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SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW ISSUE

Invitation -

The International Automobile Show opens in the new New York Coliseum on April 28th. It will be the first show held in this magnificent new building. Standard-Triumph will have its exhibit on Stand 8 and we hope that TSOA members will make it a point to stop by to see us. Five Triumph TR3's will be on exhibition showing the newest body colors and upholstery combinations, optional equipment, hard tops and soft tops. The main feature of the exhibit will be a TR3 held aloft over the floor by a pair of huge wings. The Company cordially invites every member to stop at Stand 8 to see the exhibit and talk with the Company representatives.

Badges and Books -

Again, we are asking your patience if you have not received your TSOA car badge or owner handbook. Our supply was completely exhausted and we have an emergency order for more. However, we can't send them out until we get them so please bear with us. The day our new supply arrives, we will have them on their way to you. There will be a short delay on service manuals for the same reason.

New Hard Top Price -

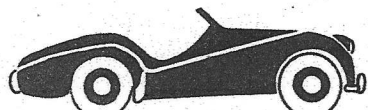
The Triumph TR3 hard top model has been reduced in price to \$2750 FOB port of entry. This reduction has been made possible through greater production and the savings are being passed directly on to the buyer. The above price refers to the hard top when purchased as original equipment.

Film Library -

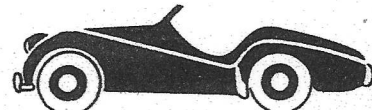
There are a number of exciting sound color 16 mm films on sports car events which are available to groups through this office. There is no charge involved other than return postage, but we do request that films be returned to us immediately after your showing as there is a great demand for them. Films are available on the following events: Monte Carlo Rally, Alpine Rally, Tulip Rally and Le Mans. Please give one alternate date when ordering films and make your requests as far in advance as possible. We will confirm your showing date when we receive your request.

Lapel Pins -

We have a number of inquiries about the lapel pins for TSOA members. We had hoped to be able to say that they were available right now - but they aren't. However, they will be shortly, and just as soon as we have a supply, we will let you know.



It's A Triumph!



Membership -

On April 1st, the TSOA had grown to 843 members and it won't be long before we reach the 1,000 mark. If you know of any Triumph owners who haven't joined, give them the word.

Outnumbered -

Herb Baak (Oakland, Calif.) reports that where he works there are 8 TR2's and from the looks of things they outnumber the MG's and Healeys put together. Herb says he could sell 5 Triumphs right now (at an undisclosed sum).

Competition -

Before we get into the competition results we have received, we would like to mention something about the competition report pages you will find in your TSOA Owner Handbook. Those pages request you to send your reports to England, as the pages were printed before the USA organization was founded. Please send all reports to this office as it will avoid the delay of a round trip across the Atlantic.

California: TSOA'er Joe Puckett won 3rd overall and 1st in sports car class out of 80 entries in the Los Angeles County Reliability Run staged by the Fugitives Car Club of South Gate. Eugene and Cleora Murphy (Alameda) report the following records: 2nd Team Place in the March Trans-Atlantic Rally held by the Plymouth Motor Club (UK) and the Highland Touring Club; 1st Place for Women in the June San Francisco SCC Gymkhana; 3rd Place for Women in the June Royal Coachmen Gymkhana (Walnut Creek); 2nd Place for Women in the August Sports Cars Unlimited Gymkhana (Berkeley); 1st Place for Women and 3rd Place for Men in the September Peninsula Car Club Gymkhana; 1st Place for Women in the November California Championship Gymkhana (Monterey) (the above in 1955 - the following in 1956) 2nd Place for Men in the January Rain or Shine Gymkhana (Highland Touring Club); 1st Place in the February Economy Run (Highland Touring Club - Oakland - average 36.2 no overdrive); and 1st Place Team (3 cars) Delta Rally (Royal Coachmen). Wheeeeew!! Those California Murphy's.

Texas: Dewey Blackmon, Jr., (Dallas), reports on the MGCC Town & Country Rallye held in Dallas on February 19th. This TSOA'er took 1st Place in a field of 40 cars through both city and country, winning 1st Place by a wide margin. Dewey gives all credit to a two month old TR2 and his fine navigator - Mrs. Blackmon.

New Hampshire: Woody Young reports that Chuck Cunningham took the best Time of Day at Franconia on a 1 mile ice track (5 laps) and Woody, with two spins, was only .24 behind.

Oregon: L. C. Thomas took 1st Place in Class E in the 1955 Tillamook Country Races and 2nd Place in Production Class E in the 1955 Seafair Races finishing ahead of all A-H's except one.

Minnesota: C. C. Cox ran away with one 1st Place and two 3rd Places at the January St. Paul Ice Race held by the Land-O-Lakes SCCA.

NEWS FLASH - We have just received word that Triumph TR3 sports cars have just rung up an outstanding record in the 3rd International Rally Trifels, held in Germany, by taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places in the class for Production Sports Cars over 1600 cc. These cars were all driven by American servicemen over a 1,000 kilometer course.

Ireland - In Ireland, the Triumph matched the Germany record by taking a clean sweep of the major awards in the 1956 Circuit of Ireland Rally over 1,000 miles of Irish countryside. The Triumphs took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and the same cars racked up 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in Class 4 for Production Sports Cars.