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LATE BREAKING NEWS AND OTHER STUFF

Due to space considerations, John's Planning meeting agenda got axed, but we're planned now anyway, so what the heck!

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

GREEN COUNTRY TRIUMPHS VTR REGIONAL

Take a look at the enclosed flier and if you're going contact Jim Brady. 913.642.1769

THE CITY MARKET'S "ART OF THE MACHINE" EXHIBIT

The City Market is starting a 13 week series of specific marque displays May 7th. Get in touch with David MacIntosh for more information. (He FAXd me a flier and it looks like something we might like to do, lot's of exposure down there on Sundays. Cars, I mean) 816.254.5614

KC TRIUMPH'S DRIVE TO TOPEKA

Tentative date, August 19th. More details coming, call Charlie or Melanie Hoch. 913.478.3799

CHUTE-OUT AT CHANUTE

Is May 19-20 this year. Call Charlie or e-mail Steve Fickel at edenpark@ridethe.net.

FAT RUN

Correct date is October 21-22.

FOR SALE

69 Spitfire MK IV/V? Car and motor, alternator, carbs, trannies (one w/OD?, sorry, note was unclear). Bill Loomis 816.221.52236

Woody and Greg still have 2 TR-6 wheels for sale. Professionally sandblasted, re-painted correct color and clear coated. Never used since re-finished. Look up the price of new ones at The Roadster Factory and call me with an offer. Woody

WHY THIS NEWSLETTER WAS LATE

To start out with, my life has been quite busy for the past couple of months (We won't go into the why of it). Secondly, there were some problems getting mailing labels which simply turned out to be on a disc I had, but didn't know I had! Then I find it's on Bill's Access, which I don't have at home so I had to enlist the help of my IS guys at work. Without mailing labels I couldn't get copies printed, buy stamps, get Brady over for a few cold ones to help me collate, label, stamp etc. So finally, out it goes. I promise the next one will be better and on time OR I WILL PERSONALLY WAX EVERY MEMBER'S TRIUMPH, but you have to buy the beer! (Better think about that!)

NOVEMBER

4 – Annual K.C. Triumph Club Dinner. PP: Laura Smith

?? – Antique Run/St. Joseph. PP: Diane Cotton

DECEMBER

9 – Progressive Dinner South. PP: Davis', Lymans, McBrides, Whites(?)

POSSIBLE EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

Overnight Camping Trip at Smithville Lake or a just a "Day at the Lake".

Overnight Stay at the White Haven Motel or just a "Day with the Whites".

2000 KANSAS CITY TRIUMPH CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

24 – Club Night Out/Susie's Restaurant/6:30 p.m. PP: Ann Adkins

MARCH

11 – Pre-Taxes Tune-Up/9:00 a.m. PP: Tim McCracken

25 – O'Malley's, Weston. PP: Jay Smith

APRIL

8 – Club Night Out/Max's Auto Diner/6:30 p.m. PP: Woody Underwood

29 – Swap Meet at Hursts

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10-11 – Maas Maddness Road Rally. PP: Maas'

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2-6 – VTR, Portland, Oregon

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19 or 26 – Topeka Tour. PP: Hochs

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2000 Vintage Triumph Register South Central Regional

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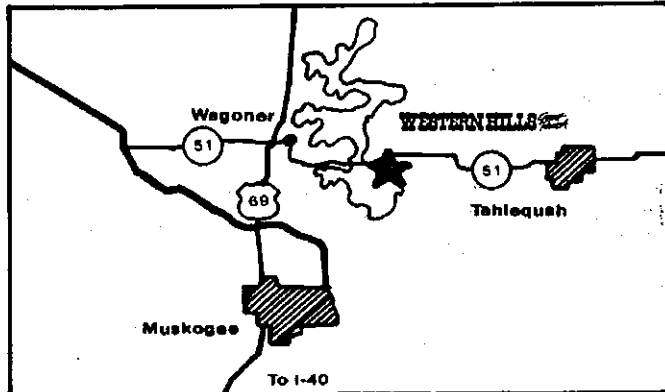
WESTERN HILLS GUEST RANCH
 Wagoner, Oklahoma 74477
 1-800-654-8240

Rates: \$ 65.00 (Lodge Room) plus tax
 \$ 60.00 (Single/Double) plus tax
 \$ 70.00 (Triple) plus tax
 \$125.00 (Suite) plus tax
 Guest Cottages and Campground sites
 also available

Please make reservations
 by February 29, 2000
 Just mention "Triumph Regional"
 for discounts

WESTERN HILLS *Guest Ranch*

WICHITA 228 Miles KANSAS CITY 240 Miles JOPLIN 86 Miles TULSA 42 Miles MUSKOGEE 25 Miles TAHLEQUAH 18 Miles



San Antonio
521 miles

Houston
485 miles

Austin
448 miles

FT SMITH 99 Miles WAGONER 6 Miles OKLAHOMA CITY 156 Miles LITTLE ROCK 255 Miles FT WORTH 276 Miles DALLAS 246 Miles

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CAR WASH



An extremely important part of any car show is cleanliness of the vehicle. Sooo... for those driving some distance or for those in the Wagoner / Tulsa area that would like to clean and shine Friday afternoon and evening with us, there is an on-site area available with a hose and bucket for your use. The car wash area will be located at the Cherokee Campground of the Sequoyah State Park. There will be a place where you can relax before or after preparing your car(s). The perfect place to get a preview of Saturday's contestants and enjoy British automobile conversations.

FRIDAY EVENING WELCOME PARTY

Registration will be open at 1 pm and stay open until 7 pm for late arrivals. The Friday evening "WELCOME PARTY" is for all registered attendees. Plan on a big cookout at the Sequoyah State Park Cherokee Campground with plenty of food and drinks available to everyone!



SHOW SITE INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS



Green Country Triumphs has selected the perfect show site to display our cars. The Western Hills Guest Ranch located in Sequoyah State Park. This portion of Green Country is the location for one of Oklahoma's finest State Parks and will provide us with one of the best show sites around. The show site is a grassy, tree lined peninsula surrounded on three sides with beautiful Ft. Gibson Lake and an adjacent asphalt parking lot. Hotel, food, and resort facilities are adjacent to the show site. A large area for trailer, tow, and support vehicle parking is within easy walking distance from the show site. If you plan to leave your trailer overnight please bring a hitch lock for your own peace of mind. Vendor space available adjacent to the show site is free of

JUDGING

A "Best of Show" Trophy will be awarded by a committee formed and comprised of a representative of each Triumph Club's technical expert in attendance. Their task will be to judge each 1st Place Car and out of that group only. The points awarded for each vehicle will be tallied and the car with the most points will be awarded the "Best In Show" trophy.



EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS

If you pre-register by no later than March 1, 2000 you will be automatically entered in the drawing for a free room for the weekend courtesy of Western Hills Guest Ranch. With each early registration will also receive a "FREE" show T-shirt. The first 100 registered vehicles will receive dash

PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES

Raffle tickets will be sold during all of the weekend events. During the Awards Dinner on Saturday, we will be drawing for plenty of door prizes to be given to registered entrants.

FOR REGISTRATION IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR JUST HAVE QUESTIONS

Visit us at WWW.GreenCountryTriumphs.com

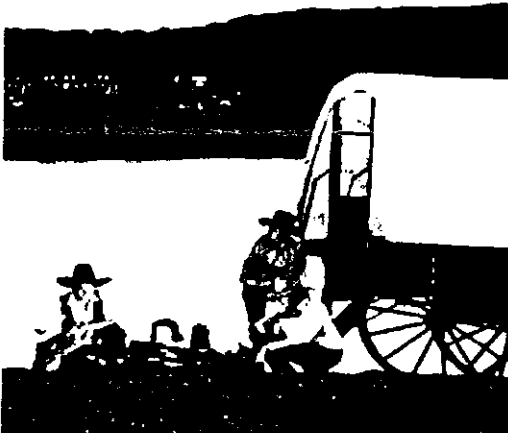
Sharon Parker - Green Country Triumphs (918) 585-5625 or TR6java006@aol.com
 Sam or Carol Clark - Green Country Triumphs 918-455-8993 or TRDoctor@aol.com

