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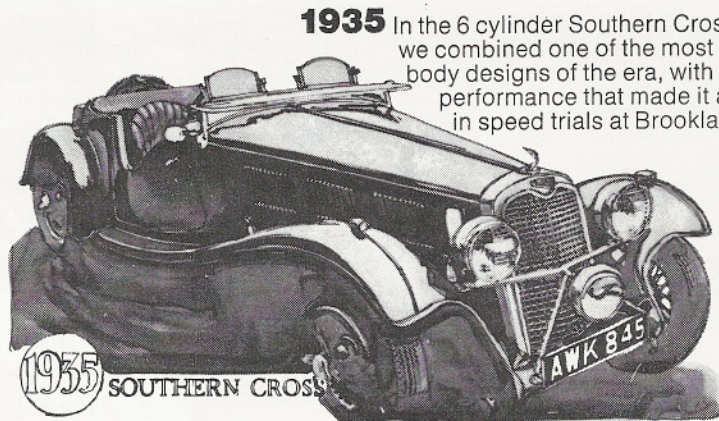
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## TRIUMPH OFFERS HISTORIC POSTER



**1923** Triumph introduces its first motor car. A sporty 2 door tourer. And a great marque is born.



**1935** In the 6 cylinder Southern Cross, we combined one of the most handsome body designs of the era, with performance that made it a winner in speed trials at Brooklands.

The drawings reproduced above are only two out of seventeen on a new four-color poster just released to Triumph dealers. The illustrations range from the first 1923 Triumph through the supercharged Dolomite, the Southern Cross and all the modern TRs including the Le Mans TRS. This really lovely piece of automotive art is available, in very limited quantity, to TSOA members. The price is \$3.00 including postage and we suggest that you write immediately. Only a limited edition of the poster was produced and it looks like being a collector's item before long. Send your \$3.00 to TSOA, Leonia, and we'll ship your poster right away. Sorry, only one to a member.

### EARLY LEAD FOR TRIUMPH

With the 1972 Sports Car Club of America racing season just now getting under way in earnest, drivers of British Leyland's Triumph sports cars already are holding the lead in class contests in three SCCA divisions.

The winningest driver is Don Devendorf of Los Angeles who has piloted his Kastner-Brophy prepared Triumph GT-6 to four straight victories and has virtually clinched the Southern Pacific championship in Class D Production.

Other first place British Leyland drivers are Carl Swanson, Hawthorne, Calif., Triumph TR-6, C Production; Midwest Divisional leaders are; Stanford Trumbower, Des Moines, Iowa, TR-6, CP; Dave Dooley, Oklahoma City, GT-6, DP; Jim Speck, Oklahoma City, Triumph Spitfire, FP.

### 2nd EDITION TSOA HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

The new Handbooks are ready and members who have been waiting patiently will get theirs in the mail soon. The new volume, considerably enlarged from the 1st Edition, contains 120 pages, crammed with historical facts, technical data, specifications and hints on how to care for your TR. You'll find some notes on recall campaigns, a section on adjusting and caring for wire wheels and a bunch of photos of Triumphs, street and race-prepared.

For those members who have the old book and want to supplement it with a new one, the price is \$2.00, postpaid. Send a check or money order to the TSOA and we'll get your copy off to you.

