



CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER  
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#### CALENDAR

- November 20            SCCA Autocross  
                          Miss. Fairgrounds  
                          Info: 372-1312
- December 18            CMC-VTR Party & Elections  
                          1366 Winterview  
                          3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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#### Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party and election meeting will be held in the home of Bubba and Sally Brown on Sunday, December 18, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

We plan to have some video tape coverage of the Vintage Grand Prix and/or a video tape of Triumphs at Le Mans. A full five minutes have been scheduled to discuss club business and to railroad new officers for 1984.

Members and guests are invited to bring a snack or dip to share and to bring your own pleasure and Triumph. Directions and further information may be obtained from Bubba at 956-1956.

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#### Happenings

. . . Bubba Brown's TR-3 is back on the road after a year's absence and an engine change . . . the Peel's TR-4 engine in a TR-2 transplant was unsuccessful due to engine mounting problems . . . the Harrison's recently sold their TR-3B and are currently Triumphless . . . Keith Anderson and Steve Cappello are currently reconditioning an Austin Healey 3000 as a business venture . . . the Wade's TR-3 is back on the road after a three month wait for a generator pedestal mount . . . the Cappello's TR-3B is getting regular exercise now that Steve has had to pull the transmission twice to free the clutch . . . the Marsh's are now the proud owners of

a surrey-top TR-4 . . . Brunson's GT-6 and the Moore's Spitfire continue to eliminate competition in local SCCA Solo II events.

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#### Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

This tip from Hemmings Motor News: If you have a problem with cats sleeping on your car, sprinkle some ground black pepper on the hood, trunk, and top. It really works!

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#### Vintage Triumph Video

Appearing in our mail box this month was the excellent newsletter published by the Delaware Valley Triumph Register, edited by Marty Snyder.

Of special interest is a four hour video tape that they sell in which they have assembled a number of historic and vintage movies about Triumphs.

Titles covered are as follows: LeMans - 1955 (22 min.); Triumph at LeMans - 1961 (36 min.); LeMans - 1965 (GT-6 Prototype - 30 min.); Buffem & Co. - 1977 (TR-7 - 38 min.); Triumph Tour Africa (Herald - 17 min.); Triumph Rally (11 min.); Art of Safety (TR-3 - 11 min.); Rally des Alpes - 1954 (26 min.); This is Triumph (26 min.).

A copy of this tape is now on order and we'll have it available for future viewing at club meetings (maybe Christmas?).

If you are interested in obtaining a copy yourself, send \$50.00 to William Newell, 214 Independence Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Be sure to specify VHS or BETA.

Personally, I plan to set up a TV in the garage and view the 1955 LeMans from the cockpit of my '3!



1. Always make sure that your medical insurance premiums are paid up before attempting to pull the engine using your home-made A-frame.
2. Never adjust your steering tie rods with a hack saw.
3. Never, never, never, never use muriatic acid to strip rusty parts. Use Redi-Strip or buy Oxi-Solv instead.
4. Do not walk barefoot in your garage after having used a drill-mounted wire brush.
5. Do not expect any sheet metal parts to bolt into place without modification.
6. Read the manual first before disassembling and rebuilding any component. Don't expect to be able to use common sense in such undertakings - remember, these cars were made in England!
7. Wait until you are sure of what you need before you order parts.
8. Don't purchase fiberglass body panels unless you are critically short of cash or you need a pair of fiberglass rear fenders which I will gladly sell you.
9. Keep your fingernails well trimmed unless you want them removed.
10. Do not wear rings unless you want your fingers removed.
11. Do not compromise on original appearance.
12. Purchase parts only from well-established suppliers.
13. Always get a reference you can trust before you entrust your chrome, upholstery, machine work, or body and paint work to any company or individual.
14. Your most valuable tools will be a good socket set, a hammer, a chisel, a pair of vice grips, and a few good screwdrivers.
15. Keep your project car at home for accessibility. Being able to walk away from your frustrations is important.
16. Wear a cap, long sleeves, and a mask when spray painting unless you want to be called "Eric the Red" until your hair grows back (particularly if you are using Imron).
17. Choose a primer that will be compatible with the shade and type of paint that you plan to use for the color coat.
18. Always check to see that all of your brake and clutch line fittings are connected and tight before dumping \$15 worth of silicon fluid into the system and onto the floor.

Triumph was the first automaker to offer a windscreen washer as an option. This was offered in 1934 and was, I believe, on the Triumph Gloria.

Source: The Classic MG, Richard Aspden, Bison Books Corp., c. 1983, p. 32

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#### Replacement Heater Valve

Bubba Brown has found a suitable replacement for the TR-2/4 heater valve. The one that he obtained and is using is from an Austin Healey Sprite Mk. II. The part fits and functions as well, if not better than, the original, though it differs in appearance and construction.

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#### SCCA National Runoffs

A record 540 entries highlighted the 20th running of the SCCA's Champion Spark Plug Road Racing Classic National Championship October 21 - 23 at Road Atlanta.

The news release from the SCCA had this to say about the winner of the Mark Donohue Trophy:

"The Road Racing Drivers Club presented Hardy Prentice of Daly City, Calif., with the prestigious Donohue Trophy. Prentice came from eighth on the grid to finish second in E-Production in his ancient Triumph TR-3."

Some of you may remember reading about Hardy in Road & Track; he is no stranger to the national runoffs. Just as sure as the clay hills of Georgia are red, Hardy drives his Jaguar E-Type in from California each Fall towing his racing TR-3. And, as you can see, he does quite well in his "ancient" British dinosaur!

Contributed by Tippie Garner

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FOR SALE: PLUVIOMETER, windscreen mounted. Operates with top up or down - specify year and model of Triumph. Only \$12.95 from Triumphs-R-Us, 1495 8th Avenue NW, New York, NY 10078.

FOR SALE: "Ball Lightning, Aurora Borealis, Lucas Electrics, and Other Unexplained Phenomena", copy of thesis by Dr. Bob Barabarasan, Delhi Press. \$2.75 per copy from Tim's Tacky Triumphs (702) 835-8903.