NEWSLETTER

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A Local Chapter of V.T.R./T.S.O.A.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

As the '84 season comes quickly to a close, so does the two year terms of the Board of Directors of K.C. Triumphs. We have just completed our sixth full year as a club and have certainly witnessed a tremendous growth and feeling of friendship among the membership. It's rather hard to decide if I'm writing this for all our new members, or those of you who have been listening to me for the last six years. So many of you know that we have always been dedicated to enjoyment of the cars, driving them, and enjoying the company, knowledge and experiences of all members.

The responsibility of the Board is to plan events that we think will be of interest to the members, write the newsletter and keep track of all the people that make up our club. It doesn't sound like a huge job, and it really isn't, but it does take a certain amount of commitment. It means taking time to get the newsletter out on time, to plan the events, decide where to go, what to do and how to get there.

Richard Peak, T.R. Wilson and I now ask you to become more involved in your club and become a member of the Board for the '85-'86 term of office. We need to fill the positions of Director, Assistant Director and Secretary-Treasurer. Richard also needs someone to take over the Newsletter.

Please do not think that we are just going to dump the whole job on you and walk away. The current Board and our Past Director, Paul McBride care very much about the club and will be around to help but we would like to get some new people and new ideas into the planning committee.

One important responsibility of the board members is to be active in the club functions and keep the activities running smoothly. Your commitment must be one of both planning and follow through. I must warn you that you will be blamed for any bad weather, especially by Wanda Moore!

As Past Director, I will serve on the Board for the next two years just as Paul has done for the last two.

Please give this call some serious consideration. We have a great club with a great bunch of people and some of the best Triumphs in the nation. Being a member of the board offers challenges but also great rewards. Think about it.

If you are interested, call me at home or work. I want to set up a planning meeting with the current board and everyone that wants to get involved. We need to do this in early October so that the new officers can be installed at the November dinner.

Don't forget to call me, Home: 361-0641, Work: 842-6170 and remember,

Enjoy lifes' little Triumphs,

Gary L. Davis
Director

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Since the All British Car Meet was our September activity and our next activity isn't until October, I guess this newsletter can be a little later than usual. It has been a busy month!

First of all I would like to thank all of you who worked on the All British Car Meet and didn't get any public recognition. A special thanks (again) to Herb Moore for the Triumph booth and canopy. Even after the winds on Saturday, the canopy was still standing - Herb sure knows how to pitch it (the canopy, folks!) During the showers on Sunday, the Triumph booth was a mighty popular place too! While thanking Herb, let us not forget what has quickly become a tradition - the "Buckets". As the Coors bartender said at the Saturday evening party - "that's the good stuff".

Thanks, also, to the ladies and others who "peopled" the Triumph booth, selling flags, cookies, hats and club memberships, as well as dispersing information and good will about Kansas City Triumphs. Thank you, Wanda Moore, Marilyn McBean, Donnie Pickett, Judy Allen, Robyn Cobb and to Chris Smith who sent her cookies.

Thanks to my wife, Virginia, for making signs, and to all the wives (husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends etc.) for indulging us our special weekend among the British Cars.

Several other club members should be mentioned as well:

T.R. Wilson who arranged for all of the meet award plaques and dash plaques, and to Joni, his wife, who spared him for all the meetings. Doctor Albert "Doc" Harms who helped coordinate the meet and arranged the appearance on Channel 5 "Noon Edition", and who should get another Triumph because he and his wife Ruth are just too nice a couple not to have one.

Bob and Esther White who provided cars for the T.V. Session and for the show, as well as being hosts for past swimming parties.

Leo and Kandice Long for presenting the Triumph trophy from Victoria British, but Leo, where was your Spitfire?

Congratulations to all of you members who brought your cars out (about 60 of them), this is what makes the show a success. To those who didn't bring their cars out, shame on you, you missed a lot of fun. I hope you at least stopped by to say hello. We have at least 10 new members as a direct result of the meet, and I expect to be receiving additional memberships from the applications that were passed out. I wish I could have visited with more of you there.

PAST EVENTS:

Folly Classic Vintage Grand Prix July 7-8 -- This was the first year for this event and I understand that it will be scheduled again for next year. From those who attended, I have heard that it was very interesting, with some exotic machinery to be seen. The Triumphs were represented in the display portion by Paul McBride's TR-3 and by Gary Davis' TR-3.

Several members worked as fence marshalls and got to see the race as well as visiting with a lot of other car-buffs in the area. Except for a slight problem with the weather, everyone seemed to enjoy the event. It was well organized and promises to be bigger next year. Make plans now to be a part of the event next year.

Swim Party at Bob and Esther White's July 22 -- Bob and Esther White again hosted the Truimph swim party at their beautiful pool. This year's event included a tour of Bob's cars (two Triumphs & two Jaguars), and a look at the newly restored Tractor which Bob says he used when he was <u>much</u> younger. After seeing the restoration of the Tractor, I guess we have to admit that this hobby of restoration sort of gets in your blood. Son Rob's restoration of an early Jeep was making progress, but not quickly enough for his wife because the parts are stored in the bedroom awaiting reassembly. I wonder where Rob gets this urge to restore?

Bob and Esther, we again thank you for your hospitality.

Picnic and Softball Game Shawnee Mission Park August 19 -- Shawnee Mission Park was again the site of the Triumph Family Picnic. We met at Shelter house number 5 and after the food was dispensed with and the cars inspected, we adjourned to the ball diamond where the MGA club was out practicing with that certain confidence. Our congratulations to the MGA club - they had a fine turnout and should be proud of their organization, as I am sure they are.

Well folks, we finally won the softball game and we did it in a very impressive way - could it have been the cheering from the sidelines, or just the excellent play of our superb athletes? I think that we need to thank several members of the MGA team for their assistance.

For those of you who didn't make it to the picnic and game, the final score was 28 to 6 with the Kansas City Triumphs finally "Triumphant". Regardless of the score in these games, I think everyone has had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship of the other clubs.

All British Car Meet September 1 & 2 -- Once again we were witness to a spectacular showing of British Cars at the Overland Park Marriott, this year's site of the 3rd Annual All British Car Meet. There were a lot of beautiful cars out there, and at least 60 of them were Triumphs. The registration closed at 290 and if the weather on Sunday would have been what it was on Monday, we would have had over the 300 cars which we were expecting. This was about 40 cars more than last year's event.

One of the hardest to recognize Triumphs out there on Sunday, was the cleverly disguised Triumph powered Amphicar. Only 3,500 of these dual purpose vehicles s were built between 1961 and 1967 in West Germany. Featuring a rear-mounted 43 hp Triumph Herald engine, these cars were not known for their speed on land or in the water - but they were "versatile" and with twin screws in the rear, they were certain ly "unique".

Since this was not a Concourse event, but rather a fun, social-type time to meet a lot of people, see a lot of English cars and have a fun time, Kansas City Triumphs made three awards. Congratulations to Robert and Esther White for their "Oldest Triumph" - a beautiful 1950, 2000 Salon.

The "Longest Distance Driven" for the Triumphs was close, but Roger Wilson of Burlington, Iowa and his 1966 TR-4A edged out one of our newer members, Guy and Troi Clow from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The third award was a "Special Category" award presented to Brent and Patty Harrison, for his finally completed, beautifully restored 1960, TR-3A.

Miscellaneous ramblings would have to include mention of the beautiful paint and restoration on Chuck and Robyn Cobb's Spitfire - a beautiful car but,

please send me the data on it for the newsletter roster. This seemed like the year of the TR-6's. There were so many beautiful examples, Tom Porter's with only 500 miles, and of course, Gary Taylor's beautiful green showpiece. Unfortunately, Tom Porter tried to "wean" his car on the way home. I can't say too much, because I ran out of "Petrol" on the way home from last year's event!

Our congratulations also to John and Billee Fasnacht, Roger Wilson and Gary Taylor, who were award winners from British Restoration Parts, and to Dick and Peggy Werth who were recipients of the award from Victoria British. We want to thank both vendors - they add another dimention to the show.

This is a fun event, but a lot of work. Gary, Paul and I are looking for volunteers to represent Kansas City Triumphs for next year's event. The three of us have worked on these first three All British Meets as well as the Mid America Triumph Regional four years ago, which started the whole idea for the All British event. Like I mentioned, it is a lot of fun and you meet and work with some really great people from the other clubs. Probably the association with these other club representatives is the best part of the working on the show - there are some great people who don't drive Triumphs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 7 AACA Lawrence Car Show Douglas County Fairgrounds (Lawrence) -- This isn't an official club function, but it is usually well attended, and a good chance to see a variety of cars together with a pleasant drive together.

In conjunction with the Lawrence Car Show this year, our club has been invited to the "Debut" of members Jim and Cheryl Green's newly completed TR-4 ground-up restoration. The event is being planned by Jim and Cheryl and by Lynn and Susan Metzger. Reliable sources (Lynn) have informed me that there will be a keg of beer and sandwiches. This is scheduled for later in the afternoon at Lynn and Susan Metzger's place. The address is 1921 West 3rd Terrace in Lawrence, and maps will be provided at the show. The show is free.

