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Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

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HOT FLASH— British Car Events in Full Swing

We have several events to participate in this month! Our "official event" for the month is the British Car Day that has been moved this year from the Continent to Easton on May 21st. Please find registration forms in the newsletter. Let's have a good showing for this first big event of the season.

In addition to Easton, we also have the event in Richfield, Cleveland OH, on May 7th, Eric Jones will be running the annual "River Run" on May 13th and the Carlisle PA Sports Car Flea Market will be from May 19th to the 20th. Lots to do! Details inside.

BT Social and business meeting – Tuesday, May 2nd, 2000

We will again be meeting at the RED DOOR INN, 1736 W. Fifth Ave. in Grandview. Meet at 6:30pm. The Red Door is on the corner of Westwood and W. Fifth about 1.5 miles west of Olentangy and Fifth Ave.(Tel # 488-5433)

Editor's Corner

Well – I'm doing much better this month. Kim is on the mend – still pretty sore mind you – but headed in the right direction. This injury has put a real crimp in her energy level. She belongs to the "Heart of Ohio Quilt Guild", in their newsletter the editor said :... and some **idiot** hit Kim Miles while she was on her bike... She got quite a laugh from that. Thanks to all of you for your concern as she has made her way to recovery.

Let's talk about my son Ryan's project.



Here is the frame – ready for painting! (the Hobie Cat trailer makes a dandy frame transport vehicle!



All of the reinforcements have been done.



Ryan got some painting lessons from Nelson (certainly not from me)

(more pictures will be shown on the back pages...)

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Ryan and I are certainly looking forward to a summer of driving. Ryan really wants to have his car on the new frame by his 16th birthday in June. He wants to take his drivers test in a TR6 (wonder what the license examiner will think about that!).

I thought that the April 15th "short" event was a blast. Everyone that attended seemed to enjoy Jim and my choice of roads. We need to do this again in the summer months. Clark's dining room would be a nice place to hold a Business / Social meeting when the days are long and the evenings are warm.

I'm not sure when I will ever get to see the steering wheel again. Ryan is doing a fine job with his learner's permit. I think that I have driven the TR6 once this season while he was in the car.

Ryan has his engine basically re-assembled. He has his finishing items on order with Doug Braden to get the items moved over to the new frame.

See you all at our May events!

Call to members (again and again and again....)!!!

We would really, really, really *still* like to "profile" members in our monthly newsletter.

We should have a spread on Jim VanOrder's TR3 rebuild in June. Jim claims that a "smoke test" will happen very soon. If you would be interested in providing some background and an article on you car and perspective on the TR experience, please contact me. I'll show up with my new digital camera and get some pictures.

We are always in need of articles! If you have anything that you could bring to the newsletter, please let me (or any of the officers) know.

Bruce (Miles) <u>bmiles@INTInfo.com</u>

Next Newsletter Article Deadline - May 23rd, 2000

President's Corner

Our 2000 Driving season started with the Triumendous (*Editor's Note – Bob – is that a word??*) sounds of numerous Triumphs trumpeting along Ohio's twisty byways on 4/15 – What a great way to forget about the dreaded Tax Day of Reckoning with the IRS. Check out the article on the first Buckeye TRIUMPHS drive of the year and Bruce Clough's highway adventure story.

Lisa and I enjoyed a week in Orlando with all the boys, wives and kids and missed the BT outing – So we are really looking forward to the Easton British Car Day. We hope all of you will join us as we all 'unleash' our Triumphs for a day on the Square 'Showing' Columbus the Best of the British sports cars. We will join with Tom Mahoney and

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our friends in COCTRA to present a grand display of all Triumph marques. Let's get there early and stay late – We will arrange for some refreshments to wet our whistles and let the Triumph Tales flow.

A lot of other activities are coming down the pike. Look for updates on the May Richfield and Carlisle trips in this newsletter and be sure to come to the Social/Business Meeting on Tuesday evening, May 2 at 6:30 to work out the details for these excursions with some of the veterans of these trips. We'll be talking about the June TRA Nationals in the Poconos, the July Imke Show and the August TRF Summer Party and ,of course, our Tuesday evening outdoor social events for the summer months.

We will meet again at the Red Door Tavern on May 2nd for our 'last' indoor event until next fall - so come on out, invite another member to come with you and let's make it an even bigger crowd than April's meeting there. We need to focus on active memberships and renewals are important to all of us. We will need to drop non-renewing members from our roster and the next newsletter mailings and we really do not want to drop one! So let us know you are still with us – Come on out with us to the May events – Send in your membership renewal – Hope to see all of soon.

