



Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

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HOT FLASH— Newsletter Editor Cheats

I know some of you will catch this right away. This is the "March-April" Newsletter. Somehow we got started with end of the month newsletters for the current month. This is an attempt to correct the situation.

Also please remember to get your 2000 dues in. Send them to our Buckeye Triumphs P.O. Box 584, Lithopolis, Ohio 43136-0584 or you can forward them C/O Jim VanOrder, 9023 Concord Rd., Johnstown, Ohio 443031. If you have any questions, please call Jim at 740-967-2110.

Social and business meeting – Tuesday, April 4th, 2000

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, this week has been a bust.

Last Saturday I got the dreaded "Bruce, your wife has been hit by a car while she was on her bike, please come to the emergency room" ... phone call. I hope you never get this call, it stops your heart and makes it hard to drive. The good news is that she didn't have very much in the way of visible injuries (not very many scrapes, etc) – but poor Kim now has a broken tail bone, broken pinky finger, a nasty bump on her head (she was wearing a helmet – thank god) and her jaw won't close. She told me I wasn't allowed to put this in the newsletter but I thought I should say something. As the week has gone on she has felt less dizzy and her jaw is starting to close. Went to the family doctor today and I believe she is now officially on the mend. The broken tail

bone is going to be the hardest to heal. I'll keep you informed on her recovery.

This started out as "Bruce and Ryan's" triumph week. Ryan's spring break and Bruce taking a week off.

Saturday started out great (before the aforementioned call). Club member and BT Webmaster Nelson Riedel showed up on Saturday to begin work on Ryan's donor frame back from the dipper.

Ryan was actually up at 8:00 on a Saturday ☺



Notice the tell tale crack:



After a full day effort and lots of welding and grinding. We ended up with some fabulous results.

(Check the end of the newsletter for the completed results)

Ryan has since spent a 10-hour day with his good friend and fellow automobile enthusiast Artie Clark separating his 74 TR6 from its current frame to begin the transfer to the new frame. Nelson came down a couple of times to supervise and late Wednesday night the body came off of the frame.

Officers and the Fine Print

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

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

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) bmiles@INTInfo.com

Next Newsletter Article Deadline – April 21st, 2000

President's Corner

SPRING has arrived! It's March and it's officially spring. Sunshine. Sunshine. Sunshine at last!!

This seems to be our unofficial signal to get the cars unwrapped, off the blocks and on the road again.

Jim, Murry and others have planned a short Road-Trip on 4/15. The hard-core, Triumph Touring Types can join Bruce

Clough for his day-long Road-Romp. (More details are in the newsletter.)

The BT Events Calendar is shaping-up, with plans for more social/business evenings and driving events. We still need more sponsors/coordinators for our activities – please check-out the club calendar and volunteer to take the lead for one of our dates.

The March 'driving' event was getting to Sam Halkias' Hideway on Worthington-Galena Rd. where Sam hosted a Terrific Triumph Tinkering Tech session on valve adjustments for a 6-cylinder engine. A dozen inquiring club members benefited from the professional Techniques and Tips to achieving a First-Class inspection and adjustment of intake and exhaust valves. Thanks again, Sam.(Murry and Jack captured the action, reaction and commentary on digital cameras; following their editing efforts we will make the event available for your viewing enjoyment.

(Editor's Note: here are a few pics...)



Notice the immaculately detailed engine compartment (NOT!)



Don't lean on the Plexiglas windscreen



Our March Social/Business meeting at Donatos was well attended and we still had lots of room for more. Check out the 'Minutes by Charma' for more details. The events discussions seem to take up most of our time during meetings in the first few months of the year. What to do,

where to go, who will help – the usual yearly activities organizational stuff. Now, we can be more focused on social interaction, as our event sponsor will update us on the details at the meeting.

Our next Social/Business meeting is Tuesday, 4/4 in the back room of The Red Door Inn on Fifth Ave in Grandview. Plan to attend and call another member to attend with you. Let's have a big turnout.

Bob Mains ims_mains@ode.state.oh.us

Minutes from March 7th Social/Business Meeting

Minutes of Buckeye Triumphs Meeting

March 7, 2000

Attendees: Bill Blake, Bill Edgar, John and Charma Huddy, Bob Mains, Jack and Molly McCarrick, Murry Mercier, Matt and Ann Merz, Sunny Rempe, Ray and Holly Varner.

