

KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is really a hard decision to make about where to start on this newsletter. There are so many things going on right now, so I'll just jump in and go one to the other.

We had a meeting of the British Car Clubs just last night and the plans are going super. We already have over 80 registrations. I am especially happy and proud to report 30 registrations (50%) of our club has pre-registered. This is just great! I know many of you may wait until the event, but I hope you will get in early Saturday to be sure and get a goody bag and the dash plaque. If any of you can, please come out extra early Sunday morning and help us park the cars so we can get them all in the right areas. Paul has more details in his Director's Note.

I do want to take a minute to point out that this is the first issue of our fifth year as a club. The importance is not really the length of time or the number of members we have signed up. What we have always wanted was participation as members, friends and car enthusiasts. We have a success as a club because we are active and have not fallen into the trap of having an "elite" group. I noticed at the picnic that everyone was sharing experiences and stories and enjoying each others company. There is a line on the front of our membership applications that reads, "Dedicated to the Preservation and Enjoyment of Triumph Motorcars". The key work is "Enjoyment" and I know that KC Triumphs has certainly brought enjoyment to my life and I am sure to yours, the last four years, and I look forward to many more years together in the future.

Gary L. Davis.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: In just a few days from your receipt of this newsletter an event--a happening if you will--of interest to all Triumph addicts will take place right here in River City! The 1st Annual Midwest All British Car Meet September 3rd, 4th and 5th at Drury Inn, I-435 and Metcalf. A large number of you have already registered. If you haven't, it's not too late. Go to the registration table (Room No. 119) at Drury Inn, Friday night, Saturday or Sunday and sign in. You will receive a dash Plaque, registration packet, and goody bag. Then you can park your Triumph (any condition acceptable) with all the other Triumphs and enjoy the activities. And here is the 3 day Schedule.

MID AMERICA TRIUMPH REGIONAL II SEPT. 4-5, 1982

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 3, 1982:

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration

Saturday, September 4, 1982:

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Autocross (SCAA Sponsored-Seat Belts
Required) (Plus Funkhana)
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Tour of K.C. Area*
12:00 AM - 1:30 PM Tour of K.C. Area* *Tours 1½Hours
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Tour of K.C. Area* (Approximately)
3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Free Time: Prep. Cars for Sunday,
Eat, Sleep, Etc.
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tech Session (Room #119)
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Club Meetings (KCT Room #222)
9:00 PM - ? PARTY - Carlos Murphy's Restaruant

Sunday, September 5, 1982:

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Swap Meet and Show of Cars
3:30 PM - Awards and Door Prizes

Last summer we (KCT) sponsored the Mid-American Triumph Regional I (MATR I) which many of you attended. MATR II is being incorporated in the All British Car Meet. In this fashion we have, so to speak, tuned two SU's with one turn of the screw. Our own unique dash plaque and door prizes will be presented to you in addition to the British car meet goodies. Note, in the above schedule, the club meeting at 8:00 Saturday evening in Room No. 222 at Drury Inn. Be sure to attend. All other prizes and awards will be given at 3:30 Sunday in the parking lot.

We will have KCT hats and jacket patches for sale, and we have ordered T-Shirts, caps, and golf shirts with the All British Car Meet logo. So it will be possible for you to outfit you and yours appropriately.

If your Triumph is not running, come anyway. You can still take part in most activities, and the Swap Meet and Tech Sessions should help you get your Triumph on the road. The prime intent of this meet is sharing our common interest in British and particularly Triumph motorcars. I am looking forward to seeing each of you! Put a Triumph in your day.

Paul M. McBride.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Fall Rally - Sunday - October 3rd - 1:00 pm.

We will meet in the parking lot of the Berbiglia Store at 1114 West 103rd Street. This is just east of State Line and North of I-435. Cars will start off on two minute intervals and it will be best to have a navigator to read the instructions. This is a gimmick-type rally and awards will be based on the number of correct answers and amount of time. We hope more of you will give this rally a try and for those who have run them before, here is a new challenge for you. The rally will end at a local spot where we can have a drink or two and award the prizes. Be sure to come out, this is our last driving event of the season and we would like a good turnout.

November 13 - Fourth Annual Dinner Party and Officer Installment.

Ken and Dana Yarrington are working on the plans and we will have invitations out later with all the details. We are still in need of a guest speaker or program for this years event. We will furnish dinner for the speaker and one guest in consideration for the program. Please contact Paul if you have any suggestions. We also plan to have slides of this years events. If you have any pictures to show bring them along.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Please add the following new members to the roster and give them a warm K.C.T. welcome.

R.D. "Dick" and Marilyn Berry
605 Ponca Drive
Independence, Mo. 64056
796-5789
1970 GT-6

Ron Kongorski
2824 Teepee
Independence, Mo. 64057
795-0048
1959 TR3A TS 37450 L0

Gerald and Louise January
Rt. 1 Box 244
Gardner, Kansas 66030
1962 TR4 CT 2625 L

Jude and Donna Nally
301 W. 66 Terr.
Kansas City, Mo. 64113
361-8861
1962 TR3A TS 75161 L

PAST EVENTS: The swim party on July 18 was the best ever. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the wonderful and relaxing evening. A very special "thank you" to Bob and Esther for their gracious and warm hospitality; everyone appreciates it greatly.

The Picnic on August 15th proved to be our best turnout of the season. The weather was warm and dry. Our youngest member (2 weeks) attended his first meet. I am not happy to report that the first annual KC Triumphs/M.G.A. Club softball game was won by the A Club by a score of 7 to 6 in 8 innings. We may want to have a little practice next year just to see if anyone can pitch and let everyone swing the bat a few times. Overall, it was a great day and we hope to make it a yearly event.

SPECIAL NOTICE: In the last issue of the newsletter we announced that there would be a ballot for voting on the new club officers included with this issue. Since that time each one of you have been contacted by phone to see if you had an interest in serving on the board. At this time, there are not enough commitments from members interested to make up a list of candidates for the various positions. Therefore the board has decided to contact those members who have shown an interest and see if they are willing to accept the board positions on an appointed basis. I want to urge you to contact Paul or myself if you have an interest. The current board has served for four years and is ready to turn over the responsibility to other members of the club. The new board members will be installed at the November meeting.

MEMBER NOTES: I want to share with you a little note I received the other day;

Gary-

We have a new "T.R."
Custom Made- July 30th
Curb Wt.- 8# 10 1/2 oz.
Length- 21"
Runs on Mother's milk and
makes its own gas
I.D.- Tristan Reed

(T.R.) Tharyl & Joni Wilson

Our newest member and attended the picnic at the ripe old age of 2 weeks!
Now that's what I call starting out the right way. Congratulations!

MAINTAINING THE BREED

UPDATE ON DIPPING: I would like to report that Dave Van Dyke of Midwest Metal strippers, has two new processes available. I was talking with him at the Shrine Car Show and he reports that he can now remove IMERON and can also dip alumnium. There isn't too much alumnium on the later Triumphs except the IRS suspension and the transmission housing but this should be good news to our other English owning friends or someone restoring an early 1800.

Dave has donated two gift certificates for dipping to be given at the All British Car Meet. Watch for his literature in the goodie bag!

There will also be advertising literature in the goodie bag telling about OSPHO, watch for it. More on OSPHO in a later newsletter.

R.P. Peak



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EDITOR'S NOTE: I don't think I'll put too much in this section because my purpose in this newsletter will be distributed throughout these pages. The big news comes from the areas of the newsletter, the board, and the annual dinner party. What I must decide is where to start and how long to spend on each item. I guess the best place is on the newsletter itself. One of the big news items is a change in club officers and this change also involves the newsletter. I am very pleased to announce that Richard Peak will take over as the new Editor starting with issue number three. You will, however, still be hearing from me, but in a different position and from a different viewpoint. More on the new Board of Directors in the next item, but I do want to thank all of you for your encouragement and comments about the newsletter and please don't forget Richard when you see something you like. We do plan to expand the format and include more technical and historical information. Thank you for your support over the last four years.

Gary

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: This, my final Director's Note, is cause for real ambivalence. On one hand, I'm quite content with the prospect of being "just" a participant in KCT; but on the other hand, I will miss the honor of being your Director.

It was over four years ago that Gary and I met by chance in Indianapolis, Indiana at a Milestone Car Society / VTR National Convention. When we returned to K.C. it didn't take us long to put together plans for the 1st get-acquainted picnic of Triumph enthusiasts and many of you were there. I was amazed then, and continue to be, at your confidence, support, and patience of my directorship. It has been indeed an Honor!

The status of KCT's is in excellent hands with Gary Davis as our new Director, and I will enjoy sitting on the Board as Past-Director and advisor.

I've just re-read all of the Director's Notes from the past four years and realize how much I enjoyed writing them, and how much I've enjoyed having an active part in the club administration. The board

meetings never failed to raise my spirits and my thanks to Gary, Rick Torres, Richard Peak and Ken Yarrington for doing all of the work. For the final time.....please.....don't forget..... to put a TRIUMPH in your day.

Paul M. McBride

SECRETARY'S REPORT: New Board of Directors for Kansas City Triumphs

As reported in the last newsletter, the current board has taken on the responsibility of selecting the members to fill the positions open on the board. All board members have filled their respective positions for the last four years since our founding in 1978. I would like to spend a great deal of time thanking them for the many hours of behind the scenes work that go into making this club the best in the area and one of the best local chapters in the nation. That thanks needs to come directly from all the members, so I will continue with the process of explaining the changes.