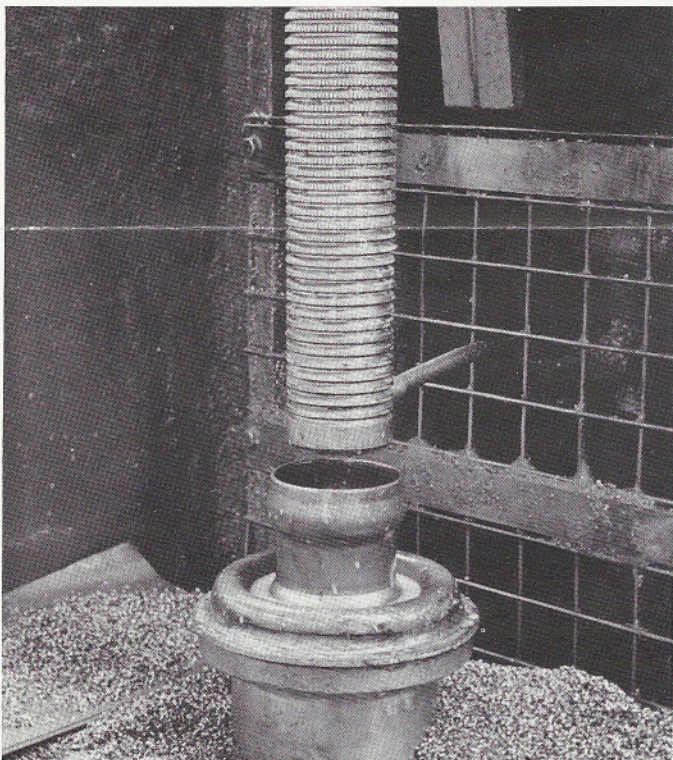
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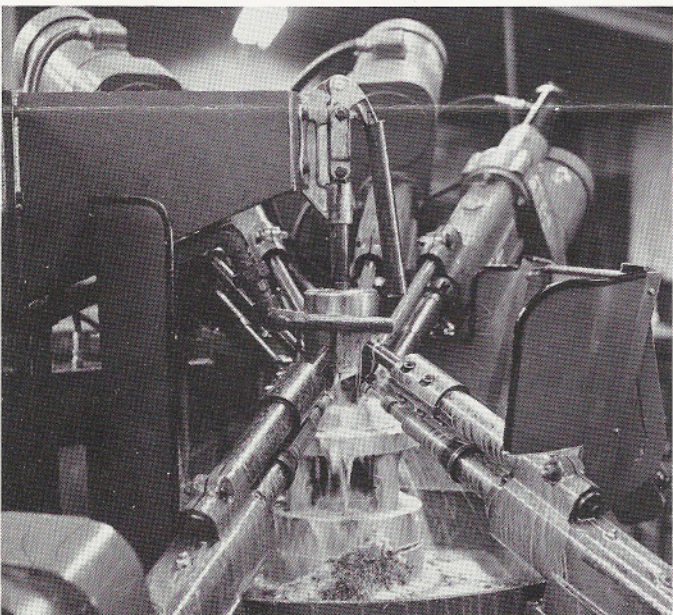
## WIRE WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Wire wheels are no mystery to most sports car enthusiasts. They know that those zippy spoked wheels are 50% of the appearance of some cars and enhance the looks of almost any car. Although mag wheels and other styled steel types have their adherents, still "wires" are an essential part of any sports car in the minds of many owners.

We thought you'd be interested to see how these wheels are assembled and here are some photos, direct from Dunlap, illustrating some of the processes. For example, making the rim requires ten separate operations.



A broaching tool is used to cut the splines in the wheel hub, a process requiring great accuracy in both set-up and execution.



Following spline-cutting, the hub is drilled for the spokes. The 60 holes must be drilled at very accurate angles.



The spokes are assembled into the hub by hand, then the rim is added and the whole works tightened together.

## JOHN McCOMB TO DRIVE GROUP 44 TRIUMPH TR-6

John McComb, an eight year road racing veteran from Hutchinson, Kansas, has been named to drive Group 44, Inc.'s Triumph TR-6 in 1972 Sports Car Club of America National Championship competition. McComb's appointment was announced by Group 44 president Robert C. Tullius.

The 33 year old banker test-drove the TR-6 for the first time in a test session in April. His competition debut with the team was at Mid-America Raceway, Wentzville, Mo., on May 6-7 where he won convincingly, setting a new lap record. His winning performance was applauded by Tullius who is sidelined while recovering from injuries suffered when he was hit by a car in Bangkok, Thailand.

