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EARLY RACES WON BY TRIUMPH TEAMS



ON THE GRID AT RIVERSIDE — Carl Swanson gets set for the start at Riverside during the season's first SCCA National. Wild paint job on the TR-6 is dark blue, light pearlescent blue and pearlescent white. That's Larry Ingham, Kastner-Brophy Dyno expert, beside the car.

DOUBLE FOR KASTNER-BROPHY CARS

The first SCCA National race was at Riverside, California in Mid-February. It saw the Kastner-Brophy TR-6, now driven by Carl Swanson take first in C-Production and first overall in a CDE event. Don Devendorf in the K-B-I GT-6 Mk 3, was second overall and first in DP. Spitfire driver Bob Ballou was first in GP.

It was at Phoenix International Raceway on Feb. 26-27 that the Kastner-Brophy cars really began to click. Both drivers made it two wins in a row. The Phoenix race was for A and B Sports-Racing cars. A and B sedans (Camaros, Mustangs) and ABC Production which includes the biggest Corvettes. Swanson was 3rd overall behind a Can-Am Porsche and Lola, both cars with speed capabilities of 200 mph and initial costs exceeding 30,000 dollars including engines. The Datsun (a BRE ex-factory car) 240Z, driven by Dan Parkinson was fifth, behind a BSR Chevron. Among the 19 finishers, Swanson's TR-6 was ahead of 6 Corvettes, 3 Camaros, 3 Porsches a Mustang and an AMX. The TR-6 was reaching over 145

MPH on the straights and beating the faster cars because of its superior handling and cornering ability. Don Devendorf, in the GT-6 Mk 3, held pole position and led the D Production race from start to finish. Parkinson was second again this time in a Datsun 2000.

Both G and F-Production fell to Spitfires driven by Tom McCarthy and Doug Brown, respectively.

GROUP 44 GETS AN EARLY START

In what must have been the earliest racing event attended by Group 44, two Triumph drivers entered the Polar Prix held at Dallas International Motor Speedway on February 26/27. It was well worth the effort for Brian Fuerstenau who took on the D-Production field and emerged first by a wide margin. John Kelly was not so fortunate in the Spitfire Mk IV and did not finish.

Other good news at Dallas was supplied by Stan Trumbower who was the C-Production leader in his TR-6, joined at the finish by Larry Lockhard who was second in another TR-6. Jim Speck brought his Spitfire home first in F-Production.

Tullius Hospitalized, Group 44 Carries On

Group 44, the Falls Church-based Triumph-MG racing team, plans a full 1972 Sports Car Club of America racing season despite the fact that its leader Bob Tullius is temporarily out of action due to injuries suffered in a recent accident.

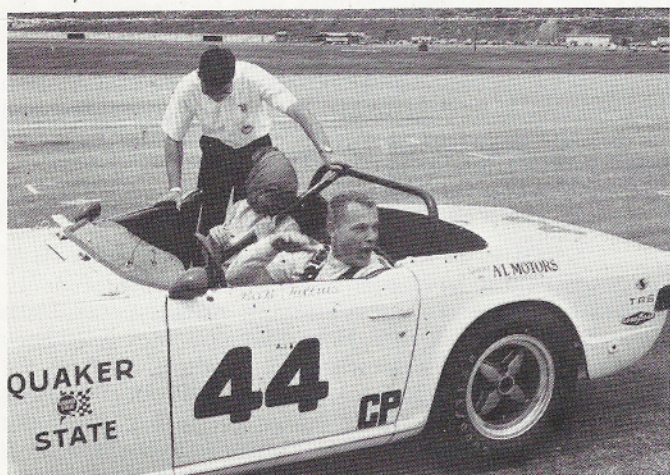
The accident occurred in Bangkok, Thailand where Tullius was visiting a friend. The four-time national racing champion was hit by a car while crossing a street and is now in a hospital, having been flown back to this country by an Air Force hospital plane.

