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## RESUME FOR A CAR SALES“MAN”

Age: 21                                      Height: 5' 6"  
 Weight: 118                                Health: Excellent  
 Marital Status: Single                Measurements: Excellent  
 Sex: Female (definitely)

Would you buy your new car from this girl? She is Sharon Costine, 21, of Lakeland, Fla., who here demonstrates the sure-fire technique she's perfected for selling Triumph Spitfire sports cars at Ralph King Auto, a St. Petersburg, Fla., Triumph dealership. Sharon also has a degree in psychology from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. She shyly says that part of her success as a car sales-girl is due to that fact. "It helps me understand people's motives."



SHARON COSTINE

## IN FAVOR OF MARRIAGE

The day may soon be here when the judge who revokes a man's marital papers in a divorce court will also rip up his driver's license.

And the reason for this action against the much abused male driver is because a recent U.S. government study shows that the deadliest drivers in this country are divorced men.

According to the Public Service Division of British Leyland Motors Canada Limited, the report points out that auto fatalities for the period 1957 to 1967 averaged 25 per 100,000 population.

But the death rate in auto accidents for divorced men was 122 per 100,000. This is five times the average.

The report, says British Leyland, does seem coldly calculated to take a shot at the male. There isn't even a mention of the driving record of divorced women.

And if a man's world isn't bad enough the police department in Bay City, Michigan, now video tapes drunken drivers, a technique which has led to 51 consecutive convictions or guilty pleas over a 17-month period.

Police chief Leo Cardinal reports that a suspected drunken driver is put through a series of co-ordination tests before the camera at the police station.

These tapes, however, are destroyed after the evidence has been used. In other words a driver never need fear a wife saying to her children: "Gather around, we are going to have home movies and see your daddy trying to pick up a penny."

# THE RALLY SONG

Sung to tune of "The Yellow Rose of Texas"

words by DICK STROME

*reprinted from Triumph Tracker  
Triumph Touring Club of Rochester*

1. Remember days when rallies  
were simple and serene —  
You had a chance to cruise along  
and dig the local scene.  
When a slide rule and a stop watch  
equipped you for the worst  
and the guy who failed in grammar school  
could maybe finish first.
2. When directions were in English  
and computing was a joke  
When your wife could navigate the course  
and still have time to smoke.  
Well' those days are gone forever —  
It's a nightmare, not a dream —  
Instructions for the rally teams,  
Would make an Einstein scream.
3. For the pros are running rallies  
and to make it all worthwhile —  
They calculate the distances  
in millionths of a mile.  
You think that you have got it made  
when you're three seconds late —  
You find that you are 30th  
In a field of 28.
4. There's a Halda on your dashboard  
A Blackwell in the door,  
Minerva's on the clipboard,  
and a Curta on the floor.  
Your wife no longer rides with you —  
You kept her out by force.  
It doesn't build togetherness  
But it helps prevent divorce.
5. Now your present navigator  
is a real live PhD.  
He teaches calculus and stuff  
at a school called MIT.  
But even he can't beat the game  
You're still lost in the pack.  
You better go whole hog my friend,  
Install a UNIVAC.

## SUMMER PHO



The Triumph Vitesse was shown, in stock form, on the cover of the Newsletter earlier this year. Here it is, ready for the Trans-American 2.5 Challenge. Prepared by Kastner-Brophy Racing and driven by Carl Swanson, the car promises to be a real threat in the latter half of the season.



It's hard to appreciate the paint job in black and white. The car is white with stripes in orange and yellow.

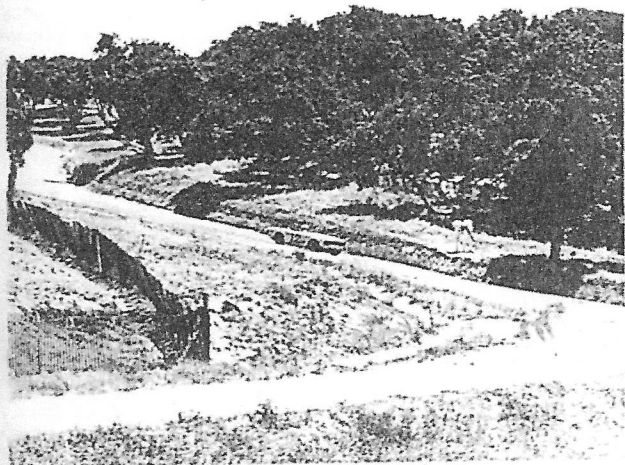


Back view shows the roll cage inside, fender flares, cap for safety fuel cell and central exhaust. Car has 2-litre, 3-Weber Triumph six, suspension similar to GT-6 Mk 3.