McComb comes to Group 44 with one SCCA National Championship and six consecutive Midwest Division Championships to his credit. He also is no stranger to the TR-6, having driven one for Roy Jones, Memphis Triumph dealer, at the 1969 Daytona ARRC. He won a 1967 National Championship in a Ford Mustang. Last season, McComb won another Midwest Division crown in a Mustang but switched to a Dodge Challenger for the American Road Race of Champions, where he finished third after an exciting come from behind performance which included a new lap record.

"John McComb will be a valuable addition to Group 44's 1972 season," said Tullius, "and should enable us to continue without missing a beat. I've driven against him many times in Trans-American Championship competition and know just what a tough competitor he can be."



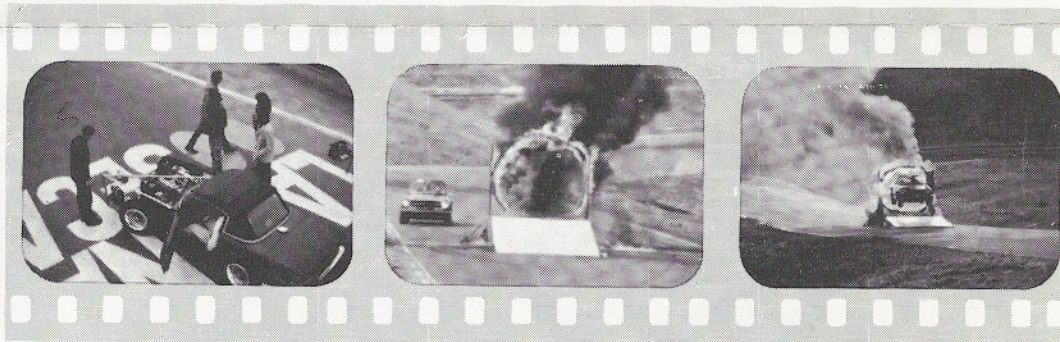
Three new Triumph television commercials are currently running in major markets across the United States. Making them, matching them to the excellence of the previous series, was a stiff task for the agency, PKL, Inc., of New York. To accomplish it, PKL staff and a film crew headed for California and the Laguna Seca road racing course. There they set up two situations for TR-6s. On the beach at nearby Monterey they shot a spot for the Spitfire Mk IV. Below are the descriptions and some action shots from the filming. All are 30 second commercials.

# Making TRIUMPH'S

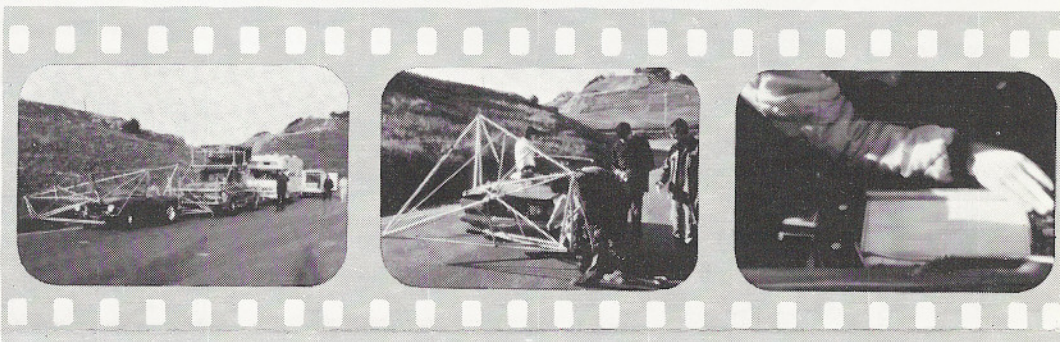


## COMMERCIALS

1. **"Obstacle Course":** Two TR-6s were used for this one. One was complete, for running the course through a flaming hoop. The other had a fender removed and a camera frame rigged to get a clear shot of the suspension action as the car landed after jumping the ramp through the hoop. The stunt driver, Ronnie Walker, wore full fireproof clothing and racing helmet.