**Green Country Triumphs invites all Triumph Owners
to share the weekend festivities at the**

**March 31st,
April 1st, and
2nd, 2000**

**2000
Vintage Triumph Register
South Central Regional**

**WESTERN
HILLS** *Guest
Ranch*



Many of the guests to the Western Hills Guest Ranch come back again and again because there's so much to do at the resort and nearby. Located 50 Minutes east of Tulsa on State Highway 51, the setting is a peninsula in the 2,800 acre Sequoyah State Park on 19,000 acre Fort Gibson Lake. To the north and east are the rugged foothills of the Boston Mountain Range, and to the South lie the Timber Cookson Hills. The Ranch has 101 rooms which sleep up to four people, poolside cabanas, and specialty theme suites. Fifty-four cottages are also featured which sleep two to six people each. Some offer kitchenettes. Friday night is for food, fun, and getting acquainted with our old and new friends who all share the same interest in Triumphs. There will be a Tech Session (topic to be announced later) on Friday evening at the hotel. You will find a spot on the registration form to put in your suggestion on just what you want to see for a tech session. By the way, keep your eyes open, our Murder Mystery starts tonight during the evening. Clues are everywhere. The area surrounding the Ranch are full of country roads with plenty of switch backs and curves. Just what every sports car owner loves to drive on. In fact we have a great road rallye planned over the best roads we could find for your Saturday afternoon pleasure. Our Concours event will be held Saturday morning on a beautiful tree and water lined park adjacent to the hotel. What a gorgeous site! We are lucky to get a perfect site for both the Auto Cross, Funkhana and Road Rallye jump off point. The SCCA will be running the Autocross on the old abandoned landing strip within the park boundary. The old parking lot for the air strip will be our Funkhana site for plenty of laughs and stunt driving. From the same parking lot we will be starting you off on the poker rallye for an afternoon of the best twists and turns we've ever driven on. Don't forget to bring your Crafts. We are planning to pick the best ones. Kids are invited to participate in a coloring contest or, for others, there the great games in the bunk house. There will be a bag lunch to snack on before you take off down the road. The Awards Banquet will feature our Club President, the Mad Welshman, Norm Price as host MC for the evening. Be prepared for an evening of great food, laughs, really unusual trophies, and plenty of Raffle prizes to be given away for the price of a ticket. Sunday morning we will provide a quick continental breakfast for your early drive home. Check all the boxes on your registration form and plan for one really "GREAT" weekend and let's celebrate the year 2000.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	MARCH 31, 2000 - Friday
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Registration. Wash and Shine
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Friday Welcome Party rolls out the barrel and Murder Mystery begins
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	TECH SESSION (subject matter to be announced)
8:00 p.m. - ??:?? p.m.	Push a Triumph Challenge
	APRIL 1, 2000 - Saturday
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration & placement of cars at the show site
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Judging of Cars
10:30 am - 11:00 am	"BEST OF SHOW" group judging
11:30 am - 4:00 p.m.	SCCA Auto Cross, Road Rallye Funhkanna Lunch on the go Craft Contest Children's Coloring Contest Judging
4:15 p.m. till 5:15 p.m.	President's Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Water Hole opens up for beverages
7:30 p.m.	Dinner is served
8:30 p.m.	Awards presentation
9:15 p.m.	Raffle Drawing "PRIZES - PRIZES - PRIZES"
	APRIL 2, 2000 Sunday
6:30 am - 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast



ESCAPE ROADS

Carburetor King

One man perseveres at a dying art

British carburetor specialist Joe Curto jokes that he's at "the vanguard of a dying industry." Working out of a 2500-square-foot shop in his hometown of Queens, New York, Curto is one of North America's top rebuilders of SU and Stromberg carburetors—which haven't been fitted to a North American production car in at least 20 years.

Like most careers, it started by accident. Although he grew up in unlikely sports car territory, Curto fell in love with the MG TD. "When I was 17 I bought my TD—which I still own. I learned how to repair it because I couldn't afford a mechanic." Joe then became a certified aircraft mechanic, a career he continued when he joined the Navy at 18.

After the service, Curto started repairing British sports cars out of his parents' garage in 1973. He graduated to his own shop because "I liked the work and it provided a living." However, Joe says he "was getting tired of climbing under cars and had little room to bring them inside."

Meanwhile, Curto noticed that *Hemmings Motor News* was starting to expand its advertising of parts and services for old cars. "I decided to do carb stuff," via mail-order, "because that was something I figured people couldn't do themselves and they could easily stick in a box and send by UPS."

He decided to service every variety of SU and Stromberg, but parts were scarce 20 years ago. Often he'd wait weeks for a shipment, only to find that the parts were sometimes wrong.

Curto remembers, "I'd have to make throttle shafts to fill my two-week backlog." As a result, he'd have to produce a larger quantity than needed in order to achieve a low per-unit cost. Then, he'd have the challenge of selling off the balance of the run.

Although Curto buys some parts, he now manufactures many items, including jets, seals and throttle shafts. The parts he produces are bought by shops, catalog vendors and individual customers.

Once Curto gained a clientele, it was only logical to take in other bench work. And be-



JOE CURTO forges ahead in a dying field, with the help of a stash of hand-made parts.

Carburetors were something people could simply stick in a box and send by UPS, says Joe Curto.

cause Curto retained his giant collection of shop manuals and aftermarket catalogs, he had the resources to tackle virtually any British car subassembly. Now he also rebuilds electric and mechanical fuel pumps, Lucas wiper motors, turn signal switches, trafficators (semaphore turn signals) and brake and clutch hydraulics. "I'll do anything I can put in a box and ship," he says. In addition, Joe likes the challenge of creating custom carburetors, and, when time permits, he'll take on some complete car restorations.

When asked if he's worried about the future, Curto says that "While the overall market actually gets smaller, there are also fewer guys repairing these things. My business keeps growing because more people find out about me." And even with a shrinking market, Curto is sure he'll have enough work to keep him busy—an happy—well into the 21st century.

—Jonathan A. Stei.

THE FUTURE

March 21 & 23-25
The 1930s: Easy Streets
& Rough Roads
Reno, Nev.

The National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) hosts a symposium looking at the automobile and 1930s American society. The keynote speech is by former Chrysler vice chairman and now Exide Corp. CEO Robert A. Lutz. Contact the museum at (775) 333-9300 for more information, or visit its website (www.automuseum.org).

THE MARKET

JAMES G. MURPHY AUCTION,
KENMORE, WASH.

Date: Dec. 4, 1999

Car: 1971 Plymouth Hemi-Cuda convertible. Blue over blue vinyl, buckets, pistol-grip four-speed, 426-cid 425-hp Hemi V8. 32,119 original miles. Correct serial number (B527R1B315367). No dents, no rust. One of two convertible Hemi-Cudas built in '71, said to be the only one remaining. Overall, in decent, unmolested condition
Results: Sold at \$410,000



This was reputed to be the last remaining car from a once-large collection owned by a convicted drug dealer. Well-hidden, it was the only car the Feds hadn't located and seized. They cleverly let the felon out on parole, and he made a beeline to his beloved Hemi-Cuda—with the Feds following him. The James G. Murphy auction company specializes in business and heavy-equipment liquidations, so the Hemi-Cuda made its way to the block amidst a procession of backhoes, Caterpillar tractors and Peterbilt trucks. The car was sold, via telephone, to an anonymous bidder in the San Francisco Bay Area. Although it brought twice the pre-auction estimate, muscle-car collectors didn't seem surprised as prices for ultra-rare cars like this one have been skyrocketing recently.

—Keith Martin

TEN YEARS AGO

Since I have missed a few additions, this segment will include info from the last half of the 1989 and January 1990 newsletter. As you may recall, Ted Honig was director, Bob and Marilyn McBean assistants and Jim Brady secretary/treasurer. We were searching for a newsletter editor (sound familiar?) as it was being done by committee.

Bob McBean described a sneak preview of the new Heartland Park race track under construction in Topeka. It was behind schedule but expected to be open by fall.

Herb and Wanda submitted an article about the joys of Triumph motoring and being a part of KCT. In their words, "it's a club that we are proud to be a member of and know others that feel the same".

The Ozarks trip to Kalfran Lodge was a great success with 16 cars, 13 of them Triumphs and 30+ members enjoying boating, dining, dancing go-carts, mini-golf and swimming. Even the E-type Jag made it there and back.

Once again Bob and Esther White shared their beautiful house and pool with the membership in late August. The weather and food were exemplary.

The All British Car Meet, chaired by Ted Honig, was held at the Crown Center complex. Approximately 300 cars-53 of them Triumphs! The banquet was held in the ballroom with a DJ, courtesy of Victoria British and member Leo Long.

Ric and Diana Curtiss hosted a Halloween costume party at their new home out in the woods near Desoto. The top costume was a pregnant bunny-don't ask!

Jim Brady ran an ad to sell his 70' TR6 (frame-off restoration completed in 1985) for \$4500. Heck of a deal! NOT for sale, "1990 Natalie Yin-Brady, crib weight 8lb. 9oz, body design-Cybthia Yin and Jim Brady".

New members: David and Robin MacKintosh, David and Gayle Springer and Carla and Tony Nixon.

Put a Triumph in your day!

Paul McBride

SOME VERY IMPORTANT **INFORMATION YOU NEED TO READ**

NAME TAGS

Ann Adkins has a new source for name tags. The muffler shop and my ex-wife went out of business (Hmmm?) Please contact Ann for these in the future. If you've paid your dues, or plan to, you'll have her phone number.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

For membership renewals please send your check for \$15 made out to "Kansas City Triumphs" to:

Karen Lyman
9828 Sagamore
Leawood KS, 66206

TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME

This includes information you'd like to see in the next newsletter, advertisements, how to join, any article you'd like to contribute (everything will be considered) and you name it! I've got lot's of time and let's make this a super new-newsletter.

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wunderwood@zintl.com (work)

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Work in progress, will be included in the new mailing list which you will receive if your **dues are paid!**

PAY YOUR DUES!!!!!!!!!!!! GET ON THE LIST!

KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2000

CLUB OFFICERS

Directors: John and Nancy Maas
Assistants: Richard and Ann Woody
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Lyman
Historian: Paul McBride
Technical Advisor/Publicity: Gary Davis
Newsletter Editor: Woody Underwood
(Woody's Rule!)

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY NEWSLETTER!
(MORE ABOUT THAT LATER)

OK, you have a new newsletter editor. My name is Woody Underwood, been driving a brown TR-6 for about 10 years, Sixes have always been the car of my dreams. May not be the prettiest 6 on the road but doe's it run. And run and run and run. I'm past President, Vice-President and Secretary of the All Brit, a motorsports fan and BMW fanatic (Sorry, but remember Triumphs are part of the family now). I get around, so you may get a few non-Triumph related stories about racing which I hope you'll find enjoyable reading anyway. So about this "EMERGENCY NEWSLETTER" stuff: I've been ordered by headquarters (Mr. Maas) to get a newsletter out ASAP because **SOME OF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES!** Now this may not seem like a big deal (I know, you can always sign up at the All Brit like you FORGOT to do last summer!) but we want to get out an updated members list. Anyone who's dues are in arrears will not be included. This is new policy and at the Board meeting of January 21st it was decided this finally had to be done. Please, get your dues paid ASAP so we can get a correct list of current members to you as early as possible. If you'd like to have your e-mail address included, send it to me or another Officer. This will be done as a separate mailing from the newsletter. In this issue you'll find a calendar of events for the coming year (something we wanted to get to you as quickly as possible), a copy of John's agenda from the Planning Meeting (which was EXTREMELY well attended this year, thanks again Brady/Yin) and of course the years ago column from Paul. So.....while writing this I've had phone calls from Bernie/Susanne (doing great in Phoenix) and Greg/Lynn Virant (rebuilding the 6 engine in Omaha and back from cooking super chili in Illinois). All for now and THROOM (That's what a 6 cylinder sounds like, Maas) . And keep count friends, it might win you something next year!

