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DIRECTOR'S DRIPPINGS XVIII



Can you believe we are half way through the year? We must be having fun, times flying! So far this year I have got to drive my car to one event. I have the second head gasket on, and have driven over 100 miles without it blowing. That's a good sign, if I was superstitious. I just have a couple of things to do to the car before we head for Carthage. I am determined to make it all the way this year! We have had a great time every year that we have made it. Last year they called me after we blew the first head

gasket, and said to have the tow truck bring us to Carthage and they would have a head gasket, tools and help waiting for us there, what a great group. With hindsight I probably should have taken them up on it.

It looks like the rain has finally stopped. I don't remember having so many events canceled because of rain. The Art contest was great, just rained a little. I want to thank all who supported it, especially Doug Lyman for letting me use his car for it, and Karen Lyman for guiding professionally in the judging. We will be working on the note cards in the next couple of weeks. Remember we have the drive-in theater coming up in 2 weeks (July 10), I hope Steve Boyse will bring his speakers again. I was really proud last year we had more Triumphs there than anyone else. We have a trip to Rocheport scheduled in October (9 & 10) please RSVP by the 15th of July if you are planning to go!! We

had to cancel the Lincoln trip due to no shows, there is too much planning to ask people to set these trips up then not supporting them.

We were well represented at The Art of the Car Show last week. What a great show, people were comparing it to Pebble Beach. There was a good crowd; we saw a lot of group friends and friends from other groups. I got to meet Lance Goldberg a long time member that doesn't get to the club nights out. He had his TR3 there, Brad Baumgart had his TR6 shined and looking great, James Summers had his TR4 entered and you would never know it was the car with 3 snow tyres that he started out with, Ron & Susan Ray deserve honorable mention, they showed their AH. I have got to meet 2 members that don't get out to many events this year. Bill Riggs another old timer I hadn't met made it to Olpe. Paul, Ray and I made a run out to Desoto a couple of weeks ago to check it out for a short trip. (Grandpa's Garage) We didn't get to see it but just looking in the windows was interesting and we had a nice ride, we will work it in to the schedule this year.

Update on my Danish friend he has now bought 3 Triumphs. The first was a TR4 he found in Denmark, the last I heard it had a blown head gasket. Then he bought a TR6 off the web that was in Washington (state) he should get it in the next few days, and then he bought another 6 that was on e-bay in Germany. It was about 500 miles from his home; he drove his BMW down to arrange for it to be shipped.

We will have a short business meeting at the Overton's annual picnic. We have written a new Constitution and By-Laws and will present them then for approval.

Keep your Triumphs on the road!

Jack

Editor's Notes

First of all, Thanks to Craig Vaughn for helping me get the Spit started after my home brew disassembly/reassembly. I replaced the rod and main bearings and made sure it was leaking enough oil. Back on the road again!

Welcome to our new advertisers, Noland's Cylinder Head Service and Ed's Radiator and Auto Repair. Don't forget, members, thank our advertisers for their support when you patronize them

If you look through the newsletter, there is a lot of fun to be had in the weeks ahead.. See you there!

Chip



We would like to welcome the latest new members to the Kansas City Triumphs Sports Car Club:

Welcome New Member::Steve & Cheryl Carver
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Welcome and happy motoring!

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I mentioned the sillicone gaskets in the Drrippins column a few months ago. I ordered one when I was replacing my head gaskets. I have had my valve cover off and on at least 3 times so far & no leaks or scraping and cleaning to put back on. They are very easy to work with, you permanately adhere it to the valve cover, and your done. You don't have to torque the valve cover down for it to seal tight. The price including shipping for mine was \$19.00 and it was delivered in 3 days. The web site address is www.gasketinnovations.com, you will get a reply confirming your order in minutes. I highly reccommend them, my valve cover always leaked before, no leaks now.

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KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB MEETING MINUTES

JULY 1, 2010, 5:30 pm

Location:

Birdies Pub, Overland Park, KS

Attendees:

Jack Edwards, Ed Blend, Paul McBride, Gary Davis, Steve Boyce.

Past Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the June 3rd meeting were read by Ed Blend and approved by the Board.

Old Business:

1. We acknowledged the fact that Gary has not moved yet and remains a valued member of the board.
2. The new Constitution and By-Laws were presented to the board and approved. Club distribution will be at Ray's BBQ later in the summer.

New Business:

1. It was reported that Noland's Head Shop is going to purchase an ad for the Newsletter. The shop is the kind that grinds engine heads, not the other kind.
2. Regarding the road trip this October to Rocheport. We need to get reservations in for the accommodations. Gary suggested promoting future functions with large ads in the Newsletter long before the fact. All agreed
3. Steve suggested that we might be able to use e-vite to get reservations and send to all members. Ed and Irene will look into what we have to do.

