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TRIUMPH SALES HEADED UP!

LEONIA, N. J., June 4 — A 53 percent increase in the retail sales of Triumph sports cars was reported here today by British Leyland Motors Inc. The May, 1971, total of 2,432 was an all-time record for the month.

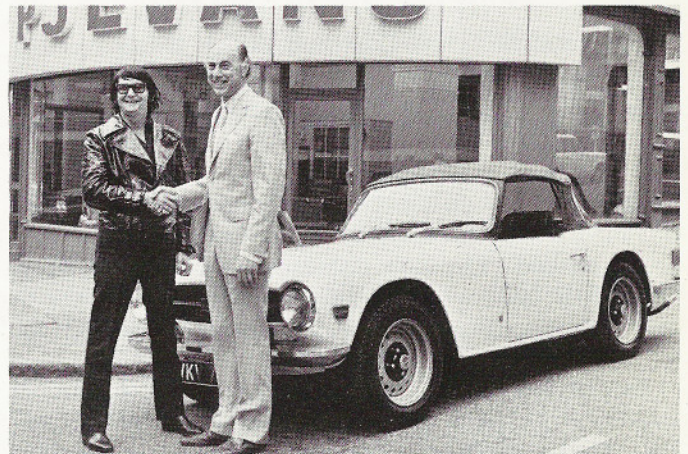
Combined sales of the four Triumph models, the TR-6, Spitfire, GT-6 and Stag, for the first five months of 1971 were 38 percent ahead of the January through May period last year. The 1971 five month figure was 8,418 compared to 6,098 last year.

The May increase follows a 24 percent jump recorded in April.

British Leyland President Graham W. Whitehead attributed the Triumph sales increase to the make's continuing popularity plus increased productivity in the United Kingdom. "In the past," he said, "Triumph sales have been severely limited by the availability of cars. We have now turned the corner on supply, thanks to improved labor relations and additional plant capacity, and are looking forward to 1971 being a record-breaking year for Triumph."

AUTOMOBILE QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the last issue of TSOA, we mentioned subscription prices for Automobile Quarterly. We are informed that they have a special rate going at the moment of \$17.95 for four issues, rather than \$22.50. For a free brochure, write to Automobile Quarterly, 245 West Main St., Kutztown, Pa. 19530, or send a check to start your subscription immediately.



Roy Orbison, Nashville singing star, is shown taking delivery of a new TR-6. Purchased for his wife, the TR will be Orbison's 47th car! Shown with the singer is Harold Koster, Sales Manager for P. J. Evans, Ltd., Triumph dealer in Birmingham, England.

NASHVILLE DIGS TR-6 SOUND

American pop star Roy Orbison added a new car to his collection of exotic vehicles from all over the world when he took delivery of a new Triumph TR-6 on Saturday, May 15th.

Orbison, from Nashville, Tennessee, was appearing in a Birmingham nightclub, and took delivery of the TR-6 from Triumph's Birmingham distributor, P. J. Evans Limited.

The TR-6, which the singer has bought for his German wife, Barbara, is the 47th vehicle in their collection. Orbison says that when he has 50 cars in the collection he will open a motor museum.



William H. Fraser, prominent Bremerton, Washington attorney, is shown receiving the keys to his 1971 Stag from Patricia McDonald, bookkeeper for Beach Imports. Mr. Fraser is the first Stag owner in the Pacific Northwest. Shown (l. to r.) are Elmer King, owner of Beach Imports, Mr. Fraser, Miss McDonald and C. M. Lechner, Triumph Regional Sales Manager.

