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## AND SOME OTHER NEWS TOO...

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

Jeff Givens turned over the reins to Kansas City Triumphs at the Annual Planning Meeting January 29<sup>th</sup> and I got them. We had an outstanding turnout for the Meeting, well over 30 enthusiasts and the food, drink and camaraderie were some of the best I've experienced with the Club in a long, long time. Our thanks to Paul and Margaret for hosting, isn't their house super? And what a garage!

So it's finally my turn and I hope to do at least as good a job as all who have gone before me...the quality of leadership in this humble "car club" has been outstanding and, no matter what, I promise to try my best to maintain the standard that has been set.

I cannot praise Mr. Givens enough for the excellent work he's done for the past two years. A very busy personal life (The guy's got two teenagers for one thing), the stress of traveling and building his business had to be overwhelming. But he always came through with time for the Triumph Club and got the job done. We thank you a lot Jeff.

As a bonus, I get Jack Edwards as the Assistant Director. This guy is active, knows his cars and has always been an asset to the Club. Our thanks to you also for stepping forward.

So I guess the Brown Rat gets to run around a bit more this year and that will make him very happy...I mentioned Rockford to him the other night and he dumped almost half a pint of stinky Castrol hydraulic fluid on the floor, just couldn't contain himself.

So, to quote some others who have had the opportunity to lead this wonderful group of British car nuts:  
"Wheels up" and "Put a Triumph in your day".

My thanks in advance for your support:  
Woody

### EDITOR'S NOTES II:

Everybody tells me I don't have to do the Newsletter AND be Director at the same time. But it's FUN! I could be persuaded to turn it over to the right person if they volunteered though...let me know if interested.

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

To all members of the Kansas City Triumph Club: Thank you for putting up with me as your director for the past two years. I really appreciated your support in helping to promote our club and supporting our volunteer staff. It means a great deal to all the staff members of the club when they are supported in what they do. Remember, it is never too late to volunteer for various prestigious club positions as they come open. Over the past two years we had a large number of driving events that were well supported and lead by our club members. By the look of the final cut of the annual calendar there will be a great number of driving challenges to meet this year with our old machines. Woody Underwood, as your new director, has layed out a full calendar for the year and our machines will be duly exercised if they participated in every event. Woody and the staff are deserving of your support. I really encourage your participation in as many events as possible. If you are not driving it, why have it? I enjoyed my time as the director and the opportunity to work with each one of you on multiple projects. Thank you again for your support and your participation. I look forward to the new year and a great annual calendar of events!

Jeff Givens, Director Emeritus

### PUZZLE:

How many words can you make out of "Triumph"? The KC Star came up with a lot of them, the answers are in this issue. From Steve Olson, my trusty constant correspondent.

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Most of us aren't as bright as we could be and neither are the taillights on our cars. The Little British Car Company and probably several other vendors offer a solution, halogen replacement bulbs. They plug right in and are much brighter. They also draw a lot more juice and produce a lot more heat that might have adverse effects on our old wiring and aged lenses. At about \$10 each they also pose a threat to our net worth statements.

But now I read in the MGB Driver magazine, which goes to all members of the National MGB Register, that a cheap and simple solution is available. The original bulbs are 1157's and can be found anywhere. These have two filaments, one for the taillight and one for the brake light. They give off 2 and 32 candlepower respectively. But if you substitute 2357s, which are an exact replacement size, you get 3 and 40 candlepower. The extra juice needed is minimal and very little extra heat is generated. I tried a pair and the flasher winked at the same speed as always. You may have to look a bit to find 2357's. Any decent auto parts house should have them in stock or at least be able to order you some. Expect to pay less than \$2 per pair. See, I told you this was a cheap way to improve your TR.

And when you remove the lenses to change the bulbs, make sure to use a soft cloth and very gently wipe the dust off the reflectors behind the bulb. And a good soap and water bath for the inside of the lenses will allow a lot more light shine through.

With these new bulbs and clean lenses you give the SUV or 18 wheeler behind you a better chance to see you and know that you are braking.

Steve Olson

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***Vintage Triumph Register***

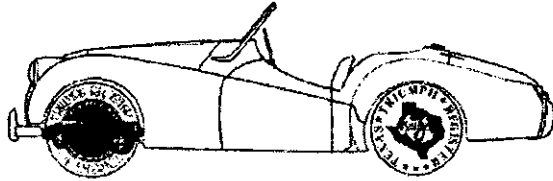
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**The 2005 TRA - Bigger, Better, and Uncut  
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For the first time in history, the TRA National Meet is being held west of the Mississippi. To attract the next generation of Triumph owners, we will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for ALL classes in both a Participant's Choice show, as well as the traditional concours show.

This year, the TRA National Meet is being held in scenic Branson, Missouri, from Thursday, June

The awards presentation, banquet, and raffle prizes

The host hotel is The Dutton Family Inn directly on the main strip (U.S. 76) in scenic Branson, but with an entrance from the back so you don't have to get onto the main drag. Rooms have been secured at the unbelievable price of \$40 per night for all TRA attendees. Call the Dutton's at 1 (888)-388-0061 and identify yourself as a TRA or Triumph show attendee, or check out their website at [www.theduttons.com](http://www.theduttons.com). We also have an overflow hotel directly across the street at the Days Inn at a price of \$49.99 per night. Call them at 1(417)-334-5544, and again, identify yourself as a TRA or Triumph show attendee. The final schedule, costs, and details will be provided in the next few weeks, but it's time to start planning this event, so mark your calendars for Thursday, June 23 through Saturday, June 25, 2005, or make it a full vacation, and come for the entire week - both hotels will extend their prices for the full week prior to and after the event.

We are excited about the opportunity of seeing many new faces and many new cars that will take advantage of this great location, the weather, and the terrific schedule of events.

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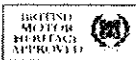
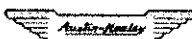
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23 through Saturday, June 25, 2005. If you've thought about attending, but it's just been too long of a drive, then this is your opportunity! Due to the extent of the Participant's Choice Show, this is an event for ALL Triumph owners, from the TR2 to the TR8, Spits, Stags, Heralds, Doves, even a Southern Cross, or whatever year and model Triumph you may want to drive, trailer, or even push.

Branson, Missouri is not just a beautiful and scenic area with great roads for our Triumphs, but it offers virtually everything for the entire family: amusement and water parks, outlet malls, world class golf courses, various museums, countless big star shows, and many other entertainment venues. To get a better idea of some of these attractions, spend some time at [www.branson.com](http://www.branson.com) on the web.

We will complete the final registration form and schedule in the next few weeks, but the schedule will include the following:

**Thursday:**

- Early morning breakfast drive
- All day registration and auction item drop-off
- On-your-own scenic drive and Stone Hill Winery tour
- Two different on-your-own Ozark Mountain drives
- The Branson Belle Riverboat cruise, dinner, and show

**Friday:**

- Early morning breakfast drive
- All day registration and auction item drop-off
- On-your-own scenic drive and Stone Hill Winery tour
- Two different on-your-own Ozark Mountain drives
- A scenic drive and poker rally
- An SCCA supported autocross
- The TRA welcome cookout, games, and traditional auction

**Saturday:**

- The traditional TRA concours show for TR2's, TR3's, and TR4's
- A complete participants' choice show for all Triumphs with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for all registered classes of competition
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## The Great River Road

This past May we drove part of the Great River Road for a week's vacation. This route is a system of secondary roads that parallels the Mississippi River from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada. We drove the back-roads across Missouri, because I don't consider traveling I-70 east from Kansas City part of a vacation. I can fight for my life in the workday world, thank you very much. As the week for the trip neared the weather had been spring's usual rainy, thunder-y, wind-blowing best, and we debated long about the car to take: Honda, Mazda, Triumph; Honda, Mazda, Triumph. Finally, the day before we left the Weather Cannel online predicted 5 days out of clear sunny weather. Why do I ever believe them?

We took the TR. The first night we spent east of St. Louis to see Cahokia Mounds historic site. As Indian ruins go (if you call a mound a ruin – isn't it the same shape as it started?) it was impressive and worth ½ day of interest if you're in the area. We then headed north along the east side of the Mississippi River northeast of St. Louis, in Illinois. Along high bluffs along the river edge we cruised tiny towns and spent three nights at Pere Marquette State Park in a cabin built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. They built a huge lodge there too, and managed to put in a really top-quality restaurant. They were really thinking ahead in the '30s.

Who knew Illinois was so beautiful? This park was gorgeous, and we hiked miles of trails and drove through winding forested roads with scenic overlooks to the Illinois River. Oh, did I mention the weather changed? Our first night in the park the forecast for St. Louis was severe thunderstorms with damaging winds. Basic Triumph dilemma: do I leave my car under the trees to have some protection from hail? Or will tree branches coming down from a storm be more even more hazardous? We moved the car to the east of one of the cabins out from under the trees and hoped for the best. All turned out well, but I'll be more cautious about spring trips in the future.

One evening we stood quietly along the Illinois River bank while a great blue heron came and fished within 20 feet of us. There were as many herons in the area as there are crows here in Kansas. And while we were standing there, a river otter swam by and then fished in circles out in the water. Otters look like they have a lot of fun.

Leaving the area to drive north, we crossed the rivers to the Missouri side. Pere Marquette is located just upstream of where the Mississippi meets the Illinois. So, we crossed both rivers on ferries to get back to Missouri. The first ferry was large enough for a tractor-trailer to use and had traffic all day long. People used it for commuting to work. We met one of the men working there the day before we were to use the ferry to discuss the problem of the shallow draft, and I don't mean the boat's. He said they had antique cars cross all the time and thought we'd be safe getting the car aboard. He was right. Then we drove a few miles across the peninsula looking for the second ferry. About the time the road was narrowed to one lane, we turned a corner and there was the ferry waiting. A man opened the gate for us, closed it and drove us across – just our car.

On the Missouri side of the river, you drive along high banks with some wonderful views. On both sides of the state line, the road goes through wonderful old river towns.

We stayed overnight at the hotel in Nauvoo, an early settlement of the Mormon church. They've built a replica of the old town. One home you can tour belonged to Jonathan Browning, who established his gun business from the attached shop. He invented and built a repeating rifle and six-shot repeater. His home and shop tour is worthwhile for anyone interested in old firearms. The house was right on main street, which got a lot of the traffic up and down. There was a rapids in the Mississippi at Nauvoo, and steamboat passengers, luggage and freight had to be unloaded to get the boat over the shallow bed. The passengers walked through town upstream or downstream to get on the boat again and continue the journey. Think about that the next time you're feeling inconvenienced about a TSA search at the airport.