The March 7, 2000 meeting of Buckeye Triumphs was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Bob Mains at Donato's Pizza on Brice Road. All members present introduced themselves. Murry Mercier distributed 50/50 raffle tickets to those who wanted to participate - \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. It was agreed that we will have a 50/50 raffle at each meeting as a way to help out our treasury and as a way for some lucky member to win half of the evening's proceeds.

Bob would like feedback on the newsletter - do members prefer an e-mail version or the paper version? The paper version of course does take more time and effort. Bob asked members to provide Bruce Miles some feedback on this topic. Next newsletter deadline is March 21. (Generally, newsletter input will be closed right after the 3rd Saturday event.)

Also, regarding the newsletter, Deb Mortine is our female representative. The July club event will be sponsored and developed by the women; suggestions for the event as well as monthly women's articles are needed. Bill Blake communicates with the international Triumph liaison and he will pass on news and information via the newsletter. A newsletter idea is to include member profiles with digital photos accompanied by a write-up.

On Saturday, March 18, there will be a tech session instead of a driving event. Interested members should meet at 10:00 in the garage of Sam Halkias. He will demonstrate how to do a valve adjustment on a 6-cylinder engine. Matt Merz' car will be used for the demonstration if he can get the car there. Bruce Miles and John Huddy have also volunteered their cars as backup. The demonstration will be videotaped either by Jack McCarrick or Murry Mercier, both of whom have digital video equipment. Bob Mains requests RSVP's for the 18th.

The next business meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th - location yet to be determined. John and Charma Huddy will make the arrangements - possibly at the Red Door Tavern in Grandview.

Jim VanOrder is planning a tech session for April. Details to follow in the newsletter.

The May business meeting will be May 2nd. Sunny Rempe is considering having it at her home.

Upcoming events were discussed. May 6- Richfield car show and swap meet; May 20 BT driving event; May 21 - British Car Day at Easton; June 6 - business/social meeting; June 16-18 - TRA National, Poconos; July 7 & 8 - Arthritis Foundation Show in Dublin.

Nametags were discussed. John and Charma had gotten estimates from Hiss Stamp Co. Prices ranged from \$5.50 for 1" by 3" rectangular badges with silkscreened logo and name to \$7.50 for 3" badge with a circular area on top to accommodate silkscreened logo. Members present selected the basic rectangular style. John and Charma will follow up on this to see if we have time to order badges for the Easton car show.

The 50/50 raffle winner's ticket was pulled by little Annie Merz. The winner was Murry Mercier who elected to donate his winnings to the club.

Ray and Holly Varner presented some information on Classic Collectors Insurance. Bill Blake has his car insured by Farmers - they will insure for the appraised value. Members are asked to pass along any information they may have regarding insurance.

Murry spoke about the Arthritis Show, July 7 & 8. We need a good showing of Triumphs. There will be 6 classes, and at least 6 cars are needed per class. Buckeye Triumphs should be in communication with COCTRA to assure a strong turnout.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by Charma Huddy

BTC Events

Next BT Meeting Tuesday 4/4/2000:

The 4/4 Social/Business Meeting details from John/Charma Huddy

The Buckeye TRIUMPHS April 4th Business/Social meeting will be at the RED DOOR INN, 1736 W.Fifth Ave. in Grandview. We will 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). Come on out and enjoy a couple of hours with us.

SPRING MILLENIUM DRIVE

APRIL 15th, 2000

We thought it would be a good idea to take a little test drive to get the cars in shape for the warm weather months ahead by taking a drive to the DAWES ARBORETUM over on RT. 13, south of Newark. DAWES is a beautiful ARBORETUM, has a very large variety of shrubs, trees, herbs and flowers and is free to the public. This may get you in the mood to go back home and start working on your yard and gardens or you can just enjoy the beautiful grounds of DAWES.

We are planning to meet at the McDonalds at 11:00 AM on 4/15/00 Saturday, located at RT. 161 and Sunbury Road just below Little Turtle. We will then caravan the back country roads to DAWES. We will tour the ARBORETUM for an hour and then, for those who want to eat, we will head down Route 13 to Route 40 to Clarks Dining Room for lunch / early dinner and then head home.

