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NEWSLETTER
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CALENDAR

- May 12
or May 19 (rain
date)
- May 12
Rally to the River (CMC-VTR)
Howard Brothers I-55 N
Leave 8:30 am sharp
Info: 469-3279 (Craig House)
or 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- June 2
- June 2
Super Day (City of Jackson)
Sports Car Meet
Info: 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- June 7-9
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Antique Auto Show (AVCM)
Metrocenter
Info: 879-8378 (Judy McDonald)
- July 7
- July 7
British Car Day II (CMC-VTR)
Smith-Wills Stadium
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Info: 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- August 16-19
- August 16-19
VTR National Convention
Troy, Michigan

Rally to the River

Without a doubt, our biggest event this spring will be the Rally to the River that Craig House and Jim Karel have put together.

Craig and Jim have both worked hard on this project and flyers are being distributed to nearly one hundred enthusiasts in the greater Jackson area. We should also expect to meet quite a few enthusiasts and their cars once we arrive in Vicksburg.

So pack your family, picnic, spare parts, and a camera and join us for the Rally to the River on May 12 (note rain date of May 19).

Suspension Intention

The April 21 Front Suspension Workshop drew seven members, one guest, and five TR-6's.

Attending the workshop were Bubba Brown (TR-6), John Blizzard (TR-6) - guest, Rob Colquitt (TR-6), John May, Frank and Tricia Peel (two TR-6's), Joe Speetjens, and Alex Wade. As the Peel's front yard was filled with five TR-6's, our CMC-VTR meeting looked like a meeting of the Triumph Six Pack Club!

As has been said of some CMC-VTR workshop we're great about tearing things down but not at getting them back together again. We found that the threaded studs on the lower arm brackets were stripped, so we spent an hour braving wasps and poison oak to remove the brackets from one of Frank's spare TR-6 frames. Another time-consuming factor was Frank's habit of rotating nuts in the wrong direction using a Churchill-Whitworth cheat bar (he would make a great mechanic in Australia).

Although we were not able to finish the front suspension on Tricia's TR-6 before Frank had to leave for work, all of us left the workshop with more knowledge than we brought and feeling a little less apprehensive about tackling front suspension jobs.



April 21 Workshop

One of the nice things about the Regional Triumph Meet was that it was held in conjunction with the SVRA Vintage Grand Prix which is held annually at Road Atlanta.

Hundreds of vintage sports machines showed including Triumphs, MG's, Austin Healeys, Jaguars (including two D-Types and a C-Type), Allards, Ferraris, AC's, Lotus's, Maseratis, and even a Lamborghini Countach (what a heavenly noise that car made!). The Triumph Macao was back this year and was the only Triumph to compete, but it was a real thrill to see it flung around the track at speed.

My favorite part of this event is the MG Safety Fast Championship in which any MG through the MGA may compete. Our own Keith Anderson faired well with his MGA, though it was difficult for him to keep up with the MGA Twin Cam or the MGA's equipped with the later B engines. It was also a thrill to see Manley Ford in his first race in his TF and regular Mike Lewis in his TF, both from New Orleans. We had plenty of folks to root for and lots of action when two of the MG's spun out in front of us - one of them Keith's! Pat still hasn't calmed down after that one!

As always, all who attended had a good time and we invite more of you to attend next year!

