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THREE-CAR FACTORY TEAM ENTERED AT LE MANS



JUNE PHOTO CONTEST WINNER—A PRIZE CATCH. Jean and Bob Penny's photo came to us when New York's winds were still slapping snow in our face. That's Jean demonstrating a variation on the use of luggage racks with Bob's 67 pound sail-fish. Her smile matches Ft. Lauderdale's sunshine, although the fish seems to be taking a dim view of the whole business.



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP—At the same time last winter that the Pennys were out on their craft, Pelican II, Joan Callahan of Albany, New York was training her collie dog. Someone with a camera caught owner and dog at a poised moment of relaxation and we thought you would enjoy the dramatic contrast of these two sportswomen in different climes.

TWIN-CAM TR-3'S SET FOR 24-HOUR GRIND

Three special experimental versions of the TR-3 will compete in the 24-hour race at Le Mans, France on June 20-21. The famous endurance race, run for the first time in 1923, is over an 8.37 mile circuit, one of the fastest in Europe. At 4 PM on Saturday the 20th, the drivers will run to their cars in the traditional "Le Mans start" and the race will be on. The checkered flag falls at 4 PM on Sunday.

The model designation of the special Triumphs entered is TR-3S. They are powered by a twin overhead camshaft engine giving 150 brake horsepower and will have a wheelbase 6" longer than the present model.

Team drivers are: Ninian Sanderson — J. Stoop, Peter Jopp — Calude DuBois, and Peter Bolton — Mike Rothschild. Ninian Sanderson was the winner at Le Mans in 1956.

Mike Rothschild, of Kearney, New Jersey, drove a TR-3 in the Sebring races in 1957 and 1958 and was chosen for the factory team on the basis of his fine record in the difficult 12-hour Sebring Grand Prix of Endurance.

The TR-3S will not be put into production or sold to the public until a successful development period has

been achieved. When it is offered to the public, it will not replace the existing TR-3 but will be an addition to the line at a higher price.

WE'RE NOT BUGGED

What we want to know is . . . who's been using insect repellent on all those camera bugs? The T.S.O.A. is offering a copy of "Rallies Trials, and Gymkhanas" to the best human interest or action shot of you and your Triumph, and lately the entries have been rather sparse. We trust that this does not mean that you and your Triumph are not getting together with a camera, but rather, that you have forgotten the contest. So please don't forget us. Put the TSOA photo contest on your favorite charities list and send us a clear, black and white, 5" x 7" glossy print of you and your favorite sports car. Out with the flit gun! In with the flash gun, and thanks old bean.

JUNE ISSUE TO BE BIGGEST EVER!

Get ready for the greatest NEWSLETTER yet! The June issue will feature three full pages of exciting photos and interesting anecdotes about Rally #1. All this plus the regular Service and news items in a special six-page issue. We're sure you'll enjoy it.

NEWS OF THE LOCAL CLUBS

The Northern Illinois TSOA hit the pages of the Chicago *Sun-Times* a few weeks ago. The reason was their sponsorship, along with Courtesy Motors in Chicago, of a Concours d'Elegance. The concours is, of course, an automotive beauty contest, usually reserved for sports cars and antiques or classics. All cars are judged on cleanliness and general condition under such categories as chrome, paint, top, wheels and tires, instruments, upholstery, etc. The engine compartment, usually the dirtiest part of any car, must be spotless in order for the car to qualify.

This sort of event requires the full participation of club members, since a number of teams of judges are needed in order to make the consideration of each car as fair as possible. It is also an excellent publicity-getter for club and dealer alike . . . a dealer in a local club area should be more than happy to provide the space for the contest. Any other TSOA chapters interested should contact the Northern Illinois TSOA at P. O. Box 3, Morton Grove, Ill.

The NITSOA celebrated their first anniversary by holding a "Super Gymkhana" on the new Meadowdale Raceway, Carpentersville, Ill. April 19 was the date and 61 cars registered for the run. 25 TR's were present, two of which ended up in the top ten finishers.