At this point I need to turn the pen over to someone else, but unable to do so on such short notice, I would like to express my acceptance of the position of Director of KCT. I look forward to stepping into this new role and realize I have a real reputation to live up to, but the challenge sounds great! More about my goals as Director in the next newsletter. The board, and myself especially, would not let Paul off completely, so he will remain an active board member as Past-Director and will still contribute to the newsletter.

The position of Assistant-Director has been accepted by T.R. Wilson and he will take over the responsibilities of planning the schedule of club activities. I know that with the help of Joni and Little T.R., we will have the whole family involved in this most important part of our group. Let's all give T.R. a warm welcome and our support and ideas for activities. Rick has decided to retire from the board and with all his years of Triumph clubs (both past and present) we can understand, and look forward to his continued guidance as an active club member.

Secretary-Treasurer has been accepted by Richard Peak and again we get a great package deal. Richard, Virginia and their two sons have been very active in club activities and critically important to MATR I and the All British Car Meet/MATR II. Richard is no stranger to board meetings and has been involved in many special projects. As I stated earlier,

Richard has also accepted the position of newsletter Editor and I look forward to working on it with him. I must say that, although I have enjoyed my past positions, I feel good about passing them on and bringing some new ideas in.

The position of Calling Committee Chairman has been accepted by Warren Wood, and I know he will be looking for a couple of assistants to help him so give him a call if you can help. This is a very important part of the success of our group and we certainly thank Warren and Loretta for taking on the responsibility. Ken Yarrington and Dana have done a great job the last two years and all express our gratitude to them for the time and hard work they have invested. We know they will continue to be an active part of the club.

In the next newsletter we will have a better explanation of views and ideas from the new board members. We want to thank everyone who expressed an interest in taking a position and urge them to become active in board meetings as a general member.

Please don't forget the installation of officers at the Dinner !

UPCOMING EVENTS: Fifth Annual Dinner Party ! Once again we celebrate the conclusion of this year's season with our annual dinner. This year's dinner is especially important because of the installation of the new officers for the next two years. We have a buffet dinner and cash bar. We also have a special look back at the First Annual All British Car Meet and a look at the activities of this season. Come join us and see yourselves and fellow club members as we looked during our fourth season of cars, friends and fun! Don't miss it! Call me for last minute reservations.

Gary 361-0641

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: I would like to make a couple of comments before I introduce our newest members. As many of you already know, David and Ann Adair have moved to Texas and we wish them the best of luck down south. Also, Ken Carl has moved, but we do have some new members to add to our roster. We always hate to see people move or sell their cars or decide they are too busy for club activities, but no one would expect to keep every member every year. I would ask that if you know someone who has been a member and is no longer current, you might just give them a call to see if they are interested in becoming active again.

Please welcome the following new members and be sure to look for the new, complete, revised roster in the next newsletter.

Larry and Linda Birks
Rt. 1 Box 163A
Peculiar, Mo. 64078
816-758-6660
1960 TR3A TS62458L
1963 TR4 CT12331L

Robert Smith
5003 W. 71st Terr.
Prairie Village, Ks. 66208
384-6781
1964 TR4
1976 TR7

Eric Englund
9702 Hayes
Overland Park, Ks. 66212
888-2024
1971 TR6

John Hoffman and Amy Nash
9930 Benson
Overland Park, Ks. 66210
649-3834
1971 TR6 CC66213L

Floyd and Polly Reichardt
7615 W. 88th Street
Overland Park, Ks. 66212
648-7167
1962 TR4 CT2329L

Andrew Tucker
835 W. 57th Street
Kansas City, Mo. 64113
361-2064
1966 Spitfire 4

SPECIAL REPORT: The All British Car Meet - Labor Day Weekend 1982

Last January, your Board of Directors met to discuss plans for the Mid-America Triumph Regional II. It occurred to us that the considerable work involved and resources necessary to put on a large car show might better be shared by many car clubs. Having a genuine (and perhaps perverse) affection for all British cars, we naturally thought it would be great fun to get them all together for our mutual delight and benefit. Several phone calls to our good friends in seven other British car clubs resulted in the first meeting of twelve dedicated British car enthusiasts. Each of the 12 took on specific areas of responsibility and the result, eight months later, was the largest car show in the Midwest! We had 211 paid registrants and an estimated 235 English motorcars on display. I am happy to report that 50 of those were Triumphs! - an excellent showing.

Triumphs also did well at the autocross on Saturday. Turning excellent times: David Smith- 1979 Spitfire, Paul McBride, Mark Canaday, and Gary Davis - TR3's, Ed Schaeffer - 1973 Stag, and Warren Wood - 1972 TR6.

British Marques represented at Sunday's show; Triumph, MG, Lotus, Jaguar, Austin, Austin-Healey, Morris, Daimler, Rover, Morgan, Sunbeam, Rolls-Royce, Bentley, and Jensen. Quite an array. Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual on Labor Day Weekend, 1983. Paul M. McBride



Just thought you might like to see the beautiful view of some of our cars that were on display on Sunday. There will be much more to see at the Dinner so don't miss it!

PAST EVENTS REPORT: 10th Annual Lawrence Region AACA Car Show Oct. 3, 1982

This was our first year to attend this show as a club, and we really made a good showing. Fifteen members and their cars were on display and this gave us the fourth place award for overall club attendance. Individual members also received awards. These included; Herb and Wanda Moore-2nd Place Long Distance 1949-1964 Class, Rich and Chris Smith-1st Place Long Distance 1965-1982 Class and someone who really worked hard for an award, Paul McBride-3rd Place in Model Car Identification Contest with 41 out of 50 correct. Any of you that looked at that contest realize that it was no piece of cake, so congratulations to Paul for a great effort.

FOR SALE: This is open to all members free of charge so contact Richard.

Ken Yarrington offers his 1959 TR3A. New top and many new parts. Powder Blue with black interior. Very dependable. \$2750 or offer. Call 229-4818.

MAINTAINING THE BREED

In the March newsletter, I mentioned a product called OSPHO for protecting dipped or sandblasted parts. For restoration and just common maintenance, this product is a very handy chemical to have on hand. In one of the early issues of The Vintage Triumph magazine, Harry M Barnes in his Restorations column wrote an article on rust and rust prevention in which he states that "as a restorer, I have tried a great many products through the years and have found only one that I feel safe in recommending to friends and fellow restorers. This product is named OSPHO."

The basic working ingredient of OSPHO is phosphoric acid so it works well for treating new metal and "freshened" metal to stop formation of rust. According to the companies literature, when OSPHO is applied to rusted metal, it chemically changes the rust (Iron Oxide) into iron phosphate which forms an inert hard gray surface. Supposedly the rust action is completely stopped and paint applied over OSPHO adheres so tightly that moisture cannot get through.

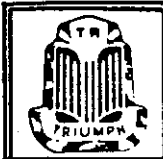
When applied to new or "freshened" ferrous metal, galvanized iron and aluminum, OSPHO imparts a slight etching action to the metal like the Metal Prep materials, thereby giving a better paint surface adhesion. OSPHO actually forms a prime coat. The company recommends painting over OSPHO but be careful in the surface preparation because, in the process of sealing, it forms a grayish surface powder which must be brushed off or the surface will be rough.

Since OSPHO is a form of phosphoric acid, I have used it for dipping small rusty items at home. Be careful that you dip only ferrous metal and don't leave it for several days. Test, but usually overnight is sufficient. I put in some rusty washers and forgot them for several weeks. By the time I remembered them they were "a mere shadow of their former self" because the acid had almost dissolved them completely. I will admit that they were small and pretty rusted to start but..... OSPHO should not be used for dipping Aluminum, soft metals and plated items, even though the company recommends wiping aluminum before painting to slightly etch the surface and remove any oxidation. Dip and store OSPHO in glass or plastic only, although stainless steel can be used for dipping, but the acid will etch it and ruin it for other purposes.

OSPHO is made by the Skybryte Co., 3125 Perkins Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. It is packaged in quart, gallon and larger sizes. The current prices are quart \$4.05 and gallon \$8.60. For larger sizes, call me or write the company. Also the prices do not include shipping. Most of the "goodie Bags" at the All British Car Meet had OSPHO literature.

While on the subject of rust prevention, Dave Van Dyke of Midwest Metal Strippers has facilities for dipping aluminium as well as removal of lmeron. Dave donated two gift certificates to the Meet and his flyer shows a TR-3 before and after dipping - he has good taste as well as doing good work.

R.P. Peak



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EDITOR'S NOTE: I am going to take advantage of my new position to publicly thank our former officers. The amount of time and effort expended by these people was great and the only reward is the seeing the participation and attendance at the club events. Two of these people, Paul and Rick are retiring and Gary is the new Director (after his efforts the past four years, this is semi-retirement.) On behalf of the club members, we want to thank you for your time and efforts to make the club the strong organization that it is today.

I think I must have been crazy to have agreed to edit this newsletter, especially since I had watched Gary labor over so many of the issues in the past. It is, unfortunately, too late to bemoan my folly, so I will just have to do my best. Gary's efforts will be a tough act to follow, but with your help I hope to publish a newsletter that we can look forward to every two months. I feel that the newsletter is a vital part of this club and I am sure that it is an important part of your Kansas City Triumphs membership. I hope to expand the newsletter somewhat, and to provide a variety of topics that I hope will appeal to the majority of you as well as reporting the club news and activities. Since I am just beginning this job, please have patience with any difference in style and content. I may improve -- or you may mellow.