Meeting was adjourned about 6:30PM

Ed Blend for Bob Aguilar.



KCI Car Show, June 19

Somehow the show was not rained out! Several of us had planned on going and 4 of us showed up, 3 with wives in tow. Steve Olson worked the show in the night before leaving for the National MG Show in Canada. He left the Midget at home primed and ready to go and brought the TR8, John and Nancy Maas came in their TR8. There was no judging so I can't say which TR8 is best! Steve Boyse and I finally made it after both of us had to be jump started. Steve was having electrical problems and my Carburetor was loading up. This was my maiden voyage since the head work, so I was glad to just have to work on the carbs.

Turned out my choke was hanging up nothing big. The Liljegren Clan showed up later, They have outgrown the Spitfire, for the clan, and the stroller is crowded. Good to see Jim & Maureen the kids are really growing.

This is more a detroit show, with a lot of old guys with their toys, not much British Iron in the lot. Their were probably close to 300 cars there and the hot dogs were 2 for a dollar, and no entry fee (Ray where were you). So over all a good show with cheap food. To show how old the crowd was over half were gone by 6, nothing like our shows, showing hope for us age wise.





See You at the Drive In

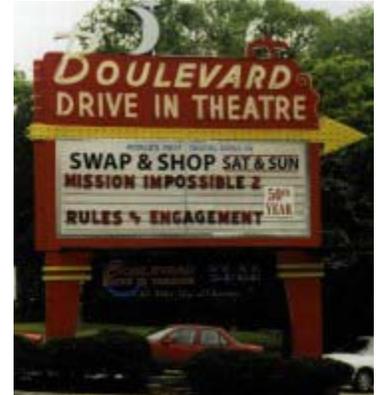
July 10, 2010 - Boulevard Drive In

Check Their Web-Site

boulevarddrivein.com

To see what the Movies will be

Please RSVP TO: genobuf@aol.com



July 31, 2010 Dinner & A Play Night



It was decided at the club night out that we would go to the latest play that Irene Blend is appearing in, The Vagina Monologues

The play starts at 7:30 pm, going as a group the tickets will cost \$10/person, Please RSVP to jackhedwards@gmail.com and I will order tickets for the group. The Barn Theater is at 6219 Martway, Mission Ks. We can decide on a restaurant after we see how many are going. Please RSVP by July 10!! just click on my address above.

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August 21, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

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Art of the Car

The fourth annual Art of the Car was June 27, and this year there was another great turnout.

Members Brad Baumgart, Lance Goldberg and James Summers represented the Club.



James Summers TR4



Brad Baumgart's TR6



Lance Goldberg's TR3a

The event featured President Woodrow Wilson's 1919 Pierce-Arrow Limousine. The car, which has been restored to full working order, is owned by the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum in Staunton, Va.

A Triumph DID get recognized: Harley-Davidson Inc., "Best in Show Classic Motorcycle": Jim and Joan Vandergriff, 1942 Triumph 3HW



The Art of the Car Concours™, is a benefit for student scholarships at the Kansas City Art Institute. The show featured some really extraordinary cars



1912 Gobron-Brillie Skiff



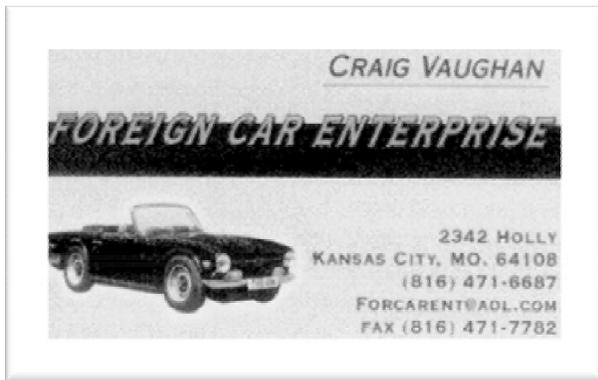
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WEDGE WORDS

Recently I had a problem with my Midget that could also have happened with any of our old British cars. I couldn't get it to run consistently. It seemed the carb adjustment was way off. I would get it adjusted and running sweetly. Then after a few miles on the road, especially the highway, it would be way off again. I disassembled the carbs, checked fuel filters, measured fuel flow, and even checked the ignition. I did all those things several times. Nothing I did even changed the problem but it did seem to be slowly getting worse. Since we were getting ready for a road trip of a few thousand miles I was nervous.



