

## Kansas City Triumphs Sports Car Club



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## **Director's Drippings**



We have made some strides in the last two months for protecting and improving the Club; we are now insured as a group and the directors, this coverage includes someone leaving an event after drinking and having an accident; Chip has taken over the website and has great plans for it, if the newsletter is any indication he will make it more beneficial for us; Bob has gotten our status with the State as a non-profit resolved, he also is ready to produce a new directory for everyone. Ed is about halfway to the goal for the grille badges, get in your orders to him. Cynthia & Ed have been busy finding a place for the Christmas banquet; it will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

We have not found any copies of our bylaws, if you should happen to have some please loan them to us. We have a copy of another group's and are studying them to adapt them to our group. When we come up with something we will submit to the members to approve.

Chip is sending everyone a reminder postcard about your email addresses. We are getting a number of returns, which means you aren't getting your notices and newsletters. Please update us if you change your email address.

We had to cancel the trip to Smith's Museum, due to Carol Olson breaking her arm and my medical problems. They have determined that my carotid arteries are blocked and that it is inoperable, no I'm not dying!! They are treating it with drugs, nothing fun or hallucinogenic; I'm too old for that now anyway. I have to lose weight, quit smoking and cannot do some of the strenuous things. I don't like to go on about my health, but felt I owed you all an explanation. I want to thank all those that have expressed their concern.

We have some great events scheduled for the rest of the summer and will try to get Smith's rescheduled. VTR printed the article about our anniversary in May. If you missed it you might want to join and support VTR!

Watch the website and checkout the changes. We have been getting responses from it and should start to be able to use it even more.

Let's get our tops down and hit the road in our LBC's.





## Editor's Notes



I HOPE you noticed that your Kansas City Triumphs Club Newsletter is considerably later than planned!

An electrical outage/surge destroyed every component of my main computer. THREE of my hard drives are no longer readable. On one of them, visible damage is apparent as a burn mark on one of the chips.

I have had to replace the motherboard and power supply (no, wasn't a Lucas Power supply.)

I generally backed up by copying from drive to drive, reasoning that one might fail, but the likelihood of multiple failures was small. Mother Nature has proven me wrong while overcoming the surge protector I did have in line. These means I lost all my e-mail and had to start this edition from scratch.

I have invested in (presumably) a more robust surge protector, but in looking at the evidence, I wonder what it would have taken to stop this surge.

This edition may not be my best. Thanks to Jack & Paul and John for their contributions and to all of you for your patience!

Chíp

## Harvesters: June 20, 2009

Saturday at 10am six of us met with a big day planned. We were going to work till noon and then drive to Excelsior Springs and have lunch at the Wabash and then have another back roads trip to the Airport Car Show. You know how plans go!

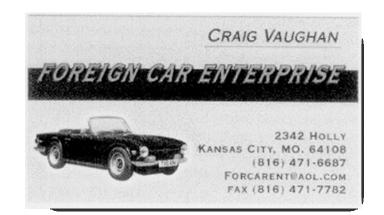
We had a short delay getting started; Richard was putting up his top on the 8. I think he had forgotten how after working on the 3 and couldn't find his side curtains.

Harvesters had us loading boxes with 25 pounds of frozen dinners. We had a large 4X4X4 box full of frozen dinners. Larry took over putting boxes together. We would fill the boxes while they set on a scale, and then have to close and tape the box. The full boxes were stacked on a pallet 6 boxes/layer and 4 boxes high. We did almost 4 pallets before we ran out of food stuffs. We got to the point where you couldn't reach the bottom, so Martha climbed in the box and would hand them out to us. This worked fine until they started bringing more boxes and dumping them in the box. We warned them about Martha so she didn't get covered up. If the food packaging was broken we had to check to see if the food was packed separately in the box, if not throw it away, if it was we taped the package up. It was very hot in the warehouse and we all were working up a good sweat, the girls perspired. Fortunately we were right beside the freezer room and would get cold air when they would open the doors. I remembered after working up a real good

sweat that the doctor had warned me not to overwork or get to hot, so I stood by the freezer, took pictures and cheered the group on from the sidelines.

When we left Harvesters it looked like rain any minute. Remember what I said about plans! We decided not to chance a drive to Excelsior Springs. We decided to eat close by. We convoyed to LCs BBQ. Not the greatest choice but close. We lost Martha somewhere along the way, we hope she made it home alright. When we had finished eating we decided that it was time to change the plans again and head for home. As Laraine and I were driving away with our top down it was raining. Larry was putting the top up on Trumpy, Steve and Richard already had their tops up. I'm glad to report Laraine and I did not melt! The next workday at Harvesters is November 24, COME JOIN THE FUN!!

#### Jack



# TECH TIP: Dr. Colorchip product review



Fig. 1: Supplies



Spreading





2: Applying



4: Sealact



6: Before



Fig. 7: After

Dr. ColorChip is an automotive paint chip repair system widely advertised in auto journals. I ordered the basic kit (\$39) for my 21 year old Mustang GT online at drcolorchip.com. They use factory paint codes and have many Triumph colors dating from the '60's. Although the paint is a match to the factory code, it is **NOT** touch up paint found at the local parts store.

The kit consists of paint, a blending solution called SealAct, a brush, and directions, Fig. 1. It is applied in three unique steps.

I applied it to two sections of the Mustang door: the lower section below the trim strip that had accumulated the dreaded "road rash" (multiple small chips Fig. 6), and three chips, mid door, from careless parking lot encounters. Unfortunately these dings would not photograph on the highly reflective black surface or perhaps my camera skills are wanting. I'll comment later on the result.

To prep the surface and remove polish and wax, I used rubbing alcohol.

