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Membership Soars -

March saw the membership of the TSOA almost doubled. In fact, it increased more than 80 per cent during that one month. We would, of course, like to see every owner of a TR2 as a member of the TSOA. So if you know of anyone who hasn't joined, talk to him about it. The membership increased so rapidly that we have temporarily exhausted our supply of car badges and owner handbooks. More are on their way, so if you haven't received yours to date, we will be sending it on to you shortly.

Adirondack Mountain Tour -

The Sports Car Club of Rome (New York State, that is), is sponsoring an Adirondack Mountain Tour, June 18th and 19th. They will accept three TR2 entries as a TSOA Club Team. If you would be interested in entering as a member of the Club Team, we would like to hear from you and will send you complete information on the Tour. Speaking of tours, if you know of a competition that is coming up and give us enough advance notice, we will publish it here in order to increase the number of TR2's in your local event. The more TR2's that are seen, the stronger we'll grow and the better the TSOA will be.

Sports Car Clubs -

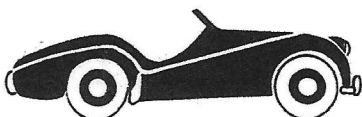
If you belong to a sports car club (or clubs), drop us a line and let us know about them. We have a supply of films and other materials which we regularly loan to sports car clubs for their own showings. If you will let us know the name and address of the officers concerned, we will put them on our information mailing list.

Poll Rolls Along -

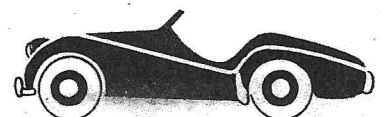
Many TR2 owners received a questionnaire in the mail asking for opinions on various points of the TR2. We sincerely appreciate the time those who received it took to fill it out. The poll is almost finished and we hope to be able to give you the run-down on it in the May issue. We also appreciated the humor included in the answers and we'll pass it along from time to time. One TR2 enthusiast in San Francisco, in answering the question "Do you know of anyone who would like a demonstration in a TR2?", retorted, "I would give him the ride of his dull little life...and do!" We can almost hear the exhaust roar from here.

The Club House For Clubs Without A Club House -

There is quite an establishment out on Long Island known as Bella Vista (or BV) run by two sports car enthusiasts, John Buzzetta and Gene Semprini. The BV boasts a giant Badge Bar which has more than 50 club badges from all over the world. Both John and Gene are honorary members of the TSOA, and the TSOA badge hangs proudly with the others. The BV also has some imported records of hill climbs and exhaust noises (for music lovers) and some 250 pictures of sports cars, events, etc., plus a bulletin board filled with club news, and other sports car reading material. Stop in if you're in the vicinity.



It's A Triumph!



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Owner Handbooks -

You will note that in your owner handbook there is a request to send competition results, pictures, etc., to Coventry. Please send all of this material to this office as it is headquarters for all members of the TSOA in the United States. We will also act as a clearing house for information for you and we hope that, with your cooperation, the TSOA will be of real help to you.

Victory In Illinois -

We have a report from Illinois on the Concour held in Champagne under the auspices of the Central Illinois Region of the SCCA. Two TR2's, belonging to Hilton Jones and William Doty, and a Doretti owned by Jack Furst, carried off three ribbons in Class E. Congratulations!

Regional Rumbblings -

We have had several letters from TSOA members asking us for a list of other members in their vicinities. They hope to start a nucleus of TSOA enthusiasts who want to start a local chapter of the TSOA. We are more than happy to furnish this information to members and will assist you in every possible way if you want to get a chapter moving.

New Mexico News -

We are happy to have a highly successful and popular disc jockey in Albuquerque as one of our most enthusiastic TSOA members. Jonny Griswold has a 2½ hour disc jockey show in the mornings on KOB, 770 on your dial, which can be heard in 22 states. In addition, Jonny has a TV show in the evening on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Called the Jonny "G" show (channel 4), Jonny gives a lot of conversation over to his TR2, so if you're in the area, give a listen. Jonny reports he is a "rapid" Triumph owner - and so is his wife Shirley. Jonny is a member of the Albuquerque Sports Car Club and is looking for more TR2 members.

Lost And Not Yet Found -

There are about three hundred TR2 owners around the country whose names are not in our files. We are, therefore, unable to let them know about the TSOA and invite them to become members. If you know of any owners who have not heard from us, have them drop us a line. There are also a few members who have moved and left no forwarding address, so we will publish their names from time to time to see if you know of any of them. Not lost but unidentified - at the risk of spoiling a story before we have a chance to print it, we're looking for the TSOA'ers who own a 70 lb. collie. We hope they will let us know who they are.

Parts And Service -

There is good news for Triumph owners who are planning on touring the country this summer as well as for those who plan on remaining around home. South Eastern Motors, Inc., distributors East of the Mississippi say, "We are determined to provide the finest foreign car parts service available in America. We realize that parts service has been inadequate in the East and we are intensifying every effort to immediately correct this situation." Cal Sales, Inc., distributor West of the Mississippi says, "Because parts and service have always been of uppermost importance, we would like to say that we will continue to do our utmost to provide all Triumph owners with the best possible service and parts facilities."