The gymkhana utilized the entire 3.3 mile track and consisted of a continuous run through 13 checkpoints around the track, starting with a 1/5th mile acceleration run and continuing through obstacles such as a slalom, an island, a maze, and mock railroad tracks, all formed by hay bales. Finally, there was a run up the "Monza Wall" a steeply banked turn on the course and a backing test down the wall and into a garage. Despite the difficulty of setting up and controlling such an event, favorable comments were heard from all about the safety provisions, officiating and just plain fun.

The NITSOA is the first small group in their area to attempt such a large-scale event and they have gained tremendous publicity and a fine reputation as a result.

The D.C. TSOA Newsletter runs to three pages in the May issue and is crammed with information and interesting articles. A special feature for new members is the club history. New TSOA groups please note . . . the D.C. TSOA gathered many new members by leaving notes on the windscreens of any TR's seen parked in the Washington area or by personally contacting people seen driving a Triumph.

The Washington group continued its excellent schedule of events with an informal social evening of food, refreshment and conversation at the home of one of the members. April 26th was the date of an autocross, a fearsome test of man and machine which saw a TR take fastest time of day under the guidance of Tom Branch. Triumphs finished 1-2-3 in Class B and took all three top places in the Ladies event.

A Rallye-to-a-picnic was the March project of the Triumph Sportscar Club of San Gabriel, California. To quote "The scenery was beautiful, good roads, a nice day and a group of people with a good sense of humor." Any ruffled feelings due to mis-interpretation of rally instructions can always be soothed by some good food . . . and that's what the Triumph Sportscar Club does. Their events usually have a meal at the beginning, the end or sandwiched in the middle. Sometimes, as the HOOTER indicates in an article about an excursion to

the desert on a Sunday morning, the sole object of the get-together is the meal. This club is certainly expanding in many ways.

New officers of the Triumph Sportscar Club are: President — Sarge Harris for a second term, Vice President — Jack Penner, Secretary — Marie Featherstone, Treasurer — Mel Scott.

The Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey sponsored their 2nd Annual Mother's Day Rally on May 10th. 39 cars turned out for this successful event. Most of the TRSCC events begin from Sandy's Charcoal Hearth, a restaurant in the area. Top TR in each event now wins a free steak dinner for two! Sound good? Contact the TRSCC at 94 Sanford Ave., Emerson, N. J., for future events.

RE-REGISTRATION NOT NECESSARY

A number of members who have been with us for some time evidently been returning new TSOA Membership Forms when they purchased new cars. Since we automatically assume that a new form indicates a new member, we have not previously checked this and it was brought to our attention by our letter service. While we would appreciate knowing when you change to a new TR, it is definitely *not* necessary to send additional dues. Once paid, TSOA membership is good until you cancel it and the only portion of the membership fee that need be repaid is the Standard Car Review subscription charge if you wish to renew. You will receive a new TSOA Application Form when you buy a new car but this may be disregarded. Better yet . . . pass it on to a TR owner who is not yet a member!

One thing you *should* do . . . send your address change to us when you move! We are still removing several members from our mailing list each week due to mail return. Don't cause inconvenience for yourself and the TSOA. When you move, notify us promptly.

MORE ON THE REPUBLIC ECONOMY RUN

Total number of awards taken by TR's in the Republic Motor Sports Club Economy Run was *eight*, not six as reported in the April Issue of the Newsletter. A note from Ray Staten, President of the Long Island TSOA, tells us that he and his wife took Second in Class and Fourth Overall, as well as picking up the Husband/Wife Team Award mentioned last issue. The trophy for the Best Triumph was donated by the LITSOA, a very active new group in the New York area.

NO TROUBLE WITH TRAILER

Donald E. Stephens recently drove his TR-3 from Florida to New Jersey averaging 21.3 M.P.G. over 25 non-stop hours. The trip is noteworthy because he was towing a 3,000 pound trailer. He says, "Never once did the engine labor or overheat. I cruised at speeds up to 60 MPH and the handling qualities were exceptional . . . the clutch never gave the slightest trouble and the gear box took frequent shifts up and down with no hesitation. The exceptional brakes took a terrific strain but never showed the slightest tendency to fade or overheat, even when driving in heavy stop and go traffic in Washington, D. C. I used no oil." Don enclosed a diagram of the permanent hitch he used, but unfortunately we don't have room enough to show it. You may want to write him for details at R.D. #1, Box 267A, Matawan, New Jersey. And thank you, Don!



