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## TSOA CONGRATULATES THE ROGANS

### TOP TRIUMPH COUPLE

For three years, Kent Rogan had wanted to get a sports car, but his wife, Lois, thought it was absolutely ridiculous. She finally gave in and told him to go ahead and buy the "darned thing" and get it out of his system. So it was that they got their first sports car, a TR-3, in January 1960. After she drove it for the first time, he realized he had made a mistake. He should have bought a "HIS" and a "HERS."

This pair of TR-3 enthusiasts have had their TR-3 for two and a half years, during which time they have accumulated over fifty rally, gymkhana and hill climb trophies. They got off to a good start by bringing home 2nd place novice trophies on the first rally they ran in April of 1960. Since that time, they have taken home driver and navigator trophies in 24 out of the 38 rallies they have entered. In May of this year they started competing in gymkhanas and out of the six they have entered, Kent has taken home 4 trophies (2 firsts in class and overall and 2 seconds in class). Lois has won 5 trophies (4 firsts and 1 second in the Ladies Class). In the two hill climbs Lois has entered, she has placed second and third in the Ladies Class. Kent's four attempts at the hill climb have not proved to be quite as successful, for each time, he has been beaten by fellow Tejas Triumph Sports Car Club members.

Their greatest achievement, to date, came on August 11, 1962, when they won 5 trophies at the Motor Rodeo in Beaumont, Texas. They took first place driver and navigator trophies in the 4 hour morning rally and in the afternoon gymkhana, Lois took first in the Ladies Class. Kent took second in the E Production Class plus the overall trophy for the best performance of the day (combined Rally and Gymkhana).

Not only have they been busy competing in events, but those that they have not entered, they have worked. During the past year they have organized one 12 hour night rally and four afternoon rallies. They were rewarded for their efforts by receiving a trophy for the Best Rally of the Year for their 12 hour night rally.

Lois and Kent were among the original organizers of the Houston, Texas chapter of TSOA, the Tejas Triumph Sports Car Club. Last year Kent served as Vice President and Lois as Recording Secretary. This year, Kent is President and Lois is on the Board of Directors. The club's record in events is envious. At each of the last two hill climbs, the members of their club have brought home the Fastest TR trophy, 1st and 3rd in E Production and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Ladies Class. More recently, at a gymkhana in Austin, out of the six members entered (TR-3's and a Herald), they won 3 1st in class trophies and one 2nd.



*Kent and Lois Rogan, in front of Southwestern Triumph, Inc., stand with their Triumph and trophies won in the past two and a half years.*

The Rogan's attribute a large portion of the success they have had to the ruggedness and dependability of the TR-3. They always keep their car in a good state of repair and owe a great deal of thanks to Southwestern Triumph, Inc. of Houston for the availability of parts and their dependable and expert service. Of all the events they have entered, the Rogans have never had a DNF. For instance, at a recent 12 hour night rally, they got 22 miles off course and because of the snappy performance of their TR-3 they were able to recover and finish in third place.

It might also be noted that they rallied for two years with the stock odometer, against top notch area rally teams using dual electric odometers, which bears testimony to the accuracy and dependability of the TR odometer.

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The Rogans have taken two trips in their TR-3. One was a camping trip to the Big Bend National Park, which found them exploring ghost towns in the middle of the desert. In order to reach these desolate areas they had to leave the road and travel across rugged terrain in temperatures of 100 degrees plus. Never once did their TR-3 falter. More recently they made a 3,000 mile trip through 12 states from Houston through the Smokies and Cumberland Mountains to Indianapolis for the 500 and then back to Houston through the Ozarks in only 8 days.

Their TR-3 now has almost 55,000 miles on it and has needed little repair, other than general maintenance. They are now contemplating building the car up for racing and adding another Triumph to the family to be used for rallying and other competition. Whether their new car will be a TR-3B or a TR-4 has yet to be decided.

Jim Binford

### TRIUMPH WORKS ENTRY IN LIEGE-SOFIA-LIEGE RALLY

Three Triumph TR-4 sports cars are being entered as the official team of Standard-Triumph International, Ltd., in the 32nd Liege-Sofia-Liege Marathon Rally which starts on August 29th.

