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## AUTO SHOW ISSUE

... The final elements of the exciting Triumph display at the International Automobile Show are put into place. Famed American designer Ivan Chermayeff planned the exhibit. He was also designer of the U.S. pavilions at Expo '67 Montreal and Expo '70 in Japan. The exhibit featured the Triumph fastback GT-6+ coupe which won the latest Sports Car Club of America national championships, Spitfire and TR-6 sports models. Also featured was the new "Sonic Spitfire", an entirely new design in car painting, which won Triumph's national "Great Car Painting Competition".



### CLEAN CAR— CLEAN RECORD

Clean car consciousness can prevent police spot check inconvenience and an assortment of minor traffic tickets.

A recent study carried out by the Public Service Division of British Leyland Motors Canada Limited has uncovered some interesting aspects of police psychology which may help car drivers in their relations with the law.

And it may surprise drivers to learn that making sure a car is frequently showered and shined can help ward off unnecessary police pursuit, even help stop loss of valuable traffic points. It is true.

A senior Metro Toronto police officer put it this way:

"Trained officers are automatically and immediately suspicious of a very dirty car—particularly when conditions are dry and most cars are clean.

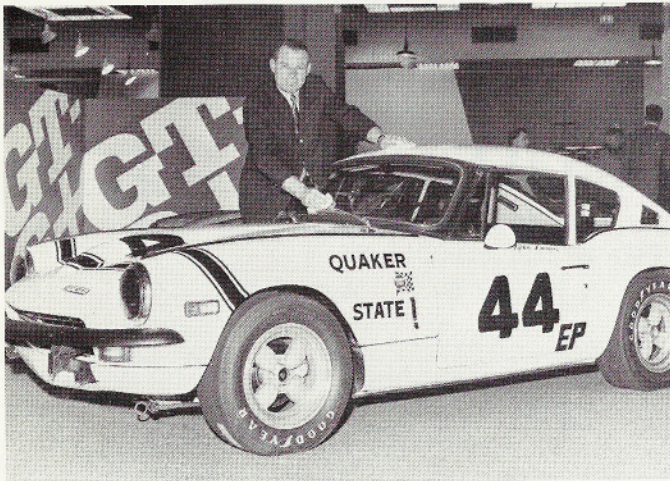
"Long experience has shown us that in many cases the driver behind the wheel of a grimy car may be up to no good—or has recently been up to no good."

Investigating this attitude with a cross section of traffic police reveals that there is actually a separate psychology for soiled-car-citizens—dirty vehicle syndrome—a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and characterize a particular abnormality.

One traffic patrolman with 17 years experience said: "I watch cars and drivers eight hours a day officially and for many more hours during the week unofficially.

"If I see an old car—a car of an age that might make me wonder about its roadworthiness, I make up my mind whether or not to pull the driver over for questioning on the car's cleanliness alone.

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Four-time SCCA national racing champion Bob Tullius attended press day at the New York Show to answer questions about his racing operations in general and the national champion GT-6+ in particular. Last-minute preparations for the show opening included pressing Bob into service to wipe windows.



NEW YORK: On the occasion of the New York International Automobile Show, which concluded Sunday April 12, Lord Stokes, chairman of British Leyland Motor Corporation, flew in from England to speak at the annual banquet of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Lord Stokes visited the show to see the many exhibits and especially the striking, centralized British Leyland display. At the Triumph exhibit (L to R), Michael Dale, vice president and Graham Whitehead, president of British Leyland in the USA; Lord Stokes; Bruce McWilliams, vice president Rover-Triumph division of British Leyland in the USA.



Ivan Chermayeff, famed American designer, and designer of the new Triumph display at the International Automobile Show, here, looks over a new Triumph Spitfire, which he bought off the floor of the show. Mr. Chermayeff became the first Triumph buyer at the New York Show.

Photos by Manny Greenhaus

## CLEAN CAR — CLEAN RECORD

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"If the car is gleaming, chrome polished and windows bright — I let it go. This driver obviously cares about his car and I will bet it is in first class condition. And chances are this driver's record is just as unclouded as his car.