Usually most people begin to drift away after they have seen the other old cars and trucks, seen the toy automobiles on display, and sampled the homemade pies at the concession stand. This usually is mid-afternoon, and the Metzger's sounds like a great place to drift to.

Sunday October 7 - Meet at 9:30 A.M. At Zarda's Bar-B-Q 87th & Quivera, just west of I-35 at 87th street exit, so we can convoy down together.

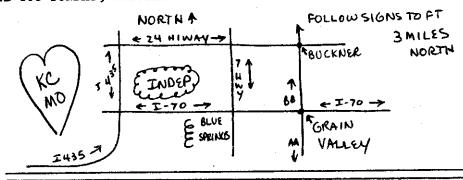
October 21 Fall Tour to Ft. Osage, - Planned by T.R. & Joni Wilson -- This is our last driving event of the year - come on out! RAIN DATE OCTOBER 28!

BE SURE YOUR TIRES HAVE LOTS OF SQUEAL IN 'EM FOR OUR FALL TOUR TO FT. OSAGE! THERE'S PLENTY OF CURVES ON OUR BACK ROADS ROUTE. AS WITH ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES, A TRIUMPH ISN'T MANDATORY SO BRING WHATEVER VEHICLE YOU HAVE HANDY. GET YOUR CHILDREN OR SOMEONE ELSES (YOU MIGHT ASK FIRST) AND COME HAVE A PLEASANT AFTERNOON.

MEET AT BANNISTER MALL I-435 AND 95th STREET IN THE SE CORNER AT 11:00 AM. AT THE START OF THE TOUR YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH MAPS TO POINT OUT INTERESTING THINGS ALONG THE ROUTE LIKE: "DUMP BY THE ROADSIDE" ROCK ON HILL" WORDS ON SIGN" AND "CHICKENS IN YARD"...I'LL BET YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT!!!

OUR GROUP WILL ARRIVE AT THE FORT IN TIME TO EAT LUNCH ABOUT 1:00 PM — BRING YOUR OWN. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT FOR THE TOUR, COME MEET AT THE FORT FOR LUNCH AND FUN. THERE'S AN INTERESTING MUSEUM, FABULOUS VIEW, AND TOUR GUIDES. THE RECONSTRUCTED FORT IS OPEN FOR CLIMBING, PLAYING, LOOKING, AND FUN. AT 3:00 PM WE'LL BE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE OSAGE HONEY FARMS JUST SOUTH OF THE FORT. THE OWNERS HAVE ASKED THAT WE TOUR AS A GROUP SO WE'LL ROUND UP AND GO TOGETHER FOR THAT. AFTER THE HONEY TOUR YOU CAN RELAX IN AN ADJACENT PARK OR BE ON YOUR WAY IF NECESSARY.

BELOW IS A MAP FOR EASY ACCESS TO AND FROM THE FORT NORTH OF BUCKNER, MO. SEE YOU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT BANNISTER MALL 11:00 AM

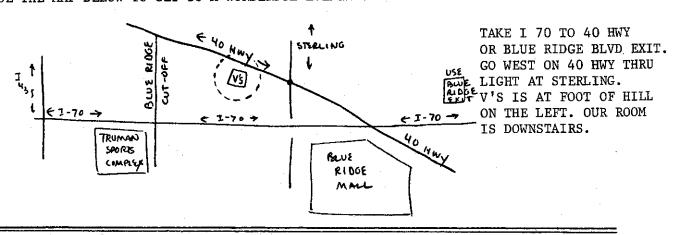


ANNUAL TRIUMPH DINNER

V'S RESTAURANT WILL HOST OUR ANNUAL TRIUMPH DINNER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1984. THEIR FAMOUS "ALL YOU CAN EAT" ITALIAN BUFFET INCLUDES: TOSSED SALAD, ANTIPASTO TRAY, BAKED LASAGNA, MANICOTTI, VEAL SCALLOPINI, HOT GARLIC TOAST, COFFEE, TEA, AND ITALIAN RUM CAKE DESSERT.

COCKTAILS WILL BE AT 6:00 (\$1.50 EACH) AND DINNER AT 7:00 PM. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS VERY SPECIAL FINAL EVENT OF THE YEAR. ENJOY A GOOD MEAL AND GREAT FELLOSHIP WITH OTHER TRIUMPH LOVERS.

SEND A CHECK FOR \$8.50 PER PERSON ATTENDING TO RICHARD PEAK BY NOVEMBER 10th. RICHARD'S ADDRESS IS: 6008 MAPLE, MISSION, KS 66202. IF YOU'RE NOT SURE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE WHETHER YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME, LET US KNOW YOU MIGHT BE COMING AND THEN USE THE MAP BELOW TO GET TO A WONDERFUL EVENING.



FOR SALE: TR-3A SEAT AND RAILS - GOOD CONDITION - GREY

WANTED: TR-4 / TR-4A SQUARE SEATS AND RAILS

Steve & Kay Clark (816) 942-1637 7 East 117 Terrace Kansas City, Mo. 64114

This is the place for your free advertising - your "trash" could very well be someone's "treasure".

NEW MEMBERS: Please add the following new members to your roster, they have joined since the July roster. I had planned to include the new roster with this newsletter but, it wasn't ready yet and the newsletter was late, so.....

Aguilar, Robert & Kimberly 14105 Locust Olathe, Ks 66062 782-5648 TR-6 1975

Allnutt, Paul & Marthann RR 2 Box 3 Lawson, Mo 64062 (816) 296-3045 TR-4 1962

V Bamford, J. Matthew
6101 Candletree Apt 6
Topeka, Ks 66614
(913) 272-6838 TR-6 1972

Bauer, Chuck & Kathy
9128 Constance
Lenexa, Ks 66215
(913) 492-4086 Spitfire 1979

Burge, Gary 600 East 8th Apt 1115 Kansas City, Mo 64106 (816) 221-2185 TR-7 1978

Clow, Guy & Troi

Clark, Steve & Kay 7 East 117 Terrace Kansas City, Mo 64114 (816) 942-1637 TR-4 1961, TR-6 1974

1204 West Knoxville Topeks Broken Arrow, Ok 74012 (913) (918) 258-2364 1959,1960 TR3-A's, TR-6 1975

Haberkorn, Dick & Gloria 11711 West 100th Terrace Overland Park, Ks 66214 (913) 492-5382 Spitfire 1980

Hataway, Cara 8661 Riggs Overland Park, Ks 66204 (913) 649-6202 TR-6 1976 Jochim, Ron & Carol 6010 Albervan Shawnee, Ks 66216 (913) 268-9045 TR-6 1974

Lohrbach, Terry & Marlene Rt#1 Box 214 Meriden, Ks 66512 Spitfire 1965

Metzger, Mark 1908 West 3rd Lawrence, Ks 66044 (913) 749-5030 TR-4 1964

Miller, Lynn 825 Cothrell Olathe, Ks 66061 (913) 782-4793 Spitfire 1979

Panther, Joe 701 South 53rd Street Kansas City, Ks 66106 (913) 287-4850 TR3-A 1961

Porter, Tom & Marla 5205 Buena Vista Roeland Park, Ks 66205 (913) 722-5540 TR-6 1976

Schell, Jim

238 S.W. Gage Apt 1504
Topeka, Kansas 66606
(913) 234-3558 TR-6 1971
5 1975
Wiard, Howard & Betty
2919 West 92nd Place
Leawood, Ks 66206
(913) 381-1998 TR-6 1972

Unger, William jr. & Dee 3408 West 79th Prairie Village, Ks 66208 (913) 648-6278 Spitfire 1976

Please check your name and data. If incorrect please let me know so that I can correct the data before we publish our next membership roster.

Please make these new members feel at home and if you are a new member, please introduce yourself and help us get acquainted. Remember, these are your felloww members and this is your club. If any of you have suggestions or questions about any Triumph or Club related matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or one of your board members. That is what it is for!



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You are invited to
Kansas City Triumphs'
Annual Dinner Party
at
V's Restaurant
10819 E. New 40 Hwy.
Saturday, November 17, 1984
6:00 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Dinner
\$8.50 per person

R.S.V.P. by November 10
to Richard Peak
6008 Maple
Mission, Ks. 66202
Checks payable to:
Kansas City Triumphs

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

As we near the close of our 6th year as a club, there are many highlights we can look back on. The growth of our membership has been outstanding this year, and much of the credit must go to Herb and Wanda Moore for everything they do and supply at the All British Car Show. Other members like Chuck and Robyn Cobb and Bob and Marilyn McBean, show prospective members that we are indeed a friendly and fun group. I want to thank everyone that worked at the British car show (rain or shine), and helped bring in new members, sell flags and lend general good spirit.

We have been lucky to have good weather for all our events except for one. Of course it had to be the biggest event, but we didn't have to drive in the rain! I'll ge glad to take credit for the good days, since I always get blamed for the bad ones. Just ask Wanda! (Editors note: Gary must have really been brain-washed by Wanda because he forgot the "float trip" to Leavenworth and Weston the last of April.)