2. **"Motor Trend":** Here again, two TR-6s were used but the rigging on one was considerably larger to allow for a great variety of shots from all angles. The frame was designed by Ronnie Walker and could be used for vibration-free high-speed camera work. MOTOR TREND magazine Road Test Editor John Christy attended to show the operation of their testing device for vehicle acceleration and G-force which played a major part in the commercial.



3. **"0-60-0":** Depicting boy friend's angry reaction to his girl's enthusiasm for a Spitfire and its driver, this one was taken on the beach at Monterey. The large, economy-size boy friend was played by Bob Klein of the Los Angeles Rams. Director George Gomes is shown visualizing a shot.





## "HANDBOOK"

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### To All TSOA Members Who Do Not Yet Have Handbook and Badge:

Owing to the lack of availability of Handbooks and Badges over the course of several months a number of new members were put on the Newsletter mailing list but had their membership fee checks returned. Now that we have both Badges and Handbooks, these members should re-submit their membership fees and we will send the materials immediately.

When sending the fee, please note that you are re-applying so that we don't duplicate mailings. Thank you.

## 16th ANNUAL ELLENVILLE HILL CLIMB

Presented by South Short Sports Car Club and Shongum Mountain Motor Club, the climb will be held June 10 & 11 at Mt. Cathalia Ski Center. Pre-registration is suggested for this two days of fast action and fun.

Entry fee is \$8.00 either day, \$14.00 both days. Prizes in all classes and Marque awards. Free party Saturday evening. Reservations at the Mt. Cathalia Ski Center are \$12.00 per day for a double room.

Registration opens 9 A.M. both days, FCO 10 A.M.

For Pre-registration send check to:

Jerry Newman  
71 Kane Place  
N. Babylon, N.Y. 11703  
516-586-4764

## ANIMAL CRACKERS

In England if you meet a hippo or octopus on the road, you just sound your horn and pass. The same goes for bears and bison, even mammoths.

Hippos, Bears, Bison and Octopus are all trucks made by British Leyland, the United Kingdom's largest auto, truck and bus manufacturer.

Better known in the U.S. for its animal-named sports cars, the Stag or the Jaguar, British Leyland also makes Super Hippos, Super Beavers, Lynxes, Leopards, Mammoth Minors and Mammoth Majors.

## CLASSIFIED

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Tonneau cover, \$30 and front bumper guard, \$15 for 1970 Triumph Spitfire Mk III. Like new, never used. Bob Hadady, 1676 North Hill St., Pasadena, California (213) 963-2744.

'71 TR-6, Burgundy with tan interior, tonneau, 13-inch wood wheel, Michelin, AM/FM, Coco & Rubber mats, factory workshop manuals. Car must be seen to be appreciated. Call Jack after 5 at (201) 933-8178 or write J. Hugh Jacklyn, 107 Hiawatha Blvd. Oakland, N. J. 07436.

TR-3 Engine, rebuilt, 2.2 kit. Includes clutch. \$75.00 or make offer. John Fayant, 4 Shireford, Ferguson, Mo. 63135 314-521-3810.

1969 F Production National Champion. '69 Spitfire Mark 3 number 3 driven to victory at Daytona by Lee Mueller. Still the equal of any Spitfire in the country. Now painted silver gray with black pin-striping. Ready to race with fresh engine, good tires, fuel cell, all the goodies. With some spares \$3,000.00 firm. Trailer negotiable. Will deliver 500 miles. Mike Cook, 201-461-7300 (days) 201-838-7734 (nites) 15 Birch Rd., Bloomingdale, N. J. 07403.

### ITEMS WANTED

Main shaft for an overdrive TR-4 gearbox. Front bumper for a TR-3A, a gas cap for a TR-250 or TR-6. 5 — 5½ x 15 wheels for a TR-6. John Taylor, 14 Miner St., Greenfield, Mass. -1301.

Torque traction bars for '65 TR-4A — live axle. Allen L. Delisle, 5162 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21229.

## TSOA SUPERMARKET

### OFFICIAL TRIUMPH JACKET

Bright 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
TSOA Handbook, 2nd Edition .....	\$2.00
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

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