

KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS

NEWSLETTER
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EDITOR'S FOREWORD: Congratulations to every club member that reads this column!

Each one of you deserves recognition for your contribution to our organization. Every name on the roster and the new members listed below has helped us make our first year a true success.

Many of you remember that Sunday afternoon last September 17 when we met to see if a Triumph club could again be a reality in our city. The number and quality of the cars that came out that day was really amazing; but the friendships, support and good times over the last year far outweigh that one afternoon.

I don't want to go into a detailed history of our events, but there are certain ones that deserve mention. The club has sponsored and been involved in ten events in the last year. Our two day tour to the Lake of the Ozarks is the most memorable to me and the gymkhana with the MGT Club was one of the most exciting.

I think the most important aspect of the last year has been our continued growth in memberships. In order to remain an active and dynamic organization, we must keep getting new people involved in the club. Too many similar endeavors have gone by the wayside because they depended on the select group and did not bring in new fuel to keep the fire going. I ask every member to help us in advertising our club to Triumph owners throughout this area. Everyone who owns an old TR must have some reasons besides monetary, there must be emotions involved and there is no better place to show off your pride than with a group of people who understand and care. Let's see those TRs on the road once more this year before old man winter puts them in the garage.

UPCOMING EVENTS: What's coming up:

October							November						
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

October 13 - Rally - This is our last club sponsored event of the season involving the TRs. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at Minor Part, Red Bridge Road (111th St.) just east of Holmes. You will be given an instruction sheet with questions to answer throughout the course. The route will take you through some scenic areas of the city. You will be judged on number of correct answers, mileage and time. Be ready for some surprises and keep your eyes open.

Since this is our last driving function, we need a really good turnout to round out the year. Wheels up!

November 3 - We have been asked by Park Hill High School to furnish cars for their queen candidates for their homecoming parade. We must guarantee nine cars for them and we want to have one spare just in case. If you can commit yourself, give Paul or I a call as soon as possible. Any specific questions can be directed to Joe Winters. I think it is an honor to be asked and we should make every effort to take advantage of the offer.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our director, Paul McBride is not trying to keep his phone number a secret. He was in the process of moving when the roster was printed and didn't have his new number. Please mark your directories with Paul's new number - 334-6615.

NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome the following new recruits and add their names to your directories:

Keith & Betsy Adams 212 Brown Ave. Osawatomie, Ks. 66064 913/755-4816 TR3A 1959 TS51720L	William M. Hughes 4600 Charlotte K.C., Mo. 64110 531-5667 TR6 1969 TR6 1971	John & Joyce Kelly 9117 Alden Lenexa, Ks. 66215 913/492-4327 TR6 1969 CC50526E
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CHANGES OF ADDRESS: Be sure to change your directories for these members:

Deb Spencer 621 E. 42nd St. K.C., Mo. 64110 753-5884	Bruce & Patti Kupka 7924 Newton Overland Park, Ks. 66204 648-2968
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: Jaguar Rover Triumph Inc. (formerly British Leyland) has seen fit to put a roadster-convertible back into the TR picture. "Car & Driver" and "Road & Track" have near rave reviews in their current road tests. (September issues). The following is a comparison of statistical data I have compiled from those tests and "Autocar", "Motor", "Motor Trend" and "Autosport". The road tests of the TR3 date from 1956, so we are looking at two Triumphs that are separated

by nearly a quarter of a century. Draw your own conclusions! I am delighted to see a continuing commitment to sporting cars by Triumph.

Put a Triumph in your day,
Paul McBride, Director

Comparison TR3 Roadster - TR7 Roadster

Curb Weight	2135 lbs.	2440 lbs.
Weight dist. (with driver)	52/48	57/43
Wheelbase	88"	85"
Track F/R	45/45.5	55.5/55.3
Length	151"	165"
Width	55.5"	66"
Height	50"	49.5"
Ground Clearance	6"	4"
Fuel Capacity	14.4 gal.	14.4 gal.
Oil Sump	6.6 quarts	4.7 quarts
Water Capacity	8.6 quarts	7.8 quarts
Engine type - Capacity	4 cyl OHV 1991cc	4 cyl OHC 1998cc
Compression Ratio	8.5/1	8.0/1
BHP & Torque at RPM	100/5000 & 118/3000	88/5500 & 105/3250
Transmission	4 spd (Overdrive)	5 spd
Drive Ratio (Final)	3.7 - 4.1	3.9
Steering Ratio & Turns L to L	12:1/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	20:1/4
Turning Circle	34 ft.	29 ft.
0 to 60 (Range of tests)	9.2 - 11.4	11.5 - 11.8
$\frac{1}{4}$ mile time & speed	16.9/82 - 17.8/74	18.5/75.5 - 18.6/75
Top Speed	104 - 106	103 - 109
Fuel Economy (all driving)	23.1 - 28.2	27.5

FUTURE EVENTS: Early December will be our annual dinner meeting. The location has not been chosen as yet. If you have any suggestions, let Paul know. We had a real good turn out last year and should have a bigger group this year.

Anyone who has slides of the club functions and would like to let us use them, let me know.

February meeting is being planned for a literature, sales info, and technical swap. If you have material to show, bring it along. We also plan to take a look at Triumphs in small scale; model kits, Avon bottles, or anything else you have along this line.

ATTENTION! A last minute membership, please welcome David and add him to your roster.

David McGuire
1610 Valentine 2W
Kansas City, Mo. 64111
TR4A 1967 CTC57658

VTR REPORT: I was not able to make the national meet at Dearborn, Michigan, so I called a fellow VTR member and got the following information.

Although there was a slow start on Thursday, altogether there were about 120 members in attendance and 47 cars were shown at the concourse on Saturday. The special interest car this year was a Triumph Super 7 and longest distance went to a couple from Florida who drove up in their TR250.

A couple of special guests in attendance were Bob Tullius of group 44 fame and Pete Buckles of Cox and Buckles Spares, London, England.

I hope the next issue of T.V.T. will have complete information and pictures of this event. It was rumored that the national meet may be held in the Chicago area next year. I know K.C.T. will be ready to show the national judges the quality of the cars from Kansas City.

The current hold up on T.V.T. has been blamed on computer failure at the printers and that two issues are forthcoming. We'll see!