"You're a lot safer in a racing car at 100 miles an hour than you are crossing a busy street" is how Tullius sums it up. He expects to be discharged from the hospital by the end of March.

According to Tullius, the Group will race all of its four cars, including the Triumph TR-6 he normally drives, throughout the rest of the season. "A driver or drivers for the TR-6 will be announced well in advance of the first Northeast Division National," he said. The first area event is scheduled for May 6-7 at Summit Point, West Virginia. Although Tullius expects to be out of the hospital by late March he is unsure of how long it will be before he will be racing again. "It'll be by mid-season, that's for sure," he says.

Tullius is in direct daily contact with the other members of his team and even has a phone in his hospital room that rings both there and at the Group's headquarters.

Tullius is in the National Orthopedic Hospital, Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, Va.



LATER! Seen ready to take a victory lap at Cumberland in 1970, Bob Tullius plans to get right back into his TR-6, just as soon as the doctor will let him out of the hospital! His accelerator leg is fine but the one on the clutch side needs to mend a little more first. Mid-season will see him racing again.

Arthur Gervais Award To Haugens

At the Annual Convention of the Sports Car Club of America, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, Feb. 2-6, 1972, Joe and Donna Haugen of Ojai, California were presented with the Arthur J. Gervais Award for the Best National Rally of the year (1971). The recipients, representing the Triumph Club of Ventura County (Calif.) were Rallymasters of Mission Trail 4 which was presented Sept. 17-19, 1971. This is the first time that this award has been earned by any club on the West Coast and also the first time it has been awarded to a non-SCCA member.

This perpetual award, is a sterling silver bowl engraved with the names of past Rallymasters, Rally and SCCA Region represented and was started in 1960 by Arthur J. Gervais. Prior to this time the National Rally Board presented the Rallymasters with silver brandy snifters. Because of its great value and large size, the trophy is kept at SCCA Headquarters in Denver and transported in a special carrying case to each National Convention where the current winner may hold it and have pictures taken. The winner also receives a large wall plaque as a personalized reminder of this honor.

The Award is based on the Contestants' evaluation of the event, the National Observer's report and the judgement of the National Rally Board, composed of five members.

According to Harry M. Handley SCCA Rally Director (now retired), the points given MT4 were 93.213 out of a possible 100. The contestants rated MT4 exceptionally high on efficiency of operation of checkpoints; and over-all hospitality. The hospitality was enhanced by the good services of British Leyland and Norm Hotchin of Thousand Oaks, Calif., who is associated with them.

Although Joe and Donna received the award they want to clearly state that "Without the members of TCVC who gave so unstintingly of their time and effort, the rally would not have been accomplished" TCVC is really a small club, 20 memberships (15 couples and 5 single young men) but it has an outstanding spirit of cooperation and willingness to work hard.

TCVC has sometimes been called the 'Trophy Collectors of Ventura County' and this time, they have truly hooked the big one!



A FIRST! Donna and Joe Haugen, Ojai, California, are shown with the Arthur J. Gervais Award, presented to them as Rallymasters of Mission Trail 4, chosen best SCCA National Rally of 1971. It was the first time the award had gone West of the Rockies and first to a non-SCCA club.

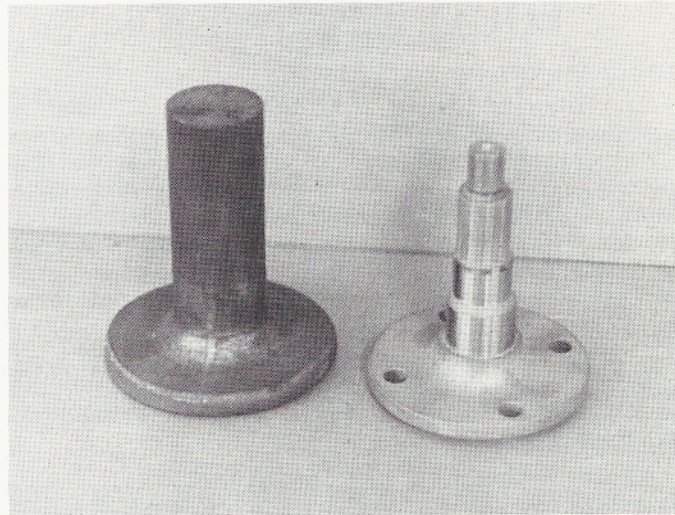
Triumph For The East African Safari Rally