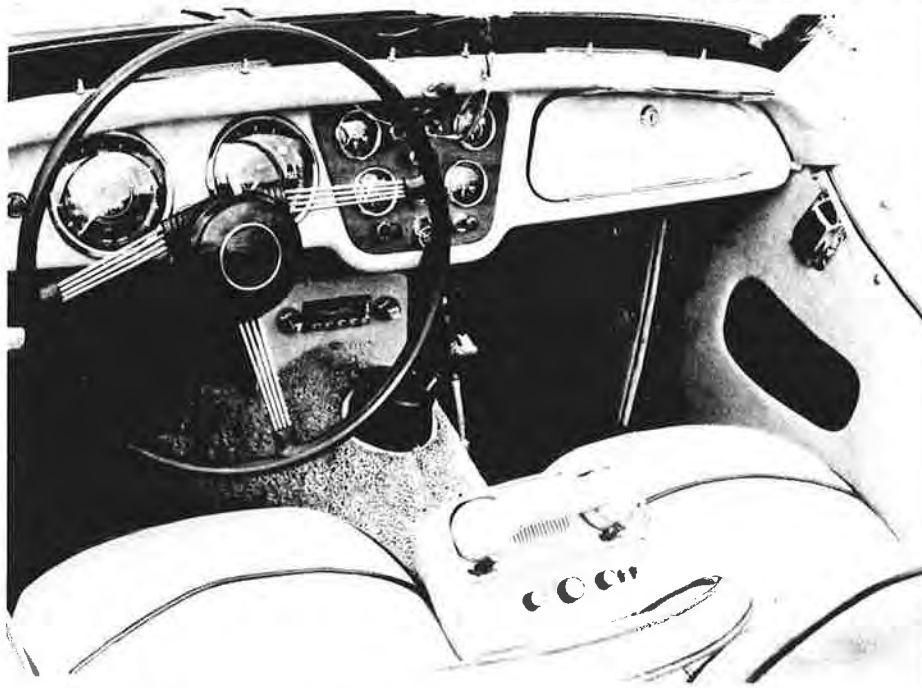
New Parts from The Roadster Factory

The Roadster Factory now has adequate supplies of two new items which have been unavailable for years. The first item is the complete TR-2/3 choke cable assembly - I've seen none for sale in over seven years. The other rare item is the tear-drop escutcheon for the rear deck lid of TR-2's and early 3's.

I don't know the part numbers on the above items but I'm sure that a call to The Roadster Factory will see that these parts will be sent to you.

Pictures

- TOP: Charles Runyon & family
MIDDLE: What every 'TR owner needs - a radio telephone!
BOTTOM: The Roadster Factory's law room





It's always helpful to know which end to jack up on a front suspension job.

LUCAS WHO?

Some years ago, Frank Peel explored the possibility of working up some reproduction LUCAS ignition tools (a neat combination screwdriver/feeler gauge) for club members. Frank talked Steve Cappello into loaning his original tool to Mike Templeton, a former TR-3 owner. Mike handed the tool to a machinist with his company for duplication. After a few weeks, the machinist proudly returned a perfect reproduction.

Only one problem. The machinist stamped "MIKE" right where "LUCAS" was supposed to appear!

You can still buy these neat little tools in their original packets from The Roadster Factory for only 95¢ (part no. 500905). Other Triumph tools of interest available from The Roadster Factory is a tube wrench 1/2" X 9/16" (part no. 109319 - \$4.60) and an open-end spanner 3/8" X 7/16" (part no. 109317 - \$4.20).

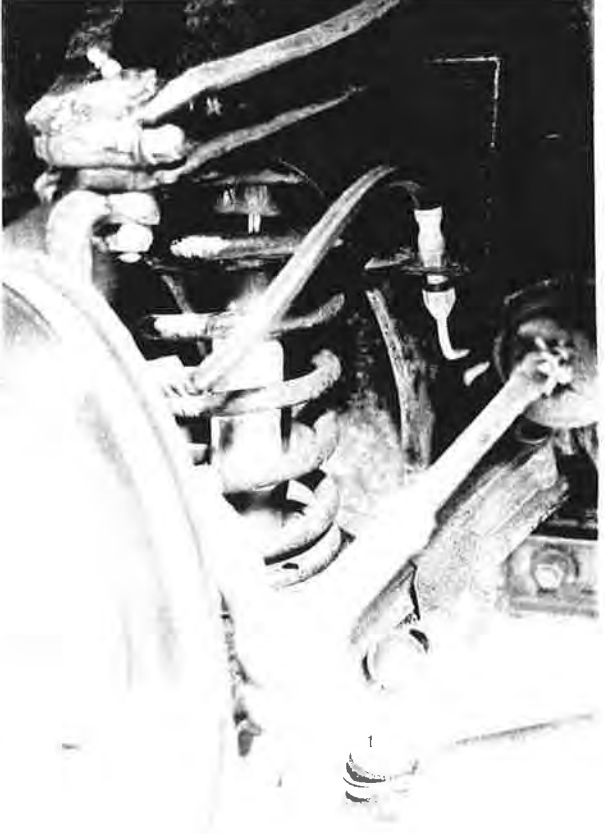
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Aluma-Lead Illuminated

