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*Action at Daytona*

**Season's Greetings**



# American Road Race of Ch

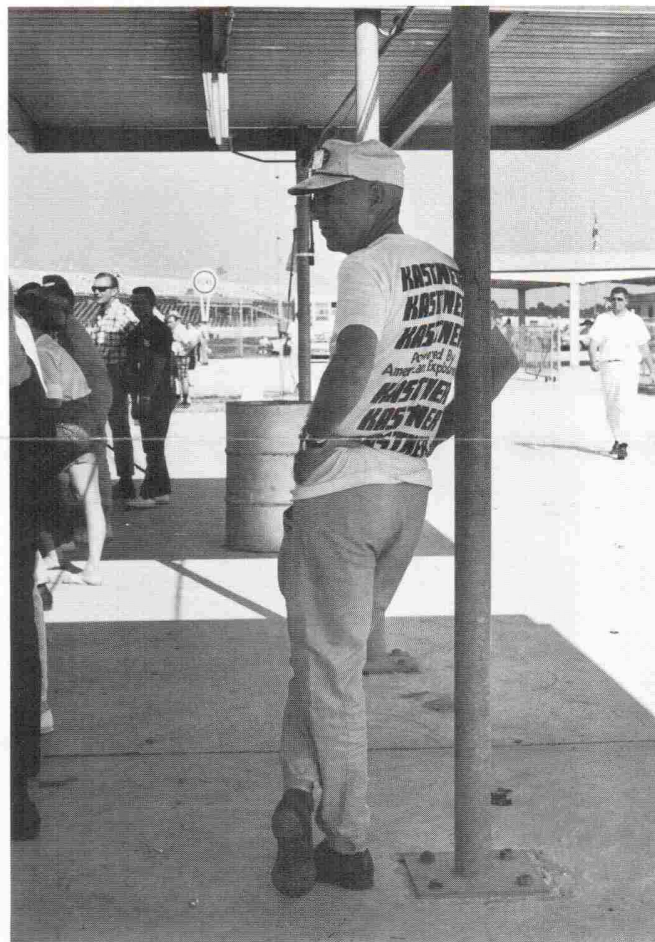
They came from all over the country . . . from every one of the Sports Car Clubs of America's Six Divisions — the Northeast, Southeast, Central, Midwest, Southwest and Pacific Coast — the cream of Triumph's driving talent . . . some had towed their cars incredible distances through rain-storms, high winds . . . over unfamiliar highways that led to Daytona for the 'big one' . . . the 1965 American Road Race of Champions. . . . Is there any other amateur sport where the participants spend so much in time and money . . . just to be a participant . . . to achieve perhaps a brief moment of glory, or taste the bitterness of disappointment . . . ? Imagine if you will loading your expensive, carefully-prepared sports car on the trailer . . . it's a good car . . . you've won quite a few races with it this past season . . . you've both had a good season. . . . You slip behind the wheel of your tow-car . . . your wife is coming with you this time . . . she's only managed to 'catch your act' three or four times this season what with the kids and all. . . .

Slowly you pull out of your driveway knowing that between you and the 'big one' . . . just to make it to the '65 ARRC is a little matter of 2,800 miles . . . two-thousand-eight-hundred-miles . . . a long, long trip . . . but worth it . . . you hope. . . .

Driving along familiar roads that slowly become less and less familiar, getting nearer to your appointed destination, you reflect on the past season . . . the races you won . . . the races you could have won if only . . . and the couple of DNF's . . . no matter for what reason, a DNF is the ultimate disappointment. . . .

The events of the past season kaleidoscope through your mind, a season in which you emerged one of the best drivers in your Class . . . you qualified for the American Road Race of Champions . . . even the name of the event acts on you like a clarion call. . . .

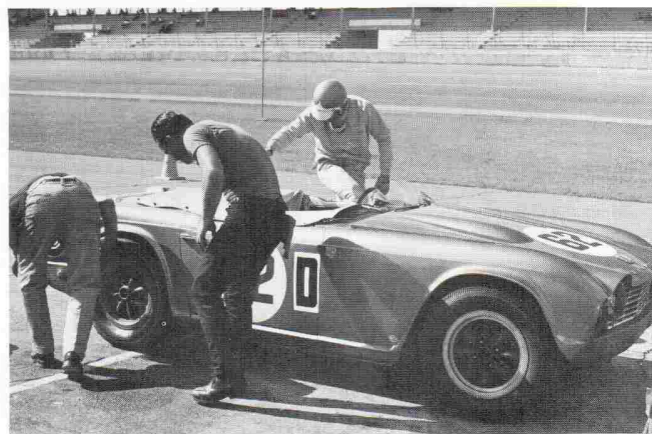
You are determined to give of your best at Daytona . . . which by now is only 2,400 miles in front of your rain-spattered windshield. . . .



