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## International Info -

There are members of the TSOA all over the world. The following list will give you some idea of what we mean: France, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Italy, England, Portugal, Austria, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Greece, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Finland, British West Africa, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Nigeria, Uganda, Morocco, South Africa, Madagascar, the Persian Gulf, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Ceylon, Papua, Dutch West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, Cuba, Colombia, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and the United States.

## Triumph On The Air -

Sports car fans in the San Francisco Bay area now have their own radio program, devoted to news, interviews and on-the-spot recordings of sports car activities in the area. Voiced by Ken Molino, photographer and sports car columnist for the San Raphael INDEPENDENT-JOURNAL, "North Bay Sports Car Roundup" is aired on Fridays at 5:45 p.m. on station KTIM, San Raphael. Hyde Motors, which handle the TR2 in northern California, are picking up the tab for the series which started (in spite of superstition) on Friday, May 13th. Molino, with KTIM announcer-newsman Karl Barron riding as navigator in a Triumph, plans on-the-road coverage of the July 31st Moonlight Rally using a pocket recorder.

## Over There -

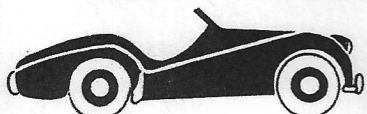
It might interest you to know that our English brethren reported in their TSOA NEWSREEL (a newsletter much like this one) that the most humorous stories they have received from Triumph owners came from the United States. (How about giving us a laugh in this office - ed.)

## Movie Star -

The TSOA has an excellent sound-color motion picture of the Alpine Rally which is available to sports car groups. We have been sending this film all over the country so you may have seen it by this time. If you have not, and you have a sports car group to see it, let us know. All of the prints are scheduled up through September 1st, but any dates after that can be filled. Please specify at least one alternate date and make your requests as far in advance as possible. The only charge for this film is the return postage.

## Eighty Years Young -

TSOA'ers are taking trips all over the country, but here is one trip in which we were interested for a number of reasons. Dr. Edward Kaye, a TSOA'er from Gustine, California, recently made the trip from Gustine to Las Vegas, a distance of 480 miles, in  $8\frac{1}{2}$  hours at an average speed of 56.5 m.p.h. and averaged exactly 30 m.p.g. What is particularly interesting is that his companion on this trip was his mother who was eighty years old last December. Dr. Kaye reports that



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she arrived at their destination completely without fatigue and is as enthusiastic about the Triumph as he is. The return trip was equally enjoyable according to Dr. Kaye.

Here We Go Again -

Here's some more good news about recent Triumph victories. Down in Florida, John Floyd swept the field to take 1st over-all in the Miami Sports Car Club Gymkhana held May 15th. In the second event, John also took 1st place. There were 36 entries in this event. The Miami SCC, by the way, has a busy calendar of events going on all the time and we appreciate their keeping us informed.

There's a TSOA member by the name of David Hebb who seems to be able to put 26 hours of activity in an ordinary day. David works for CBS and admits he is operating under "forced draft" by teaching, writing, directing and entering every event he can possibly find time for on weekends. He is editor of the LISCA NEWS (Long Island Sports Car Association), a frequent contributor to sports car magazines and an inveterate rallye man with his Triumph. Among his most recent successes are taking 1st in a Jaguar Owners Club rallye in Westchester, 4th in the LISCA Invitational Cerebral Palsy Rallye (out of 85 entries), and 2nd in the 3rd Annual Rallye Delaware Valley (Delaward Sports Car Club) which covered 270 miles from 8:30 p.m. one day to breakfast the next. Some 50 cars were involved in that one. Besides frequent phone calls to keep up our morale, David is probably trying to learn how to type with his right hand while driving his TR2 with his left.

California reports that on May 15th, in Santa Rosa, the Triumph, in competition with sports cars of four times its cost, put on a tremendous show. Out of a field of 40 competitors, 33 of which were in the largest classes (D,C,B), the Triumph placed 4th overall and 2nd in Class. In the 1400-3000cc race for novice and senior drivers, the Triumph took 1st and 3rd in class, the Doretta 2nd in class.

Again in California, on Memorial Day in the Santa Barbara Road Races, Pay Sawyer and her TR2 walked off with 1st over-all in the Ladies Event, and Wally Kieckhefer, driving a Triumph took 2nd in Class in the Main Event, running 2nd only to a Ferrari.

At the Steamboat Springs Road Races in Colorado, a Triumph driven by Fay Myers streaked across the finish line of the Main Event, a strong 2nd in Class, 4th over-all.

Before we get off the subject of competition results, we urge you to let us have the details of any successes you might have - and just as soon as possible after the event. Perhaps you are a bit shy about this when you view the major victories the Triumph has racked up in the big international competitions (more than 250 in 18 months), but that would be a mistaken inferiority complex. Each and every success is important to us and that includes yours. So be sure and let us know all the details.

Please -

If you move, please let us know your new address. Every month we seem to lose two or three members due to their moving and leaving no forwarding address. If you happen to know any of the following members, please ask them to send in their new addresses: Sheldon A. Gross, formerly of Los Angeles; Dr. L. J. Smelser, formerly of Camarillo, Calif; and W. W. Stidham, formerly of Anaheim, Calif.