I guess the most important thing of all is that we haven't had any injuries or accidents thru the whole season. We are a club that likes to have fun and party when the time is right, but we also respect ourselves and others. All our cars made it home safely, and under their own power, that's a real credit to everyone in the club.

I think the 1984 season has been perfect, and with everyones' help, 1985 can be even better.

Remember - Enjoy life's little Triumphs
Gary L. Davis - Director

PAST EVENTS REPORTS:

LAWRENCE CAR SHOW - After a few rainy days, Sunday, October 7 cleared and was a beautiful day for a drive in the Triumph, and a very colorful trip up the Kaw to Lawrence, Kansas for the AACA Car show. Ten Triumphs met at Zarda's Bar-B-Q, together with a couple of American cars for "bulk". We left at the given time and Gary Davis led the way. Very shortly, we wound through the detours upon the scenic portion and made a few "adjustments" to the way before we finally reached the highway. We thought that we had lost Gary Taylor, but he was familiar with the road and met us at the highway (I guess you have to figure that anyone with that clean a car has to know a few short cuts). Herb and Wanda Moore had "Pat & Mike" (their perfectly behaved cocker spaniels) and for a minute when we stopped to turn around, it looked as though John Fasnacht was trying to adopt a dog friend too. A dog from one of the neighboring houses came out and was ready to crawl in and help John drive. Before long, we settled down onto the highway for an uneventful, but colorful, pleasant drive the remainder of the way to the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence.

As usual, the Lawrence show was interesting with a variety of cars and trucks as well as models and miniatures. The featured marque this year was Buick, but there was a bit of everything - mostly American, but our friends from the MGA and MGT clubs were also in attendance. Herb and Wanda Moore won the long distance award and now have a nice plaque as a reminder of the day. Others attending were Rick Torres, Paul McBride, Billee Fasnacht, Chuck and Kathy Bauer, Bob and Marilyn McBean, Gary Burge and Marcus Moore.

Marcus had come all the way from Texas to visit Herb and Wanda and they made him come along on the trip to visit - some parents just know what is the best for their kids! Larry Mokofsky made an appearance, but no one sighted his TR-3A of earlier MATR and All British Car Show fame. Virginia joined me at the show because she had been visiting with our son Stephen, who was home for the weekend. He brought her by the show on the way back to K-State - still can't tell who is the most home-sick, my wife or my son.

After we left the show, we followed the map to Lynn and Susan Metzger's lovely home, where we were treated to a keg of beer and delicious food as well as seeing their TR-3A together with Mark Metzger's TR-4 and Jim Green's newly completed TR-4. Lynn's workshop looked as clean as his TR-3A - makes us wonder if he ever uses that workshop, who ever heard of a "Concourse" work shop? A special thanks to our Lawrence members for their hospitality and refreshments. Remind us next year to start earlier for a better parking place at the show.

St. Louis, All British Car Meet - This year marked the first, of what I hope will become an annual, tour to visit our friends to the east. For our first visit, a well rounded group seemed in order. The 7:00 meeting brought out 3 - MGA's, 1 - Morgan, 3 -TR3's, 1 - TR6 and Ray Huffman's Bentley. We tried to meet Herb and Wanda enroute, but they stayed ahead of us and we didn't see them until we arrived at the motel. The drive was long, but everyone had a CB so there was plenty of chatter which really helped the time go by.

Saturday night, there was a nice coctail party and dancing at the local "hot spot." Herb broke out the "buckets" about 10:00, and the party went on till after 2:00.

Sunday morning was filled with car cleaning and trying to recover from Saturday night! The show was held at the Museum of Transportation, and was very well planned. All parking areas were marked, and they had a good concession area and public address system. Judging was done by people's choice, and there were three awards given for each of the classes. When it came to awards time, the Kansas City Contingent was well rewarded. The St. Louis people may not have been that happy, but we were the proudest group on the field.

The K.C. Winners were: 1st place MGA's - Bob Hurt, 1st place TR3's - Paul McBride, 2nd place TR3's - Rick Torres, 1st place TR4-6 - Bob McBean, 1st place Spitfire-GT6 - Bob Pfifer, and 1st place Rolls Royce-Bentley - Ray Huffman. Now, how's that for showing the type of British cars Kansas City has. I don't know how welcome we may be next year, but I do know, we'll be back, and I hope others of you will join us. The drive really isn't that bad and if a Twin Cam MGA can make it, any Truimph can!

FALL Tour to Fort Osage - Our last driving event turned out to be our smallest of the season, but a very enjoyable one at that. The morning was very cloudy and looked like rain, but the sun finally won out and we had a beautiful day.

The drive to the fort covered some scenic back roads and, except for many potholes in some areas, the roads were interesting. Fort Osage itself is quite interesting, and it's natural construction and the freedom to explore it without guides or other interference is refreshing. It does have the best little tiny cannon I've ever seen. It looks like a toy, but it's the real thing and probably scared more people with noise than anything else.

We had a nice picnic lunch and visited the tourist center. Our next stop was a bee farm, where we learned about extracting and packaging honey. Some honey, apple butter and pumpkins were purchased, and everyone headed for home.

Thanks to T.R. and Joni Wilson for setting up the tour and visit to the bee farm. We may want to take this tour again when the weather looks better.

My thanks to Gary Davis for writing up the St. Louis, All British event and the Fall tour to Ft. Osage. Unfortunately, I couldn't make either event.



Come Join The Fun















<u>UPCCMING EVENTS:</u> Annual Dinner, V's Restaurant, Saturday, <u>November 17</u>.

I hope that all of you noted the invitation on the front of this newsletter. It was on the front of the newsletter because it is important, and was for you to see and respond to. We want you to attend. What's in it for me, you ask? Well, there will be good food and companionship with the chance to visit with the other Kansas City Triumph's members and guests. If that isn't enough, we plan to show slides of the year's activities - if you have any slides of any activities, please bring them along too! You don't have to clean the Triumph, or even have it running for this event. In fact, you don't even have to have a Triumph to attend! And lest we forget, you don't even have to worry about the weather or whether your outfit matches the color of your car! If I haven't dispelled your doubts and excuses, come on out anyway!

We plan to have a selection of books, articles, and early newsletters both of Kansas City Triumphs, as well as the publications of our parent organization, The Vintage Triumph Registry. We will have several books on Triumphs - some of which are new, and some of which are no longer in print. There will be factory Workshop Manuals and factory Spare Parts Catalogues as well as other commercial Manuals available so that you can compare and see what is accessible should you need information.

We also plan to have some sales literature and miniature and model cars. If you have any of these items to share with the rest of us, please bring them along. Who knows what will turn up if everyone brings Triumph Memorabilia, or Triumph related articles and items.

SPECIAL PLANNING SESSION: January 25, Maggie Jones Restaurant and Pub - 7:30 till

Mark Friday, January 25 on your calendar as a <u>must attend</u>, Triumph event. Your Board of Directors has decided that we need to have a planning session early in the year to decide on next year's calendar of events. We need everyones ideas and suggestions, and since no one seems to send in these ideas and suggestions, we decided to have a fun evening with a Triumph Think Tank and get together.

We plan to get together at 7:30, January 25, at Maggie Jones Restaurant and Pub, 6301 Troost (Landing Shopping Center). Maggie Jones is owned by one of our members, Larry Gaines, and he has set up our accommodations for the evening. Larry is furnishing the room, complete with fireplace and appetizers for our planning session. The only cost will be for any alcoholic beverages, which will be available through our own bartender for \$1.85.

I don't know about additional entertainment, such as old Triumph Movies after the work is done, but it should be an interesting evening, and a good way for any new members to get acquainted. And besides - we need your ideas and input. Come on out and help us plan the year, and maybe even volunteer to plan or help plan an event during the upcoming year.

You might even come early and have dinner before the meeting. Maggie Jones is an excellent place to eat, and I am sure that Larry will see that you are out in time for the meeting.

FOR SALE

1963 TR-4

Wire Wheels BR Green with black top & interior. New interior and top. Very good condition, low mileage. Norman Taylor (816) 525-1898 Best to call evenings or weekends.

1961 TR-3A Parts

Right and left rear fenders, \$100 for pair. Transmission cover, \$20. Excellent set of 4 wheel covers with porcelain center medallions. \$70.

1964 TR-4 Complete rolling chassis

Solid rear axle - no sheet metal. Complete rolling chassis includes engine with carbs, 4 older Michelin tires on steel wheels. Front and rear brakes. Complete front end suspension with steering box and steering wheel. Complete rear end and front and rear shocks and springs. \$375.

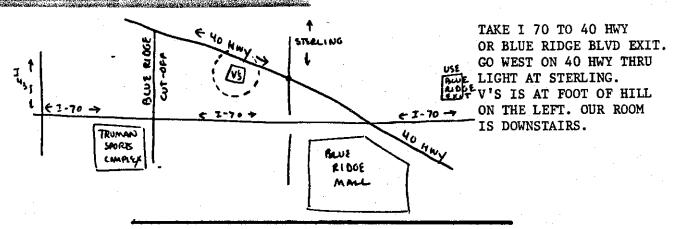
1964 TR-4 Parts.