VICTOR'S TRIUMPH—Keith Ballisat is shown at the close of the Tulip Rally, ready to receive his well-deserved trophies for First in Class and Second Overall.

TRIUMPH SWEEPS CLASS IN TULIP RALLY

Nine TR-s were entered in the 1800-mile International Tulip Rally from Holland this year and finished First through Ninth in the Class H (1600-2000 Grand Touring). The leading Triumph, crewed by Keith Ballisat and E. Marvin, took Second Overall, missing First by only a few precious seconds.

Hazardous roads and some bad weather took a heavy toll of this year's entrants. Only 90 cars finished out of the 180 starters. Two Triumph sedans were entered as well as the TR-3's and all finished, making a perfect record of 11 starters and 11 finishers. This was truly an outstanding performance in line with past successes and predicting a future of continued competition victories.

TSOA LOCAL CLUB DIRECTORY

There have been additions, new officers elected and several address changes since we last published a Club Directory. Below are the latest names and addresses. Under a separate heading, you will find the names of members interested in starting a new group in their areas. We urge all members living near these people to get in touch. You'll never know how much fun a club can be until you start one!

TSOA LOCAL CLUBS:

TROC (Triumph Owners Club)

3627 Berry Dr., Studio City, California. Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at Blarney Castle Restaurant, 623 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles. 8:00 PM.

TRIUMPH SPORTSCAR CLUB:

Sarge Harris, 8434 E. Longden Ave., San Gabriel, California.

D.C. TSOA:

Barbara Kinberg, 1015 S. Frederick St., Arlington 4, Va.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TSOA:

Barbara Fenske, 5541 W. Cullom Ave., Chicago 41, Ill. Meets third Thursday of every month at the Poodle Lounge, Glenview, Ill.

ST. LOUIS TSOA:

Charles Wolfe, 9165 Robin Court, Brentwood 17, Mo.

TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF NEW JERSEY:

Jack Griffie, 94 Sanford Rd., Emerson, New Jersey. Meets first Wednesday of every month at the 333 Club, 533 Shaler Blvd., Ridgefield, New Jersey. 8:30 PM.

LONG ISLAND TSOA:

Raymond J. Staten, 45 Harbor Rd., Port Washington, L. I., New York. Meets 2nd Friday of every month at 11 Nassau Dr., Great Neck, L. I. 8:30 PM. AU 7-7246.

ROCHESTER TSOA:

Mrs. Carolyn Richmond, 20 Manatu Pkwy., Rochester 23, New York.

TRIUMPH MOTOR AND PETROL SOCIETY:

Spencer Lane, 525 W. 236th St., Riverdale 63, New York. Meets first Friday of the month at Baron Oldsmobile, 614 S. Broadway, Yonkers, New York.

TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF CINCINNATI:

Bruce Thomas, c/o Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc., 9 Garfield Pl., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

MEMBERS INTERESTED IN FORMING NEW LOCAL CHAPTERS:

Mr. Robert G. Abegglen
5256 Keepport Dr., Apt. #6, Pittsburgh 36, Pa.

Mr. R. Carrere
c/o National Bank of Malvern, Malvern, Pa.

Mr. John M. Carter
205 Farm St., Ithaca, New York

Mr. Roger Dahlin
Min. T.S.O.A., 215 University Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Charlotte DeLeeuw
4428 Carwood Dr. S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Frank B. Hess
15 Snow Ave., Binghamton, New York

Mr. Donald Ingram
P.O. Box 304, Maupin, Oregon

Mr. Thayne C. Judd
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Navy 510, Fleet PO, New York

Mr. Gene B. Marchi
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Mr. David Pauling
1180 Sherman, Apt. 208, Denver, Colorado

Mr. Robert J. Shaw
612-613 First National Bldg., Davenport, Iowa

Mr. Dale E. Smith
Tri-City Sports Car
Route # 3, Massillon, Ohio

Mr. Kenneth Wolfe
3243 Redwood, Stockton, California

IN THE SHADE OF THE OLE JOSHUA TREE



Now that you have become Triumph-conscious, have you noticed how you see them just about everywhere? Jes settin' there kinda cool and pretty in the Mojave Desert is a '58 TR-3 belonging to Basil Crookes of San Francisco. Just imagine—a parking problem on the desert!

