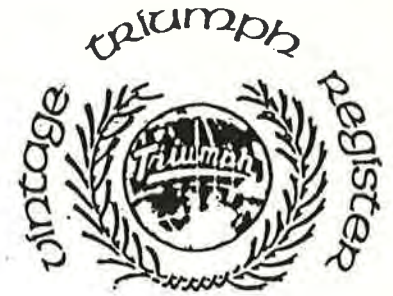




CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER
P.O. Box 5263
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NEWSLETTER
December, 1983

CALENDAR

December 18 CMC-VTR Party & Elections
 1366 Winterview
 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 956-1956

If you are already a VTR national member, you will be billed directly by national when your current membership expires.

Remember that neither organization requires that you actually own a Triumph; your interest is all that is necessary.

Christmas Party

Don't forget to attend our annual Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 18, at the home of Bubba and Sally Brown.

As we now have possession of the VHS tape of vintage Triumph films, our entertainment for the afternoon will consist of the 1955 Le Mans film. This 22 minute film should show us not only the three factory TR-2's entered, but a few Austin-Healeys and Jaguars as well as many other famous racing cars of the era.

Racing fans will remember the 1955 Le Mans disaster when Levegh's 300SLR Mercedes collided with Macklin's Austin-Healey in a mix-up involving Mike Hawthorn's Jaguar D type. The Mercedes disintegrated and pieces fell into the crowd, killing Levegh and eighty-one spectators. Stirling Moss took over the leading Mercedes and Ivor Bued replaced Mike Hawthorn in the D type. The D type eventually won after Mercedes withdrew its cars, and all three TR-2's finished strongly.

Invitations to members and guests will be mailed shortly, and newcomers are welcome. Directions to the party may be obtained by calling Bubba or Sally at 956-1956.

Membership Renewal

Attached to your newsletter is your membership renewal form. Dues for 1984 are \$5.00 and include all family members. Associate members are members of the local chapter only, and have no voting power. Full membership in the local chapter is granted to those who are also members of VTR National.

Pop Top Hop

Another item that should have been added to my list of "Lessons Learned From A TR-3 Restoration" is to make sure that all fasteners are tight throughout the car before you tool off in your freshly restored car.

As I was driving back from an SCCA autocross one Sunday, my engine started cutting in and out and then quit. Suspecting ignition problems, I lifted the distributor cap to find that the nut which holds the condenser lead to the points was completely missing.

Being without tools or parts, I searched the shoulder for a piece of wire. Finding only a beer tab, I broke the ring in half and folded it over into the shape of a spring retaining clip. This got me as far as a quick stop, where I coasted quietly in to a stop. The purchase of a paper clip led to the fabrication of a much better spring clip which took me the twelve miles home.

I would suggest that all British car owners carry along a cold six-pack in the future. At least your passenger will have something to do while you fumble about under the bonnet making parts out of the empty cans!

1983 Idea Book

The Roadster Factory has recently distributed their Christmas catalog to its customers. Orders must be placed before January 14, 1984, for all sale items.

TR Happenings

. . . the Peel TR-2 will soon be getting a once-over and respray - parts are on the way to temporarily put this classic back on the road until a full restoration is possible . . . the Williams TR-3A has retired from daily use . . . CMC-VTR members recently voiced outrage that charter members Lee and Linda Harrison sold their TR-3B - action threatened by angry mob . . . Ed Moore took first place in C Street Prepared in his Spitfire at the SCCA November 20 autocross.

Tools Available

One of the purposes of having a one-marque club is to share not only the wealth of knowledge available on Triumphs and their maintenance but also to share the use of specialized tools and literature.

If anyone is interested, I personally have the following tools available on loan:

- Colortune set
- Ring compressor
- Ring expander
- Cable hoist
- Cylinder hone
- Brake cylinder hone
- Hand impact tool (great for door screws)
- Large sockets for transmission and axle work
- Spring compressors - 2 types
- Vacuum guage
- Compression guage
- Assorted taps and dies
- Transmission installer (24" pry bar)
- Engine installer (see above)
- Metal shears (LH, RH, & straight cut)

I also have the following books available on loan:

- The Story of Triumph Sports Cars by Graham Robson, c. 1973
- The Triumph TRs - A Collectors Guide by Graham Robson, c. 1977
- Triumph Sports Owners Association Handbook by Michael Cook
- The Complete Official Triumph TR-2 and TR-3 1953 - 1961 workshop manual compiled by Robert Bentley, c. 1976
- Glenn's Triumph Repair and Tune Up Guide by Harold T. Glenn
- Triumph TR Maintenance Modification

& Tuning by J. S. Maclay, c. 1967
How to Cast Small Metal and Rubber Objects by William A. Cannon, c. 1969

Envelope and Package Stickers

The Roadster Factory now has available small Triumph emblems with peel-off backing that will stick to almost anything. Priced from 8¢ to 10¢, the emblems portray each TR model from TR-2 through TR-6 (except 5 and 250) and the Spitfire "bulls-eye".