Finally I have (I think) resolved the issue. Turns out the charcoal canister that I suspected might be stopped up was close to the problem. This is the one main emission control device that I keep in place on my cars. It has no negative effect on the performance and it does keep fuel vapors out of the air we breathe. But on my Spitfire powered Midget the main hose that connects the canister, the crankcase, and the metered input to the carb throats had a problem. The biggest hose joins the top of the canister and then makes a short 90 degree bend heading toward the engine. Originally this may have been a formed hose with the bend built in. The bonnet closes and kinks the hose nearly blocking it. Then at road speed there is enough vacuum to sometimes

suck the hose completely shut. So sometimes the carb adjustment needed to be rich enough to compensate for this small amount of extra air. After the hose plugged up, the carb adjustment was way too rich. After the engine was shut down the hose opened up again.

Chasing this problem down was difficult but fixing it was cheap and easy. I got a 90 degree elbow in the copper pipe department of the hardware store and spliced that into the hose. Less than 5 bucks even with the clamps. But an engine that runs consistently smooth and sweet is priceless.

Often the troubles that plague our old cars are not complicated or expensive to correct. But you do have to be persistent and keep banging your head against the wall till you make the right diagnosis. Some problems take more than one six pack.

Steve Olson

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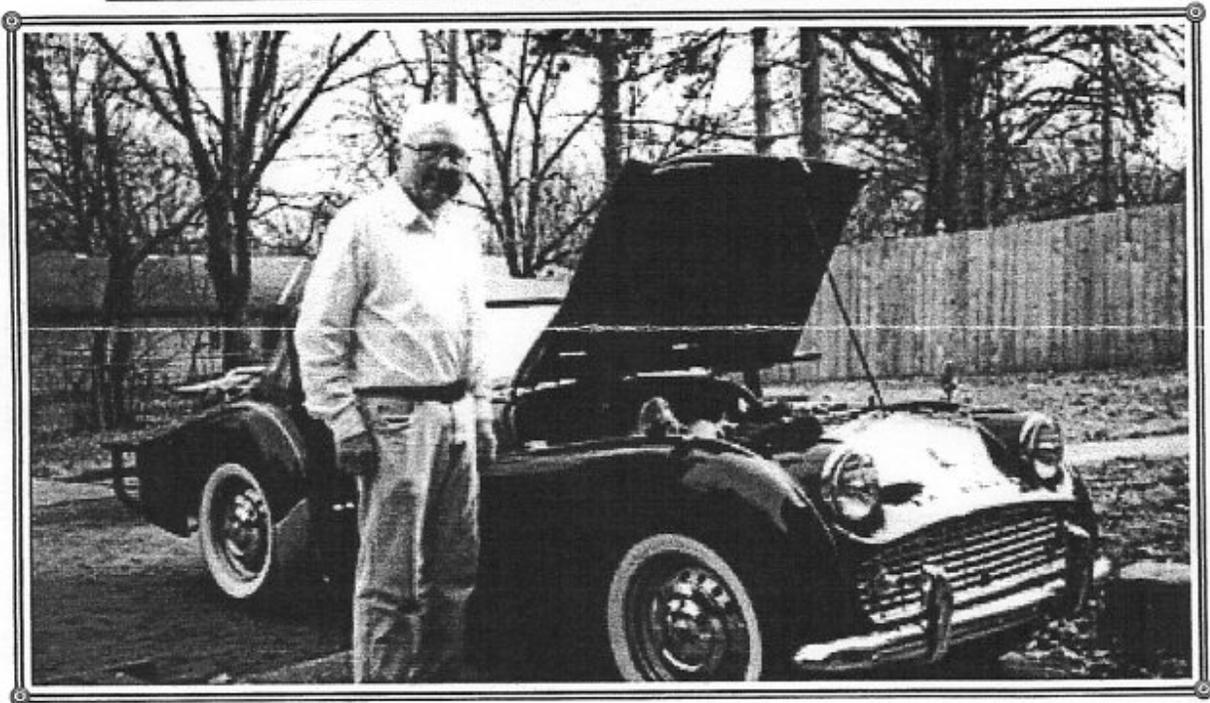
Remembering the Whites

Paul McBride dropped by my house today to share this item from the club newsletter of March-April 1988. You may have read in the Kansas City Star that the White Haven Motor Lodge, a 50 year institution on Metcalf was recently closed and the contents auctioned off. The familiar sign was purchased by the Johnson County Museum for a future exhibit.

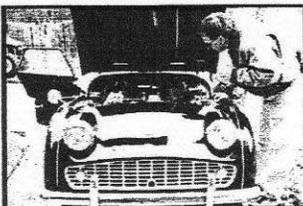
Bob & Esther White were charter members of the KC Triumphs and very active in club activities, frequently hosting pool parties at their White Haven Estates home on Metcalf.