SERVICE

LODGE PLUGS FITTED: All new TR's, as well as the Triumph Sedan and Estate Wagon, are now arriving in the U. S. with Lodge Spark Plugs as standard equipment. Correct type for the TR-2 and TR-3 is CNY.

REAR END RATIOS: Some TSOA members have been inquiring as to how to determine the rear end ratio of their cars. This can be done easily by getting under the car and looking at the cover plate on the differential housing. The 3.7 gears will be indicated by a splash of green paint on the housing. The 4.1 gears will be indicated by splashes of green and white.

SEATS AT THE FOLIES

"Would you care for a ride up the Eiffel Tower, Monsieur, and then a boat trip on the Seine? Perhaps, after that, dinner in Montmartre and, of course, this evening, the Folies Bergere."

That's your Rally Courier speaking, the gentleman who will guide you and a group of other TSOA members through Europe for 30 delightful days. That is, *if* you act now and reserve space on Triumph Rally of Europe #4, leaving Los Angeles or New York on Friday, September 11. For two in a car, from Los Angeles \$1100 each, from New York \$892 each. This, plus the cost of your new TR-3 (you were going to order one anyway) puts you aboard BOAC bound for London and all exciting points east and south in the Old World you've always wanted to see. Of course, the accommodations are First Class and the itinerary . . . well, you've seen it in the March issue of the NEWSLETTER. What you have to do now is decide, right away, to take that vacation. Write the TSOA and we'll send all the facts.

Naturally, some of you can't, absolutely can't go. But . . . there's that friend who is ready to trade his car on a new TR-3 . . . tell him! Talk to your friends, your friends' friends. Stop people on the street! The Rallies are a chance that sports car-minded folks will jump at!

We're hoping to hear from you, . . . and soon.

TROPHY TIME

In the last races at Marlboro, Virginia, two members of the D.C. TSOA put up a terrific display of competition driving in the novice race. Jack Hart took Second and Joe Karter Third Place. First? It took a Corvette's brute power to beat 'em!

Thanks to Homer A. Smith, Jr., we have the word on the Hershey Hill Climb, sponsored by the Appalachian SCC of Harrisburg April 25 and 26. 150 cars entered, of which 15 were Triumphs. In the special Triumph Class, Roger K. Whiteman of Reading took First with a time of 71.1727 seconds.

Once again, the TR's reputation as a born rally car was proven when Lorraine and Dave Galasso of Nutley, New Jersey, took second in an April 19th rally held by the Tropaion Q club. It was the first event they'd ever entered.

Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey members continue their winning ways. The most recent victory was by Peggy and Tom Donohue who topped 37 entries to take First in the Spring Rally of the Stable of Wheels SCC, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

SERVICE MANUALS DELAYED

The TR-3 Service Manuals are presently in short supply. If you have ordered, or are planning to order, you can expect a delay of some weeks before receiving your Manual. We are anticipating the arrival of a new supply but have not yet had confirmation of the date of arrival.

TSOA SUPERMARKET

"Please Don't Dent Me" cards	\$1.00/100
TR-2 - TR-3 Service Manual	9.00
Girling brochure on care of disc brakes and hydraulic system	FREE
List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors	FREE
Replacement TSOA Badge	1.00 ea.
Owner's manual (as issued with new car)	1.25
Standard Car Review Subscription	2.00/year
Competition Preparation Bulletin	FREE

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FOR SALE: Triumph TR-3 Tunic, brand new, original cost \$24.50, made of Durion, water repellent. \$18.00. R. S. Crowell, 194 Forest Ave., Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

WANTED: TR-2 Service Manual in excellent condition. C. L. Merryman, Jr., 635 Jackson Ave., Ardsley, Pa.