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NEWSLETTER
September 1983

CALENDAR

1983 Vintage Grand Prix

- September 24 Movie Night - 7:30 pm
 CMC-VTR
 Hosts: Scotty & Maria
 Marsh 845-7366
- October TBA Vicksburg Caravan Tour
 & Picnic
 Open to all marques
 Information: See text
- December TBA Social & Elections
 CMC-VTR
 Hosts: Still open!

Movie Night

As advertised, CMC-VTR will present two films of interest to enthusiasts on Saturday, September 24, at Scotty & Maria Marsh's home in Florence (see map).

The films presented will be "Road Racing's White Wave - the story of Group 44" and an eleven minute feature film on the restoration facilities of White Post Restorations in Virginia (see brochure).

The Group 44 film is 22 minutes long and should be exciting to watch because of the enormously successful Triumphs featured in the film and because of the coverage of one of SCCA's top drivers, Bob Tullius, an honorary VTR member.

Furthermore, we also have some slides and possibly some Super 8 sound footage of the 1983 Vintage Grand Prix event held September 9th through 11th at Road Atlanta. We may also have some VHS coverage of the 1981 and 1983 Vintage Grand Prix, provided a few details can be worked out.

This movie night will be an open meeting to members, guests, SCCA members, and interested parties. The party will be BYOB and should start around 7:30 pm.

Our prayers were finally answered - a Triumph at the Vintage Grand Prix!

The Triumph which arrived on the last day of the event was the Triumph Macao, a factory built one-off with quite a bit of history. The car was built up from prototype GT-6 components and, according to the owner, ran at Le Mans and also in the Far East (at the Macao Grand Prix). The owner also mentioned that Kas Kastner once owned and raced the car. The only reference that I could find in my limited library was a picture and a description listed in The Story of Triumph Sports Cars by Graham Robson, and this indicated that the car was assembled from unused Le Mans components at the request of the Triumph importers in the Far East to be used in the area's free-formula events. This car was featured in a parade lap with several other famous race cars but did not compete due to the health of the owner. I understand that the car is for sale at \$14,500, but it requires restoration.

Aside from the Triumph Macao, a few of the local Triumphs showed up off the track, with a particularly nice TR-3A, a TR-4, and a TR-250. Efforts to join up with the Georgia Triumph Association did not work out, but a regional event may be worked out in the near future.

We had a strong showing from Jackson with members Steve and Julia Cappello, Frank and Tricia Peel, Tere and myself, and adopted members Keith and Pat Anderson enjoying the weekend. Also attending were Healey enthusiasts John and Linda May of Brandon who video taped much of the action and the concours.

Most of us attended to work as the pit crew for Keith's 1959 MGA (it's a fair deal - he gives us free passes and we drink his pina coladas). Keith ran in both the MG Safety Fast Championship and the Vintage Group Two race, receiving a second in class trophy in the MG race. As the Vintage Group

Two race contains Ferraris, Maseratis, Lotus's (Loti?), and many other high performance cars, Keith has developed a very definite racing style - keep one eye on the rear view mirror for anything that isn't an MG. Last year Keith blew an engine near the end of the MG race and it was only a few days before this year's event that his engine was reassembled.

Unfortunately, mechanical problems prevented a number of the MG T-Types from running this year, a disappointment to the owners and crews who came so far and who look forward to this event each year. These folks took their disappointment quite philosophically, however, as befitting dedicated racing enthusiasts loyal to their marque.

Vicksburg Caravan & Picnic Tour

We are trying to put together another caravan tour to Vicksburg in late October following a route recommended to us by Roy and Penny Schooler of Racing Engineering. The route will take us along some very nice back roads and will not touch I-20 in either direction. Having traveled part of the route before, I can tell you that it will be a very scenic and comfortable drive.

This will be an open caravan for all sports car marques due to the interest we have received from our other sports car friends. In fact, our lead car will probably be the Schooler's MGB.

Interested? If so, please call me evenings at 825-9611 for date preferences and further information.

Leaking S.U.?

My appeal for a solution to a leaking S.U. carburetor was finally answered by a tip in the latest Moss Motors newsletter. It seems that some replacement jets for S.U.'s are drilled completely through with one end threaded to accept a screw to hold the head in place. They recommend tightening this screw with a little silicon glue on the threads to give a good seal.

Another possible fix involves replacement of the cork gland seals around the jet with seals made of neophrene. I understand that the neophrene seals are available from Start Your Engines, but may be available elsewhere upon request.

If you plan to rebuild your carburetors soon but have not yet purchased your parts, you may wish to give The Roadster Factory a call for the jets; their jets have fixed heads which eliminates leakage.

