



CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER
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NEWSLETTER
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CALENDAR

July 31	SCCA Autocross Mississippi Fairgrounds Information: See text
August 18-21	Sacred Holidays VTR National Convention Long Island, New York
September 9-11	Vintage Grand Prix SVRA at Road Atlanta Information: 825-9497
September 24	Movie Night CMC-VTR Hosts: Scotty & Maria Marsh
December TBA	Social & Elections CMC-VTR Hosts: Open!

Movie Night

We have been very fortunate in obtaining two excellent films of interest to Triumph owners for Saturday, September 24.

The first film will be loaned to us by Quaker State and is entitled "Road Racing's White Wave - the Story of Group 44." Group 44 and Triumph go way back - at least back to 1962 when Bob Tullius (honorary VTR member) joined them - and have taken a number of SCCA championships.

The film we are going to see was released in 1972 and should rouse the blood of every Triumph driver there ever was. In that year, Group 44 campaigned a TR-6, a GT-6, a Spitfire, and an MG-B. Backed by Quaker State and British Leyland, Group 44 has always been phenomenally successful. The film is approximately 30 minutes long.

The second film that we have obtained is an eleven minute feature film on the restoration facilities of one of the nation's foremost restoration shops: White Post Restorations of White Post, Virginia. Brochures on this film have already arrived and will be distributed with the September newsletter.

So don your Nomex, grab a six-pack, and plan on joining us on September 24!

SCCA Autocross

The Mississippi Region of SCCA will hold a Solo II autocross on Sunday, July 31, at the Mississippi Fairgrounds in Jackson. Registration will be from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm with the first car out at 1:00 pm. Entry fees are \$4.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members.

A report on the Triumphs at the SCCA Southwest Divisional Solo II event held July 10 will be given as soon as the results are published. (Need I tell you that CMC-VTR member Ed Moore did rather well?).

Transmission Transplant

We recently tried to wedge an overdrive tranny into Bubba Brown's TR-3A without much success. The unit was a full-synchro transmission which, as we later found out, requires a TR-4 type rear mounting plate. Once the correct part was obtained, the fit was perfect.

After a year's absence, Bubba's TR-3A may be back on the road by the time you receive this newsletter.

Rainmaker for Hire

CMC-VTR has a proposition to make to all drought-ridden states: Let CMC-VTR plan an event in your area and we will guarantee thunderstorms and floods of biblical proportions!

Check our track record: the British Car Day on May 21, the Summer Party on June 25, and the Vicksburg Tour on July 16. Each occasion drew heavy rain, including a major flood on May 21.

Our next workshop may be on weatherproofing. We can attempt to answer the eternal question: "Are the terms weatherproof and Triumph mutually exclusive?"

We will hold it indoors, of course.

The Sun Never Sets on the British Empire . . . because Englishmen can't drive home in the dark!

One common performance modification to the Triumph head is to shave metal off the bottom face in order to raise the compression ratio. "Shaving" the head also removes any warp present and assures that a proper seal is made to the head gasket and block.

A problem that often occurs with this modification is that of inadequate clearance between the rocker arms and the valves. If you run out of adjustment, obtain some .010" shim stock from your local auto parts store and use some tin snips to cut out shims to the shape of your rocker arm pedestals. Build up your shims evenly, being careful to drill the necessary holes for the oil passage-way. This will give you adequate clearance for valve adjustments when you replace the rocker arms.

Restoration Tip

We are quite fortunate in having a Redi-Strip operation here in the Jackson area. Any of you who have had to hand-strip the gunk, paint, and rust off a car, as I have, knows how time consuming and miserable this work can be.

Redi-Strip does a first class and economical job of removing every trace of grime, paint, and corrosion from nearly any part you can bring in - whether it is the entire body or the smallest fastener. Redi-Strip is by far the best way to strip your frame, wire wheels, and sheet metal parts - inside and out - without harming the good metal as sandblasting does.

Redi-Strip is owned and operated by auto enthusiasts and is located at 133 Keener Avenue in Jackson. The telephone number is 355-3317.

Membership Information

Membership in the Vintage Triumph Register and the Central Mississippi Chapter is open to all Triumph enthusiasts regardless of vintage (of the vehicle or the owner). 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, 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 presently \$10.00 annually.

For more information on 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.

CMC-VTR Officers

President & Editor: Alex Wade
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Vice President: W. T. "Bubba" Brown
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Treasurer: Scotty Marsh
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Other Conscripted Officials

Membership Chairman: Frank Peel
& Director 366-3999 (H)/956-5252 (O)

FOR SALE: 1964 TR-4A. Runs but needs paint, windshield, and interior. Reasonably priced. Scotty Marsh, Rt. 6, Box 405, Florence, MS 39073. Telephone: 845-7366 evenings.

FOR SALE: 1966 Austin Healey 3000 parts car. Some sheet metal, instruments, upholstery items, seat frames, some mechanicals. Most items in very good shape. For details contact Roy Schooler at Racing Engineering, 836 S. Ridgewood Road, Ridgeland, MS 39197. Office telephone: 956-0925.

FOR SALE: 1929 MG M-Type. Gutted original mechanicals and added pedals for fine pre-school children's toy. Will sell outright or trade for similarly prepared Triumph Spitfire (my kid is bigger now). Serious inquiries only: (602) 846-9177.

WANTED: Restorable Triumph, Austin Healey, MG, or Jaguar. Must be reasonably priced. Gary B. Vickers, 110 Pinelawn Place, Jackson, MS 39204.

WANTED: TR-3 horns, windshield washer spigot nut chrome dash bolts, and a buyer for a pair of fiberglass rear fenders. Alex Wade, 825-9611 evenings.



1960 Triumph TR-3

You'll want the back issue of *Special Interest Autos* with this driveReport for your library! Fun-to-read information on its development, history, specifications, features, plus many photographs. \$4.00 postpaid, outside U.S.A. \$4.25 per copy (US funds only)

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