SAN DIEGO GROUP ENTERS CUSTOM SHOW

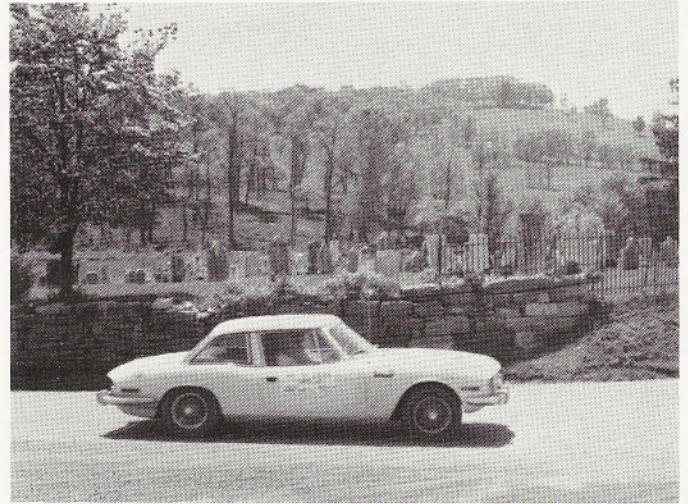
The Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego recently participated in the Spring National Custom Car and Bike Show, held at the Community Concourse, San Diego, March 19-21.

As a means of publicizing a club and familiarizing the community with sports car activities, there could not be a better method. The club distributed Triumph Sportscar Champions buttons and stickers, literature and photos to over 500 persons and, we hope, gained some new recruits.

Part of the display was the race-prepared TR-4A of member R. J. Barnes, plus some Triumph showroom material and a large rally checkpoint sign, indicating the variety of activities pursued by the Club.



The race-prepared TR-4A of R. J. Barnes was featured as part of a display by the Triumph Owners Club of San Diego at the Custom and Bike Show, there, March 19-21.



The 1971 Triumph Stag, driven by Dr. John O'Leary and navigated by Renee O'Leary, is shown en route through Virginia on the Virginia Reel National Rally, May 22/23. They placed in the Top Ten and won the trophy for Best British Leyland product.

LEADING RALLY TEAM SELECTS STAG

The nationally-known rally team of Renee and Jack O'Leary has chosen a Triumph Stag for the 1971 season. In their first four competition weekends with the car they picked up four trophies!

The Stag is not the O'Leary's first British Leyland mount. In 1970, they drove a Rover 3500S for the second year in a row, competed in 30 events and took a trophy in 24 of them. At the end of 1970, they stood 4th in SCCA Northeast Divisional Rally competition. In their score for the year, they were in 2nd spot in the SCCA Great Petroleum National, 1st place in Section 1 of the Glen Tour National, 1st in the SCCA Maverick National, 1st overall MG 1000 International Rally and many trophies in the Pennsylvania Rally Championship Association series. They received the Rally of the Year award from the PRCA for their Shad Moon Rally.

In 1971, the team plans a heavy schedule. Although Renee always navigates, driving chores are shared by Dr. John and Fred Hurlburt. Renee and Fred won 1st in the Rose Tree Motor Club Invitational on May 16th. Renee and Jack took the Best British Leyland award and placed in the top ten at the Virginia Reel National held May 22-23. They topped this with 2nd overall at the Mountain Goat National, Marietta, Ga., May 30-31.

Far from being just competitors, the O'Leary's will chairman three events including the Shad Moon during 1971. Renee is Secretary-Treasurer of the PRCA and both John and Renee are on the Executive Committee of the Brandywine Motorsport Club. They plan to enter at least 5 SCCA National events, 7 Divisionals, the MG International 1000 and many PRCA rallies. TSOA wishes the O'Leary's a fine season!



Race driver receives mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after hot and heavy competition.

TRIUMPH RACING RESULTS

It's almost old stuff now . . . at every SCCA National to date a Triumph has been a winner in at least one class. We can't hope to keep up with every event in the NEWSLETTER, but here's a sample from the month of May.

The first weekend in May saw three Nationals held, two featuring Triumph winners. In the third, a Spitfire lost FP by a few seconds.

BRIDGEHAMPTON

- FP — 1st, Ken Slagle, Spitfire Mk 3
 3rd, Tom Collier, Spitfire Mk 3
 DP — 1st, Bob Tullius, GT-6 Mk 3

MID-AMERICA

- FP — 2nd, Jim Speck, Spitfire Mk 3

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

- FP — 1st, Jim Ray, Spitfire Mk 3
 GP — 1st, Randy Knowlton, Spitfire Mk 2
 2nd, Emmet Whittenton
 DP — 1st, Dave Dooley, GT-6 Plus

LAKE CHARLES/LIME ROCK

The Triumph Spitfires mowed down the opposition at two Memorial Day weekend races. At Lake Charles, La., Jim Speck brought his Mk 3 to victory in the F Production event while Randy Knowlton was the victor in the GP races.