You know, for years I've read the articles telling you how to install a backup hood release for TRs. For years I've told myself I should do that. You should do that. In the hotel parking lot at Nauvoo I took the heater hoses, dash support bracket and glove box out of the TR trying to get the hood open. I wasn't even close. Roger eventually pulled the original hood release handle hard enough to get the latch to work. A substandard hood release cable was the culprit, and Roger has since devised a backup that hangs inside the passenger foot well. Such are the things that make an interesting Triumph trip!

From Nauvoo we drove to Galena and spent three days in this lovely old town. We went east one day to go hiking in a state park. We drove to nearby Dubuque to visit the Mississippi River Museum, a beautiful facility to see all kinds of animals as well as the overall effect and history of this waterway. Well worth the time. Other guests at our B&B had gone antique shopping, and reported good luck. Galena has a lot of fun shops, which we breezed through, but I know others of you have fun shopping.

Leaving the area to come back to Kansas we drove through the Amana Colonies in eastern Iowa. Fun shopping, good food and a change in culture. One of my favorite travel combinations. It was Sunday when we headed for home again. Leaving Amana, the sky to the west was turning dark, and we ran into light rain. All across Iowa we turned the car south then west then south then west, trying to avoid what looked like serious storms. We finally stopped for supper in Missouri, and then driving straight south we could see wave after wave of clouds stretching out to the west. After one rain band passed over, we could see two more behind it. Amazing. We got home with the car safely; and I was blown to pieces by Triumph air conditioning (rear window zipped open), long hours and fast speed. Wonderful trip!

We enjoyed the Great River Road, and believe we'll travel it again. Maybe start in St. Louis and go south next time. And there's still a lot to see farther north, too. For resources about the Great River Road, see the Mississippi River Parkway Commission at [www.mississippiriverinfo.com](http://www.mississippiriverinfo.com) or just search "Great River Road" in your favorite search engine. You can also call: Mississippi River Parkway Commission at 763-212-2560. Great roads, fun travel. You'll want reservations to stay at Pere Marquette State Park: 618-786-3323. Put a Triumph in your next vacation!

Pat Fischer

## TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLES & MOTORCARS

At the recent planning meeting, I heard someone say the Triumph motorcars & motorcycles were never the same company. Here then is some Triumph history circa 1896-1936.

Siegfried Bettman, a German Jew, immigrated to England in 1883. The 21-year-old could speak German French and English fluently and worked a couple of years as a translator. Bicycles were becoming quite popular, and seeing a business opportunity he contracted with a local manufacturing firm to build the two-wheelers for him to export to Europe. The new product needed a name. Some of his customers on the continent called it the "Bettman", but he felt it needed a name that would be understood in all European languages. We have to be pleased that he gave it the name "**TRIUMPH**".

In 1887, Siegfried took on a partner, Maurice Schulte and with his expertise and money they leased a works and began manufacturing their own bicycles. Located at Much Park Street in Coventry it was titled "Triumph Cycle Co. Ltd.". By the turn of the century it was a logical evolution for bicycle companies to adapt a small gas engine to their heaviest frames and offer powered cycles. Schulte was keen on this and by 1902 the first Triumph Motorcycle hit the streets. A 1905 magazine ad asserted: "The Triumph Motor Cycle is not an experiment, but an article of proven value. It is made throughout in our own works, by experienced workmen only, no female whatever being employed". (Well that wouldn't fly today, would it.)

At the beginning of the Great War in 1914, Triumph was the largest Motorcycle Company in Great Britain and Bettman was the mayor of Coventry. Colonel Claude Holbrook contracted the company to supply motorcycles for the war effort. The lucrative contract resulted in 30,000 "Trusty Triumphs" used by British and allied forces.

Following the war, Bettman bought out Schulte because Schulte wanted to sell off the motorcycles and build automobiles. Bettman hired Col. Holbrook who soon pushed the company into auto production! The first Triumph motorcar was the 1923 Triumph 10/20. (The first number was the RAC horsepower rating for tax purposes and the second, the actual horsepower.) Many improved car and motorcycle models followed through the twenties and early thirties. It was decided to form the Triumph Motor Car Co. to join the Triumph Cycle Co.

By 1929 Col. Holbrook was the managing director of Triumph and although motorcycle production was 30,000 per year, the stock market crash damaged the company. The creditor bank took over and demoted Bettman to vice chairman and sold off the bicycle plant to another company that later became part of Raleigh.

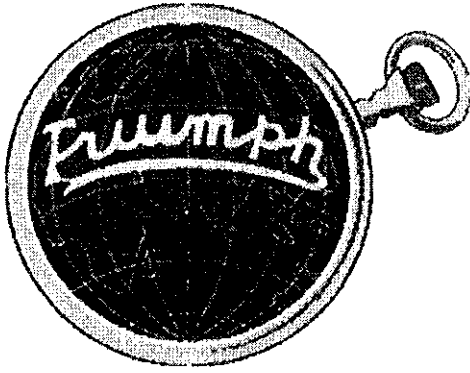
Holbrook was increasingly interested in upgrading the motorcar side and in 1933 began developing the Gloria line of Triumph cars. All Gloria's were powered by Coventry Climax 4 & 6 cylinder engines and were well equipped with permanent jacking systems, windscreen washers, self canceling turn indicators, tachometer, clock and metallic paint. Their motto was "Smartest cars in the land" and were exceptional motorcars since accepted as Classic Status by the American Classic Car Club. These cars and motorcycles carried the now famous **Triumph** script with the sweeping **R** connected to the **H**.

Unfortunately the car side was not profitable and the bank creditor decided to sell off the motorcycle business and put the resources into car production. In January 1936, Jack Sangster bought Triumph's motorcycle operation and retained the use of the Triumph name. Although motorcycle registrations were dropping rapidly and auto use was on the increase, the new Triumph motorcycle Co. fared far better than the auto side which went bankrupt in 1939, to be purchased after the world war II by Standard Motor Company.

So there you have it! Triumph Motorcars ended finally in 1982, and Triumph Motorcycles celebrated 100 years in 2002. Put a **TRIUMPH** in your day.

Paul McBride

Editor's note: The Triumph automobile name is now owned by BMW...we can only hope



## ***A Time for Triumphs*** **VTR 2005 - Rockford, IL**

The Illinois Sports Owners Association is proud to be your host for the 2005 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. ISOA is focused on providing good-spirited competition and fun-filled events for all participants. While Concours and Participants' Choice are a major part of the convention, we encourage all Triumph enthusiasts to bring their Triumph to Rockford - in *any* condition.

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**July 26-30, 2005**

**When:** Four beautiful days in early summer: Tuesday Afternoon, July 26, 2005 through Saturday morning, July 30, 2005. These days were chosen to give you more travel options.

**Where:** Rockford is Illinois' third largest city. Located along the Rock River in north-central Illinois, it has many big city amenities without having to try to cover up big city hassles. Interesting and uncongested local roads are perfect for tours, rallies, and fun. The nearby interstate highway system puts Rockford within a two day drive for over two thirds of the U.S. and Canada. Rockford is also accessible by air (via Chicago O'Hare Airport or Northwest Chicagoland International Airport at Rockford) for those who choose not to drive.

**Convention Headquarters** will be the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center. The facility has been the host of many past car conventions with great success. The resort has restaurants, shops, and many recreation facilities. It promises to be a great place for families, with lots to do in the general area.

**Featured models** for the 2005 VTR National Convention are the Stag and TR3 as we celebrate their 35th and 50th anniversaries, respectively. The Triumph Stag Club USA has designated the VTR 2005 convention as their Annual General Meeting. They are encouraging all Stag owners to attend and have set an ambitious goal to have over 100 Stags in attendance. This would be the largest known gathering of Stags in the USA to date.

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**more to come!**



## KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS EVENTS 2005

This is a "provisional" calendar. Events, dates and person of contact (POC) may be changed, added or deleted. If you are a POC and any information is incorrect or needs to be added, please contact the Editor. The POC always appreciates an RSVP for any gathering and further information (Including times, directions etc.) will always be provided via e-mail or an article in the Newsletter. The Calendar is updated every issue and items in **bold** indicate an official KCTSCC event.

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|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| March 3:     | <b>Club Night Out 6:30 PM</b><br>We have changed to Jake's BBQ at 51 <sup>st</sup> and Main KC MO. The Meeting is always the first Thursday of each month. O'Leary's went out of business and the Longbranch just couldn't accommodate us, so this is a nice alternative centrally located with a private room, safe parking and very good food. | POC Woody Underwood               |
| March 12:    | MG Club @ O'Malley's in Weston   | POC Steve Olson                   |
| March 19/20: | St Louis British Car Rallye.   | POC ???                           |
| April 2:     | <b>Spring Cleanup 9:00 AM</b><br>At Jeff's place of business, Mobile Hydraulics, 16 <sup>th</sup> and Howell, NKC MO. He's got anything you need to work on your car. Then we go off to Chappell's for lunch.  | POC Jeff Givens                   |
| April 7:     | <b>Club Night Out 6:30 PM</b>  | POC Woody Underwood               |
| April 16:    | <b>SCCA Rallye in Topeka</b><br>Probably a little more challenging than the usual, but definitely worth trying.  | POC Charlie Hoch                  |
| April 23:    | <b>Warrensburg Junk Yards and Belton Cruise</b><br>More fun than it sounds like...honest!  | POC Richard Woody<br>Jack Edwards |
| April ?:     | Swap Meet @ Hurst's  | POC ???                           |
| May 5:       | <b>Club Night Out 6:30 PM</b>  | POC Woody Underwood               |
| May 7/8:     | MG Club Slim Run   | POC Gerry Cahill (MG)             |
| May 14:      | Shoot-out in Chanute<br><b>Drive-in Movie Night</b><br>This used to be a big deal but just kinda faded away due to some bad timing and weather. We have the perfect cars for this...so let's get it going again! (And the Boulevard Drive-In is cool)  | POC ???<br>POC Cynthia Yin        |
| May 28:      | <b>Atcheson Fly-in</b><br>Second largest old plane show in the country!  | POC Gary Davis                    |
| June 2:      | <b>Club Night Out 6:30 PM</b>  | POC Woody Underwood               |
| June 4/5:    | <b>SCCA @ Heartland Park Topeka</b><br>Real auto racing, sports car kind.  | POC Charlie Hoch                  |
| June 23/25:  | <b>Triumph Register of America in Branson</b><br>Not to be confused with the VTR. This is the pre-4 group, but everybody w/Triumph is invited and the Texas association is hosting. Very cheap rooming and more info included in this issue.   | POC Jeff Givens                   |
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I didn't write this, but I like it.

