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Incorporating the TSOA Newsletter

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VTR AND TSOA MERGE!

When TR-7 and TR-8 production ended in 1981, and with the Triumph Acclaim only available in European markets, most enthusiasts familiar with the Triumph Sports Owners Association (TSOA) assumed it would only be a matter of time before that organization came to an end. TSOA was totally supported by Jaguar-Rover-Triumph (JRT) in Leonia and John Dugdale, Editor of the TSOA Newsletter, was until his recent retirement, a full-time employee of JRT. The token \$3 TSOA subscription charge certainly did not reflect the total cost of a TSOA subscription. The additional funds, therefore, were supplied by JRT's Public Relations department.

With Triumphs no longer being sold in the USA, the value of TSOA news as an advertising and marketing tool was gone and it no longer was good business practice to continue subsidizing the TSOA Newsletter. TSOA members should not feel slighted by this since the same thing occurred over a year ago when the MG Magazine lost its JRT support after MG production stopped.

What has all of this led to? Since JRT did not want to leave its TSOA members 'out in the cold', they asked VTR if we

would like to continue the TSOA responsibility of providing the direct channel of communication between the enthusiast and the factory. At that time, it had already become obvious to VTR that the word Vintage in our name did not reflect what VTR consisted of since local memberships and turnouts at National events reflected the total range of Triumph models. Recognition of that fact led to the elimination of the 10 year rule, as reported elsewhere in this newsletter, and allowed VTR to take the necessary steps to accept the responsibility it was being asked to undertake.

The first step has been the identification of The English Channel as now incorporating the TSOA Newsletter and mailing complimentary copies of this issue to each of the 1200 TSOA members. So if you're a TSOA member reading our newsletter for the first time, we welcome you to VTR and hope you will join the Vintage Triumph Register so you can continue receiving this newsletter and The Vintage Triumph magazine.

We are proud of the fact that JRT has selected VTR to carry on the responsibilities and traditions of TSOA and we look forward to fulfilling those obligations.

VTR's First Southern Chapter



This august group posed in front of City Hall are all charter members of the Central Mississippi Chapter. They became a VTR Chapter in 1981 and are looking forward to an active 82 season. They are from left to right-Helen "Tippy" Garner, Frank Peel-President, W.T. "Butta" Brown, Scotty Marsh and son Brad, Ed Moore, Norman Pauli, Steve Cappello, Jeff Williamson and Lee Harrison.



The PTOA Corral last August

PORTLAND TRIUMPH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

PTOA had a great summer. In addition to their many tours, they started the summer with a super turn-out for the All-British Field Meet. It was held in Portland and they had about 35 Triumphs representing all of the Northwest including Victoria, B.C. and Seattle, Washington. The 1st Place Peoples Choice for Triumphs was won by Ettie & Norman Scott who brought their 1949 TR 2000 Roadster. PTOA was also involved again in the Annual Starlighters Parade, put on a very successful autocross and motored to Cottage Grove on August 9th for the PTOA 1st Annual Northwest All-Triumph Drive-In. Considering the 108° record heat wave, they had a good turn-out with a wide range of cities represented. The winners were:

Peoples Choice	1st Craig Pearsall	TR-3 (BSCCDC)
	2nd John Nichols	TR-6 (PTOA)
	3rd Graden Davis	Spit (PTOA)

Longest Distance Traveled	Mary Lavern	Spit (Tyee TC)
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— Don Chalmers

PTOA Membership Chairman



Jeff Dietz' restoration project.

DOLOMITE DOINGS

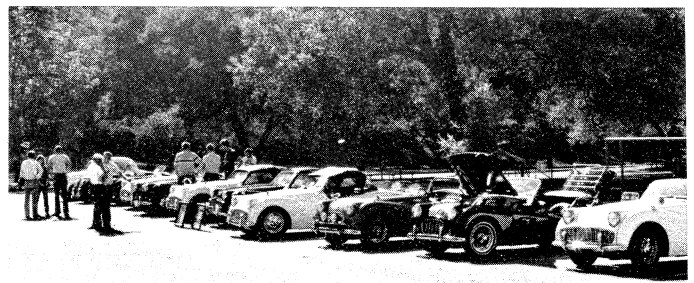
VTR member Jeff Dietz of Davenport, Iowa reports that the restoration of his 1937 Triumph Dolomite is progressing well. Jeff, the third owner of the Dolomite Saloon, purchased the car in 1975 and hopes to paint it this season. Perhaps we will see Jeff and his Dolomite at the 1982 VTR National Convention in Chicago. We wish him the best of luck with his restoration project.

