messom	Cambridge, NS	
LeRoy & Faye Perry	Yarmouth, NS	1979 Mini 1000
Mike Robicheau	Halifax, NS	1973 MGB

We sincerely hope you and your family will enjoy the company of others who enjoy driving and preserving British automobiles and we look forward to meeting you and your cars at the next outing.

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### ***Smith's Big Adventure!***

On Mon 2 Nov, I staggered home from giving the final coat of paint to our Black 80 MGB LE. On the spur of the moment, Betti Ann (my wife) and I decided to attend the weekly get together of the British Automobile Touring Association of Nova Scotia which is held at a local Arby's. On arrival, our local Sunbeam guru, Bob Hamilton, asked if we had seen the message on the lists concerning the sale of an 1962 MGA 1600 MK II. Innocently, we said we had not and Bob said he would forward it to me. Knowing that Betti Ann cut her teeth on MGAs in the early 60's, club members gave me the gears about not heading off to Toronto to buy this car.

As we headed home from Arbys we talked about this 'MGA' dream of ours, and said what the hell - it is only money. A quick call to Tom Low in Toronto, who is now the 'former' owner of the car, and we headed off to TO on Wed morning with our Line of Credit cheque book in hand. Concerned that someone might get there before us, we had asked Tom to give us first dibs on its purchase considering we were travelling 1200 miles to see it. Two hours from Halifax, with only 1080 mile to go, we phoned Tom and advised him that assuming the car was as he had represented it during our e-mail and telephone communications, he could consider it sold to us. Twenty-eight hours later we rolled into Toronto on Thurs afternoon after having pushed our 8 cyl. Grand Cherokee to the limit. One look and we were writing a down

payment with agreement to pick it up on Tues morning. Thinking it would be wise to reserve a U-Haul auto transporter as soon as possible, we rapidly found that there was not one to be found in Ontario much less Toronto and were advised to phone the central reservation desk first thing Fri. morning.

Bright and early the next morning we were informed that one had shown up over night in mid downtown Toronto. We rapidly headed to the specified location and there was the trailer. We asked that it be reserved for us for Tues morning and the manager gave it to us immediately, at no cost for the extra days, so that we would be sure to have it when we wanted it. We arrived at Tom Low's home on 9 Nov and after 3 hours of loading the car onto the trailer and spares into the MGA and the Jeep (with tummy's filled with warm soup courtesy of Denise and Tom Low), we headed east from Toronto with promises of record winds and rain fall to accompany us. After 51 hours on the road and 30 hours of driving through rain, sleet, snow, and almost continuous very high winds we arrived in Halifax safe and sound. So if anyone saw a white Grand Cherokee pulling a red MGA on a trailer heading east between Toronto and Halifax, it was Betti Ann and me.

This morning we unloaded our pride and joy and used the trailer to pick up the chassis and detached panels of our recently painted 80 MGB LE. How important was it for us to have this car? It was very important because tomorrow (14 Nov) is Betti Ann's birthday and I wanted her to have this car as a gift to replace the 59 MGA she had owned in the 62-63 time frame. All and all an interesting week that we will remember for a long time. Thanks Tom for looking after this classic car so well.

Preston

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### ***"Car Porn" by Dr. Mark Clark*** (Reprinted with permission of the author)

I was on my way down to the local bookstore to buy my copy of *Classic & Sportscar*, and as I kissed my wife good-bye before hopping in my TR-4, she said "Have a nice trip to get your car porn, love." When I asked her to explain, she pointed out how I was going to buy a magazine filled with glossy color photos of good-looking things I couldn't have and could only fantasize about because they were too expensive. Sounded like pornography to her, and when I gave it a moment's thought, I realized she was right - I was going out to buy car porn.

