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## BRIDGEHAMPTON NATIONALS

A virtually cloudless sky; a bright, beneficent spring sun; soft breezes from the sea to cool the perspiring brows of drivers, mechanics, officials and spectators — these elements, and a whole lot of very interesting machinery made the '63 Bridgehampton National Races a most enjoyable day of motor sporting. Plus, the natural beauty of the Bridgehampton setting.

Potentially, this must be one of the finest courses in the country. We were very glad to see that the promoters are continuing to make improvements, to the circuit proper, and to the spectator facilities.

Genuine progress is usually, of necessity, a pretty slow business. We wish the promoters the best of luck in all their efforts.

*Here's just a small section of the beautiful Bridgehampton circuit. And take our word for it . . . that's Bob Tullius in his TR-4, just beginning to climb 'the hill'.*



*Bob Tullius led the DP and EP race for some time, finally, due to loss of power, finished 2nd in Class.*



*Jim Spencer drove his beautifully prepared TR-4 to a 1st in Class and 1st overall. Fine performance, Jim!*





Fine action shot of Charlie Gates, last year's Pacific Coast Champion with his TR-4, leading Bucknum's MG-B and Spencer's Morgan at the Del Mar Divisionals, April 27-28.



Bob Tullius being interviewed after his fine DP Class win at the Cumberland National Races, May 10-12. Leaning on the roll bar is a happy Ed Diehl, FP Class winner with his TR-3.

The Auto Works, Granada Hills, California — enthusiastic Triumph Dealers — entered a team of 5 Triumph sports cars in the Four Cylinder Club, Las Vegas Economy Run, sponsored by Budweiser. The run was 282 miles from Glendale to Las Vegas, and there were 120 entries ranging from **that German import,**



to Cadillacs. L. Jack Draper, Sales Manager of The Auto Works, driving a TR-4 won the Sweepstakes and overall honors, achieving a fantastic 74 miles per gallon. Mileage was based on ton mileage, and the TR-4 got 94.545 ton miles — a new record for this event. The Auto Works won the team prize with an average total ton mileage of 69.60 for the 5 cars entered. This is the kind of **marque** enthusiasm we'd like all Triumph dealers to show.

from a report in SPORTS CAR magazine on the National Races at V.I.R. —

"The real hero of this (CP, DP, EP) race was Bob Tullius, in his usual fine form. Placed dead last in a field of thirty because his TR-4 had the bad luck to blow a piston before qualifying, Tullius' crew performed one miracle in getting his car back together and then he proceeded to work another in struggling up through the pack to take over 1st in D Production (5th overall) when Dana Kellner's leading TR-4 DNFed some three laps before the flag. Triumph's TR-4s made a clean sweep of DP with Harvey Marks taking 2nd and Jim Spencer 3rd."



At the Cotati Pacific Coast Championship Races, May 11-12, TR-4 drivers took the first 7 places in D Production. Class winner was Ed Leslie, popular Monterey, California, Triumph Dealer, here pictured in his 'white-hot' TR-4. In addition to taking 1st in Class, Leslie finished 9th overall, beating two Class B Corvettes!

Congratulations to all the TR-4 drivers, particularly to William Pendleton of Eugene, Oregon, and Bob Cole, San Carlos, California, for their 2nd and 3rd in Class respectively.



# Club News and Coming Events

From TRIUMPH TRACKER

## CAN-AM (Canadian-American) TRIUMPH MEET

July 27th, 28th, 1963, hereinafter referred to as C.A.T. Meet

On July 27th us cats from the TTCR are cutting out for the Oak Cup Races at Harewood, Ontario, to make the scene with the cats from the Toronto T.S.O.A.

The program will consist of watching the races, picnicing on the grounds and then in the evening the whole swinging pack of cats cut out for a nearby Simcoe hotel — reserved for our joint overnight pad — for an evening of cat-abolism and cat-atonía. Comes the dawn, we have a joint Driving Skills Trial — which is something like our Gymkhana but slightly north of the border. The Canadian Gymkhana is something like a Rodeo but with more horsepower.

Don't miss the CAT MEET!

On May 11th four TTCR members met with 14 members from Toronto, just over the Canadian-American border. This meeting will be referred to hereinafter as the Border Incident. Our Toronto counterparts talk and act like charter members of TTCR's Petrol and Pilsener Society — that legendary spiritual organization of TTCR which, like Santa Claus, does not really exist but materializes on special occasions. The CAT Meet promises to be a blast!

We want 20 to 25 cars for this first International Can-Am Triumph Meet. Mark the date BIG on your calendar and send in the attached blank to Nancy Wishart, 70 Kimbark Road, Rochester 10, so that she gets it by June 3rd. Members and guests invited, and you can drive anything! Give us a prompt reply so that we can have an accurate count-down for this blast-off.