Woody

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2000 KANSAS CITY TRIUMPH CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Got orders from headquarters to "soup this up a bit". So I'll do the best I can, but only a couple of months in advance. PLEASE send me more information if you'd like it included.

APRIL

30- Swap Meet at Hurst's. Talked to Carol tonight and it's on, 9:00 until? The Soap Box Derby people will be there all day selling drinks and food. The Hurst's do everything, even a swap meet, with class. Sell those dusty spares and take a look at my "new" TR-6 wheels. (Hint, hint).

MAY

6-7-MG Slim Run. Info included in this issue.

19-20-Chute-Out in Chanute. If you don't know about this you just flew in from Mars. (Or Atchison) Go as fast as you can and have a little fun in the evening. Jay Smith.

813.468.8483/jsmith@mjharden.com.

20-21 - Mid Missouri All Brit in Columbia. Info included in this issue, or call John Maas.

27 - Atchison Kansas Fly-In. If you like old airplanes, this is a major national event. Contact Gary Davis. 913.441.2733.

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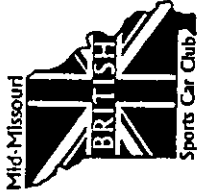
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Mid-Missouri

3rd Annual Mid-Missouri All British Car & Cycle Meet Columbia, Missouri

Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st

Sponsored by: Mid-Missouri British Sports Car Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
2-6:30 p.m.	Show registration & Hospitality Suite with food & beverages courtesy of the Car Club	9 a.m.	Final Registration at Show Entrance located at 7 th & Broadway in Downtown Columbia
3-4:30 p.m.	Rally (beginning and ending at host hotel)	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	People's Choice Voting
		2:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

ROOM RESERVATIONS

This year, our host hotel is located just 4 blocks from the show site in downtown Columbia. Special room rates of \$62/night for 2 people (\$7.00 extra per person) are available at the Ramada Inns-Downtown Columbia, 1111 E. Broadway. A continental breakfast Sunday morning will be included. For reservations call 573-443-2090 prior to April 20, 2000. You must mention "British Car Show" to receive the special rate. We do have a block of rooms reserved, but there are several large events going on in Columbia that weekend, so please book your room as soon as possible.

SOUVENIR APPAREL

Best quality 100% cotton T-shirts, silk-screened with the show logo will be available free to the first 100 registrants postmarked by May 10, 1999. Additional shirts may be ordered at the same time for only \$12.00.

SWAP MEET DAY OF SHOW

Need parts? Need to clean out your garage? Free vendor space available - Call Robert Tucker @ 888-817-1310 for details.

JUDGING CLASSES	
A. Austin-Healey	M. TR GT & Spyders
B. Austin-Healey Bug-eye Sprite	N. TR 700 Seab & Stag
C. MG A	O. Jaguar Sports
D. MGBC Chrome Bumper	P. Jaguar Saloon
E. MGR Rubber Bumper	Q. MG/T Series
F. MG "T" Series	R. Land Rover
	S. Lotus
	T. Sunbeam
	U. Rolls Royce
	V. British Sports & Saloons
	W. British Race-Prepared
	Z. British Motorcycle

REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: Robert Tucker, 823 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201 Make check payable to Mid-Missouri British Car Club

Name _____ Address _____ Zip _____
 City _____ State _____
 Phone _____ Club Affiliations _____
 Registration: Vehicle #1 - Judging Class _____ Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____
 Vehicle #2 - Judging Class _____ Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____
 Vehicle #3 - Judging Class _____ Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____

Free T-Shirt with registration by May 10th: (Circle size) S M L XL # extra T-Shirts @ \$12 ea. S M L XL

Registration Fee: First Car \$20 # Of Additional Cars \$10@ Total \$ Enlosed

Hold Harmless Agreement

Whereas owner voluntarily enters his/her vehicle in the 2000 Mid-Missouri All British Meet in Columbia, MO, it is agreed as follows: (1) The owner(s) will insure his/her vehicle against loss, damage and liability and will provide proof of such insurance being in full force and effect at the Mid-Missouri All British Meet and the Ramada Inns-Downtown Columbia. (2) The owner(s) does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Mid-Missouri All British Meet and Ramada Inns-Downtown, agents or assign for any act or omissions which may result in the act, damage, or destruction or injury occurring during or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. (3) The owner(s) attending this event does so voluntarily and agrees and assumes the risk of any and all damage to his/her vehicle or injury to himself or herself.

Owner(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Insured With _____ Policy Number _____

SLIM RUN

Join us for the second annual Spring Lark In May Run.
Mark your calendars for May 6th & 7th

This years plans are for a wonderful tour through the lake regions of central Missouri. We will cruise around Truman and Stockton Lakes before spending a lovely evening in one of the best small towns in America, Bolivar, MO. The following morning we can meander through Bernett Springs and Pomme de Terre as we head for home.

Info. → GETTY CAPITAL / (816) 244-9056

SATURDAY

7:00 AM

breakfast and gathering in the deli of the Sunfresh Grocery Store in Raymore, MO. They have a bakery and serve breakfast in the dining area. That is the corner of Hiway 71 and Hiway 58.

9:00 AM

Lunch at Smith's Restaurant. Smith's does not accept plastic so remember to bring cash or check.

1:00 PM

Check in to the Super 8 Motel for the evening. Make your reservations early. The number for the Super 8 is 1-800-800-8000.

5:00 PM

Mention the Kansas City MG Car Club for a special rate. Dinner, music, and entertainment (thiers or ours) at the Lucky 13 Steakhouse.

8:00 PM

SUNDAY

7:00 AM

Breakfast Buffet at the Country Kitchen next door for those that want eat.

9:00 AM

Head for home

10:00 AM

Tour Bennet Springs National Park

12:30 PM

Lunch at Holsinger's Hickory House

NOTES FROM PAST EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT OUT AT SUZIES, Ann Adkins:

Great turnout for the first event of 2000. Around 20 or more people, good food and a nice time. Even Pat Fischer showed up! She's doing well, brought the 250 and it was good to see her out and about with the KC crowd again. This is a nice place, try it sometime. They have good jazz on the weekends with some well known local talent.

PRE-TAX TUNE-UP, Tim McCracken:

Tim was nice enough to let the Club into his facility for a little clean-up and Spring repair. Don't know if anybody actually worked on their springs though. Dick Woody tried to hold his own event down the road at another shop but I hear the Merriam police weren't too keen on his idea, ask him about it! **THANKS AGAIN TIM!!**

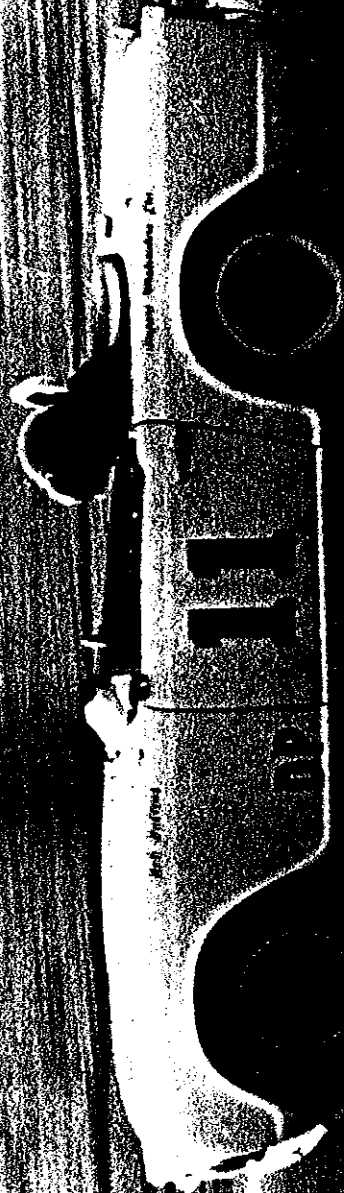
O'MALLEY'S IN WESTON, Jay Smith:

I couldn't get Jay's e-mail about this to open so what follows is from Karen Lyman. "Great turnout at the Club night out at O'Malleys. A lovely warm evening combined with the picturesque ride from Parkville to Weston created a delightful tour. Many cars participated, including three Stags, three 4's, two MG's, three 6's and a three. All told maybe twelve cars. O'Malley's offered a pretty good sandwich dinner and drinks, but the entertainer, Irish singer Patrick McCarthy was great. The place was packed with regulars and is known up North as being a hot spot. I believe I even saw a Leprechaun dancing a jig or maybe just in a hurry to the men's room. Great evening!" I like O'Malley's and I'm sorry I missed this one, but it was my B-Day and I was with my Mom. (Woody)

CLUB NIGHT OUT AT MAX'S AUTODINER, Woody Underwood:

Second (Third??) year for this one. Super burgers as usual, but it got cold fast. So it was eat, eat, eat and back to my house for some warmth and top putting up time. Ten or twelve people showed and I think they all had a good time afterwards. An interesting observation: Five years ago all the guys would have been out in the garage kicking tires, but now.....at my computer checking out the Triumphs for sale on EBay. Are we getting old or just affluent? Or both? I do think Dick Woody bought a TR-8 in California.

As a courtesy, we ask that any event hosted by a Kansas City Triumph Club member at their home or place of business only be attended by members of the Club after an RSVP or only if being personally invited by the host.