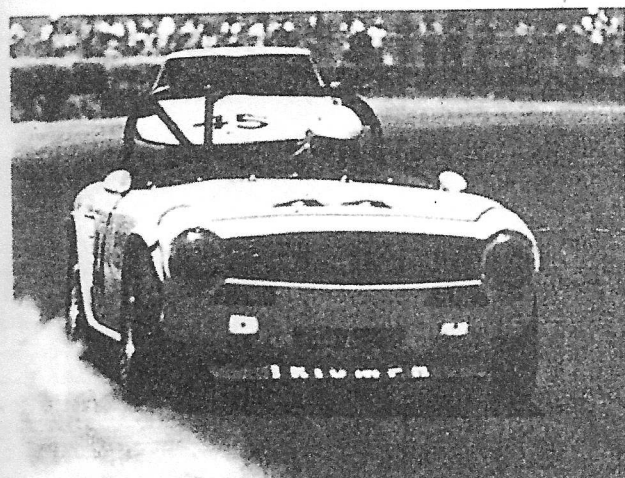
## TO PARADE



At the recent Auto Expo International, Los Angeles, Lee Mueller's winning Kastner-Brophy Spitfire MK 4 was on display. Jim Coan, British Leyland Competition Department (L) is shown with Lee at the exhibit.



Lee also drives the K-B TR-6. Here he is at Laguna Seca where he finished third in C Production.



Yes, it's Bob Tullius, in action ahead of a 240Z at Laguna Seca.

## INVITATION FROM TYEE

The Tyee Triumph Club, only TSOA group with a totem pole on its letterhead, has issued an invitation to all TSOA members in the area. From past reports and group photos we have seen, this looks like a very fine club. Why not get together with them?

"The Tyee Triumph Club, TSOA Chapter in Seattle, Washington welcomes TSOA visitors from anywhere at our meetings. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except November and December) in the auditorium at the City Light North Service Center, located at North 97th and Stone Avenue North in Seattle. Meetings begin about 8:00 or 8:30 and adjourn between 9:30 and 10:00 to a local pub where we enjoy conversation, suds and popcorn, exchange news, jokes and information and good fellowship. If you are on vacation or a business trip in Seattle, come on out and join us for the evening."

## SERVICE NOTE

*Following is a letter from the British Leyland Service Department to all Triumph Stag owners.*

**Dear Triumph Owner:**

National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, 1966, requires our advising you of a recall affecting the safe operation of your Triumph Stag.

- A. Possibility exists of the throttle sticking in the open position. Rectification entails removal of the center throttle fulcrum bracket to polish and lubricate its related spindle and checking cable routing. This condition could affect drivers ability to control vehicle. As a precaution until the condition is corrected, we suggest your checking accelerator for smooth action.
- B. The fuel filler hose can split allowing fuel to spill into the trunk. Rectification requires replacement of this hose. A split hose could create a potential fire hazard. As precaution until this condition is corrected, visual inspection at fill-up time is recommended.

Please make an appointment with your dealer to rectify these items at no cost to you as soon as possible. The total time involved is approx. 1½ hours. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

## U NAME IT

We have mentioned before that the Triumph Club of Ventura County, Calif., is a rallying group. Their latest newsletter listed the names of some of their events and others in the area, over the past year or so. It's a great collection and we thought you'd enjoy it. A little name-copping probably permitted.

Name of the Game	LX — the maze
U Turn Me One	Hueneme Carousel
Western Open	Mission Trail
The Puzzler	They Went That-A-Way
Oops, Loops & Opps	Diabolique
April Fooler	Sunday Scenic
Houn Dog	George's Birthday
Finork	Kon Tiki
Christmas Caper	September Song
Teamster Union	Photo Finish
Not A Through Street	Holly Daze
March	DYSCP
Terralong	Don't Wade
Ridgerunner	Triskaidekaphobia
Highway Robbery	Max Penalty
Associated 71	Shannonigans
Max Sez	Wit(ch)'s End
Results and More	Kimberlin's Revenge
Second Friday Niter	Things Are Never
First Friday Niter	What They Seem
EZ-II	Armchair
	Sno-Go

## BE PATIENT

Now, all you new TSOA members, hear this. We have been out of badges for some time and the first new shipment has just arrived. If you don't have your badge it will arrive in the next few weeks so please don't send us a blast...we'll take care of you.