**Step 1**: Dab the paint on the chips with the brush or Q-tip. Fig. 2.

**Step 2**: Smear the paint immediately to flatten it across the chip. This special paint dries very quickly, Fig. 3. It will dry to the touch in two minutes and can be left for up to two hours before step 3.

**Step 3**: Blend and remove excess paint with the SealAct solution on a small cotton cloth and rubbing gently over the chips. Fig.'s 4 & 5. Let the chemical do the work, then immediately buff with a microfiber cloth.

**Results**: The door dings are gone. The road rash is greatly improved, Fig.'s 6 & 7, and would likely have disappeared if I had let the paint dry longer as I did on the dings. The chemical will lift the paint if used too soon. There is plenty of paint and solution left so I will treat more road rash in the future. I polished and waxed the car a few days later and the repair is steadfast. Put a **TRIUMPH** in your day!

### Paul McBríde



Grille badges are now available. The cost will be \$27 each if we can generate an order for 50 or \$17.50 each if we can generate an

order for 100.Send me a check for the number you would like to order made out to

Kansas City Triumphs, 13769 Pembroke Circle, Leawood, KS 66224.

I will hold the check until we get close to 50 badges. If we cannot make the minimum I will see that everyone gets their check back. I

will also keep everyone informed via e-mail on how we are progressing

## Triumphs at Bethlehem Lutheran School



On May 30, 2009 Bethlehem Lutheran School in Raymore, where John Maas teaches, held a Health Fair for the community. The Triumph Club was asked to bring their cars and take participants for a ride to teach them about seatbelt safety.

It turned out to be a beautiful day and about six TR's showed up. Bethlehem has a circle drive in the front and the cars lined up as Nancy Maas signed up the kids and put them into cars for a great ride. Bethlehem is situated in a lovely residential community with a boulevard lined with trees. It was a great ride!

The cars drew a huge crowd as many wanted to see what these unique cars were and get their picture taken by them. Many of the children took numerous rides; some wanted to ride in each and every one of the TR's and our drivers were very courteous. Eventually, after a couple of hours, the children were moving on to other things and the adults then got their rides.

This was a great event for the Triumph Club to participate in for not only did it remind the children of seatbelt safety (be it, lap belts which many had never seen before) but it educated many in a different type of vehicle and the respect of someone else's property.

The TR's have been asked to participate in the event next year and we're hoping to get more cars to the event and give more rides to more people. Thanks to all who participated! Your sacrifice of precious Saturday morning time was greatly appreciated!

## John and Nancy Maas

# What DO members do after selling their Spitfires and moving?

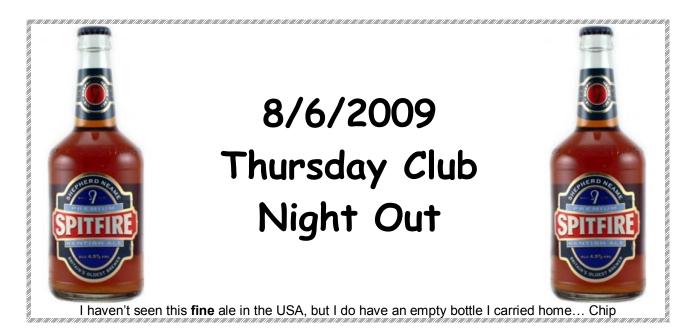




A friend of ours from the trailer-sailor group we hang around with sent me a few shots of us during our trip to Catalina Island. The sea was calm with just some gentle swells. We really lucked out with the weather for the crossing.

The first pictures were in the early morning before the marine layer burned off. The last picture shows us on the trip home with the island in the background. We towed our little "Sport-Yak". She was our transportation from the boat on the mooring to the island.

Don



#### CALENDAR

#### Date Day Event Contact/Responsible Party

#### 7/2/2009 Thursday Club Night Out

7/4/2009 Saturday 4th of July Holiday 7/11/2009 Saturday Blvd. Drive-In Theater Steve Boyse 7/18/19/2009 Sat/Sun Lake of the Ozards Road Trip Bob & Marilyn McBean 7/25/26/2009 Sat/Sun Carthage Car Show & Banquet Diane Cotton & Birks

#### 8/6/2009 Thursday Club Night Out

8/8/2009 Saturday Dawn Patrol Air Show & Pancake Breakfast Jack Edwards & Jeff Givens 8/22/2009 Saturday Garnett Road Trip, Picnic & Race Track Diane Cotton

#### 9/3/2009 Thursday Club Night Out

9/5/2009 Saturday All British
9/6/2009 Sunday All British
9/11/13/2009 Friday Brits in the Ozarks, Fayetville, AR Larry & Linda Birks
9/19/2009 Saturday Overtons Annual BBQ Ray & Barb Overton

#### 10/1/2009 thursday Club Night Out

10/10/2009 Saturday Tech Session at Foreign Car Enterprise Craig Vaughn 10/24/2009 Saturday Chili Super & Belton Cemetary Run Jack & Laraine Edwards 10/24/2009 Saturday Fat Run (MG Club Event) Diane Cotton

#### **11/5/2009 Thursday Club Night Out (Guy Fawkes Day) English Holiday** CALENDAR

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11/15/2009 Sunday Slot car races (Independence, MO); \$10.00/ 8 races Gutherie 11/24/2009 Tuesday Harvesters ( 6:00 to 8:00 PM) Larry Taylor

#### 12/3/2009 Thursday No Club Night Out

12/5/2009 Saturday Christmas Banquet Cynthia Yin 12/26/2009 Saturday Boxing Day English Holiday

#### **Unscheduled Possibilities**

Harley Davidson Plant Tour (9/1:30 weekdays) Sadlers Indoor Racing-cart racing inside-325 Mur-Len Rd. 2010 Southwest Regional Oklahoma City April 29/30 May 01/02, 2010 Sponsored by COVTR

