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200,000 SPITFIRES BUILT



1963 Spitfire 4



1973 Spitfire 1500

TEN YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

Coventry—The 200,000th Triumph Spitfire was completed Monday 9th July at Triumph Motors Coventry factory. It was driven off the assembly line by the Sales and Marketing Director, John Carpenter to the cheers of a large crowd of production workers.

Since its introduction nearly 11 years ago over 150,000 units (75% of production) have been exported of which 57% have been sold in the U.S.A. and 30% to Europe.

More than 33,000 Spitfires have been built overseas—mostly in Belgium—from parts supplied by Triumph oventry and Liverpool factories. The popularity of the model is still continuing at a very high level and the production programme is currently running at around 20,000 units per year.

A MESSAGE FROM PORTLAND

The following letter is from Tom McCoy, vice-president of the Portland Triumph Owners Association. It's a great statement of the goals of a flourishing club.

I know many of our officers and members have been in contact with you, including myself, and I thought you might be interested in some information regarding our organization.

We were started last summer by Randy J. Sanders who thought it was about time an area Triumph club was organized. His efforts at organizing our first tour were rewarded with 63 cars. We now have a tour on the last Sunday of every month (at 8:00 A.M.) and boast a record high attendance of 74 cars (record low 13, in driving rain).

We are now incorporated with the State of Oregon and continued on page four



Perhaps the last Indian demonstrator leaving Washington? Maybe an owner who worries about roll-overs near his favorite lake. Anyway, a great solution to what to do with a 16 foot canoe and a 12 foot car.

Photo by John H. Shealey II, courtesy STOPWATCHER

ANOTHER TR FILM



A new Triumph racing film is in the works. As yet untitled, it traces the career of a young man who goes through racing drivers school. The car is driven in real life by Jim McCashin (right, above) in SCCA races in the Southern Pacific Division. On the left is Jim Coan, British Leyland's Competition Technical Advisor for the west.

ANOTHER TR FAMILY

This is in reply to your query in the June issue under the "Miscellany" heading—"Who's got a better story?" I think we have in the list of cars we have owned:

- 47 1800 roadster (last car owned in England)
- 51 Mk VII Jaguar
- 57 TR3
- 59 Peerless (which, of course, was all TR running gear)
- 49 A-40 (son's car, on which he learned to drive)
- Heralds (2 of indeterminate age, son's cars)
- 61 TR3A
- 65 Spitfire (daughter's first car)
- 67 GT-6 (in which I discover your best design to date)
- 70 Spitfire (daughter up-dates)
- 70 GT-6+ (I up-date)
- 73 Spitfire 1500 (daughter hangs in there)
- 73 GT-6 Mk3 (as do I)

Counting the Peerless, that makes 12 Triumphs to date at our house. We always order two mods before delivery from dealer: Michelin ZX tires and Koni shock absorbers.

Is it true that the 13th is "on the house?"

Cordially,
WILLOUGHBY W. MOYER
Box 71
Creamery, Pa. 19430

PS: Our dealer, and a good one, is Maginniss Foreign Cars, Horsham, Pa.



Well, no, it isn't a TR-250. It's Fletcher Williams' TR-4, a DP winner from Farmville, Va. Very neat and, from the stack of trophies, very quick, too!



Darryl Uprichard, a leading figure in the TR Register, sent this shot of his newly restored TR-3 on display at a dealership, The Light Car Store, in Derby, England. "Allmyownwork" says Darryl, including the paint job! It was the dealer's 50th Anniversary . . . note Renown sedan in background.

TR REGISTER

Register President Terry Simpson reports that costs of operating the register because of increased membership, make it necessary to increase the annual subscription. Effective immediately the subscription for U.S. members is \$14.00.

Copies of the membership registration form can be obtained by writing TSOA.

New Register Address: Terry Simpson

"Tresdale"

Tresdale Close

Connor Downs

Hayle, Cornwall

England



The customizer's hand has shaped Spike Friedman's TR-4A into a handsome machine indeed. Gorgeous green paint . . . what's under the scoop, Spike? Spike is the new president of the Portland (Ore.) Triumph Owners Association.

NOT FIRST PLACE BUT DEFINITELY A VICTORY

The escapade started Saturday morning at Road Atlanta. The crew and the ADDCO Triumph Spitfire driven by Gary Ouellette of Riviera Beach, Florida hadn't arrived at the track in time for the morning practice—nor afternoon qualifying. "Truck broke down. It's fixed and we're on our way, 150 miles from track." Fantastic! At last some word. They would be in by 8:00 P.M. Along came 7:00 P.M. and another message arrived, "Truck broke again. Borrow Tow Vehicle and come get the car." Gary borrowed a car and went after them. When he arrived around midnight, there was no sign of them. He finally gave up and drove back to his motel near the track where a message had just arrived at 3:00 A.M. The earlier message was in error, they were at a different location 10 miles further away.

After three hours sleep, he was off again at 7:00 A.M. for one more try. A little after 9:00 A.M. Gary saw the truck and trailer moving north, 20 miles south of Atlanta. He turned around and tried to catch them, but they had pulled off for gas. Gary missed them, gave up and returned to the track.

About two hours before the race, the rig arrived. Gary was allowed to start at the back of the pack, 44th in the largest group of the weekend. Thirty minutes later he finished 15th overall in the D, E, F production B Sedan C Sports Racing Group, and second in F Production, scarcely 2 seconds behind the first place car.

A first place in perseverance is deserved by both crew and driver. No sleep, no food, but they kept on trying.