Canadian prices are cool (at a tentative \$10.00 a head) for race, hotel accommodations, meals (less drinks), gymkhana entry. You pay in small denomination, unmarked bills.



GIANTS DESPAIR REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

27 May 1963

The Triumph Sports Owners Association  
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Grand Central Station  
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

I trust I am not too late to ask you to include in your July issue some mention of the Giants' Despair Hill Climb which will be held at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on July 26 and 27.

This hill climb, the oldest in the country, dates back to 1906, and some of the finest drivers in the world from Ralph DePalma and Louis Chevrolet to Carroll Shelby and Roger Penske have tried to beat the "Giant".

The present record wrested from Carroll Shelby is held by John Meyer of New York, in his famous Meyer special.

Sincerely,

*Theodore Fiedler*  
Theodore Fiedler

TF/c

Our thanks to Mr. Fiedler for reminding us of this most famous hill climb. Note the date: July 26 and 27.

TSOA received the following news release from Dave Baker, Rochester, New York. Thanks, Dave!

The Triumph Touring Club of Rochester, Inc., one of the most active sports car clubs in the western part of New York State, is sponsoring a special rally of interest on Sunday, July 14, 1963.

Currently reigning as the champion club among eleven sports car clubs in the area, T.T.C.R. will be host to the area's other clubs in the "Tale of Two Cities Rallye."

The event is classed as a "Grand Prix" Rally in that it brings each club together to compete against the other clubs for championship points. The club which accumulates the most points at the end of the year wins a large trophy from the local morning newspaper. T.T.C.R. is current champion, having defeated the Finger Lakes Region Sports Car Club of America in a close battle last year.

The club has about sixty-five members, most of whom own Triumphs, although membership is not limited to Triumph owners.

Three of the club's officers have become owners of new TR-4s within the last few months.

The club meets the first Tuesday of every month and holds a rally on the first Sunday of every month except December. It also has frequent social events.

The "Tale of Two Cities Rallye", taking advantage of the Club's initials, T.T.C.R., is set with a French theme, since it falls on Bastille Day, July 14th.

It is expected to attract around seventy-five cars. Leaving from Eastway Plaza, a shopping Plaza on the northeast side of Rochester, New York, the rally will send contestants east and south into the mid-Finger Lakes Region and then back to Rochester over a course 130 miles long. Timing will be to the hundredths of a minute and clues will be straight-forward.

To facilitate and speed scoring, radio communications to the scoring headquarters from each checkpoint will be used, and automatic Friden computers will type up the results for distribution to the contestants before they leave the victory banquet after the rally.

The Club started the year's Grand Prix Rally circuit in May by taking first place overall and first place team in the M.G. Invitational, a Grand Prix Rally sponsored by the M.G. Car Club of Rochester. Over 100 cars entered the rally and T.T.C.R. members came in 1st, 2nd and 7th overall to win the rally for the club, while the President, Activities Director and Assistant Activities Director placed as the best three car team entered in the event. All of the top winners for the club were driving 1963 TR-4s.

More information about the club and its activities may be obtained from the Activities Director, Dave Baker, 45 Exchange Street, Rochester 14, New York.

### from TSOA TALK, Northern Illinois Chapter

Our annual picnic is to be held on July 28th. We are waiting to hear from Wisconsin TSOA, who at the challenge rally invited us to their annual picnic—which we hear is quite a picnic. For a small fee you get turkey—chicken—corn on the cob—gobs and gobs of beer and all sorts of goodies.

It really sounds like a real bang up time could be had by all if the plans materialize. However, if they do not our social chairman will make other arrangements for our picnic, which if you have missed in the past, you have missed out on the BIG event of the year.

We always have a ball, rain or shine, when the true TSOA'ers are out for the picnic. So try to make it out this year—we can guarantee a good time.

## LET HERTZ PUT YOU IN THE (TR-4's) DRIVER'S SEAT

If you live in or near any of the following cities — Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, Washington, D.C., New York, or Denver — you can now call the local Hertz office, and they'll reserve you a gleaming, new TR-4, (or other fine car, of course).

Hiring out of sports cars is a new development for Hertz Rental Cars, and TSOA wishes the company the best of luck with their new venture. (As far as we're concerned, the more people who get the 'taste' of driving a real sports car, the better.)

