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SPITFIRE GT-6 TR-6 STAG LAND ROVER

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GLORIA, U. S. A.

THE BRITISH LEYLAND ASTROMOTIVE COMPUTER RECOMMENDATION BASED ON YOUR ANSWERS AT OUR NEW YORK AUTO SHOW EXHIBIT IS:

PURE SPORTS CAR FUN IS YOURS IN THE TRIUMPH SPITFIRE MARK IV. IT'S AS LITHE AND LIVELY AS IT LOOKS, WITH POWER FROM AN OVERHEAD-VALVE 1296 CC FOUR-CYLINDER ENGINE THAT REVS TO 6000 RPM, AND SUPER STYLING BY GIOVANNI MICHELOTTI.

## COMPUTER SELECTS YOUR TRIUMPH

HERE IS YOUR OWN MOTORING HOROSCOPE WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS:

BORN UNDER THE SIGN OF LIBRA, YOU ARE TACTFUL AND DIPLOMATIC, FAIRMINDED AND COOPERATIVE, ARTISTICALLY GIFTED.

DEDICATED TO CREATING PEACE, HARMONY AND BEAUTY AROUND YOU, YOU DO YOUR PART BY GIVING IN, IF PRACTICAL, RATHER THAN FIGHTING. BEING FAIRMINDED, OPPOSED TO EXTREMES OF ANY KIND, YOU DON'T SEE THAT MUCH IS WORTH FIGHTING ABOUT ANYWAY.

A computer controls every Triumph as it moves from flat, untouched sheet metal to formed body, mates with its chassis, gets trimmed, painted and finally driven off to the shipping area. After that, it's up to the customer to make the rest of the choices, right?

Nope! A new crowd-pleaser, the Astro-Motive Computer, at Triumph's automobile show exhibits will do the whole job for you. All you have to do is answer ten true-false questions, list your name, sex and date of birth (year not required) and hand the completed form to a Triumph Computer Girl. She will type it into a computer programming machine which signals a master computer in Cleveland. The big machine digests the information, selects a Triumph model on your behalf and returns the data through a print-out machine. You get the suggested model, color, accessories, price and recommended dealership near your home.

Enthusiasts at the Chicago and New York shows have already enjoyed the Astro-Motive computer's recommendations.

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- |  | True                     | False                    |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| At a winter resort you'd find me curled up by a warm fire, not out there in the snow ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I like a car that makes me do all the driving, that doesn't try to do it for me .....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| If I have a chance to speak to a group of people or perform for them, I really enjoy it ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I admire those astronauts. But you'd never catch me going up in one of those capsules .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have no objection at all to unplanned evenings. I think they're fun .....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



New York Auto Show guest hands completed question form to the Triumph Computer Girl. She then typed the data into the computer, producing results similar to those at the top of the page.

# NEW YORK SHOW



The Honorable Thomas Meffen, Lord Mayor of Coventry, visited the New York International Automobile Show and was presented with the key to New York City by Charles G. Slepian, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Events. Standing at right is Michael H. Dale, Vice-President, Sales, British Leyland.



The Philanderers, peripatetic British singing group last pictured on the cover of the February NEWSLETTER, entertained the press during the Auto Show preview and also participated in the opening ceremonies. Here they are ready to make music with the Spitfire Mk IV, as usual a star attraction itself!

## HANDBOOKS TO BE READY SOON

We are very pleased to announce that the revised TSOA HANDBOOK is going to press and will be available very soon. Members who have joined TSOA during the past year and did not receive a Handbook will receive the book automatically. Those members who have not yet received their car badges will get them with the Handbook. Because the 2nd Edition of the Handbook is a complete revision with much material altered and added, it is not possible to issue supplementary sheets for old books. The new book, which contains specifications on all Triumph models sold in the USA through 1972, servicing tips, Triumph history, etc., will be available to old members at cost. **Please do not** order the Handbook until you are notified that it is ready. Thank you very much.

