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NEWSLETTER  
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### BRITISH CAR DAY

### THE WESTON TR-3A

Well... about the best thing we can say about it is that we had one. We had everything going for us: massive advertising, good awards, enthusiastic workers, adequate notice, plenty of people said they'd come - all these things but one: the weather. Torrential rains, floods, and tornadoes preceded and occurred on Saturday, May 21. Actually, it rained very little while we were there but the sky remained threatening all day and tornado warnings and heavy rain came early in the evening.

However, a few true believers braved the elements and showed:

Keith Anderson	1966 Jag E-Type
Steve Cappello	Frank Peel's TR-6
Manley Ford	1954 MG-TF
Alex & Tere Wade	1957 TR-3
Alex & Tere Wade	1938 MG-TA
Scotty & Maria Marsh	Assisting

As was to be expected, Keith Anderson did an outstanding job of crowd control.

I was quite impressed with the response we received from Louisiana. Manley and Kaye Ford drove their TF all the way up from Slidell (and took home some pewter for Best Original) and three gentlemen drove up in a Toyota from the New Orleans MG Club - Alden Bienvenu (Reserve), Joe Briglia (Metairie), and John Winter (Kenner). They were all great folks and I look forward to seeing them again at a New Orleans event.

Other interested parties who came by were John May ('67 Austin Healey which remained dry in its garage) and new members Joe Weston and son, John (TR-3A). Others also came by but, alas, in their Japanese, Italian and Detroit irons.

Thanks to all of you for your interest, support, and understanding about the weather. We hope that the Second Annual British Car Day will be scheduled during dry weather and we'll see the kind of turn out this area is capable of producing.

I feel that I must make more than a passing mention of Joe and John Weston's TR-3A. Joe and I were in high school together (1966-1969) when he got the urge (infection) to purchase a TR-3 such as my own neo-basket case. We found one, in boxes, and it took both of us to come up with enough money to pay the \$100 it took to get it. Joe is a generous soul and agreed to trade his wire wheels for my disc wheels and labor in rebuilding his engine. I also remember that his TR was raced extensively before we bought it (the condition of the wire wheels proved it) and was quite successful. He plans to turn the car over to his son in a few years.

Oh, yes. Joe did buy out my 10% ownership in 1970.

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### WHAT? NO FIBERGLASS?

One fellow seemed quite interested in our display of cars that fateful Saturday until he learned that they were all originals and not replicas. He lost all interest from that point on as he was building a Fiberfab MG-TD. Taste takes a holiday.

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### UPDATES

. . . Frank Peel swaped his TR-250 engine into his TR-6 (runs great!) while his 6 engine awaits rebuild . . . Bubba Brown's TR-3A has parts in but is awaiting assembly (look for it this summer). . . Cappello's TR-3B is gathering dust and needs front-end attention (at least it stayed dry that Saturday) . . . the Harrison's moved to Dallas on May 19, TR-3B and all . . . Wade's irreplaceable teardrop escutcheon fell off his TR-3 on the way back from the Car Day (I need a work party to walk the 12 miles for me) . . . Tom Gallogly will leave both TR-3A's in storage with his father while he is stationed in Europe.

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

While caravanning (?) back from the Car Day we were followed in by Ken Smith of 2493 Flowood Drive in Jackson. Ken has a 1959 TR-3A and is interested in locating parts suppliers and a good body shop for his restoration. I'm adding his name to our mailing list and have sent him the mailing address of the best possible TR parts supplier - The Roadster Factory.

## PROPOSED CHANGES

For the good of the chapter, I propose that we make the following changes:

1. Change the membership period from September to September of each year to a calendar year basis.
2. Lower the annual local dues to \$5.00 for 1984 to increase membership and cut the cost of belonging to both the national and local organizations (national dues are now \$20.00).
3. Change the term of officers to a calendar year basis (so I can keep my job a few more months).
4. Elect officers at the December social meeting (so that intelligent decisions will be made).

The following items would not be changed:

1. Meetings will continue to correspond with an event, social, workshop, or special presentation by the chapter.
2. Newsletters will continue on a monthly basis.
3. Meetings or events scheduled by the chapter will occur at least quarterly.

Please let me know what you think about these changes by calling me at 969-6225 or 825-9611.

## BODY PANEL REPAIRS

If you are into brazing in repair panels, remember to use Heat Fence or a similar product along your weld to avoid any metal warpage from the heat. This product is reusable and may be obtained from any local welding supply house.

## RECOMMENDED CHROME SHOP

If you're far enough along in your project to

re-chrome some parts, your best bet is to send your parts to Qual Krom, 301 Florida Avenue, Ft. Pierce, FL 33450. I tried two other shops, both local, and had a bad experience with both. Qual Krom does a first class job. even on repair work, and won't disappoint you.

## SUMMER PARTY

A BYOB and BYOTR party is planned for June 25 at Alex & Tere Wade's home in Brandon. The address is 63 Willowbrook Lane in the Crossgates area and can be reached easily from Highway 80 by turning North on Woodgate at the traffic signal and by taking the fourth right, which is Willowbrook Lane. Look for cloth caps and a Taco Bell style house on the left. The telephone number is 825-9611 for those without a navigator.

All CMC-VTR members are invited along with any TR-interested guests I can scare up. Plan on coming around 7:00pm. We have some slides to show of the Walter Mitty Challenge and possibly some slides from the May in Memphis event.

FOR SALE: EX-KEN RICHARDSON'S TR-2, last run at Jabbeke in 1953 and stored until 1982 when original body was scrapped and a snazzy Fiberfab body was added - \$8600 firm. Original undershield, wheel spats, and cockpit shroud cut up into souvenir letter openers - \$5.00 each. Hey, we're a class outfit: Tim's Tacky Triumphs, Inc., 824-8248.

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

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