Bob Mains ims_mains@ode.state.oh.us

Minutes from April 4th Social/Business Meeting

The April business meeting of Buckeye Triumphs was held on April 4, 2000 at the Red Door Inn in Grandview.

The following members were present:

Bob Mains, Greg and Ann Gilman, Dave Hutchison, Jack McCarrick, John and Charma Huddy, Bruce, Alice and Bridgette Clough, Matt and Ann Merz, Murry and Jacqueline Mercier, Mike Leatherman, Doug and Suzi Braden, John Schilling, Bob Klips, Box Hixson and John and Becky Hartley.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Mains at 7:30 p.m. In short---

The monthly ticket raffle was won by Mike Leatherman.

Bob Mains talked about upcoming events. British Car Day will be May 21 at Easton in Columbus. Buckeye will coordinate with COCTRA at Easton. Bob asked for a coordinator for the Easton car show.

Registration for British Car Day will be in the next newsletter.

On April Jim and Murry have put together the "Spring Millennium Drive." It will be a short drive with a stop at Dawes Arboretum. Bruce Miles has found a neat place for lunch. Bruce Clough passed out a flyer for his "Spring Tour 2000. One of the highlights will be a stop at the Moyer Winery in Manchester.

A May social event is needed.

Richfield British Car Day will be May 7.

Miami Valley Triumphs Summer 2000 Tour will be the weekend of June 3-4. Bruce passed out a flyer for this.

Murry stated that he had been approached by 6-Pack about hosting a Trials. It was voted among the group to host the Trials in 2002.

Doug Braden announced that Chuck Davis has a 1977 Spitfire, British Racing Green, for sale for \$1500.00

John Huddy told about an ad for the Foreign Connection. They will be having an auction with 32 cars for sale.

Dave Hutchison stated that he had received his TRF newsletter and stated that there would not be a drive in movie this year at the Summer Party, but instead a pig roast by the lake.

Regarding tech sessions, Jim Van Order stated that he will write up his experiences on restoring his TR3.

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Mains at 8:02 pm.

Becky Hartley, Secretary

SPRING DRIVE TO DAWES ARBORETUM

It was a beautiful sunny Saturday for our drive thru the pretty Licking County countryside to Dawes Arboretum. It was a perfect day for a top down drive. We had six cars show up and a very good variety at that. We had the TR6's of the Huddys, Merciers, Miles and VanOrders, the pretty red Austin-Healy 3000 of the Ched Clark's and *and* a Cobra 427 of Nancy Clark, friend of the Miles.







The drive was over the twisty and hilly back roads of Licking County, which did give the cars a good test for the upcoming summer. We took a short walking tour of Dawes and adjourned as is normal, to a local eatery Clarks Dining

Toom. They put on a very good spread, we talked ourselves out and all made it home safely.

Bruce Miles and I want to thank all who participated on this gorgeous sunny Saturday drive.

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Jim VanOrder

May Events

RICHFIELD CLEVELAND

FLEA MARKET MAY 7, 2000

For those of you who are interested in caravaning up the to the Sportscar Flea Market hosted by the Austin-Healy Club, you can give Jim VanOrder a call at home 740-967-2110. Plans are to meet at McDonalds at Rt.37 and 71N at 7:30 AM on 5/7/00

CARLISLE PA. SPORTSCAR FLEA MARKET MAY 19-21

For those of you who are planning on going to Carlisle and would like to caravan over you can contact either Becky Hartley at Email Jhartley@frognet.net or 740-753-1066 or Joe Richards at Email fristtr2@aol.com or 740-756-4575. Both of them are planning on leaving Thursday and returning on Saturday. Have fun while you are there at the infamous Barbecue Pit. Don't catch anything!!!!