Sympathy

The chapter wishes to extend its sympathy to member Skip Brunson whose mother passed away recently.

I Remember . . .

. . . showing off my newly aquired TR-3 to a friend and asked him what he thought of it. As he slowly wandered around and around the car, scratching his chin and trying to think of something polite yet honest to say, a German Shepherd nonchalantly walked up, lifted his leg, and left me with another rust spot on the car.

"That about sums it up," he replied.

Southern Fried National

I recently spoke with Hugh McAleer of the Georgia Triumph Association. In addition to helping us obtain copies of videotapes for the chapter's use, he also mentioned that a local VTR convention is in the works.

Hugh wants to put together a "Southern Fried National" and would like feedback from the membership in this area concerning interest and a suitable location. This may initially be a one day event, but will expand if enough interest is shown.

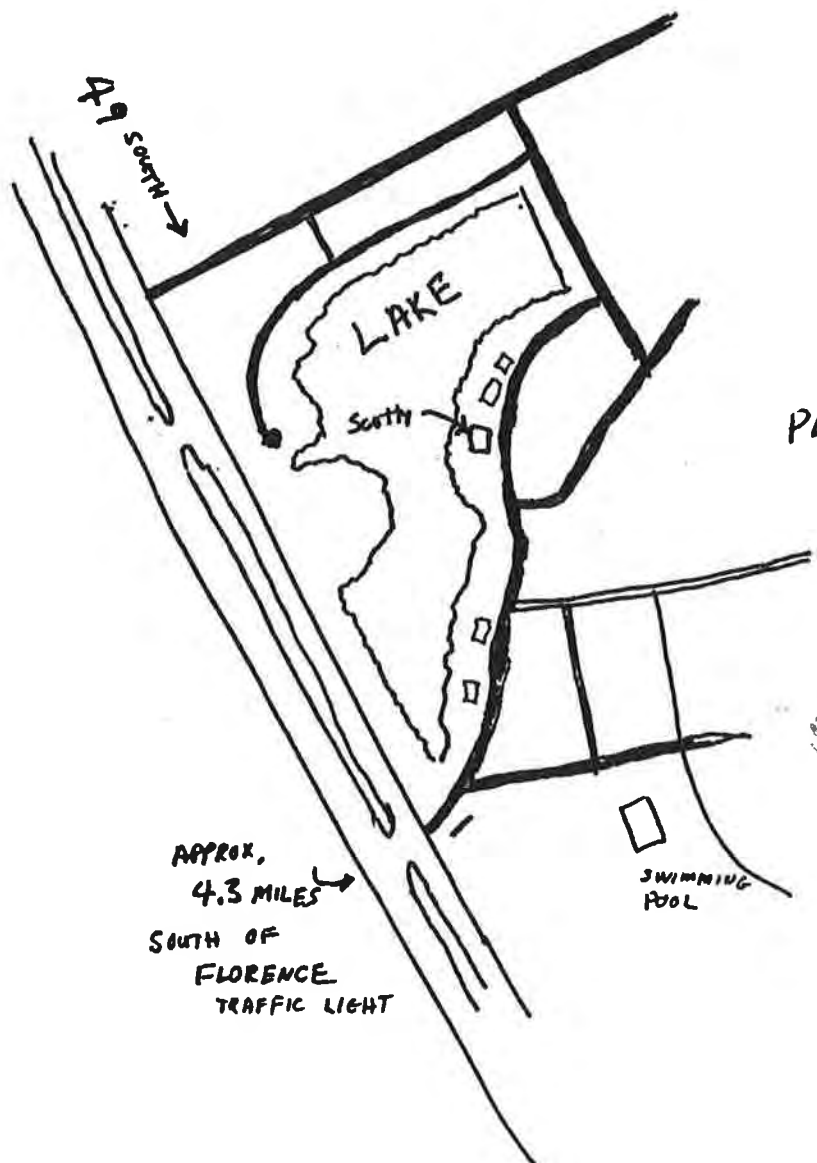
How about it? Let me know what you think or, better yet, contact Hugh at 8921 Habersham Dr., Jonesboro, GA 30236. His telephone number is 404/471-0898.

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

FOR SALE: Ex-Group 44 TR-4A tastefully converted to mobile salad bar cart. S.U. dashpots converted to push-squirt salad dressing dispensors. Inquire for price at Tim's Tacky Triumphs, Inc.

FOR SALE: 1964 TR-4A. Runs but needs paint, windshield, and interior. Reasonably priced. Scotty Marsh, Rt. 6, Box 405, Florence, MS 39073. Telephone: 845-7366.

All classified ads are free!



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