To expand the newsletter I need your help. I will write what I think you want as long as my ideas hold out, but that may be too soon and my ideas may not agree with what you really want, so:

- A. Let me know what you want and do not want in the newsletter. If you have an article, item or picture to contribute or even just the idea for one, it will be appreciated. This is your newsletter so help me tailor it to what you want. If you have pertinent news - pass it on.
- B. Any articles or hints pertaining to the maintenance of the Triumphs will be welcome. I know that all of you have tips which should be passed on to the rest of the club members. It is a shame for all of us to "rediscover the wheel" when someone else may already have the solution or have the answer.

- C. Among the members of the Kansas City Triumphs there exists a wealth of knowledge both about the cars and also about how they work and sometimes why they don't work. If you have a problem, need help, information or parts, we can probably get your questions answered, your problem solved or the parts found.
- D. If you need to buy or sell parts, this is one of the cheapest places to advertise - it is free to all members. The part that you are looking for may be in someone's "extra parts" (wives call it junk) stash or that part you want to get rid of may be just what someone else is looking for.
- E. One of the areas we all are concerned about is the answer to the question; "Where is a good place to get.....? It may be a place to get parts or a place to get mechanical work done or a place to get your top fixed. If you have had good work done or received a good product, let the rest of us know; we may need parts or service and are looking for a good source. However, if I get several letters every week from Rick and Leo, I will be suspicious.

DIRECTORS NOTE: Welcome to 1983 and a brand new season with Kansas City Triumphs! This is truly a new year for me with my new responsibilities as Director and a brand new Board of Directors. As you will see later, we have many of the regular events of the last few years on the calendar and a few new ones too. I guess what always makes it a new season is the new faces that attend each meet. They are not always new members, but often "old timers" who haven't yet made the Ozarks Tour or the Swim Party. I guess the whole point here is my usual plea that your participation is what makes these events fun and is really the reason for the success of our group. In our never ending attempt to resolve the old conflict problem, we now offer our calendar for the upcoming year in this first issue of this season. We have tried to set as many firm dates as possible at this point and will continue to print them in all following issues. I will make a request right now that you get out your trusty appointment calendar right now and mark down this date for future reference. The times and places will be supplied along the way, but we will try not to change the dates themselves.

I want to thank you for two things: the first is the opportunity to serve you as Director and the second is to thank you in advance for your support and attendance at all of this years activities. I hope to shake the hand of every member before the year is over!

I know that I have to have a sign-off statement at the end of my report so try this and let me know what you think.

ENJOY LIFES LITTLE TRIUMPHS!

Gary Davis

PAST EVENTS REPORT: Annual Dinner Party and Installation of Officers

Ken and Dana Yarrington again made the arrangements for our Dinner Party and we thank them for a job well done - again. Unfortunately Dana was ill and missed the fruits of their labor. Those who were there were treated to Gary's slides of the All British Car Meet and the Mid-America Triumph Regional II (MATR II) as well as the good food and congenial friends. We also saw slides of various novel accessories for the many Triumphs that Gary had prepared. I wonder how many "Continental" kits we will see on the TR-3s next spring. After dinner your new officers were installed and the retiring officers applauded for a job well done.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Please welcome our newest members and be sure to give them a warm welcome at the next event (party). The addresses are given in the new directory which is attached.

Paulette and Marcus Moore
Amy Nash and John Hoffman
Matthew Quesenberry

Kristy Fisher
Kevin Pyles
Malrene and Wayne Leigh

UPCOMING EVENTS: Party! Party! Party! February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

I hope this gets the point across that it is again time for our annual "Let's party because it's too cold to put the top down" party. This is our fourth year for this event and we are moving on to bigger, and we hope, better things. This year's party will be held at the Tanglewood Clubhouse, 6601 Halsey, Shawnee, Kansas. Take the 67th Street exit off I-35 and go west. Halsey is one block west of Quivira. Turn right (north) on Halsey and the clubhouse is on your right. This is really a super place and we expect a huge turnout of our members. The only things we ask is that you B.Y.O.B. and bring along one snack dish to share with everyone. We will furnish the ice and mixers. This is a great way to meet other club members and to catch up on everyone's winter activities and projects. Let's all see if we can get the year started off on the right foot by having a really great party. I will see you there!

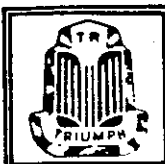
Gary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- February 19 - Party
It's party time at Tanglewood. See Upcoming Events.
- March - Tech Session
This is the time to be getting the Triumph in top shape for upcoming driving events. A Tech-session is in the planning stages to help you get the Triumph going strong.
- April 17 - Rally
Get your cars out and test your powers of observation. A Gimmick Rally is the plan for our first driving event.
- May 15 - Tour to Windsor, Missouri
Herb and Wanda Moore have invited us to visit with them again in Windsor. This is a fun tour. 'Moore' about this later.
- May 29 - Jaguar Concours D'Elegance
Memorial day week-end is the date set for this annual Concours put on by the Heart of America Jaguar Club.
- June 5 - Annual Shrine Show
- June 11-12 - Annual Ozark Trip
- July 17 - Swimming Party
Bob and Esther White have again invited us to their beautiful pool for a swimming party.
- August 14 - Triumph Family Picnic
A family style picnic is planned for an easy drive and a relaxing afternoon - softball anyone? Some of the other British Car Clubs have expressed an interest in getting together with us too. Any comments for or against?
- September 3-4 Second annual All British Car Meet and Mid America Triumph Regional III (MATR III).
- October - Fall Tour
This is the month to capture the fall colors before winter.
- November - Annual End-of-the-Season Dinner Party
- Since I am running short on space I am not expounding on the later events. I will go into more detail in the next newsletter and maybe we will have all of the dates since these are tentative plans,

PARTS FOR SALE:

Larry Birks relayed to Gary a source of Triumph parts that he discovered and I believe has seen. Evidently the man with the parts has been in the process of playing with Triumphs for several years and has several different TR-3 and TR-4s. Larry says that his prices are reasonable. If you need a part, I am listing the man's name and address. If you have questions, I suggest that you give Larry Birks a call because my information is second hand. Robert Madden Jr.
7205 Franklin
Des Moines, Iowa 50309 phone (515)-278-5707



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: For the benefit of our non-V.T.R. members. I want everyone to know that M.A.T.R. II appeared on the front cover of "The English Channel", Jan-Feb 1983 issue. This publication is the bi-monthly newsletter of V.T.R. They included a written article submitted by K.C.Triumphs and a photo of our double row of cars at M.A.T.R.II.

These last few days of warm weather and sunshine bring out that yearly wish for spring and summer to arrive. As I look ahead at our up coming events, many memories of the past years come into my mind. There is something about a special trip in a Triumph that never leaves your memory, but instead holds a special place there forever. When I hear the tales of honeymoon trips in a "new" TR-3 or a trip to California back in the "good old days", I always come up with my own stories. These include four trips to the Ozarks, two to Chicago, and a really special drive to Lexington and one to Watkins Mill. There are many others and they are especially important because they were a part of K.C.T. The events of this next season will become the memories of the future. The cars, the people, the stories, the fun is really what our group functions for. I hope you can find the time to put some of these special days into your memories for the future, and join us this year for a whole new season. See you there.

Enjoy lifes little Triumphs!

Gary Davis

LEGISLATION: For those of you living in Kansas and especially in Johnson County, there may be good news concerning the taxation on older automobiles. Representative David G. Miller has sent a copy of House Bill number 2347 introduced by Mr. Miller and four others. This House version is currently in committee while a similar version was introduced as Senate Bill #166. Basically what this provides is that automobiles will be taxed by depreciating from the new car purchase price rather than from the "Old Cars - Price Guide" as currently used in Johnson County. This has been a test method of taxation here with the entire state on the schedule, however enough of us complained and went to court that there may be some changes afoot. It is relatively easy to tax automobiles just as it is to tax real-estate. We need to watch our legislation so that those of us with older automobiles are not disproportionately taxed. This is a coming problem not just in Kansas but in all states having personal property taxes. Let your Representatives know how you feel. To Representative Miller - thanks!

TRIUMPH TRIVIA: Starting this issue I am including various Triumph Trivia notes throughout the newsletter. These were prepared by Paul McBride, and he promises to keep them coming as long as we use them and you read them.

PAST EVENTS REPORT: Saturday February 19 was one of those days when the warming weather told most of us to hurry with the work on our cars because top down driving was getting close. By evening we were ready to relax with good company at the Tanglewood Clubhouse for the annual "Let's party because it's too cold to put the top down" party. I was good to see several new faces there as well as many of the old faithful crew. The snacks were quite ample and tasty and good company was plentiful. Herb and especially Wanda Moore brought a special "Put a Triumph in your day" cake help us start the new season off properly.

Our thanks to Rick and Marcia for making the arrangements for the clubhouse, It was a great place for a party such as ours.

TRivia: Metallic finish was first available on a Triumph from the factory in 1935, on the Gloria.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Please welcome our newest members and be sure to give them a warm welcome at the next event. They will be included in the July roster.

Bill and Jane Davis
Rt 4 Box 40
Rogersville, Mo. 65742
417-753-3122
1962 TR-3A

Mark Metzger
719 Randall Rd.
Lawrence, Kansas 66044
913-843-2392
1964 TR-4

Lyle and Janice Fisher
2610 N. 48th Terrace
Kansas City, Kansas 66104
287-9877
1960 TR-3 1967 2000 1972 TR-6 1973 TR-6

TRivia: Triumph built SOHC four cylinder engines first appeared in 1969 in, of all things, the new Saab 99!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 27 - Our TECH SESSION is actually a SWAP MEET, but they are a form of tech session too. Dig into the corners, clean out the parts bin, load all of your extra parts and bring everything to Ricks (12101 West 88th in Lenexa) on Sunday March 27th at 1:30 pm. Parts, literature, tools - bring it all! Be a buyer, a seller, a looker or just a talker, but come on out. Even if you aren't looking for a special part or selling extras, a swap meet is one of the best places to talk Triumphs around. Rumor has it that the club will furnish beer. For those of you who don't know where Rick Torres Foreign Car is, I have included a map on the back page. See you there!