BRITISH CAR DAY XVI at Easton Town Center – Columbus Ohio – Sunday, May 21st 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Please refer to the registration form contained in the newsletter

RIVER RUN – Saturday, May 13th

Please refer to the registration form contained in the newsletter

Next Buckeye Triumphs Meeting Tuesday 5/2/2000:

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	Buckeye Triumphs – 2000 Events Calendar					
	Мау					
2	BT Social/Business Meeting					
7	Richfield – Cleveland Show and Swap meet					
13	River Run					
19-21	Carlisle PA Swap Meet					
21	Event - British Car Day XVI at Easton, Columbus, OH					
June						

Buckeye Triumphs – 2000 Events Calendar					
6	BT Social/Business Meeting at the home of Sunny & David Rempe, 5330 Derringer Dr, Westerville, OH Email: <u>Hornjungle@aol.com</u> 614-980-2231				
24	Driving Event – Drive to Mid Ohio Races				
July					
8	Social/Business meeting Len Imke Car Show - Triumph/Show in a Show				
15	Driving Event – Deb Mortine / Ladies Drive Event- Details TBA				
August					
h1	Social/Business Event – Need a sponsor to host a Picnic in the Park Event				
19	Driving Event – Need a sponsor				
September					
5	Social/Business Event – Need a sponsor				
16	Driving Event – Bruce Miles / Bob Mains –Tour of Lake Erie – possibly an overnight event – details TBA				
October					
3	Social/Business Event – Need a sponsor				
21	Driving Event – Need a sponsor				
November					
7	Social/Business Event – Need a sponsor				
18	Driving Event – Need a sponsor				
	December				
5	Social/Business Event – Need a sponsor – Election of new officers				

Buckeye TRIUMPHS REGALLIA

Golf Shirts –Outer Banks - 100% Cotton \$35.00 Style 17434-Solid body color with Collar of contrasting color

> Wine, with Navy Blue Spruce, with Navy Blue White, with Black Navy Blue, with Green Oatmeal, with Green

- Style 17489-Solid body color with a striped Collar Spruce, with Blue Stripe White, with Black Stripe Black, with Red Stripe Red, with Blue stripe
- T-Shirts Lt Grey Cotton \$14.00 BTC Logo - front Large Wreath Logo - back

Patch Embroidered Logo \$10.00

Buckeye TRIUMPHS Logo \$10.00 – Embroidered on your article

Select your favorite jacket, shirt or bag since the logo can be added to almost any cloth article at a cost of about \$10.00.

Send or bring your articles to Bob Mains. Turn-around is usually about 2-4 weeks. (Names or lettering can be added for additional costs).

BT Financial Statement

BUCKEYE TRIUMPH FINALCIAL STATEMENT 1999 & 200 YEAR-TO-DATE

		EXPENSE	INCOME	YTD. BAL. 2/17/2000
ADDITIONAL DUES COLLECTED THRU 4/30/00			140.00	865.68
50/50 SALES			39.00	
TOTAL ADDIT. DUES & 50/50 THRU 4/30/2000			179.00	
HOLIDAY PARTY		163.75		
NEWSLETTER EXPENSE		125.73		
BANK CHARGES		34.71		
TOTAL EXPENSE THRU 4/30/2000		324.19		
MEMORABALIA AND SHIRT FUND				
NET BALANCE 2/17/2000	(293.64)			
SHIRT AND LOGO SALES SHIRT AND LOGO EXPENSES		283.46	350.00	
SHIRT AND LOGO EXPENSES		203.40		
NET INVENTORY ON SHIRTS	(227.10)			
NET BALANCE 4/30/2000			I	787.03

Notes from Nelson

Editor's Note: Nelson Riedel is "out of the country" and traveling through Europe. We are looking for his return in the first week of May. He said he would e-mail me during his travels, but we haven't heard from him (yet). Nelson likes to keep an eye on the stock market – I can only imagine how he has been holding up while the last month has played itself out.

Early TR Man



By Bruce Clough

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Spring Tour 2000 – The Wrap-Up

Wow! What a great weekend for a tour, and eleven cars showed up to join us. I was worried that nobody would show, but a TR3, a TR4, two TR6's, a TR8, two Spitfires, an MGB, and a couple of modern things joined the Mighty Mercury for the jaunt. We had to leave early to get to the Washington Court House, and I was batch'ing it with Bridgett since Alice was in class. As you can see, Bridgett loved the lively conversation on the drive to Bobby E's:



Bridgett, My Co-Pilot For The Day

No matter, I woke sleeping beauty up and sat down with Forrest and Audry who were already there in the white Spit. Before long we had a whole slew of people, but, as usual, we couldn't leave until Ray and Mary Bolich got there! While waiting Ron and Brenda Fowler showed up, the only ones in the Columbus contingent to show. I passed out the FM radios and we were on our way!