Membership in VTR is again increasing and now stands at about 1700. I would like to explain that the VTR dues are not yearly, but rather for six issues of the newsletter, no matter how long that takes, so don't feel that the \$10.00 went for only one or two magazines.

I hope more members of K.C.T. will become involved with VTR and help it on the road back to a stable existence.

I personally want to thank Marlin and Marilyn Bell of Shepherd, Michigan for the information about the national meet. I know we'll get a chance to see them in Chicago next year.

-Gary-

SPARES REPORT: We decided to furnish a listing of spares sources for your information. Since winter is a good time to make all those repairs that you never got to during the summer, I would like to assist in your search for parts. Nothing can warm you better than getting that TR ready for those warm spring days of 1980. This is not a complete list by any means, but I have done some business with almost all of these or have heard others in the club comment on them.

Excelsior Motors
2350 No. Damen
Chicago, Il. 60647
312/252-5466

Moss Motors
Box 847
5775 Dawson Ave.
Goleta, Ca. 93017
800/235-6954

Sports & Classics
750 Canal St.
Stamford, Ct. 06902
203/327-2775

Fas Pec British Cars & Parts
606 S.E. Madison
Portland, Or. 97214
800/547-5578

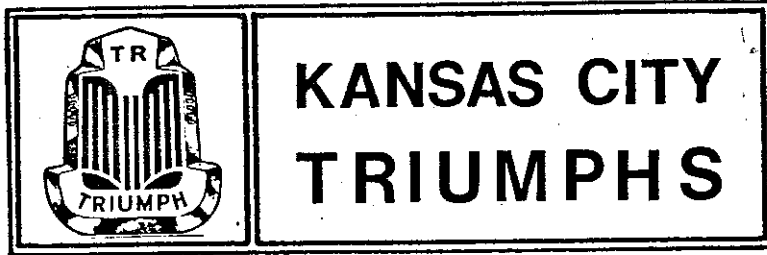
The Roadster Factory
P.O. Box 332
Armagh, Pa. 15920
412/463-3929

Start Your Engines
6798 Mid Cities Ave.
Beltsville, Md. 20705
301/937-0313

M.G. Mitten
44 S. Chester, Dept. R
Pasadena, Ca. 91106
213/681-4531

Bob Scribner
120 Jefferson St.
Lynn, Ma. 01902
617/599-6259

Triumph Specialty
1580 Old Bayshore Hwy.
San Jose, Cal. 95112
408/286-3958



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UPCOMING EVENTS: Our second annual dinner party is set for Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cordon Bleu restaurant. It is located below the Kemper Arena with the entrance at the north end of the building. This years dinner includes a 10 oz. sirloin steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad and beverage. The bar will be cash. The program will include a slide show of this years events. If any members have slides, be sure to bring them along and we will get them shown. Reservations are \$10.00 per person and are open to all members and their guests. Make checks payable to K.C. Triumphs and have them mailed before Dec. 1.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: "What's in a name?" When applied to motorcars, quite a lot! Names often have an interesting history; a psychological turn. They may be a marketing ploy, an ego trip, or a mystery. And they are almost always interesting. Car names could be categorized: animals, birds, insects, places, founders, mythological figures, or even something as fleeting as the wind. Could make for an interesting party game, or a time filler on the interstate. But what's behind the name is often even more fascinating.

Did you know that the very British Marque "Lagonda" was named by Wilbur Gunn after the creek in his hometown, Springfield, Ohio? The first "Mercedes" was a specially made "Daimler" constructed for an Austrian businessman whose daughter's name was - you guessed it - Mercedes. "Mazda" was the supreme god of a Persian religion. Most of the surviving American cars are named after their founders or local and national heros, for example, Cheverolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Dodge, Chrysler, Ford and Lincoln. Perhaps there is some significance to that. Perhaps not. But what of "Triumph", "Gloria", "Dolomite", "Renown", "Spitfire", "Herald", etc.

Siegfried Bettmann, a German, came to England in 1884 to seek his fortune. He soon had a Birmingham manufacturer supply him with bicycles to export to the continent. They were initially called the "Bettman". But Siegfried wanted a name that would be recognizable and understood in all European languages, and chose the name "Triumph". Motorcycles and cars (1923) have carried the name through company bankruptcy, sell offs and reorganizations to date, and will into the future if British Leyland keeps their act together!

Triumph has had their insect models: "Scorpion" and "Gnat" (1931), the latter, thankfully, for a very short time. The "Southern Cross" was in honor of Australia, which imported a large number of early Triumphs. The "Gloria", which is considered a "classic" by the Classic Car Club of America, had an apparent in-house name used earlier on a bicycle and a motorcycle side car. The "Dolomite" line of Triumph cars were named after the Italian mountains which were well known to auto rallyists.

The British are understandably fascinated with ships and some Triumphs have been named after them: The "Renown" razoredge saloon (British battlecruiser), "Mayflower" (North America sales in mind), and the "Herald" (the director's yacht). The "Vanguard", a Standard car, is significant to Triumph buffs because it's engine was later used in Ferguson tractors and became a legend in the TR2,3,4 sports. This refutes the popular belief that TR engines were conceived in a tractor!

The "Spitfire" was of course named after the WW II British fighter plane. The most risqué Triumph name must surely go to the experimental engine coined by the mechanics the "Sabrina". Sabrina was also a popular British actress whose frontal view bore a striking resemblance to the engine's twin cam covers.

Put a Triumph in your day,
Paul McBride, Director

FUTURE EVENTS: Joe and Barb Winters have extended an invitation for a February party at their home. I am sure a topic of discussion will be our second annual weekend trip to the Lake of the Ozarks.

PAST EVENTS REPORT: Our rally of October 13 was less than a total success. Although the day was clear and not too cold, only three cars competed in the event. It was not an outstanding finale to our first full season but all who participated had a good time and an interesting drive. First place went to Paul and his copilot, Jeannie. Brent and Patti Harrison took second and Don Conrad and Karen finished third. All had very good scores and the final count was very close.

PARKHILL HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING: Everyone who donated their car and time to participate in this function deserves a word of thanks for their contribution. I think everyone enjoyed taking part in such a special occasion for the young ladies and seeing their excitement.