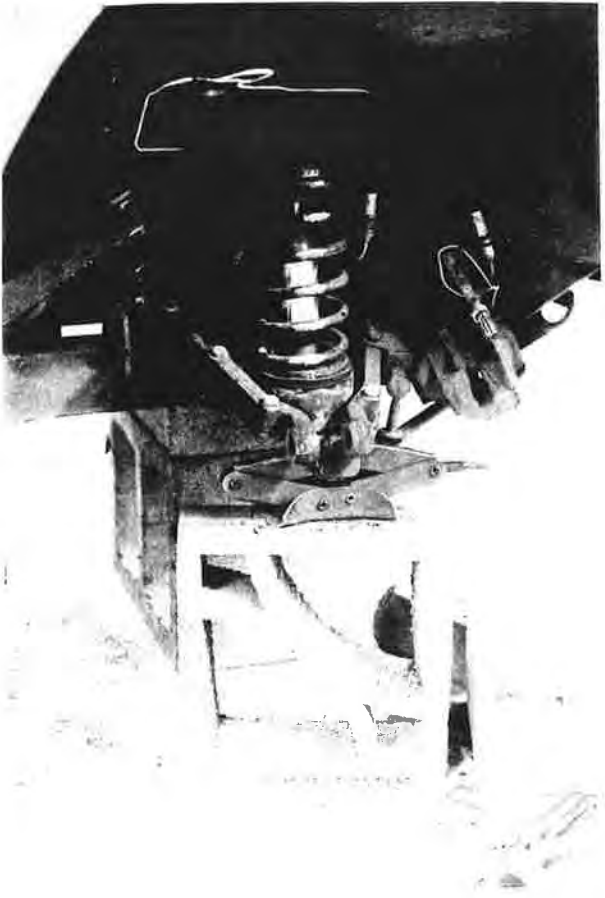
Two years ago I attempted to use Aluma-Lead as a body filler on my TR-3. I had heard many good things about this material and I was anxious to try it.

Unfortunately, all I got for my \$19.00 was a goeey mess that would never set up - most of it would drip off even after hours of hardening time. After two days, the results were still disappointing. Ever try to sand moist bubble gum? Suspecting my own ineptness, I dropped the material as a possible body filler.

Just recently, I returned to the same supply



The TR-6 front suspension is rugged and surprisingly simple.



Crucial to any suspension job is the use of art-deco cinder blocks.

