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British Car Fest

were ever made - two plugs per cylinder!). The owner of the Aston Martin turned out to be a very interesting fellow; he had to leave his Maserati and Jaguar C-Type at home!

The event had tremendous sponsorship; there must have been over twenty sponsors who donated door prizes. Given away, in fact, was a new set of Pirelli tires and a Betamax VCR (won by the Peels)! Bluff City Jaguar was prominent among the sponsors, and they even opened up a free bar for the awards banquet that night.

The banquet was held on the top floor of the host hotel and overlooked the Mississippi River. The atmosphere was quite relaxed and friendly which really helped to top off a fine event. Winning awards from CMC-VTR were Frank and Tricia Peel with a VCR and six quarts of oil as door prizes, Alex and Tere Wade with a Second Place in the TR-3 category and a Second Place in the Trivia Contest (gosh, those questions looked familiar!). Jack Pool's 3000 won first place among stiff Austin Healey competition. CMC-VTR also received special recognition for being the impetus for the BSCC's Car Fest.

Thanks, Memphis, for a fine event and for being such fine hosts. We'll be back next year

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#### Annual Christmas Party & Elections

We are pleased to announce that the annual CMC-VTR Christmas Party will be held in the home of members John & Lynda May on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 from 2 until 5.

The Mays live at 114 Paradise Point Drive near the Reservoir. For directions, please feel free to call the May's at 992-2022.

Our entertainment for the afternoon, aside from spending time in John's garage, will be the review of a video tape made by Frank Peel at the Regional Triumph Event at Road Atlanta earlier this month. Soft drinks, dips and snacks will be provided, although you are welcome to BYOB.

DECEMBER 9 - 2 to 5 - John & Lynda May's

Six members of CMC-VTR were recently treated to one heck of a fine car show in Memphis, Tennessee!

The British Sports Car Club of Memphis held their first annual British Car Fest on Mud Island October 26 through 28. Buffing, repairing, polishing, and car talk was the order of the day as participants and the public alike admired the 95 British cars on display that Saturday. Attending from Jackson were CMC-VTR members Mike and Bitsy Hemsley, Frank and Tricia Peel in their TR-6, and Alex and Tere Wade in their TR-3. Also attending from Natchez were Dick and Louan Kingsafer and Jack Pool in his Austin Healey 3000.

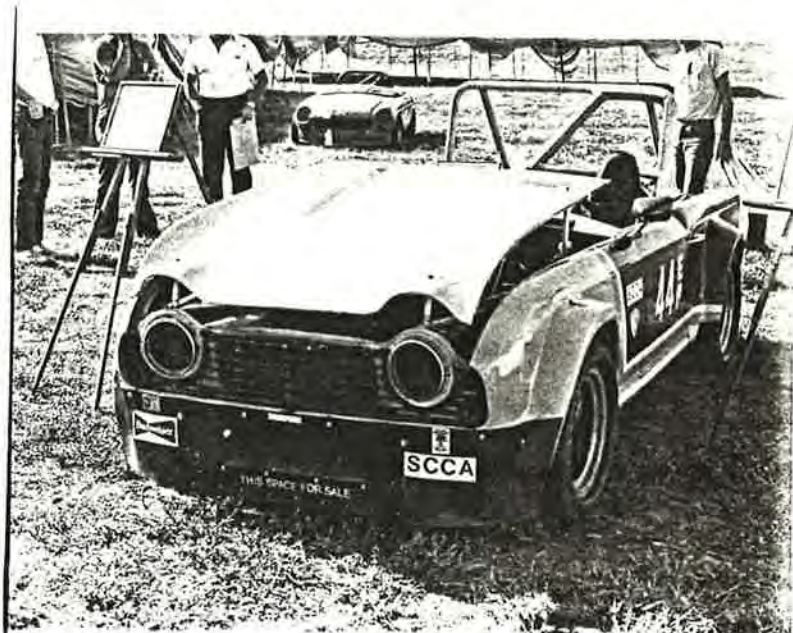
Eighteen Triumphs made the event with many TR-6's, TR-3's and even a fully race-prepped TR-4 attending. Healeys, MG's, and Jaguars were, of course, everywhere.

Several rare types also showed, including a 1929 MG M-Type, a very early AC Cobra 260, an MGA Mk. II Coupe, an Austin Healey 3000 Mk. II two seater, and an alloy-bodied Aston Martin DB II with a Gran Prix engine (only 3 of these engines

Risk - the Probability of Loss  
by Tere Wade

Risk is a concept well understood by British car owners. Insurance companies and Frank Peel believe that risk can be predicted using the law of large numbers. Obviously, there is some value to the law of large numbers - when was the last time you heard of Frank getting stuck due to British car failure? On the other hand, my own dearly beloved, Alex, also has an excellent understanding of these concepts as is evidenced by his ability to find the places where a British

were not concerned when the ammeter indicated that the generator was not charging. We figured that some moisture had found its way into the generator. No problem, we knew that after a few miles the moisture would evaporate and the generator would charge. We had already had sufficient frequency of loss to assure us that severity was no concern. So we left the motel. Five miles down the road and still no charge. We stopped. Alex then dismantled the generator and found a shot bushing. No problem, Alex just catches a ride to an auto parts store and several other places to concoct a reasonable replace-



car is most likely to break down. Unfortunately, Alex always finds those places in one of his British cars and altogether too frequently in the physical presence of his wife.

