

Toronto Triumph Club – Honourary Membership Criteria

Purpose

Honourary Membership recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the *Toronto Triumph Club*, the Triumph marque, or the broader British motoring community. It is the club's highest form of membership recognition and is awarded sparingly.

Eligibility

A candidate should meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Has provided **outstanding long-term service** to the *Toronto Triumph Club* through leadership, volunteerism, or committee work.
- Has made a **significant contribution** to the preservation, restoration, promotion, or history of Triumph automobiles.
- Has demonstrated exceptional dedication to fostering the club's mission, values, and sense of community.
- Has brought distinction or recognition to the club through achievements, advocacy, or public service related to Triumph vehicles or the collector car hobby.
- Has provided extraordinary support to the club over many years (minimum 10 years) as a member in good standing.

Considerations

When evaluating a nominee, the Board should consider:

- Length and consistency of contributions.
- Impact of the nominee's efforts on the club and its members.
- Leadership, mentorship, and willingness to support others.
- Integrity, sportsmanship, and embodiment of the club's values.
- Contributions that extend beyond normal expectations of membership.

Nomination Process

- Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate.
- A nomination should be submitted in writing and include:
 - A summary of the nominee's contributions.
 - Supporting examples or documentation.
 - Endorsement by at least two additional members in good standing.
- Nomination deadline October 1; Announced at Annual General Meeting in November

Selection Process

- The Board of Directors reviews all nominations.

- Honourary Membership should be awarded only when a nominee clearly meets the established criteria.
- Approval requires a **two-thirds majority vote** of the Board.
- The number of Honourary Memberships awarded should be limited to preserve the distinction of the honour (for example, no more than one or two per year).

Rights and Privileges

Unless otherwise specified in the club's bylaws, an Honorary Member:

- Is recognized as a lifetime Honourary Member of the *Toronto Triumph Club*.
- Receives all regular membership privileges.
- Is exempt from annual membership dues.
- May attend all club meetings, social events, tours, and activities.
- May vote or hold office only if permitted under the club's bylaws.

Recognition

Honourary Members should be recognized by:

- Presentation of a certificate or plaque at the Annual General Meeting or another club event.
- Announcement in the Ragtop Magazine and website.

Guiding Principle

Honourary Membership is intended to recognize **exceptional and sustained contributions** rather than a single accomplishment or fulfillment of routine club duties. It should remain a rare distinction that reflects the highest ideals of the *Toronto Triumph Club*.