SPECIAL NOTE: We would like to extend a special invitation to all of our new members. Everyone would like the opportunity to meet our new club members. We are definitely an organization based on individuals from various walks of life with two major common interests. The first, of course, is our love of owning and driving Triumph

sports cars. The second is just wanting to get out and have a good time. You will find as nice a group of people as you find anywhere. We also want to invite you to get involved in the planning and direction of the club.

Let's see a good group of new (and old) members at the dinner and get our second year off to a great start.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The fall and winter is always a good time to catch up on some of those postponed projects that you just never got to during the summer. It's a good time to do repairs on the old TR, (just ask Paul about his plans) or to call some friends, or to round up some prospective members for K.C.T. We have now reached a point of membership renewals and we are losing a few names from the roster. After our continued growth to 30 members, it is a little disheartening to see the decline. If you see a car on the street, in a parking lot, or in your neighborhood just strike up a conversation and let them know about the club. The rest is up to them so just plant the seed and hope it grows.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are again at the point in time when next year must start to come into focus. Our activities for the upcoming season need to be scheduled ahead of time and different types of activities need to be found. We are requesting more input from the general membership concerning what directions the club is to take. Bring your ideas to the December dinner.

The following is our reply to a letter from Steve Rossi, President of the Vintage Triumph Register. He is now looking for a group to host the 1980 national convention of the V.T.R.

Paul and I felt that K.C.T. lacked enough members, who were really involved with the national organization, to handle this type of function. A national convention can involve up to two hundred or more people and up to a hundred cars. It takes many hours of dedicated work to put one on. I am sure we have the potential to host the national meet, but this coming summer seems to be a little too soon.

If you have any comments on our letter to Steve, be sure to let us know.

We are sending copies to all national board members and all directors of local chapters across the country. We hope to set a spark that might again get some fire back into the V.T.R. and again make it an active and growing organization.

-Gary-

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6039 Rockhill Road Kansas City, Mo. 64110

November 19, 1979

Steve Rossi
President, Vintage Triumph Register
Trail's End, 37 Pawson Trail
Branford, CT. 06405

Dear Steve;

We appreciate your recent letter concerning a western or central location for the 1980 National Convention. Now is certainly the time to begin preparations for next years event.

We regret that our chapter is not in a position to accept that kind of responsibility at this time. Our first year has certainly been a success and we look forward to continued growth in the second year. We also hope that our members will take more interest in the V.T.R. in the future.

Our main point in writing this letter is to express an opinion that a national meet for 1980 should take a low priority to other concerns of the club. The first and foremost is the rebirth of The Vintage Triumph publication. The newsletter is the V.T.R. more than any other aspect of the club. It is the only service that reaches every member and keeps interest alive in the V.T.R. We suggest that a professional editor again be retained and that a printer who is responsive to the needs of the club be found.

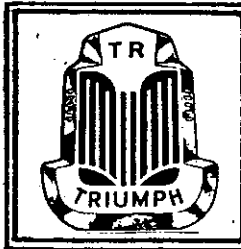
A second consideration would be the publishing of an annual membership roster. The directory is very important to anyone who wants to set up a local chapter in his area or wants to contact members with similar cars to his own. It is also important to let all members see how the club is doing on a national level.

We would like to recommend that each local chapter submit an annual report to the board on its activities of the preceeding year and that this report be published in T.V.T. The report should include a run down of events, list of officers and a copy of the chapters' newsletters. We feel any chapter that no longer can meet the qualifications of a chapter be reclassified as a zone or be dissolved until it can establish itself again.

We hope that these comments express our goal of showing that we truly care about the future of the V.T.R. We have sent copies of this letter to other board and general members in hopes of creating further response and signs of interest. Let us all hope that we may again put our group back on the road to success!

Yours Truly,

cc: National Board Members
Chapter Directors



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: "Bits and Pieces" The beginning of a fresh year is probably an appropriate time to bring you up to date. I have been in communication with Bill Sohl, the new Director of Local Affairs for the Vintage Triumph Register. He is very enthusiastic and active in local chapters of V.T.R. Part of his responsibility will be to write the "Local Affairs Column" for the national publication. I have sent him copies of our last four or five newsletters and he is now on the mailing list. Perhaps some of our activities will now receive national print. We are finally listed as a local chapter in the latest issue of The Vintage Triumph, and I am encouraged by Bill's enthusiastic letter. Those of you who are not members of V.T.R. might find the \$10.00 necessary for membership to be a good investment. A strong national organization is very important to all Triumph owners. We have brochures and application forms.

An idle question directed to my female navigator has resulted in one of the funniest pieces I've read recently. You'll find it in this issue. Thanks, Jeanne! Maybe we need a regular column with the womens' point of view.

The February meeting at Joe Winter's home will be explained by Gary in the coming events, but may I encourage each of you to bring your Triumph addenda. Books, magazines, road tests, sales catalogues and brochures, hats, T-shirts, belt buckles, pictures and models are all appropriate. We might even have a sell-or-swap. I finally got my hands on an original 1957 TR3 salesroom catalogue and I'm dying to show someone. I'm also working on a Triumph Trivia Quiz, and we'll see if we can come up with a prize for the winner.

Put a Triumph in your day!

-Paul McBride, Director-

UPCOMING EVENTS: January 19, 5:30p.m. - Jerry and Beverly Witherspoon have invited everyone to their home for a get together and a chance to take a look at their newest Triumph, a powder blue TR4. Jerry is looking forward to having a little collaboration and getting ideas on restoring this car. Jerry suggested car pooling to save on gas, check your new roster for someone close and give them

a call. Take I70 or 40 Hiway east to Hiway 7 and go north to the entrance to the country club which is on the north side of the golf course. Follow the entrance road to the circle and head north on Golf View Drive to Walnut Circle.

I would like to offer a suggestion to any member that has a car not able to make it to events. Have the event come to the car. If you are unsure about materials, procedures, originality, etc., just invite the club in and I'll guarantee you will get the answers you need.

February 9, 7:30p.m. - Joe and Barb Winters are hosting this years planning party. As Paul mentioned, bring along your collection of Triumph models, literature, etc. This will be a great chance for everyone, especially new members, to see what is available in printed matter for the TRs. We also need to start setting up our 1980 calendar. Our first big undertaking will probably be our second annual Ozarks tour. I think we need to review last years activities and see what we want to focus on for the upcoming season. To get to Joe and Barb's take I29 north to the 64th St./Hiway 45 exit, go east approximately three miles to Blair Road, turn north, North Stoddard is the last left before you enter the Weatherby Lake subdivision. See you there!