The first stop was to be Fort Hill Memorial, south of Bainbridge off OH41. To get there I took OH 753 south from Washington Court House, took a detour east of Greenfield, and jumped on 41. The weather was perfect and the early Spring foliage on the hills was picture perfect. Everything was going fine until a truck rear-ended a car turning left while the Stinsons and Fowlers were passing by. No Triumph got hit, but we stopped to make sure the folks in the cars were fine. As Ron said later, it looked like a scene from "The Dukes Of Hazard" with that pick-up flying through the air and into the ditch!

After cleaning out our underwear we headed to the memorial via a narrow, winding dirt road that passes "The Seven Caves" (Cave Rd., I highly recommend it! That took a while since folks were gawking at the scenery. We finally made the memorial around 10:30 AM, about an hour later than I planned.



Lined Up At Fort Hill Memorial. Note Ron Cooking An Early Lunch On The TR8 Motor

I've driven by For Hill several times, but never stopped. Not this time. I didn't get to hike to the top due to time, but I did visit the Men's building, so I guess one could say I left my mark. Hats off to Mary Bolich who kept Bridgett busy with playing with Jim & Marlene's dog Sandy. At this Point Ken Iwanski had to leave us, so ten little cars, er, maybe nine little cars and the Merc, set out for lunch. I had to nix the visit to the Davis Memorial due to time, but no matter, the drive down to the Ohio River was enjoyable, and I only made one wrong turn!

The Moyer Vineyard is literally right on the river amongst the vines. This is not the Colonial Vineyards south of Dayton, they have a wonderful restaurant and great wines. See, even my co-pilot liked it:



Bridgett Pondering The Moyer Wine List. Yes, They Did Card Her

If you're ever near Manchester and you have to eat, check Moyer's out. Food is fantastic at a very reasonable price. The owner even went home and got his Mustang convertible to park with the Triumphs!

Back on the road again we decided to not go to Adams Lake, but head to Serpent Mound instead. That was a

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great decision on my part since that meant that we drove north on a wonderful group of twisty, turny roads, such as OH 770, OH136, and everybody's favorite: OH763. 763 heads north from Aberdeen on the Ohio River. That road had more curves than a Las Vegas review (sexist comment I know, but hey, I'm a guy. What would you expect?). I though I was going kinds slow for the rest of the crowd (the 4500 lb or so Merc isn't the svelte-est thing through curves), but I heard later that a few were squealing tires trying to keep up with me! Ian Cunningham left us when we crossed OH32. We tried to talk him into staying, but he said something like the MG turned into a FIAT if you left it out past midnight and he had to leave!

We've been to Serpent Mound before on the 1997 Fall Tour, but I like the park, and I knew some good roads to get there. We pulled in the parking lot and lined up:



Triumph Fanatics In Line At Serpent Mound

At this point the tour turned into a tech session. Fowler's TR8 sprung a gas leak while Forrest looked for the oil leak in the Spit. Now, Forrest has been leaking oil ever since the engine was rebuilt, so this was nothing new to the trip. He did state that it would be nice just for once to use more gas than oil on a drive!



Forrest Gwinn and Roger Rutledge Look For The Oil Leak. The Exxon Valdez Defies Any Fixes

Abandoning the sick car owners to the rest of the crowd, I took Bridgett for a tour of the park. When I got back the TR8 was ready to go, and the Spit was still a conversation piece. I think Forrest is just destined to keep the roads from rusting! Heading north from there we found a few more good Triumph roads and stopped by the Rocky Fork Lake Dam. I'm not sure why, but nothing brings out ooohs and ahhs like water cascading down the sides of a dam. We took in the spectacle for a while, then ran away for dinner at the Frontier Cattle Company. As usual the dinner was good, even better since the Fowler's picked up the Clough's tab (I should have ordered surf & turf). About 7:30 I abandoned the folks to get Bridgett home, but I thanked everyone for a great day & drive.

So, for those of you who missed it, it was a wonderful time. You have a chance to reclamma though. Ian's Summer Tour 2000 is coming up. See you then!

Bill Blake Sells Car?

I'm typing away at my keyboard, minding my own business, when I get an email from Frank Ciboch (Miami Valley Triumph President) asking me to check out the following car up for auction on eBay:

http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-

cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=292519531

I follow his hyperlink and I'm staring at Bill Blake's car. Frank wanted me to look at it due to the V8, but I think he was surprised when I let him know I knew the car. I don't know what the outcome is yet (two days to go on the auction, but I do know that no bids were in yet).