April 17 - Rally Bannister Mall Shopping Center. 2:00 p.m. Meet at the southeast corner of the parking lot right behind the Red Lobster restaurant. The tour will last about an hour and end at a local park. We will have prizes for the best scores, and a gimmick car inspection. The rally will be a written set of instructions with questions about landmarks along the way. Be sure to have a pencil and a clip board would be a real help too. Children are always welcome if you can fit them in, and non-Triumph transportation is acceptable. We promise not to lose anyone and a follow-up car will run the course after the last car. Come on out and you just may see some of K.C. you've never seen before. It's our first driving event of the season and a good time to blow the dust off that TR. Wheels up!

May 15 - Tour to Windsor, Missouri. Herb and Wanda Moore have invited us to visit with them again and since the date is so close to the next newsletter, it seemed that I should remind you now so you can be planning in case I am late in mailing the next newsletter.

I didn't get to go last year, but from the reports I have received and the pictures I have seen, everyone had a great time. As it was last year, it will be a good old time back yard picnic, complete with everyone bringing one covered dish. We will drive down together, picnic and then tour some of the local roads. Since I don't know where we will be leaving from, you will just have to prepare and read the next newsletter.



This happy couple are Warren Wood and his lovely wife, Loretta. Warren is the Calling Committee Chairman and many of you have talked to him on the telephone. Although Loretta says "it taint so", I hope you will notice the "glow" above Warren's head. The picture was taken at the recent K.C.T. party by Rick Torres who swears it is authentic. So, when Warren or someone on his calling committee calls to invite you to a club function, you had better plan to come on out. You don't dare say no to someone with those connections!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- March 27 - Swap Meet. Sunday March 27, 1:30 p.m. Rick Torres Foreign Car 12101 West 88th in Lenexa, Kansas. Map on back page.
- April 17 - Rally. Sunday April 17, 2:00 p.m. Bannister Mall Shopping Center - SE corner
- May 15 - Tour to Windsor, Missouri and picnic with Herb and Wanda Moore. Driving tour of surrounding area.
- May 29 - Jaguar Concours D'Elegance. Memorial Day week-end is the date set for this annual Concours put on by the Heart of America Jaguar Club. The event will again be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd. in Overland Park, Kansas.
- June 5 - Annual Shrine Car Show Benefit
- June 11-12 - Annual Ozark Trip
- July 17 - Swimming Party at Bob and Esther White's beautiful pool.
- August 14 - Triumph Family Picnic A family-style picnic planned for an easy drive. Some of the other British Car Clubs have expressed an interest in getting together with us too. Any comments?
- September 3-4 - Mid America Triumph Regional III (MATR III) in conjunction with the second annual All British Car Meet.
- October - Fall tour
- November - Annual End-of-the-Season Dinner Party

TRivia: The last car to bear the "Standard" name (as in Standard-Triumph) was the 1963 Standard Ensign Delux which was powered by a single carbureted TR4 engine.

CLUB ROSTER: Twice a year we publish a newly updated club roster listing the current members name, address, telephone number and the type(s) and Commission Number of Triumphs owned. This list serves many purposes, the main one being to mail you your copy of the newsletter and for use in calling you about the upcoming events or changes in plans about a planned event.

Another use of the roster, however, is for research about your particular automobile, since many minor changes took place in the production history of the Triumph automobile. If you are trying to see how your Triumph goes back together, or what type fitting your particular car should have, you can probably find a like model having a close commission number in the K.C.T. roster and actually go see how the other car is set up. To show how important the

commission number is, I will share a little trivia of my own, using my TR-4A's as a case in point. One of my TR-4A's is a parts car (1967) and the one I drive to the K.C.T. events is a 1966 according to the Title. The title is of question, however, in dating the Triumphs, since the policy of the Triumphs was to date the automobile as of the sale date, rather than when it was built. As proof of my trivia, I happen to know that the Triumph I drive was built at 9:40 a.m. on October 13, 1965 and was originally sold June 13, 1966 in California, eight months later. Because of the sale date, my Triumph was titled as a 1966, but a late 1966 built and sold Triumph would also be titled as a 1966. The commission number of my 1966 is CTC 61278L, while the 1967 parts car has a commission number of CTC 74349L. The earlier one has two Stromberg carburetors, while the other later car has two S.U. carburetors. The linkage is different, so if someone was trying to convert from one to the other or just trying to put it back the way it was supposed to be, they could look at the particular one they needed to see. The cars could have both been titled as 1966 Triumphs and only the commission number would differentiate between the two. This logic holds true for other models of the Triumphs and is the reason we list the commission numbers and the type model in the roster.

Please check the CLUB ROSTER and make sure your name, address, phone number, cars and commission numbers are present and correct. If you have added a car, sold a car or do not have the commission number recorded correctly, please let me know so I can update the Roster before the next CLUB ROSTER comes out in July.

TRivia: In what may or may not be an obvious acronym, the initials "TR" originally signified Triumph Roadster.

NEW PRODUCTS: I received in the mail the other day a mailing from Loctite telling about two new products which they have placed on the market. The first item is called "EXTEND" and is a rust treatment. This is a form of paint which is painted on over rust, which it then bonds to and seals, to form a coating which they claim is exceptionally long lasting. I hope to get some of it to try, but it sounds like it would be ideal for trunks and floor panels as well as under fenders. I don't know how smooth it can be applied so it is uncertain how well it would work where it would be highly visible. The "Extend" sells for about \$12.80 a quart and covers about 200 square feet. The price comes down to about \$11.00 a quart in lots of 10. From their advertising literature the product

sounds great and Loctite has good products. I plan to try it and will let you know more later, so if it is good, maybe we can buy 10 or more to get the price break. The product is also sold under the DURO brand, which is a Loctite marketing name for general hardware and discount store products.

The other product from Loctite is called "CHISEL", and it is gasket remover and carbon deposit remover. It sounds like a handy product to have around the shop for several things, since it even will remove paint. It may just be a strong paint remover, but it is in a spray can and handy. Paul McBride used it and says that it worked, but he had to use more than one application.

Mike Jepson, the Loctite Marketing Representative for this area is going to mail literature to K.C.T. members as soon as I furnish him mailing labels. When you receive the literature from Loctite you will know why. If anyone objects, let me know and I won't give him your address.

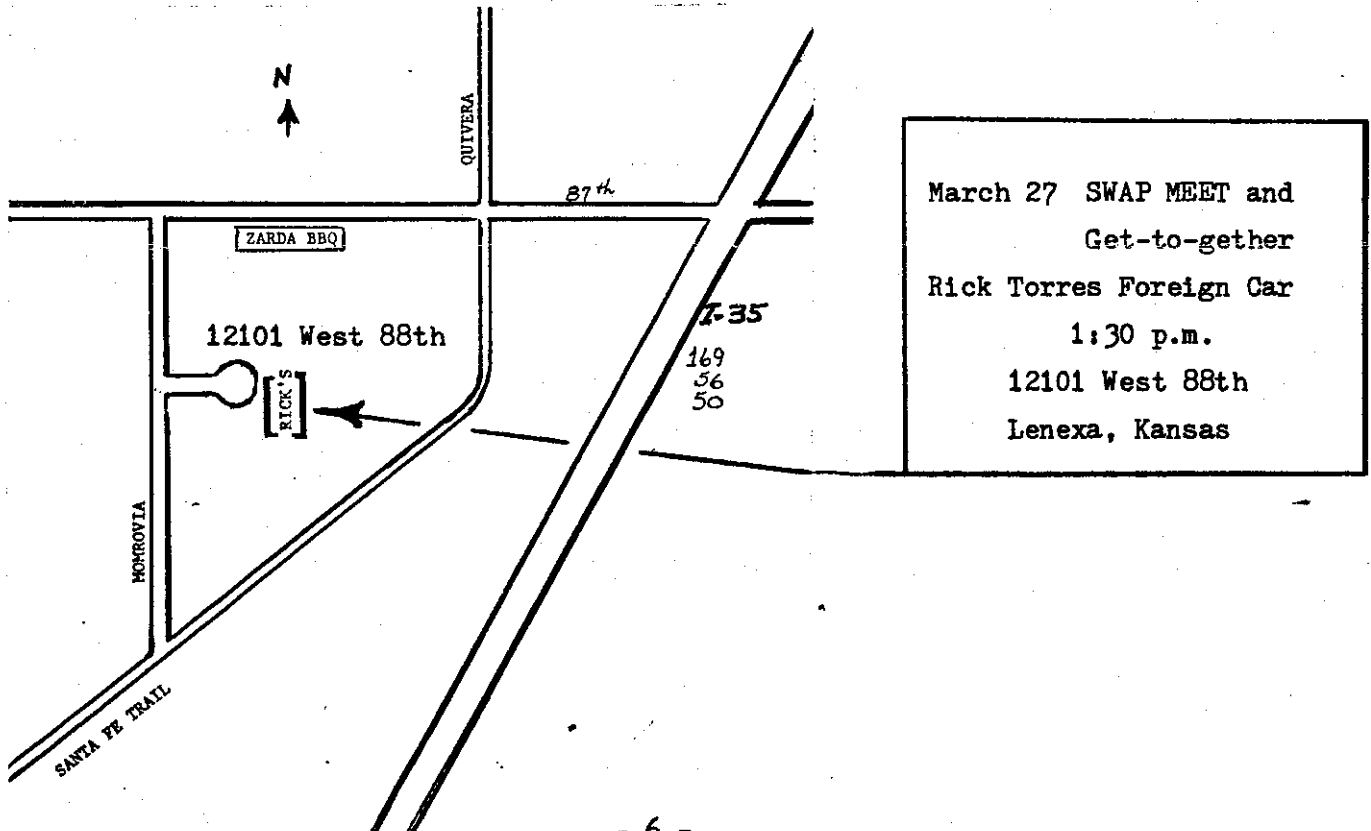
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Triumph parts for TR 3, 4, 4A and 6. Engines, transmissions, rear ends, fenders, hoods, deck lids, bows, bodies, chassis, seats, body trim, etc.