"I would even bet that this particular car overall will be in as good or better condition than a dirty, late model vehicle. I wouldn't want my Sergeant to know this, but with a well-cared-for car like this I will at times overlook a petty infraction.

"On the other hand, if I see an expensive, late model car in mud- or salt-spattered condition with dim window visibility, I will be on guard. I will watch this car like a hawk. If I notice the slightest driving confusion or uncertainty, over it comes and I will make a thorough check-out of the driver."

The moral, of course, is to keep your car nice and clean — especially if you're going to rob a bank.

## SERVICE TIPS

### EXHAUST FLANGE NUTS SPITFIRE MARK III

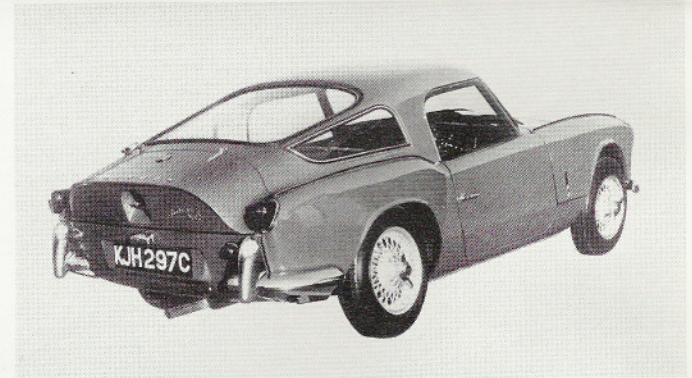
The exhaust pipe brass flange nuts fitted to the Triumph Spitfire Mark III have now been superseded by stainless steel nuts, Part No. 515369.

The stainless steel nuts should be used when replacement becomes necessary.

### BATTERY CABLE TR-6

During a pre-delivery inspection, or subsequent service, a check should be made to ensure that there is clearance between the battery positive feed cable and the heater tap assembly.

Where a condition of a foul or little clearance exists, the run of the battery cable should be reset, whereby the cable cannot come into contact with the heater tap through engine movement.



**SPITFIRE FASTBACK.** Owners of all models of the Spitfire may be interested in this smart conversion. In molded fiberglass and supplied in factory colors, the Ashley GT conversion has glass windows, built-in ventilation, stainless steel rain channels, weather stripping and a fitted parcel shelf. The trunk is lockable and has a counter-balanced lid. Priced at \$260.00 complete, this fully-removable unit can be installed to existing brackets without body alterations and is available from KW Trading Co., 278 E. Blackwall St., Dover, N. J. 07801. (201) 763-7575.

# RACING NEWS

## TRIUMPHS OPEN SOUTHWEST RACING SEASON WITH SWEEP IN POLAR GRAND PRIX

FEB. 22, GREEN VALLEY RACEWAY, Fort Worth, Texas: Triumph Spitfire Mk 3s piloted by Jim Speck of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jim Ray of College Station, Texas and David McCullough of Dallas, Texas fought off the competition and the elements to score a one-two-three sweep of F Production in the rain-drenched Polar Grand Prix.

Speck, who built up a ten-second buffer at the checkered flag, took the lead in the early laps of the race and went on to win first overall honors in the combined E and F Production contest. Both Speck and Ray lapped several cars during the 30-minute race in which the two Spitfires beat all the supposedly faster Class E Production Porsches.

Adding to the day's excitement, which saw many cars slide off course due to the wet conditions, was another Triumph victory scored by the G Production Spitfire Mk 2 driven by Ken Lawrence of Tulsa, Okla. In Lawrence's class race, Spitfires captured five of the first six finishing positions.

## U.S. TRIUMPH COMPETITION DEPARTMENT TR-6s FINISH ONE-TWO AT RIVERSIDE CONTINENTAL RACES

RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, CALIF. — APRIL 18: U.S. Triumph Competition Department TR-6s piloted by Jim Dittmore of Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. and Lee Mueller of Lynwood, Calif. shot ahead of their C Production competition and many of the supposedly faster big-bore cars to stage a nip-and-tuck wire-to-wire battle for first in class honors. At the drop of the checkered flag, it was Dittmore flashing across the finish line just 1/20th of a second ahead of Mueller.

