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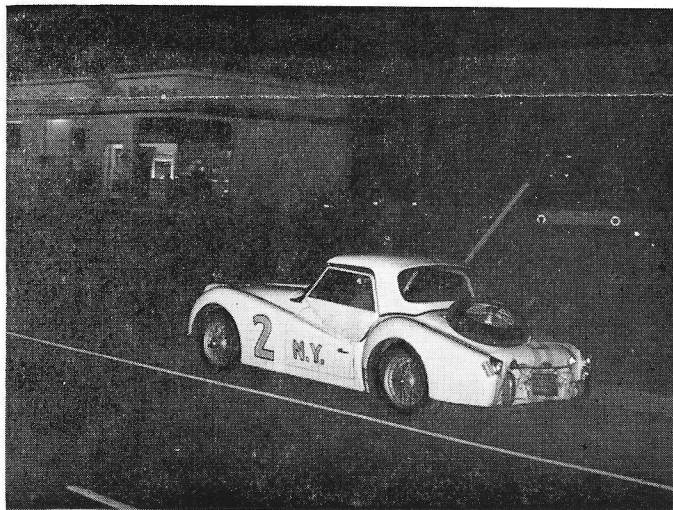
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TR-3 AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL RALLY TEAM TAKES 5 AWARDS



PRESS ON! — Denise McCluggage and Eleanor Halmi roll into a checkpoint late on the last night of the American International. Note damage from tremendous impact of rear-end collision. Even the hard top is creased! IN THE PHOTO TO THE RIGHT — Car #62, which garnered four of the TR-3 Team's awards, arrives in Las Vegas. Yes, that's navigator Alex Thompson still bent over his clip board while Doug Kennedy accepts congratulations.

TRIUMPH BESTS ALL FOREIGN TEAMS

The Standard-Triumph TR-3 team was awarded five trophies in the final results of the American International Rally. They received the Best Foreign Manufacturer's Entry trophy, the Ladies' Prize, 3rd in the 1600-2000 cc Class, 7th Overall and Best New York Starter.

On the night of October 13th, the personnel of 13 cars, their various well-wishers and factory representatives, the press and a curious crowd, all probably regretted the choice of New York as a starting point in the American International Rally. The wind whistles past Sardi's West on 44th Street at bone-chilling speed, especially at three AM, and during the long intervals between starts (last car left at 4:20), Sardi's did a roaring business in coffee, etc., with emphasis, for once, on the coffee.

At 3:02, the first TR-3 started, driven by Denise McCluggage and navigated by Eleanor Halmi. Twenty minutes later, #22 with Bob Halmi at the wheel was off, Lou Batori already making calculations. #42 with Walter Cronkite/Stu Blodgett and #62 with Doug Kennedy/Alex Thompson, followed at similar intervals. 62 was the last New York car to start and the freezing crowd went home to bed.

The finish of Leg One, at Asheville, North Carolina, saw all four Triumphs running well and dead accurate on time. A fast check of fuel, water and oil and they were off . . . destination, Fort Smith, Arkansas. On the way, bad weather hit hard and, in the middle of fog and rain, #42 slid off the road into a lake near Cleveland, Tennessee, turning over twice and landing in several feet of

water. Cronkite and Blodgett were unhurt and immediately set about getting their wheels back on the ground. Once towed out, the car was found to be driveable, but water and silt had damaged the car to the extent that they were forced to give up.

Meanwhile, the ladies' entry bored on through the same fog and rounded a bend only to see a dog on the road. Off onto the shoulder they went, missing the animal. When they pulled back onto the road, a fast-moving car rounded the same bend and crashed into the rear of the TR-3. No one hurt, but they had collected 100 penalty points and two very stiff necks! There were no further incidents and the three remaining Triumphs entered Fort Smith unpenalized except for the accident points and prepared for Leg Number Three to Santa Fe.