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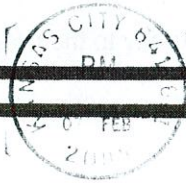
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## THINGS ARE BLOOMING AND TRIUMPHS ARE MOVING!!

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

Not much to report over the last couple of months, but lot's of stuff coming up fast. Be sure to check out the Upcoming Events section.

I've been in contact with Therese from Long Motor Co. and it's going to be all KC Triumphs on their respective catalog covers this year. Thanks to all who "voluteered" to get their pictures taken and Victoria British for thinking of us.

A new, current Roster will be coming up, so if you need to make any changes please contact Laraine Edwards ASAP.

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

Everybody tells me I don't have to do the Newsletter AND be Director at the same time. But it's FUN! I could be persuaded to turn it over to the right person...let me know if interested.

### LOCATION CHANGE FOR CLUB NIGHT OUT:

As a lot of you know, O'Leary's closed, the Longbranch just didn't work out and we tried Jake Edward's BBQ. Well, Jake's moved and I don't think it's going to work either. So, off we go next time to:

CHARLIE HOOPER'S BAR AND GRILL  
63<sup>RD</sup> AND MAIN (THAT'S IN BROOKSIDE)

April 7, 6:30 PM. They have ample parking in back and a private room reserved for us. Excellent food and 100 varieties of beer available. Sorry to keep moving this around, but we'll get settled somewhere soon for sure (Hopefully this place since I can walk or crawl home if needed). Looking for a big turnout w/all tops down.

Woody Underwood

### Organize your Triumph for travel

It's Spring, and I'll bet you're thinking, "It's time to get the Triumph on the road! Events and trips are coming up!" And you might also be thinking how that rear shelf behind the driver's and passenger's seats isn't all that convenient for carrying travel necessities. The stuff slides off. They wedge behind the seats, making it hard to move the seat back for a taller driver. They fall into the dark abyss – who knows where they go? Sometimes they disappear for years down there.

Last year before our Great River Road trip, we found a handy solution, and I'll call it car luggage. The manufacturer calls it a trunk organizer. Found it online at [aaa.com](http://aaa.com), and wondered how big it was, since they don't tell you that. Even if you find this particular model in its box, the box doesn't give you the dimensions. This apparently was designed for people who don't CARE what the dimensions are, and that's OK, because it works perfect well for Triumphs, too.

It's a collapsible, vinyl-covered box: 22x13.5x10(h) inches. There are handles on the ends so you can lift it in or out of the car. There are mesh- and solid-fabric pockets on the outside. The top even folds across and zips shut, and it, too, has a mesh pocket to put items in. There are moveable dividers inside for organizing. The nice thing is, the mesh lets you see what's in those outside pockets. Here's the most important thing: it keeps stuff on the shelf! Before this, our carefully stowed maps, cookies, water bottles, binoculars, cameras and hats flew off that shelf at the second stop sign from home – ½ mile from the house. It made for very messy, disorganized travel. We were always searching for things under the seats, which means getting out of the car, looping back the seat belt, unlatching and lifting the seat ... you know the drill.

I highly recommend one of these. This one from AAA is sturdy but doesn't fold down very small. It folds to the purchase box size, which is 3" deep. (I have seen other brands of lighter-weight organizers that fold flatter. I don't know what their quality is – you'll need to check that out yourself.) We bought this one at the AAA store on Metcalf in Overland Park, and they're available online at \$20.50 for members and \$24.99 for non-members. It sure can make the trip more organized, and you can actually store more items back there. Better yet, you can find them again. Probably works well for trunks, too. Here's the URL: <http://www.ouraaa.com/discounts/shop/travelstore/ac399.html>, where you'll find a photo in case my description doesn't do it.

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## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Having saved every KC Triumph's newsletter since numero uno, September 1978, I have been asked to occasionally write a "Years Ago" column. Returning to 1980 seemed like a good idea until I read some newsletters and realized that Gary Davis and I are about the only original members still around, and references to ex-wives and old girl friends might be awkward. Would that be of much interest? Well, just this once, here are some doings from January-March 1980.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual dinner party was held at the Cordon Bleu restaurant in Kemper Arena. 18 members attended. Jerry & Bev Witherspoon invited the club to their home in Blue Springs for a rousing Winter Party. February saw us at Joe & Barb Winters' house for a planning party to formulate the year's events. Members also brought their collections of Triumph models, literature, brochures, manuals, belt buckles, etc. for all to admire. The last Sunday in March, we met at Joe's Barn 150<sup>th</sup> & Old 69 Highway for dinner and cruising.

Yours truly wrote a piece detailing the origin of Triumph model names – what was the **Renown** and **Herald** named after?

Several TR winter projects were nearing completion: McBride's front suspension rebuild, Gary Davis' TR3 restoration and "new" Triumphs for Witherspoon, Winters, and Rick Torres. Brent Harrison accepted the position of social coordinator for the club, and we thanked Richard Peak for saving us lots of money by taking care of our printing needs. Editor Gary Davis proclaimed: "Our biggest goal for the upcoming season is to see greater numbers of members coming out for events". Our club then was only 30 members strong.

Put a **TRIUMPH** in your day!

Paul McBride

## GETTING STARTED:

Our last Director, Jeff Givens, did a piece on how he got interested in sporting cars in general and Triumphs in particular, so for what it's worth, here's my story.

My father worked for Chevrolet at the Kansas City Leed's Assembly Plant all his life, starting in the grease pit right after WWII and working his way up to supervisor of inspection. He was a car guy and there was always something flashy, fast and new in our garage (GM of course, but always cool). But my grade school shop teacher (Yes, they taught shop in Kansas City schools starting at grade three back in the late 50's) had an MGTA and was of course everybody's hero. Later, my father's best friend started giving me his used copies of Sports Car Graphic (Now Sports Car International) and I read them cover to cover. So after a short and rather uneventful period of hot-rodding in a 53 Chevy 210 and then a 57 Chevy Bel Air 2 door hardtop (oh yeah!) I went off to college, in a Corvair. But the bug had bit me...first thing I did on that thing was turn the white walls around to the black side and buy a set of wire wheel hub-caps. Right ideas, wrong car. So I bought a new 66 Corvette roadster. Better idea, but still the wrong car.

But sports car racing found it's way to the Midwest...Fairfax and Olathe airports and Lake Garnett in Kansas...where I got a lap in an Alfa Romeo. Hot damn! Bought a 72 Vega GT. Now after you've controlled your fit of laughter, consider this: They were good looking cars, fast, as close to being Italian as you could get (Poor build, instant rust) and a hefty discount thanks to GM and the Dad connection (Very important at the time, the Vette had broke me). This was an idea tried, but definitely the wrong car.

The same year, two of my best friends bought BMW 2002s and in 1976 my ex and I bought a 72 2002tii. Getting real close to the right car...but not a drop top.

To the Brown Rat, my beloved Maple 76 TR-6. Nanci was a schoolteacher and the original owner, her vice-principal, drove it daily. (Even in the winter unfortunately, it came with snow tires mounted on correct wheels). But it was 100% ORIGINAL except for a lousy repaint. I'd always loved the looks of the 6 and had a standing offer to buy it. He got a sailboat and it became mine. It continues to run perfectly with 50,000 miles showing.

So, I've reached auto nirvana. It has the same basic engine as my 53 Chevy, rusts faster than the Vega, runs slower than the Corvette, has handling and build quality like a BMW Isetta, was designed by an Italian and a top that's really hard to drop. All bad ideas...but the right car at last!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Happy Days Tour

Welcome spring by joining Ann and Richard Woody and Jack and Laraine Edwards on April 23 @ 10:00am for a fun tour of rural Missouri. We will meet at the McDonalds at 291 and highway 24 in Independence.

We will drive east on scenic back roads to Fort Osage. We will stop there for a photo opportunity and then proceed to Lexington for some antique shopping and lunch. After lunch we will depart for Warrensburg. After visiting Happy Days Dream Cars we will attend the Belton cruise night.

Please call the Woodys (816-628-4154) or the Edwards (816-348-0773) to let them know if you plan on attending this event. Hope to see you.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14! We are taking a road trip to Clinton, Mo. to the 4th Annual Clinton Technical School Car Show. After the show we are going to tour the restored Downtown DeSoto Dealership on the square. On the way home we will stop in Harrisonville for dinner. We will meet at the Flying J Truck Stop in Peculiar, Mo. at 8:30 am and then take some good back roads to Clinton, NO GRAVEL!! There is a \$10 registration fee until April 25, \$15 after that. I brought registration forms to the last club night out and several people said they would enjoy it. Please RSVP to Jack & Laraine Edwards 816/348-0773

◇ Kansas City All British Car & Cycle Show  
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John has written hundreds of technical articles for many club and independent magazines including: "Safety Fast," "Enjoying MG," "MG Enthusiast," "MG World," "Abingdon Classics," "Sport and GT Market," "MG Magazine," "Classic MG Magazine," "The Sacred Octagon," "MGA!," "the AMGBA Octagon," "C Notes," "MGB Driver," the OSH "Octagram," and "Moss Motoring."

◇ His MG ownership has included: MG TD, MG TF, MGA 1500, MG YT, MG 1100, MG Midget, MGB, MGB/GT, and the MGC. He has owned his 1962 MGA 1600 Mark II Deluxe since 1976.

Pat Fischer  
Kansas City All British Committee

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Brits in the Ozarks All British Car & Cycle Show  
Benefitting the Razorback Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Mark your calendars, it is once again time to plan for the Brits in the Ozarks All British Car & Cycle Show. Being at the mercy of the Arkansas Razorback football schedule and the enormous gathering of Harley people known as Bikes, Blues and BBQ means that the event this year will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. As before the show will be at Agri Park just north of the University or Arkansas campus in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Last year we decided to try having a special guest come and mill around with participants as well as speak during dinner. That experiment went over well so we are doing it again. This year we are excited to host legendary racer (of mostly odd British cars), enthusiast, and raconteur Anatoly (Toly) Arutunoff.

The event will again include a parking lot party the night before the show, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the host hotel, the Quality Inn in Fayetteville. As a new addition this year, for those who want to come a day early, on Friday morning, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have maps and instructions for a self-guided drive on Ozark back roads that we are calling the Arkansas 200, which coincidentally happens to be about 200 miles long. Please let us know in advance if you are coming to try this terrific drive.