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ODD SPARES

You may have noted that there was not a "Years Ago" piece from Paul in this issue. Evidently the newsletter was being done by committee back then for want of an Editor so not much was being reported. So whatever happened has been forgotten. I guess we're getting old, affluent AND picking up a little Alzheimer's. I think I joined the Club ten years ago, so maybe you're all just TRYING to forget!

The picture is from a collection of old Triumph stuff, including some 60's vintage Triumph Sports Owners Association newsletters given to me by my good BMW Club friend Bill Kane from New York State. Bill goes way back with Triumph, even raced them in Europe I believe. More about Bill in a future issue. The photo was a publicity handout from Leyland. The grille badge on the wall in my den was a gift from Bill, his original as a founder of the TSOA. I'll slip some more stuff from the newsletters in upcoming issues. He now uses a Bavaria as a daily driver, that's equivalent to driving a Stag everyday, Jim. (But no chance of warped heads)

I'm going to start doing a "member profile" piece in each issue. Of course I'll start with Herb and Wanda, but some of you other noteworthy Triumph pilots should expect a questionnaire in the mail. Please fill it out, we want to know all about you.....

Enough for this time, got my shorts on, it's 77 degrees out, the tops down on the Six and I'm off to Kinko's.

Woody

Throoom!

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

So here goes round two. Not so hurried this time and I may not have to wax any Triumphs cause only I know what the deadline was! Sorry gang and Mr. Steve Woody probably already went through that case of beer he had waiting for me. Racing season has begun as I'm sure most of you are aware of. Look's like NASCAR is changing a lot, the new order is starting to win. Of course the last race set a record for yellow flags, but aren't those bunched up re-starts fun? F1 has seen the world champion (Mercedes) yet to score a point, Ferrari unbeatable and my Bimmers in the points for both races in their first year! Catch a Trans Am race, they're my favorite; American muscle, by and large, the most eclectic group of drivers you'll ever see and very "physical" racing. And fast, close to NASCAR speeds on the straights and these guys have to stop and turn the other direction, right. Right! Oh yeah, there's CART and IRL too, no comment this time, maybe next time. The American LeMans Series is another goodie to watch too, I'll be at the 12 hour race at Road Atlanta in September and will do a high-performance driving school the next day at the same (In the 318ti). Going to the F1 race at Indy the week before. So enough about me and racin', let's talk about the wonderful Triumph Club folk for a while and what's going there.

SOME BUSINESS FIRST:

I hit real hard last time on the fact that many of you hadn't paid up dues-wise, it must have worked because if I remember Karen's comments correctly at last month's board meeting we went from about 25 paid to over 60 in just a few weeks and they were still coming in at a record pace. We cannot thank you enough, the Club historically carries about \$1000 in the treasury at any given time, which is plenty for what we do, but it was shrinking. It's nice to see it grow a bit and people stay involved. Not just the old bunch either, good to see some new TR-Heads in here too. THANK YOU FOR PAYING UP!!

THE BOARD MEETING:

John Maas, the Woodys and this Woody were graciously invited to Doug and Karen Lyman's great 50's raised ranch in Leawood last month for the latest installment of the Board Meeting. Is the front room red yet Doug? No earthshaking movements were made, most discussion concerned getting a new members list out. Karen and Doug suggested getting it subsidized through advertising, which they would handle and from my last conversation with them I believe they may have succeeded in pulling it off. (I had my doubts, but they got \$50 bucks out of Craig Vaughn. Go Craig!) The new list is coming, it all hinged on getting members correctly aligned and I believe we're accomplishing that. The balance in the treasury as of 3/15 was \$994.00.

OTHER STUFF:

Any changes in dates, locations etc. for Triumph Club events, should be directed to Gary Davis ASAP so he can contact The Star to change our announcements. 913.441.2733

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(Have I become PC or what!)

WOW, DID WE GET SIGN-UP. THANKS ALL!
(AND OF COURSE, MORE ABOUT THAT LATER)

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

Vroom, Vroom, the great weather is here. Get those cars out on the road put the top down and let everyone see how much you are enjoying driving a Triumph. It looks like the club is off to a great year. Events have been well attended, exciting and filled with adventure. But then again I'm only talking about the board meetings with the Woodys, they rule. I just received my new Spitfire catalogue from Victoria British with Charlie and Melody's car on the cover. I believe that makes 27 or so club cars featured on covers. So take those fine cover cars out from under their winter covers and drive them to work or something. When I drive the 8 to work (school) the kids refer to it as "that little silver car" at recess time we have what is called the 10-foot rule. If you get within 10 feet of my car the recess is over, usually for the rest of the week.

Nancy and I went out for a prerun of the upcoming Maas Madness Rallye last week. I was a cold stormy night pouring down rain; just as black as coal except for where the lights turned the fog brown. It looks like it will be the best trip yet. I wish that I could tell you more, but then it wouldn't be a mystery tour would it? However the roads look great! I can't say much about the scenery though. This year's theme will be special too. Don't miss out it will be a rallye to remember.

So to close I am looking forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events. Keep em on the road. John

2000 KANSAS CITY TRIUMPH CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Got orders from headquarters to "soup this up a bit". So I'll do the best I can, but only a couple of months in advance. PLEASE send me more information if you'd like it included.

JUNE

9-10 – MG Heartland Regionals/St. Joseph MO. Hope I get this out to you in time! They have a website: <http://members.tripod.com/kcmgcc/heartlan.html>

10-11 – Maas Maaddress Rally. Call John. Absolutely the best fun you can have with your top down and pants on. Or was that top up and pants.....

24 – Liberty Cruise Night. Richard Woody. 816.628.4154. 5:00PM, gather at the parking lot located at 291 and Brown St. Look for Sutherland's. Around 7 it's off to Excelsior via some back roads and dinner at the Wabash, great ribs and catfish. I'm going for this one!!

JULY

8- All British Picnic. Steve Olson. 816.452.3540. The last I heard a location had not been found. Robin Camblin is heading it up. Best I can do, sorry.

14-16 – Roaring River Trip. Richard Woody. 816.628.4154. ~~Cancelled~~ for this date, no room at the Inn during July (or December?) The Woody's are up for suggestions for an alternative.

27 – Club Night Out, Oklahoma Joe's. John Maas. John didn't fill me in on this, so let's say 6:00. It's at 47th and Mission Road in Westwood (kinda). Gas station BBQ and not too bad either.

AUGUST

2-6 – VTR, Portland OR. You have to be a VTR Member to attend and if you are you know all about it. If not, better join up.

12 – Backyard Burgers and Drive-in Movies. The Lymans. 913.383.1006/klyman@swbell.net.

18-19-20 – GO BMC Regional All british Meet, info in this issue.

19 or 26 – Topeka Tour. Charlie and Melanie Hoch. 913.478.3799.

SEPTEMBER

2-3 – The All Brit.

15-17 – Arrow Rock Camping Trip. Adkins and Berrys. 816.415.9584 and 816.837.3472.

OCTOBER

?? (From Jay) Triumphest 2000 in San Diego. We'll make Bernie point person and meet in Wichita August 30th for the trip out. (Gotcha Bernard!)

1 - Lawrence Car Show. Steve Olson.

14 – Chili Supper. Woody Underwood. With seating.

20-21 – KC MG F.A.T. Run. Bob Allen.

NOVEMBER

4 – Annual Club Dinner. Laura Smith.

?? – Antique Run/St. Joseph. Diane Cotton.

DECEMBER

9 – Progressive Dinner South. Davis, Lyman, McBride, White, Underwood....???

PAY ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

**THE WOODY'S PHONE NUMBER WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT
OUT OF THE DIRECTORY, GET OUT YOUR PENCILS AND
WRITE THIS IN NOW: 816.628.4154**

NOTES FROM PAST EVENTS

SWAP MEET AT HURST'S

I stopped by around 9:30 that morning and almost had a hard time finding a place to park! Grabbed a cup of coffee from the Soap Box Derby folks and wandered for about an hour. Well attended, lot's of Triumph people there and some pretty good stuff for sale. Business seemed to be brisk. Thank you Roger and Carol.

SLIM RUN

Not a Triumph event and I have no report.

CHUTE-OUT IN CHANUTE

Again no report (guess I have to start going to these things) but I heard a certain McCracken went 134 mph in a slightly modified MGB.

MID-MISSOURI ALL BRIT

No report.

ATCHISON FLY-IN

Tried to contact Dawna and Gary to no avail.

NEW'S FLASH FROM THE WOODY'S:

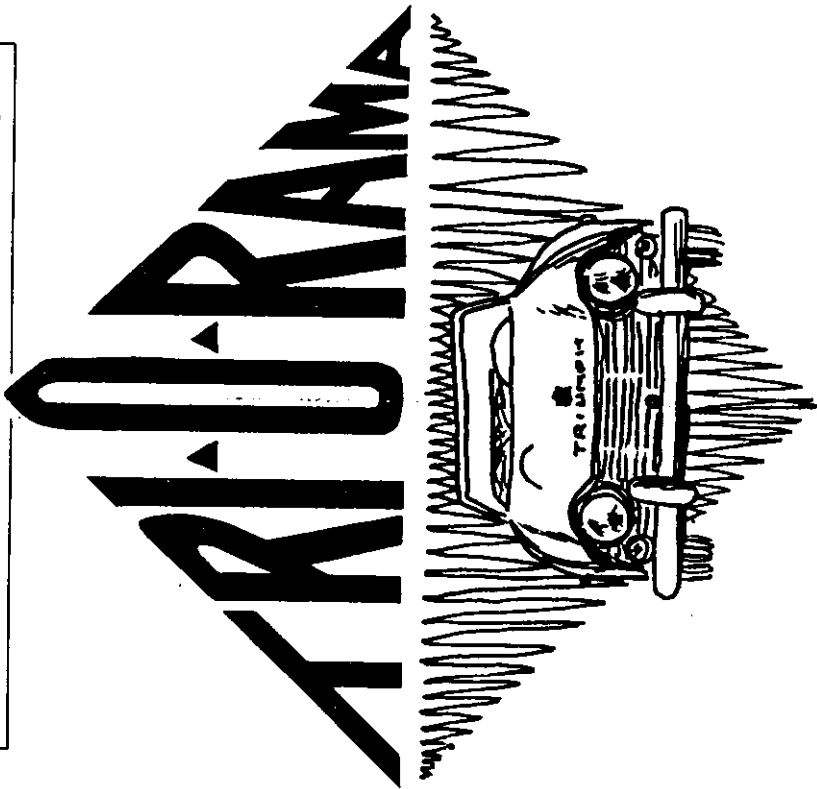
Tamara Report

Ann and I went to Detroit over the Memorial Day weekend to see our daughter Sarah and her husband Matt. While we there we called Tamara(Gibson) and Pat Barber to meet for dinner. They met us in Dearborn and took us to Mongolian BBQ which was great. Then we went to their house

for dessert. We met the whole family. Their family consists of three cats, two dogs, and two Spitfires.

