



CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER
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NEWSLETTER
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CALENDAR

- March 18 CMC-VTR Meeting & Movie
1366 Winterview
2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Info: 956-1956 (Bubba Brown)
- April TBA CMC-VTR Suspension Workshop
4656 Cedarhurst Drive
Info: 366-3999 (Frank Peel)
- April 26-29 Walter Mitty Challenge
Road Atlanta
Info: (404) 992-0070
- TBA CMC-VTR Club Tour
Info: 469-3279 (Craig House)
- June 7-9 Antique Car Show - AACM
Metrocenter in Jackson
- July 7 British Car Day II - CMC-VTR
TBA
Info: 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- August 16-19 VTR Convention
Troy, MI
- October 26-28 Vintage Grand Prix (SVRA)
Regional Triumph Meet (GTA)
Road Atlanta
Info: Georgia Triumph Assoc.
P. O. Box 306
Morrow, GA 30260

February Meeting Report

History repeated itself for the February CMC-VTR meeting as rain arrived in buckets for the Sunday gathering at the Wade's home in Brandon. The club passed a proclamation which officially forbade Alex Wade from ever scheduling another event for the chapter again.

Members who braved the weather for the meeting were Keith Anderson, Bubba Brown, Steve Cappello, Frank Peel (in his TR-6), and Alex and Tere Wade. Also in attendance was guest Jennifer Shorkey of Madison.

Club business included a Treasurer's report and discussions concerning CMC-VTR calling cards, an April workshop, a club tour, and a British Car Day.

The club treasury now stands at a healthy \$275.95, with approximately \$110.00 required for 1984 newsletter expenses and box rental and the rest required for British Car Day "front money".

The movie presentation was the 1954 Ralley des Alpes film which was shown along with a few clips from the films "Diner" (showing a TR-3) and "The Racers" (to watch Kirk Douglas trash a Fraiser-Nash).

Despite the poor weather and the small turnout, we all had a good time.

March Meeting

The next CMC-VTR meeting will be held on March 18th from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the home of Bubba and Sally Brown in North Jackson.

We will present the films "This is Triumph" (a factory tour featuring the TR-6 and their sedan models) and the "Art of Safety" (featuring a TR-3A).

Membership List

Included with your newsletter is a current list of all CMC-VTR members and their "British Possessions". This list was based on paid membership through February.

Membership updates will be given throughout the year in your newsletter as we receive more renewals and new members.

New Members

CMC-VTR welcomes new members Rob and Pam Colquitt of Clinton. They own a TR-6 and are quite active in SCCA activities.

Also welcomed are Walter and Kathy Mashburn of Clinton. Walter's TR-3 was purchased new by his father many years ago and is being restored.

Welcomed too are Joe and Mary Ann Speetjens

of Clinton, who just purchased a basket-case Austin Healey 100-4. Joe owned a TR-4 some years ago which he rebuilt using a Massey Ferguson motor block (it's the same!).

Updates

. . . the Peels are the proud owners of another TR-250 (and all Frank wanted to begin with was the badge) . . . Jane House is now working in Jackson with the firm of Ross, Eubank, Betts CPA firm . . . the Wade TR-3 ate up another water pump (the pulley was bad - it pays to check these things!) . . . a phantom red TR-3A continues to be seen in Rankin County - owner unknown . . .

Spares News

In case you haven't followed your Moss Motors Newsletters or The Roadster Factory updates, we have many new spares available now and coming soon for your car.

Moss now offers TR-2/3 striker plates at \$12.95, TR-4 trunnions at \$47.50, and TR-2/3 seat slides at \$29.95 each. They also have quite a few Austin Healey parts including 100-4 door locks at \$23.50, 100-4 "Le Mans" bonnet straps at \$45.95, BJ8 glove box locks at \$22.95, and BJ8 vent glass at \$43.25 each.

The Roadster Factory is also hard at work! At hand is an exciting new project to make a production run of TR-250/6 frames at a factory in Pennsylvania. As they offer practically every other part for a TR-6, it would be possible to build a



"If you think it sounds good now, just wait until I start the engine!"

Frank Peel and new TR-6 at the 1983 CMC-VTR Xmas Party.

"new" TR-6 from available spares! Please drop them a note if you are sincerely interested in purchasing one, because they are basing their decision on customer response.

The Roadster Factory is also looking into reproducing the teardrop escutcheon for the TR-2/early 3 and may reproduce the stainless steel grille surround for these early Triumphs if enough interest is shown.