Brian Culcheth teams up with Triumph and Castrol once again for his entry in the forthcoming East African Safari Rally which starts March 30th and ends April 4th. For this event which has been accepted as the most testing rally on the international calendar, Brian has chosen his trusted favorite, the Triumph 2.5 PI.

The British Leyland Special Tuning Department has carried out full preparation to Group 2 specification, and the car left London bound for Nairobi several weeks ago. Triumph's distributor in Kenya, Benbros Motors Kenya Ltd., have entered the car and they will be providing service support.

Brian who will be navigated in his first Safari by Kenyan Lofty Drews, a veteran of seven Safaris, is spending six weeks reconnoitring the route prior to the event. Although an outright victory has eluded Triumph in the Safari, Triumph 2000's have been constantly amongst the first home.

Brian, who has a 100% finishing record in Triumphs, which he has driven consistently since 1969, has chosen the 2.5 PI due to its well proven reliability and immense strength. Both these qualities have been demonstrated by his successes which include an outright victory in the 1970 International Scottish Rally, and second place in the London to Mexico World Cup Rally.



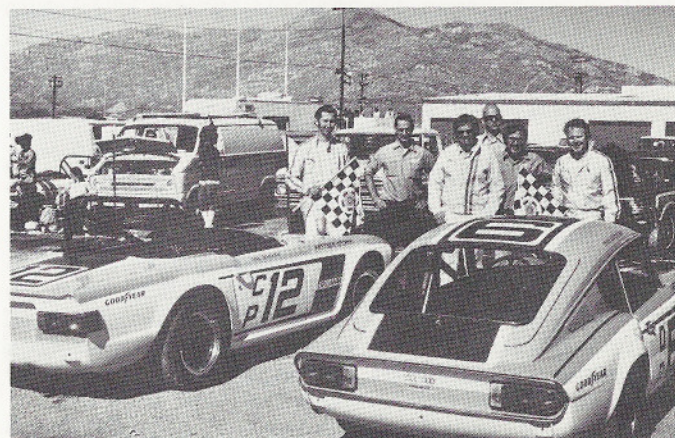
START TO FINISH — The GT-6 outer axle shown is specially made for the Kastner-Brophy car, just one example of the labor necessary to make a real winner. The special forging is machined in the K-B-I shop.



GOING ON SAFARI — Brian Culcheth, fastest Triumph rally driver in captivity, poses at dock side with the 2500 P.I. (petrol injection) he will drive in the East African Safari Rally, March 30 — April 4.



BEFORE: Kas Kastner poses with the race-ready Triumphs before the National at Riverside.



AFTER: In the winner's circle after a double victory at Riverside. L to R: Carl Swanson, Larry Ingham, John Brophy, Kas, John Costa and Don Devendorf.

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

TSCC, DeVal

The Triumph Sports Car Club of Delaware Valley is starting a membership drive and is anxious to have interested people turn out for meetings. They meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Sheraton Penn-Pike Motor Inn, 550 Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Washington, Pa. (route #309 expressway and Pa. Turnpike). Meetings start at 8:30 P.M. and it is likely that early comers will find club members in the bar or restaurant from about 6:30.

The DeVal group is one of the longest-lived and most enthusiastic local TSOA clubs and TSOA people wishing to join a club will find it hard to beat for enthusiasm. Why not drop around?