They both look great and are very happily married. You can tell where their priorities are. The new Fords sit outside while the two spits are in the garage. If you make it to the Detroit area you need to go see them to meet Pat's dog Roy. He is a Great Pyrenees. What a dog! Tamara and Pat are both very active in their local Triumph club. They like to hear from their old friends. You can reach them on the web at: tamekaye@home.com

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Sponsored by: Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club (GO BMC)

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 18	4:00 - 9:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality courtesy GO BMC
Saturday, August 19	6:00 - 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast @ Hotel
	9:00 - 11:00 am	Final Registration
	11:00 - 2:30 pm	Popular Choice Voting - Trophies Awarded by Class
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Driving Tour
	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Awards & Bar-B-Q Buffet @ "The Kendrick Place"
Sunday, August 20		Continental Breakfast @ Hotel and Departure

Accommodations

Our host hotel is the Precious Moments Best Western, located at 2701 Hazel in Carthage MO. Special room rate of \$39 per room will be available for pre-registrants until July 21, 2000. After July 21, rates and availability are not guaranteed. Continental breakfast included in your room rate.

To guarantee your room, call the hotel at: 1-800-543-7975 ext. 1234 and tell them you will be attending the GO BMC car meet that weekend. We have a large block of rooms reserved, but be sure and register early.

Swap Meet Saturday, August 19

Vendor spaces will be available for \$15.00. Space is limited so reserve in advance.

REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: Rod Miller, 1325 Liberty Rd., Rogersville, MO 65742 417-753-7000 email: gobmc2000@aol.com
Make checks payable to: GO BMC

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 City: _____ Primary Club Affiliation: _____
 Phone: _____

Registration: Vehicle #1 Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____
 Vehicle #2 Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____
 Vehicle #3 Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____

Free T-Shirt with registration by July 21 (circle size) S M L XL
 Registration Fee before July 21 is \$25 first vehicle, \$10 each additional vehicle. Late registration add \$5 per vehicle.

First car: \$ 25.00
 _____ additional cars @ \$10 \$ _____
 _____ additional T-shirts @ \$12 \$ _____
 Saturday evening buffet _____ @ \$10 \$ _____
 Total enclosed: \$ _____

FREE DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 100 ENTRIES!

250 to Santa Fe
Pat Fischer

Yes, Roger Elliott and I did a 9-day tour of Santa Fe and Taos via scenic western Kansas, and we took the TR250. In answer to your most pressing questions, no, the forest fires were not a hindrance, and yes, the car ran like a dream. We went well over 2,000 miles in the nine days from May 27-June 4. Part of British Car Week!

The 95-degree-plus weather took us a bit by surprise! We had seriously over-packed cool-weather clothes with long sleeves and cotton sweaters. Well, that's if you can really over-pack a Triumph. I left the plastic liner out of the trunk so we'd have more room; tucked those hiking boots right in there alongside the gas tank. So, we ran out of hot-weather clothes and supplemented by shopping and doing laundry in Espanola halfway through the trip.

The car ran a bit hot -- say 2/3 of the way to hot -- over the Interstate mountain passes the second day out near Santa Fe. I think it was a combination of high speed, high altitude and high temperatures. We slowed down a bit and watched the gauges. It would cool down a little with a long downhill run. In Santa Fe we turned the idle up faster, since at that height it tended to stumble or die at idle. About 90 degrees on both idle screws and we were set for the rest of the trip.

English cars are sparse in New Mexico! Roger saw a Morris Minor (I missed it) and other than a couple new Jags (which don't count) that was the only British car we saw. And the car was a big hit everywhere. People waved or smiled wherever we went or asked us about it. In Espanola a passenger in a pickup truck in the left lane waved us alongside at a stop light. Is that an MG or a Triumph? He apparently won his bet with the driver because he was delighted with the Triumph answer. Many people could not believe we'd driven it so far.

I figured we could ship home anything we bought that wouldn't fit, however, jewelry doesn't take up much room! We spent two days in Santa Fe. While we were there the newest forest fire started up over the mountain near Las Vegas, NM. That was on Memorial Day, and the fire quickly spread to 7,500 acres. It looked like a giant mushroom cloud over the mountain, so huge that we couldn't believe it was from a fire. Leaving Santa Fe we drove southwest, then north to go through the mountains and approached Los Alamos from the west. We didn't go into Los Alamos but drove east past it to stay in Espanola. From there we got an early start the next day to hike Bandelier National Historic Site, the park where the first fire started. We drove along miles of roads with partially burned forests, but the park area where Anasazi ruins are was spared. We did morning and afternoon hikes in beautiful country walking down one trail within sight of the Rio Grande.

We moved on to Taos for shopping, museums and a tour of the pueblo. Staying at a B&B within walking distance of the square is a must. The Carson National Forest nearby was closed due to fire hazard. Since we'd already done our hike time for awhile, it didn't affect our plans in Taos, which included shopping and eating. As we continued driving back north we took scenic roads and swung a bit out of the way to Capulin, a volcano in the NW corner of New Mexico where you can walk down into the crater and completely around the rim. Wonderful views of the plains and old volcanic activity in the area. Then it was back onto I-25 into Colorado and east across the Comanche National Grasslands into Kansas near Garden City.

The trip was wonderful, the car ran great! A book that we got some of our route from, *The Most Scenic Drives in America*, by Reader's Digest is available at Barnes & Noble and other stores. It has "120 Spectacular Road Trips," and is a great planning tool to get you and your Triumph out on the road. Put a Triumph in your next vacation!

AND NOW, THE EVER POPULAR LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

You'll find that we finally got a new Club Directory out. Thanks to Karen and Doug Lyman, and I suspect Jim Brady, for an excellent job. Thanks also to Victoria British and Foreign Car Enterprise for coming through with some money to cover printing and mailing. And another thank you to my associate at work, graphic designer Ruth Jacquinet, who did a bit of re-arranging and scanning so I could put it in booklet form. The Directory was going to go out as a separate mailing, but since it worked out to two pages I'm including it with the newsletter and saving the Club some money.

I've heard more than one person say they might pass up the VTR in Portland because the next one is in "closer" Breckenridge. Hey, do em both! If I hadn't already burned up my vacation time this year I'd be going along, two of the greatest places in the U.S. I did a BMW Octoberfest in Breckenridge a few years ago and it was super. A little pricey but great driving and lot's to do and see. Good shopping too, Dawna!

And about my vacation. Talk about "pricey". As you may or not remember from earlier articles, I'm off to the Formula 1 race in Indy September 24th, then on to the Petit Le Man at Road Atlanta the next weekend and then the BMW Club Octoberfest at the factory in Spartansbug S.C. the following week. The motel in Indy is \$650 for three days, ouch, but it is across the street from the Speedway so I can park the Bimmer and walk all weekend. The little red ti will be jam-packed with 4 racing tires and two weeks worth of gear. My traveling companion, Helmut Derra, is an Austrian fluent in German which may make for some interesting paddock experiences. I'll have a report on all this and my driving school escapades at Road Atlanta in a future issue.

The TR-6 gets a long overdue wax job next week. Too bad I haven't had it on the road more this Spring, the weather has been gorgeous. I hear Brady's 3 has reappeared, Woody has an 8, Bernie may have FINALLY fixed his 6 and Greg and Lynn (from Omaha) have the engine rebuilt in their 6 and are getting some miles on it for Portland.

Chili Supper afficiandos will be happy to know that Woody now has dining room furniture! You won't have to sit on the floor this year. Well, not so many of you anyway.

To finish up: Look's like Mr. Maas' "vroom vroom" is becoming quite the buzzword. I saw it used on the front page of USA Today yesterday and on page 4 of the KC Star this morning. So "throom throom" to you all. See you in Liberty later this month. Send me INFO!!!!!!

Woody

TEN YEARS AGO

In the Spring of 1990 all seemed idyllic for KC Triumphs. Member and attorney, John Cochran, processed the paper work and we became an incorporated entity. It was felt that incorporation would limit the personal liability of members in the event of an accident during club activities. Are we still KCT "Inc."?

The latter part of April saw us joining with MGA and AH club members in a trip to the Elms Hotel for brunch. Perfect top down weather, secluded country roads, motoring at it's finest.

Rick Torres had us over to his shop for a wire wheel tech session. Jim Brady was organizing the trip to Boulder, CO for the VTR Convention. (Which turned out to be just about the best Triumph experience I've ever had. Ed.)