Restoration Services, Side Curtain and Wire Wheel rebuilding.

Rick Torres Foreign Car





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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: I can only hope and pray that the last few days are an indication that Spring has finally arrived! The last few weeks would not have been a good time to try and write my portion of the newsletter. Rain and Triumphs are not exactly a good pair, as we found out coming home from the "spring rally".

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Jaguar Club about this years Concours D'elegance. I would like to explain the "display only" status for Triumphs. In order for a class to be judged, there should be at least five cars in it and basically Triumphs fall into 3 classes. I did not feel that we could meet those requirements this year and that it would be a mistake to buy trophies for our cars. With this in mind, we elected to go on a display basis for this years event. At a future year, we can always change this if we have enough people interested.

I do want to urge everyone to bring their cars out and support not only the Jaguar club, but the whole British Car Association in this area. It's a chance to see restoration at its finest, and to visit with fellow club members and see some really great Triumphs. Please send in your registration early because they do have limited space and really need to know how many cars to plan on.

On the subject of car shows, I am the official chairperson of the Swap Meet for the All British Car Meet /MATR III. I know that a great number of you could use extra cash to maintain or complete that Triumph of yours, and I also know that many of you are looking for those special bargains or hard-to-find parts. The whole idea is to get you together, and that is just what we are trying to do. This year the location will be much more centrally located, and we will be glad to watch your parts if you have them clearly marked as to price, and who owns them. This is a great chance to help others as well as yourself, so please keep it in mind and plan to participate. Just one more subject and I'll be ready to sign off. The tour to Windsor, Missouri is coming up May 15. Herb and Wanda make a lot of trips to K.C. for club events and I know they would just love to have a big turnout at their home this year. The drive is fun and we had a really great time last year, so get that Triumph out of moth balls and get ready for the call of the open road "Wheels up!" See you on the 15th of May.

Enjoy lifes little Triumphs!

Gary Davis, Director

TRivia: Windshield washers were standard equipment on the 1935 Triumph Gloria.

PAST EVENTS REPORT: Swap Meet - Sunday, March 27 was a good day to be indoors and that is where our swap meet was held - inside Rock Torres Foreign Car shop. Kansas City Triumphs, together with Rick Torres Foreign Car sponsored a swap meet and visiting session for all the British Car owners. Parts were for sale from various makes of cars and hopefully this was a warm-up for the MATR III and the All British Car Meet in September.

I saw several parts trade hands with some fenders and bumpers going in and out too. Nothing spectacular was bought or sold that I observed, but like I said, it was a practice session to get people ready for MATR III and the All British Car Meet. One of the out-of-towners present was a member of the Shriners Triumph parade group from Springfield, Missouri. For those of you who aren't familiar with them, this is a Shrine parade group who all drive identical red with white TR-3s and make an impressive appearance wherever they go. I hope someone talked to him about MATR III.

Our thanks to Rick Torres for the use of his shop and helping with the food and drinks.

Spring Rally - Sunday, April 17 was cool, but 9 cars left Bannister Mall Shopping Center for sights and destinations unknown. For some, much is still unknown, but thanks to Gary, we had an interesting rally through some scenic areas of Southeastern Kansas City and Jackson County, ending finally at Lake Jacomo. Some of us saw more of the area than others!

First prize went to Robert Smith in his TR-4 with a perfect score, but he says the credit went to his navigator, Debbie Schauf. Virginia and I won second prize in our TR-4A, also with a perfect score, but we worked harder - took longer and sure did cover more miles. Third prize went to Tim Taylor in his TR4-A. A thanks to the club for the wines which were the prizes.

Special praise should go to Gary Davis for doing the rally and to the out-of-towners, Chuck and Robyn Cobb (Junction City, Ks), Herb and Wanda Moore (Windsor, Mo.), and Richard and Chris Smith (St. Joseph, Mo.). Gary says he is sorry about the rain, but at least it waited until we were finished. I hope that all the navigators and drivers are again on speaking terms - but this is one of the hazards of rallying.

TRivia: Originally the TR-4 was scheduled to have the side curtains as had the prior Triumph models, but it was found that the production cost of the TR-4 roll-up window (entire window, lift and glass assembly) was less than the cost of side curtains had been for the TR-3.

UPCOMING EVENTS: May 15 Tour to Windsor, Missouri. Herb and Wanda are all set for another great turnout for this special tour to their home in the rolling hills of the Ozarks. Meeting place will be the southeast corner of the parking lot at Bannister Mall Shopping Center - right behind the Red Lobster restaurant. This is the corner of Hillcrest Road and 95th street, just east of I-435. Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. and we will leave at 10:00 to arrive in Windsor about 12:00. We ask that everyone bring one covered dish and their own booze. If you have a C.B. for your car, be sure to bring it along. We plan an old time picnic and a tour of some of the local roads. A fun time was had by all who went last year, and we can expect more of the same this year. Herb's map is reproduced on the last sheet of this newsletter and Herb says it is easier to follow the directions to his place than Gary's rally! If anyone cannot meet and go with the club, but would like to motor on down earlier or later, contact Gary if you feel that the directions on the map are insufficient.

May 29 Jaguar Concours D'elegance. This event will again be held at the Doubletree. See Gary's comments and the last page of this newsletter for details.

June 5 Annual Shrine Car Show Benefit. This is our fifth year to show in this outstanding show to benefit the Shrines' hospitals for burned and crippled children. The display starts at 10:00, so be early so we can park the Triumphs together. You can leave early if necessary, but this is good publicity for the club. Even if you can't bring the Triumph, come on out. The donation if you don't show your car is for a good cause and is an excellent chance to see a wide variety of great cars. If you bring the Triumph to display, however, you get in free! Come on out and visit a spell at the Blue Ridge Shopping Center.

June 11-12 Annual Ozark Trip. Gary is putting this one together, so for those of you planning to go on this one you need to talk to Gary Davis to get all the particulars. His phone number is (816) 361-0641.

The trip to Windsor is a warm up for this tour. This is the major trip/tour of the year for your Kansas City Triumphs Club. This is the opportunity for those of you who go, to have a fun filled week-end of Triumphs and good company with the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks as the background. The usual agenda goes something like this: Meet about 8:30 a.m. and be on the road by about 9:00 a.m. This early start gives some time to enjoy the afternoon in Osage Beach and get together for dinner and dancing Saturday night. The return trip, of course is on Sunday. In the past, the club has stayed at the Town and Country Motel in Osage Beach and the rates have been reasonable and rooms good. This is a great way to get away from the city for a couple of days to enjoy some sun and relaxation. Call Gary to get the particulars as soon as possible so that he can get our reservations in to the Motel. Call him before May 14, if possible.

TRivia: Triumph motorcars were first sold in 1923, and a sporting version followed in 1924. (Pre-dating the MG)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Please welcome our newest members and be sure to give them a warm welcome at the next event, They will be included in the July roster.

George & Joan Gruttemeyer
8251 Monrovia
Lenexa, Kansas 66215
492-4099

John & Billee Fasnacht
6658 Dearborn Drive
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66202
262-1066

Chris Gay
1527 N. 85th Terrace
Kansas City, Kansas 66112
334-5491

Tim Taylor (New address and phone)
8020 Halsey
Lenexa, Kansas 66215
888-1468

TRavailing Law: If when removing a special, unreplaceable bolt, it is dropped on a spotlessly clean garage floor, it will be heard to hit the floor and then vanish from the face of the earth.

MATR III/All British Car Meet. Plans are currently being made for the 1983 Mid-America Triumph Regional. This will be the third year for this annual event, which again will be held in conjunction with the All British Car Meet as it was last year. Be making plans for this event, because it looks like it will be even larger than last year. Dates will be September 3 & 4 and the location will be the Regency Park, which was formerly the Glenwood Manor at 9200 Metcalf, in Overland Park, Kansas. I'll have more about the event as the summer progresses, but I do need any suggestions you may have for the MATR III Dash Plaque for this year's event. The design is open as to size, shape, etc., so put on your artistic thinking cap and send me some ideas or even finished art work .

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TRavailing Law: Interchangeable Parts - won't, but Leakproof Seals - will!

PRODUCT REVIEWS: Battery Hold Down. An item that I have been meaning to tell about is the battery hold down from Victoria British. The battery hold down is composed of seven basic parts - 1 angle that fits across the front of the battery and two sets of rods with washer and lock-nut on each side to hold the angle in place. Usually this angle is the first thing to go because it is subject to the corrosion from the battery. Leo has a reproduction of this angle that is excellent and except for being just a shade thinner than the original, cannot be distinguished from the original. Unfortunately the rods which come with the angle are not quite the same as the original - they work just as well but just aren't quite the same. Like I said though, the angle is the first to go, and maybe Leo will list just the angle at a later date by itself.