SPECIAL NOTE: With the beginning of a new year, I was asked what women in the K.C. Triumphs would like to have appear in the Newsletter. I gave this matter some serious thought and realized there were several possibilities ranging from time-honored recipes to place settings for picnic tables. However, these are considered stereotypical and chauvinistic, so I decided to provide some helpful hints to women whose husbands or boyfriends own Triumphs.

1. Don't allow your friends or relatives to rave about you man's "doodle bug". Complimentary comments are always welcome, but appropriate nomenclature is a MUST.
2. When riding in a TR, don't mention how "cute" the MG in the next lane looks. This tends to cause dirty looks in your own lane.
3. When asked if you would like to participate in a rally, don't practice gear shifting or high speed driving. You are to provide lunch and weight distribution in the passenger seat.
4. When asked to participate in a gymkhanna, practice acrobatics, not steering talents. Your function is to reach for beer cans on the far pylon and give directions while he is driving (of all things) blindfolded! ALSO--

if you cause the blindfolded driver to hit anything, you will be charged with manslaughter for causing heart failure.

5a. While attending a rally, when all bonnets (the ones on the autos, not your new head covering) are raised, lean far over the side of the car, remembering to not mar the paint, and ooh and ah about the engine.

5b. Don't ask what those cute little silver things are. You will either receive a three hour oratory or no answer because all of the men are 12 feet away admiring your short-shorts.

6. Don't grab the chicken bar when rounding 20mph curves at the rate of 100mph. This shows that you don't trust your guy. Try closing your eyes and screaming how terrific it is.

7. Provide yourself with a medical expense account to cover the pneumonia you get from riding on the "first nice spring day" which happens to be 20°.

8. For his birthday, give him a suitably framed, 18 x 24 poster of him in his TR. This is a sure winner.

9. Swear to him that the next vehicle you want is a Triumph, even if it means hocking your furniture, jewelry and pet hamster.

10. Always tell him his TR was the best at the rally. This tends to increase your invitations to attend.

I hope this list of hints will help those women who have recently been invited to attend K.C. Triumph functions and who plan to attend future events.

-Jeanne-

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: I want to report that our renewal rate for members has been outstanding and our roster continues to grow. In recent weeks I have received three phone calls from people interested in the club. One made the comment that he had been looking for a group to share his interests in Triumphs with and had a hard time locating our group. The question is, how do we better advertise our group? I have always contended that the best source is the members themselves. A challenge that must be met this upcoming season is to have an event that generates some public attention and lets Triumph owners know that we are around and active.

Please welcome T.R. and Joni Wilson as our newest members.

PAST EVENTS REPORT: Our second annual dinner party was a great success again this year with eighteen members attending. Special thanks goes to Bill Nees of S.C.C.A. for taking his time to come in and tell us what's going on in their

organization. I must note that Bill was very impressed by our group. He looked through the club scrapbook and felt we had a really strong group for our rather short existence. Looking through the pictures of past events shows what makes any group successful, it is the participation of all the members and their support.

Next year we plan to move the dinner farther away from the Christmas season, since several members could not attend due to company dinners.

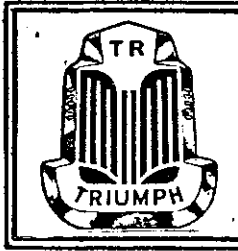
V.T.R. REPORT: As Paul mentioned, there does seem to be some new life in the national organization. Some of the questions in Bill Sohl's letter were very close to the suggestions Paul and I made in our letter to Steve Rossi that appeared in the last issue. I regret to report that we have not received any replies to our letter. Since copies were sent to all national board members, communication surely is not the problem. I suspect that the individuals involved are either too busy or not interested in our comments. Whatever the reason, let's hope that more people like Bill will work their way into the national board and bring about a new spark of life to V.T.R.

Our recognition as a local chapter appears on the inside cover of The Vintage Triumph, number 25. It brings to mind our signing of the application to become a chapter at the December dinner last year. Unfortunately, we are no closer in affiliation to V.T.R. than we were last year at this time. Paul and I again want to ask that all members join the national organization and lend their support to it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Enclosed with this issue is the latest membership directory. I hope you will take a few minutes to carefully read through the list. Please check especially for errors on your own name and let me know if there need to be corrections. Even checking it over now, I realize that some members have added cars to their collection. I would appreciate a call so I can add them to your name on the next roster. Several members have not submitted their commission numbers and I assume they feel it is not important. The information contained in this number can help you find other members that have overdrive, or have a car close to your own in the production run.

A second thing you may find is that another member lives only a few blocks away and you don't even know him. Give him a call and introduce yourself, you never know when his help or yours may be needed for some Triumph repair. Keep your roster handy and we hope it is a help to everyone.

-Gary-



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: Winter projects will soon be on trial with many of us. Spring is in evidence despite the -26° wind chill last night. My front suspension pieces have been cleaned, renewed, painted and properly "offered up" to the frame, and I am in great need of the mental tonic best described as "TR vibrations around my body". We are also about to witness the rebirth of Gary's 1957 TR3. Jerry, Rick and Joe have 4's, 4A's and 6's about to be added to their fleets. There are probably many other projects and it should be an exciting season. Your directors have planned many events, such as rallies, shows, tours, from March to October and we hope you can participate in some or all of them. As in any group activity, adequate member participation is a prerequisite to success. Take a chance on us and put a Triumph in your day.

-Paul McBride, Director-

UPCOMING EVENTS: I know the weather report just called for snow, but just thinking about spring and summer give me a warm feeling already. Your board of directors met in February to map out our activities for this upcoming season, and I think the result is quite outstanding. We hope this preplanning will be of great assistance to all of you in keeping your own schedules open for the club events. There may have to be some minor adjustments, but we hope to stick to the schedule as closely as possible. We are always open to suggestions, so let us know if there are any problems. Please get out your calendars and start marking. Let's see those Triumphs on the road!