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NEW CLUB DIRECTORY ENCLOSED!
(AND OF COURSE, MORE ABOUT THAT LATER)

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

VROOM, VROOM! Hi everybody It just about my birthday. School is finally out for the summer. Now I can get after some house and car projects. I have been trying to find a set of sparkplug wires for the TR-8. Most of the ones I have found are too short. Maybe my 8 has a big block. I still have not made it out to see Richard Woody's new 8. But then again he got me pretty good when he told me that he had gotten a Whizzer bicycle off the Internet that turned out to be a 1/12-scale model. I have been busy working on the Maas Madness Rallye. I met one of the most interesting people at an antique shop. Marline is about 61 years old and very interested in cars. She knew what an 8 is and started sharing about her first car that she bought new in 1957. Jaguar, side curtains paid cash from her new trust fund. She lived in New Mexico at the time. She drove 20,000 miles a year for 3 years until she got into trouble at a military base. She said she was ticketed for 112 on the base, and told she couldn't drive on base for a year. So she put the car up on blocks in a barn, where it sits to this day. Her fourth husband a midwestern farmer says she should sell the car, but she likes to go back to visit it every fall. Don't let this happen to your car. First don't drive over one hundred miles an hour on a military base. Second if you do drive that fast on base don't get caught. Third when you do get caught never ever put your car up on blocks. Finally if your car does ever seek up onto blocks get it off soon before life has passed you by like it has for Marline.

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Karen Lyman, Sec.-Treas.
9828 Sagamore
Leawood, KS 66206

Please pay your dues promptly to get your name in the next directory. Also note any name, address, phone, e-mail address or car model additions and corrections.

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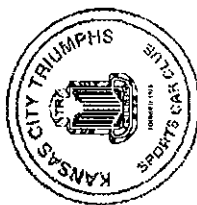
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Land Rover purchase nearing completion

(from "Ford World" and our Ford friend, Richard Woody)

Ford Motor Company's 3 billion Euro (approximately \$2.7 billion) purchase of the Land Rover Group from BMW is seen as giving Ford the opportunity to continue developing the four-wheel-drive market segment.

Chairman and CEO Jac Nasser told reporters, "As the Jaguar of four-wheel-drive vehicles, Land Rover's buyer demographics are supplementary to our present range of 4 X 4 buyers and complementary to our Jaguar and Volvo buyers."

Nasser sees potential for expanding sales of Land Rover vehicles in North America and the rest of the world.

Ford does not assume any debt. However, Nasser said he anticipates there will have to be additional investment before Land Rover will turn a profit, probably in 2002.

"We will need to make sure we have a fully competitive situation going forward," Nasser said. "We will spend the next three months or so ensuring that it (Land Rover) is competitive and will look at what future investments may be required and what revenue and volume potential exists for us."

The investments, Nasser added, will be for a replacement for the Range Rover line that will soon be launched and for modernizing some other products.

In addition, Nasser said, Ford is committed to having all its vehicles meet low-emissions standards in all states, and Land Rover vehicles will be upgraded to accomplish that.

Ford is purchasing the full line-up of four-wheel-drive vehicles, the Range Rover, Discovery, Freelander and Defender units; the Land Rover Solihull assembly plant in Birmingham, England; the *British Motor Industry Heritage Center*, the Gaydon research and development center; the dealer network; and a work force of about 13,000.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Vroom Vroom. It is one of those wonderfully cool July evenings and we have been out driving with the top down looking at the full moon crossing the ridge and reveling in the beauty of God's creation when I started to wonder why in the world someone would drive something other than a convertible sports car. The evening was truly glorious. Of course then it dawned on me later as to why some people do not drive sports cars, especially older ones.

1. It has taken Nancy five years to finally grow convertible hair. For me it may take longer. I believe it was Stephanie Van Der Kellen who said "Well, if you can't drive in the cool of the evening with your hair blowing back in the wind then what's a head for?"
 2. We also had a nice drive to Topoka when it was rather warm. Nowhere in my Sedan DeVille's owners manual does it mention the need to stay hydrated when making a 60 mile drive in July.
 3. Going to meetings with grease under your nails can be embarrassing. Of course if I didn't get to work on my TR then I wouldn't need to get all of those cool tools that I have accumulated.
 4. They rule.
- Plan to attend the All British Meet. It will be great. The club is planning some fun events to beat the heat. Get to know some of the new members, remember to wear your nametag. I will be bringing an improved valve cover racer. Perhaps you would like to try your hand at building one. It is another chance to show Triumphs engineering superiority. So I hope to see you there or else at one of the other fall events that are coming.

John

(INTERIM) EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can tell, the newsletter looks a little different this time as Woody has undergone some "body work and a realignment". He is recovering from multiple broken bones in his arm and heel as a result of falling off a ladder onto his driveway. The story goes that he crawled into the house, dialed 911, then opened up the beer he had out and waited for the paramedics with beer in hand! He's at home recovering and is not supposed to drive yet, but we will transport him in the Stag to Oklahoma Joe's for BBQ and beer on Thursday. (The TR3 is roadworthy but can't hold 4 people.) I don't think that Woody will be checking out leaky roofs again! Anyway, I volunteered to temporarily fill his shoes which will, of course, be impossible. So, give Woody a call or e-mail. (Ask him how he went about getting released from the hospital.) We've got to get him going in time for his trip to Indy. See everyone this Thursday!

Cynthia

TEN YEARS AGO there was no newsletter due to a change of directors. Paul's column will be back next issue.

TOPEKA DRIVE AND PICNIC

With Charlie Hoch and Mark Canaday in the lead car, about 8 Triumphs (including Larry & Linda Birks with their new red TR3 obtained in Lancaster, Ohio) took a scenic route via Baldwin City to the Hoch's house. There many Topeka All-British Club members greeted us with a wonderful home cooked lunch. Everyone enjoyed the shade and kids of all ages especially enjoyed the big hammock under the trees. We got to see Charlie and Melanie's latest purchases of antique car toys and car memorabilia. (Some for sale—check out e-bay.) On the hot drive back to KC a few of us stopped in Lawrence at Free State Brewery for refreshments. A big THANK YOU to the Hochs and the Topeka club for their wonderful hospitality! (How about a reciprocal event next year?)

PAST EVENTS

MAAS MADNESS RALLY (reported by John Maas)

This year's Maas Maddness Rallye saw five club entrants go to scenic Kirksville MO. These were without a doubt some of the best TR roads I have ever driven. Up and down and round and round. We also had some good small town food, visited Marcelline MO, the home of Walt Disney, had our pictures taken in front of "Long Tater Hill", met unique local people, shopped and just got out of the city for a couple of days. For me the most amazing thing that I saw was Gary Davis singing an original song about a potato to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. You could ask him but I doubt that he will sing it again. It's just another one of those experiences that can only be had while on the Maas Maddness.

LIBERTY CRUISE NIGHT (reported by Richard & Ann Woody)

The Liberty Cruise/Wabash barbeque was a huge success. There were a total of thirteen cars, all British.

The evening started with everybody meeting at the Liberty cruise where we traded stories with other car collectors that included everything from street rods to American muscle cars. After a scenic ride with tops down on H highway we arrived at the Wabash in Excelsior Springs where we creatively parked our cars and claimed our tables. We enjoyed the best ribs and blues band that many had experienced. We understand one MG owner is still looking for that body and fender man. (*Editor's Note:* A huge thanks to the Woodys for organizing a fun event. The BBQ and blues in the shade was great!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ denotes
TR club event

⇒ Thursday, July 27, CLUB NIGHT OUT, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Oklahoma Joe's BBQ, northeast corner of 47th & Mission Rd., Mission, KS, 913-722-3366

Join us *this Thursday* for the best BBQ (great salads, too) that you ever had at a gas station. Park your car in the lot across the street (south) from Oklahoma Joe's.

August 2-6, VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER 2000 Convention, Portland, OR

This is the national Triumph organization's annual car show. For information, contact Ray & Dortha Marty, 503-357-5640, raymarty@teleport.com or www.portland.triumph.org. Charlie and Melanie Hoch and maybe Jeff Givens are attending. Next year's VTR is in Breckenridge, CO. Sounds like a club trip!

⇒ August 12, DRIVE-IN, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Back Yard Burgers, 5959 Barkley (just south of Johnson Dr. between Metcalf and Lamar), Mission, KS, 913-262-1299

We'll have burgers then proceed to the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre at 1051 Merriam Lane. Bring your folding chairs and snacks for the movie. It's always a great time. Point person: Karen & Doug Lyman, 913-383-1006

**August 18-20, GREATER OZARKS BRITISH
MOTORING CLUB 1st ANNUAL REGIONAL**

ALL-BRITISH CAR & CYCLE MEET, Carthage, MO

Popular choice voting, driving tour, swap meet and BBQ buffet. Starts Friday night with most events on Saturday. Host hotel is the Precious Moments Best Western, 1-800-543-7975, ext. 1234. For registration information, contact Rod Miller, 417-753-7000, gobmc2000@aol.com.

⇒ **September 1-3, KANSAS CITY ALL-BRITISH CAR &
CYCLE MEET,**

KCI-Marriott Hotel, KC International Airport

Our club is responsible for the Saturday morning rally and rallymaster John Maas will organize the route. Volunteers are needed to man poker rally stations and staff the Triumph tent on Saturday and Sunday, so contact John & Nancy, if you can help. The officers also have some fun events planned for Saturday afternoon so look for info at the meet. Free cold sodas to members available at the Triumph tent, especially if you pay your dues! New TR Club hats and club badges will be on sale. For full meet info, contact John Styers, 913-248-9197, jstyer1@hallmark.com. (Registration form on next page.)

⇒ **September 15-17, ARROW ROCK CAMPING TRIP,
leaving at 6:30 p.m. Friday**

Meet at the Conoco station on the southeast corner of 291 Hwy. and 210 Hwy. north of the Missouri River (north of Independence, MO). Saturday we will tour historic Arrow Rock, MO, and dine at the "downtown" Tavern. This is always a fun trip for the whole family. Please RSVP to Randy Adkins by September 1 so that he can make campground and dinner reservations.