The TR-4's will be driven by John Sprinzel/Willy Cave (GB), and Mike Sutcliffe/Roy Fidler (GB), Jean-Jacques Thuner/John Gretener (Switzerland).

The Triumph Works Team, after recent successes in the Alpine Rally, will be competing in the over 2000 cc class for GT cars. This rally is over 200 miles of some of the worst roads in Europe.

Previous Triumph successes in the great Belgian rally include 2 class wins, 3 class seconds, 1 first British entrant and 3rd Overall, a Manufacturers' Team Prize and a Coupe des Dames.

### FIRST WIN FOR NEW SPORTS SIX

We didn't even know any had been sold yet!

A new Triumph Sports Six has scored its first competition victory. With just 502 miles on the speedometer, Ken Wall entered his Sports Six in the Valley Sports Car Club's Turbulent Gymkhana in Davenport, Iowa. Ken and his "Family Sports Car" defeated the field by nine seconds.

Ken reports that for speed limit cruising, economy (30 miles per gallon), gymkhanas and rallies, as well as for family transportation, the new Triumph Sports Six is the only answer.

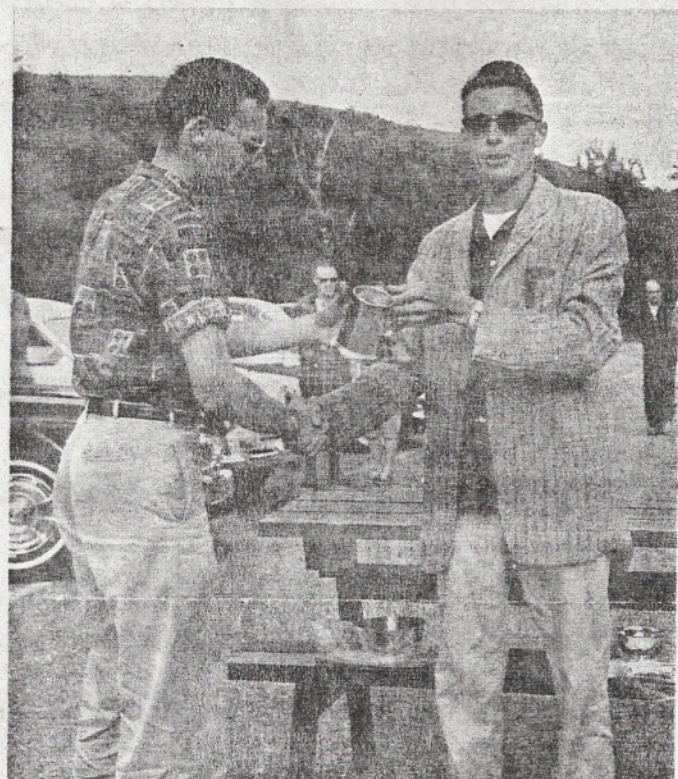
This is the first proof of the potential of the Sports Six, the ideal "Family Sports Car." Don't fail to see your dealer for a demonstration drive. The Sports Six is one car that must be driven to appreciate its performance. Try one today!

### TRIUMPH WINS THREE FIRST PLACES

Anthony Mannino of Daytona Beach took three first places in the SCCA Divisional races at Pensacola recently.

Mannino took a second on Saturday in his TR-3A, set up by Daytonan Bill Cannons. He came back on Sunday to score three firsts in Class EP and duplicated his feat of three weeks ago in the Sebring SCCA races.

Mannino is entered at the Daytona International Speedway for the SCCA races on Sept. 1-2.