Once convinced of the basic validity of the metaphor, I started to think about how one could classify the various classic car magazines on the market by comparing them to various pornographic magazines. It's easier than you might think. First off, *Classic & Sports Car* and *Thoroughbred & Classic* are clearly the *Playboy* and *Penthouse* of the classic car world. They have pictures of all sorts of cars, as long as they are sporty and fairly expensive. They also pretty much only have pictures that one might term "soft core" car porn - the cars have all their paint on, they look nice and are polished, and you don't see them taken apart or, heaven forbid, having big rust holes repaired. They are also the largest and the most mass market, going for a wide audience, and they have lots of words in them, not just pictures.

*Practical Classics*, on the other hand, is clearly the *Hustler* of the classic car porn world. The cars are not as fancy and stylish as in the previous two magazines, but they are more approachable - it's easier to imagine you might actually date ..., oh, I mean buy one of them. *Practical Classic* is also more hard core - you get to see what is under the hood while the man with the spanner tightens a few things up - very intimate. Lot of pictures, not as many words.

For American readers, *British Car* magazine is an oddity of car porn - sort of like a combination of *Big Hooters* with the *Journal of Gynecology*. Any kind of picture of a car will do, as long as its British, just like *Big Hooters* will carry any sort of picture, as long as it involves, well, big hooters. But *British Car* has all that detailed advice stuff as well, very clinical - I guess they want to appeal to every American no matter how weird their tastes in car porn are.

As for the various single marque magazines, like *Jaguar World* or *The Triumph Register*, they are just like the sort of very specialized magazines found only behind the counter in plain wrappers, something like *Blonde Teens Who Like Riding Horses In The Nude Covered With Chocolate Sauce*. For these car porn devotees, only one specific kind of porn will do, only pictures of one specific kind of car will get them off ..... the couch to polish something in the garage.

As for club newsletters, well that's just plain dirty, exactly like the stuff collected by local groups of perverts who pass around the latest child pornography. Crudely printed, amateur layout, but for the faithful the thing they must have so that they and their fellow prey ... enthusiasts can get together and compare what it is they have in their driveways.

So what sort of car porn consumer am I? Well, I must confess that I am an addict - I read all kinds, and I just can't get enough. Good thing my wife is so understanding, not to mention my TR-4....

Mark "Is that an alternator in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?" Clark

Dr. Mark Clark  
Oregon Institute of Technology

### **Club Shirts, Hats & Car Badges**

We now have a good supply of handsome Golf shirts, Sweatshirts and hats all embroidered with the Club crest and in all sizes. Golf Shirts are \$25.00, Sweatshirts \$30.00 and hats \$15.00, all taxes included. You can order one by calling Ron Gray at 865-5025 or see Ron at Arby's in Bedford on Monday nights. Bob Hamilton and Roger Phinney also have the beautiful cast Club car badges in 3" (\$20.00) or 4" (\$25.00) sizes available complete with mounting hardware. (Some modifications to the mounting hardware may be necessary to suit your car.)

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### **MARKETPLACE**

If you have anything you would like to advertise in this section of *Small Torque*, please e-mail Bob Hamilton or send copy to the address on the front of this Newsletter before the next issue which will be in June 1999.