Point people: Randy Adkins (KC), 816-415-9584, Jan & Karen Berry (Arrow Rock), 660-837-3472 (note area code in club directory is incorrect). For bed & breakfast information, call Kaye Perkins, 660-837-3441.

⇒ **Sunday, October 1, LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE
AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA**

**CAR SHOW, meet at 8:00 a.m. at McDonald's,
on 87th St., east of I-435, Lenexa, KS**

We will caravan to the car show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. There is always a wide variety of interesting cars and toys at this show.

Point person: Steve Olson, 816-452-3540.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Vroom, Vroom. Here it is the best time of the year to drop the top and take a long drive in the country. Autumn leaves blowing in the wake made by the 8 as it roars down a tree-lined road. The smell of fresh apple cider, maple syrup, Yokohama smoke, yes life is indeed good.
Wow wasn't the All British something, hot one day and then very pleasant the next. Thanks to all of you people who worked hard to make the event such a success. The KC Triumphs had the most happening club tent city. It was definitely the place to be. Next year we will see what we can do about a club air conditioner. It was definitely hot enough to make a person understand why some people drink warm beer.
As we move into the end of the year it is election time. Are you tired of the many marginal choices you have in the political arena? Well then step up and run for Assistant Director or Treasurer! Don't be one of those who curses the darkness be one who lights a flame-thrower and leads the way for our club as we head into the exciting darkness of the new millennium. So how about it are you the one? And if not you then who? Let the Maas' or the Woody's know.

Thanks, John

(INTERIM) EDITOR'S NOTE

Woody is still recovering from his injuries but hopes to regain full use of all limbs soon. Due to his injuries the chili supper is cancelled. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Woody!

Be sure to read Melanie Hoch's entertaining article about the Hoch's trip to Portland and back. Makes you want to get out and take your Triumph for a ride. See you soon!

Cynthia

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 4, ANNUAL DINNER

Social Hour will begin at 6:00pm with dinner served at 7:00pm. at Rembrand Restaurant, 2820 N.W. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO, 816-842-7774. You have the choice of the Rembrandt's Medley (\$28.33), 4-ounce filet mignon and 4-ounce breast of chicken, grilled and topped with burgundy mushroom sauce or Rembrandt's Delight (\$32.19), a trio of 3-ounce portions of filet mignon, salmon fillet and chicken breast. Served with a mild, white wine cream sauce. Dessert is chocolate truffle cake. Since point person, Laura Smith, is in housing transition, send your choices and checks, made out to "Kansas City Triumphs," by October 27 to John and Nancy Maas, 5740 N.E. Wilson Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64118. For questions, call the Maases, 816-452-9097.

Saturday, November 11, ST. JOSEPH ANTIQUE RUN

Meet at 9:00 AM at the Quiktrip store in Platte City (off I-29). We will take 317 Hwy toward St. Joe, 116 Hwy to V Hwy, to St. Joe, then take the Blvd through St. Joe to Jesse James Antiques. After that it's off to Hat Fields Antiques, then to Penn St. Antiques where we will eat at Old Town Smokehouse & Pub, 1120 Penn St., St. Joseph, MO. We can either eat before or after shopping (or both) at the Penn St. Antiques. Point person: Diane Cotton, 1-816-232-6871

Saturday, December 9, PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Meet at the Lyman's house at 9828 Sagamore, Leawood, KS, at 5:30 p.m. (From I-435 on the south side of town, exit at State Line Road and head north. Turn left onto 103rd St. Take 3rd right onto Sagamore. Lyman's are halfway up the block on the left.) After the first course, we will travel to the McBride's home in Shawnee for the main course and end up at the Davis' home for dessert. Please R.S.V.P. to Margaret McBride, 913-441-0499, by December 2, if you plan to attend. If you get lost, call Doug and Karen Lyman, 913-383-1006.

camping one last time. At the campground, we put the Spitfire to another test—hauling firewood. We decided we wanted a campfire, so we bought a small bundle of firewood at the campground entrance. But then we found we had no place to put it. It was too big to fit in the trunk, and there was no room in the car for it. So Charlie got out the tie-downs and strapped the firewood to the luggage rack. Off we went with the Spitfire hauling the firewood back to our campsite.

Thursday, August 10 We continued heading east across the Nevada desert on Hwy 50. This road is known as the "loneliest road in America" because there are so few towns (I think there were two towns and two "sort-of towns"). Since there wasn't much to see, we drove until 11:00 that evening and found a motel room in Delta, Utah.

Friday, August 11 Driving through Utah was much better than driving through Nevada. We still didn't come across very many towns, but the scenery was great. We continued on through Colorado where we spent the night in a motel in Denver.

Saturday, August 12 Our trip was winding down as we drove across the familiar roads of Kansas in 100+ temperatures. In Junction City, we stopped to clean the bugs off the windshield. When we got ready to leave, Charlie noticed that the battery wasn't charging the way it should, so he pulled out a spare alternator that we had hauled with us and swapped alternators. We arrived back home in Topeka at 11:00 p.m. The final tally for mileage on the trip was 5,180 miles driven through nine states. The Spitfire served us well driving through all types of terrain while at the same time pulling a trailer.

We had such a great time on our trip that we're planning on doing it again next year. However, we won't have nearly as far to drive since the VTR 2001 convention will be right in our back yard—Breckenridge, Colorado. I encourage everyone to think about making this trip next year (August 22-25). Imagine driving through the Rocky Mountains in your Triumph with the top down. Sounds like my kind of vacation. (Ed. Note: See enclosed insert for registration info.)

ARROW ROCK CAMPING TRIP

Three Stags, one MGB (Diane, of course) and two Harleys caravanned to Arrow Rock. A beautiful harvest moon, clear skies and great temperatures made for a wonderful drive. On Saturday after shopping and playing croquet in "downtown" Arrow Rock, Karen and Jan Berry took us on a fun jaunt over to a winery in Rocheport where we enjoyed a picnic lunch and good wine. Then that night they hosted a great steak dinner along with Kaye and David Perkins. Various motorcyclists joined the fun, including Bob Allen on his newly repaired Victory and one rider on an old Ariel. (And, yes, Jim has motorcycle fever again.) After a leisurely Sunday breakfast we drifted home. Thank you to Randy for organizing the caravan and always being well prepared for camping and a huge THANKS to the Berrys for the fantastic weekend!!!

PAST EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT OUT—OKLAHOMA JOE'S BBQ

Several Triumphs, MGs, an Austin-Healey, and Mackintosh's Jaguar saloon and their owners attended. The owners of a new Pontiac Aztec even drove through the parking lot and let us peek inside the unusual machine. We all enjoyed good barbeque and socializing.

DRIVE-IN NIGHT

In the warm summer sun, about a dozen members met at Backyard Burgers in Mission. Many "regulars" were on vacations (to Sturges and various destinations). After filling up on good burgers and free sodas a couple of Triumphs headed off to the movies at a drive-in theater. Many thanks to the Lymans for organizing the event.

VTR 2000 by Melanie Hoch

The VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) national convention this year was held in Portland, Oregon, on August 2-6. Charlie and I, along with Kent and Kathy Prather and Mark and Vicki Canaday of the Topeka British Car Club, decided months ago that this sounded like a great trip and would be an opportunity to see a part of the country that we hadn't visited before. We drove our 1974 Spitfire, Prathers were in their 1971 Stag, and Canadays drove their 1963 TR-4. All cars were equipped with CB's to keep in contact along the way, and we pulled a trailer behind the Spitfire to hold all our belongings for the next two weeks. We took turns leading and planning the route for each day. Following is a day-by-day account of our road trip to the northwest.

Saturday, July 29 Prathers met us bright and early at 7:00 a.m. at our house. We headed out right on time to meet Canadays along Hwy 24. As we turned at the end of our block, we heard Kent over the CB saying that his car had died. We didn't realize that we had already lost them. So we go back towards our house, and the Stag is sitting in the middle of the street. They had made it two houses away from ours. I thought "It's going to be a long way to Oregon." But after wiggling a few wires, the Stag roared and we were on our way.

Canadays were waiting for us along Hwy 24 when we got to the meeting place. We took a few ceremonial beginning of the trip pictures and then headed west on Hwy 24. Our first point of interest was the world's largest ball of twine in Cawker City, Kansas. This wasn't the highlight of our trip, but we had to do something touristy in Kansas. We were in Stockton just in time for lunch, so we stopped at my parent's house and ate a good lunch with them at the local cafe.

Our next stop was in St. Francis where Kent decided he needed to do some work on the Stag to fix a vibration problem. We tracked down a man who had a shed he could use to do the work. The shed came in handy as it began pouring rain about five minutes after we got there. With

Saturday, August 5 Today was the day for the car show at Rooster Rock State Park along the Columbia River. Cars could either be entered in the concours or in participant's choice. At the end of the show, awards were presented to the winners in the participant's choice category. Our car received a 2nd place award in the Spitfire category, and Prathers received a 3rd place award in the Stag category.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent touring the waterfalls along the Columbia River Gorge. We did a little hiking at one of the falls, which we needed after all the hours we had spent sitting in a car the last few days.

In the evening we attended the awards banquet. KC Triumph club member, Bill McDevitt, received a preservation class concours award for his Spitfire. Canadays were awarded a first place award for their TR-4 in the concours. Mark also received a second place award in the autocross in the stock TR-4 category, and Charlie and I received a third place award for the Fun Rally.

After a fun-filled four days, the VTR convention was over.

Sunday, August 6 Now it's time for the rest of our vacation to start. We headed toward the coast of Oregon with our first stop being Cannon Beach. We all had to take our shoes off and wade in the Pacific ocean, even if it was a bit chilly.

Somewhere along the road today, we got separated from Prathers and Canada's when we all stopped at different places. We didn't see them again the rest of the trip, so now we were on our own. We continued down the coast and stopped at several overlooks and lighthouses. In the evening we found a campsite for the night south of Newport and enjoyed a great seafood dinner at a nearby restaurant on the ocean.