TR-250K ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

As this issue of The English Channel goes to press, we have learned that the TR-250K will be going up for auction. The Kastner produced and Brock designed one-off, (see the May 1977 issue of The Vintage Triumph, #14) based upon Triumph TR-250 mechanicals, will be sold at the prestigious Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction.

AMPHICAR SWIM-REPORT

For all you Amphicar enthusiasts, the December 1981 issue (#66) of Special Interest Autos featured an in-depth drive/swim analysis of this unique Triumph Herald-engined derivative. Single copies are available for only \$2 postpaid. Send to: SIA #66, Box 196-B, Bennington, VT 05201.



A Line-up of beautiful Triumphs in San Diego

TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

The Second Annual TSCCSD Concours was held November 15, 1981 at ElMonte Park. About 60 Triumphs participated in 5 classes and about 100 people attended.

The Triumph Register of Southern California judged the TR-2/3/3A/3B class, while local TSCCSD members attended to the judging chores in the other classes.

Class 1

1st Ken Harpeneau	1959 TR-3A
2nd Ralph Crumpton	1963 TR-3B
3rd John Davis	1957 TR-3

Class 2

1st Dick Plum	1967 TR-4A
2nd Dave Harlan	1966 TR-4A
3rd Alan McIlroy	1964 TR-4

Class 3

1st Chris Cusick	1974 TR-6
2nd Sue Corbett	1969 TR-6
3rd Adele Crumpton	1973 TR-6

Class 4

1st Jim DeMocko	1976 TR-7
2nd Dennis Thompson	1978 TR-7
3rd Ken Copeland	1980 TR-7/Spider

Class 5

1st Valeri Preziosi	1979 Spit
2nd Rich Medhurst	1973 GT-6
3rd Matt Wilson	1966 Spit

Peoples Choice

John Davis	1957 TR-3
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Most Drivable Wreck

Tony Haas	1962 TR-4
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— Ralph H. Crumpton

TECH TIP

On some newer domestic automobiles, propane (as used with Benzomatic torches, etc.) is used to make idle air/fuel ratio settings. The propane equipment (bottle, valve and hose) can also be used to discover vacuum leaks. If you have a rough idling engine, turn on the propane valve and move the hose along the intake manifold flanges, carburetor flanges and other areas with vacuum leakage potential. If the engine idle smooths out, you've found the vacuum leak.

CAUTION: Propane is flammable! Use it sparingly in an open area and put out that cigarette first!

Calendar of Events for Triumph Enthusiasts

May 2 NORTH NEW JERSEY TRIUMPH ASSOC.
English Car Day/Picnic
201-691-8116

Aug. 19-22 ILLINOIS SPORTS OWNERS ASSOC.
NORTH AMERICAN TRIUMPH CHALLENGE VII
AND VTR CONVENTION
312-724-1433

FOUR ZONES MOVE UP TO CHAPTER STATUS

Since last reported in this newsletter, four VTR Zones have met the requirements to become a Chapter and have been issued their respective charters. They are, in the order in which the charters were issued:

**TEXAS TRIUMPH REGISTER
CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF VTR
GEORGIA TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION
TRIUMPH TRAVELERS SPORTS CAR CLUB**

These four local clubs will be added to the Chapters listing in The Vintage Triumph Magazine commencing with issue #30. You might think that the VTR Zone list will get shorter now that four clubs have achieved Chapter status. To the contrary, that list now includes . . .

NEW ZONE LISTINGS

Significant voids have been filled by the formation of three new clubs, the **Western Massachusetts Triumph Association**, the **North Florida Triumph Association** and an, as yet, unnamed club in **Norfolk, Virginia**. Additionally, three more individual efforts to start a local Triumph club have begun in **Amarillo, Texas; St. Louis, Missouri;** and **Birmingham, Alabama**.

As always, we urge any VTR members and now TSOA members in those areas to contact the new club and join up to enjoy group Triumph activities instead of just reading about them.

— Bill Sohl
Local Affairs Director

VTR RECOGNIZES ALL TRIUMPH MODELS

You may not have noticed it, but back in the July-Aug. 1981 issue of The English Channel, buried in the May 26th VTR Board Minutes, it was reported that the board agreed to recognize all Triumph models. Prior to that decision, VTR had a 10 year old cut-off that was applied to material published in The Vintage Triumph magazine. Obviously, this change has an even greater significance now that we are welcoming former TSOA members into VTR, who for the most part own newer Triumphs.