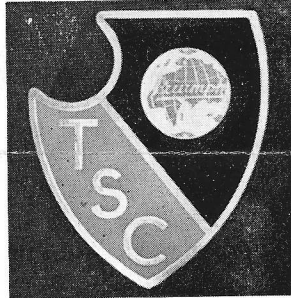
Santa Fe, where there was a 1-day layover, was reached unpenalized and the male crews headed for the sack. The girls took off for the local hospital for a much needed neck massage. Friday evening, October 16, would be the start of the really hard part of the rally. The cars were proven reliable . . . now the navigator and driver's skills would be called on heavily for the Regularity section from Santa Fe to Las Vegas.

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CLUB NEWS

The TSOA, Northern Illinois Chapter, has leaped into activity with both feet and in just a short time has aroused quite a bit of notice in this club-crowded area. Treasurer, Barbara Fenske, writes us that since the Club's supergymkhana held at Meadowdale Raceway in April, they have had an open 2-day Concours, a "Something for Fun" Rally, a Hare and Hounds, a Field Trials at Burlington, Wisconsin, their annual Tour & Picnic and their October event, "Witches Brew Rally," which was concocted by "several witches and one warlock." And now Doris Zimbelman is editing a monthly named *TSOA TALK*. New officers in November will be Ron Petralito, Pres., Dick Barek, V. P., Barbara Fenske, Secy., Doris Zimbelman, Treas., and a Board of Directors including, Mike Devine, T. J. Howard, Pete Mihojevich, and Jack Faut.

Sarge Harris sent us this photo of the Triumph Sports-car Club's new insignia. The lighter lines and letters are raised chrome around an upper field of black and a lower field of red.



Volume one, number one of *Hot Plugs*, Central Michigan Triumph Club's new publication, was interesting, indeed, and greeted with smiles by this sheet's editors. Everybody's doing it. Covering everything from rally scorings to treasury reports, the newsletter serves to inform and unify this expanding organization, and is nicely edited by Jim Vormelker. We read that November 1st was the date of their "Snowflake Rally" although as yet we don't have the results; we don't know what is planned for December because, as is true with most of the club publications, we are not learning of rallies far enough in advance to help publicize them. Let's all try to get our rumba rhythm together. TSOA NEWSLETTER copy deadline is the first day of the current month. We're a non-profit organization, you know, and here to help.

The Triumph Owner's Club of California held a ghoulish affair on Halloween. "You're liable to visit graveyards, morgues, San Marino, or anyplace like that, but we're not saying for sure," warned TROC TALK. Costumes were required. We'll have the results of this three-legged thing next issue.

The newly formed Triumph Owners Club, Inc. of Jamestown, N. Y. is burning bright with activity, and we have an open wire with Francis Moynihan who is keeping us posted on every step of its progress. The club's first annual gymkhana was held on October 25th at the Fairmount Plaza in Jamestown, with 25 entrants picking their way through "Pop The Cup," "Four Garages," "Moles Run" (a blindfolded event!) and "The Crazy S."

Who's got a suggestion on how to pack their TR for a skiing trip?

San Gabriel club's publication, *The Hooter*, ran a front page for September that was a splash of autumn color. Red, gold and green leaves greeted us for a publication that describes itself as "Entered as first class trash in all waste baskets of San Gabriel Valley." It has printing too. On September 27th, a Le Mans Treasure Hunt was held which scavenged up such oddments as "1 snail shell — empty." Part of the competition included mad dashes to strange addresses to ascertain what was

there. One hurried harried contender was sent to the address of the "Passionist Father's Monastery" and returned to describe his quest for the "Passionate Fathers." Who has fun like the Hooters?

Good news! Two new clubs forming;

Kettering TR Club, contact M. M. Mohr, 2629 Oakley Ave., Kettering 19, Ohio. T.S.O.A. of Fort Lauderdale, contact Mr. George L. Mortimer, 801 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Welcome aboard. And now about you in these areas climbing on for the fun?

DCTSOA held its "Halloween Holocaust" on October 31, and then got up early the next day for a closed rally ending up in a cook-out. The latter was planned as a fun-type rally, with the Washington group routed through 75 peaceful miles of scenic Virginia . . . undoubtedly a welcome rest from the terror of the night before.