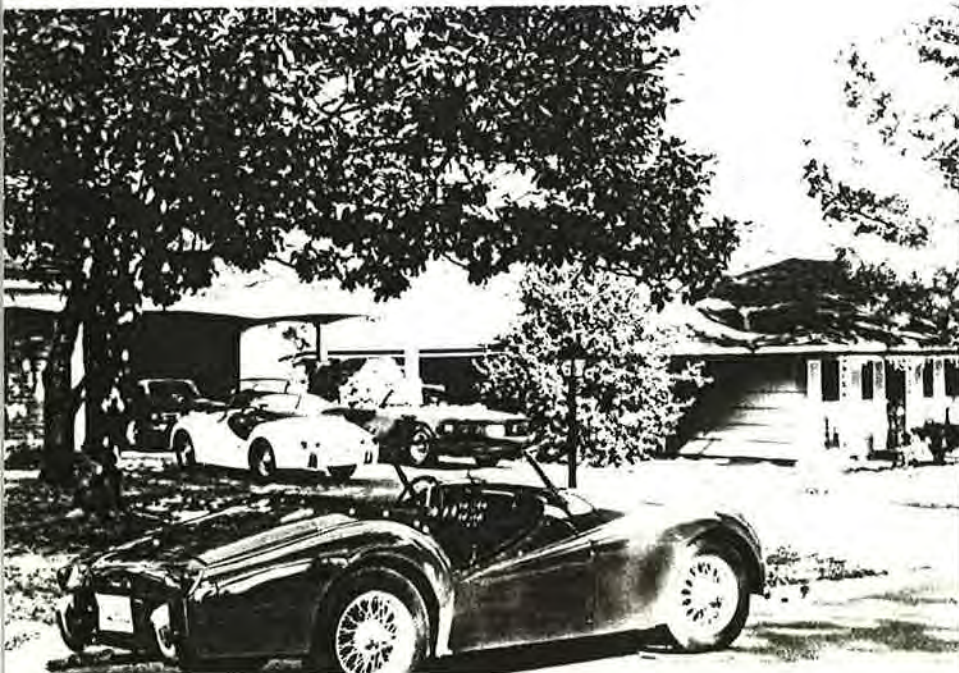
store and inquired again about Aluma-Lead. I was told that this product had been removed from the market due to consumer complaints exactly like my own. The salesman further explained that the manufacturer planned to re-introduce the product after the bugs had been worked out.

I may try real lead repair work on my current project car. If my efforts are successful, we'll put together a workshop on the subject. If they are not successful, I may end up with some nice Citroen 2CV patch panels for sale!

There once was a green HRG,
Whose owner would race it with glee,
But the car was so stiff,
That it bounced off a cliff,
And it added a Brit to the sea!

Updates

. . . many thanks to Steve Cappello who has been providing the chapter with computer services lately . . . Tere Wade finished 86th out of 3,700 entrants in the Old Maltese Circumglobal Trophy Dash - she missed only three questions on this international map rally . . . Frank Peel reports that he is trading his '72 TR-6 in on a pick-up truck for the chapter's use (he still has two TR-6's left) . . . the Wade MG-TA is out of commission due to a broken exhaust valve (too much autocrossing suspected) . . . the Anderson/Cappello MGA and MG-TD have both been sold to unsuspecting third parties . . . the Speetjens AH 100-4 is now "on the road" and looks great . . .



Triumphs at the March 18 CMC-VTR meeting in the home of Bubba and Sally Brown.

British Car Day

Mark your calendar now for our British Car Day to be held July 7 at Smith-Wills Stadium on Lakeland Drive in Jackson. The meet will begin at 10:00 am and conclude with an award ceremony at 4:00 pm.

Any British vehicle in any condition that can be driven, trailored, towed, or shipped UPS to the Stadium will be heartily welcomed. Those who wish to compete in the "People's Choice" contest for awards and receive a display placard will be charged a \$6.00 per vehicle entry fee to defray costs (this is definitely a non-profit event). Otherwise, there is no charge to attend.

Awards will be based upon popular vote by the entrants and will be as follows:

The Car I'd Most Like To Take Home
Longest Distance Award

Best Restored & Best Original:

Triumph, Austin Healey, Jaguar, MG,
Other British Makes

Least Likely To Make It Home

Flyers will be distributed within 30 days of the event. For further information, please call Alex Wade at 825-9611 evenings. Early registration is encouraged!

See you on July 7!

DORETT: 1955 sports car, 274 built in two years, very few known to exist; aluminum body with spoke wheels, using TR2 chassis; makes interesting project at \$1200. Luke Tursi, R.D. 1, #52, Monticello, NJ; 12791; PH: 914-794-6124. - *Just being hot judges will also certify.*

TRIUMPH: antique, one of a kind 1950 motorcycle powered helicopter, beautiful condition, runs great, attention getter, \$25,000 or interesting trades and cash. SASE and \$1 for photo: Don Werthman, 713 Harvard, Manchester, NH 03103; PH: 603-625-8285.



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