At Lime Rock, Connecticut, John Kelly made it two in a row by winning FP in his Spitfire Mk 4 by a wide margin. Another Group 44 win was noticed by Brian Fuerstenau, driving a GT-6 Mk 3. Brian, in his first outing of the season, won D Production with a substantial lead.

CUMBERLAND

The 19th running of Cumberland National Races was rainy in the morning, dry in the afternoon. Group 44 driver John Kelly drove to a win in F Production with his Spitfire Mk 4, slipping and sliding on the wet, muddy airport course. Second was Mike Cook in a Spitfire Mk 3.

In the dry afternoon, Bob Tullius and Charlie Rainville, both in GT-6s, were only inches apart for most of the race, Bob just beating Charlie out at the flag. Rainville has just returned to SCCA National competition after several years and is driving Group 44's 1970 GT-6 Plus. Bob's mount is a GT-6 Mk 3.

MIXING CUBIC INCHES AND CUBIC CENTIMETERS

In North America, automobile engine displacements are measured in cubic inches; in Europe, cubic centimeters or liters.

To simplify comparison of engine sizes, use this listing of figures.

When changing cubic centimeters to cubic inches, or vice versa:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c.c.} \times .061 &= \text{cu. in.} \\ \text{cu. in.} \times 16.39 &= \text{c.c.} \end{aligned}$$

When changing liters to cubic inches, or vice versa:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cu. in.} \times 0.01639 &= \text{liters} \\ \text{liters} \times 61.02 &= \text{cu. in.} \end{aligned}$$

c.c.	cu. in.	c.c.	cu. in.
100	= 6.100	1,500	= 91.500
150	= 9.150	1,750	= 106.750
200	= 12.200	2,000	= 122.000
250	= 15.250	2,500	= 152.500
300	= 18.300	3,000	= 183.000
350	= 21.350	4,000	= 244.000
400	= 24.400	5,000	= 305.000
450	= 27.450	6,000	= 366.000
500	= 30.500	7,000	= 427.000
750	= 45.750	8,000	= 488.000
1,000	= 61.000	9,000	= 549.000
1,250	= 76.250	10,000	= 610.000

Taken from PIT STOP No. 73/1971. Courtesy Triumph Trivia.

EMRA SCHEDULE 1971

The Eastern Motor Racing Association, six sports car clubs in the N. Y. Metropolitan area, formed to run better, cheaper, and more competitive club races, presents its second year schedule. EMRA is composed of: British Sports Car Owners Association (Westchester), Long Island Corvette Owners Association, Long Island Sports Car Association, Liverpool Motor Club (Westchester), Scuderia X (New Jersey), and South Shore Sports Car Club (Long Island).

- June 5, 1971—Competition School & Races, Bridgehampton Race Track (BRT)
- June 12, 13—Ellenville Hillclimb, Mt. Cathalia, N. Y.
- July 10, 11—Time Trials, Relay Race, BRT
- July 24—Competition School & Races, Pocono Int. Raceway (PIR)
- August 14—Competition School & Races, BRT
- August 24—Time Trials, PIR
- Sept. 4—Relay Race, PIR
- Sept. 11, 12—Ellenville Hillclimb, Mt. Cathalia, N. Y.
- Sept. 25—Competition School & Races, BRT
- Oct. 9, 10—Time Trials, Relay Race, BRT
- Oct. 30—Competition School & Races, BRT

EMRA Racing Rules are similar to SCCA 1970 (NOT 1971) GCR's. Ellenville Hillclimbs are open to any State licensed driver of any age or sex, and any car with seatbelts.

Entry Fees:

- Ellenville Hillclimb—\$8 either day, \$14 both days.
- Competition School—\$30; Races—\$35; Combination \$55.
- Relay Race—(Team of 3 to 5 cars)—\$120.