This brings us to the adventure of the British Car Fest in Memphis. Alex, having recently finished fixing the MG-TA following the broken exhaust valve incident, knew that something would break on the Memphis trip. Imagine his relief when the speedometer cable broke just before we left the Jackson city limits! No British car owner could have hoped for a more favorable omen! After exiting I-55 in Memphis and hitting a few good bumps, we reached Mud Island and the British Car Fest.

Alex was mildly surprised when the Daimler SP250 owner suggested he take a look at the fan bolts. Yes, they were working loose and had to be tightened and there was no significant damage. This was interpreted as another favorable omen - what better guarantee of an uneventful trip back?

Having already discovered our quota of car problems for the weekend and knowing that we would be adequately inconvenienced by frequent stops to check the fan bolts on the way back, we

ment for the bushing. His faithful and somewhat foolish wife guards the car and Frank and Tricia's new VCR. This is also no problem as all experienced British car wives carry books to occupy them in case of stranding. Fortunately, in Memphis only Alfa owners with license plates reading "CIAO" stop to assist British car owners and the only risk presented by these Alfa owners is that of good conversation and an escort home.

Upon Alex's return with a solution to the bushing problem, the generator still failed to charge. Oops, what we had now was a grounded armature. Since that requires replacement of the generator, we found a cozy place to stash the car (thanks to Lynn Lefevre of the BSCC and his mother-in-law, Ardena Maupin) and proceeded home in the above mentioned Alfa in the very entertaining company of Mike and Bitsy Hemsley.

We would like to thank the British Sports Car Club of Memphis and Mike and Bitsy for a most enjoyable adventure.

(Two weeks and \$200 later found the TR-3 back at home. Some adventure - Ed.).

REAL, Triumph owners never make it through a state vehicle inspection on the first try.

### Books Available

A few months ago, this newsletter detailed a few of the books that club members could borrow from my library. Now that this collection has been expanded, we now have the following additional books available on loan:

All You Ever Wanted to Know About Grommets

The Amazing Tenax Story

History of Jumper Cables

The Wonderful World of Voltage Regulators

Taste Takes a Holiday (Workshop manual to fit your Triumph with a fiberglass Filipino Taxi body)

Touring the Great Race Tracks of Guam

Dirty Little Limericks About British Sports Cars

Know Your Woodruff Keys

187 Different Automotive Uses for a Coat Hanger

Import Auto Parts  
1-800-227-8847

CMC-VTR member Jim Karel recently called to announce that their business has installed a toll free number for parts orders. Jim would like to remind all members that he stocks a large supply of British parts and that free UPS shipping is available within a 50 mile radius (and this is next day service!).

### New Triumph Parts From Moss

Recent Moss Motors newsletters have listed a number of new parts for your Triumph, some of which have been unavailable for years:

TR-3 Heater Control Water Valve \$17.95

TR-3 Water Valve Pipe \$5.45

TR-4 Jack \$9.95

TR-4A-6 Ring & Pinion \$145.00

TR-4 Front Overrider \$8.50

TR-4A/TR-250 Front Overrider \$15.95

TR-3-3B Gas Tank \$199.95

Tripod Headlamps \$84.95 pair

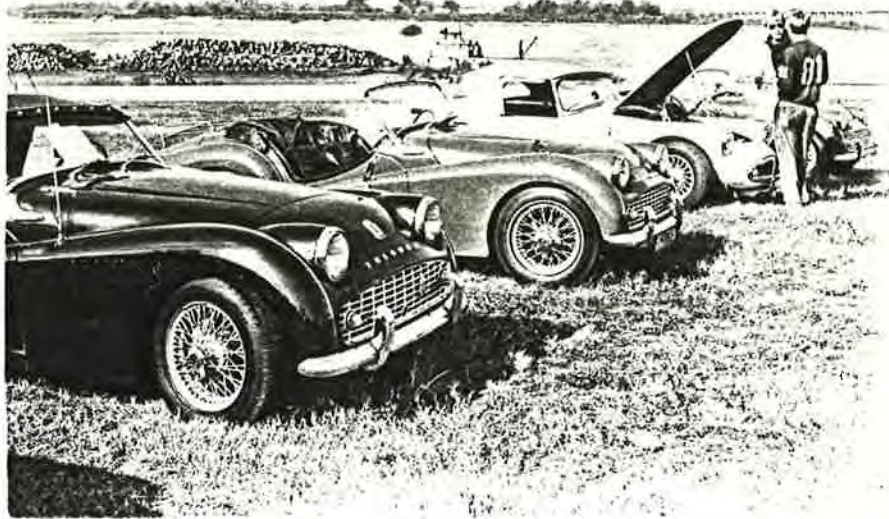
TR-4-4a Taillamp Lens \$28.10

TR-2-4A Hubcap Medallion \$5.95

7" Flat Tripod Headlamps \$49.95 each

TR-2 & TR-3/4 Air Cleaner \$19.95

A good suggestion might be to check with The



Roadster Factory to see if they have the same parts that you need but at a lower price. The Roadster Factory often gets their parts from the same sources that Moss does but can offer a lower price and faster service.

Next month's issue of the CMC-VTR newsletter will cover the fantastic display that The Roadster Factory brought to Road Atlanta - everything from a TR-2 rear apron to a TR-6 tranny and overdrive unit!