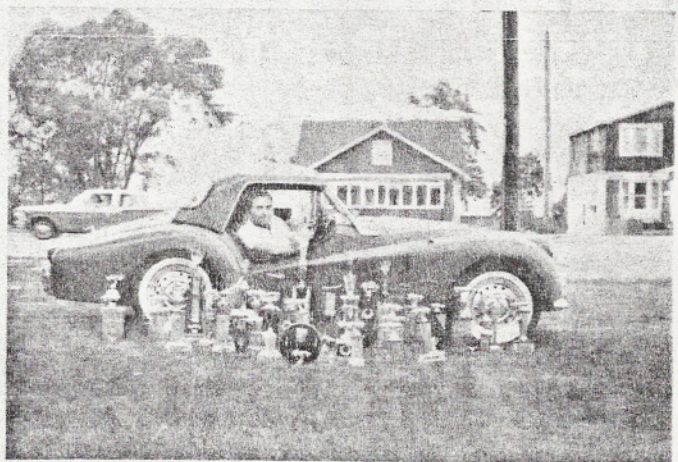
Robert Barry of Burlington, Vermont, won the Triumph award and 3rd Overall at the 1962 SCCV-Stowe Sports Car Rally and Gymkhana.

### EVENTS PUBLICITY

The Washington, D. C., area has a unique service to keep sports car enthusiasts informed of events results and upcoming activities.

An answering service (AD 2-2150) provides this information. If your area is large enough and has several clubs sponsoring frequent events, why not get together, pool a small fund for the purpose and hire an answering service to do the job. A permanent number could be easily publicized and the results should be more entries at all events.

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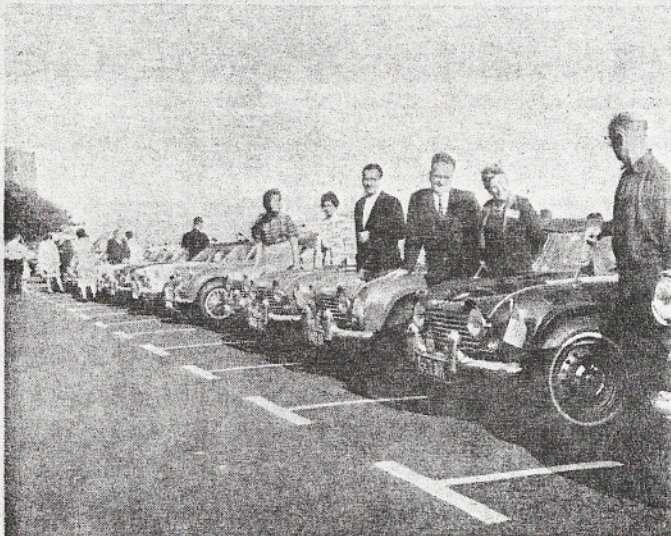


This stock TR-3, driven by owner Frank Sainato, in drag racing in 1961 won 45 first places in 48 races, 6 Championships with a best 1/4 mile time of 16.81 seconds at 83.16 mph. After 48 races with an average of 5 runs per race, the TR-3 engine has never required any parts, has never had a failure, just routine maintenance.





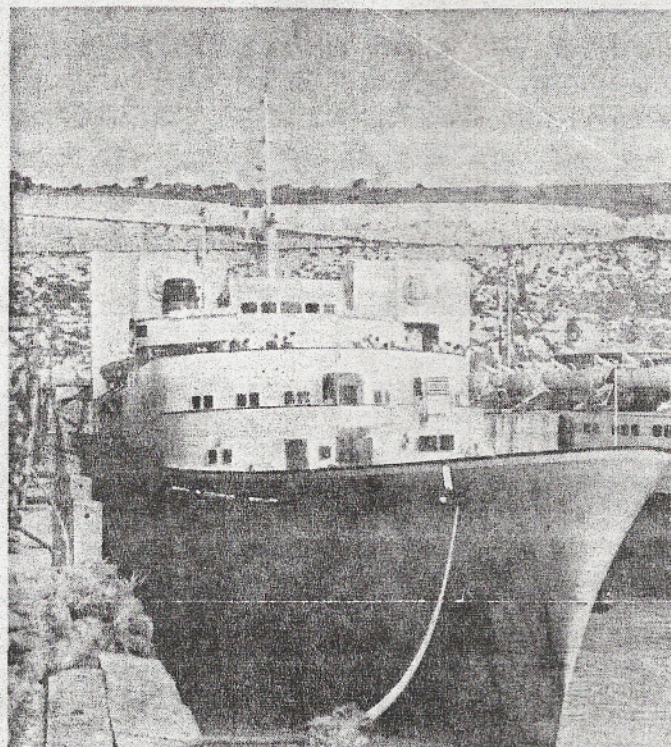
*Off to Europe for a month of fun. The TSOA Rally group assembled at their Air India flight, just before taking off for their month long tour of Europe.*