A MESSAGE FROM PORTLAND

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are collecting discounts from various parts houses and suppliers for our members. We have had our members entered in Rallys, Races, Hillclimbs and Autocrosses with increasing success. By the start of next season we hope to be members of the Western Oregon Washington Assoc. of Sports Car Clubs (WOW) and the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs (ICSCC) to better further the interests of our members.

General meetings are the first Monday of every month at 8:00 P.M. Both the tours and meetings meet at Shakey's Pizza Parlor at 5100 S.E. Foster Rd. in Portland. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Our members drive anything from a Stag to a TR-2 including sedans and Heralds plus anything that was ever TR powered. They come in all ages, sexes, colors, occupations and all get along very well. Our purpose is to bring people who own, drive, or just like Triumphs together to meet each other, learn more about their cars, and to promote activities centered around Triumphs.

We had a recent election and produced the following new officers:

President Spike Friedman		
Vice President Tom McCoy		
(Membership Director)		
Treasurer Dave "Tree' Lukens		
Secretary Patti Underwood		
Tour Chairman Brent Lambert		
Historian Duane Benedict		
Technical Advisor Doug Gissel		
Newsletter Editor Carolyn Zellner		
(Triumph Trax)		
Activities Chairmen Dick McCue		
and Steve Tandy		
(Fund Raising) (Competition Directors)		

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Promotion and Advertising Chairman

EDITOR, MICHAEL L. COOK

Randy Sanders

ITEMS FOR SALE

'65 (Triumph) Italia 2000. Under 34,000 miles, electric overdrive, W/Ws, jumpseat, everything in good condition except for rust spots at the bottom of either door and upholstery needs repair at the back of jump seat. I will accept the best offer received by the end of August. Orestes H. Wright, 641 River Dr., New Port Richey, Fla. 33552, Phone 813-849-2356.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

TR-4 black tonneau cover in good condition, \$20.00. Jack Laveson, 10852B Pear Blossom Ct., St. Ann, Mo. 63074 (314) 423-6939. TR-4, 1972 Green Spitfire, 9,000 miles. All latest equipment, plus AM-FM radio — \$2500.00. Contact Glenn S. Butler, 1660 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60614. (312) 266-1540 or 787-8220. Want to sell as soon as possible. Contact Sat. thru. Wed.

New standard pistons 83mm rings, pins, 2nd rod bearings \$30.00; used 87mm sleeves and pistons \$40.00; 4 hubs with spinners and 2 wire wheels in good condition for TR-3 \$30.00. All prepaid in U.S.A. James L. Putman, 2589 Imperial Way, Yuba City, Ca. 95991 (916) 673-4104.

Left rear Armstrong damper & link for 1971 TR-6. Fits all TR6's & TR-250. Excellent condition. \$12.00. Tony Cestare, 312 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen, N.J. 08840. (201) 548-5665.

'58 TR-3 Classic Triumph. New interior and rebuilt and reupholstered seats. All black, new windshield, tires, brakes, battery and tune-up. Excellent mechanical condition, very low original mileage. 95% restored body, new nose, and all new chrome and lights. 5 original spoke wheels and original hand crank starter. One years labor and \$1300.00 invested. Must sell — leaving country. Richard Kammarada, 71 Webster St., Floral Park, New York. 11001. (516) 437-4574, after 6 p.m.

Boot cover for TR-3. Have 2: one black, one white. Both perfect. \$10.00 each, postage paid. C. G. Hoxie, 24 Andrews Road, Milton, Mass. 02186.

Back issues of motor car magazines mostly SCI, R & T, SCG and C & D. A few other misc. copies. For complete list send a SSAE to: Walter A. Jordan, Jr., 19 Crest Circle, Worcester, Ma. 01603.

ITEMS WANTED:

White tonneau cover for 1959 TR-3 and seat covers or information as to where I can get seat covers to replace the worn out leather. Robert L. Levenson, 1st and Hanover Streets, Martins Ferry, Ohio. 43935.

TR-3 body needed with or without engine. C. A. Morley, 1019 Hope Street, Stamford, Conn. 06907. (203) 327-5396, days. (203) 324-7254, nights. Also 1962 TR-3 body needed.

Hard top — doesn't have to be in great condition — for TR-6. Year model is 1969. Steve Dreggors, 103 E. Banks Street, Glennville, Ga. 30427. (912) 654-3577.

Hard-top for 1964 TR-4. Any condition okay, but must be reasonable, limited student funds. John K. Bennett, 5838 Carol Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois.

WANTED — Herald 12/50 or Sports 6 Convertible top dollar for top condition. Contact Roger Lee, 925 Sterling Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07062, or call (201) 245-5000 9-5/(201) 561-1180 after 6.

Front and Rear Street/Solo Springs (209033 Front) (307027 Rear) for a 1969 GT6 at a reasonable price. Contact Charles Evans, Rt. 2, Box 570, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115.

TSOA SUPERMARKET

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	
TSOA Handbook, 2nd Edition	\$2.00
Triumph Automobile Association badge	\$1.50
GT-6/2000 Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.50
TR-4/TR-4A Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.50
SPITFIRE Mk-I-II-III Competition Preparation Manual	
TR-250/TR-6 Competition Preparation Manual (Not current	
GT-6+ Competition Preparation Manual	\$2.50
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 Sportscar Champions Jacket Emblem	
British Leyland Competition Stickers, Mylar	3 for \$1.00
Sand Chack or Manay Order No. C.O.D.'s ale	

Send Check or Money Order. No. C.O.D.'s please.
Please make checks payable to Triumph Sports Owners Association.