MARCH 23 - Sunday. We decided a little dusting off was in order so let's meet out at Joe's Barn, 150th & Old 69 Hiway (Metcalf) at about 12:00 for a good meal and a little cruising around (weather permitting). If your Triumph is not ready, you should be, so come on out anyway.

APRIL 20 - Sunday. Spring Rally - Don and Karen have offered to set up our first rally of this season. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Headquarters Building at Lake Jacomo. Take 291 Hiway south from I70 or take 291 Hiway north from I470 to Woods Chapel Road. Turn east and follow the signs. After the rally we will have a picnic.

MAY 24-25, Saturday & Sunday. Sports Car Concourse - to be held at the Glenwood Manor, 9200 Metcalf. The Jaguar Club has invited us to participate as a club in their annual event. We will have our own classes and will only compete with other Triumphs. We are going to have three classifications; TR2-3-3A, TR4-4A-5-250, and TR6-Spitfire-Stag. There will be three trophies in each class so we must have at least three cars in each. We will use the V.T.R. 400 point judging system. A copy can be found in issue 17 of The Vintage Triumph or I can give you a copy. Saturday will be a set up and car preparation day with a bar-b-que by the lake. Sunday will be the display and judging. Entry fee for the first car is \$10.00 and \$8.00 for each additional entry. We would like to have your entry fees to us by April 31. We also need people for judges, you cannot judge in your own class, however. This is going to be a great event for advertising our group and we need all the participation we can get, so get out the wax, vacuum and engine cleaner and get the TR ready!

JUNE 1 - Sunday. Shriners' Car Display at Ward Parkway Shopping Center. This is our second year to participate in this worthwhile charity event.

JUNE 21-22 - Saturday & Sunday. Second Annual Ozarks Tour - We have reservations at the Best Western - Lake Chateau, Osage Beach, Mo. We decided to have our second two day tour a little later this year in order to have warmer weather. We will meet and tour down together Saturday and spend the afternoon checking out the local sights. A group dinner and party afterward should round out the day. Sunday should be a late wake up, breakfast, and a group tour back through the hilly, curving roads of that area. We need a \$10.00 deposit no later than May 20.

JULY 13 - Sunday. Swim Party - Bob and Esther have invited everyone to a poolside party at their house.

AUGUST 15-18. Vintage Triumph Register National Convention - Below is a copy of a release from the V.T.R. President, Steve Rossi.

Convention headquarters will be the Ottawa Ramada Inn, Ottawa Illinois, at the intersection of 180 and Route 23. Seventy-five rooms have been blocked and accommodations will be available at the following rates: Room with one double bed - \$26.00 per night; Room with two double beds - \$28.00 per night. Registration fees for the affair are as follows: \$22.00 per single; \$40.00 per couple. ISOA has asked for early preregistrations in an effort to generate some working capital so please do so, if possible, at your earliest convenience.

1980 Challenge Tentative Schedule of Events:

Thursday	8/15/80:	Registration Opens (Day Event)
		Socializing (Evening Event)
Friday	8/16/80	Speed Exercise (Day Event)
		Technical Seminar (Evening Event)

Saturday 8/17/80: Concours (Day Event)
Flea Market (Day Event)
Dinner with Live Entertainment (Evening Event)

Sunday 8/18/80: Rally (Morning Event)

SEPTEMBER 21 - Sunday. Fall Rally - Barb and I will try our luck again this year at setting up a colorful and interesting route. Meeting place and time information will follow.

NOVEMBER 15 - Saturday. End of Season Dinner Party - We decided to get away from the Christmas season this year for our third annual dinner. Details will be coming soon.

We hope this gives everyone a head start on getting ready for our upcoming season. Let's hear from you if you have any suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Please welcome our newest members and add their names to the roster.

Nadine Conner
8949 Reeder #1205
Overland Park, Ks. 66214
492-7780
1974½ TR6

Gary & Lynne Horner
RR #2 Box 290H
Belton, Mo. 64012
331-7398
1965 TR4 CT24994L
1968 TR250 CO4177L

James McNamara
16609 W. 123rd St.
Olathe, Ks. 66061
782-6782
1962 TR3B TCF565L

Maree E. Nelson
9201 Santa Fe Lane
Overland Park, Ks. 66212
642-9201
1978 Triumph Spitfire

Dennis & Cheryl Patterson
8442 Lane Drive
Raytown, Mo. 64138
737-2051
1961 TR3 TS67762

ROSTER UPDATE: Well, we goofed on a couple of items on the January Membership Directory.

Here are the corrections: Paul McBride - phone number, 334-6615, Rick Torres - phone number, 642-7437, Joe Winters - address, 9719 N.W. 71st St.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The board of directors is very pleased to announce that Brent Harrison has accepted a new position as Social Coordinator for our group. Brent will be involved in activity planning and organization. He will also be looking for volunteers for a calling committee. We want to thank Brent for taking on this responsibility.

Another vote of thanks goes out to Richard Peak for taking care of the printing of the newsletter, roster and membership brochures. With his help, we have been able to keep our group in a good financial condition.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I hope you have noticed the increased involvement of our members in the activities of the club. The past couple of months and in our new calendar,

you will see the names of many members who are planning or hosting meetings of our group. This type of participation and involvement is a great part of our success and growth. Our biggest goal for the upcoming season is to see greater numbers of members coming out for events.

I want to take a moment to apologize to any members who went to Joe Winters' house on the night listed in the newsletter. Incorrect information in print is very hard to correct, especially when it concerns date, directions and address. Our calling committee missed a couple of people and we apologize to Don Conrad and Gary Horner for the inconvenience of a wasted trip.

ADVERTISEMENT: I have recently purchased an upholstery sewing machine and would be interested in doing sewing and repairs for other club members. Also, I would be willing to rent out the machine to those of you who want to do their own work. Give me a call if you are interested.

-Gary-

AN INVITATION: The Kansas City Region of the Sports Car Club of America has requested that we furnish one or two cars to display at their annual car display at Metro North Shopping Center. The event is March 28-30. Please contact Phil Lentz at 677-5881, or give me a call for further information. It's a good chance to give the club some advertisement.

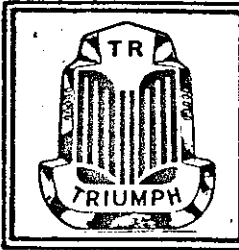
V.T.R. REPORT: Below is a letter Paul received from Steve Rossi, President of the Vintage Triumph Register, in reply to the letter we sent to him and which you saw printed in the newsletter.

