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#### Rally to the River

Mark your calendar now for CMC-VTR's annual "Rally to the River" to be held on Saturday, June 15, 1985.

Gail Bird, Craig House, Jim Karel and Norm Scheffner are putting together the event and details will be released in future newsletters and by special flyer.

Based on the success of last year's event, we think that you will find this trip to be an equally entertaining tour and picnic. We might even actually make it to the river this time!

Don't Forget - JUNE 15!

#### Sympathy

Club members and friends of Bubba and Sally Brown were recently saddened to learn of the death of Bubba's father in March. Our hearts and sympathy are extended to the Brown family.

#### Tops Down Party

CMC-VTR kicked off its 1985 program with a "Tops Down Party" at the Wade's home in Brandon on March 24th. Unfortunately, the party announcement was misunderstood and the only tops that came down that Sunday were on the cars, not the participants!

The club had a good turnout, with the Anderson family arriving in their Jaguar E Type and the Cappello's in their TR-3B. New members Pat and Barbara Cashman came from Vicksburg in their TR-6, which they have owned since new, and also took some pictures for his Vicksburg newspaper. David and Marilyn Fitzgibbon arrived in their TR-4A which was quickly followed by Scotty Marsh in his TR-250. The House's brought their Austin Healey 100-4 and boy-racer John May came in his recently acquired Austin Healey Bug-Eye Sprite in racing trim with a particle beam weapon mounted on the bonnet (John swears it's a mirror). Gail Bird was



there with a friend in her MGB, Warrell Conway came by in a very nice TR-6, and James Holland, who is restoring a Bug Eye Sprite, also attended. Mike and Bitsy Hemsley arrived fashionably late with "CIAO", the Wonder Alfa, as well as John, Therese and Kathy Shorkey in their Alfa Spyder (their MGA coupe is under restoration).

All in all, we had twenty-two adults, bunches of munchkins, and thirteen British cars plus two Alfa's which may or may not have once passed through Liverpool on their way to the colonies.

#### The Philogiston Theory of Electronics

A sheet of paper crossed my desk the other day and as I read it, realization of a Basic Truth came over me. So simple! So obvious we couldn't see it! John Kuivinen, Chairman of the Palomar Repeater Committee, an amatuer radio group I think, has discovered what makes integrated circuits work. He says that smoke is the thing that makes IC's work because every time you let the smoke out of an IC it stops working. He claims to have verified this through thorough testing.

I was flabbergasted! Of course! Smoke makes all things electrical work. Remember the

last time the smoke escaped from your Lucas voltage regulator? Didn't it quit working? I sat and smiled like an idiot as more of the truth dawned. It's the wiring harness that carries smoke from one device to another in your Mini and when the harness springs a leak, it lets the smoke out of everything all at once and then nothing works. The starter motor requires large quantities of smoke to operate properly, that's why the wire going to it is so big.

Feeling very smug, I continued to expand my hypothesis. Why are Lucas electrics more likely to leak smoke than, say Bosch? Hmmm. AHA! Lucas is British. Things British always leak! British convertible tops leak water. British engines leak oil. British displacer units leak hydroelastic fluid. British government leaks defense secrets. Naturally! British electrics leak smoke.

(Editor's Note: The above article was submitted as a bit of humor to the Classic MG Car Club by Robert Campbell of Poway, California, and reprinted in the Mardi-Gras T's Newsletter edited by Mike Lewis. Mike says he doesn't understand how the Florida guys got this tech article confused with humor!)

How to Make a Triumph Owner Cry:

Compliment him on his nice replicar.

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#### Trundlings

through Jackson who is in the classic car transportation business. He brought with him a '67 Austin Healey 3000 with only 200 original miles on it, a London taxi, a '53 Morgan, and THE James Bond Aston Martin . . . Scotty Marsh is looking for a decent TR-3 body for the car that he is preparing for racing . . . Steve Cappello now has a cush job with Rankin County as a Tax Appraiser . . a vicious rumor is making the rounds that Frank Peel will be making severe cutbacks in his TR collection . . . the Speetjens TR-3A was recently front-ended with heavy damage; the car is to be repaired . . .

#### Coming Events

Solo II Drivers School (SCCA)

	Jackson International Speedway Info: Festus Simkins 956-9645
May 18	British Car Day New Orleans LaFreniere Park Info: Charlie 347-6317/347-3359
May 18	Texas Triumph Regional Event New Braunsfels, Texas Info: (713) 729-7470/466-9075
June 15	Rally to the River (CMC-VTR)

Jackson to Vicksburg

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#### Tech Tips

A spray can of black "wrinkle paint", available from J. C. Whitney and possibly some local suppliers, is easy to use and will exactly duplicate the original type finish that Lucas uses on wiper motors and Smith used on many heaters. (And you thought that Lucas had messed up the paint job too!)

A non-original but serviceable set of rubber mounts for your TR-3 wiper motor may be made from common plumbing washers. I found a set at our local grocery store which, when doubled on each side, provided a stiff but serviceable replacement. Would you believe me if I told you that as I checked out of the store, the cashier remarked, "Ah, I see that you are restoring a TR-3!" (I thought not).

#### New Members

CMC-VTR recently welcomed Pat and Barbara Cashman as members. The Cashman's have enjoyed their '76 TR-6 since new and they live at 3207 Drummond, Vicksburg MS 39180 (638-3240).

Driving is a breeze to rally and to race in our nifty TR-3's showing our good taste. We don't have to win. We don't have to place. We leave them in the parking lot so we can save our face!

Submitted by Keith Anderson Adapted from MG Monthly

FOR SALE: 1952 MG-TD. Yellow with excellent sheet metal and wood, engine in good shape, interior serviceable but incorrect seats. \$7500 or nearest offer. Call Marilyn at 366-0702.

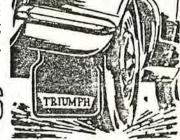
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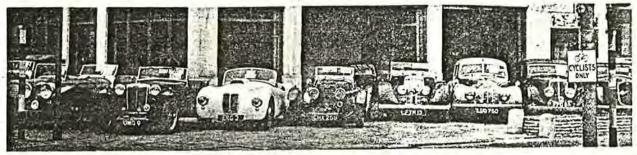


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