SPECIAL INTEREST AUTO



Feast your eye's on this RARE (35,475 original miles) 1959 TR3A! Bob White, original and long time KC triumphs member talks about his life long love for triumphs and about his very rare car collection. In fact, bob claims this TR3 still has british air in the tires!!! See pg. 9.

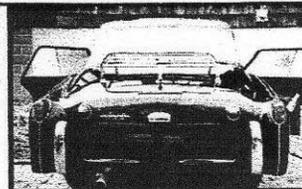


Special Interest Auto

Bob & Esther White

1959 TR3A

by Dan Heiman



Paul McBride and I had the unique opportunity recently to visit Bob & Esther White, original and long time KC Triumph members, at their home in Overland Park to take a gander at Bob's awesome car collection, in particular his 1959 TR3A. I wouldn't have believed it had I not seen it for my own eyes. Paul McBride tried to tell me but I just couldn't fathom the thought of someone buying a 1959 TR3 nearly 40 years ago, driving it for three years and then parking it in nearly mint condition with only 35,475 miles on the odometer. A truly *original* automobile with all the original mechanical parts, rubber, leather, accessories, two original tires that Bob claims still have British air in them and the list goes on! Paul McBride and I agreed, this car of Bob White's may be one of less than 5 or 6 like it in the world. Commission #: TS40792L

It all began for Bob & Esther in the Spring of 1959 when they ordered this unique little British sports car from Goans Foreign Cars in Kansas City, MO. Esther told the story of how the neighbors could tell when the Whites' new prize possession had arrived for pick up at Goans when they saw Esther sprinting across the yard to tell Bob the good news. Bob spoke of a memorable driving trip he and Esther took through the Western United States in their newly acquired TR3 where most of the now 35,000 miles were driven. Their adventure began in Kansas City and lead them through the mountains of Colorado & Utah, the desert heat and canyons of Arizona/New Mexico, and finally all the way to Southern California/Mexico and the Baja Peninsula. "We drove a lot at night when it was cool" Bob said, "however, one night in Arizona it was 111 degrees"! Now that is true love for the open road in a Triumph! Bob recalled, "We were driving in a rain storm through Utah one night and noticed many small clods in the road. I didn't know what they were and since they made no noise if we hit one I just kept on driving. Finally, I saw one hop and realized they were big toads. I scraped toad meat from my fenders for hours!"

During our visit, Bob backed the TR3 from its "temperature controlled" garage and the beauty of this perfectly preserved TR was ours to ponder. I, of course, took pictures from every conceivable angle and asked Bob to fire her up. It took just a few minutes until this wonderful old car was alive again and I could just picture him driving it home for the first time in 1959, and, I could see Bob and Esther on the side of that Utah highway scraping toad meat from its fenders in a downpour. Not a pretty sight but a great story indeed. After Paul and I saw what I thought was about the most beautiful original car I had ever seen, Bob asked us into his garage for a peek at the rest of his collection. First, we saw his *original* 1967 XKE Jaguar, also purchased new in '67 with only 17,000 original miles. Second, he had a 1954 120 Drop Head Jag originally restored with only 34,000 miles and last, but certainly not least, his 1950 TR 2000 Saloon painstakingly restored by Bob himself. All I can say is AWESOME! What a collection!!! Look for Bob, Esther and his TR3A at club events this spring/summer. My thanks to Paul McBride for suggesting this visit and a special thanks to Bob and Esther White for their hospitality and candor during our visit.

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CALENDAR

Kansas City Triumphs 2010 Calendar of Events

<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>Club Night Out</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Harvester's (6-8)- JACK</u> jackhedwards@gmail.com
<u>3</u>	<u>Airport Sock Hop</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Club Night Out</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>Drivein Night</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Lake Garnett Picnic</u> siboyses@gmail.com
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<u>23/25</u>	<u>Carthage Show</u>		
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>OCTOBER</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>Club Night Out</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Lawrence Show</u>
<u>4/5</u>	<u>KC All British</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Club Night Out</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>Overton's Picnic</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>Rocheport Trip</u>
<u>17/19</u>	<u>Fayetteville Show</u>	<u>20/24</u>	<u>VTR NAT Show</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>Shrine Swap Meet</u>	<u>23/24</u>	<u>Fat Run</u>
			<u>30 Chili Super</u>
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		<u>DECEMBER</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>Club Night Out</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Christmas Banquet</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>Workshop @ Craig's</u>		
<u>23</u>	<u>Harvester's (6:00-8:00)</u>		