Transmission with electric overdrive - newly overhauled. "0" miles. \$550. Gas tank \$35. Front disk brake calipers \$15. Two rear bumpers, both with overriders and chassis mounts, one with license lights and wiring intact, Both bumpers for \$125. One top bow or struts \$25. Will sell all TR-4 parts together and deliver within 100 miles for \$750. Howard Cilbert 5601 Locust, K.C. Mo. 64110. Ph. (816) 361-2277 (home)

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Directions to Dinner

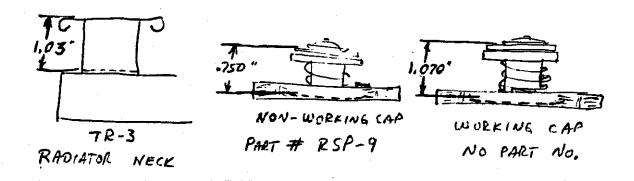


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TR-3 OVERHEATING

BY GLENN DANFORD

As the people who were on the Fall Tour last year know, I had a "slight" overheating problem with my '3!!? As it was being driven only short distances around home I did not attempt to resolve it until a few weeks ago. First was to have radiator rodded and resoldered (S-KIMO Radiator Service). Still I was experiencing problems in traffic, including excessive loss of coolant. At this point I thought it was head gasket time, but as fate will happen Gerald Luton came by the office one afternoon and we were discussing the overheating problems and he mentioned that he had TR-4 radiator caps but no new TR-3 caps. He said the '3 had a deeper neck than the '4 radiator even though the basic radiator was the same. Several days later I was fooling around the garage and decided to check the "new" radiator cap bought 3 days before the Fall Tour! WELL, let me tell you, all this verbal abuse and personal agony suffered during and after the tour is the result of a radiator cap that was .25 inches too short to seat much less hold any pressure. (See drawings below.) The listing in the parts book showed radiator caps as TR-3/TR-4... WRONG! After much searching, I found our MiniCooper S. had a 13 lb. cap with the proper length center. And even when it does overheat a little in traffic, it does not lose any coolant and will cool down within two blocks at 30-40 mph!





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HAPPY

NEW YEAR

I hope this past year has been good to all of you, and you are looking forward to the new year as a time to enjoy your Triumph. Remember that your Kansas City Triumphs Club is here to further the enjoyment of Triumphs - be it for show, restoration or just to drive for pleasure. If you have any suggestions, please make them available (even anonymously) to your board who are listed later in this newsletter.

As I write these comments, I see advertisements for the Kansas City Car Show at Bartle Hall and I think how sad it is that there are no new Triumphs in the show. Wouldn't it be fun to go to look at the 1985 TR-9 or a 1985 Stag or Spitfire? There are several cars in our club that, if they were shown as new cars at the car shows, would create a great deal of interest and buyers too! I guess this should be extra incentive to maintain and enjoy our cars now, because as someone famous once said "what you sees is what you gets", and there are no new Triumphs out there to be seen or dreamed for.

I want to thank all of you for the help and encouragement during this busy past year, especially those who dropped a note along with their dues. It has been a busy year for me so I didn't make all of the club functions, but I sure did enjoy the ones I did attend - the fun of the club tours, the shows and the hospitality. I even enjoyed beating the MG Club in the softball game, although the enjoyment was more mental than physical, my muscles told me the next day.

Thanks go to those who planned the tours: Joni Wilson, Paul McBride and Gary Davis. A special thanks to those of you who welcomed the club into your homes and allowed the oil spots on your driveways: Rick Torres for his party to start the season, Herb and Wanda Moore for their feast in Windsor, Bob and Esther White for their swim party and Lynn and Susan Metzger for their open house and food after the Lawrence car show. All of these people did a little extra for us, but I like to think that they got a little extra enjoyment out of their Triumphs because of it too.

SPECIAL PLANNING SESSION: January 25, Maggie Jones Restaurant & Pub - 7:30 till ?

As the season winds down and the weather gets unhospitable, our thoughts turn to plans for next year and the events and projects to come. We all have things to do on our cars, even if nothing more than just routine maintenance. This is expected and one of the "pleasures" of having a vintage sports car, but we need your help with the plans for your club's next year's projects as well. Routine maintenance of the club is pretty well provided by your officers, but we need you for the major projects and the planning of the year ahead, so:

Mark Friday, January 25 on your calendar as a <u>must attend</u>. Triumph event. Your Board of Directors has decided that we need to have a planning session early in the year to decide on next year's calendar of events. We need everyones ideas and suggestions, and since no one seems to send in these ideas and suggestions, we decided to have a fun evening with a Triumph Think Tank and get together.

We plan to get together at 7:30, January 25, at Maggie Jones Restaurant and Pub, 6301 Troost (Landing Shopping Center). Maggie Jones is owned by one of our members, Larry Gaines, and he has set up our accommodations for the evening. Larry is furnishing the room, complete with fireplace and appetizers for our planning session. The only cost will be for any alcoholic beverages, which will be available through our own bartender for \$1.85.

I don't know about additional entertainment, such as old Triumph Movies after the work is done, but it should be an interesting evening, and a good way for any new members to get acquainted. And besides - we need your ideas and input. Come on out and help us plan the year, and maybe even volunteer to plan or help plan an event during the upcoming year.

You might even come early and have dinner before the meeting. Maggie Jones is an excellent place to eat, and I am sure that Larry will see that you are out in time for the meeting.

OFFICERS FOR 1985

It is a pleasure to report that Gary Davis has agreed to accept the position of Director of the Kansas City Triumphs for another term as has T.R. Wilson accepted the position of Assistant Director, also for another term. Bob (and Marilyn) McBean have accepted the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Since Bob and Marilyn are both sort of new and very sensitive, please don't disappoint them when they ask you for your next year's dues. Since Gary isn't retiring, Paul McBride is still the Past Director where he has done a very creditable job.

These people, plus Warren Wood, our Calling Committee, and myself as Newsletter Editor, comprise your Board of Directors. Don't abandon us in the time of your need. (See Special Planning Session - we need your input!)

PAST EVENTS Annual Banquet, November 17

Saturday November 17 looked like any other typical club outing - you know, with rain and generally miserable weather. Fellow club members, this was no accident; the weather was planned that way so that everyone would feel more natural when getting together for our annual dinner, and thankful we didn't have to drive in it. Sixteen couples found V's Restaurant for excellent food and an evening of companionship and Triumph memories.

The Triumph banquet combined the old and the new. On display were dash plaques and other memorabilia from the original Kansas City Triumph Sports Car Club. It was interesting to see their LOGO, it was attractive as those of you who attended the dinner will agree. I thought that we were active, but after seeing all the dash plaques they had, I wonder when they had time to maintain their cars. Our thanks to Pat Sterbenz and to Rick Torres for the memorabilia and to Rick for his slides. Pat has temporarily abandoned us for Thunderbirds, but hopefully she will be back - she's a neat lady.

Also on display before and after the dinner, were books, models and other literature such as sales handouts and magazines, as well as maintenance and club (VTR & KC Triumphs) publications and newsletters. Several of the books were out of print, but several were new releases which I hope to have reviewed in the newsletter at a later date.

After a delightful repast (good chow), Gary announced the new officers for the next two years (see Officers For 1985 elsewhere in the newsletter). Gary also presented Bob and Marilyn McBean the Outstanding Members Award for 1984. Bob and Marilyn have been very active and are the new Secretary - Treasurer of the club. Congratulations Bob and Marilyn.

Gary showed slides from this year's activities, as well as some Triumph shots from the earlier Triumph Club. Rick, you should have been there - no one would believe that that handsome young fellow in one of the pictures was you! After the slides, good fellowship prevailed, and together with the myriad of books and literature available for inspection, our year ended on a mellow note. Thanks to all who made 1984 a Triumphant year. Again special thanks to Joni Wilson for making the arrangements for the dinner and to Gary for his slides. I guess we should also thank Paul for sharing his Triumph goodies with us.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. I'm sure the big ice and snow storm may have put a damper on your party plans, but that's a part of living in good old K. C. It's either too hot, too cold, too wet or too dry, but at least we get a wide variety.

Richard has explained the Board of Directors for 1985-86 elsewhere in the newsletter. I am very pleased that Bob and Marilyn have joined the board and that Joni and T. R. are still involved. Richard has done a great job on the newsletter these last two years and I know we will see the same quality for the next two. Paul will again be called upon for his ideas and support in guiding our club thru two more seasons. Thank you to everyone who devotes time to the board and the newsletter. I appreciate your time, help and support.