Featuring the TR-7 photo on issue 29 of the magazine was probably the first major departure from the old 10 year rule. In addition, an upcoming issue (#33, Second quarter 1982) will be devoted to the TR-6. As the only Triumph organization in the United States now open to all Triumph owners and enthusiasts, VTR looks forward to meeting the needs and interests of all its members from owners of pre-war Triumphs thru TR-8 (and Acclaim owners if someone can sneak one into the USA).

— VTR Board

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CARS FOR SALE

1959 TR-3A — very good condition. Signal red exterior, black interior. White top, side curtains, tonneau and boot. Disc wheels, WSW tires. Everything works. \$4,600 Michael Cohen, 25545 Hereford, Huntington Woods, MI 48070 (313-399-1779).

1960 TR-3 — Late model; russet brn/lt. brn tuck & roll tweed; black top; Michelins. Restored 79-80. Calif. Car \$3,600. Tom (501-738-2455)

1961 TR-3A — Serial #TS71939LO; hardtop, soft top, tonneau, side curtains, wire wheels, overdrive. Sebring white exterior, red leather interior. One Owner. Body and interior unrestored. Good running condition. \$2,500 Jim Hill, P.O. Box 235, Trenton, FL 32693 (904-463-6084).

1969 Spitfire Mk III — 3000 miles on rebuilt engine. Body in excellent condition. Good top, new carpet, new tires, new brakes. All hydraulics rebuilt. Mechanically perfect. \$2,900 Cindy Diehl 807 Rider St., Iowa City, IA 52240 (319-354-7219).

1969 GT-6 — #KC56973LO - Original wire wheels, 68 engine-fair, body-good, restoration begun, \$1600. **1970 GT-6** — #KG75586E - without drive train - wrecked left front, \$200. Differential and Misc. parts. Edward H. West, 3406 Highland Oaks Dr., Tuscaloosa, ALA. 35401 (205-758-2379).

PARTS FOR SALE

TR3/TR3A — front disc brake pads - \$13.50 per set plus postage. Jack Viirland, 482 Dorset Ave., Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7T 2W2 (416-637-6653).

Many new, NOS, parts for TR4/4A, TR6 as well as late-model Triumphs. Must have part #. Call Stan; Imported Motors, Montclair, N.J. (201-783-5363).

TR-6 Parts — Many to choose from, including complete engine and lots of other parts. John (413-786-9744) or Dan (413-562-1388).

TR-6 Parts — set of 5 spoke wire wheels, complete with all parts. \$550 Larry Sapp, 1706 S. Whittier, Springfield, IL 62704 (217-544-2858).

TR-6 Hardtop — used but in very good condition. Just needs some new paint. \$425. or best offer Bob (802-222-5236 days or 222-4512 after 6PM).

Spitfire parts — all mechanical, suspension, engine and trim parts available, plus most body and interior items. Also factory high performance parts. Write for specific needs or for list. Please enclose stamp. Dan Targonski, 4915 N. Menard, Chicago, IL 60630.

WANTED

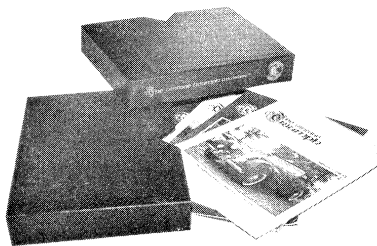
Assistant to help Membership Secretary, Bill Lynn, with VTR renewals. Prefer someone near Glenview, Illinois. Contact: Bill Lynn (312) 724-1433.

PARTS WANTED

Front bumper for 65 TR4 — Will buy or trade. Need parts. David Greenhalgh, 737 Bogert Rd., River Edge, N.J. 07661 (201-265-4159).

Original Aero windscreens — not Brooklands P/N 700896. Also, Oil filler cap for original factory cast aluminum valve cover. Detailed photographs of above items would also be helpful for possible part reproduction. Eric Spritzer, 1514 Brommer St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (408-462-4039).

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AVOID MISSING AN ISSUE RENEW NOW!

The publication of The Vintage Triumph magazine has, shall we say, been less than timely in the past and as a result, issue #30 (3rd quarter 1981) is only finding its way into your mailbox now. Well, we are about to play "catch up ball". Our goal is to be on schedule with issue #33 (2nd quarter 1982) and have that issue in the mail before or during June. Issue #31 is almost ready to be typeset and issue #32 has all the feature material ready.

The point of this article is to remind you, that if you have a renewal due during this period, you should get it in quickly to avoid missing an issue. This applies to anyone whose membership expires with issue 30, 31, 32 or 33 as indicated by the number in the upper right corner of your mailing label. When renewing, please include your membership number (upper left corner of label).

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