If anyone is looking for a good Triumph spare project, I would recommend reproducing the TR-2/3 steering wheel. Moss was to have looked into this a year or so ago, but none have hit the market yet.

Letters!

To Alex or Whoever opens the VTR Mail:

It warmed my heart to see all of the cars in front of Bubba and Sally's home during the Christmas Party. I wish that I could have been there. I saw that all of the tops were up, it must have been a cold day(?).

Enclosed you will find my membership dues. Sorry it is late! I enjoy getting this piece of home, even though it reminds me of what I'm missing. It gives me great pleasure in anticipating the future (with a TR).

I am constantly reminded of my decision not to bring my TR. In a way it was a good decision and also, it was a bad one. I hate to admit my dependency on the little rascals but I think that my time over here would be far more enjoyable if I had one of them. There is nothing more lifting to my morale than a topless jaunt in a TR. I found the friendly waves (Ed: Does he mean WAVES?) complimentary and just plain friendly. It is this that I miss over here. But, in part, the roads are very bad. For the past couple of months there has been nothing but mud everywhere. (There is a lot of construction on Post). The Germans use a lot of salt. After 3 winters here, I'm afraid the salt would take its toll on the Triumph. Besides, I find that I really do not have much free time (working PT at 6 am and get home anywhere from 7 to 9 pm). I have been averaging at least two work weekends every month, whether it is as SDO (Staff Duty Officer) or work, or writing reports. I could not properly care and maintain the car. It would slowly degrade to a state of needing constant repair and my job requires a dependable auto.

Anyway, I find vicarious enjoyment

in the newsletter. Keep 'em coming!!

Sincerely,

Tom Gallogly

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(Note on membership application):

Unfortunately, my Triumph parts car has been completely stripped of every piece of metal, rubber, plastic, and upholstery. All that remains of my trusted classic is the badge which proudly hangs on my garage wall. Maybe someday I'll start buying parts for it to restore it to its former glory. A screw here, a fender there, a body . . . someday . . .

Keith Anderson

Special Thanks

It has been nice to see some of our newsletter articles appear within the pages of VTR's The English Channel in the past year with credit going to the Central Mississippi Chapter.

Many thanks to VTR's English Channel editor Linda Sohl for the national recognition!

Limericks!

In the coming months, you will be seeing excerpts from Dirty Little Limericks About British Sports Cars by Seymour Stromberg, Ye Olde Bookworks of Coventry, Ltd., c. 1957. I have, however, selected only those limericks suitable for printing in a family publication such as our newsletter.

We'll start with one on a Triumph:

There once was a Triumph in Dover,
Whose motor would scarcely turn over,
The engine, you see,
Was a strict guarantee,
That the auto would end up in clover!

Membership Information

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 publication 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 memberships are \$5.00 per calendar year per family.

For more information about 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.

President: Bubba Brown
956-1956 (H)/956-9565 (O)

Vice President: Scotty Marsh
845-7366 (H)/354-3575 (O)

Sec./Treas. & Ed.: Alex Wade
825-9611 (H)/969-6225 (O)

Dir. & Mem. Chm.: Frank Peel
366-3999 (H)

FOR SALE: VTR T-shirts. Maroon sleeves with white body and black VTR logo (quality shirts by Bantam 50/50). \$10.00 price includes shipping Linda and Bill Sohl, 29 Netcong Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828.

FOR SALE: 1980 TR-7, 30th Anniversary Edition. Red convertible with a/c and tape deck radio; body and mechanicals excellent. One owner, 36,000 miles. Deborah Golden, 715 Arlington St., Jxn, MS 39202

FOR SALE: 1979 280ZX (Good second car to your TR-2!). Gold, auto, excellent body and mechanicals. Asking \$7,200. Cheryl, 956-7913.

FOR SALE: 1966 Austin Healey 3000. Restored, no rust, Colorado Red. \$6,950. Call Keith at 825-9497 or Steve at 825-7832 evenings.

FOR SALE: 1964 Austin Healey 3000, BJ-8. Exc. condition, NO rust or corrosion; placed second in 1982 New Orleans Antique Auto Show. Light blue over dark blue. A steal at \$6,000. Contact John Parker, 106 Felicity Dr., Houma, LA 70360. 872-2434 (O) or 872-1449 (H).

WANTED: MGA rear axle and rubber gasket for MGA coupe rear window. Alex Wade, 825-9611.