To our amazement this event has raised \$40,000 for MDA in our first three years. In 2004 we hosted 125 vehicles brought by entrants from 8 states. This is a laid back show focused on the cars and fellowship among the rusty faithful. Come join us and be a part of a great weekend of great roads, great cars, great people, and wonderful stories from Toly. We'll see you the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more information see [www.britshironnwa.org](http://www.britshironnwa.org) or contact Bill Watkins at [bwatkins@watkinslawoffice.com](mailto:bwatkins@watkinslawoffice.com).

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## SUMMERS HERE FOR SURE!

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

Things are rewing up and lot's of events coming soon. Several of us are caravanning to Rockford for the VTR, stopping in Nauvoo, Illinois for the night. I have one room left in Nauvoo, so if anyone would care to join us get in touch ASAP.

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

The Newsletter is a bit late due to total disarray around our house involving house painting and interior remodeling for the past 5 weeks. So it may look a bit sloppy this time around, sorry! (Well, no sloppier than usual anyway)

### LOCATION CHANGE FOR CLUB NIGHT OUT:

Please check the Calendar for dates.

CHARLIE HOOPER'S BAR AND GRILL  
63<sup>RD</sup> AND MAIN (THAT'S IN BROOKSIDE)

6:30 PM. They have ample parking in back and a private room reserved for us. Excellent food and 100 varieties of beer available. Sorry to keep moving this around, but we'll get settled somewhere soon for sure (Hopefully this place since I can walk or crawl home if needed). Looking for a big turnout w/all tops down.

Woody Underwood

## **All British Show: New Diamond in the Rough Class**

**The All British has changed; that's a good thing and a bad thing.**

If you've been going to the All British for several years, you've seen a lot that's changed. A generation of car owners, for one thing. You can't count on seeing all of your old friends there. Another thing that's changed is the quality of the cars. It makes sense after some of us spent years restoring our cars, that the overall condition of the cars at the All Brit has moved upscale.

Years ago, there were a lot of daily drivers at the show, and they looked like daily drivers. People brought cars they just had hopes for; they came to get inspired by cars like theirs. My car used to be one of those that came looking for inspiration – not to mention parts. I picked up a couple used fenders at those shows. But now I hear people say, "I don't want my car to be a 'show car,'" or, worse yet, "It's not good enough to take to the All British."

We want to stop that misconception. We want to encourage the hobby. We want to recognize and welcome all British hobby cars and their owners. To do that, the All British Committee is introducing a new class this year, called Diamond in the Rough. From the entries in this class, the Committee will choose three candidates to win \$100 cash prizes. The rules of that class will follow.

Probably each of you knows someone who has just begun his British car hobby, or has a car tucked away, or who could use a little inspiration. Someone who thought their car wasn't good enough. Tell them this is the year to come.

### ***Diamond in the Rough Class***

#### **The purpose of this new class:**

- To show owners of un-restored cars that they can have fun at car events
- To encourage participation of un-restored cars in the All British
- To help restoration of those cars with cash awards
- To recognize the roots of the hobby

In order to achieve this, the All British Committee has established a new class, *Diamond in the Rough*. The cars in this class will not be judged on quality of their condition. The All British Committee will select the cars to receive the awards. Three \$100 cash awards will be given to three different cars to assist the owners with their car hobby.

#### ***Diamond in the Rough Rules:***

1. Cars must be a licensed and insured British car
2. Cars must be driven onto the display field from the Marriott parking lot
3. Owners pay the usual All British registration fee(s)
4. Cars register in the Diamond in the Rough class



## T-BONES BASEBALL GAME

Hello, baseball fans! It's not too soon to make plans to visit the "Boneyard" to watch our own K.C. T-Bones play their fun brand of baseball!

The Triumph Club will have their "outing" on July 17, a Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. For a 10.00 ticket, we'll try to get in shade behind home plate; sections 100, 101 or 102. I'll ask to park at the front gate again; everyone enjoys seeing our cute little cars.

This year, since we have plenty of time, I will pre-purchase your tickets if you will send me your ticket order. (Money). Then, if we have over 25 and get a group rate, I'll buy everybody popcorn with the difference. (Or refund it to you if I have the right change.

So, get back to me and let me know if you're interested, and **be sure to send a check.**

Thanks,

**Karen Lyman**

**9828 Sagamore**

**Leawood, KS 66206**

The concrete contractor who did our driveway called yesterday and told me about some British cars for sale, thought I'd pass the information on. He has two Triumph Spitfires, one a chrome bumper, the other a 'rubber' bumper. Neither are running, but should fire up without too much work. Bods are supposed to be fairly good. He also had another customer who inherited a '65 Bentley which is up for sale. Anyone interested drop me a line and I'll get the contact information for you.  
Bill Young

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May 2, 2005

Max Evans  
Media Relations and Online Marketing Manager  
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Hey all;

It's that time of year again to prepare for the annual Cruisin to the Zoo Classic vehicle rally. It's from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19 rain or shine.

Those of you who have participated in the past know that it's a great day to enjoy the Zoo. We provide free admission for the driver and three passengers. Those four also get free rides passes, good for the Zoo's tram, train and boat, plus \$1 off coupons to see "NASCAR: The IMAX Experience" at the Zoo's Sprint IMAX Theatre. And each vehicle gets a commemorative dash plaque.

This year we'll have the White Tiger exhibit. It features a white tiger, langur monkeys, red pandas, tufted deer, wreathed hornbills, and several other exotic Asian animals. It's all included.

As in the past, we'll be cooking brats and burgers and have cold beer on site. You're welcome to bring a cooler in your vehicle. However, no grilling or cooking is allowed. Feel free to bring a small tent or pop-up and lawn chairs.

All in all, it's a great day – and there's no charge for you and three passengers (must be in the show vehicle.)

Please fill out the enclosed form and return to me: Max Evans, Kansas City Zoo, 6800 Zoo Drive, Kansas City, MO 64132; or fax to me at (816) 513-5850.

You can find out more information by going to [www.kansascityzoo.org](http://www.kansascityzoo.org) and clicking on Events & IMAX link. Then click on Cruisin to the Zoo.

I look forward to seeing you.



Max Evans  
(816) 513-5715 office  
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Fellow Triumph enthusiasts:

The time has come to gather attendees for the 2005 Triumph Register of America (TRA) national convention 23-25 June located in Branson Missouri. I have attached two documents for your reading pleasure to this email. Included is the TRA National Meet schedule of events.

Currently, I plan on following the below listed schedule:

23 June

9:00 am meet in Harrisonville Missouri for breakfast (location to be determined)

10:00 am departure from Harrisonville

10:00 am to 3:00 pm travel by interesting and scenic route to Branson Missouri

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm registration, hotel check in, auction item drop off

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm car maint, mild drinking, cleanup, etc.

7:30 pm to 11:00 pm dinner show on the Branson Belle (more drinking and eating)

24 June

7:00 am to 10:30 pm TRA schedule

25 June

6:45 am to 10:30 pm TRA schedule

26 June

7:00 am to 8:00 am breakfast with KC Triumphs

8:00 am to 8:30 am prepare for travel back to Kansas City

8:30 am departure and travel by interesting and scenic route to Kansas City


(departures of course can be changed to suite shopping rules if required)


The goal for this schedule is to allow us some travel protection through the use of a Triumph convoy. Auto breakdown sympathy using the "sympathies" of an entire group is of course preferable to breaking down all by yourself.

The attached documents will direct you to a hotel and registration for the upcoming event. Please let me know who will be attending by not later than 8:59 am 23 June (I will eat breakfast anyway) so I can plan accordingly. I will have strip maps and proposed stopping places along each route.

I am looking forward to hearing from you! Jeff Givens (cell 816-769-9048) or home phone 913-727-9075.

PS: You may also get more info at [www.triumphregister.com](http://www.triumphregister.com)

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April 26, 2005

10 am, Saturday, April 23, 2005, 49/50 degrees. What a way to start the 2005 motoring season! Ten brave souls met at McD's, cussed & discussed the Triumph World. Jeff Givens & Jay Smith had come to wish us well, even though they could not make the trip. After coffee, pan cakes etc. we ventured East to Fort Osage, Four Triumphs, a Cutlas and a Ford Van bringing up the rear. After touring the fort we headed towards Lexington, to antique and eat. It was a beautiful drive down the old highway, next to the river. If you need an old BMW Bike and have a lot of money we found them in Lexington. We ate at the brewery, held back on the brews some, being responsible drivers. Chip in the Spit was the only brave soul with his top down. Then we headed out to Warrensburg and Happy Days. Laraine thought we were going to a junkyard, what a surprise for her. They have some beautiful cars, no Triumphs but 1 MGA (sold 15k). After stretching their closing time by an hour we were politely asked to leave. We all headed up 50 highway towards home. Laraine and I were the only ones to make the Belton Cruise, with our top down. We could get the old 4A that far on the old brakes. They had 10 or 12 blocks full of cars!! A lot of nice cars, but only 1 240Z besides the 4A, making us feel kind of foreign! Enjoy your driving and I hope you can go with us on the next trip May 14 to the Clinton Show

Hi, Triumph friends,

I had a call from former club members, Matt and Cecelia Bamford, last week. They moved to Maryland a couple of years ago and in the last year Matt has had many major health problems. Due to this he is no longer able to drive their beloved TR6. It was driven frequently until their move East. The 6 is still in Topeka in a storage facility and the Bamfords would like to find a new owner for the car. Matt sent the information below. If you are interested, please contact him or me. Also please forward this email to anyone that may be interested in giving a good home to this car, other car clubs and any KC Triumph car club members that I may have missed. Thank you!  
Cynthia

The TR6 is a late 1972 model, its white in color and the interior is in good shape. It has a padded roll bar. The car has over rider bumpers in the front and rear. It has front and rear anti sway bars and replica minilite wheels. The Car has a tuned exhaust system and a quick trip header. The engine has Kent road grind cam, and a spin on oil filter. It has an extra electric cooling fan. It has a relatively new black Robbins top with reflector stripes found on TR6 cars.

If more information is needed please let me know.  
Thanks for your assistance.

## KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS EVENTS 2005

This is a "provisional" calendar. Events, dates and person of contact (POC) may be changed, added or deleted. If you are a POC and any information is incorrect or needs to be added, please contact the Editor. The POC always appreciates an RSVP for any gathering and further information (Including times, directions etc.) will always be provided via e-mail or an article in the Newsletter. The Calendar is updated every issue and items in **bold** indicate an official KCTSCC event.