In a race which combined A, B Sports Racing and A, B, C Production cars, the TR-6s finished an amazing third and fourth overall defeating all but two Group 7 cars and all the Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, Porsches, and Alfa Romeos.

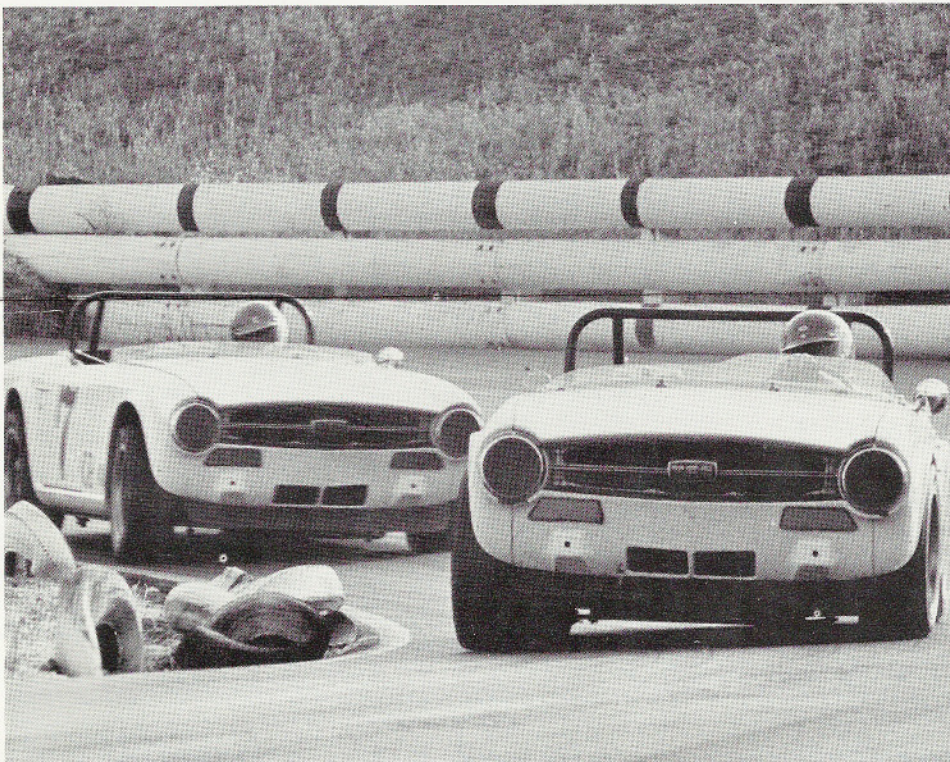
In the D Production race, Triumph Competition Department driver Carl Swanson of Hawthorne, Calif. made a valiant effort in his GT-6 Plus for first in class honors after being forced to make a first-lap pit stop for a loose deck lid. Charging back onto the course almost a half lap behind, Swanson made his way through the entire pack of 35 entries to finish second overall behind the Datsun of Dan Parkinson from Glendale, Calif.

## TRIUMPH SPORTS CARS CAPTURE SEVEN WINS OVER MAY 2-3 WEEKEND

POCONO INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, Long Pond, Pa.

Triumph sports cars swept to first place finishes in their respective class C, D, F and G Production contests to dominate the Northeast Division's second national championship sports car race of 1970.

In the driver's seat of the winning C Production car was Bob Tullius of Falls Church, Va. Tullius, who qualified his TR-6 on the pole, lengthened his lead on every lap to capture a



The TR-6 duo of Dittmore and Mueller chewed up the big bore machines at the preliminary one-to the Riverside Continental in April. The two Triumph Competition Department cars finished one-two in class and third and fourth overall behind two Group 7 cars. Looks like the Corvette and big sedan boys took some trips over the tires trying to keep up while Jim and Lee showed them the right line.