#### **For Sale**

- 1972 MGB good running condition. new tires. body good, fiberglass front fenders. Contact Ben Rodgers at 902-964-3020 or e-mail [rodgl@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:rodgl@pei.sympatico.ca)
- Recently I was approached by a gentleman from Dartmouth with a '73 B engine, tranny, splined and standard rear ends, plus the remnants of a front end assembly. If anyone's interested, please contact Terry Williams at 902-453-2530 or e-mail [mguyc100@isisnet.net](mailto:mguyc100@isisnet.net)
- You might want to pass on this name - a person in Canada that sells Jaguar parts! I don't know if he has any MG stuff but it might be worth a call. I got a brand new out-of-print Haynes manual and Factory parts catalog from him: Eli Mucsi, 124 Alfred street Apt #2., Brantford Ontario N3S 5G5, Canada. Fax 1-519-756-7580 or e-mail Eli Mucsi at, [emucsi@bfree.on.ca](mailto:emucsi@bfree.on.ca). He claims to service most of the Jags in southern Ontario. He might be worth calling, especially when considering 1.54 exchange rate + duty! Keep it in Canada. Submitted by Alex Jurgens
- For sale: Austin Healey Sprite Mark 2 engine, transmission, clutch, carbs, manifold, starter, driveshaft, speedometer and combination gauge. Odometer shows 65,000 miles and all parts were warmly and dry stored for the last 30 years. Engine number starts with 9CG so for you Sprite fans this probably means a 950 cc engine for a 61 or 62 Austin Healey sprite. Engine is not seized. Will take \$500 for the lot. Also have several good Midget doors and early good condition chromed bumpers. You can e mail me or phone Bob Bentley at 902 964-3294. Parts are in PEI.
- Gary Walker is thinking of selling his 1967 Triumph Spitfire Mark 2: car is registered and inspected. Not mint, but a solid car that was driven last summer. Included is a spare 1300 engine, windshield and extra set of wheels. Offers around \$4500. Please contact (902) 894-3964 or [gmwalker@auracom.com](mailto:gmwalker@auracom.com)
- For Sale: 1969 Triumph Spitfire GT6+ /no headlights/ trans not great (syncro problem) Price to be discussed. Contact: Bill Elliott at 902-865-8567 for info. Submitted by member Jim Cleveland.
- 1962 Austin Cambridge Countryman Estate wagon. 76,000 original miles, inside storage since early 1980's. Very solid body, complete original condition, original paint. Mechanically O.K. but needs restoration of brakes and seals, etc. Asking \$3,000.00 o.b.o. Contact Kevin Rudderham, Rusagonis, NB 506-357-6329.
- For Sale: 1967 Hillman Minx sedan, 1725cc automatic, mechanically good, needs work on rocker panels and fenders, 42,000 original miles with one owner. Call George Hatt at 634-9315, Bayport near Lunenburg.
- 1979 MGB in very good condition. Stored winters, good compression across all cylinders but has not been yet converted to an unleaded head. Purchased to use while my other car being repaired/ restored, its ready for paint so the 79 must go! \$5,500. E-mail Malcolm Jeffcock [jeffcock@istar.ca](mailto:jeffcock@istar.ca) or telephone 902-895-5964 (Truro)
- For Sale: 1976 MGB, new front end bushings, tires, good top, tonneau, etc. Repainted 2 years ago in original red colour, only 64,000 original miles. I am second owner since 1978. \$8,400.00 Call George Smith in Halifax at 445-5754.

### **Wanted**

~~Trying to locate rear end for a 1953 Hillman, would think any rear end 1950/56 would be suitable.  
Contact Ben Rodgers at 902-964-3020 or e-mail rodgl@pei.sympatico.ca~~

- Wanted: Complete water temperature gauge to fit 1959 Triumph TR3A. Call Bob Annand at 902-435-6146 or bob.annand@ns.sympatico.ca

### **Davidson's Pancake House – Parrsboro**

Serving pancakes, maple syrup, bacon, ham, beans, toast, juice and tea/coffee. Also, demonstrations of maple syrup and candy making and a tour of the evaporator room. Open from: 11:00 AM until 8:00 PM, Saturdays and Sundays from March 13th. until April 11th.. Directions: From Parrsboro, north on Rt. 2 for 11 Km. Turn right onto Canaan Rd. (dirt) at Halfway River. Take the first left side road and the farm is on the right. Drive around back to the Pancake House entrance. *(Charles Davidson is the brother of club member Kerwin Davison, the owner of an antique car and he is also hosting the "Lobster Tales" dinner (Parrsboro Run) in June)*

### **Club Discounts at Halifax/Dartmouth Locations**

Ron Gray has been busy visiting some local automotive firms in the Halifax area and has been offered discounts to BATANS members:

Miller Tire - Dartmouth  
Maritime Radiator - Halifax  
Fairley & Stevens - Dartmouth  
Car Quest - Halifax  
Apple Auto Glass - Sackville.