Hub Caps. A word of warning - In less than two years, two new hubcaps from Moss Motors have begun to pit and become rough. If you have these reproductions and want them to last, wax them heavily on the outside, paint the inside with a good anti-rust paint and take them off when you are not driving the car.

TRavailing Law: Any tool, once laid down, will never be found again.

MAINTENANCE: Spring has finally come and hot weather is about to be upon us (surely.) If you haven't checked your cooling system, now is the time to perform any checks and the resultant maintenance. It is easy to ignore the cooling system or just put off the maintenance it needs. This leads to problems because time is probably the main culprit within the cooling system. In case you haven't - do it now!

FOR SALE: 1969 Spitfire MkIII. Includes: Roll bar & pad - Hard top (needs a little work) - Boot & tonneau - rechromed front bumper - new speedometer, outside mirrors & window wipers. 10,000 miles since engine overhaul. Clutch and transmission both redone. Red body, black interior and top. Needs carpet and rocker panels. Asking \$3,100.
Chuck or Robyn Cobb (913) 238-1420 Junction City, Kansas

FOUND: One Gold colored tray at the February 19 K.C.T. Party. It followed me home, and since it wouldn't work for a hubcap, and was too small for an oil drip tray, I would like to return it to its proper home. R.P. Peak 236-7069

FOR SALE: Parting out 1956 TR-3. Miscellaneous body and engine parts and some suspension. Call Gary Davis if you need something. Also have front end rebuild kit for Spitfires or GT6, Bushings, ball joints and trunions. \$40.00.

SERVICES: TR-3 sidecurtains rebuilt or repaired and tops repaired or new windows installed. Call Gary Davis



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10th Annual Concours D' Elegance



Registration Form



April 8, 1983

Dear Car Enthusiast:

The heart of America Jaguar Club is pleased to announce its' tenth annual Concours D' Elegance.

If you attended last years event I am sure you enjoyed participating and viewing not only the Jaguars, but the special interest cars.

There were 70 cars in last years show and this year is expected to be even a larger show.

There will be 14 Jaguar classes Judged including a driven class. The following classes will be for display only:

- MG's
- Triumph
- Panthers
- Jensens
- Corvettes
- Special Interest

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

WHERE: Doubletree Inn at Corporate Woods
10100 College Blvd. Phone (913) 649-4500
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

WHEN: Sunday, May 29, 1983
10:00 a.m. Judging starts

COST: Registration before May 15, 1983 \$ 20. per Judged car
or \$ 7.50 for display only.
Registration after May 15, 1983 \$ 27.50 per Judged car
or \$10. for display only.

A complete registration packet will be mailed to participants of last years Concours. If you were not a participant last year contact the Concours chairman, Barry Greenstein, 9921 Foster, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, (913) 381-8211 Days or (913) 381-8253 Evenings.

Judicial Affairs,
Barry Greenstein
Barry Greenstein
Chairman

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Club Affiliation-----

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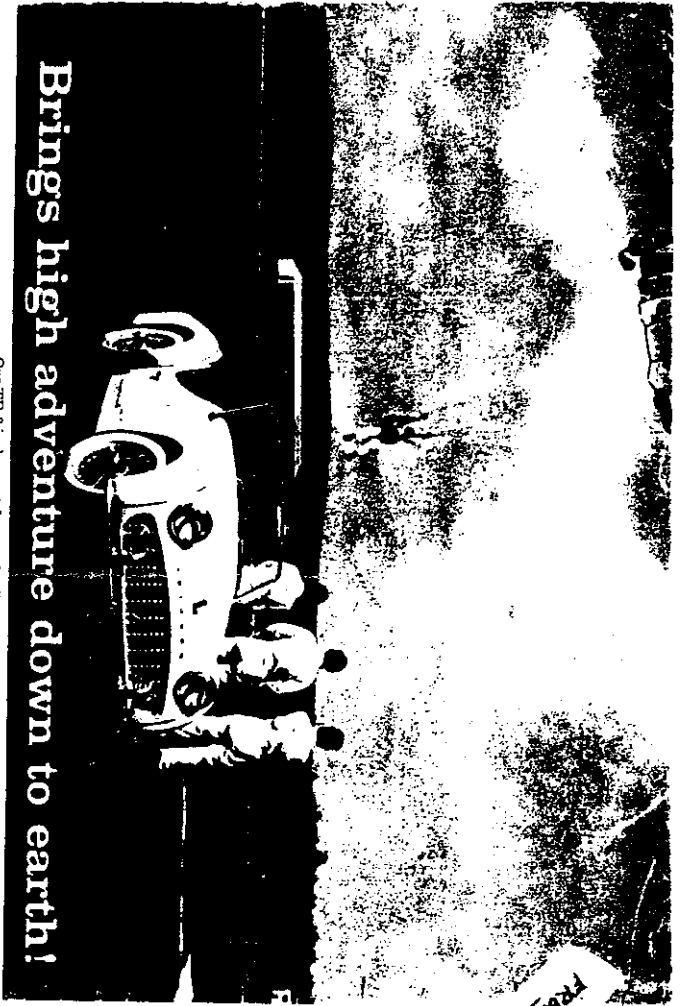
Early registration before May 15, 1983 | Late registration AFTER May 15, 1983

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Additional cars.....\$ 10.00 each	Additional cars.....\$ 10.00 each
Display only cars:	Display only cars:
Each car.....\$ 7.50	Each car.....\$ 10.00

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Total amount enclosed.....\$-----
Please make check payable to: H.O.A.J. Club
Mail registration form and your check to:
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Barry Greenstein
9921 Foster
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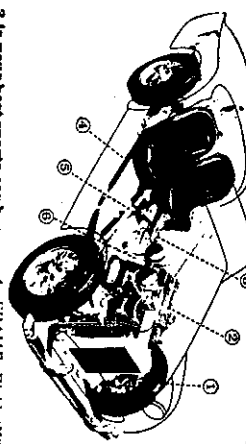
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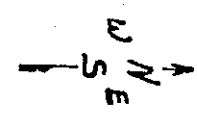
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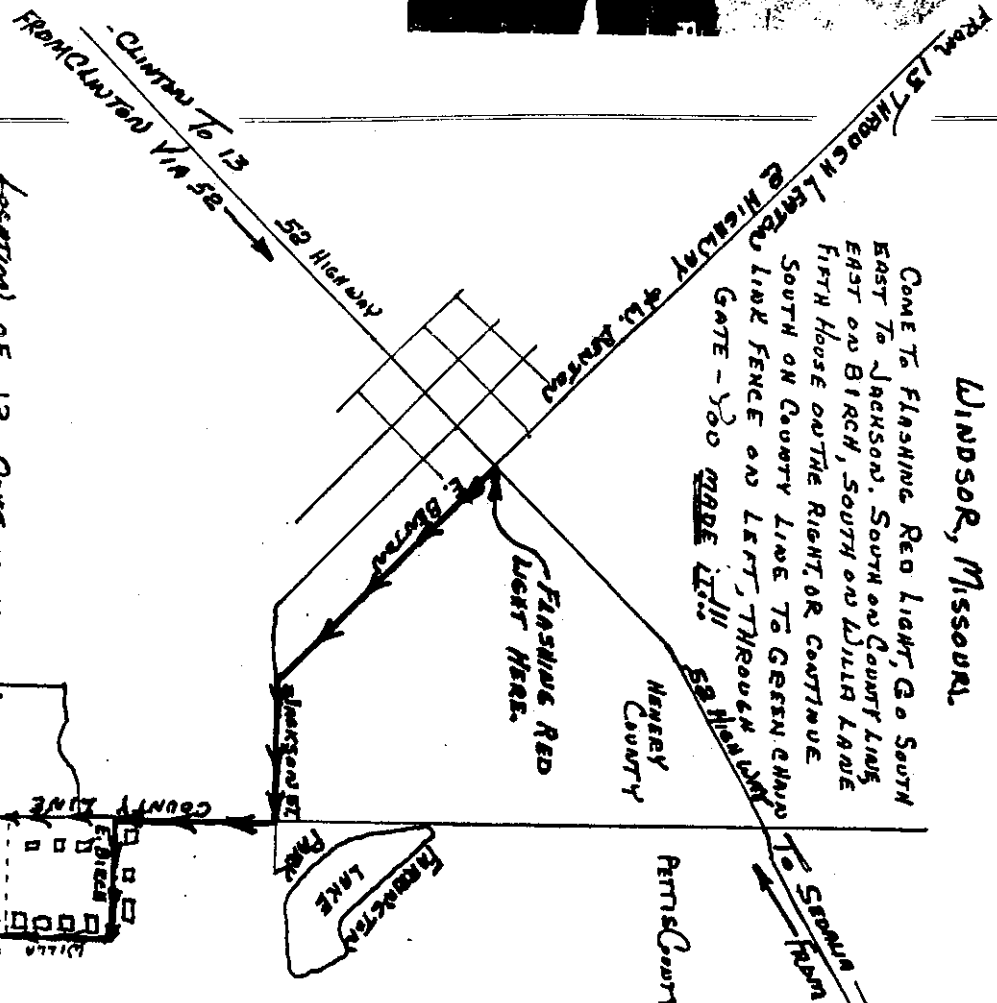
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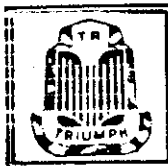
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: I often wonder where to begin this part of the newsletter. I'm sure no one is interested in what I have been doing or my plans other than the club activities, but I will have to let everyone know a couple of things. The first is that Dawna and I will be getting married in August, and I hope everyone will get a chance to meet her before the summer is over. We both enjoy the activities and people associated with the club, and look forward to the rest of the season. This does bring up one other item. We will not be able to attend the August meeting (Picnic) due to a small conflict with a trip to Mexico, but we trust you can understand. This is my first miss of a club function, but I don't think you will hold it against me.