Everything I read says that 1985 is going to be the best ever for the U. S. as far as economy and prosperity are concerned and I think we should make it the best season K. C. Triumphs has ever had. It's really an easy goal, because the best season is one where everyone has fun at the events, meets a lot of new people and finds friends among his fellow members. We all come from different neighborhoods, different occupations and age groups, and yet we all love those little British sportscars. The Triumph name may never appear again, but the breed will live on because these are cars to be driven and enjoyed. They don't belong on a pedestal, but out on a two lane, curvy road. Let's make 1985 our best year as a club and enjoy together our cars, our stories and our friendships.

Speaking of friendship, I would like to start a new column in the newsletter. We need to have a personal column written by you, our members. If you have a new baby, grandchild, someone getting married, a new home, someone graduating, or anything else you want to share with us. All you need to do is drop a note to Richard and he will take care of the rest.

We have a couple of ideas that will come up at the January meeting for new club projects. Herb Moore is working on a magnetic sign with our logo that would be used for club functions. The original T. R. club had these and they would be a great way to identify our club. Also, I will have information about club jackets. These will be light weight nylon and perfect for cool days or evening drives with the top down. I propose that the owners first name should be on each jacket which will certainly help me with names and will help keep the jackets with the proper owners.

Hope to see you soon, as we get ready for '85'.

Enjoy Life's Little Triumphs
Gary L. Davis
Director



I guess the header says it pretty well. The TECH TIP from the Central Oklahoma VTR Newsletter in our November newsletter was dangerously in error. The basic idea was correct about the neck length being longer for the TR3 than for the TR4, but the recommendation of the 13 pound cap could be disasterous to your cooling system.

The TR3 needs a lower pressure (approximately 4/5 pounds) with the longer neck. After checking with Paul McBride who has been through this search, it appears that the correct radiator cap is the STANT R-5, even though the STANT Catalog calls for the R-8 cap. Since Paul had researched this I mention the STANT brand. However, I am certain there are several brands that would work just as well.

When you need a new radiator cap, and you will periodically, go to a reputable Triumph parts dealer and get the proper cap. Remember that as the models were changed, so did the cap pressure requirements. They are not always interchangable from model to model.

Sorry about the mis-information and congratulations to Herb Moore who was the first "Eagle eyed" reader to notice the problem. Someone reads this news-letter after all! I hope no one got into trouble with the article.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Attached, or at least enclosed with this newsletter, is the current membership directory. Please fold it where the center line indicates and save it for future reference. The list tells who our members are and the cars which they own. Please check the directory and make sure that your listing is correct and also that it is complete. For someone restoring a Triumph, the Commission number listed is more indicative of the car than the date. Because of the minor changes which took place during the various models, two TR3's may not be the same just because they are titled as the same year. Although I have never checked the directory, wouldn't it be interesting to find someone with a car built just before or just after yours?

For those of you who made the front page, consider it a legal option and brag that you "made the fine print". I know that it is harder to read the smaller print, but that is the only way that the directory would fit on one page. I only made the first page this way rather than the entire directory as last January.

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Directors Note:

I want everyone reading this Newsletter to do something for me, or rather for yourselves. Get out your appointment book, yearly calendar or whatever you use to keep track of dates and find the schedule for K. C. Triumphs and get us on your schedule for 1985! We have a great year ahead for all of our members to enjoy. There are parties, picnics, shows, tours, races, rallys, baseball, swimming and just about everything we can think of. I don't know of any other group that offers so many different types of activities for the whole family. K. C. Triumphs began with the idea that T. R. owners would like to get together and share their interest in these great little cars. A big part of enjoying a Triumph is to drive it, and when a whole group gets out together it's a real blast! Please get out that pencil and mark us down for those special days when you leave your work behind, you slide under the wheel and get the special feeling only a true sports car can deliver. There's only one call for the open road . . Wheels Up!

I want to take a minute to thank everyone who attended the January planning meeting. It was great to see so much support that early in the season. A very special thank you goes to our host, Larry Gaines, for his warm hospitality and enthusiasm. I am sure we will call on his help in the future.

I know Richard has mentioned that many of the events on the calendar are offered for your information and are supplemental to our own club functions. We hope you will enjoy the outings that involve the various other clubs. The All British Car Club Association was started to assist all of the British Clubs in this area and, of course, to sponsor the All British Car Meet. There are many friends to be made not only in our club, but also from the other clubs as well. The emphasis for 1985 is to show off our clubs as the best in this area and have a lot of fun doing it.

One item of great importance for our group is the need to organize a calling committee. Warren Wood has done a great job, but the task is just too large for one person, so we need your help. If you can spare about two evenings a month to help remind your fellow club members to come out and enjoy the club, then give me a call. The calling committee is a vital part of our success and we need members to fulfill this duty. Please give me a call.

I am really looking forward to our 1985 season and hope you will join us.

Remember - Enjoy Lifes Little Triumphs.

Gary Davis Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1985 (Tentative)

- * March 16 Party Time at Bob and Marilyn McBean's. See upcoming events.
- * April 28 Swap Meet and Tech Session at Rick Torres' shop. See events.
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This is a fairly full schedule but we are open for suggestions and possibly another tour in the fall. Let us know if you have any constructive ideas.

PAST TYTNTS

The only event to report for the past two months is the special planning session on January 25, at Maggie Jones Restaurant and Pub.

The first order of business was a presentation by Bob Schurman, the race chairman of the 1985 Kansas City Grand Prix races. He showed a video tape of last year's vintage car race and then some tapes of other vintage cars.

Several items were covered after the KC Grand Prix presentation, including discussion of jackets with our logo and TRIUMPH on the sleave, and planning the calendar. We had a good turnout for what I thought was a productive evening. How do you feel about more evening meetings along this line?

Our thanks to Larry Gaines who hosted us and furnished the snacks. Maggie Jones has very good food I thought. Several of us ate there before the meeting and couldn't do justice to the ample snacks which Larry provided. Our 1985 Triumph dinner will be held at Maggie Jones Restaurant next November 16.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16 START OFF THE TRIUMPH SEASON PARTY

Bob and Marilyn McBean's home TIME: 8:00p.m. (Saturday)
8221 West 101st Street
Overland Park, Kansas

It's time to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. For those who have not been out to the Triumph events before, this is a good "ice breaker" and a chance to start the season right. It will be intresting to hear about winter projects or for the procrastinators like myself, the up-coming spring projects.

We will have the video casette of historic Triumph movies again, as well as socializing and good fellowship. A map is included on the last page of this newsletter. Make sure you use the correct one because Rick Torres says that he will be at the party!

Dont forget - - BYOB and a snack to share.

April 28 SWAP MEET AND TECH SESSION

AT: Torres Enterprises TIME: 2:00 p.m. (Sunday)
12101 West 88th
Lenexa, Kansas

Gather up your spare parts and come on out to Rick Torres' shop for a combined Swap Meet and Tech Session. The Tech Session is tentatively planned to cover Carburetors and ignition tune-up.

This is a joint venture with the other British Car Clubs and is usually a fun event. This is a good place for visiting and a wonderful place for bragging. A map is included on the last page telling how to find Rick's place. Make sure you use the correct map again because Rick says that they won't let him stay at the party that long!

BOOK REVIEW: THE TRIUMPH TR 5/250 AND TR6 COMPANION by Steven Rossi and Ian Clarke

Perspective: I had just received this book before the November dinner and had not had a chance to read it. Since our dual review of "TR FCR TRIUMPH" last May proved interesting, I decided to try it again.

The book was co-authored by Steven Rossi, the past president of The Vintage Triumph Register and currently the editor of the Vintage Triumph magazine for VTR. Steven is a Triumph history buff much like our Paul McBride who is our other reviewer. Paul is the "Mikey" of Triumph literature for the newsletter. The other review is from the January 1985 issue of THOROUGHBRED & CLASSIC CARS (A British publication), and was written by Gram Robson, who I'm sure most of you auto-book buffs have heard of. Incidently - I enjoyed the book!

The Triumph TR5/TR250 and TR6 Companion, by Steven Rossi and Ian Clarke, published by Kimberley's, 19 Heathview, London N2 OQD. Price £8.95

This is the first of a promising new series of budget-price volumes, each concentrating on a particular car. Co-written by an American (Steve Rossi of the Vintage Triumph Register), and an Englishman (Ian Clarke of the TR Drivers' Club), it surveys the latter-day six-cylinder TRs from a mid-Atlantic viewpoint. As with the established series such as MRP's Collector's Guides, the study is factual, with many pictures, specifications, and hints about problems and maintenance in the Eighties.

Compared with obvious competitors, this particular TR book has more words, more colour illustrations and more practical advice. Special, too, for the TR volume is a lot on USA racing. There may be no new facts, but there are interviews with USA Triumph personalities, hitherto unseen Karmann prototype TR6 pictures, and a lot of loving attention to detail.

Of course, because the Triumph TR is already a well-trawled subject, much of this book is 'the mixture as before', but full marks to a new publisher for their presentation and print quality, and to geographically remote collaborators for doing such an authoritative writing job.