For Information and Pre-Registrations:

- Racing: Dave Weinroth
69 Victor Street
Plainview, L. I., N. Y. 11803
516-433-8161
- Hillclimb: Bob Bottega
16 Shorewood Lane
Centerport, L. I., N. Y. 11721
516-261-2320
- or Jerry Newman
71 Kane Place
N. Babylon, L. I., N. Y. 11703
516-586-4764

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Dunlop Racing Tires. One 5:50 x13 green spot, new, \$20.00. Five 4:50 x 13 50% worn, \$10.00 each. One 5:50 x 13 50% worn, \$10.00. M. H. Dale, British Leyland Motors Inc., 600 Willow Tree Road, Leonia, N. J. 07605.

Wire wheels: four 15 x 4½ J, 60-spoke, mechanically sound, but need to be painted \$15 ea. or \$50 for the set. One 15 x 5½ 72-spoke never used \$25. One used TR-2, 3 or 4 block, \$10. All F.O.B. Phx. Dr. William L. Hunter, 8625 E. Orange Blossom Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253. (602) 947-2028.

For Sale or Trade: One boot cover for a Spitfire, Red. In new condition. Will sell for any reasonable offer or will trade in part payment of a Tonneau cover for a 1971 TR-6. Ira B. Perelle, 1234 Midland Avenue, Bronxville, N. Y.

TR-3/4 parts — mostly mechanical — some body panels, hardware, and soft goods. 2 excellent TR-3 seats for \$50. Trans. \$95, Overdrive trans. \$165. Rarends in carriers (with tubes) \$35, with brakes \$45. Give me a call, chances are I have it. Bruce Martin, 548 Woodbine, Oak Park, Ill. 60302. (312) 383-5830.

Workshop Manual for Herald 1200, Vitesse and Spitfire, Years, 1963-64 and similar. Contains all technical information. Almost new. \$5.50. Brent Burgesser, 397 Pacific Drive, Bolingbrook, Ill. 60439.

5 American made competition Mag. wheels, can be used on TR-4/4A, TR-250, TR-6, \$175. Karl W. Hoffmann, 1246 Taylor Lane, P.O. Box 404, Forked River, N.J. 08731. 693-2105 after 6:00 p.m.

TR-3, 1961, 50,000 miles, wire wheels, o/d, white/black int. excellent condition, \$1,200. Mary Colbert, 261 Las Juntas Way, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596. (415) 933-0572.

Bell Star helmet, size 7½. Unfortunately, driver has 7½ inch head. Helmet painted Silver-Gray in original box, brand-new and unused, \$45. Mike Cook, British Leyland Motors, 600 Willow Tree Rd., Leonia, N. J. 07605.

1970 TR-6, Maroon/Black interior, 21,000 miles, asking \$3,000. Wire wheels and am/fm radio (loaded). Chris Burfield, 701 Morrow, Industrial Blvd. 8B, Jonesboro, Ga. (404) 478-0131 (Home); (404) 346-6304 (Business).

4 stock wheel covers from TR-250 — best offer. 2 unused, Good-year, 4-ply Nylon, All Weather, #78-15 tubeless tires — \$25. Tony Costare, 312 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen, N. J. 08840. 636-3000, or after 6:00 p.m. 548-5665.

G/Prod Spitfire, will pass tech with less than \$400 additional investment, nothing would have to be redone, only complete and compete. Sacrifice \$650. Bill Self, 6903 Greenfern Road, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211. (904) 744-6413.

TR-3 speedometer, tachometer and center instrument panel including all gauges except gas. Make reasonable offer for all or part. Don Parot, 935 Golden Beach Blvd., Indian Harbor Beach, Fla. 32937. (305) 773-0077.

ITEMS WANTED :

Michelin tires and tubes for TR-3 (165 x 15). I need a set of four, but will buy individually if in good condition. Prefer no more than one-half worn — must be reasonable. Don Parot, 935 Golden Beach Blvd., Indian Harbor Beach, Fla. 32937. (305) 773-0077.

TR-2, 3 or 4 complete, wrecked or parts. Cars to be sold for junk? Please call, don't junk it. John Taylor, 14 Miner St., Greenfield, Mass. 01301. (413) 773-3771. Please New England area only. Also, crown wheel and pinion, ratio 4.1, 4.3 or 4.55 to fit TR-3 or 4.

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.

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