Monday, August 7 Today was much like yesterday. We continued along the coast observing more lighthouses and fantastic scenery. Again we found a nice campsite in a state park and enjoyed another seafood dinner.

Tuesday, August 8 We finally reached the California border in the morning. Our first stop was the Redwood Forest, which had some great driving roads and we did some hiking in the redwoods. The Spitfire really looked tiny sitting next to those huge trees. After spending most of the day in the forest, we began heading east across California. Hwy 299 was probably the best road we had been on the whole trip. It was a very curvy road through the mountains and had some of the best scenery so far. I would recommend this road to anyone traveling through northern California. To me it seemed more like driving through the Rocky Mountains of Colorado rather than what I imagined California would be like.

In the evening it was the same thing as the two previous nights. We ate another delicious seafood dinner before settling down at our campsite for the night.

Wednesday, August 9 Today was another day of scenic driving through California. We drove through Lassen Volcanic National Park, which was very beautiful with great driving roads. We continued across the state to Lake Tahoe, where we spent the afternoon and evening before

the vibration problem fixed, we headed to Ft. Morgan, Colorado, where we spent the night in a motel.

Sunday, July 30 With Prathers in the lead, we drove through picturesque Poudre Canyon in Colorado and then had a picnic lunch in Steamboat Springs. We drove into Utah where we visited Flaming Gorge. Heading north to Wyoming from the west side of the gorge, we encountered Utah's version of road construction. As we rounded a curve, we came upon a bridge being repaired with the asphalt completely torn up and gravel in its place. This wasn't the kind of road we really wanted to be driving our Triumphs on. But we assumed it would be short lived and we would be back on the pavement again. However, as we continued, the gravel changed to larger rocks rather than pavement. So we continued at a very slow pace (10 mph) with the dust flying. About five miles into the road construction, we notice a sign that says "Road Work Ahead." To make matters worse, Flaming Gorge was actually flaming during this time. There were forest fires on the east side of the gorge, and the smoke was blowing to the west which made it very hazy and gray where we were. We eventually flagged down a passing pickup and asked if this was the road we really wanted to be driving on. He indicated that the construction would end in about two to three miles so we pushed on. The pavement did return after we had driven about ten miles on the rocky road, and we were now in Wyoming. Mark commented later that he thought he lost a few concours points after driving on that road.

We arrived as six weary travelers at our campsite in Green River, Wyoming. When sitting up camp, we noticed that there was black dust all over the inside of our trailer. We had hauled charcoal wrapped in a paper sack inside our small grill. Well the charcoal dust had escaped and coated our belongings with black soot. Even some of our clothes inside our suitcases were black. Camping tip #1--leave the charcoal at home the next time. Camping tip #2--bring the lantern instead as we had to prepare and eat our supper in the dark.

Monday, July 31 The first thing Charlie did this morning was pull everything out of the trailer and clean it off, and then took the trailer to a car wash for a thorough cleansing. After Mark and Vicki prepared a great breakfast of pancakes and sausage, we headed into Idaho with them in the lead. This turned out to be one of the hottest days of the trip with a temperature of 106 degrees. We stopped at beautiful Shoshone Falls along the Snake River, which was the site where Evel Knievel attempted his motorcycle jump across the river. Mark had actually attended this event in 1974, so he enlightened us with his memories of his first trip to this area.

After the hot drive, we were all looking forward to finding a campground with a pool or taking a cool shower. When the first campground we stopped at didn't have a pool, the lady sent us to one that did. So we backtracked about five miles, pulled into the campground, and went to the door to register for a campsite. But the door was locked, and a sign said that the campground is closed on Mondays! As tired as we were, we didn't want to drive around looking for another campground, so we checked in with a lady in one of the campsites who is in charge on

Mondays. We were allowed to camp there, but the pool and shower house wouldn't be available. The managers would be back tomorrow, but the showers wouldn't open until around 10 a.m., long after we would be gone. So we pitched our tents and tried to get a good night's rest in the heat.

Tuesday, August 1 No showers this morning! After a breakfast of scrambled eggs and bacon, we began to leave the campground when our Spitfire wouldn't start. The guys began looking under the bonnet when we realized that the security feature on our battery was set so the battery was disconnected. This was luckily a false alarm. We pushed the button to disarm the security, and the Spitfire started right up. We again attempted to leave the campground when Mark noticed that he had a flat front tire. We took time to air it up, and we finally left the campground parking lot. Shortly after we got on the road, Kent noticed that his car was vibrating again. When we reached the next town, we pulled into a gas station to do more repairs on Kent's car. There just happened to be a junk pile next to the parking lot with pieces of wood that we used to make ramps. The guys temporarily fixed the vibration but decided that they needed to do some welding on the rear suspension to fix the problem permanently. When we arrived in Boise, we found a muffler shop to repair Kent's car, and Mark went to the local tire store to buy two new front tires. With the cars now in tip-top shape, we headed towards Oregon.

One of the first things we noticed in Oregon is that they don't have self-service gas stations (state law). We pulled into the gas station in Baker City, and the attendants came running. Because of the unusual position of the gas filler on the Spitfire, Charlie convinced them to let him pump his own gas, but they had to supervise.

We took a scenic road out of Baker City and found a nice campground in a state park (with showers) and camped again for the night. Wednesday, August 2 Mark fixed biscuits and sausage gravy for breakfast, and we were on the road again. While driving down the curvy highway, we noticed two Triumph TR-3s in our rear-view mirror. We stopped to visit with them for awhile and found out they were from Canada. It turned out that one of the guys received the award for driving his Triumph the longest distance to the convention--4,500 miles!

Along our route, we went through the Mt. Hood National Forest, which was very scenic, and we arrived in Portland, our destination, at 4:00 p.m.

That evening we went to the VTR welcome party where Kathy and I were the lucky winners of two of the door prizes.

Thursday, August 3 The morning and afternoon were spent at Portland International Raceway observing the autocross, in which Mark participated. We all had the opportunity to drive two laps around the track with an escort. In the evening we went on a winery tour where we drove through the scenic Oregon countryside to a winery for a wine tasting.

Friday, August 4 We arose early this morning to prepare for the group panoramic photo of all the Triumphs. After that we participated in the Fun Rally, which again took us through the Oregon countryside. In the afternoon, we all did a little antique shopping.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS and ACCOMMODATIONS - Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center

Beaver Run Resort is located two blocks from historic Victorian Main Street. The hotel has 30,000 square feet of function space complimented by 500 guest rooms, which range in variety from hotel rooms to 2 bedroom suites with spas, fireplaces and kitchens. Other property amenities include Spencer's Restaurant, a delicatessen, two heated pools, seven outdoor hot tubs, 20 person Jacuzzi, indoor parking, tennis court, game room and much more.

Special rates for VTR 2001 range from \$89 for a Hotel Room to \$168 for a Two-Bedroom Suite.

(See "www.beaverrun.com/Lodging.html" for a floor plan and detailed description of the room types.)

These special rates are also valid for the week before and after the convention. Come early.....Make it a real vacation!

Each participant is responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Contact the hotel directly for reservations. Please DO NOT use the internet to make your reservations, as you will not get the special rate. For these special rates you must mention the key word "TRIUMPH" or "Group # 1403."

Beaver Run Resort, 620 Village Road, PO Box 2115, Breckenridge, CO 80424-2115 USA
Phone: 800-525-2253 / 970-453-6000, Fax: 970-453-7234, Web Site: www.beaverrun.com

LINKS

Vintage Triumph Register
www.vtr.org

VTR 2001
www.vtr2001.com (coming soon)

Rocky Mountain Triumph Club
www.boulder.swri.edu/~hal/rmtc.html

Beaver Run Resort
www.beaverrun.com

Breckenridge Resort Chamber
www.gobreck.com

Summit County Chamber of Commerce
www.summitchamber.org

State of Colorado Tourism
www.colorado.com

AAA/Colorado
www.aaacolo.com

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*****DUES, DUES, DUES*****

If you have not yet paid your 2000-2001 dues, please send \$15, payable to "KC Triumphs" pronto to Secretary-Treasurer,

Karen Lyman, 9828 Sagamore, Leawood, KS 66206.

This will insure delivery of the next newsletter.

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*VTR 2001 in Breckenridge, Colorado
August 22-25, 2001*

LOCATION

Guests visiting Breckenridge can still experience the history and people that forged this genuine Victorian town 137 years ago. Framed in the Blue River Valley by the Ten-Mile Range and the Continental Divide, Breckenridge was a haven for miners drawn to the promise of riches.

The enchantment of Breckenridge's rich history derives from the simpler, dustier days when Main Street was a wagon-rutted dirt road lined with wooden boardwalks and false-front buildings. Breckenridge's "guests" were mostly hard-bitten miners seeking fortunes of gold and silver.

Today, the town's special Victorian character has been preserved and Breckenridge is Colorado's largest National Historic District. More than 250 authentically preserved and registered structures serve as home to restaurants, pubs, shops, and facilities for year-round businesses. The unique blend of old and new has made the resort a destination known worldwide as, GENUINE COLORADO.

CLIMATE

The average summer daytime temperature generally runs between 65 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Humidity is a low 30 percent. Typical summer clothing works just fine during the day; evenings cool off and often call for a sweater or jacket.

EVENTS

Welcome Party - Autocross - TSD Rallye - Fun Rallye - Breakfast On Top of the World - Vendor Displays
Triumph Strip Down and Auction - Special Night Out - Concours and Participants Choice Car Shows - Tech Sessions
Raffle for Triumph Quilt - Banquet - Pre Convention Hosted Drives - Models, Crafts & Photo Contest
Panoramic Photo - Funkana - Fun Tours - Walking Tour of Breckenridge

(Help will be available throughout the convention for tuning your car for high altitude driving)