- June 23/25: **Triumph Register of America in Branson** POC Jeff Givens  
Not to be confused with the VTR. This is the pre-4 group, but everybody w/Triumph is invited and the Texas association is hosting. Very cheap rooming and more info included in the last issue.
- July 2/3: **ARCA/IRL Races at Kansas Speedway** POC ???  
Not enough info about this yet to make it an event
- July 7: **Club Night Out 6:30 PM** POC Woody Underwood
- July 17: **T-Bones Baseball** POC Karen Lyman  
If you didn't attend last year you missed a good one. The T-Bones are fun, a super little ball-park and excellent food choices. We get to park in front of the entrance too! A great time so don't miss out again. (Cabela's and Omaha Furniture just down the street BTW)
- July 26/29: **VTR National in Rockford, Illinois** POC Woody Underwood  
Back to Rockford and hopefully cooler this time. Plenty of time for everybody to plan caravans etc. Let me know if you're going and I'll try and hook people up with others having similar itineraries. More info in this issue.
- August 4: **Club Night Out 6:30 PM** POC Woody Underwood
- August 12- **TRF Summer Party Armaugh PA** POC ???  
Price is going up and pretty close to the VTR...good luck Mr. Runyon.
- August 27: **Wabash BBQ and Liberty Cruise Night** POC Richard Woody  
If we don't get a blues band this year, Richard promises to sing Muddy Waters songs for us...so you don't want to miss that do you? A good time no matter what and very good BBQ.
- Sept. 1: **Club Night Out...NOT TONIGHT!**  
See you at the All Brit! (I'll be washing the Rat or feeding him some good Lucas cheese)
- Sept. 3-4: **Kansas City All British Car and Cycle Meet** POC David McIntosh  
At the Airport again and more information will be posted. The Club will run the Rallye and the Regalia Tent this year, so we need volunteers.
- Sept.17: **Camp Out and Slumber Party** POC Jack Edwards  
We used to have a camp-out in Arrowrock every year, (And it was a blast) but our hosts the Beerys moved off to Minnesota and the Perkins kinda dissappeared. So we're going to try the Edward's place, it's as country as we can get. Guy's, it's outside for us...campfire, beer, cigars and sleeping bags. Lady's...plan that slumber party! (Guess that's fireplace, wine, cigars and fuzzy blankets). Laraine approves this message.

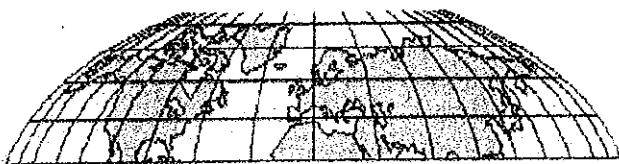
- Sept. 23-24: **Brits in the Ozarks** POC Larry Birks  
 Several members made this trip last year and really enjoyed it. Well, Larry might not have...but that's another story. More info in this issue.
- October 2: **Lawrence Car Show** POC ???  
 The best free car show going.
- October 6: **Club Night Out 6:30 PM** POC Woody Underwood
- October 8: **Topeka All British/KC Triumphs** POC Melanie Hoch  
 A drive to Indian Cave State Park near Shubert, NE.
- October 22: **The Chili Supper @ Woody and Holly's** POC Holly Ross/Underwood  
 Of course!
- Nov. 3: **Club Night Out 6:30 PM** POC Woody Underwood
- Nov. 5: **Lenexa British Fair** POC Ray Overton
- December: **The Annual Progressive Dinner** POC ???  
 The Progressive Dinner will be South again this year. Guthrie/Alice Carroll, Ms. Cynthia Yin and Bernie/Suzanne Hoff have graciously offered to host for the Club this year. As many of our members belong to multiple car clubs (A good thing) we ran into some conflicts last year due to some tardiness arranging our event. Plans for the 2005 Dinner will take that into consideration and will be posted as soon as possible this year.

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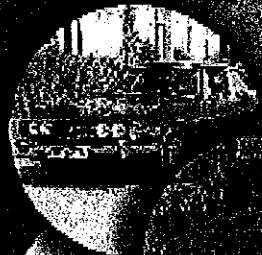
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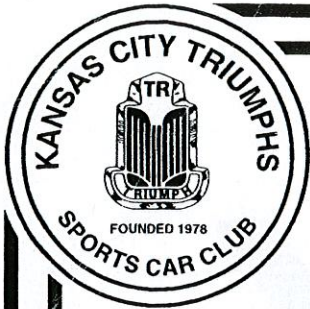
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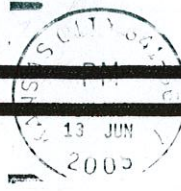
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## THE VTR WAS A BLAST!

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

My notes this time around are about going to Rockford, so look further for the story.

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

The Newsletter is a bit late again due to our week in Rockford, sorry about that. Finally got the Roster included....it will fold into a booklet if you take it out of the Newsletter (I suggest having a good bottle of wine handy if you ever try to put something like this together for the print shop).

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6:30 PM. They have ample parking in back and a private room reserved for us. Excellent food and 100 varieties of beer available. Looking for a big turnout w/all tops down.

Woody Underwood

I have a car for sale. I figure I would pass the word to see if you know of anyone interested. It is a 1976 TR7 fixed head with a factory 5speed and factory A/C. The car need wiring work and alittle body work. I have alot of extra pieces engine, 4 speed trans and alot more. I am wanting \$1000 for everything. I need to get rid of it. You can reach me at 816-210-1003.

Joshua

## T-BONES BASEBALL

Was well attended this year as last. Several members braved the heat and drove Triumphs to the game and they are to be commended! The T-Bones got creamed, but it was a good afternoon and we finished up with BBQ at Arthur Bryant's.

## THE VTR CONVENTION IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Four couples from the area made the journey this year. Myself and Holly in the "Brown Rat", Clay and Donna Cooper in their TR-3, Richard and Ann Woody driving the air-conditioned TR-8 and Jack and Laraine Edwards...Ford van...their TR-4 had some serious fuel problems and couldn't be made ready in time. But that van sure came in handy, a big thanks to the Edwards for being our taxi all week.

Everything started off great. We left from the Woody's early Monday and took 24 Highway across Missouri to Hannibal, then up the Mississippi to Keokuk where we crossed the river and followed it up to Nauvoo, Illinois for the night. A very hot, but pretty drive (Around 105 degrees we heard later) and Nauvoo is an interesting old Mormon town with a beautiful Temple, fair antique shopping but an excellent home-style buffet for dinner that night. The TR-3 experienced some overheating, but after a few cool down stops and much discussion the consensus was the gauge was wrong and just drive it. The "Rat" got a new nickname, "Stinky" and I should have known what was happening but it just didn't register.

Tuesday morning. "Stinky" has a dead battery so we push started it and headed for Nauvoo. About 50 miles down the road, the ignition light comes on, it stops dead and "Stinky" doesn't stink anymore. The voltage regulator has failed wiping out the alternator and frying the battery. Oh s\*\*t and we're in the middle of Nowhere, Illinois. Unbelievably there's an Interstate battery shop one mile down the road so with that replaced and minimal hassle/expense off we go again...in the rain but with cool weather. We reach Rockford with no problems other than a little detour through the Quad cities area (Yeah, we got lost) and "Rat" deciding to have starter problems now. Loose wire and that got fixed, kinda.

Tuesday night we attended a super welcome party put on by the Illinois Sports Owners Association (The host club), who really know how to do an event. Their hastily organized band, The Spinal Tappets, was just incredible. A fun evening.

Wednesday everybody did the Fun Drive (The Woody's opted out of the oiled road, but it wasn't too bad) and hit some Tech Sessions. That evening we headed off to Rockford Speedway (An historic 58 year-old 1/4 mile paved oval) for some good old redneck stock car racing. I think it was the high point of the whole week, everybody had a blast (Good brats and burgers provided too). I'd had a new alternator overnighed in from Victoria British which arrived Thursday so that was my day and had to pass up the Autocross (Which was a modified figure 8 course at the aforementioned speedway and got rave reviews from everybody that ran it). I cannot thank Richard Woody who helped me wrench and everybody in the parking lot who loaned tools enough...the technical support from Clay and Jack (Sitting in the shade in some comfy portable chairs) was also invaluable. Don't take me seriously guys, glad you were there for all the pushes! So the "Brown Rat" got fixed. Paul and Margaret McBride showed up that day from their vacation in the area and the group had a good dinner together that evening at the Machine Shed restaurant.

The car show was Friday with about 220 participants. Lot's of good stuff to see and I might mention that the weather from Tuesday on was lovely and COOL. Richard got to be a judge and several Club members did get awards (See below). That evening was the standard interminably long awards banquet with the standard bad food, but we expect that, don't we? The Spinal Tappets made their farewell appearance after the dinner and really rocked the hotel big time till midnight. All of our group had gone off to bed long before, but being the diligent reporter that I am felt it my duty to stay to the bitter end...so I closed the place down (And paid for it the next day).

Saturday we split into two groups for the trip home. The Woodys and Coopers off at 6:30 and Underwoods and Edwards at 10:00. The first bunch were driving straight through to KC, but ironically the TR-8 experienced fuel filter problems around the Amana Colonies in Iowa and we got within 10 miles of them. The glitch was easily fixed and they got home otherwise trouble-free.

We stayed overnight close to Des Moines and finished up the journey with zero problems Sunday.

This was Holly's first long distance Triumph trip and she bore up quite well. With the exception of an unexpected excursion to Bettendorf, Iowa she's becoming a damn good navigator. To my traveling companions Richard, Ann, Jack, Laraine, Clay and Donna many, many thanks for good times and great pushes!

Woody Underwood

P.S. Tamara (Gibson) says hello to all her friends in KC and the ex-Brady/Yin Stag looks great. I also finally met the Oertwigs (Whose Newsletter went to Japan every issue and now Virginia), I believe they will be back in the area soon.

### **KC TRIUMPHS AWARDS AT THE 2005 VTR**

ANN WOODY	CRAFTS	SECOND PLACE	
OERTWIG	AUTOCROSS	PLACE	GT-6
TAMARA (GIBSON)	AUTOCROSS	PLACE	STAG
COOPER	PEOPLE'S CHOICE	SECOND PLACE	TR-3B
TAMARA (GIBSON)	PEOPLE'S CHOICE	PLACE	SPITFIRE
OERTWIG	PEOPLE'S CHOICE	PLACE	GT-6
UNDERWOOD	CONCOURS	THIRD PLACE	"BROWN RAT"

(YEP, WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I'D ENTERED, BUT THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO LIVING WITH HIM. HE'S ALREADY GOT A THIRD PC SOMEWHERE AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH)

RICHARD WOODY	CONCOURS	???????	TR-8
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(RICHARD KINDA GOT SCREWED. AS A JUDGE THEY WANTED TO PUT HIM IN MODIFIED BUT DIDN'T AND THERE WAS A LOT OF COMPETITION IN TR-8. SINCE HIS CAR IS MODIFIED, WHAT TR-8 ISN'T, HE LOST OUT. BUT HE HAD THE NICEST ONE THERE IN MY OPINION.)