### **Home Page Changes.....Now "www.batans.ns.ca"**

Mike Digdon is in the midst of taking over the reigns for the BATANS home page from Greg Johnson who is newly married to Mary and now living and working in New Brunswick. Greg was the person who designed the home page, put us on the Net and maintained the site which is now linked from other sites around the World.

On behalf of all BATANS members, thanks Greg for the great effort you put into maintaining this site for all of us. A job well done. Thanks again Greg and welcome Mike!

On another note, Mike has set up the BATANS domain to accept e-mail addressed to batans.ns.ca. If for example, e-mail is sent to me at "hamilton@batans.ns.ca" it will get forwarded to my permanent Internet address "hamilton@cast.navnet.net". This applies to all members that have provided us with their e-mail address. In addition to this, if you wish to send a message (technical or otherwise) to all the members with e-mail, address the message to "members@batans.ns.ca" and it will be distributed to all online members. Two great new features!

### **Mike Burdick (on the SOL listserv on Internet) says:**

A while back when this topic came up, I posted excerpts from a Skinned Knuckles article on silicone brake fluid. They made the best attempt I've seen so far to actually address this issue with hard data instead of anecdotes. The data they used came from military tests in jungle conditions and tests from the original producer of DOT5 fluid (DuPont? I can't remember...). Even so, they were not able to come up with many conclusions about DOT5 fluid. In a nutshell, the conclusions were:

- 1) DOT5 does not absorb water and may be useful where water absorption is a problem.
- 2) DOT5 does NOT mix with DOT3 or DOT4. They also maintain that all reported problems with DOT5 are probably due to some degree of mixing with other fluid types. They said the proper way to convert to DOT5 is to totally rebuild the hydraulic system.
- 3) Reports of DOT5 causing premature failure of rubber brake parts were more common with early DOT5 formulations. This is thought to be due to improper addition of swelling agents and has

been fixed in recent formulations.

4) DOT5 is compatible with all rubber formulations.

5) DOT5 doesn't eat paint.

They also made some general recommendations based on this data and personal experiences. These, along with recommendations of list members included:

1) If it works for you, use it. You won't hurt anything if you do the conversion correctly. (See, #2 above)

2) Careful bleeding is required to get all of the air out of the system. Small bubbles can form in the fluid that will form large bubbles over time. It may be necessary to do a series of bleeds.

3) DOT5 is probably not the thing to use in your race car although it is rated to stand up to the heat generated during racing conditions. The reason for this recommendation is the difficult bleeding mentioned above.

4) DOT5 is a good choice for the weekend driver/show car. It doesn't absorb water and it doesn't eat paint. One caveat is that because it doesn't absorb water, water that gets in the system will tend to collect at low points. In this scenario, it would actually be promoting corrosion! Annual flushing might be a good idea.

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### ***Odd Signs From England***

1. IN A LAUNDROMAT: Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

2. IN A LONDON DEPARTMENT STORE: Bargain Basement Upstairs

3. IN AN OFFICE: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

4. IN ANOTHER OFFICE: After the tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

5. ON A CHURCH DOOR:: This is the gate of Heaven. Enter ye all by this door. (This door is kept locked because of the draft. Please use side entrance)

6. OUTSIDE A SECOND HAND SHOP: We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain.

7. QUICKSAND WARNING: Quicksand. Any person passing this point will be drowned. By order of the District Council.

8. NOTICE IN A DRY CLEANER'S WINDOW: Anyone leaving their garments here for more than 30 days will be disposed of.

9. IN A HEALTH FOOD SHOP WINDOW: Closed due to illness.

10. SPOTTED IN A SAFARI PARK: Elephants Please Stay In Your Car

11. SEEN DURING A CONFERENCE: For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the first floor.

12. NOTICE IN A FIELD: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.

13. MESSAGE ON A LEAFLET: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

14. ON A REPAIR SHOP DOOR: We can repair anything (Please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work)

15. SPOTTED IN A TOILET IN A LONDON OFFICE BLOCK: Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.