This will be a good time to test the cars and get to visit with fellow club members to renew acquaintances and talk over the cars and what each of us have been up to. Hope to see a lot of TRIUMPHS at McDonalds. If you have any questions, you can call Jim VanOrder (740-967-2110), Murry Mercier (614-888-0838) or Bruce Miles at (740-587-4179). See you at McDonalds.

JIM VANORDER

Buckeye Triumphs – 2000 Events Calendar	
May	
2	Need a Sponsor and a for the BT Social/Business Meeting
21	Event - British Car Day XVI at Easton, Columbus, OH
June	
6	BT Social/Business Meeting at the home of Sunny & David Rempe, 5330 Derringer Dr, Westerville, OH Email: Hornjungle@aol.com 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	
1	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

Buckeye Triumphs – 2000 Events Calendar	
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

Bruce Clough's Spring Tour 2000



**Announcing...
Spring Tour 2000!**

On today, it's that time of year again, the birds are chirping, flowers are out, and the smell of cured twin cabs is in the air! Join us for a romp through the beautiful rolling hills of South-Central Ohio with the sun in your face, wind in your hair, and a smile on your face. This is an open invitation to COCTRAs, Buckeye Triumphs, and Miami Valley Triumphs members, see ya!

**Join Us, Saturday
April 15, 2000**

- Quaint Shops
- Beautiful Parks
- Interesting Places
- Good Food
- Great Roads
- Wonderful Folks
- Memorable Memories
- Sporty Little Cars

Meeting Information:
Meet For Breakfast At Bob Evans,
1800 Columbus Ave, Washington
Court House (North Of Town On US
62) Breakfast Is At 7:30, We Leave
Promptly At 8:30

Quick Itinerary:
7:30 - Breakfast
8:30 - Head South
12:30 - Lunch
6:00 - Dinner
In-Between? A Bunch
Of Stuff! Trust Us!

Be Prepared To Drive!

**Need To Know More? Contact Bruce Clough At
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A Vivid Testimonial:



"I went on this run and oh my gosh, had a good time, great hair, and got lucky... the car was brack!"

Poconos and it is one exit from the Delaware state line. Rooms will cost \$75.00 for doubles, \$90.00 for rooms with an efficiency kitchen and \$125.00 or \$150.00 for villas. The location is very scenic and the concours' will be held across the road at the foot of a mountain. If it rains, we can move the cars into an area which used to be an in-door tennis court.

This National will have the usual parts auction, awards banquet, etc. The host club will soon have this posted on their website, which is www.njtriumphs.org and we will be able to register on-line.

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).

British Car Events 2000

New addition:

TRA National

It will be June 15th thru 18th at the Fernwood Resort and Convention Center, in Bushkill, PA. Bushkill is in the

Notes from Nelson

Editor's Note: Nelson Riedel returned recently from a teaching assignment for one month in India. He indicated how tough things were but I was able to obtain this photo. You be the judge.



Nelson also sends along the following thoughts:

From: Nelson Riedel
To: Bruce Miles
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2000 12:29 PM
Subject: Newsletter note.

Bruce, the following is a tidbit you might want to add to newsletter.

Another Parts Source.

Recently I was looking for parts for a couple A type overdrive units. The parts are "no longer available" from my normal supplier and were "out of stock" from other sources in US. I then recalled that Ron Fowler mentioned at the Christmas Party that there was a dealer in the UK that stocked Triumph parts and had good prices. I emailed a note to Ron and he responded that I should check out Rimmer Bros at www.rimmerbros.co.uk. Checked them out and found that they would mail me a catalogue. I signed up for one but haven't received it yet (it has only been about four weeks). They also have an online catalogue but the parts I wanted were not listed. They have a "Price" function where you enter the part number and they return the price. I tried that for the parts I needed and they returned two prices, one with VAT (Value Added Tax) and one without VAT. If it is shipped out of the UK, the VAT is not collected. The prices are quoted in British Pounds (£). The current conversion is 1.0 ~ \$1.60. They claim that they are

equipped to ship anyplace in the world and you can email them for a quote on shipping charges.