Dear Paul:

I was quite pleased we had the opportunity to talk over the telephone the other day and I hope you understand where things are at with the V.T.R. and where they are going. Again I would like to apologize for my delayed response to yours' and Gary's joint communication regarding the welfare of the V.T.R. As I indicated in our conversation please feel free to discuss with the K.C. membership via your publication any of the material we discussed.

Let me take this time to let you know that your interest and enthusiasm in the V.T.R. is truly appreciated. I believe we all share a common interest and goal, that being the preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph automobile. The V.T.R. shall always uphold that tradition.

Basically there are about 1700 active members in the V.T.R. at this time. We have not received any information on the number of active local chapters like ours, but they are working on it. A new printer has been hired to handle the publication. There has been a dues increase to \$15.00 for six issues of "The Vintage Triumph" magazine. Paul and I again want to ask our members to support the national organization and to start making plans to attend the national convention this summer.



KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS

NEWSLETTER

Volume II Issue 5

May 1980

Editor: Gary L. Davis

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: Concours D'elegance - the literal translation is "competition of elegance". Well, I don't think any of us refer to Triumphs as possessing qualities of elegance. We'll leave that to Rolls-Royce. However, on May 24 and 25 there will be a show of Triumphs and other cars (mostly British) at Glenwood Manor. This has been a Jaguar Club annual event and they put a heavy emphasis on the judging and awarding of trophies. I suspect that most of us are not as excited about this type of competition and will not pursue it with the same zeal as our Jaguar Club friends. But may I suggest that it is a stimulus to do the spring cleaning on our Triumphs, to polish the exterior, detail the interior, clean the engine compartment, dress the rubber and leather, and take care of mechanical maintenance. If a "concours" gives us an excuse, it has helped preserve the Marque.

We will do our own judging. The standard of judging will be the way the car appeared and functioned when new. We have three classes with a first, second, and third trophy in each class.

Class I - TR2, 3, 3A, 3B

Class II - TR4, 4A, 5, 250

Class III - TR6, Spitfire, Stag

These classes are basically arbitrary and were selected to give us enough entries. The judging form is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. I am instructing the judges to inspect the car and only after finding a defect to check the form for the appropriate deduction. Maximum deductions will only be taken if a component is actually missing. We would like the owner to be present when the car is inspected to open hood, trunk, work the lights, etc. Tops should be in place. If you have any questions concerning the preparation of your car, don't hesitate to call.

If you care to bribe a judge, they are; Class I - Brent Harrison
Don Conrad
T.R. Wilson

Class II - Rick Torres
Gary Davis
Paul McBride

Class III - Don Conrad
Paul McBride
Gary Davis

We are not interested in "putting down" our Triumphs, but only in recognizing

those which come closest to appearance and function as when they were new. A concours is something new for K.C.T. We may or may not want to do it again, but we hope you'll give it a try. Entry fee is \$10.00 which pays for some very nice trophies inscribed with our own logo.

Put a Triumph in your day -- and put it on display!

-Paul McBride-

UPCOMING EVENTS: May 24-25 - Heart of America Jaguar Club Concours at the Glenwood Manor Best Western, 92nd and Metcalf. We are quite pleased with your response to our first concours type event. Approximately twelve cars are already registered, but we have room for anyone who is interested. We hope to see plenty of our non-showing members, too. Come on out and lend your support to our group and this great event. Besides Jaguars, you will see M.G.'s, Thunderbirds, Corvettes, Rolls Royce and many others.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday - May 24

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Competitive fun events
7:00 p.m. Cocktail Party
8:00 p.m. Chuck Wagon Barbecue - lake area

Sunday - May 25

10:00 a.m. Concours D'Elegance for all classes
3:00 p.m. Awarding of Trophies

FEES:

Entry fee for members of any car club

First Car: \$10.00
Second Car: \$8.00

Non-Club members

\$12.00 each car

Chuck Wagon Barbecue \$10.00 each
Cash Bar

June 1 - Saturday - Antique Car Display, Ward Parkway Shopping Center, 89th and State Line. This show is sponsored by the Ararat Shrine Temple and the Associated Antique Car Clubs of Kansas City. All the proceeds of the show go to the Shriners Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children. This is our second year to participate in this very worthwhile event. We are asking for three kinds of support from you this year. The first is to bring out the Triumph and add to the display, the second is to tell your friends and neighbors about the show and encourage them to come out, and the third is to go ahead and buy a ticket for the show even if you do bring out a car. The one dollar ticket is certainly a small price to pay to help these children.

June 21-22 - Second Annual Ozark Tour. We have blocked out ten rooms at the Best Western Lake Chateau, Osage Beach, Mo. This is one of our biggest events of

the season and is highly recommended for everyone who is ready to get away from the city for a weekend and have a great time. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Holiday Inn on 50 Hiway just east of 63rd Street. We will tour down and back together, so bring along your CB if you have one. What we need is the payment for your room no later than May 12. We must pay in advance since this is their busy time of the season. Drop your check for \$37.50 in the mail right now, we don't want anyone to end up without a room. Make checks payable to K.C. Griumphs and we will send a club check to the motel.

Just ask anyone who went with us last year, this is a great get away weekend and these days we all need one once in a while. Wheels Up!

FUTURE EVENTS: Remember to mark your calendars.

July 13 - Sunday - Swim party at Bob and Esther White's home.

August 15-18 - V.T.R. National Convention at Ottawa, Illinois. We have not received any further information on this event, but it is being advertised in T.S.O.A. newsletter. We will arrange to drive up together on Thursday and come home on Sunday. If you have any questions, give Paul or I a call.

September 21 - Sunday - Fall Rally. This will be a local event and we hope to make the best of the fall tree colors.

November 15 - Saturday - End of Season Dinner Party. We are looking for a place to have the dinner this year. Anyone who has a suggestion call Paul or I. We need a separate room so we can show some slides or a film.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Please welcome our newest members and add their names to the roster.