And Lee Herbert is also blessed with a fine sense of humor . . . he had these T-shirts specially made for the California contingent . . . as a refreshing change from COBRA COBRA COBRA Powered By You-Know-Who . . . we have KASTNER KASTNER KASTNER Powered By American Explosives . . . Lee works for American Explosives . . . that's Charlie Gates assisting the pit super-structure. . . .



Practice is the time for testing and re-evaluating. . . . 'Kas' Kastner, Triumph's Competitions Manager adjusts the Webers on the TR-4A while Charlie Gates waits patiently . . . and so does Lee Herbert in his TR-4 while Bob Avery from Triumph's Competition Department changes a wheel.

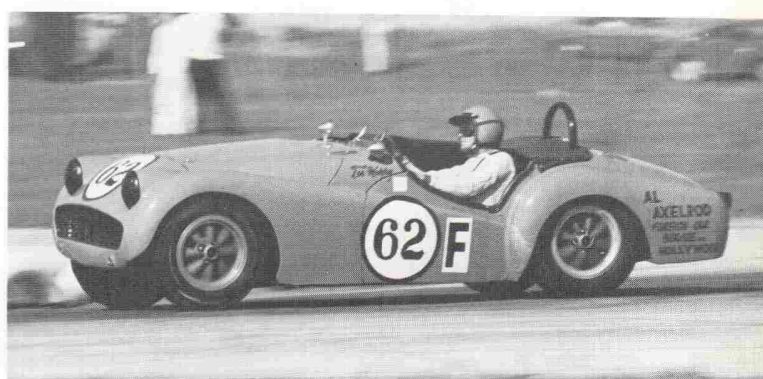
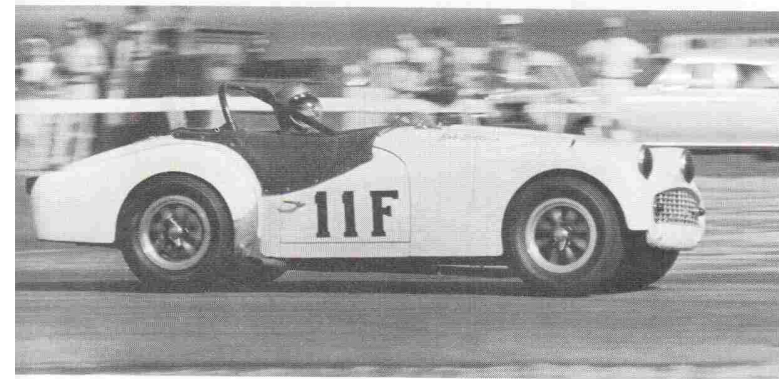
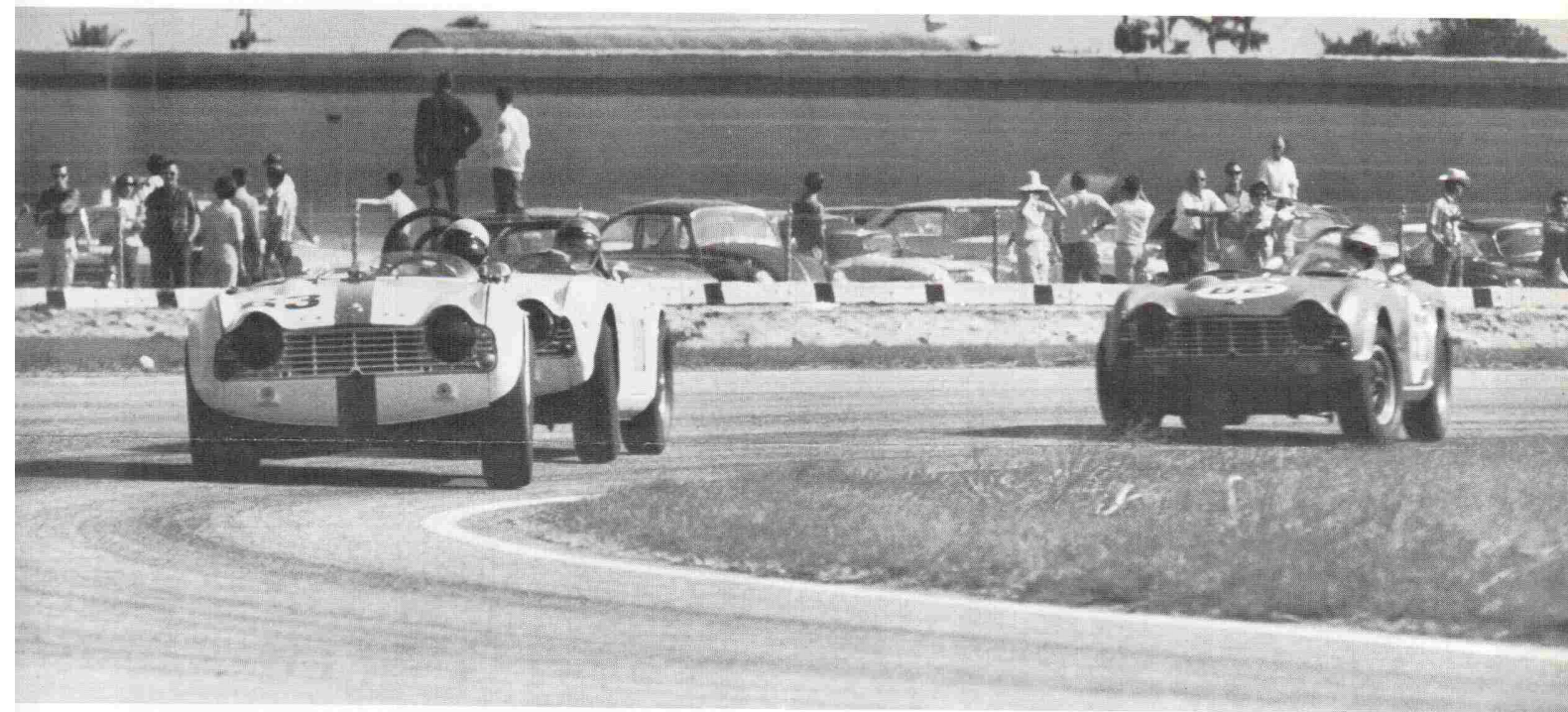