## NORTHWEST GROUP ELECTS

The Tyee Triumph Club, Inc. officers for 1972 are:

- President: ..... Bob Gaston
- Vice President: ..... Duffie Lowery
- Secretary: ..... Terry Garber
- Treasurer: ..... Ira Sleasman
- Autocross Council Representative: ..... Bud Bohrer
- Competition Director: ..... Bob Brittingham
- Publicity Director: ..... Gordy Cummings

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the City Light Building at 97th and Stone Ave. N. in Seattle.

## WTSOA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At their annual meeting of February 29, 1972, WTSOA elected the following new officers:

- President: ..... Bill Frear
- Vice President: ..... Glenn Janssen
- Secretary: ..... Alice Wirth
- Treasurer: ..... Bob Romans
- Trustees at Large: ..... Bob Flemming  
Dick Shoenecker  
Dave Nelson

Appointed by the President since the meeting have been:  
 Director of Membership: ..... Gary Hawk  
 Director of Activities: ..... Al Mattacotti

For information, write: WTSOA, Box 1694, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201.

# 3900 MILES . . . . ONE WAY

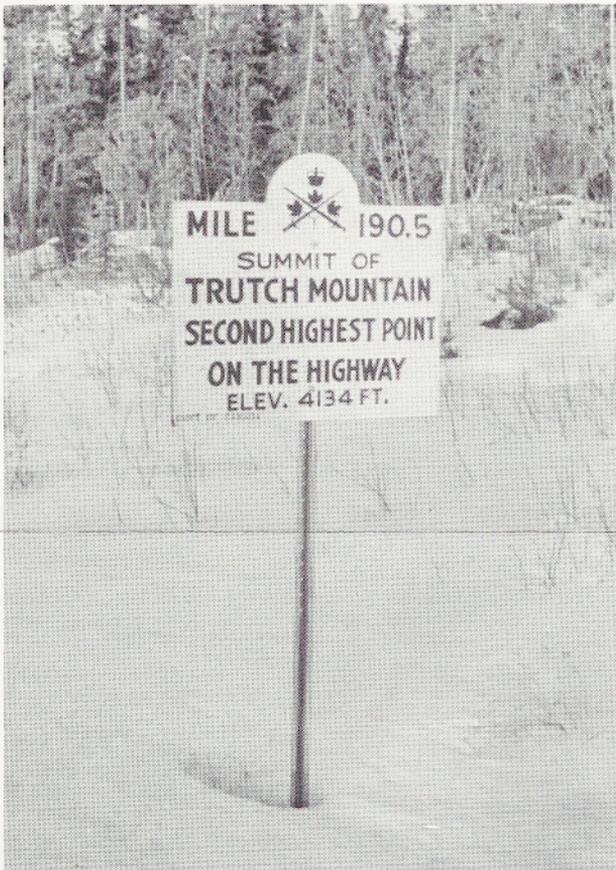
by Richard B. Wagner  
Kitchener, Ontario

Having had the pleasure to own and drive the TR-6 for two years now, I can safely say it's a "tough" machine and can prove it to be after 68,000 miles in two years. I drove to Whitehorse, Yukon in January of 1971, a trip of 3,900 miles one way. I wouldn't advise this trip in the summer, for the Alaska Highway starting in Dawson Creek, B. C. is paved for the first 50 miles only and suddenly you'll find gravel that can tear the tires off a car. But in winter the gravel is pretty well "buried" under ice and snow.

Although it is a very winding road, it can hardly be a dream with a sports car. The highway will one day be paved and straightened. Until then I don't plan to return. The distance between service stations is at times well over a hundred miles and gas is expensive (.65 per gallon). I had little problem starting in forty below weather, and in January that is a hot spell for that part of the world. Aside from avoiding collision with stray moose, traffic is light. The heater seems to be sufficient to maintain the windshield free of frost and comfortable enough to drive. No complaints there.

The natives sure had a hard look at the twin pipes and were surprised to find someone crazy enough to drive that far in the winter. A fact they considered impossible. Most had never heard of a TR-6. I wasn't surprised! Most had dog teams.