Photo by Jim Shane

wire-to-wire. At the end of his 30-minute event, Tullius crossed the finish line a full 30 seconds ahead of his nearest rival, the BRE-Datsun 2000 of John Morton of Van Nuys, Calif.

In the Class D Production contest, it was the GT-6 Plus of Brian Fuerstenau of Falls Church, Va. coming out on top. Fuerstenau, who also qualified on the pole, had an encounter with a wall after spinning in a patch of mud, but he managed to regain control and go on to win his event. Triumph TR-4As finished second and third.

The Class F Production contest was a battle of the Spitfires as Ken Slagle of Harrisburg, Pa., Mike Cook of Westwood, N. J., and John Kelley of Washington, D. C. tangled for the entire 30-minute event. At the drop of the checkered flag, it was Slagle roaring across the finish line just one second ahead of Cook, with Kelley's Mk 3 taking third seven seconds back.

Capturing another win for Triumph was James Aronson of Port Jefferson Station, N. Y. Behind the wheel of his G Production Spitfire Mk 2, Aronson took over the lead for good with just four laps remaining.

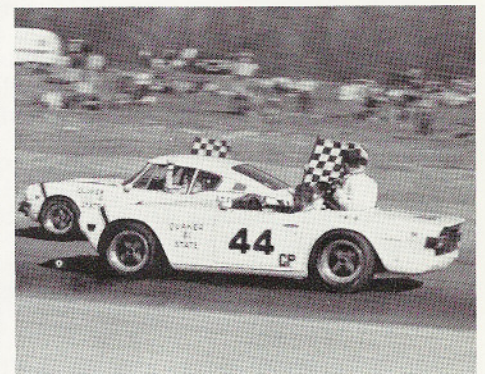
SAN MARCOS AIRPORT, Texas

Three more wins were posted for Triumph as Lee Mueller of Lynwood, Calif., Jerry Barker of Redondo Beach, Calif. and John Soule of Phoenix, Ariz. each picked up a checkered flag and nine first-place national points.

Mueller took the C Production lead and the win after teammate Jim Dittmore retired from the race with engine trouble. The two TR-6s were running one-two in class before Dittmore's trouble developed.

In the F Production contest, the Spitfire Mk 3s of Barker, Jim Ray of College Station, Texas and David McCullough of Dallas, Texas ran one-two-three to make it a clean sweep for Triumph. Barker and Ray had a close race for the first several laps until the California racer built up a narrow six-second winning margin.

One of the most exciting races of the weekend was the D Production contest which pitted two GT-6 Pluses against a competitive field of Datsuns, Alfa Romeos and Lotus S-7s. Carl Swanson of Hawthorne, Calif., at the helm of the Kastner prepared GT-6 Plus, built up an early lead only to lose valuable time and the race after spinning while passing several slower cars. Swanson still managed to place second with Don McGaffee of Phoenix, Ariz. taking third in his GT-6 Plus.



The Group 44 cars ran away with C and D Production at Summit Point, resulting in this victory-lap shot. Do you suppose they could cram anyone else into the TR-6?

Photo by Bill Hall

## LOCAL CLUB NEWS

The Triumph Club of Miami has elected new officers to serve during 1970-1971. Congratulations to:

*President* — Steve Hass

*Vice-President* — Dennis Muench

*Secretary* — Maddi Altman, 18131 N.E. 10th Ave.,  
N. Miami Beach, Fla., 945-9879

*Treasurer* — Linda Babbs

The club's June event will be a weekend rally including two special runs. Here's Maddi Altman's description.

"The Triumph Club of Miami invites all you sporty type people who want a fun filled weekend away from home, smog, local police, and everyday hassles. Two day event — two special runs.

T.S.D. on Saturday; Fun and Gimmick on Sunday. First car out at 1 pm from Miami Dade Jr. College North near the Stadium on June 20. Sunday, June 21 first car out at 11 am from some where in the sticks in South and Central Florida. Bring camping equipment for overnight camping. Don't forget bug spray. Saturday evening the Triumph Club of Miami will have a barbecue and party—BYOB. Breakfast at nearby restaurant—this time you pay.