David & Ann Adair
9531 E. 16th
Indep., Mo. 64052
836-9179
1963 TR4 CT19199L

Mark E. Harter
4001 S. Crysler
Indep., Mo. 64055
254-9961
1976 TR6 CF51017U

Bill & Gail Locascio
5605 W. 75th St.
Prairie Village, Ks. 66208
341-8831
1971 Stag

W.J. Roseberry
2601 W. 79th St.
Prairie Village, Ks. 66208
381-8851
1957 TR3 TS43140LO

Mike Steinbrecher
9250 Goodman
Overland Park, Ks. 66212
383-2200
1960 TR3A

Lyle & Lorraine Miller
508 Goode
Grandview, Mo. 64030
763-3171 or 763-0179
1959 TR3, 1959 TR3, 1960 TR3

PAST EVENTS REPORT: We want to thank Don Conrad and Karen for setting up our last rally. Everyone enjoyed the unusual format and let's all congratulate Jerry and Beverly Witherspoon for their first place victory.

KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS--OFFICIAL JUDGING FORM--VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER

ENTRY NO. _____ OWNER _____ YEAR _____ MODEL _____ CLASS _____

EXTERIOR	M & X	D	INTERIOR & SOFT TRIM	M & X	D	CHASSIS & UNDERCARRIAGE	M & X	D	ENGINE COMPARTMENT	M & X	D	SUMMARY
BODY:			SOFT TOP:			Tire			Block			<p><u>DEDUCTIONS</u></p> <p>EXTERIOR _____</p> <p>INTERIOR _____</p> <p>CHASSIS _____</p> <p>ENGINE _____</p> <p>TOTAL _____</p> <p><u>SCORE</u></p> <p>PERFECT SCORE _____</p> <p>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS _____</p> <p>NET SCORE _____</p> <p><u>REQ'D. MIN. POINTS</u></p> <p>FIRST: 350</p> <p>SECOND: 300</p> <p>THIRD: 250</p> <p><u>NOTES</u></p> <p>* Max. 10 points per vehicle</p> <p>M - Mandatory deduction</p> <p><u>APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Team Captain _____</p>
Door	5		Missing	20M		Wheel (&rim)	3		Head (&valve cov)	5		
Fender	5		Folded	10M		Hub cap	3		Oil pan	5		
Hood	5		Wrong material	10M		Valve stem/cap	1		Manifolds	5		
Quarter panel	5		Material	10		Bumper/B'ette	5		Radiator	10		
Trunk lid	5		Trim pieces	3		Front axle	5		Starter	3		
Top (fixed)	5		Fastener	1*		Front suspen.	5		Generator	3		
Rocker panel	5		Rear windows	5		Rear Axle	5		Fuel pump	3		
Nose section	5		Top bows (all)	5		Rear suspen.	5		Fuel lines (all)	3		
Other panel	5		Side curtains	5		Trans/Drivesh.	5		Distributor	3		
LIGHTS:			Seat cushion	5		Shock absorber	3		Coil	3		
Head	3		Trim panel	3		Gas tank	3		Horn	3		
Parking/Turn Tail	3		Rubber floormat	3		Steering ass.	5		Clamp	1*		
License plate	3		Steering wheel	3		Brake assem.	3		Belt	2		
Driving	3		Pedal/Lever/kn	2		Bolts	1*		Hose	3		
RADIATOR:			Dashboard	3		Lube fittings	1		Firewall	5		
Shell	5		Instrument	3		Lack of lube	1		Water pump	5		
Grille	5		Glass (ea. pc.)	3		Excess lube	1		Wiring (all)	5		
Cap/Ornament	3		Misc. trim pcs.	3		Exhaust system	5		Tape/Tubing	1		
Horns (ext.)	3		Door/Dash edge	2		Springs	3		Filter/Fan	3		
Mirrors (ext.)	3		Window frame	3		Chassis frame	3		Relay/Sclenoid	3		
Wind. frame	3		Door sill plate	3		GENERAL DEDUC-TION: Messy or	3		Air cleaner	3		
Wind. wipers	3		Door jams	3		unrestored	3		Oil filler cap	3		
Door handles	2		Mirror	2		undercarriage	15		Carburetor	5		
Running bds.	5		Seat piping (all)	5		OTHER:			INCORRECT:			
Bead/Melt (all)	10		Trunk interior	10					Engine	20M		
Hard top	10		Door panel	3					OTHER:			
Key sockets	2		Carpet piece	5								
Stone shields	3		INCORRECT:	10M								
Trunk handle	2		Uphol. material									
Luggage rack	5		OTHER:									
Emblem/Shield	2											
Hinges	2											
License plate	2											
INCORRECT:												
Body material	15M											
Color'	10M											
OTHER:												
TOTAL DEDUCTION			TOTAL DEDUCTION			TOTAL DEDUCTION			TOTAL DEDUCTION			



NEWSLETTER

Volume II Issue 6

July 1980

Editor: Gary L. Davis

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: I've been re-reading a delightful book, Motor Car Lover's Companion, edited by Richard Hough. An article in the "turn of the century" section really knocked me out because it is an absolutely fresh description of the sensations of top-down motor touring. The ecstasy of speed, power, and being one up on the Romans; at speed, the wind taking on the properties that a swimmer feels with water; the scents and fragrances along the road that blur into a mixture never before experienced; the alertness and awareness that speed makes a necessity; the undulating changes of temperature down hills and through woods, were all incredibly new experiences to people 70 to 80 years ago. Sadly, they are nearly forgotten or never experienced by 1980's man as he encapsulates himself in his fail-safe, over legislated and restricted, climate controlled cocoon, so lacking in originality that it's moniker is "World Car". Man has paid a high price for efficient personal transportation - it's no longer fun.

But we "Fortunates" have recourse. The next time you're in the TR, find a country lane or an old highway. The "getting there" can be most of the fun!

Put a Triumph in your day!

Paul McBride, Director

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 13 - Sunday - Swim Party. Bob and Esther White have invited everyone to their home for a cooling off party. I'm sure they couldn't have picked a better time. We will meet at their home at 8525 Metcalf at 4:00p.m. Bob and Esther will supply wine and the club will furnish beer and soft drinks. Everyone is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre dish. Bring out your speciality so everyone can enjoy it. We would like to see those Triumphs parked in the drive, but if not, come anyway.