What I'm really excited about (besides the obvious) is MATR III and the All British Car Meet II in September. You will receive all the information thru the mail in a separate packet. I want to again stress that this is a display and not a contest. We want everyone to bring out their cars and drive them in the autocross and tours and to display them at the show on Sunday. One of the things we have always been proud of is the fact that we really drive our cars. Their enjoyment is not only in their preservation, but also in their use as an automobile. I hope every Triumph that is brought out to the show will be parked with the cars on display and not left off in the parking lot somewhere with all the other iron. We had the largest showing for a single club last year and should have even more this time around. Please send in your registrations in advance, we do have a lot of money committed and need to take care of things before the weekend of the show. You will receive a dash plaque for MATR III along with the All British Car Meet packet which makes the meet registration cost a real steal. We do plan to award special trophies from K.C.T. for our own members.

As I explained in the last issue, we want to have a really good parts swap this year and I need your help to make it a success. Round up those extra parts, spares, books, sales literature or whatever, and bring it along. You may have just the part someone is looking for or you may find just what you need.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued support of K.C.T. and I want to see everyone that first weekend in September!

Enjoy life's little Triumphs. Gary Davis

PAST EVENTS REPORTS: This has been a busy two months, with several activities having been available to the K.C.T. The first event May 15, was the Windsor, Missouri Tour as reported by Gary:

"The day was a little cloudy and cool, but it did not rain, as eight Triumphs made their way south to Harrisonville and east on 2 highway to Herb and Wanda's. The afternoon sun finally broke through as everyone enjoyed a meal more like a banquet instead of a picnic. Herb and Wanda served up their (now famous) brisket and along with all kinds of salads and desserts, everyone had plenty to eat. If reading this makes you hungry, remember next year to make the trip and enjoy it with us. A very special thanks to Herb and Wanda again this year for being our host, and I think Paul deserves recognition for having a spare coil which was just what Marlin Cooper needed. Thanks to everyone for making it a great outing!"

The next event was an unscheduled one. On May 22, several members of Kansas City Triumphs were invited to a reception for the British Consulate General at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo. Five representative cars were present. Gary and Paul had their TR3's, I had my TR4A, Warren Wood had his TR6 and the crown of the group was Bob White's 2000 Salon.

The various British Car Clubs were invited by the International Trade Club of Greater Kansas City to help spotlight International Trade Week festivities since this year's theme was spotlighting U.S. Trade with the United Kingdom. It was a unique experience for all the British car owners who attended and it was a beautiful sight to see the Triumphs and the "T" series MG's parked on the front steps surrounded by MGA's, MGB's, Jaguars and even a Bentley and a Rolls Royce. With kilted bagpipers entertaining, we dined on English food and liquor as we toured the Truman Library where Gordon Jewkes, the British Consulate General in Chicago, was given the key to the city of Independence by Mayor Barbara Potts. After the tour and meeting everyone, hearing the bagpipes and looking over the fine examples of British automobiles, Mr. Jewkes said that he felt rather homesick.

The 1983 Jaguar Concour's D'Elegance was held Sunday, May 29th at the Double-tree Inn in Overland Park, Kansas. As usual the cars were gorgeous, and for a change the weather was too. More cars were present than at last year's event; however, there were only 6 Triumphs of which only 2 were K.C. Triumphs members! Paul McBride and Rick Torres looked sort of lonely, but this was one of the first public display of Paul's clean engine compartment. Paul rebuilt his engine over the winter months and is quite pleased with both the looks and the performance of his "freshened" engine. Maybe Paul will author an article on his experiences in a later issue of our newsletter.

The annual Shrine Car Show Benefit was held again on Sunday, June 5, at the Blue Ridge Mall parking lot under threatening skies. Because of the weather, the participation of cars was less than in previous years. Six Triumphs represented Kansas City Triumphs for the benefit of the Shrine Burn Centers. The show was excellent, as it usually is, and featured a variety of cars for every interest, it even included miniatures and firetrucks. If you didn't get out, mark it on your must-do agenda for next year.

The 1983 Ozarks Tour - courtesy of Gary Davis:

"They say that good things improve with age, and the Fifth Annual Ozarks Tour is no exception. Our largest group ever, 12 cars, made the two day trip to Osage Beach. We had a nice trip down on Saturday with a sack lunch stop in Windsor and several stops along the way to check this or that. The weather was beautiful as everyone toured with tops down. After a pool-side rest and relaxation, everyone got ready for the evening's activities. We dined at a new restaurant with a British motif called Bentleys. The food was good and we had a nice view of the lake. After dinner, there was dancing at a couple of local spots and a party at pool side. We left about 11:00 and drove to Warsaw for some of Huggies famous B.B.Q. The trip home brought us up thru Clinton and home on 71 highway. I am very proud to say that every car made it home without any major problems, and I think this is a good testimony to these hearty little cars. I want to give special recognition to Jerry and Bev Wither- spoon who really made this an all family weekend. Jerry nearly worked himself to death to get 3 cars ready for the trip, and all made it home safely. It's that kind of effort and determination that makes our club a very special one. We hope you can find the time next year to get away with us for the Sixth Annual. Remember the cry of the road is always heard - Wheels Up".

POSTSCRIPT TO THE GREAT OZARK TRIUMPH TOUR:

Mid-morning Sunday was so gorgeous we didn't have the heart to leave the Lake, so Rick, Kathy, Judy and I made a few phone calls and stayed an extra day. We were pool-side till noon, and then interlopers at the Four Seasons Resort. (Welcomed graciously at the pool bar, restaurant, etc. - no questions asked.) Sitting high up in the Japanese tea garden area with an incredible wide angle view of the marina and lake, drinking rum punches from the out-door bar, we were soon ready to drop all future responsibilities and perpetuate the Triumph Tour ad-in-finitum.

The "Brass Door" was our choice for evening dining and we were met at the table by an excited employee who was anxious to let us know that he knew we had driven up in a TR2 and a TR3. Rick gave him a quick lesson in model ID's (TR3 & TR3A), but he assured us that his father had one and was sorry he sold it. The cuisine was superb, and the equal of "Bentley's the night before"

We left for K.C. early Monday. The "3's" were right on song and Rick set a very sporting pace on county road "W" to Versailles. We linked up quickly to "50" and, ignoring the possibility of horrendous fines, cruised at 75 to 80 mph. Elapsed time to KC - a bit over 2½ hours! I credit the early hour (and luck) to the lack of official monitoring of our splendid pace. Not bad for 25 year old sports cars.

It was a fabulous weekend, and I enjoyed the friendship of all.

Paul M. McBride

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 17 - Swim Party - 4:00 p.m. Our gracious hosts, Bob and Esther White, have again offered their beautiful pool for our July meeting. It is even heated, in case the latest cold front again blows in. There should not be any problem finding their home at 8525 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas. It's the only one with a four car garage and a circle drive full of Triumphs. Please B.Y.O.B. and one snack dish to share and we will furnish the soft drinks and ice. See you by the pool!

August 13 - Whiteman Air Base Openhouse. The Sports Car Clubs of Kansas City have been invited to show their cars at the air base openhouse. The MG and the Triumphs have received a special invitation to park their cars on the flight line and view the "Thunderbirds" and the Air Force Academy Parachute teams perform. There will be a display of Air Force Planes and equipment, as well as watching the flying and aerial performances. Since the next day is our Picnic, we are not going to participate as a club in this event, however, anyone wishing to go is encouraged to do so. This will be a club event for the MGA Club with whom we have done many things in the past, so if you would like to go to Whiteman (9½ mi. east of Warrensburg), contact Mr. Phil Collins, the president to the MGA's so you can go with their group. Phil's phone number is 829-4505, and the Air Force Openhouse starts at 10:00 a.m., so they will leave fairly early that Saturday morning. I hope some of you can make it.

August 14 - Triumph Family Picnic. A family-style picnic is planned for an easy drive. Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter House No. 5 (by the marina) at 3:00 Sunday afternoon. Pack up those picnic baskets and kids and let's spend the afternoon enjoying the traditional pastime - a summer picnic. Softballs, frisbies, volleyballs, whatever you bring will be the activities. We have invited the Kansas City MGB Club and the Austin-Healy Club of K.C. to be our guests. Please note the park does not allow alcoholic beverages in the park, so please take note of your packaging on your refreshments. See you on the 14th.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I apologize to those of you who are Trivia buffs because our Trivia Master, Paul McBride, is in the process of moving, but he promises to have more for the next newsletters.

While on the subject of newsletters, I sure would welcome any members who would like to contribute articles for inclusion to the newsletters. You don't have to be an accomplished author, or a technical genius to write an article for the newsletter. Surely we have some latent authors in our group - any articles from the ladies point of view?

Congratulations to Dawna and Gary on the approaching wedding. We are sorry they will miss the August Picnic, but as Gary says "we trust that you can understand". Reminds me of a jacket patch I saw once. The next time you see Herb Moore, check out his jacket patches!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- July 17 Swim party - 4:00 p.m. Bob and Esther White's 8525 Metcalf
- Aug. 13 Whiteman Air Force Base Openhouse. Phil Collins - MGA - 829-4505
- Aug. 14 Triumph Family Picnic Shawnee Mission Park 3:00 - till .. Shelter House #5 (by marina)
- Sept. 3-4 Mid America Triumph Regional III in conjunction with the second annual All British Car Meet. Drury Inn - I-435 & Metcalf
- Oct. 2 Fall Triumph tour to Excelsior Springs. A scenic tour and dinner at the famed Elms hotel.
- November Annual End-of-the -Season Dinner Party. Date and location are still indefinite - any volunteers or suggestions?