TSOA Handbooks are in similar state. The book is undergoing heavy revision and won't be ready for about two months. It's a long time to wait, we realize, but, when you get it, it will be up to date. Please bear with us.

Many recent members have written to tell us that their Handbook doesn't help them much with their cars. True. So, we will make the additions to the new Handbook available in booklet form to other members. DON'T WRITE US YET! Wait for the announcement. Thanks!

## CLASSIFIED

### ITEMS FOR SALE:

Small goof. The Bell Star helmet advertised in the June Newsletter is 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Other data are correct . . . new in box, painted silver grey. \$45. Mike Cook, British Leyland Motors Inc., 600 Willow Tree Rd., Leonia, New Jersey (201) 461-7300 Ext. 284.

1964 Spitfire engine. Disassembled, needs camshaft. \$110. Includes workshop manual. Dunlop 500L-15 tires, \$12 each. W. J. Moses, 6506 Clover Lane, Jenison, Michigan 49428. (616) 457-2653.

1962 Blue TR-4. Surrey Top: Soft and Hard. 5 new tires elect. Overdrive. Luggage Rack. Besides the car itself I will also include with the sale: one windshield and frame, two (2) doors, 2 front bumpers, 2 gear boxes (in pieces) and many small parts. I am asking \$675 or best offer. Ray Burton, 1581 E. 15 Street, Brooklyn, New York. (212) DE 9-8978.

Black tonneau cover for TR-4A. Perfect condition. \$20 postpaid. First come, first served. S. Herman, 8 Pine Hill Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15214.

Wrecked TR-4A. Good engine, clutch, transmission, rear end, and dash panel instruments. \$175. Wm. Moorman, RD Box 726, Woodstock, N. Y. 12498. (914) 679-8275.

Carpets for TR-3. Two floor pieces and tunnel, red-maroon, new. \$10.00. TR-3 engine complete, rebuilt with 2.2 kit, includes clutch assembly, 2000 miles. \$175.00. John Fayant, 10 S. Clark, Ferguson, Mo. 63135. 314-388-1144.

1953 Triumph Mayflower. Purchased as restoration project that never got off the ground. Car sitting outside for three years and badly in need of a good home. Interested persons should write: Richard T. Lee, Jr., Valley Sport & Speed Shop, 3200 Cooper Rd., Erie, Pa. 16510.

### ITEMS WANTED:

TR-3 any year, must be in excellent or concourse condition. Please send specifics and picture if possible (all pictures returned on request). Richard F. Gerow, 237 Seabreeze Court, N. Wildwood, New Jersey.

Competition parts to fit a TR-3. Especially needed 4.55 rear with limited slip, front springs and push rods. John Taylor, 14 Miner St., Greenfield, Mass. 01301.

Triumph enthusiast is looking for a 1968 TR-250. Must be in excellent condition, preferably with overdrive. All replies answered. Write or call: Peter J. Raleigh, P.O. Box 13487, University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93107. (805) 968-0944.

Herald sedan or coupe. Any condition. Hardtop for Herald convertible. Competition parts for Spitfire or Herald. Bodies within 100 miles of Sea Girt, N. J. Contact Cliff Halstead, 2121 Butternut Rd., Sea Girt, N. J. 08750.

## TSOA SUPERMARKET

### OFFICIAL TRIUMPH JACKET

Brilliant blue water-repellent nylon zipper jacket with two white racing stripes. Mandarin collar style with side pockets, elasticized waist.

Order direct from: Louisville Manufacturing Company

P. O. Box 1436, Louisville, Kentucky 40201

Specify: small, medium, large, extra-large	\$4.75
Ladies' sizes, specify small, medium or large	\$4.75
Jacket with button-in red acrylic pile liner	\$9.00

The following items are to be ordered from TSOA Leonia.

Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards"	FREE
List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors	FREE
Replacement TSOA Badge	\$1.00
Triumph Automobile Association badge	\$1.50
GT-6/2000 Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.00
TR-4 TR-4A Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.00
SPITFIRE Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.00
TR-250/TR-6 Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.00
GT-6+ Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.00
Complete list of Competition Parts for all Triumphs	FREE
TSOA Jacket Emblem	\$1.00
(Club Discount — 1 Dozen)	\$10.00
Official Triumph Jacket Emblem	\$ .50
Triumph Competition Stickers, Mylar	3 for \$1.00

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

Please make checks payable to Triumph Sports Owners Association.

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