Bill, in the words of the little kid staring at "Shoeless" Joe Jackson – "Say it ain't so, Joe!". Or is this just a ploy to get another car that you can stuff a 454 in?

Follow Up: Bill's car didn't sell, and he said that it's time to get rid of this for another TR project, one with less money involved!

By the way, our eBay user name is "1962tr4", so if I'm selling something bid on it. All proceeds go to Bridgett's education, honest!

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Another TR Hits The Clough Stable

FOR SALE: 1964 MERCURY PARKLANE



Голи Осон Канотон " Виссонтат " Штн ВРОУЗ & BBL, Алтойаль Тианий након Аль номие Ортіона, А/О. Уют Сосо Осноптон. Мант Нем Ранта, Ал. Віз бита, Ал. Манцала, Сой в Силик Ранта & А Тиани Тиат Оне Син Ги Техла Н. Вити Антонова, Фобос ОВО. ВУ-1978-БАЗ се слов Кернит. Сой

Ohio clubs probably received an ad in their mail box from Karlee Hilliard of Cincinnati, selling their 80 TR7. Well, we ended up buying this, so I suppose the Merc's for sale, so if someone wants a nice '64 Parklane with all power options that runs well, drives great, looks good, and has NO rust, look me up! And look for us to be sportin' the Inca Yellow wedge at a sports car event near you.

Murry's Moment

Triumphant ones,

Well... it looks like sombody is going to buy something from BMW soon... according to Leon and Alan Jones of PA News.

Does it include TRIUMPH?

Date: Tue, 25 Apr 2000 13:20:16 EDT

From: GuyotLeonF@aol.com

Subject: Rover today

The controversial sale of car giant Rover to a venture capitalist firm is "very nearly" a done deal, an executive said tonight as hope faded that an alternative bid would be successful.

German owners BMW is expected to sanction the Rover sale to Alchemy Partners on Friday, signaling job losses across the country.

Despite pleas today by Trade and Industry Secretary Stephen Byers and unions for BMW to give more time to a rival bid, the Alchemy deal looked like being signed within days.

Alchemy boss Jon Moulton said: "It's very nearly a done deal." Workers from the huge Longbridge plant in Birmingham may travel to Munich tomorrow in a last-ditch mission to try to persuade BMW to postpone its deadline and give more time to a rival bid from a consortium led by former Rover executive John Towers. A rally will be held in Longbridge tomorrow in support of the Towers bid. Union officials are expected to go to Munich on Thursday to try to lobby a meeting of the BMW management board, but privately officials admit there is little chance of success.

Tony Woodley, chief Rover negotiator for the Transport and General Workers Union, said he would continue to press for more time right up until Friday.

But after speaking to BMW officials in Germany today he conceded there would have to be a "dramatic" change in events if the Alchemy deal was not to go ahead.

Mr Moulton, who spoke to Mr Byers today, said union predictions that about half the jobs at Longbridge would be lost were of the "right magnitude".

He also dismissed claims that Longbridge could stay as a mass car producer.

"We have looked at every way of running Longbridge and if we thought mass production was viable, believe me, we would be doing it."

John Hemming, a member of the Towers team, said all the consortium wanted was more time so they could compete on "a level playing field".

But Mr Moulton said: "It would be rather like giving Mr Hemming more time to prove he could run a four-minute mile. I fear he would fail."

Unions fear up to 11,000 Rover jobs will be lost under the Alchemy deal compared to 3,200 if the Towers bid was accepted.

Even under the best case estimate, 9,000 jobs will go after Alchemy take over Rover, unions believe.

Meanwhile, motor industry pundits have warned Alchemy that re-branding existing models as MGs by adding badges but little else could devalue the marque.

The warning followed the release of snatched pictures purporting to show Alchemy's first prototype model, a Rover 25 model with seemingly few alterations save the famous MG octagon on the front and rear.

Mr Hemming maintained that the situation at Rover was not as bad as presented by BMW, and his consortium believed it could get the company into profit by 2002.

Mr Hemming estimated that the group's losses last year were closer to £170 million, rather than the £700-£800 million suggested by BMW.

But the claim was dismissed as "a piece of nonsense" by Mr Moulton.

An interim report by the taskforce set up by Mr Byers to study the effect of the Longbridge sale on jobs is expected to be published tomorrow.

