



CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER  
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NEWSLETTER  
April 1984



## CALENDAR

## March Meeting

- April 21 Front Suspension Workshop (CMC-VTR)  
4656 Cedarhurst Drive  
10:00 am  
Info: 366-3999 (Frank Peel)
- April 27-29 Walter Mitty Challenge  
Road Atlanta  
Info: (404) 992-0070 (WMC)
- April 29 Mad Dog Autocross (SCCA)  
Jackson Int. Speedway
- May 12 Vicksburg Tour (CMC-VTR)  
or May 19 (rain date)  
Meet at Howard Bro. I-55 N  
Leave 8:30 am sharp  
Info: 469-3279 (Craig House)
- June 2 Super Day (City of Jackson)  
Sports Car Meet  
Info: 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- June 7-9 Antique Auto Show (AVCM)  
Metrocenter  
Info: 879-8378 (Judy McDonald)
- July 7 British Car Day II (CMC-VTR)  
Smith-Wills Stadium  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Info: 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- August 16-19 VTR National Convention  
Troy, Michigan
- October 26-29 Vintage Grand Prix (SVRA)  
Regional Triumph Meet (GTA)  
Road Atlanta

The March CMC-VTR meeting was held on the 18th in the home of Bubba and Sally Brown. In attendance were Bubba & Sally (TR-3A, TR-6), Steve Cappello (TR-3B), Frank Peel (TR-6), Roy Schooler (MGB, MGB-GT and a new member), Alex Wade (TR-3), and Harvey Leslie (guest).

We showed the films "Buffem & Company", "The Art of Safety", and "This is Triumph". We also discussed details concerning the British Car Day (Bubba set the date), Jackson's Super Day, and a short report concerning the upcoming Vicksburg trip being organized by Craig House.

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## Front Suspension Workshop

Frank Peel will sponsor a front suspension workshop on Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 am.

Frank reports that we will be working on either a TR-2 or a TR-6, depending on what parts arrive by that Saturday.

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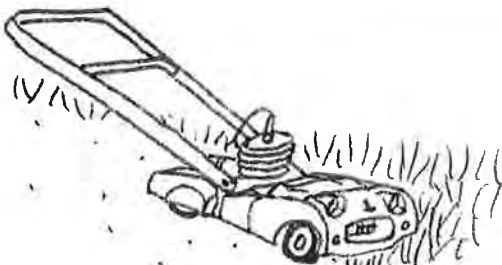
## Vicksburg Tour

Craig House will soon distribute flyers on our run to Vicksburg scheduled for May 12 (note the rain date of May 19).

We plan to assemble at the Howard Brothers Shopping Center on I-55 North around 8:00 am and leave promptly at 8:30 am. We'll take a scenic tour to Vicksburg along some backroads selected by Roy & Penny Schooler and it should prove to be a most enjoyable drive.

Once we arrive in Vicksburg, we will assemble in the parking lot of Jim & Sharon Karel's Import Auto Parts, Ltd. store where we will meet a number of other local sports car enthusiasts and their cars for a get-together and for coverage by the local news media. Around 12:30 pm, we'll caravan over to the Vicksburg Military Park and select a suitable spot for a picnic. This will be followed by short tour of the Park for those who are interested (at designated speeds, please!).

Both Craig and Jim Karel have worked hard on



this project and I know that we're all in for a big treat. Bring your family, a picnic, and your camera for a most enjoyable afternoon!

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### SUPER DAY!

The City of Jackson has requested that CMC-VTR and the local Alfa Romeo Club hold a car meet on Super Day, June 2. The City considers us a "draw" (yeah: water!) and would like to be able to advertise this as part of the event.

Super Day will be an event with several activities going on at the same time at the old VA center in West Jackson. There will be softball games, boxing matches, shooting galleries, etc., for all to enjoy.

We will not be required to have set hours, but we may wish to be there from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have our own parking area for display purposes. This will be a simple gathering with no special activities so as not to detract from the British Car Day to be held in July. Please note that there is a city ordinance against drinking beer on park property.

If you are interested, please call Alex Wade at 825-9611 by April 30 so that a commitment may be made to the City.

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### Membership Update

Please update your membership directory to reflect new members Roy and Penny Schooler, 212 E. Pinehill Drive, Ridgeland, MS 39157 (856-7416).

Roy and Penny own Racing Group, Inc., a repair shop catering to sports car enthusiasts in the Jackson area and have built a solid reputation for quality work at a fair price. As the owners



Frank Peel & TR-6 at the April 8  
SCCA Autocross.

of a '73 MGB and a '73 MGBGT (used mostly by son Cris), they have helped many a Triumph owner over the years. The Schoolers are both active in the Mississippi Region SCCA.

Welcome!

Also renewing membership are Bob and Tippy Garner of 5555 Concord, Jackson, MS 39211 (956-8888).

They own a 196? TR-4 and a 1965 Spitfire with hardtop. The Garners are charter members of CMC-VTR and have sponsored meetings and a transmissic workshop. They are also active SCCA members.

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There once was a lovely red Healey,  
Whose brakes were considered quite squealy  
But as Donald would say,  
Not one buyer would pay,  
Just to stop, but to wheelie quite freely!