**THREE TROPHIES FOR EACH RALLY!!!!!!  
DASH PLAQUES FOR ALL!!!!!!**

Pre-registration accepted.

For info: Call or Write —

Steve Hass—1081 N.W. 196th St., Miami, Fla.,  
(305) 621-6730

Dennis Muench—109 S.E. 9th St., Hallendale, Fla.,  
(305) 927-7518."

Taking their cue from Miami, the Triumph Touring Club of Rochester has planned a camping rally for August 28-30. The site is not yet definite but will be at one of three privately-owned campgrounds in upper New York State. Plans for the event are quoted from the latest issue of TRIUMPH TRACKER.

"Each campground offers flush toilets, hot showers, and running water at your site. Most have electrical hook-ups and/or sewage at a portion of the campsites to accommodate trailers. All offer hiking, swimming, fishing, rental boats and boat ramps.

We're planning a tour-type rally to the campground, allowing each car to leave as its Friday-night schedule permits. There will be a campfire sing-along that evening, or other informal activities, pitching tents, etc.

Saturday's plans include a fishing contest, swimming race, water-skiing, a tennis or a baseball game if facilities permit. Saturday evening will feature a communal weenie-roast, plus special entertainment.

As of this date, there are no firm plans for Sunday, but suggestions are welcome.

For those who'd like to go, but don't have the equipment, tents, air mattresses, etc., are available for a modest fee at United Rent-Alls. We're also investigating the possibility of renting trailers in Utica for the club members who might like to go if they could 'soft'-it.

For further information, please contact the Lipkas, (716) 663-1496."

**TSOA congratulates the Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey on their 12th anniversary. We hope to have a story on the club history in the next issue.**

## CLASSIFIED

### ITEMS FOR SALE:

1957 TR-3, small grille opening, B.R.G. White and Black interior. Paint and body in good shape. Approximately 50,000 miles. Radio. All original except for interior. Good tonneau. Must be seen. Make offer. Gus Karlson, Clifton, N. J. (201) 778-9082.

1965 TR-4, Lt. Blue, wire wheels, Michelin X tires, Abarth exhaust, excellent condition, 45,000 miles. Original owner—garaged. Asking \$1,000. David Plotkin, 420 E. Penn St., Long Beach, N. Y. (212) 654-5465 or (516) 432-2147.

2 Bell 500TX full coverage helmets. Sizes 7 and 7 1/4. Brand new—in original unopened boxes. \$20 each. Gary G. Gaudreau, 51 Hutchinson Ave., Pawtucket, R. I. 02861.

Service Instruction Manual Triumph TR-2, incorporating supplement for TR-3 model, Part No. 502602. The Standard Motor Co., Coventry, England. Like new. \$5.00 ppd. Edward Weinstein, Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc., 11 Bartlett St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11206.

### ITEMS WANTED:

Roll-bar for 1966 TR-4A IRS. Mark M. Freedman, Suite 216, Claridge House, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. (301) 587-2335. Experienced person to help maintain 1966 TR-4A IRS in Washington, D. C. area. College student desires to learn how to do own work. Mark M. Freedman, Suite 216, Claridge House, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. (301) 587-2335.

## TSOA SUPERMARKET

### OFFICIAL TRIUMPH JACKET

Brilliant blue water-repellent nylon poplin 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.

### TSOA T-SHIRTS

Attractive white knit shirt with collar and button front. No pocket. Triumph logo in blue on back, shield on left front. Specify s, m, l, x-l. .... \$4.50  
Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards" ..... FREE  
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TR-4 TR-4A Competition Preparation Manual ..... \$2.00  
SPITFIRE Competition Preparation Manual ..... \$2.00  
TR-250/TR-6 Competition Preparation Manual ..... \$2.00  
British Leyland HIGH ROAD Magazine ..... \$6.00/year  
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

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