MATR III - ALL BRITISH CAR MEET: September 3-4 are special dates to mark on your calendar. These are the dates for the Mid America Triumph Regional III, and the second annual All British Car Meet. For the All British Car Meet you will receive a special brochure explaining the functions and activities of the event - watch for it!

As for the MATR III, all Triumph registrants will receive a MATR III dash plaque in addition to the All British plaque. This year we also plan to have trophies for "go and show". Last year we had more than 50 Triumphs - this year let's have at least 70.

FOR SALE

Valve cover (exc. chrome)	3B,4	\$ 30	Hub cap medallions	assorted 2,3,4,4A	(ea) \$5
Hub cap (with Medallion)	2,3,4	13	Tools, spark plug &lug	Spitfire	5
Knock offs (1set - good)	2,3,4	40	Parking light lens (flat-clear)	2, early 3 (ea)	2.50
Original luggage rack hardware	2,3	10	Carb dash-pot plunger (brass)	3,3A	5
Chrome aircleaners minus elements	3,4,4A	5	Gas cap - complete	2,3,3A	25
Threshold plates	2,3	set- 10	Gas cap chrome spacer ring	2,3,3A	5
Tail light lens (pair)	2,3	new- 10 used 4	Parking light lens (amber)	Spitfire	3
TRIUMPH letters	smooth	set- 10	Speedo cable used (std. Trans.)	2,3,3A	5
	ribbed	1 each			

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OR TRADE for TR3 parts:

- TR4 Doors. 1 left and one right with glass and outside handles. \$35' each.
- TR4 Front fenders. One left and one right - easily repairable. \$25 each
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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Attached to this newsletter is the current membership roster.

For our new members, I would like to explain that this roster is updated and published along with the January and July newsletters. I try to keep it updated as we go along, but I only publish it twice a year. The roster is used for the calling committee who calls about upcoming events and for mailing the newsletter. Please check it for accuracy and completeness and keep it for future reference. If you do not receive your bi-monthly newsletter, let me know so I can send you another.

As you probably have noticed or will, I had to use a smaller type to make the roster fit front and back on one page. This is good because it means that our club is growing; but bad for those of you whose arms are getting shorter like mine, all I can say is that I had to do it.

NEW MEMBERS: We have several new members and some which I must admit that I forgot from the last newsletter. At the next outings make a special effort to greet the following new members and make them feel at home:

John & Gayann Hamilton
Gary Taylor
Martin Hunter

Don & Kay Spiegel
Kenneth Johnson
Jack & Anita Ball
Robert & Karen Fields

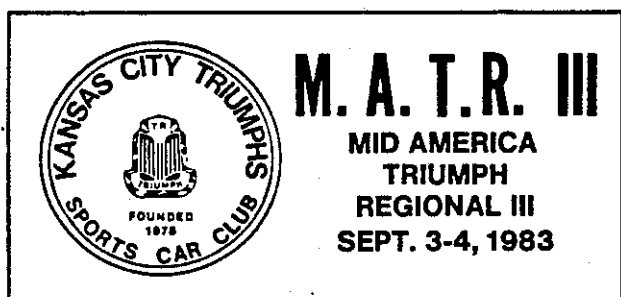
MATR III Continued: I was reading back over the newsletter and feel that Gary pretty well explained MATR III. One thing which he did not bring out however, is the need for help at the event.

Kansas City Triumphs is planning to have a hospitality booth at the show this year. This will serve several purposes:

- a. Distribution of the MATR III dash plaques to Triumph owners who register.
- b. A place to sell Kansas City Triumph articles such as our hats, patches, books and other articles.
- c. A source of information to other Triumph owners about Kansas City Triumphs, and passing out membership information.
- d. A central location for matters pertaining to Kansas City Triumphs and Triumphs in general.

Kansas City Triumphs is also sharing the effort on the All British Car Meet and several of us could use assistance in several areas such as the swap meet, autocross, door prizes, parking and traffic control, fun events ect. Don't be shy, the more you are involved in these things, the more you enjoy them. Even an hour or two will be appreciated, and if enough people volunteer, no one will be that tied up during the many events. If you would like to help, please call Gary Davis, Paul McBride, T.R. Wilson or me.

It got hot at the meet last year and, if we are going to have a booth, some protection from the sun, rain etc. is almost a necessity. If you have, or can borrow an awning for the Kansas City Triumphs hospitality booth, please contact Gary, Paul, T.R. or myself.



I thought I might show the proposed dash plaque just to get you enthused about MATR III.

NEWSPAPER: A product worth mentioning. is sort of a "new kid on the block". It is a monthly publication called Sport & G T Market , and it has been extremely friendly to the British Marques. So far, each issue seems to be better than the previous months. It has been featuring things like restoration articles by Bert Mills and articles on wiring and Lucas Electronics by John Twist of University Motors who gave the Tech Sessions at last years All British Car Meet. John has indicated that he will attend again this year - he said he was impressed by last years show. The articles by Mr. Twist are specifically MG, but pertinent also for Triumphs. The restoration articles are general and interesting reading, and as I stated earlier - friendly to the British makes.

There have been several articles about the Triumphs and the British cars. One recent issue had a full page reproduction of a 1960 TR3A advertisement, as well as a picture and mention of last years All British Car Meet.

The goodie bag from last years All British Car Meet had a sample copy of "Sport and G.T. Market" and it has improved since then. I hope we will again have some samples for this years show but if you are interested, and can't wait until September 3-4, here is the address:

Sport & GT Market
P.O. Box 99414
San Diego, Ca 92109

You can write for a sample copy or send your \$7.00 for a 1 year subscription. I have enjoyed my subscriptions so far and plan to renew when due.

SEAT CUSHION SPRINGS

BY JIM TOBIN, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

(from "Skinned Knuckles, April '83)

While restoring a 1960 Triumph TR3A, I encountered an apparently insurmountable problem. The front seat cushion springs had completely rusted away and not even the frames were salvageable. Following a futile two month search for either replacements or someone to fabricate new ones, I began investigating the possibility of making them myself. Many people had simply advised using blocks of foam rubber cut and shaped to the original dimensions, but my as-close-to-the-original-as-possible philosophy kept me from choosing that option.

Eventually I made both front seat cushion springs for about \$40 in material and ten hours of labor. Prices and availability of materials may differ depending on where you live, but most upholstery supply houses should have what you need.

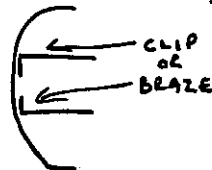
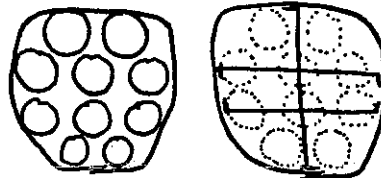
The following is a list of materials and instructions for the two seat cushions made for a 1960 TR3A:

- 1) Four lengths of 3/16 (diameter) spring wire five ft. long.
- 2) Eight lengths of 3/16 (diameter) spring wire 2 ft. long.
- 3) Twenty springs 6-10 inches tall and 4 inches wide across the top.
- 4) One pair of spring clip pliers.
- 5) Seven dozen spring clips.
- 6) One large roll of waxed jute cord (common in most upholstery shops).

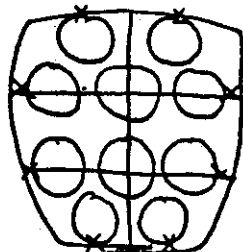
First, bend the long lengths of spring wire into the approximate shape of the seat cushion, securing the ends with either a spring clip or brazing. If there is a difference in size between the top and bottom of the spring frame, bend accordingly. You should have four bent frames, two per seat.



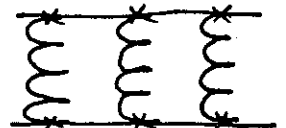
Next, lay out the springs in a relatively even pattern within the borders of the wire frame. Lay the shorter pieces of spring wire across the frames, clipping or brazing them in place.



Having decided which frame will be the top of the cushion and which will be the bottom, attach the springs to each frame with spring clips. Each spring should be attached to the top and bottom frame and any cross pieces within reach. The exact spacing between springs may be ignored for the moment provided the springs are securely fastened.



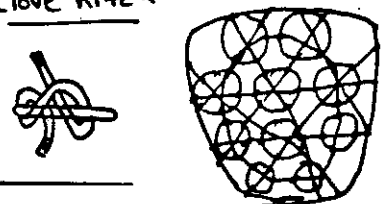
X = clip



X = clip

The last step, while appearing complicated, is actually just time consuming. The springs must be tied to each other to form a comfortable pattern of support and the proper shape to match the original contours of the seat. The knot used for tying is a simple clove hitch (and as far as I'm concerned you can't use too much waxed cord or too many knots). The goal is support, not looks. Any problems with tying or shaping can usually be straightened out with a local library book on upholstery. Most books will demonstrate knot tying procedures usable on seat cushions.

clove hitch



Following the tying of the springs, they may be coated with a rust inhibitor and covered with almost any kind of cloth, used to cut down the number of exposed edges. Horsehair, cotton batting or foam can now be used to build up the seat to its finished dimensions before covering with hide or cloth.

Two final points:

- 1) All of my materials were based on the size and shape of my seat, so measure your own patterns carefully.
- 2) In measuring, don't forget to allow enough room for padding.