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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The CMC-VTR Christmas Party has been set for Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm on December 19th at Frank and Tricia Peel's home. The Peels live at 4656 Cedarhurst, off Northside Drive and West of the I-55 North intersection.

The party is B.Y.O.B. and B.Y.O.TR. If you would like to bring a covered dish, please call Tricia at 366-3999 to find out what is needed (the Peking Duck is already taken). Our entertainment will be two reels of sound movies taken at the Vintage Grand Prix at Road Atlanta last month.

There will be no regular business meeting for the month of December.

Our next meeting will be a workshop on Stromberg carburetors to be held at 2:30pm on Saturday, January 15th. It will be held at the Wade's home in Brandon. To get there, take Highway 80 past Airport Road until you reach the traffic signal at Woodgate, which is next to the Howard Brothers shopping center in Crossgates. Turn left onto Woodgate and drive approximately one mile and turn right onto Willowbrook Lane. The house number is 63, and is the only "Taco Bell" style house on the street.

Any Luck on the British-American terms in the last issue? If you think that you got them all, bring your answers to the Christmas Party. A TR cloth patch will be awarded to anyone with a perfect score, and there will be a drawing in case of a tie. The correct answers will be published in the next newsletter.

If you enjoyed the last batch, try these:

Accumulator	Change speed fork
Draglink	Control box
Bonnet	Winker
Core plug	Scraper ring
Damper	Boot

Steering Play?

Got too much play in your TR-2/3 steering? Remember to check for play in your tie rod ends and for excessive end float on your steering cam first, before attempting to adjust the bolt on your rocker shaft. The end float may be adjusted by removing shims from the shim pack at the face of your steering box, and may be performed without removing the front apron. Follow your manual's directions carefully and do not allow the steering cam to bind by

removing too many shims. After you have adjusted the steering cam float, then adjust the end play on your rocker shaft, being careful not to adjust it to bind also. Again, follow your manual carefully, as you can damage your steering components beyond repair and, at the very least, end up with steering that is too heavy.

BOOK REVIEW

My Years at LUCAS by Robert L. Murphy, Coventry Press, England, c. 1982.

This is an excellent text covering some of the greatest moments in LUCAS' history: the invention of the short circuit, the war years when LUCAS engineers invented the blackout, the attempts to design nuclear power plants (leading to the discovery of the hydrogen bomb), and the great controversy surrounding LUCAS' decision to switch to electrically insulated wiring in 1976. The book also has a preface by Joseph Lucas himself, in which he apologizes to the public for having employed color-blind wiring harness assembly workers for over fifty years.

Overall, this is an entertaining and factual book, best read in daylight, for the enthusiast.

REMINDER - DUES ARE DUE! If you have not yet paid your dues for CMC-VTR, please forward your \$10.00 (Family membership) to Scotty Marsh, Rt. 6, Box 405, Florence, MS 39073.

MEMBERSHIP in the Vintage Triumph Register and the Central Mississippi Chapter is open to all Triumph owners. National dues are \$15.00 and include an outstanding quarterly magazine and a bimonthly newsletter. Local membership dues are \$10.00. The CMC-VTR meets monthly, publishes a local newsletter, provides technical advice, and allows the serious (and the not-so-serious) Triumph owner to enjoy his or her car to the fullest. For more information on both clubs, write to: Central Mississippi Chapter, Vintage Triumph Register, P. O. Box 5263, Jackson, Mississippi 39216.

FOR SALE: New RH hood hinge for TR-3 (\$8). New fiberglass rear TR-3 fenders (\$80.00 per pair). TR-3 camshaft, poor but can be rebuilt (\$5.00). Call Alex Wade at 825-9611 evenings.