The taskforce is expected to warn that thousands of jobs will be lost across the West Midlands.

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Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 04:04:27 EDT

From: GuyotLeonF@aol.com

Subject: Rover today

By Alan Jones, Industrial Correspondent, PA News

Last ditch talks over a rival bid to buy Rover were being held today as the planned sale of the car giant to a venture capitalist neared completion.

Alchemy Partners said its plan to take over the huge Longbridge factory in Birmingham was very nearly a "done deal", with the formal signing expected on Friday or Saturday.

Managing partner Jon Moulton hopes to tie up final details of the "very complicated deal" in the next two days before opening talks with unions about thousands of redundancies.

Despite his optimism a late bid for Rover from a consortium led by John Towers was being stepped up today.

Mr Towers, a former Rover executive, was meeting Professor Walter Samann, a BMW board member and head of the Rover Group, to call for more time to put together the finance needed to buy the company.

A rally was being held in Longbridge by workers backing the Towers bid because of its promise to save jobs, while union leaders were preparing to fly to Munich on Thursday to lobby a BMW board meeting in support of Mr Towers.

But privately union officials were not optimistic that BMW would change its stance and agree to extend a deadline for the controversial sale.

Trade and Industry Secretary Stephen Byers held "friendly" talks with Mr Moulton last night and said later that the scale of job losses at Longbridge was likely to be about 3,000, "significantly lower" than earlier estimates.

Mr Moulton would not confirm the figure before discussing redundancy terms with unions in talks which could start as early as next week. But sources said job losses at Longbridge could be about 3,500.

Mr Moulton was dismissive of the Towers' bid to continue with mass car production at Longbridge saying it was a "devastatingly bad idea".

Asked whether BMW supported his view he replied: "Well, they are selling the Rover car company to us."

Some Longbridge workers may travel to Munich later today to plead with BMW to give Mr Towers more time, but officials at the German car firm have indicated there was little chance of an extension to the deadline.

Mr Byers said: "The Government had always said that we want any new owner of Longbridge to be viable, retain the largest number of jobs possible and keep high volume car production.

"Whilst recognising that ultimately it will be for BMW to take a commercial decision, we shall continue to do all we can to assist the workforce at Longbridge and industry in the West Midlands."

Meanwhile an interim report from the Task Force set up by Mr Byers to consider the scale of job losses in the West Midlands was being published later today.

The Task Force was expected to report that the sale of Longbridge will cost thousands of jobs both at the plant and at firms which supply and service Rover.

Murry Mercier, VP Buckeye TRIUMPHS Membership 73TR6 (CF10027U)

Classifieds:

These classifieds are free to BTC members, given, of course, that they relate to Triumphs, and are for private (not business) use. No, you cannot sell that old couch here! We'll run classified ads for two months, beyond that you'll have to ask for an extension. We have yet to establish a business ad policy, so if it's a business being run by you please be patient.

For Sale: 1968 Triumph TR250. On-frame restoration completed in 1997. Viper blue with 2 white stripes. White top and tonneau cover. Overdrive and down draft Webers. Alarm system with pager and motion sensor. AM/FM CD radio. Over four years of restoration (they're never done, are they?), too many new parts to mention, have most receipts. Multiple show winner. Drive anywhere, very dependable. \$14,500 OBO.

740-344-3388 (home) after 5 pm. 740-927-3340 (work) 8-4:30. Mark Mortine <u>nerktriumphtr250@yahoo.com</u>

P.S. Looking for Mini.

Additional parts for sale:

TR250 4 steel wheels \$150.00 TR250 hood, needs minor repair \$150.00 TR250 passenger door, minor dent \$50.00 TR6 motor \$250.00 TR6 transmission \$300.00 TR6 rear end, needs minor repair \$100.00 Miscellaneous parts \$100.00

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> Doug's Parts 614-878-6373 Braden.13@OSU.edu http://www.triumphparts.com

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More pictures from the Ryan Miles Project....



All Painted!



Bringing back the 74 (notice the lawn chair driver's seat)



Contrast of Old & New

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Next BT Meeting Tuesday 5/2/00:

RED DOOR INN, 1736 W.Fifth Ave. in Grandview. Meet at 6:30pm. The Red Door is on the corner of Westwood and W.Fifth about 1.5 miles west of Olentangy and Fifth Ave.(Tel # 488-5433)

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