CRAIG VAUGHAN

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## KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS EVENTS 2005

This is a "provisional" calendar. Events, dates and person of contact (POC) may be changed, added or deleted. If you are a POC and any information is incorrect or needs to be added, please contact the Editor. The POC always appreciates an RSVP for any gathering and further information (Including times, directions etc.) will always be provided via e-mail or an article in the Newsletter. The Calendar is updated every issue and items in **bold** indicate an official KCTSCC event.

- August 27: **Wabash BBQ and Liberty Cruise Night** POC Richard Woody  
 Meet @ 5:00 PM Liberty Square for the Cruise In...then off to the Wabash for Blues and BBQ. Richard might be off the hook if it's not C/W.
- Sept. 1: **Club Night Out...NOT TONIGHT!**  
 See you at the All Brit! (I'll be washing the Rat or feeding him some good Lucas cheese)
- Sept. 3-4: **Kansas City All British Car and Cycle Meet** POC David McIntosh  
 At the Airport again and more information will be posted. The Club will run the Rallye and the Regalia Tent this year, so we need volunteers.
- Sept.17: **Camp Out and Slumber Party** POC Jack Edwards  
 We used to have a camp-out in Arrowrock every year, (And it was a blast) but our hosts the Beerys moved off to Minnesota and the Perkins kinda dissapeared. So we're going to try the Edward's place, it's as country as we can get. Guy's, it's outside for us...campfire, beer, cigars and sleeping bags. Lady's...plan that slumber party! (Guess that's fireplace, wine, cigars and fuzzy blankets). Laraine approves this message. You will be e-mailed with details.
- Sept. 23-24: **Brits in the Ozarks** POC Larry Birks  
 Several members made this trip last year and really enjoyed it. Well, Larry might not have...but that's another story.
- October 2: **Lawrence Car Show** POC ???  
 The best free car show going.
- October 6: **Club Night Out 6:30 PM** POC Woody Underwood
- October 8: **Topeka All British/KC Triumphs** POC Melanie Hoch  
 A drive to Indian Cave State Park near Shubert, NE.
- October 22: **The Chili Supper @ Woody and Holly's** POC Holly Ross/Underwood  
 Of course!
- Nov. 3: **Club Night Out 6:30 PM** POC Woody Underwood
- Nov. 5: **Lenexa British Fair** POC Ray Overton
- December: **The Annual Progressive Dinner** POC ???  
 The Progressive Dinner will be South again this year. Guthrie/Alice Carroll, Ms. Cynthia Yin and Bernie/Suzanne Hoff have graciously offered to host for the Club this year. As many of our members belong to multiple car clubs (A good thing) we ran into some conflicts last year due to some tardiness arranging our event. Plans for the 2005 Dinner will take that into consideration and will be posted as soon as possible this year.

# 24th ANNUAL KANSAS CITY ALL BRITISH CAR & CYCLE MEET

Labor Day Weekend - Saturday & Sunday September 3 & 4, 2005

## LOCATION

KCI Airport Marriott Hotel, 775 Brasilia Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64153. Grass field, great facilities, good hosts.

## RESERVATIONS

Room rates are \$66 + taxes. Call 800-228-9290 for room reservations. August 12th is the cut-off date for this rate.

## AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded after the popular voting has been tabulated.

## SOUVENIR APPAREL

Top quality, 100% cotton T-shirts, silk screened with the All British art work are available at the regalia tent for \$12 each. One T-shirt is included in the registration fee if your form is postmarked by **AUGUST 20**.

## VENDORS

Space for local and national vendors is available. One vehicle per slot, please. Additional vehicles may be displayed for \$10 each.

## JUDGING CLASSES

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F MG T series and pre-war	O2 Jaguar sedan to 1987	X AC, AC Cobra (kits allowed)
G MG Midget and AH Sprite	O3 Jaguar 1988 and later	Z Guest Micro Mini
H MGB GT, MGC GT	P1 Mini Classic	PC Photo contest
J TR2 & TR3	P2 Mini BMW	◆ Diamond in the Rough
K TR4, TR4A, TR250	Q Land Rover	
L1 TR6 to 1973	R Lotus	

### Registration Form:

Please send to: Kay Gamble, 13621 S. Walnut View, Olathe, KS 66061; checks should be payable to K.C. All British Car & Cycle Assn.

### Fees

First Car - \$30 _____	Additional cars - \$10 each _____	<b>Totals</b>
First motorcycle - \$20 _____	Additional cycles - \$5 each _____	_____
Swap / Vendor - \$20 _____	Additional vehicle - \$10 each _____	_____
Early Registration (by <b>August 20</b> ) bonus - T-shirt, circle size M L XL XXL _____		
Additional T's - \$12 each (M L XL XXL) _____		
<b>Total</b>		_____

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### Hold Harmless Agreement

Owner voluntarily enters his/her vehicle in the 2005 All British Car & Cycle Meet, it is agreed as follows: (1) that owners will insure their vehicle against loss, damage and liability. Proof of such insurance, being in full force and effect, shall be provided to the All British Car & Cycle Assn. and the Marriott Hotel; (2) that owners do, hereby, agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Association, the Marriott Hotel, and their agents or assigns, for any act or omissions which may result in the act, damage, destruction, or injury occurring during, or as a consequence of this event; (3) the owners, in attending this event, do so voluntarily and agree and assume the risk of any and all damage to their vehicle or personal injury.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Saturday, September 3

Noon – 4 p.m.      Registration  
1:00                      Wrenching by John Twist  
5:00                      Dinner run road rallye

## Sunday, September 4

8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      Registration  
10:30 – 12:00      Peoples choice voting  
1:00                      Wrenching by John Twist  
3:00                      Award presentation

## Wrenching with John Twist

John Twist and his wife Caroline began their business as University Motors in August 1973. The shop specializes in MGs, but they welcome any classic British car. John has written hundreds of technical articles for many club and independent magazines.

John will do diagnosis and repair sessions each afternoon on show participants' cars. John's tech sessions on all makes of cars have been very popular at British car shows. He will ask for volunteers among entrants, so you can watch and learn from an expert.

## NEW THIS YEAR!

### *Diamond in the Rough Class*

#### The purpose of this new class:

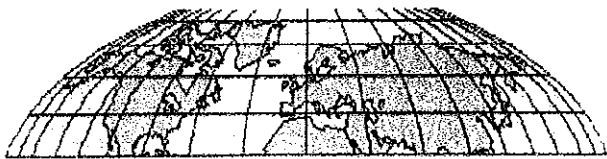
- To show owners of un-restored cars that they can have fun at car events
- To encourage participation of un-restored cars in the All British
- To help restoration of those cars with cash awards
- To recognize the roots of the hobby

The cars in this class will not be judged on quality of their condition. The All British Committee will select the cars to receive the awards. Three \$100 cash awards will be given to three different cars to assist the owners with their car hobby.

#### *Diamond in the Rough Rules:*

1. Cars must be licensed and insured
2. Cars must be driven onto the display field from the Marriott parking lot
3. Owners pay the usual All British registration fee(s)
4. Cars register in the Diamond in the Rough class

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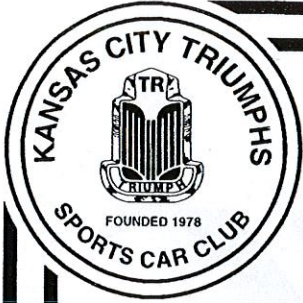
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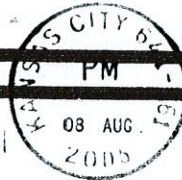
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Annual dues are \$15, payable to "KC Triumphs". (Will be \$20 in 2005, so get paid up! Inflation hits us too)

The Triumphs Club year runs ALL YEAR LONG

## FALL IS HERE, GET THAT TRIUMPH OUT FOR THE LAST BLASTS OF 2005

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES #1:

Some thing's I'd like all members to consider: Number 1, the Club is GROWING, we have gained membership over the past 3 years and seem's like everytime we get together someone else joins up...that's a good thing. Number 2, where are you? With well over 80 members it would seem we could get some big turnouts for our events, but we inevitably have the same 10 or so cars show up everytime (Or less). That's a shame, because we've done some pretty good stuff this year and the "oldtimers" would love to meet some new enthusiasts...it's good for them and invaluable for the newbies (We can help folks, excellent resources and minds and hands available for the asking) So, the point is, are we (Me?) doing something wrong in promoting events or are the events presented not to everyone's liking? We need to know, so don't hesitate to give me your opinion via whatever media you find comfortable...phone, e-mail or in my face...we will fix the problem. Kansas City Triumphs has meant a lot to me and many, many people for over 30 years. Let's do everything we can to keep it the best car club in the midwest.

### EDITOR'S NOTES #1:

This keeps coming up, so please give me some input concerning the Newsletter. Some choices are: Maintain the status quo? Newsletter only online? Maintain the mailed Newsletter and start a website? Or? Please let me know what you think.

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES #2:

Holly and I just got back from a 2502 mile trip to Baltimore and back in the BMW (God bless A/C and comfy seats). Other than a rather expensive tire replacement on the right rear (255/35/18's do cost a bit more than your regular Triumph fitment) the excursion was a lot of fun. But the poor truckers (Never thought I'd say that, but...) with their satellite regulated governors, they can't pass anybody so they back up traffic 20 or 30 miles on the Interstates while one running 66 tries to pass one running 65. Too bad for them and everybody else, but, gee, ever hear of a railroad? (Super commercial on TV about that by the way) So to the fun stuff: Best roads in America, Tennessee, absolutely perfect Autobahn quality blacktop and 70mph speed limit. Lovely state,

great scenery and not as poor as people think, it appeared to be booming. Fastest highways in the US: Kentucky, we ran 100+ and the troopers waved at us (Yes, friendly waves). I got passed by a Budget Rent-A-Truck at 105 mph and it seemed 90 and up was the going rate. Now that's cool!