*TSOA European Rallyists line up by their new Triumphs before starting out on their first day's drive.*



*Al Burns, TSOA's Rally Host, clowns a bit as he leads off in a new Triumph Sports Six. His passenger is a representative of British Petroleum, suppliers of the fuel for the trip.*



*The first big step to the continent. TSOA Rally cars and owners crossed the English Channel on this modern ferry. The white cliffs of Dover are in the background.*

## SERVICE HINTS

### *Triumph 1200 Steering "Knock."*

A number of complaints of "knock" from the rack and pinion on 1200 models have been reported in the past. In the majority of cases, this can be corrected by adjustment only.

Investigation has revealed that the rack thrust pad settles during the first 500 to 600 miles but this does not continue with additional mileage.

The adjustment is very simple and takes only a few minutes to accomplish. Unscrew the Hexagon cap on top of the rack and remove one .004" shim. The same result can be achieved by removing one .010" shim and replacing it with two thinner ones of .004" and .002" thickness. In either case, the end result reduces the total shim thickness by .004".

Although no cases of "knock" have been reported on the TR-4, the same remedy can be applied.

### *TR-4 Top Folding Procedure, suggested by Lt. L. R. Volpicelli, Murfreesboro, Tenn.*

When folding your T-4 top for storage in the trunk, fold it backwards, keeping the windshield gasket away from the rear plastic window. If the top is not folded carefully, the rear window may get chafed and scratched.

### *TR-4 Drive Shaft Grease Fitting*

The grease fitting for the front universal joint spline on the TR-4 drive shaft has been revised from a straight fitting to a 45 degree angle fitting. If you or your mechanic have trouble lubricating the older straight fitting, it should be replaced with an Alemite fitting #1637B.



## BOB COLE, TR-4, WINS AT COTATI

Bob Cole of Palo Alto, won the Class EP race at Cotati, California recently. The Triumph was prepared by Don Hampton's Triumph dealership in Palo Alto. The car was completely set up with all the available racing options and the engine was modified according to R. W. Kastner's Competition Preparation booklet, available from TSOA.

Cole and his TR-4 had faster times than the winners in Class B and C. He won his race by 27 seconds over a Lotus Elite that has been undefeated for the past year. He set a lap record of 1:37.8 for the 1.9 mile track and on the short straightaway, recorded the best top speed of 105.1 mph.

## COMPETITION PREPARATION BOOKLET

Many people have written TSOA, congratulating us on the very helpful Competition Preparation booklet that is being sold for \$1.00. This booklet is an absolute "must" for the proper modification of any TR-3 or TR-4. It can be of value to all owners interested in fine tuning their cars whether or not they race. The valve modification drawing and instructions show how your engine can be easily modified for more performance when the head is removed for that next valve job.

The Booklet is filled with valuable hints, tips and instructions and is to be used in conjunction with the Factory Service Manual that is expected to be available sometime in September. Order your copy today from TSOA for \$1.00. Write: TSOA, Box 3273, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N. Y.

## TRIUMPH ASSISTANCE RACE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 1-2-3	SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.
SEPTEMBER 1-2-3	THOMPSON, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 1-2	DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 1-2	MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 8-9	ROAD AMERICA, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 15-16	COURTLAND, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 21-22	WATKINS GLEN, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 22-23	RENO, NEVADA
SEPTEMBER 28-29-30	FORT WORTH, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 29-30	MEADOWDALE, ILLINOIS

## TRIUMPH ASSISTANCE RACE RESULTS

CDR, DENVER, COLORADO, JULY 14-15

1st TR-4 — G. W. Kurland

SEBRING, FLORIDA, JULY 28-29

1st TR-3 — A. V. Mannino

2nd TR-4 — D. E. Kearney

MEADOWDALE, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 4-5

1st TR-4 — Bruce Kellner (1st OA)