The only modifications I made to the car since I purchased it was a set of Michelin tires. I am well satisfied with the performance and pleasure I derive from driving this car. In August I toured the New England states and ended up cutting through the southern United States and winding back through Kentucky. There the roads are very well suited for this kind of car. It's a great touring car and a lot of fun to drive. After sixty-eight thousand miles, the car hasn't given me one ounce of problems. Perhaps I'll try for another 68,000?



On the way, 900 miles from Crowsnest. Most places on the Alaska Highway don't have names, just mileage designations.



No starting problems with the TR-6 despite minus 40 weather. White River is 1900 miles from Crowsnest and still many miles to go to White Horse, Yukon.



Richard Wagner's TR-6 shown at Crowsnest Pass, Alberta, ready to take off for a winter excursion up the Alaska Highway. Local inhabitants usually ride with dog teams!

# TR REGISTER

A pleasant letter from Darryl Uprichard arrived back in March, looking for new members from this side of the Atlantic and also for contributions to the Newsletter of the TR Register. What he has in mind is a "Letters from America" section covering club and individual activities and news of TR-2/3 and 3A cars.

The Register now has over 700 members in several countries and is a valuable source of information about parts, repairs, substitutions, cars for sale, etc. We urge US TSOA members who have 2 or 3 series vehicles to join. Note that owners of later models are also welcome. The club Newsletter is a comprehensive one and makes fascinating reading.

The Register application form is reproduced below. We suggest that you answer the questions and mail the fee soon.

## THE TR REGISTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name and address .....  
(Block Letters please)

I hereby apply for membership of the TR Register and enclose a cheque/P.O. for £2 to cover my subscription. (Includes cost of windscreen badge).

Date ..... Signed .....

In order to compile the Register the following details are requested:

Year and Model ..... Chassis No. ....

Colour ..... Registration No. ....

Engine No. .... C.C. ....

Whether overdrive fitted ..... Rear axle ratio (if known) .....

Tyres used ..... Value of car .....

Any fibreglass parts .....  
(If so give details)

History of car (if known) .....

Any other useful information .....  
(e.g. any work undertaken on vehicle)

Extras fitted .....

This form when completed should be returned to  
T. J. Simpson,  
100 High Street,  
Redbourn,  
ST. ALBANS, Herts.

Cheques to be made payable to "The TR Register", (for an amount of \$5.16 and \$3.87 annually thereafter.)

## CLASSIFIED

### ITEMS FOR SALE

1961 TR3A. Very good condition. 70,000 miles. Hardtop, softops 2), tonneau (2). Bought new in Virginia. Kept well for 12 years. All service records available + Shop Manual, TSOA Handbook, etc. Family size forced purchase of Stag. (see photo). \$800. D. Schmidek, 2 Chateau Drive, Whitesboro, N. Y. 13492. 315-736-2379.

1957 Triumph TR-3. Mechanically pretty good. Body needs restoring. Best Offer. John R. Hoidge, Wright Road, RFD, Collinsville, Conn. 06022. (203) 693-8696.

1965 TR-4A for parts—everything except front end—engine okay. William Gregor, 315 Goodman Hill Road, Sudberry, Mass. 01776. (617) 443-6809.

Brand-new Mueller exhaust header for Spitfire Mk 3/4, \$50. Mike Cook, 15 Birch Road, Bloomingdale, New Jersey. (201) 838-7734.

1967 TR-4A Triumph. Independent rear suspension. Hard-top with new soft-top. Recent 400 miles valve job, rings and bearings in motor with "D" Cam. Some rust, but new panels included. Also a parts car, running with new soft-top, rear body damaged. Both cars \$1,150. John Taylor, 14 Miner Street, Greenfield, Mass. 01301. (413) 773-3771.

Rear half of wrecked TR-4. Many good body parts plus differential, axles, wheels, etc. Also, Bug-eyed Sprite body. Make offer for parts or total package with inquiry. William Page, 118 Capital Trail, Newark, Delaware, 19711.