Even during practice there was lots of action. Al Freudenberg, Parts Manager at Leyland-Triumph's San Francisco facility checks the rear tire . . . John Leyland from Cal-Auto looks on, while Steve Froines checks his shoe. . . . ? The beautiful TR-4 is owned by Cal-Auto and John is the fine mechanic. Steve just drives. . . .



# Champions at Daytona

TSOA Staff Photos



The C and D Production race was THE race of the weekend . . . in DP the lead changed dozens of times but was always held by a TR-4. Dick Stockton led for a while, then Lee Herbert, then Bob Tullius, then Herbert again, then Tullius, then Steve Froines . . . the cars looked as if they were tied together with string. Finally it was Steve by a tenth-of-a-second over Bob Tullius, with Lee Herbert third. In the photo Lee leads Bob with Steve trying real hard! Man-oh-man! What a race that was. . . .

On the left Group 44's Brian Fuerstenau . . . on the right California's Lee Midgley . . . they finished first and second in F Production. Lee's car is an original TR-2 and goes like you-know-what. The Fuerstenau mount is Bob Tullius' TR-3 which got him through SCCA Driver's School not too many moons ago. The resurgence of the TR-3 in competition is with us!

And this dear reader is Charlie Gates in the Kastner-prepared, ridiculously quick TR-4A. Charlie capped a magnificent season by winning the D Modified Championship at the American Road Race of Champions, lapping the second-place D Mod car . . . twice! The second-place car was a Maserati-Ferrari. It's almost embarrassing to talk about it . . . almost!



# This and That...

Thought we'd start this month with a rundown of Triumph's successes at the 1965 American Road Race of Champions. D Production was all Triumph with the TR-4's of Steve Froines, Bob Tullius, Lee Herbert and Dick Stockton taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th respectively . . . and if we ever witness a finer race we'll be surprised. In F Production Group 44's Brian Fuerstenau took top honors in his TR-3: in 2nd place was Lee Midgley in his TR-2. In D Modified it was 'Charlie's Day' . . . Charlie Gates bringing the TR-4A with optional IRS into a solid 1st place. And finally, the Group 44 SPITFIRE well-driven by Dick Gilmartin finished 4th in G Production. Unquestionably, a good weekend for Triumph, postscript to a year of consistent successes all over the country for Triumph drivers.

