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British Car Day 1984

Egad! Success!

CMC-VTR finally put together a winning combination of dry weather (but blistering) and good preparation to pull off a successful British Car Day on July 7 in Jackson. Compare 27 registered contestants and perhaps 45 or 50 British cars on display with a total of 5 cars at our 1983 event!

The car show drew not only heavy participation from CMC-VTR but also attracted contingents from the British Sports Car Club of Memphis and The Louisiana Centre of the MG Car Club. Many spectators passed through during the day, including a TV crew from Channel 12 which aired a nice report on the event on Sunday and Monday. The TV crew added a few awards of their own, designating the Speetjens 100-4 as "Happiest British Car" and the Peel TR-2 as "Most Frightened British Car".

Aside from the good fellowship and viewing of the cars, some of the contestants tried their hands at the "What Is It Board" contest (Dick Kingsafer of Natchez said that they were all marital aids) and the British Automotive Trivia Contest. Perhaps one of the most popular activities, however, was walking over to the Agricultural Museum next door to cool off and have a cold Coke!

In addition to high temperatures, the event saw

several interesting and unusual cars arrive. Thom Anderson of Memphis arrived in a beautifully restored two-seater Austin Healey 3000 BN-7 which was one of only 350 built. Frank Peel's TR-2 was towed in and would have won the "Least Likely to Make It Home" award had it not been for the rule that the vehicle arrive under its own power. Dan Shepard of Memphis brought his 1965 Triumph Herald convertible which was a very impressive car. A Rolls Royce also arrived for a short while, but its occupants never left its air-conditioned confines and wet bar.

The award categories and winners were as follows:

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| Best Restored Austin Healey: | John May
Brandon, MS
1967 AH 3000 |
| Best Original Austin Healey: | Craig & Jane House
Forest, MS
1954 AH 100-4 |
| Best Original Jaguar: | Robert Brown
Memphis, TN
1970 Jaguar E-Type |
| Best Restored MG: | Lynn LeFevre
Cordova, TN
1955 MG-TF |
| Best Original MG: | Randy Balogh
Memphis, TN
1973 MGB |
| Best Restored TR: | Alex & Tere Wade
Brandon, MS
1957 TR-3 |
| Best Original TR: | Steve Cappello
Brandon, MS
1962 TR-3B |
| Most Popular Car: | Lynn Lefevre.
Cordova, TN
1955 MG-TF |



Longest Distance Award: Randy Balogh
Memphis, TN 215 miles
1973 MGB

Least likely to Make it Home:
Walter Mashburn
Clinton, MS
1960 TR-3A

What Is It Board: Robert Brown
Memphis, TN

British Car Trivia: Thom Anderson
Memphis, TN

Door Prize (1/2 case oil): Rodger Talley
Ama, LA

The Chapter wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the local businesses which assisted with the awards, particularly Import Auto Parts of Vicksburg, Racing Group of Ridgeland, and Redi Strip of Jackson. The Chapter also wishes to thank all the fine folks from Tennessee and Louisiana who came so far to join us and who added so much to the enjoyment of the event! Y'all come back now, you hear?

Registration

Keith Anderson of Brandon, MS	'66 Jag E
Thom Anderson of Memphis, TN	'62 AH 3000 II
Randy Balogh of Memphis, TN	'73 MGB
Robert Brown of Memphis, TN	'70 Jag E
Bubba Brown of Jackson, MS	'59 TR-3A
	'76 TR-6
Steve Cappello of Brandon, MS	'62 TR-3B
Tom Cline of Jackson, MS	'76 TR-6
Steve Collins of Jackson, MS	'75 TR-6
Craig & Jane House of Forest, MS	'54 AH 100-4
Jim Karel of Vicksburg, MS	'66 TR-4A
Dick & Louan Kingsafer of Natchez, MS	'62 AH 3000 II
Lynn LeFevre of Cordova, TN	'55 MG-TF
Mike Loden of Metairie, LA	'64 AH 3000 II
Keith Macumber of Cordova, TN	'60 AH 3000
Walter & Kathy Mashburn of Clinton, MS	'60 TR-3A
John May of Brandon, MS	'67 AH 3000
Jim McLeod of Jackson, MS	'79/77 MGB
Frank Peel of Jackson, MS	'54 TR-2
Tricia Peel of Jackson, MS	'75 TR-6
Charles W. Roberts of Memphis, TN	'66 AH 3000
Norman Scheffner of Vicksburg, MS	'73 Jag E V-12
Richard Shaw of Jackson, MS	'75 TR-6
Dan Sheppard of Memphis, TN	'65 TR Herald
Joe Speetjens of Clinton, MS	'55 AH 100-4
Rodger Talley of Ama, LA	'65 MGB
Alex & Tere Wade of Brandon, MS	'57 TR-3

(Many others joined the display area, but did not register)

British Car Trivia Contest

OK, OK, maybe it was a little tough. Next year we'll have a multiple guess questionnaire and I suggest that you start boning up on your trivia now. Those who are interested in receiving a completed questionnaire with the correct answers from this year are welcome to contact the club at our mailing address, care of the editor.