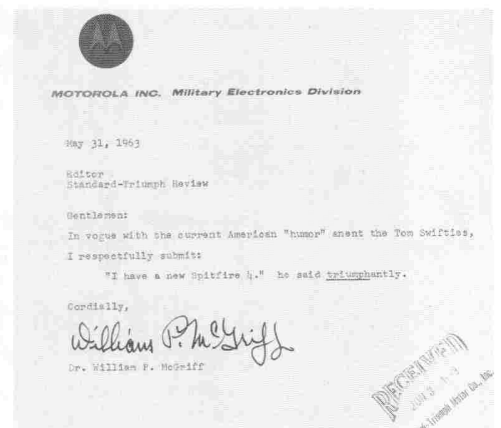
So, next time you want to hire a car, remember — "Let Hertz Put Yooooou . . . In The (TR-4's) Driver's Seat."

Standard-Triumph (Canada) Ltd. sent us this clipping from a local newspaper:

### The Facts Of Wife.

Denver - (AP) — A classified advertisement in the Denver Post was headed: "PREGNANT." It continued:

"Wife won't fit. Must sell second love, 1960 Triumph TR-3, red with white top. Good rubber, excellent condition."







All kinds of people go to motor races for all kinds of reasons. Officials *officiate*. Mechanics *mechanic* (presumably). Drivers *drive*, and spectators *spectate*. But the motor racing fraternity (in every country) has its own "peace corps." Wonderful people who work just because they enjoy being part of the sport. They're rarely photographed — sometimes not even remembered. Well, here's a gal photographed at Bridgehampton, who was doing just what comes naturally to every woman — clearing up after the men. And a darn pretty picture she made too!

*Hi there....*



Glad to see you're a person of taste and discernment. There are a lot of us driving Triumphs now. Did you know there's an Association of Triumph owners which meets for rallies, social events and just plain sports car talking sessions?

If you'd like more information, why not give me a call at:

The Head (and we mean 'the big white chief') of TSOA's Copywriting Department has just completed the monumental task of re-writing the Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards." Burning the midnight oil and sustained by gallons of black coffee, this self-styled 'giant' in the copywriting field completed the job in less than a week. In the process, he wore out 3 ribbons on his typewriter; right now is resting up in Bermuda, readying himself for the next major assignment. This man is available **right now** to solve your copy problems. Salary requirements commensurate with ability, (\$50 a week), plus fringe benefits. (He needs the hair....)

## LOCAL TSOA CLUBS

Patricia Lawlor, our efficient and charming secretary (she's looking over my shoulder while I'm writing this....) here at TSOA HQ, wrote to all local chapters of TSOA some few weeks back, requesting an up-to-date listing of their officers, number of members, and other organizational trivia.

To date, she has received replies from 6 clubs.

Unless our records are hopelessly out-of-date, we know there exist a few more local TSOA Clubs.

So, you club secretaries, how about dusting off the old Remington, slipping in a sheet of crisp, clean white notepaper, and letting Pat have the info she wants.

One last point. If she omitted to write to you personally, she probably doesn't know you exist, recordwise. Do the gal a good turn, and bring her records up-to-date — 'willya'.

## CLASSIFIED

**FOR SALE:** 1 tonneau cover (Black) for TR-3 — practically new — \$20.00. Contact: John Branam, 611 Hillcrest, Gallatin, Tennessee.

**WANTED:** College student wishes to purchase luggage rack and hard top for his 1960 TR-3. Contact: John Spedick, 21 Hollyknoll Drive, Trenton 9, New Jersey.

**FOR SALE:** TR-3 or TR-3A — black tonneau cover — like new only \$20.00. Contact: C. T. Vogel, 120 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, New York or phone 914 NE 3-6260 any day or night or 212 EM 1-9700 weekdays.

**FOR SALE:** Wind wings for TR-4 — excellent condition. Cost \$16.95, asking \$12.50. Contact: Rick Engelhardt, 5 Vanad Drive, Roslyn, N. Y.

**FOR SALE:** For TR-3 — tonneau cover and boot — excellent condition \$20.00. Contact: Wm. R. Stahler, 16 Nassau Drive, Winchester, Mass. or phone PA 9-4635.

**FOR SALE:** Fiberglass Hardtop for TR-4, uncrated, just arrived from S.A.H. Ltd., England. \$125.00. Black leather rear seat \$20.00. Luggage Rack \$20.00. (All three items \$150.00.) 1963 TR-4, Red, purchased in England a few months ago. Mileage 3900. Recent addition to family forces sale at \$2475.00, which includes safety belts and other small accessories. Contact: M. D. Wersba, 84-31 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica 35, New York. Phone AX 1-8274.

## TSOA SUPERMARKET

TSOA Handbook .....	\$1.00
"Please Don't Dent Me" cards.....	\$1.00/100
Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards".....	FREE
List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors.....	FREE
STAA Badge .....	\$1.50
Replacement TSOA Badge.....	\$1.00
Standard Triumph Review Subscription.....	\$2.50/year
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