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TRIUMPH ON TV -

Terry Taylor, a most attractive Triumph expert in the Triumph showroom on Broadway in New York, recently appeared on the national TV show "To Tell The Truth". A new national CBS show called "Dotto" featured both the TR-3 and Sedan and the cars were awarded as grand prizes. Early in the month, the TR-3 appeared on Garroway's "Today" show (incidentally, Mr. G. is now the proud owner of a Triumph). Another national TV show "Treasure Hunt" was a spot for the TR-3, and it was won by a charming young housewife from Providence, R.I., on her 2nd wedding anniversary (good news for her husband who is a senior at Brown University). And on NBC, the TR-3 is one of the top prizes on "Truth Or Consequences".

EUROPEAN RALLY -

With the time getting closer and closer, the Rallies are becoming the talk of sports car people everywhere. We have just received the news that the West Coast plane leaving Los Angeles on May 2nd, will be a new BOAC turboprop Britannia - the fastest passenger plane in the sky!

GIRLS ONLY -

Lora Lee Peveler, $15009\frac{1}{4}$ Chadron, Gardena, California, would like to hear from other feminine Triumph owners in her vicinity.

FROM THE SOUTHEAST -

John Ovitt has written us a long letter about two great Triumph drivers, Bill Lott and Bill Kimberly, which proves that there are other things than satellites going on down there. Bill K. was the 1st Triumph across the line at Mansfield, La., races, 1st at Hammond, La., 1st at Ft. Pierce, 1st at Elkhart Lake, 1st in the six hour Collier Trophy race, and 2nd in the Nationals at Miami this month. Bill could not make the Gainesville Enoche (Cherokee for races) so Bill L. stepped in and was the 1st Triumph across the line and winner in Class D. production. They had been moved up to D with 100 M Healys and one 300 SL. Bill L. runs a length behind Bill K. in all races as this team puts on a real show as a racing duo.

INVITATION -

The Baltimore Region, Motor Sports Club of America, is holding its 4th Annual Chesapeake Trophy Rally on the 19th and 20th of April. It will be an Alpine type rally, starting and finishing in the general vicinity of Baltimore. Further information is available through Mrs. Grace Warner, Rally Chairman, 19 Cedar Ave., Towson 4, Md.

TARDY NEWS -

We've just been informed that the results of the Mt. Gabriel Hill Climb last October were as follows: lst - XKS, 2nd - XKS, 3rd - 120M, 4th - 120MS, 5th - TR-3!



It's A Triumph!



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STOP PRESS -

We held the NEWSLETTER so that we could get this latest news to you - The Monte Carlo Rally! Despite the worst weather in the history of this event, Triumph walked off with one lst, two 2nds and a 3rd. Two TR-3's and two sedans were entered and were among the 28 cars that finished out of a field of 343 starters. The TR-3 driven by M. Gatsonides and M. Becquart took lst place in Category 2 class 2 (1300 - 2000 cc.) and the TR-3 driven by P. Bolton and P. Craven took 3rd place. Gatsonides and Becquart were the only entry to start from The Hague to complete the race and they won 6th in the general classification to boot. The sedans walked off with 2nd places (under 1000 cc.). Again, Triumph has really proved itself in this great international event.

SEBRING -

Triumph will again enter three Triumphs in the Grand Tourissimo classification this year. The drivers will be Mike Rothschild and Harold Hurtley, Bob Oker and Bill Kimberly, and Jim Roberts and Lou Heuss. Ken Richardson will again come over from England to supervise the team and pit crew. We have it on reliable authority that one of our closest competitors has decided not to enter this 12 hour Grand Prix this year - wonder why. Last year Triumph took 1st and 2nd in Class 8 and finished ahead of every single imported sport car in the Grand Tourissimo classification. We only hope that this year Bob Oker won't feel compelled to beat his record non-stop driving marathon of 1l solid hours that amazed last year's crowd.

HERE AND THERE -

Hadn't heard from Roy Hicks since we saw him at Sebring last year but he now reports in saying his TR-2 is still going strong. He's driven it to Sebring, Watkins Glen, Elkhart and many regional events and out of 10 events entered, has picked up 3 lsts, 3 2nds, 2 3rds, last in class at Toledo time trials (wrong plugs, he says) and 1 flip at the Grand Rapids Hill Climb.

J. Leo Bourassa passes along some words of advice to TSOA'ers in the wintry sections - a 100 pound weight in the trunk is effective in keeping the car stable when bucking snow drifts and a skid plate will protect the radiator and oil pan from heavy snow conditions on the road. We join with him when he says to insist that all mechanics use the lubrication charts - especially when you are in a strange service garage.

And Burton Melchor III reports that in the Maple (N.C.) drag he took lst in A/SP class and lst in B/SP.

WANTED - Steel hardtop, any color. Peter G. Drake, 243 Main Ave., Long Beach 2, Calif.

WANTED - Beige rear seat in very good condition; will pay shipping charges. Gail Stroh, 413 Neff Road, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

LOCALS EVERYWHERE -

We'll get in as many as we can - more next month. Contact these people for more information: the largest group in the country is TROC in the Los Angeles area: Dick Taylor, 2814 Mansfield Dr., Burbank, (phone: TH 2-9205); The Triumph Sportscar Club, Douglas Cates, 5330 Cochin Ave., Arcadia, Calif. (2nd Wed. of the month); Orange County TSOA: Jim Lawson, 400 East First St., Santa Ana, Calif.; Washington, D.C. TSOA: Michael E. Stone, 1718 N. Veitch St., Arlington, Va., (2nd and 4th Thursdays); Atlanta, Ga.: Fred J. Brown, 2297 Cherry Blossom Dr., Atlanta 11; northern Ohio: John Marcus, c/o Fine Cars, 9216 Superior Ave., Cleveland 6; Monterey, Calif: Frank G. Geesaman, c/o Foreign Car Sales, 724 Abrego, Monterey; New York: Spencer Lane, 525 West 236th St., Riverdale 63, phone: Kingsbridge 3-0301.