Some of our favorite questions and answers were as follows:

1. Who is known as the Father of MG?
- Mercury Morris (May)
- Morris the Cat (House & Kingsafer)
2. In what town are Morgans built?
- None: they are born (May)
7. What was the most distinguishing feature of the Triumph 1800 and 2000 Roadsters?
- Wooden wheels (House & Kingsafer)
12. What unusual type of front suspension may be found on a Morgan?
- Trailing twigs (Scheffner)
21. Who was employed by Triumph from BRM to improve the performance of the TR-1, resulting in the TR-2?
- Tom Terrific (House & Kingsafer)
- Donald Healey under an assumed name (May)
35. What kind of wood is traditionally used for English coachbuilding?
- Firewood (House & Kingsafer)
39. In what city is Lucas headquartered?
- Darksville (Scheffner)
44. What is MOWOG a contraction of?
- Motor Operating WithOut Gas (Scheffner)

New Members

Recently joining CMC-VTP are new members Steve & Shannon Collins, Jim Clark, David & Marilyn Fitzgibbon, and re-uping are Joe & John Weston.

The Collins' reside at 1041 Madison St. in Jackson and own a well preserved original condition 1975 TR-6. The car, which was at the British Car Day, is BRG with tan interior and overdrive. It even uses the original top!

Jim Clark lives at 1521 B Kings Road in Harvey, Louisiana 70058. Although he brought his MGA to the British Car Day, he also owns a 1957 TR-3 small mouth, which he is restoring.

David and Marilyn Fitzgibbon reside at 1162 Greenbriar St. in Jackson. They own and depend upon a 1968 TR-4A in original condition (which is a very nice car).

Joe & John Weston renewed their membership from last year. They own a TR-3A and live at 4007 Pine Hill Drive in Jackson.

Welcome All!

Photographs

Top: Dan Sheppard's 1965 Triumph Herald attracted a lot of attention - it's a really neat little car!

Middle: Steve Cappello took Best Original Triumph with this TR-3B (it was like pulling teeth to get him to fork over \$6 and register).

Bottom: Lynn LeFevre's MG-TF was immaculate and won Most Popular Car.



VTR Regional Meet

The Georgia Triumph Association has thoughtfully provided hotel reservation cards for the Regional Triumph Meet at Road Atlanta this year. Each CMC-VTR member will receive a card with this news letter and we strongly encourage you to send these in now if you plan to attend.

Also, please let Alex Wade know at 825-9611 if you plan to attend so that he can notify the Georgia Triumph Association of anticipated attendance.

As reported in the last newsletter, this promises to be a great event and it would be good if we can all stay at the host hotel in Gainesville. The Holiday Inn there is a fine motel and we are getting a discount on the rates.



Updates

. . . John May wishes to thank all the CMC-VTR members who assisted him in bringing home his latest project - a G2 Austin Healey 3000 . . . the Speetjens have acquired a 1959 TR-3A (formerly Kent Tapley's car) for their son, Carl . . . the British Car Day was thoughtfully videotaped by John May and will be made available at future meetings for viewing . . . SPECIAL THANKS to Craig House for designing and printing the Car Day flyers . . . a new membership directory is being prepared and may be ready by the next newsletter - our family memberships have increased from 16 to 26 so far this year . . . Scotty Marsh is on the look-out for a TR-4 or 4A "runner" - he's getting tired of being surrounded by all those parts cars . . .



Real Triumph owners don't use iron filings for magnafluxing. They snort them instead!

OK. You've checked your timing and it's spot-on. You've tried tuning your carburetors to no result. Compression checks out so the valves and the head gasket are OK. You can find no problem with the carburettor mechanically. Even the valve timing and clearances check out. What next?

You've got air leaking into the system somewhere. To check for air leakage, get out your propane torch and start your engine and let it idle. Open up the valve on your torch but don't light it. Pass the torch around the intake manifold gaskets and the carburetors, paying particular attention to where the throttle shafts pass through the carburettor body. If you have a leak at any of these points, your rpm's will rise.

One of the most common points of leakage on older cars is where the throttle shafts pass through your carb's - you will probably be able to rattle them in the oval-shaped groove they have formed. Air leaking into the system here bypasses the jets thereby giving you "untunable" carb's. These shafts may be replaced by oversized shafts and fitted to your carb using valve grinding compound and an old shaft. Even better, obtain a throttle shaft bush kit and new shafts and install them using a drill press (be careful!). Either of these methods takes skill.

Other ills can be cured by replacing manifold gaskets. Make sure that you have good, even surfaces that match between the manifolds and your head - if you don't, take your parts to a good machinist to have them shaved.

I once found a hole the size of my thumb on the underside of my intake manifold. Try tuning your carb's with that problem!

Membership in the Vintage Triumph Register and the Central Mississippi Chapter is open to all Triumph enthusiasts - your interest is all that is necessary to become eligible. 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 \$5.00 per calendar year per family.

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CALENDAR

August TBA Workshop
Details next newsletter
August 16-19 VTR National Convention
Troy, Michigan
November 1-4 Vintage Grand Prix (SVRA)
Regional Triumph Meet (GTA)
Road Atlanta

There once was a man you'll remember,
Who purchased a Jag in November,
His work did inspire,
The electrical fire,
That consumed his new car in December!



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