2nd TR-4 — Bob Tullius (2nd OA)

3rd TR-4 — Jim Spencer

OPELOUSA, LOUISIANA, AUGUST 4-5

1st TR-3 — W. R. Bagby

2nd TR-3 — J. Lynn Harden

3rd TR-4 — J. B. Cranford

PORTLAND, OREGON, AUGUST 19

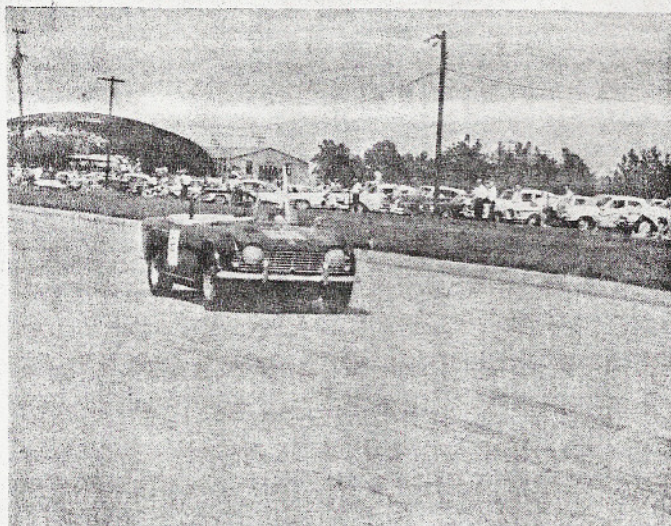
1st TR-4 — Bob Fletcher

CONNELLSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 25-26

1st TR-4 — Ed Diehl (1st OA)

2nd TR-4 — Carl Ramsey

3rd TR-3 — Norman Rosengarten



*Elliot Robinson takes his victory lap after winning the Novice Race at the Walterboro SCCA Divisionals in July.*

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Frequently we get letters inquiring about the cost of placing a classified ad in the TSOA NEWSLETTER. This is a free service to members. TSOA is glad to advertise anything concerning Triumphs or that will be of value to the members.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED:** Right-Hand drive TR-3 in good condition. State details and price to: William Cannell, 61 South State Street, Hackensack, N. J. Phone: 201 HU 9-9651.

**FOR SALE:** Like new ski rack for TR-3. One pair of Lucas slim "Ranger" driving lights. Contact: R. S. Barreto, 16 Brae Road, Fairhaven, Mass.

**WANTED:** New or used TR-3 Shop Manual. Contact: Warren D. Arndt, 2796 Marion St., St. Paul 17, Minn.

**FOR SALE:** 1960 TR-3, white with black interior, hardtop and soft top, radio/heater w/w tires, 22,000 miles. Best offer over \$1400. Contact: John Weil, 415 Lexington Avenue, New York. Phone: TN 7-2498.

**FOR SALE:** 1962 TR-3A. Red w/Black interior, wire wheels and white wall tires, 6,000 miles, \$2000. Contact: T. Fitzhenry, 21-15 79th Street, Jackson Heights 70, N. Y.

**FOR SALE:** Wanted one used head for TR-3. Will sell or trade 12 volt, hot ground Motorola transistor radio with antenna. Contact: L. W. Snyder, 14561 Plainview, Detroit 23, Michigan. Phone: KE 1-8639.

**FOR SALE:** 1959 TR-3, 2139cc full competition engine, balanced. All suspension options and safety equipment. Many spares including wheels and Michelins. Few races, very fast, never bent. Family addition necessitates sale. \$1500. Contact: Armand Breard, 408 Eason Place, Monroe, Louisiana.

## TSOA SUPERMARKET

TSOA Handbook	\$1.00
"Please Don't Dent Me" cards	\$1.00/100
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List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors	FREE
STAA Badge	\$1.50
Replacement TSOA Badge	\$1.00
Standard Triumph Review Subscription	\$2.50/year
Competition Preparation Booklet	\$1.00

Send Check or Money Order. No C.O.D.'s please.

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