### **EDITOR'S NOTES #2:**

Our esteemed Secretary, Laraine Edwards, is going great guns with the real estate business and is getting a bit overloaded with Club business. SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW SECRETARY COME 2006. Please help us out, this is probably the most important position in the Club.

### **CLUB NIGHT OUT:**

Please check the Calendar for dates.

CHARLIE HOOPER'S BAR AND GRILL  
63<sup>RD</sup> AND MAIN (THAT'S IN BROOKSIDE)

6:30 PM. They have ample parking in back and a private room reserved for us. Excellent food and 100 varieties of beer available. Looking for a big turnout w/all tops down.

Woody Underwood

### **CORRECTION:**

Ray Overton's phone # was incorrectly listed in the latest Directory. Should be: 913.894.9326.



This was sent to me by an MG owner,  
who shall remain nameless...

## **PAST EVENTS:**

### **LIBERTY CRUISE NIGHT/WABASH BBQ AND BLUES:**

Ok, Richard Woody got by this time. They did have a blues band (Well, more soul music than blues, but that's ok). So I didn't have to pull out the Muddy Waters songbook and he didn't have to sing. Probably good for everybody! Six couples made the trip in Triumphs and an adopted Morgan, the Maas' accompanied us in their pretty cool 50's GMC pick-me-up truck. Some of the MG Club was at the Wabash, so we ended up with a pretty good crowd of British cars. We do this every year and the Cruise at Liberty Square is a blast and there's always a good drive through the countryside to Excelsior Springs (Real slow this year thanks to some yahoo in a Big Lexus going 10/15 mph below the speed limit, I'd feel pretty bad if I was holding up a bunch of 30/40 year old cars in my brand new American/Japanese "performance" sedan) But the weather was acceptable, music was excellent, food good and the drive home was wonderful (e.i.: cool). Please come join us next year. The Club thanks Richard and Ann for putting everything together again this year and having the guts to "test-drive" the "new" TR-3.  
Woody Underwood

### **THE ALL BRIT:**

Yep, we crushed the MGs this year. I spent most of the time in the Club tent holding money for Holly and Laraine who really went the extra mile selling Regalia and All Brit Shirts...our thanks ladies! But after a quick perusal of the lot, we had more cars there than our arch rivals did. As it has been the past few years, lot's of out of towners as opposed to locals from KC Triumphs...let's work on that folks. The Rallye on Saturday (Arranged by our own John Maas) was a hit, with over 20 cars participating. More thanks to members David MacIntosh, Pat Fischer, Roger Elliot and Steve Olsen (All members of the All British Committee) for coming through for everybody involved with a wonderful show and ordering up some great weather. The Meet is back on track, lets have 100+ Triumphs there next year, OK? The list of Triumph winners is enclosed.

### **COOKOUT AT THE EDWARD'S:**

We canceled the Campout, then they cancelled the Cruise Nite in Belton! We still had the BBQ!! We had lots of food and few folks. Richard & Ann Woody, Clay & Donna Cooper, Don & Debbie Boyko & Son Jack & Pam were all that made it. We had a good evening getting to know each other better. We did talk about cars some, guess who in the group used to have a Yugo for his company car? Who's first new car was a TR3, and Wife & Mother in Law drove it home to Alaska? Everyone critiqued my progress or lack there of on my TR3 project. Several of the girls learned what a tub was.

The weather did cooperate and it was a beautiful evening. I think we are all showing our age though, everyone was on the road home by 9:00. I wonder if they had heard Laraine at the VTR party when she commented about it being almost 9 and her time for bed?

Clay had surgery on his other shoulder Monday, he is sore but Nurse Donna (Ratchet according to Clay) is taking good care of him. He won't be playing golf or riding his Harley for awhile.

We'll try again next year!

Jack & Laraine

### **BRITS IN THE OZARKS:**

With hurricane RITA threatening Houston and promising a wet and dreary weekend in Fayetteville, AR., I loaded up the TR3 and headed for the appointed meeting place in Harrisonville. As point person I had been emailing every car club from the crazy Mini bunch in Minnesota, to the Triumph, MG, Healey and British Car clubs in NE, IA, OK, TX, MO, IL and was hoping to find McDonalds parking lot teaming with little British cars ready to head south. Needless to say, it was a 205 mile jaunt from Harrisonville to Fayetteville with only myself, Trumpy, and the Pocket Rocket mini-bike that had been donated for the Muscular Dystrophy auction by a friend. Since I had the Mini-bike to take along, my Bride decided she didn't want to make the trip in the "other" car by herself and stayed home to watch her newly planted grass seed grow.

I arrived about 5:00pm at the hotel to find the Host club (British Iron Touring club of Northwest Arkansas) busily setting up the hospitality tables, registration, and bar-b-que. By the time the bar-b-queued chicken was done, the lot was full of LBC's, Trailers, and an occasional "other" car. The club had sponsored a 200 mile self directed Arkansas tour that morning for anyone wanting to just "drive their cars" and see Arkansas. I heard it was a great drive! The parking lot filled with chairs, food and good will to allow everyone to enjoy the get-together with old and new friends.

Saturday brought another day of overcast, but the rain held off all day till the show was over, thus providing a wonderfully mild day for the show. At 3:00 the show was over and another 20 mile self directed "fun run" left on time into the Arkansas Wilderness! At 5:00 the rain finally arrived and carried on throughout the night, ending early Sunday morning before we hit the road to return home.

There were 111 British car owners that braved the possible inclement weather and brought their cars out to support the cause. Some of the rarer cars that have been there in the past were left cowering in the garages at home, but there were still some dandy's that showed up. The "Chairman's Choice" award went to a 1934 MG-PA vintage car that won the Australian Grand Prix in 1935. (If I could have stolen any car there, it would have been that one!)

There were 22 Triumphs, so our Marquee was well represented. I had the only TR3 that attended but there were a bunch of TR6's, TR4's, Spitfires, and a beautiful TR250 without a stripe?, that won class! Joining me at the show was David and Kaye Perkins (Marshall, MO) from KC Triumphs with their beautiful blue TR6 that took second in class.

So how did we do for Muscular Dystrophy this year? The Show Sponsors, the club members, and the show attendees together presented a check to MD of Arkansas for \$15,000! In four years the Brits in the Ozarks show and Benefit has presented MD \$55,000! It's incredible what this club has accomplished and the support they garner from across several states! The Texas Morgan club had 6 or 8 Morgan's drive up again. The longest drive award went to a "to die for" 3 carb big Healey from Nebraska. There was an "Elf" from Texas that won the Best of Show in Dallas and the monster trophy was holding up the trunk with a picture of Sterling Moss presenting the trophy! How about a "Mini Pickup?", Morris Minor Panel, an original Lotus Super 7 next to a new Chatterham Super 7, an MG Twin Cam the original owner brought from England in '59 and "everybody" wanted to buy it! (His wife said he'd sell her before he'd part with the twin cam!) There was an incredible 1938 MG Tickford from OP Kansas and the owners also are restoring a TR6 and want to join our club! Couldn't believe the '59 bug-eye Sprite painted like a frog! (I have pictures!) There were enough Jaguars to keep everyone happy, a Daimler with a V12, and are you ready for this??? A brand spanking new Maserati sedan with a sticker on the dash at \$125,000. There was something for everyone, and the Orange TVR Dave Freeman was driving was exceptional!

Art Graves from the Green Country Triumphs in Oklahoma has invited us to come to Jenks, OK. On April 20-23, 2006 for the VTR South Central Regional. Met a lot of super Brit enthusiasts from the Tulsa area, so we are talking seriously about making that show in the spring.

I left early Sunday morning, and took the long way home. Back roads across Western Arkansas through Tontitown, to Siloam Springs, North to Grove OK, and on to Cherokee, KS. Following a few Ebay emails, I visited the site of a 1957 TR3 that had been through a total barn fire several years ago. The opening bid was \$149, and I was sure there would be "something" worth that so I stopped to view the remains. The original 55,000 mile car was a "total" loss. Probably only the block and head were salvageable. Everything else was either melted or rusted beyond use. Almost wanted to cry to see the LBC in that condition. Arrived home safe and sound with a round trip of 511 "trouble-free" miles. Really an enjoyable trip and looking forward to next years show.

Larry Birks

#### TRIVIA:

Our own Marlene Cochran was Mrs. Kansas and won the title Mrs. America in San Diego in 1967. She had "a splendid year, traveling over 200,000 miles including a month in South America". She and John were guests on "To Tell The Truth" and "The Mike Douglas Show". Quote: "Isn't that a hoot".

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **DRIVE TO INDIAN CAVE STATE PARK: 8 OCTOBER 9:00AM:**

Fall is the best time of the year to visit when the many colors of foliage are at their peak. Saturday, October 8 Kansas City Triumphs will join with the Topeka British Car Club for a drive to the park located along the Missouri River in the extreme southeast corner of Nebraska. Kansas City area members should meet at the McDonald's, 87<sup>th</sup> and Maurer (First stop light east of I-435) in Lenexa. Gary Davis and Dawna Adams will lead to Atchison to meet the Topeka group. The drive will take you along the bluffs of the Missouri to the first stop at Camp Rulo in Rulo, NE. This casual restaurant overlooking the river is known for it's catfish dinners, but there are many other choices on the menu (Hmmm...catfish for lunch: ed.). Then on to the park which contains a small museum, living history activities, trails, a re-constructed 19<sup>th</sup> century river villiage, some great driving roads and, of course, Indian Cave. \$3.00 per car to enter the park. Please RSVP to Charlie or Melanie by October 8 as the restaurant would appreciate an estimate of attendees. Charlie/Melanie Hoch 785.478.3799 [choch@cox.net](mailto:choch@cox.net)

### **THE CHILI PARTY AT WOODY AND HOLLY'S: 22 OCTOBER 5:00PM**

The usual...bring lot's of chili, your best hors dervy thingy (Yeah, I can't spell it either) or your best dessert. BYOB of course. No RSVP necessary cause EVERYBODY shows up for this one. Come early so we can talk/look/play with cars. We are located between Ward Parkway and State Line Road at 1218 West 61st Street.

Woody Underwood/Holly Ross 816.523.8356 [wunderwood@kc.rr.com](mailto:wunderwood@kc.rr.com)

### **THE ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER: 3 DECEMBER 5:30PM**

Please join us for the wonderful Triumph Club holiday progressive dinner.

The first stop for appetizers and cocktails is at Cynthia Yin's, 5:30PM.

Please RSVP to Cynthia by November 27 and BYOB.