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"Richard Peak, our esteemed editor, has again asked for my humble opinion regarding a new Triumph book, and I am delighted to comply. Recent Triumph publications seem to be getting more specialized, and this one focuses exclusively on 6 cylinder TR models. It is authored by two noted Triumph enthusiasts: Steven Rossi (USA) and Ian Clarke (ENG) and since the models offered by Triumph differed significantly in these parts of the globe, they have divided their writing responsibilities accordingly. The result is more attention to detail changes from model to model than is commonly found in marque histories.

The TR250, a one-year US marketing abomination in my opinion, is nevertheless delt with more extensively by Mr. Rossi than any other author. The gorgeous color photos of Michelotti's one-off prototype of a TR5 are also a "first".

TR6's on both sides of the pond are generously described and photographed. Of particular interest are the pictures of Karmann prototypes, factory grille considerations, and running changes in production.

Some additional information on the decision to withhold the 150 H.P. Lucas fuel injection engines from cars imported to the USA is offered. But a definitive answer escapes the careful reader. There were apparently many reasons, but it seems a shame that the really incredible performance available to the rest of the world was denied us "Colonials".

Other chapters on racing and buying used (including the horrifing pictures of RUST) round out the book. The Appendix offers extensive specifications on the TR5 and "other world" TR6. The US TR6 specs are nearly useless because of their brevity, and strangely absent are the TR250 specifications.

All in all this is a worthwhile book, especially to the owner of TR5/250/6."

Paul M. McBride

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We have some <u>new members</u>, Welcome them to the club, and make them feel at home. I haven't met—them yet but I hope to at the party on March 16. I know I am going to like them, especially Beverly cause she has a TR-4A.

Pat & Cynthia Moorman 10323 West 93rd Terrace Overland Park, KS 66214 888-1309 TR-6 1974 CF13942U

Beverly Pitts 2216 North 22nd St. Joseph, MO 64505 (816) 232-9272 TR-4A 1967

Address changes from listed in January 1985 Roster:

David Francis 236 Stone Arch Drive Independence, MO 64052 461-1534

Brent & Patty Harrison 8946 Tomashaw Lenexa, KS 66219 492-8705

Leo & Kandice Long 8301 Rosehill Road Lenexa, KS 66215 unlisted phone Jim McNamara 15114 West 123rd Street Olathe, KS 66062 829-9157

Gary Taylor 12944 Blackfoot Olathe, KS 66062

FOR SALE:

1959 TR-3A Red in color.

Has had the body off and mechanics attended to. Needs some assembly and interior. Disk wheels. This sounds like the start of a good restoration project. Call Hal Brower, (816) 353-1835, 5521 Appleton, Raytown, Mo.

This might be a good place to remind you that as members, you can advertise in the newsletter free. If you do want to place an ad, I recommend that you do your own wording and any art-work. It will probably be better than what I can say about a car or parts which I have never seen.

FOR SALE:

1967 TR-4A.

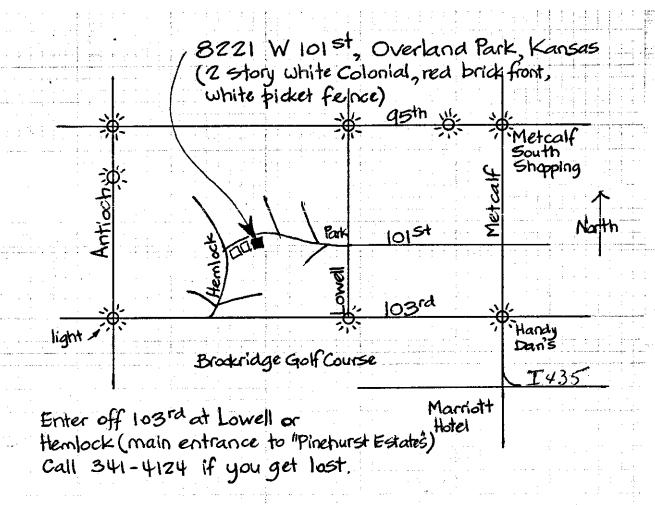
20 years accumulation of Triumph parts, used and NOS, large parts such as engines and transmissions to lug bolts and spokes, and just about anything inbetween. Wire wheels and wire wheel rebuilding and trueing.

Rick Torres, 12101 West 88th Street, Lenexa, Kansas (913) 888-2363 (see map on back as shown for swap meet and tech session)

3/16/85

8:00 p.m.

HOW TO GET TO BOB & MARILYN MCBEAN'S HOME.

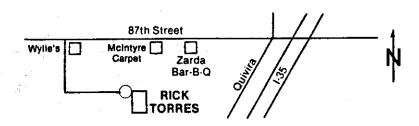


TECH SESSION SWAP MEET

4/28/85

2:00 p.m.

12101 W. 88th ST. LENEXA, KANSAS 888-2363





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It seems like a long time since the last newsletter and the reason may be all the activities that have gone on since March. Lots of meetings are going on all over the city as final plans are being made for all the great functions for 1985. The calendar has the full list, but I would like to make comments on a few.

The first is a new addition to the yearly schedule and is the brain child of our own member, Larry Gaines. The Tail-Gate party at the Kansas City Royals game promises to be a great afternoon of fun and relaxation. The enclosed flyer gives you the basic information, and there are a few other things I want to mention. We are collecting money thru our club so we can purchase our tickets all together and we can sit in the same sections. We need to have your money as soon as possible, but no later than July 15th. Your tickets will be mailed to you about two weeks before the game. The picnic will start at 11:00, so there won't be any problem with traffic. The parking area is completely away from public parking and we are furnishing security guards during the game. This is a car club function, but it is open to family, friends, neighbors or any one else you want to bring along. Please send your checks in early so we can get the best seats. Late orders may end up in other sections, but we will avoid that as much as possible.

The second event I want to mention is the Folly Grand Prix. Last year we had several cars on display and this year there will be more cars allowed. The cost is \$7.50 which includes 2 race passes good for both days. The cars must be brought in Saturday morning and left until Sunday afternoon. The activities on Sunday will include parade laps by display cars only. If you need further information or an entry form, please call Barry Greenstein at 381-8211 (office) or 381-8253 (home).

The third event is the All British Car Meet. Andy Sconzo and Larry Mokofsky are doing a great job on the committee and I want to thank them for representing our club. If you have any ideas for our Saturday night party to honor K. C. Triumphs seventh birthday, let me know. Maybe Wanda can be persuaded to bring along a cake for the occassion.

This newsletter also contains a <u>last chance</u> order blank for club jackets. Because of the minimum order requirement, we wanted to give everyone another opportunity to order before the jackets are made. No orders will be taken after May 15th. Be sure to get your check in the mail today if you want an official jacket.

One last note and I'll get off the soap box. Herb and Wanda have worked on the May 19th picnic for the last two months and you really owe it to yourself and them to attend this year. This is truly an all family affair and as always, we welcome the family sedan just the same as the Triumph. Just to let you know what a great function this really is, Chuck and Robyn Cobb will drive from Junction City just to be there. Now that's what I call true dedication and a signal to you that the picnic is really special. This is a rain or shine event so don't let the weather spoil your appetite or a day with your friends. Dust off the Triumph and meet us at Bannister Mall.

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Notice a couple of changes in the calendar: The tail-gate party is August 10, and the Swim party is August 18. The All British Night rally has been changed to September 21. The VTR national convention is from August 15 thru August 18 in St Charles, Illinois (near Chicago).

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TR250 and TR6 Companion", and I referred to Paul Mc Bride, who was one of the reviewers, as the "Mikey" of Triumph literature for the newsletter. I happen to think that Paul's literary style is candid and interesting, and I enjoy it. He is also a Triumph Trivia Nut and a historian, so he is a good check on the accuracy of information too.

Paul didn't know if he should be insulted or what, because he didn't know who "Mikey" was. For all of you who don't know who he is either, Mikey is the cute little fellow on TV advertisements (especially on Life cereal and one of the Ketchup ads) whose older brother and a friend try everything on Mikey first to see if it is any good before they try it too.

No Paul, you are not "cute" (greying hair and mistache belie that impression), but we enjoy your articles and book reviews.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It was good to see some new faces in addition to the familiar ones at our recent functions. For those of you who haven't been to anything yet, pick out an event and come get acquainted. You don't even have to have a Triumph running to participate. We know there's a variety of interests among our members, so that is why we have a variety of activities - hopefully, something for everyone. If you don't see your type of activity on the schedule, check with one of the club officers; maybe we can add your favorite Triumph activity to our schedule.

As I look at the calendar, I see a very busy schedule of activities ahead, so come on, join us, we are a friendly bunch!

PAST EVENTS

Start Off The Season Party (March 16) was a big success at the home of Bob and Marilyn McBean. Their beautiful home is interestingly arranged so that two circular patterns are possible for people to circulate, and we did. A nice crowd was treated to good food (snacks ?!) and the fantastic companionship of our club, plus members from several other clubs, who know a good thing when they see it.

The highlights of the evening, besides the food and companionship, were Bob and Marilyn's old radios, a beautiful newly completed bar cabinet, and Herb's "pre-colored" Easter eggs. For those disbelievers, see Herb's note about the Windsor trip.