Membership Information

Membership in the Vintage Triumph Register and the Central Mississippi Chapter is open to all Triumph enthusiasts. 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 Triumph owner to enjoy his or her vehicle to the fullest. Local membership dues are only \$5.00 to cover mailing costs of the newsletters.

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

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Other Conscripted Officials

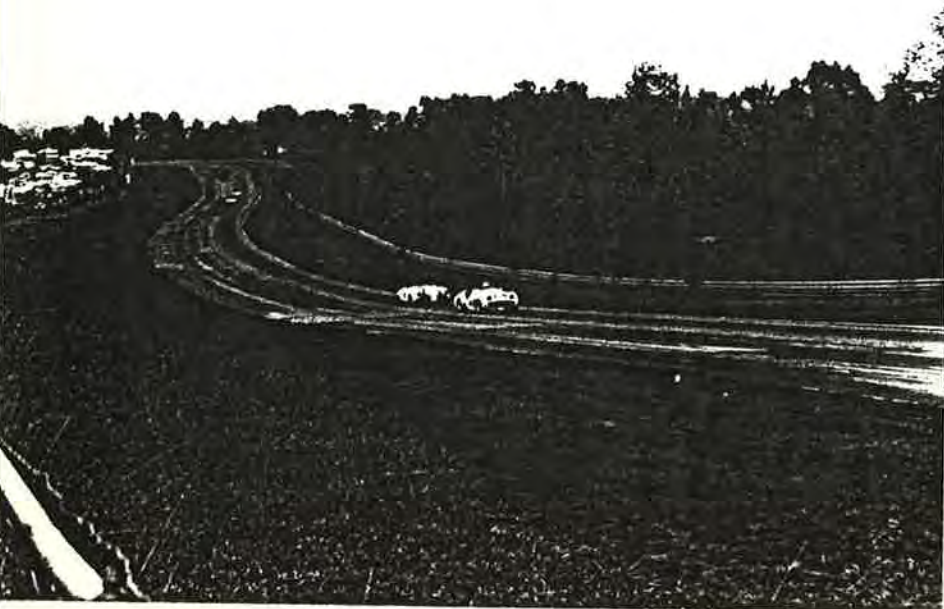
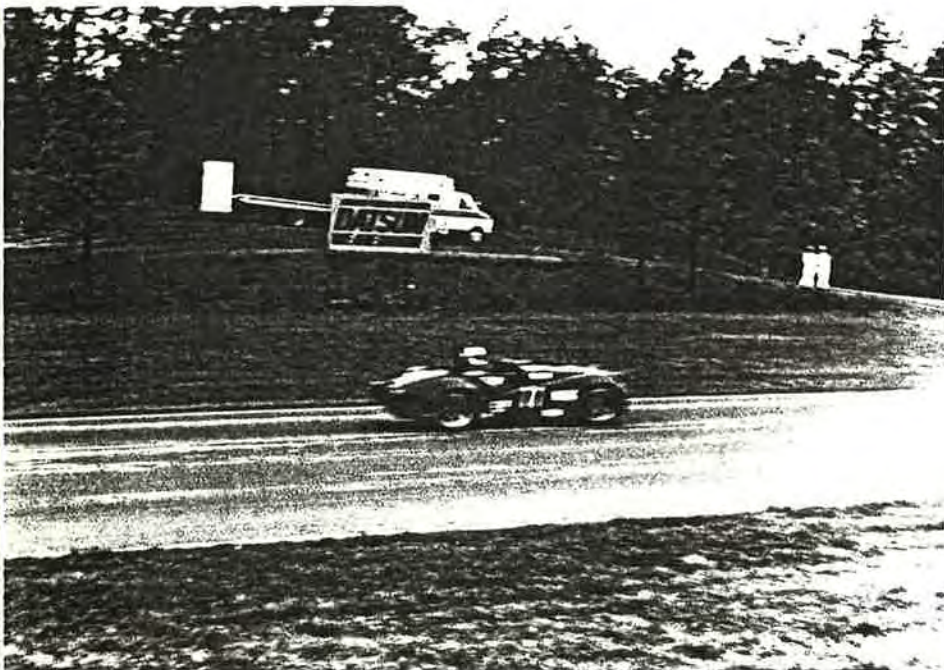
Director & Membership:	Frank Peel
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SCCA Champion Spark Plug Road Racing
 Classic National Championship, Road
 Atlanta, October 21 - 23, 1983.

The pictures shown to the right
 and below were furnished by CMC-VTR
 member Tippie Garner. One of these
 TR's belongs to Hardy Prentice,
 another to Flashback Racing. Can
 anyone correctly identify all three
 Triumphs?

Tippie reported that the Flash-
 back Triumph looked great in prac-
 tice but seemed to hold back in the
 actual race. Hardy Prentice, as
 reported last month, came from
 eighth on the grid to finish second
 in E-Production.

Long Live Side Curtains!



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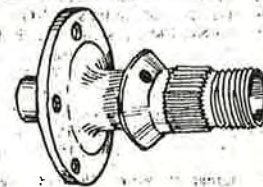
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