August 14 - 17 - Vintage Triumph Register National Convention in Ottawa, Illinois. This meet is being held in conjunction with the Illinois Sports Owners Association and the Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club and is a part of the yearly North America Triumph Challenge V. No one should discount the importance

of the national meet. Not only will it draw the top cars from many states, but also a really great group of Triumph enthusiasts. There is a good possibility the national may be on the east or west coast next year so don't pass up this opportunity. Contact Paul or Gary if you want to get together with us about reservations or driving up together.

FUTURE EVENTS: Remember to mark your calendars.

September 21 - Sunday - Fall Rally. This will be a local event and we hope to make the best of the fall tree colors.

November 15 - Saturday - End of Season Dinner Party. We are looking for a place to have the dinner this year. Anyone who has a suggestion call Paul or Gary. We need a separate room so we can show some slides or a film.

PAST EVENTS REPORT: Sports Car Concours - The first K.C. Triumphs Concours witnessed the largest turn out of Triumphs for a single event since our organizational picnic. Fifteen TR's (2,3,3A,3B,4,4A,5, 250, 6) and a 2000 Salon made an impressive sight nestled among the Jaguars, T-Birds, Corvettes, Panteras, M.G.'s and Rolls-Royce's. A special thanks to the judges who volunteered for what turned out to be a difficult job. Results:

Class I: Bob White, Robbie White and Rick Torres

Class II: Gary Horner, Craig Simon and Richard Peak

Class III: Mark Harter, Brent Harrison, and Rick Torres

Ozarks Tour: Six TR's and thirteen hardy souls assembled on a cool (would you believe it!) morning and headed for the back roads. Despite some car trouble, which lowered the average speed, we had some impressively fast motoring over the Ozarkian hills and curves. Soon after arriving at the motel all assembled pool-side to rinse away the road dust. Cocktails followed at Tan-Tara. A late evening unique dining experience and a party in the director's room concluded the day. Following a late breakfast, we began the journey home over an entirely different route. If you have not experienced the Ozarks in a Triumph with K.C. Triumphs (and most of you have not) we think you would find it to be a delightful change of pace. Plan on it next year.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Glenn Howell, publicity manager for the Triumph Sports Owners Association has sent us a letter and flyer detailing the factory rebate plan for new Spitfires (\$500.00) and Tr7's (\$1000.00). Now might be the time to buy if you have been wanting a "new one". The rebate covers all convertibles except the soon-to-be-announced TR7 Spider. Sales are obviously way off and British Leyland lost 144 million pounds in 1979. The company still supports TSOA and

and offers tankard trophies for club events.

TECHNICAL REPORT: Little Known Production Line Changes - TR3 (TS 8637 - TS 22013)
and early TR3A.

TS15601 - Separate rear turn indicator lights.
Stop - tail light function combined.

TS 17341 - Front parking and turn indicator flat lens changed to familiar
concical.

TS 22014 - (TR3A) Different hand crank

TS 22530 - (very early 3A) Change in front fenders.

TS 28825 - Last of the wedge type side curtains

Original Spare Parts Book offers Vynide or leather interior trim.

WANT ADS: Triumph 1963 TR4 - attractive well restored example, signal red, Pirellis,
\$2850, Jerry Witherspoon, 229-3554.

For Sale: TR4/Spitfire windshield washer plunger; 2 TR Globe hubcap medallions;
TR3 Speedo cable (Stand. trans.); 5 TR3 Disc wheels; TR3 Amco threshold plates;
TR3 small mouth front apron; AM radio (from Capri). Call Paul McBride, 334-6615.

Remember all members are invited to advertise free of charge in the newsletter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE: The board of directors held a meeting on July 3 and came to
a couple of decisions concerning our organization. We have elected to have wind-
shield decals made for our group. These will be furnished to each member as a
part of their regular dues. We have also decided to issue membership cards to
members each year in order to help remind them of their renewal date.

V.T.R. REPORT: Just in case any faithful members missed it, Volume 26 of T.V.T. came
out in June. If you did not receive your copy, try writing Vintage Triumph
Register, P.O. Box 36477, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236. The news is that dues
will go to \$15.00 per year in the future. I would like to remind everyone that
they are to receive six issues of the T.V.T. before you have to renew your
membership. I think we are all a little disappointed that the first issue since
last years national meet does not include a write up or pictures of the event.
Let's all hope and work towards the V.T.R. getting back on its feet next year.
We hope to get some questions answered at the national meet this year and should
have a good report of the meet and national organization for the September issue
of our newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Please take a close look at the new directory and welcome the
newest members - Jack Swafford Jim Mitchell
 Steve Johnson R.G. Norfleet

EDITOR'S REPORT: As you can see our membership has grown substantially the last six months. We now have ten more members than last January and I feel this is a good sign for our organization. I think another sign that should follow would be larger numbers of members at our functions. We certainly had a great turnout of cars and members at the Concours and we hope it will be even more successful next year. The thing that Paul, Rick and I are really striving for is better attendance at our own functions. There seems to be five major road blocks to achieving this;

1. The old Triumph isn't ready for an outing. The family sedan will always do, we are looking for enthusiasts not numbers of cars.
2. Your TR isn't 100% restored - none are perfect, they are just in different stages good or bad. If you enjoy the special feel of motoring in a TR, that's all you need.
3. Forgetting about the event - marking a calendar is the best and most reliable, also the calling committee should be a big help.
4. Conflicts - we can only hope they don't come up every month, we hope the full year calendar will help.
5. You don't know anyone else in the group, the only solution is to get out and join in the fun.

See you at the next event!

-Gary-

ON THE LIGHT SIDE: (Author unknown) The True Triumph Believer vs. The Non-Committed

I have discovered that within a relatively short time it is possible to discern the true fans of Triumphs from disinterested parties if the following criteria are used:

1. When entering a concours arena, the true believer will face the autos and say "Look at those beauties." The non believer will make the same remark while viewing the onlookers.
2. When the word "Triumph" is heard, the committed is referring to his auto, not last Saturday night's date.
3. At the judges' request to "Show your boots" the poor unsuspecting will raise his trouser legs.
4. An unsuspecting novice may mistake the term "chicken bar" as a reference to visiting the Colonel.
5. When the rally cry "Wheels Up" is heard resounding through the air, the true believers will head toward their steering wheels, the faint of heart will get their jack handles from their boots.