Directions: From I-435, take State Line north. Turn west at 95<sup>th</sup>. Cross Lee Blvd, look for Leawood Methodist Church on your left and turn left by the church sign onto Chadwick/Aberdeen. After passing 96<sup>th</sup> bear to the right and look for the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the right after the fork in the road...9726 Chadwick Drive.

Cynthia Yin

9726 Chadwick Drive

Leawood, KS

913.642.1769 [cyin2020@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cyin2020@sbcglobal.net)

Next stop for main course, around 6:30.

(We will of course caravan from Cynthia's, but just in case)

Guthrie and Alice Carroll

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And finally, for dessert. Whenever.

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I will make an effort to send more detailed driving instructions before the event.

And thaaaaaaat's all folks, for this year anyway!!!! Next stop a few Club Night Outs and the Planning Meeting.



Yesterday I finally received my TR3B's information from the "British Motor Industry Heritage Trust". I found it interesting that the car was originally black, so when I finally get around to restoring her, she be re-painted black,( I better make sure the body panels are PERFECT!). I was also real happy to find out all my numbers, including the engine, match to the factory records. And she still has all her factory equipment except the tool kit. Now I would like to find out the history of her past owners. I've attached a JPEG file of the certificate which I found interesting to read.

Debbie and I had a fun evening last Saturday night at the Edwards house with the club.

Don Boyko

Some members may not know about this "service", but it's worth the trouble. It's going to cost Mr. Boyko an expensive paint job, but at least he knows he's got something authentic. Thanks Don and hope it helps some others.

A Note From the BMW Guy: One of the main reasons BMW bought Rover Group way back when (Other than to get control of RR and their aircraft engine business, the Mini name etc) was to acquire the British Motor Heritage Trust...which they used quite successfully to set up their own "old car"parts service...BMW Mobile Tradition. BMW still owns the Triumph, MG (Allowing the company which is now in China to use the name as a courtesy for free, they are not out of business yet), Austin/Healy and Riley nameplates.



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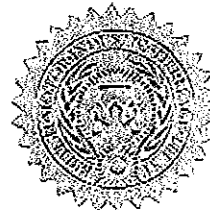
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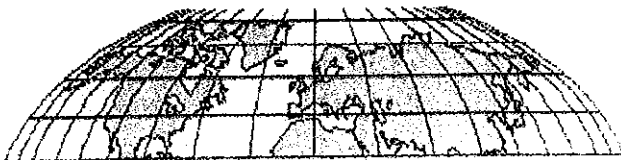
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| 1. Make & Model                         | TRIUMPH TR3B (213S CC)   |
| 2. Car/Chassis Number                   | TCE/1917-L   |
| 3. Engine Number                        | TCE/1940-E   |
| 4. Body Number                          | 2470-TSF   |
| 5. Specification                        | LHD, North American Export   |
| 6. Colour                               | n) exterior<br>b) trim<br>c) hood (top)  |
|   | Black<br>Black<br>Black  |
| 7. Date of Build                        | 7 September 1962   |
| 8. Date of Despatch                     | 12 September 1962  |
| 9. Destination ( Dealer )               | Standard Triumph Motor Company Inc., Baltimore   |
| 10. Other Numbers ( where recorded )    | -  |
| 11. Details of Factory Fitted Equipment | Heater, Windscreen washer, Black tonneau cover, Black side screens, Rationalised gearbox, 56mm bore engine, Adjustable steering column, Tool kit, Spare wheel. |
| 12. Other Information                   | This vehicle was shipped from the Royal Edward Dock, Avonmouth aboard the vessel 'Gloucester City'.  |
| 13. Issued to                           | Donald Boyko   |
| 14. Date of Issue                       | 12th September 2005  |
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Pat Fischer  
Mark Canaday
- Class L1**                     **TR6 69-73**  
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Roger Baugher  
Chad Jester
- Class L2**                     **TR6 74-76**  
Kieth Alm  
Robert Ballard  
Robert Frye
- Class M**                     **Spitfire, GT6**  
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Kenneth Raney  
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| October 2:  | Lawrence Car Show<br>The best free car show going.   | POC ???                  |
| October 6:  | <b>Club Night Out 6:30 PM</b>  | POC Woody Underwood      |
| October 8:  | <b>Topeka All British/KC Triumphs</b><br>A drive to Indian Cave State Park near Shubert, NE. <b>MORE INFO IN THIS ISSUE.</b>   | POC Melanie Hoch         |
| October 22: | <b>The Chili Supper @ Woody and Holly's</b><br>Of course! <b>MORE INFO IN THIS ISSUE.</b>  | POC Holly Ross/Underwood |
| Nov. 3:     | <b>Club Night Out 6:30 PM</b>  | POC Woody Underwood      |
| Nov. 5:     | <b>Lenexa British Fair</b>   | POC Ray Overton          |
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## **PROGRESSIVE DINNER 3 DECEMBER!**

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Annual dues are \$20, payable to "KC Triumphs".

The Triumphs Club year runs ALL YEAR LONG!

### **LOOKING FOR A NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

Laraine has done her duty and is too busy to continue. So we are desperately seeking someone to take over the position in the new year. Someone please come forward, we will help in every way to make the job easy to handle. And of course, Newsletter Editor too. I've done this for quite awhile now, everybody is probably sick and tired of my c\*\*p...so would anyone else care to try their luck at this?

### **DIRECTOR'S/EDITOR'S NOTES:**

A couple of well attended CNOs and trip to Nebraska last month. Our thanks to the Hochs for planning and executing a very nice Fall drive to the park. Club Night Out at Hooper's continues to get a good showing and we have a pretty good little "corral" going across the street. Not convenient for a lot of you I know, so we're always open to suggestions for an alternative.

DUES ARE GOING UP TO \$20 AS OF 1 JANUARY. Please pay up at the Dinner if you are in arrears.

Nobody on the Board could remember when we raised dues pricing, so it was time. But a method to our madness? Yes, hopefully, with a little more money in the Treasury we can subsidize a few events in 06...so it's the old "pay me now or pay me later, but you're going to pay me eventually" theory at work. We aren't broke by any means, we carry about the same balance at the end of the year every year. Our Treasurer will present a statement at the Planning Meeting as usual.

I'd brought up the idea of going on line with the Newsletter in the last issue, the consensus of those who responded was (Sorry you Internetheads) maintain the printed/mailed Newsletter. However, I may crawl out of my cave and attempt a web page where information can be shared more quickly than every two months. Hope that makes everyone happy.

### **CLUB NIGHT OUT:**

Not held in December due to...turn the page.

## **ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER DECEMBER 3RD:**

Please join us for the wonderful Triumph Club holiday progressive dinner.

The first stop for appetizers and cocktails is at Cynthia Yin's, 5:30PM.

Please RSVP to Cynthia by November 27 and BYOB.

Directions: From I-435, take State Line north. Turn west at 95<sup>th</sup>. Cross Lee Blvd, look for Leawood Methodist Church on your left and turn left by the church sign onto Chadwick/Aberdeen. After passing 96<sup>th</sup> bear to the right and look for the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the right after the fork in the road...9726 Chadwick Drive.

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Next stop for main course, around 6:30.

(We will of course caravan from Cynthia's, but just in case)

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And finally, for dessert. Whenever.

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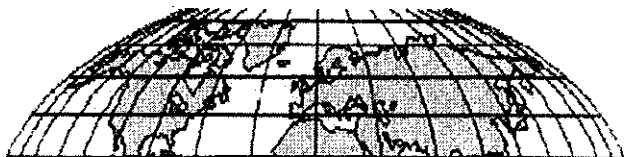
### **THE CHILI PARTY AT WOODY AND HOLLY'S:**

Attendance was down a bit this year, maybe 25 Triumph enthusiasts. We have had more but the weather didn't really cooperate this time around, cold and wet. Still, lot's of great chili, snacks, desserts and good conversation. I'm sure it will be on the calendar next year...so see ya then!

### **DRIVE TO INDIAN CAVE STATE PARK:**

A brisk morning turned into a beautiful October day for a drive for the 16 cars from our club and the Topeka British Car Club. It was a little chilly to go top down in the morning, but there were a few brave souls who did just that. Twelve cars from the Kansas City area met the four cars from Topeka at the visitor's center in Atchison. From there we drove to Rulo, Nebraska, where we had lunch along the river at Camp Rulo. After lunch we headed for our destination of Indian Cave State Park, which was just north and east of Falls City. At the park we visited the museum, the living history displays, the reconstructed river settlement, and finally the cave, which contained petroglyphs made by the Indians. For most of those attending, this was a park they had never been to or even heard about, and several indicated they would like to return next year on their own to camp, hike, and even go horseback riding.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

I know some of you folks got some pretty Triumphs, and I've still got a long way to go to catch up, but I found a local business that someone might be interested in. I've been collecting parts for my TR3B and one project I want to tackle this winter is to rebuild my front suspension. I have accumulated some old rusty front suspension parts, and I had them powder coated by RMI in Olathe. I had them blast and coat all the upper A-arms, upper fulcrum pins, lower A-arms, and spring plates. They turned out BEAUTIFUL! Nice glossy black! And all for \$55., which I thought was VERY reasonable. I can't get over how the parts look new! They have about any color you would want, and they can blast and powder coat wire wheels also, (runs \$50-\$60 for each wheel). They will also do just blasting if you have a body panel or frame that needs to be stripped.

Don Boyko

Hello, all. I have no financial interest in this car. Another customer of the restoration shop I use wants to sell the car. Brian, the shop owner, knows a lot about racing and British cars, so he should be able to answer any questions you have.

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#### AND SPEAKING OF RACING....:

The SCCA Runoffs (Sports Car Club of America) have been moved from Mid-Ohio Raceway to Heartland Park-Topeka for 2006 and beyond. A pretty big deal for us in mid-America. This year they had 730 cars participating in 24 races. The event goes on for a week...qualifying etc. but the finals are the weekend of October 13/14/15 (Friday/Saturday/Sunday). Some of us may remember the year the All Brit was held there in conjunction with an IMSA race and an SCCA Regional race...it was a pretty good time (Was my first meeting with Bob Peters, he was breaking into the Rat so he could move his Morgan). This is THE biggest amateur racing event in the world and would be well worth attending. I've already made hotel reserves and would suggest anyone not wanting to drive back and forth from KC to do the same ASAP.

Woody Underwood

P.S. I have contacts at the track through the BMW/Audi/Porsche Clubs (Their best customers!). Enough interest and we could possibly get a Triumph or British Car Corral set up for good viewing. If you'd like more info get in touch.

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