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### UPDATES

. . . the Brown's have added a very fine TR-6 to their collection (dark green/black interior)  
. . . the Peel's have added another TR-6 to their growing collection . . . Keith Anderson and Steve Cappello have traded their Austin Healey 3000 to Gregg Collins for his MGA and MG-TD . . . the Speetjens Austin Healey 100-4 is now a "runner" and restoration is underway . . .

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### Tech Tip

THINK AGAIN before you drive off without securing your battery. During hard braking or cornering, your battery can tip over and short out on nearby parts and sheet metal - igniting fumes or burning through the paint on your hood (as has happened on TR-3's).

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### Trailer Rental

Need to haul home your ailing Buick with your trusty Spitfire?

Blaine's Manufacturing Company on Highway 49 South can rent a new twin axle trailer to you for \$40.00 for the first 12 hours and \$1.00 per hour for each additional hour. They can also build a trailer to your specifications at very reasonable prices.

Blaine's is located just south of Pearl in Plain, and their telephone number is 939-1935.

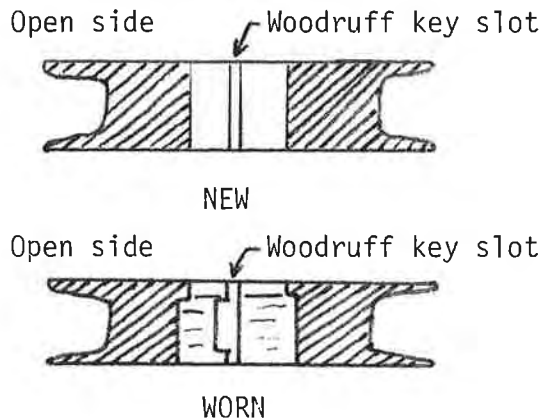
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Real British Car Owners don't use bandaids when they get hurt. They do lead work instead.

Ever have a water pump lose a seal before? What a mess! Especially when it occurs twice in the first 300 miles since your restoration!

The problem was traced to a bad pulley, an unusual occurrence, I thought. As it turned out, this condition also took out the pulley on the dynamo and shook loose the lower dynamo mounting bolt.

The next time you have either of these pulleys off, do yourself a favor and check for wear as illustrated below (tightening the shaft nut is only a very temporary fix). There is a good chance that you will not even be able to remove the pulley if the wear occurred as illustrated!




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### British Car Trophies

Two new awards were created for the Asphalt Jungle II Autocross sponsored by Foreign Car Parts Warehouse and administered by the Miss. Region SCCA. The awards were for the fastest British cars in both stock and modified categories.

Approximately 38 cars competed in the March 4 event with 6 MG's entered. The fastest British stock car was the MGB-GT entered by Cris Schooler, son of Roy and Penny Schooler, in his very first autocross. The fastest British modified car was an MGB driven by David Toney.

Where were the Triumphs? Absent from competition was the Moore Spitfire and the Brunson GT-6. Both cars are virtually unbeatable in their classes and often receive FTD's.

A special thanks goes to Foreign Car Parts Warehouse for offering these awards. They have been added to our complimentary mailing list for 1984.

Let's get out the Triumphs for the next event!

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What do you use for stripped-out threads on an Austin Healey?

A Healey-Coil kit!

Membership in the Vintage Triumph Register and the Central Mississippi Chapter is open to all Triumph enthusiasts - your interest is all that is necessary to become eligible. National dues are \$20.00 and include four issues of the outstanding magazine The Vintage Triumph and the bimonthly newsletter The English Channel. VTR maintains a volunteer staff of experts on each Triumph model to assist owners with technical advice and points of originality. National conventions are held annually.

The Central Mississippi Chapter holds workshops, socials, events, publishes a monthly newsletter (this is our twentieth consecutive monthly issue), provides technical advice, parts assistance, and allows the serious (and the not-so-serious) Triumph owner to enjoy his or her vehicle to the fullest. Local membership dues are \$5.00 per calendar year per family.

For more information about both clubs, write to the Central Mississippi Chapter, Vintage Triumph Register, P. O. Box 5263, Jackson, MS 39216. You may also wish to contact one of the officers listed below:

President:	Bubba Brown 956-1956 (H)/956-9565 (O)
Vice President:	Scotty Marsh 845-7366 (H)/354-3575 (O)
Sec./Treas. & Ed.:	Alex Wade 825-9611 (H)/969-6225 (O)
Dir. & Mem. Chm.:	Frank Peel 366-3999 (H)

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FOR SALE: VTR T-shirts. Maroon sleeves with white body and black VTR logo (these are quality shirts by Bantam - Ed.). \$10.00 price includes shipping. Linda and Bill Sohl, 29 Netcong Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828.

FOR SALE: 1980 TR-7, 30th Anniversary Edition. Red convertible with a/c and tape deck /radio. Body and mechanicals excellent. One owner, 36,000 miles. Deborah Golden, 715 Arlington St. Jackson, MS 39202.

FOR SALE: 1964 Austin Healey 3000, BJ-8. Exc. condition, NO rust or corrosion; placed second in 1982 New Orleans Antique Auto Show. Light blue over dark blue. A steal at \$6,000.00. John Parker, 106 Felicity Dr., Houma, LA 70360. 872-2434 (O) or 872-1449 (H).

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