How about sending us a good Triumph Christmas picture for the December front page?

TROPHY TIME

Triumph stood tall in the winner's circle at the Red Leaf Sports Car Rally held in Jamestown, New York on October 12. There were 184 cars entered in the event, 36 of them Triumphs. Bert Johnson, secretary of the Triumph Owners Club of Jamestown drove to a first place over the ninety mile course, edging out Bob Johnson's TR-3 by one second. L. G. Kennison's TR-3 accumulated five more seconds in his total error to win third prize trophy and make the afternoon a complete Triumph sweep.

The crack partnership of Bill Greehey and Stewart Epley drove away with the first overall trophy at the Bella Vista Rally held in Centerport, L. I., New York, on October 25th. Their victory represented an 11 second error 130 other cars, please!

Al Ackerly did it. First in class and fourth overall at Watkins Glen on September 26.

Triumph — drag racing?

The reason that so little coverage is given drag racing in these columns is that no one gives us the word. So Dan Liddy of Sarasota, Florida, noticed the omission and sent us his record and the photo below. Using the TR-3 which he says is "production" except for some porting and polishing and a thorough balancing, he has won seven trophies in all, including a second place in the Florida West Coast Championships and first in the Florida State Championships held in Fort Myres. Dan writes, "I am out, like most Triumph owners, to show the world what a fine car it is."



This is Dan Liddy's much decorated TR. Note the helmet and goggles perched in the grill opening.

RALLY RIDES AGAIN

Although the Triumph Rallies of Europe are scheduled as a 30 day tour, they are never really over. Working on the idea since the middle of last summer, Dr. Ben Hurst of Lebanon, Missouri, has organized a reunion of the 1958 Rallyists in Chicago on November 14th. They're coming from all parts of the country — from Millinocket, Maine, to Long Beach, California, and they plan a four day hoopla at the Sherman Hotel, a wonderful chance to revisit with old friends and compare mementos. One rallyist claims he is bringing 700 photographs. Phillip Ashley Carter, Tour Superintendent for the Standard Motor Company, is flying from London especially for the event and David Allen, our own TSOA President, is leaving from New York.

The 1959 Rallyists are in the process of joining in on the fun too so that the affair may well turn out to be a grand gathering and a wonderful reliving of glorious weeks in Europe. More news on the soiree next month.

SERVICE

Following last month's Winter Service article, several members wrote in to inquire why we stated that American-made thermostats should not be used. The answer to this is that the American units do not provide for closing off the bypass to the radiator, thus preventing correct flow of water. Therefore, you should use only the original-equipment thermostat, part #107590, or the high-temperature unit, part #101956.

AMERICAN RALLY (continued)

Again one minute apart, the cars headed south from Santa Fe towards Albuquerque. For those who thought this was "just another rally only longer", the Rally Committee had a surprise . . . 11 closely typed pages of instructions. For example:

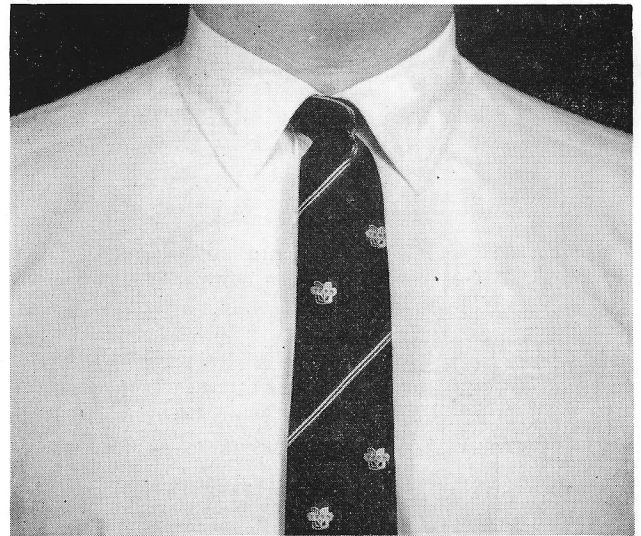
1. At sign "Speed Limit 35"
Change Speed to 33.6 MPH
2. At sign "Speed Limit 60 Night 55"
Change Speed to 54.3 MPH
3. At first stop sign turn Right. Take additional 38 seconds for making turn and
Change Speed to 48.7 MPH
4. At sign "Grants 70 Gallup 131"
Change Speed to 51.1 MPH

And this went on for over 800 miles. Some signs of mental fatigue were noted in more than one navigator.