1958 TR-3, green, black interior, tan dash. Tonneau Cover, wire wheels, Goodyear radial tires. Body, engine and transmission in good condition. A truck load of spare parts. Best offer. Scott Park, 532 Margaret Road, Statesville, N. C. (704) 872-7542.

One TR-250 tonneau cover, black, excellent shape, \$25 plus shipping. Juliet Karp, 102 Parliament Square, Louisville, Kentucky 40206. (502) 895-9168 or (502) 459-5020.

4-Spoke Amer. Mags mounted on 5.25/9.50-15 Goodyear Blue Streaks. "J" Design (wet-dry tread), 7/4-inch rubber on ground. Never raced or used. Trade for a set of wire wheels plus cash. Randy Sanders, 25 N.E. 60th Street, Portland, Oregon. (503) 236-3937 or (503) 622-3262.

Roll bar for TR-3, frame welded, exceeds SCCA specifications, \$10 plus shipping. Also, Luggage rack for TR-3, chrome with suction cups, \$5. Boot cover for TR-3, white, never used, \$3. Louis Diamond, 3428 Milam Lane, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. (606) 266-4727.

1956 TR-3, Serial # TS 8943L, dark green. Drum brakes, no outside door handles, black interior, black top, complete new wiring. Best over \$500. Tim Craxton, Triumph Sports Cars, Inc., 1745 Broadway, New York N. Y. (212) 265-7350.

### ITEMS WANTED

Hardtop for 1971 STAG. D. Schmidek, 2 Chateau Dr., Whitesboro, N Y. 315-736-2379.

Parts for TR-6, front left fender, front bumper, hood and hood hinges. Consider repairable parts. Send photo and price. Warren Ploeger, 1917 Colony La., Independence, Missouri 64058.

Carburetor for 1971 Spitfire (for parts. 2 rims 4 1/2 J for 1971 Spitfire. Floor carpets (black) L & R 1971 Spitfire. C. Kaefer, P.O. Box 118, Brookline, Mass. 02146.

"Surrey Top" for '66 TR-4A. Complete Kit. Will pay good price. Also, Hood (front nose section) for 1966 Spitfire Mk II. Randy Sanders, 25 N. E. 60th Street, Portland, Oregon. (503) 236-3937 or (503) 622-3262.

One (1) Pair of rear bumperettes for '62 TR-3. Bill Sells, 820 Wabash Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208. (704) 392-7184.

## TSOA SUPERMARKET

### OFFICIAL TRIUMPH JACKET

Brilliant blue water-repellent nylon zipper jacket with two white racing stripes. Mandarin collar style with side pockets, elasticized waist.

Order direct from: Louisville Manufacturing Company  
P. O. Box 1436, Louisville, Kentucky 40201

Specify: small, medium, large, extra-large ..... \$4.75  
Ladies' sizes, specify small, medium or large ..... \$4.75  
Jacket with button-in red acrylic pile liner ..... \$9.00

The following items are to be ordered from TSOA Leonia.

Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards" .....	FREE
List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors .....	FREE
Replacement TSOA Badge .....	\$1.00
Triumph Automobile Association badge .....	\$1.50
GT-6/2000 Competition Preparation Manual .....	\$2.00
TR-4 TR-4A Competition Preparation Manual .....	\$2.00
SPITFIRE Competition Preparation Manual .....	\$2.00
TR-250/TR-6 Competition Preparation Manual .....	\$2.00
GT-6+ Competition Preparation Manual .....	\$2.00
Complete list of Competition Parts for all Triumphs .....	FREE
TSOA Jacket Emblem .....	\$1.00
(Club Discount — 1 Dozen) .....	\$10.00
Official Triumph Jacket Emblem .....	\$ .50
Triumph Competition Stickers, Mylar .....	3 for \$1.00

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

Please make checks payable to Triumph Sports Owners Association.

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