Taking an enthusiastic interest in the proceeding at Daytona — with a particularly keen eye open for the 20-odd Triumph drivers who were competing — was the Andrews' family. . . . Chris Andrews, President of Standard-Triumph Motor Company, Inc., his charming wife Edna and attractive daughter Pamela. That's 'Mr. C' with Pamela in the photo.

We've taken delivery of our new 2000 Sedan . . . and we're delighted with the car. If you're considering the purchase of a family-sized, luxury sedan, go take a test-drive at your local Triumph Dealer's. We wager you'll be very pleasantly surprised with the finish, handling and performance.

We were fortunate in meeting Bill Gay, Editor and Publisher of SOUTHWEST RACING NEWS while at Daytona. It's our opinion Bill puts out an excellent publication, providing fine coverage of National events with particular emphasis on the Southwest. If you live in that part of the country, and you want to keep up-to-date with all aspects of the sport, write to Bill at P.O. Box 333, Garland, Texas for a subscription.

Well that's about it . . . for the year! Nineteen-sixty-five has been a good year for us . . . we hope it's been a good year for you. Here's to nineteen-sixty-six . . . and with money (*the spending thereof*) being very much on people's minds this time of the year, we're reminded of a definition of 'happiness' we saw somewhere: "Happiness is when your bank manager (*who called you a couple of days ago to tell you you were overdrawn*) stands up at

an important meeting to make a speech (*to which you have to listen*) . . . and there's a split in his pants (*and he doesn't know it*).



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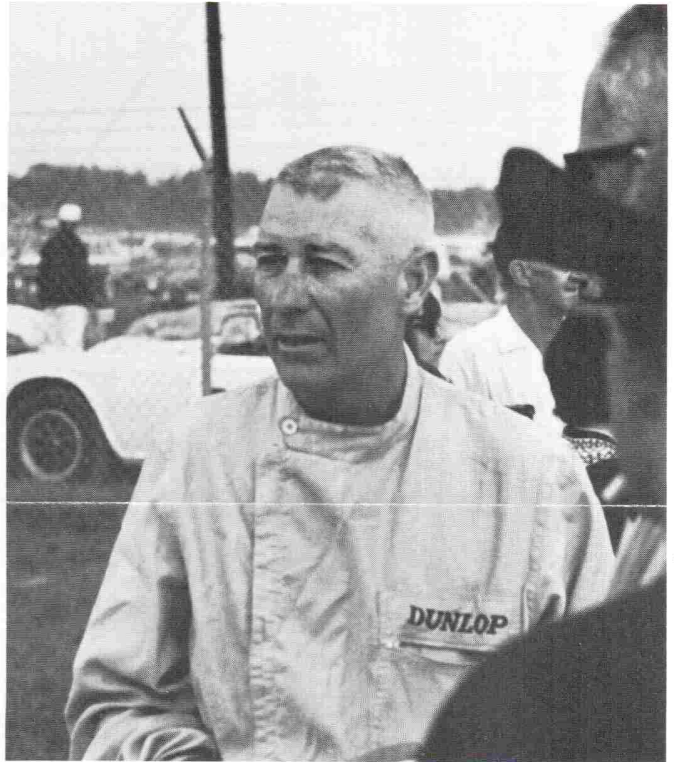
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One final . . . and we consider eloquent photo taken at this year's ARRC. After a season of early frustrations, bad luck, gremlins, back-to-the-drawing-board-and-start-all-over-again . . . and finally, success . . . after traveling right across the country from California to Daytona in Florida . . . after taking the car out to practice and turning lap times that didn't exactly inspire self-confidence . . . more tuning, improved lap times . . . yet more tuning . . . then race day and the patient waiting for your event . . . after that mad, hectic scramble at the start with the smell of burning rubber in your nostrils . . . after the forty-five-minute race which seemed like the time it takes to dispense with a couple of heart beats . . . it's all over and you've won!

Charlie Gates . . . the 1965 D Modified ARRC Champion . . . and more important as far as we're concerned . . . Triumph's 1965 D Modified Champion.

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