First car to cross the Finish Line at the Thunderbird Hotel was #2, piloted by Denise McCluggage with Eleanor Halmi sitting beside her, still calculating and massaging her neck. The rest of the cars arrived in the next few hours and the weary crews discovered that the word relaxation isn't in the dictionary as far as Las Vegas is concerned.

As you saw at the beginning of this article, the TR-3 team, despite fog, lakes and stray dogs, took 5 awards in this first running of the American International Rally. The event was a success and shows every sign of becoming an annual run of world-wide importance and increasing fame in automotive circles. We are sure that future Triumph team entries in the event will enjoy even more success as well.

DEAR SANTA . . .



The latest in accessories for the well-dressed TSOA member is the attractive TSOA tie shown above. Made in England of pure silk, these ties are an attractive deep blue with silver diagonal stripes. The TSOA crests are outlined in silver and have dark blue lettering on a pale blue background. Note that the crests are woven into the material, not printed.

Priced at \$5.00, the TSOA tie is a perfect Christmas gift for members and an ideal item for your personal wardrobe. Don't delay in ordering . . . the supply is very limited and, once the present stock is exhausted, further orders will be delayed several weeks. Send your check or money order direct to the TSOA and your tie will be mailed immediately.



And now . . . a wristwatch designed especially for Triumph owners. Benrus has marketed this new Swiss product named, "Competition" with a Triumph shield imprinted on its face. 17 jewels, waterproof, dustproof, shock protected, luminous features — in fact, about the only thing it isn't is lossproof.

The needle-like sweep second hand is red for hair-splitting time calculations. The hour hand is tipped with a large arrow for clear night readings. Guaranteed for three years and designed for masculine good looks, it ticks like a smart buy for \$35.75. Mail orders only from Pritchard King, Inc., Short Hills, New Jersey. (Add \$1.50 postage cost for each of first five watches — 6 or more postage free.)

CROSSED COUNTRY RALLY

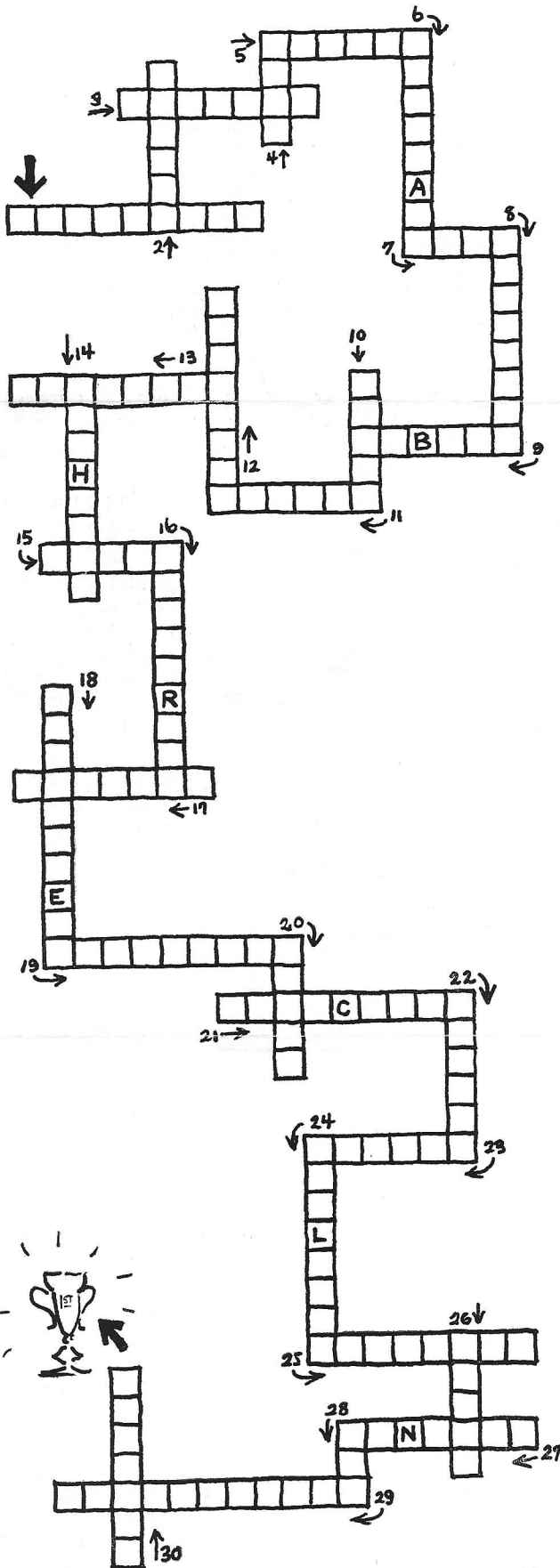
What better time for a rally than now — just as the leaves have turned and the weather is so glorious. And because it's so nice and because your editors get a little