Our thanks to our gracious hosts, the Mc Beans. Bob and Marilyn asked that I put the following in the newsletter:

"Marilyn and I would like to take this opportunity to say how much we enjoyed having the party at our home on March 16.

Thanks for bringing all the great snacks. They were fantastic! It was fun seeing new and old faces. Our club is the best and let's keep supporting it.

We're anxious to see you at the next club function."

Bob and Marilyn McBean

Swap Meet at Rick Torres. On Sunday, April 28, the weather said it had to be a British car function, and sure enough it was. It just looked like an English day, however, as the sun came out and the day was dry.

This is always a fun event because it is held in cooperation with the other British car clubs. The other clubs have some pretty neat people too, and it is fun to renew acquaintances with old friends, many that we haven't seen since the All British Car Meet in the fall.

Our thanks to Rick Torres for opening his shop and moving cars out to provide space for us. Rick, in conjunction with The Pit Stop, gave door prizes to the lucky persons whose names were drawn. For a while, it seemed like the MG Club members were winning all the packs of oil (maybe they needed it more), but then we were represented by Mr. Lucky - Larry Mokofsky. This guy has an affinity for winning door prizes. If Kansas ever gets a lottery, you know who I want to buy a ticket with. I guess I shouldn't complain, because I won the pair of Lucas fog lights. My thanks to Mr. John Mushock, owner of The Pit Stop, for his donation of the lights and other items.

For those of you who wandered out in back of Ricks shop, there were certainly some "project cars", while inside were parts to help the project along. I don't know how much exchanged hands, but I saw several old friends again, and that's what it's all about!

Remember - the best place to buy and sell Triumph parts is right here in your newsletter, and the price (free) is hard to beat.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 19, TRIP TO WINDSOR, MISSOURI - Picnic at Herb and Wanda Moore's

This is a <u>Rain-Or-Shine</u> event. If it rains, everything will be under cover, so you can ignore the weather for this one - you can't help but have fun. Just remember to wear stretch clothing and bring a good appetite.

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Bannister Mall (95th & Hillcrest) on the southeast corner, so we can motor down together. I am reprinting Herb and Wanda's letter which "tells it like it is".

Picnic: The fourth annual Kansas City Triumph Sports Car Club picnic will be held at Herb and Wanda's back yard at Windsor, Mo., Sunday the 19th of May, starting at 11:30 a.m.

The main event will be again a whole pig, cooked to perfection and carved by Larry Womble. Wanda will have a wash tub of potato salad and another of cold slaw, baked beans by the crock pot, garlic french bread, coffee - ice tea - soft drinks and cake. We know some people can't stand a pig-in-repose, so barbecued beef will help make their day.

We encourage the presence of children up to 80 years old and older to play - eat - visit and enjoy themselves. A six block tour to the home of the chickens that lay colored Easter eggs every day of the year is on the agenda, games and Triumph talk too. If you wish, bring a covered dish you would like to share.

Triumphs, due to the limited seating capacity, are not required for this outing - just get here any old way. If you don't come via K.C. with the club as a group, Windsor is located on 52 highway, between 13 and 65. Our address is:

110 Willa Lane. Phone (816) 647-5666

May 26, HEART OF AMERICA JAGUAR CLUB's 12th Annual Concours d'Elegance.

Memorial Day weekend is again the traditional time for this show, the annual Concours d'Elegance, which is a French term that means Parade of Elegance.

Included with this newsletter is the flyer and registration form. If you send in the registration form, don't forget to make a note of the event being at the Doubletree Hotel, with judging to start at 10:00 a.m.

If the weather is nice, this is the chance to see the very best at their pristine elegance.

June 2, SHRINE CAR SHOW AT BLUE RIDGE MALL

This is the Annual Associated Antique Car Clubs of Kansas City (of which we are members)/Ararat Shrine Benefit Antique Car Show. The show is from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Blue Ridge Mall, KC Mo. (I-70 at 40 highway). Meet by 9:00 A.M. at the East side, so we can go in and park together as a club. The ACC has asked that we do not have "for sale" signs on the cars. The show will be inside the covered parking area in case of bad weather. Tickets are \$2.00; however, entry is free if you display your automobile. Proceeds from this show go to the Shriner's Hospitals for crippled and burned children. The show is a worthwhile cause, good publicity for the club and a whole lot of fun too!

June 22-23 ANNUAL OZARKS LAKE TOUR

Gary Burge has put together a fun weekend. This year's trip includes a little shorter drive and a bit more relaxation. The trip is to Truman Reservoir at Warsaw, Missouri. Accomodations will be at Truman Lodge and the cost is (for advance reservations) \$33.00 per night for a double. Gary has done his homework (and a bit of road work too), and he says that the accomodations are nice.

Several activities are available, but the usual fare is to relax by the pool after the drive; and then dinner and night-life in the evening. Tentative plans have been made for the evening at Huggy's, which is a restaurant and bar with a band for entertainment.

Meet Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on the southeast corner (95th & Hillcrest) of the Bannister Mall, so that we can motor down together, Herb and Wanda plan to join us along the way and I believe that a lunch stop is planned for Tightwad, Missouri.

We need to make advance reservations, so send your check for \$33.00 to Bob McBean, 8221 West 101st Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212. Reservationss must be made by May 20, so don't delay.

If anyone has questions about the trip, contact Gary Burge, (816)-221-2185. If you want to stay an extra night, there should be no problem making reservations for the Sunday night when you get to the lodge.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We have some <u>new members</u>. Welcome them to the club, and make them feel at home. One of our last new members, Beverly Pitts from St Joseph introduced himself at the swap meet and had a question about his TR-4A which he is completely redoing. It is kinda-nice to meet one of the new members, so the rest of you come on out!

Mike Dwyer & Ann Thompson 2925 West 72nd Street Prairie Village, Ks 66208 (913) 677-3794 TR-6 1975 CF38519U

Gary & Nancy Robinson 1301 Oak Run Springfield, Mo 65804 (417) 887-4187 TR-6 1976 CF55317

Ron Mitzner 7575 West 106th St. Apt 359 Overland Park, Ks 66212 (913 383-2565 TR-6 1973

Mark Short 8140 Valley View Overland Park, Ks 66204 (913) 642-9570 Butch Thompson 10206 West 61st St. Shawnee, Ks 66203 (913) 722-0581 TR-250 1968 CD8200L

Jack & Sally Markham 10906 West 120th Terr Overland Park, Ks 66213 (913) 897-3241 TR-6 1971 CC63565L

Tony & Vickie Haney 612B Kristi Lane Lee's Summit, Mo 64063 (816) 525-5114 TR-6 1971 CC63351

Address Changes:

Bob Pfeiffer 119 Pineycliff Apt C Manchester, Mo 63011 (314) 394-9546

David & Amy King 10620 Jefferson Ste 209 Kansas City, Mo 64114

MAGNETIC SIGNS & UMBRELLAS:

Herb has procurred magnetic Kansas City Triumph Sports Car Club signs to be displayed on our cars when traveling to various functions. The signs are the same as the windscreen decals, but four times larger. They have Royal Blue lettering on chrome background. They look sharp.

For those that must endure the sun, rain, wind and other elements, umbrellas of navy blue and white with the club logo silkscreened on the white panels. Just the thing to have in the boot of your car when the need arises. What a blessing these would have been last year - sun & wind on Saturday - rain on Sunday at the All British Car Show. These are sharp too!

Both of these items are available for \$15.00 - A pair of signs for your car or the umbrella to keep your aide happy. Both must be ordered in units of 24, so get your orders in early. From the looks of the swap meet, the signs are going quickly and will likely be re-ordered. Either of these can be ordered through Herb Moore.



NEWSLETTER

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FOR LITERATURE COLLECTORS: While browsing at the magazine shop, I noticed that the July 1985 issue of CAR COLLECTOR and CAR CLASSICS magazine has an article on the TR 2-3 series of automobiles. I saw this copy in the Town Crier newsstand at Ward Parkway Shopping Center. The magazine sells for \$3.00. I dare you to get in and out of there without being hooked by the smell of T.J. Cinnamons -- the makers of the latest rage in cinnamon rolls.

PAST EVENTS:

Windsor Tour - May 19, 1985 - Fourth Annual Triumph Picnic in Windsor, Missouri at Herb and Wanda Moore's.

For the more than 25 couples plus a few singles who made the trip to Windsor on May 19, I don't need to say much, but for those of you who didn't go, you missed one of the <u>highlights</u> of the year. The weather was beautiful, although I wondered if I should have driven both ways with the top down... (my wife had a strange looking sunburn on her face). Our host and hostess were as hospitable a couple as you will ever find.

Herb and Wanda again outdid themselves making us feel welcome. Herb even presented those who came a "I'm a Triumph Nut" patch -- and folks, that is from the head Triumph nut himself! I don't think you will find anyone more enthused than Herb and Wanda about our Truimphs.

Our thanks to the "master carver", Larry Womble, from Leeton, who again carved the whole pig. If we keep meeting like that however, there are going to be some weak springs on the Triumphs, because as always there was a "feast". Besides the delicious food that Wanda prepared, and the whole pig and the brisket, the other food brought by those who attended really caused a dilemma amoung those of us who have to try some of everything. And I heard of no mechanical problems on what was a very enjoyable tour!

