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NEWSLETTER
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Christmas Party

Surely the highlight of the year for CMC-VTR was the 1983 Christmas Party held in the home of Bubba and Sally Brown on December 18.

The party was well attended by twenty enthusiasts, some of them braving the cold and bringing their British cars. Triumphs present were the Brown's TR-3A, Steve Cappello in his TR-3B, Frank Peel's TR-6 and wife Tricia's TR-6, and the Wade's TR-3 (sans top and side curtains). John May and Craig and Jane House brought their Austin Healey 3000's and Keith and Pat Anderson brought their Jaguar E-type. Also attending were Bob and Tippy Garner (TR-4, Spitfire), Jim and Sharon Karel (TR-4A) from Vicksburg, Scotty and Maria Marsh (TR-4, TR-3A), and Roy and Penny Schooler (MGB) of Racing Group.

New members were welcomed to CMC-VTR at the party as the Anderson's, the House's, the Karel's, and the May's have joined. Welcome all!

Our main entertainment for the afternoon was a presentation of the 1955 Le Mans. As previously reported, this film followed the TR-2 team through the grueling 24 hours with nice shots of Jaguar D-types, Mercedes, Maseratis, the MGA prototypes, and Austin Healeys. Although seen from a distance, the tragic Levegh/Macklin disaster was also covered.

John May also brought his videotape of the 1983 Vintage Grand Prix, showing excellent footage of the MG Safety Fast Championship and the other vintage races. Accenting his racing coverage were shots through the paddock and the concours with lots of shots of - you guessed it - Healeys! John is working on some narration to add to this fine tape, and I hope that a few copies will be available in the near future.

Our election of 1984 officers was handled by nominations chairman Steve Cappello, resulting in the election of W. T. "Bubba" Brown as President, Scotty Marsh as Vice President, and Alex Wade as Secretary/Treasurer & Editor.

Disappointment was expressed that our Vicksburg Tour did not pan out. This was due to an unfortunate combination of bad weather, mechanical problems of some of the planned participants, and (of course) local football games. The opportunity was seized and Craig House was promptly drafted as this event chairman for 1984. (Quick, while I've got two out of three running!)

Polishing off a most enjoyable afternoon was the farewell address given by outgoing President Alex Wade:

May your horns always speak,
and your carbs never leak;
May your pan always seal,
and your paint never peel;
May your boot always pack,
and your dash never crack;
May your engine always howl,
and your plugs never foul!

Walter Mitty Challenge

The dates have been set for the 1984 Walter Mitty Challenge, to be held April 26 through 29 at Road Atlanta.

This annual event draws many vintage race and sports machines, with the Walter Mitty Trophy awarded to the enthusiast and his or her car who displays best the spirit embodied by the famed James Thurber character. The course is open to anyone with reasonable entry fees and the automobiles used do not necessarily have to have a racing history.

The vintage races are quite exciting, although there is no special MG race as in the Vintage Grand Prix. Healeys, Morgans, and Ferraris abound, however.

Steve Cappello plans to bring his motor home and is trying to get up a group to go this year. If you're interested, give Steve a call at 825-7832 for arrangements.

"Remember when sports car owners used to wave at each other? Well, British car owners still do, probably because the novelty of seeing British sports cars on the street instead of in the shop or rusting away in the backyard is so uplifting."

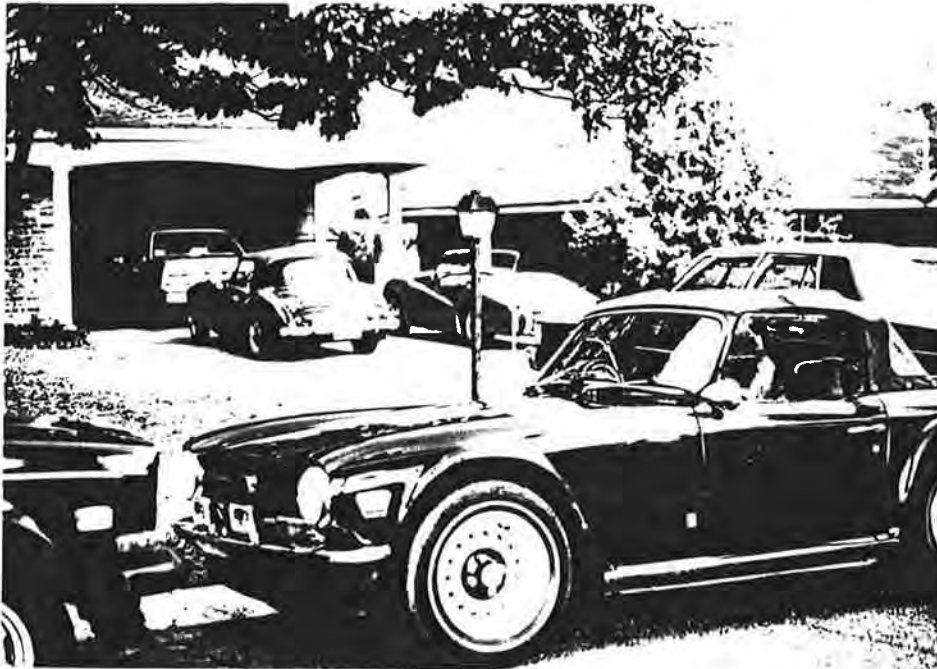
Satch Carlson
"Life in the Fast Lane"
Auto Week Aug. 83

Quoted in DVT's TRundlin Triumphs

Odds & Ends

The next meeting of the CMC-VTR will be announced in the February Newsletter. It is anticipated that we will review the financial condition and membership of the club at that time. We also plan to show the 1954 Rallye des Alpes film which has three then-new TR-2's, several Austin Healey 100-4's, Jaguar XK-120's, MG-TF's, Sunbeams, Porsches, and even a Morgan or two.

If your Newsletter arrived with a membership application attached, beware! This means that we have not yet received your renewal dues and that the February issue will be your last until your dues are received. A completed application is necessary for our membership and car census listing which will be distributed in short order.



FOR SALE: TR-2/4 CRANKSHAFT KIT, you assemble. Welding instructions included. \$79.95, no two kits the same. Triumphs-R-Us, 1495 8th Ave. NW, New York, NY 10078.

1980 MGB for sale. Good mechanical condition but a/c needs work. Body in excellent condition. Contact Robert Smith at 969-6100 days.

1951 MG-TD for sale. Runs well, body in excellent shape but rough interior and incorrect seats. Contact Jim Bonney at 969-6170 days.