tired of the printed page, we've chosen a section of especially beautiful countryside for you to ride this the "Crossed Country Rally."

Your instruction sheet is below and we hope nothing really puzzles you. Where you come upon a written-in letter, it's a clue — a sort of hidden check point. Words are written down or across as you would ordinarily write them.

If you arrive at the end and you think you've not gone astray, send us your itinerary sheet and we'll publish the names of the keenest, crossed-country minds.

Good luck.



1. I own a _____.
2. Le Vingt-Quatre Heus.
3. Specially for people who hate automatic drive.
4. The greatest little owners' association there is.
5. Legal competition.
6. The Standard Motor Company derives its name from being the first manufacturer of automobiles to use _____ interchangeable parts.
7. Brake, record.
8. Event for elegante autos.
9. Last name of the co-driver in car #25, Le Mans, 1959.
10. The enthusiast's fraternity pin.
11. TR "gray train" in the Alps.
12. Sports car obstacle course.
13. Sports car course in NW Connecticut.
14. "X" marks the tread.
15. 16 Furlongs = 2 _____.
16. Car #25's other driver.
17. Scene of final event on FIA 1959 Grand Prix calendar.
18. For 30-second tire changes.
19. Triumph Rally #4 left _____ 4th.
20. A favorite form of sports car competition.
21. A Jack and Jill event.
22. A good crop or a fender dent stop.
23. Marilyn Monroe's husband's last name.
24. A cigarette and a race.
25. A mileage recorder.
26. What you throw in when you can't understand the directions.
27. Useful TR Accessory costing \$35.00.
28. The shade you get in the sun.
29. One of two areas where the "dual-purpose" car shines.
30. Number one in America.

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

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

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: 1959 TR-3 hardtop, any color, Virgil Metts, Box 126, Flomaton, Alabama.

WANTED: TR-2 or TR-3 chassis and motor. East Liverpool Central Service Co., 142 West 7th Street, East Liverpool, Ohio.

WANTED: Side curtain mountings (part that screws into door) for new 1959 curtains (Dzus fastener type) also factory hard-top and hardware in good condition, any color. Lt. Charles C. Marsh, Box 21, 4129 CCTS, Walker AFB, N. M.

TRADE: White side curtains for '59 TR-3A in excellent condition for black side curtains in like condition. (See Lt. Marsh above.)

WANTED: Rear seat red for TR-3, tonneau cover and windscreens. Pierre A. Vacca, Jr., 9960 Belgrade Road, Miami 57, Florida.

FOR SALE: Triumph Tunic car cover, brand new, \$20, and AMCO Windwings, slightly used, \$10. George F. Wilson, Jr., Gleason Blvd, Box 267, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.