Kansas City Grand Prix - June 8-9 For those of you who like exotic racing cars, this was the weekend to see them in action. WOW! what cars these were, and the value of some of the vehicles being driven as fast as their drivers could in the race really made me hold my breath. I worked in the Paddock area, so I got to see them all up close and in person.

Another feature at the event was the display of cars for the public to see. Gary Taylor's beautiful British Green 1976 TR6 was the people's choice and Doug and Nita Washburn's 1974 TR6 was also among the five runner's-up. Congratulations, Gary and Doug.

Ozarks Tour to Truman Reservoir - June 22-23 Virginia and I didn't get to go on this one, since that was her parents 50th wedding anniversary celebration in Parsons, Kansas. You know the choices I had! (you'd better believe it! - VP, typist). I do want to congratulate Gary Burge for his planning effort for the tour. I have heard that it was probably one of the best organized that we have ever had. Thanks, Gary - a job well done!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bastille Day Tour - July 14, Sunday.

If this is as much fun as the last time we went to The Elms, you surely don't want to miss this trip. The biggest problem has been that the seat belts seem to shrink while we are dining. Joni and T.R. Wilson are planning the tour and I know Joni has always done well on these tours before. Her description follows:

PLAN NOW TO JOIN US IN OUR RETURN TO THE ELMS HOTEL FOR CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH. THE BRUNCH INCLUDES BREAKFAST AND DINNER ITEMS AS WELL AS DESSERT. THE COST IS \$8.50 PER PERSON PLUS TAX AND GRATUITY. OUR GROUP WILL HAVE RESERVED SEATING IN A BANQUET ROOM. THE STAFF AT THE ELMS HOTEL IN EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO GUIDE OUR GROUP ON A TOUR. THIS IS USUALLY RESERVED FOR WEEKDAYS ONLY, BUT THEY HAVE MADE AN EXCEPTION WITH THE TRIUMPH CLUB. OUR GROUP HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED USE OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE AFTERNOON IF WE WOULD LIKE TO. THIS WOULD INCLUDE USE OF THE OUTDOOR POOL, ENVIRONMENTAL ROOMS, EXERCISE ROOMS, JOGGING TRACK, SWIMMING TRACK, LOCKERS, SHOWERS, AND LAWN GAMES, WEATHER PERMITTING. THE COST IS \$10.00 PER PERSON AND IS AN OPTION FOR THE DAY'S ACTIVITES. THE HOTEL STAFF WOULD LIKE AN APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS TAKING THE TOUR AND THOSE WHO WILL PROBABLY USE THE SPA FACILITIES. PLEASE CALL JONI WILSON ASAP (SOON) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EITHER OF THOSE. 796-9104.

WE WILL MEET AT BANNISTER MALL'S SE CORNER AT 10:00 AM AND LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR COUNTRY TOUR TO THE ELMS HOTEL. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE UP WITH US, PLEASE MEET US AT THE HOTEL FOR A DELIGHTFUL BRUNCH.

All British Tailgate Party - August 10. I am sorry to announce, the activities planned for the KC Royals game have been cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. For those of you who sent in their money, you will be receiving a refund shortly.

Swim Party - August 18. Once again Bob and Esther White have offered their beautiful pool for our August meeting. This time of year the pool is looking better and better, and by August 18 it should really hit the spot. In case of an unlikely cold wave, the pool is heated! There shouldn't 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. We will furnish the soft drinks and ice as well charming companionship. See you by the pool. Time is 3:00 P.M.

VTR National Convention - August 15-18 St. Charles, Illinois
Those of you who are members of the Vintage Triumph Register have undoubtedly received the information about this year's convention being held in conjunction with Standard Triumph International Rally in St. Charles, Illinois. For those of you who are not VTR members, this is an interesting meet. Usually the swap meet is large with a lot of Triumph goodies and used parts available. The Roadster Factory brings a showroom on wheels to the meet, providing new parts for your inspection and purchase.

If you would like more information, give Gary Davis or myself a call. I hope we have some representatives from our club at the meet. National has a hard time realizing that there are any Triumph enthusiasts west of the Mississippi until you get to California.

K.C. Triumphs Birthday Party - August 31.

The All British Car Meet was an outgrowth of the first Mid America Triumph Regional held in Blue Springs in June of 1981. The first assemblage of Triumph enthusiasts was held on September 17, 1978 at Benjamin Stables. With these two facts as background, September and the All British Car Meet sort of seem like a natural time to celebrate our club's beginnings. Plan to attend the party on August 31 in conjunction with the All British Car Meet to celebrate.

All British Car Meet - September 1.

I will just mention this Labor Day event to be held at the Regency Park at 91st & Metcalf in Overland Park, Kansas. You will be receiving information on this event in the next few weeks. It is a fun event with a wide variety of automobiles and some of the best visiting you could ever hope for.

Saturday's events include an autocross (if a location can be found) and an afternoon tour. After the tour there is a Saturday night party being held in Lenexa, at Budde's across from Oak Park Mall. In keeping with the spirit of the meet and at the same time keeping the drinkers from driving, shuttle service will be provided by Budde's in their Double Decker Bus. The Sunday car show will be on the lawn south of the hotel.

Lake Tour '85'

All I can say is this years tour was perfect. The weather was just beautiful both days and everyone traveled in true form with tops down. The drive down Saturday went smooth except for a slow leaking tire on T.R. Wilson's car, but a quick change solved the problem. The Truman Lodge was very new and the rooms were especially nice. Everyone enjoyed a relaxed afternoon at the pool soaking up some rays and cooling off in the water. A couple of buckets made their way around to keep throats from getting too dry. Dinner at Huggies was fun and we enjoyed the lounge and dancing after dinner. Back to the pool for more buckets Saturday night and lots of conversation about everything under the sun. There never seems to be a shortage of subjects for this group to talk about. Sunday meant breakfast and a tour of the Visitors Center and Dam. Some members went on to Osage Beach for another night and the rest of us headed for K. C. It was a great tour and a good way to get away from the city. A very special thanks goes to Gary Burge for all the hard work and time he spent as the trip coordinator. We also want to thank Herb and Wanda for the "spare parts" and for helping Gary with the planning. We hope next year that more members can find time to get away with us. Our '86' tour will be number 8 in this traditional outing, please join us.

Gary Davis

Directors Note:

It's hard to believe how the year is moving along and that it's July already. Some of us are always thinking that we'll get around to taking time for fun activities, but never seem to get it done. I hope that's not the case when it comes to KC Triumphs and your participation at our events. Each one of you have invested in both your cars and in the club, and your return on that investment is to enjoy both. Everyone deserves a day when they put the top down, and enjoy the driving experience of a true British sportscar. The feeling is greatly enhanced when motoring with the club. You feel like you're in a parade, as bystanders stop to look and wave as we go by. It's a great experience that I'm sure you will enjoy.

There are plenty of opportunities left this season, including the All British Car Meet. We have always had the largest turn-out for a single club and I want every member who can, to bring out their cars. Don't be concerned if it's not a show car because we want everyone to know that we enjoy our cars; we drive them; and we are proud of the Triumph marque.

We are planning a special birthday get together on Saturday night. This is the clubs seventh year, and we want to make it a special celebration. Be sure to attend the party, the July tour, and the swim party.

Hope to see all of you soon.

Enjoy your Triumphs.

Gary Davis
Director

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Enclosed with this newsletter is our new roster containing the names, addresses and a listing of cars for 86 of our 88 paid up members. Please check your listing, and if it is incorrect or incomplete, please notify Bob McBean or myself (Richard Peak) with the necessary additions or corrections.

We have the following new members, make them welcome:

Ricci & Marice Ballesteros (in roster)
Patrick Mahoney (in roster)

Geoffrey Lind and Betsy Lind (not included in roster) 9815 Overbrook Ct Leawood, Kansas 66206 (913) 648-6658 TR 6 1972

Ricci Ballesteros is the chairman of the All British Car Meet this year. Ricci and Larry Mohofsky are our representatives for the meet this year.

FOR SALE:

1966 TR-4A IRS. Original owner, bought new in England but has left hand drive. Blue with white (top?). 71,000 miles. Previously restored but approaching that point in life again. Rear suspension has been reworked. Lynn Harrington 631-8388

1967 TR-4A IRS. White with black top. 61,500 miles. Looks and runs great. one owner. \$3,500. G.Arlie Lane (913) 432-5451

TECH TIP:

The following tip is from The Triumph Standard published by the Southern California Triumph Owners Association and member Bob Ayers.

Bob Ayers also has found a solution for 12-volt replacement bulbs that fit the instrumentation lighting. He had spent all day recently looking for the bulbs and stopped at a Radio Shack store. Seems Radio Shack has bulbs in all sizes except 12-volt. It seemed that the base on the 14-volt bulb was the same as the original. And it worked. He says the best part is price — two bulbs for 65 cents.