The new officers for 1972 are:

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| President | Bob Leonetti | (215-FL 2-0104) |
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| | Upper Darby, Pa. 19082 | |
| 1st Vice-Pres. | Toby Parkinson | (Membership Chair.) |
| 2nd Vice-Pres. | Marjorie Twilley | (Activ. Chair.) |
| 3rd Vice-Pres. | Sue Cassel | (Competition Chair.) |
| Secretary | Cynthia Smith | |
| Treasurer | Rita Sloan | |

TRSCC, N. J.

The Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey, ever active in training new rallyists and holding sharp events for both experienced and tyro enthusiasts, will hold its annual rally school in three sessions in April and May.

Each session will consist of a lecture/workshop and an actual time/speed/distance rally. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about rallying or brush up on your current knowledge.

DATES:

- April 21, 1972.....First session.
- April 28, 1972.....Second session.
- May 5, 1972.....Last session.

For more information and details call:

- In New York area.. Mike or Elaine Siegel.
212-998-3887 after 5 P.M.
- In New Jersey area.. Joe Steigauf
201-335-6474 after 5 P.M.
- Bill Paschick
201-335-0264 after 5 P.M.
- Anna Andrews
201-256-4397 day or evening.

VENTURA STRIKES AGAIN

TCVC Western Open Rally. Five hours from Camarillo to Thousand Oaks. Easy? No! Well set up? Yes! Call Jerry Kimberlin, 805-482-5160 for entry form.

PARTS DISCOUNT

TSOA member C. T. Smith who is in the parts, accessories and competition equipment business, is offering members a special discount. Mr. Smith's company specializes in Triumphs and is involved in actually racing a GT-6 and TR-4A.

For 10% off on parts and 33% on labor at the Smith shop, write or call and identify yourself as a TSOA member.

C. T. SMITH COMPANY
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ITEMS FOR SALE

Like new TR-3, rebuilt engine, both tops. Photos \$1.50. Also available 2 Triumph 1800 Roadsters, 1 — 2000 Renown Saloon, 1 — TR-2, various others. Write to Rob Bonheur, Russischestraat 100 A, Rotterdam 7, Netherlands.

Four American Racing mag wheels — 15-inch for TR-4, TR-4A, TR-250, \$80.00. Paul Gafney, 53-20 62nd Street, Maspeth, New York 11378, (212) HA 4-3929.

1968 Spitfire body complete with interior, top, windshield, glass, etc. minus frame and running gear. Also, 1968 Spitfire radiator, top boot and rear bumperettes. Make offer on all or part of the above. Must sell. John McCue, 27 N. Huron, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Miscellaneous TR-6 parts. Two or three of 'most everything except body panels. Engines, cranks, transmissions, mag wheels, etc. Write or call: T. J. Kelly, 440 W. Dilido Dr., Dilido Island, Miami Beach, Fla. 33139 (305) 534-5188.

TR-3, 1957. In need of restoration. New Amco top and side curtains. 2nd gear synchro gone, clutch nearly gone. Runs well, \$600. J. MacCabe, 11602 Williamsburg Dr., Concord, Tenn. (615) 966-1240.

ITEMS WANTED

2 1/2-inch S.U. carbs, intake manifold and linkage for MK 3 Spitfire. Car or write: Gerry Gasber, 224 "A" St., Rm 2, Davis, Calif. 95616 (916) 756-3850.

Hood in perfect condition for 1968 Spitfire, also set of American or Minilite 13 x 6 wheels, rear no-spin with either a 4.8 or 4.5 gear and any race parts for same. John McCue, 27 N. Huron, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

TR-4, TR-4A body and chassis or body only. Condition must be good. Engine and transmission not necessary. George Clark, 4462 Cottage Grove, Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

Tonneau cover for 1969 TR-6. Dan Schultz, 19101 Euclid Ave., Euclid, Ohio (216) 486-8147.

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
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- Jacket with button-in red acrylic pile liner \$9.00

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- 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
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- 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
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- Triumph Competition Stickers, Mylar 3 for \$1.00

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