My daughter happened to be working in the UK at the time so I sent her an email listing the parts I wanted and asked her to bring them home with her. She called the outfit but had a great deal of difficulty communicating with them. They have a very strong accent and they couldn't understand her at all. She finally tried the South Hampshire accent she is acquiring. Following is an example. "I ordered your bloody parts today. The gentlemen taking me order couldn't understand a word I said. I thought to meself, "Oh bugger this!" however, I patiently repeated meself bout ten times til he understood."

The correct parts were shipped to her. They even assigned her a customer number. Unfortunately, they spelled her name wrong --- but it is close. If she would have asked, they would have included the necessary paperwork to get a refund of the VAT at the airport. We'll be ready the next time.

Speaking of the next time, I measured her suitcase --- a typical woman's suitcase. A block and a crankshaft will both fit quite nicely. I will make good use of that customer number when she returns to the UK.

Nelson Riedel

Murry's Moment

Triumphant ones,

Here are some interesting 'numbers' from 1972...

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 11:03:53 -0600
From: "Ken Waringa" <kwaringa@dynsys.com>
Subject: 1972 Price List

Last night I received an MGB book I had won on ebay. Along with the book the seller included some dealer brochures. One of the brochures is for the 1972 MGs. In this brochure is a price list from British Leyland Motors Inc. 600 Willow Tree Road, Leonia, New Jersey.

The price list includes the following cars, and their options:

MG Midget, \$2559.00
MGB, \$3359.00
MGB GT, \$3669.00
Jaguar V12 Convertible, \$7599.00
Jaguar V12 Coupe 2+2, \$7997.00
Jaguar XJ6, \$7950.00
Triumph Spitfire, \$2749.00
Triumph GT6, \$3569.00
Triumph TR6, \$3795.00
Stag Hard Top, \$ 5816.00
Land Rover 88, \$3998.00

The options for each car are also listed with prices,
TR6 overdrive \$179.00,
MGB overdrive \$165.00.

I found this sheet very interesting. If anyone is interested in posting it on their web site let me know and I'll scan it for you.

Oh to have a time machine!!!!!!!
Ken Waringa

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 nerktriumphtr250@yahoo.com

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

PARTS...PARTS...PARTS - Triumph and LBC parts available... New, Used & NOS... The Roadster Factory, Moss & Victoria Br. items at discount prices. Many common parts in stock.

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

For Sale:

TR6 Hardtop. Complete. No dents. \$500.

TR6 Hardtop. New. Rear window glass and some chrome pieces missing (available from TRF). Headliner must be replaced. \$700.

TR4/TR250 right front wing. New reproduction. These repros need a lot of work to fit. \$300.

Front and rear bumpers for both '73 and '76 TR6s.

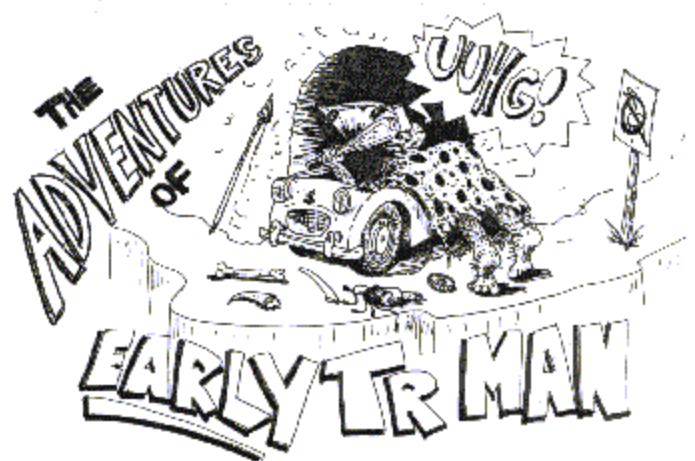
TR6 Hood. Dinged at front and in center. No rust. \$75

TR6 Trunk Lid. Have two. One has luggage rack and some rust at rear edge, \$50. Second one has more rust at rear edge, \$25.

Trying to clean out the garage, shed, basement, etc. to make a few points with spouse. Have many parts from three TR6s junked over the years. Threw out body panels that were badly corroded and the parts that wear out. Have seats (need redone), suspension and dash components.

By the way - I'm looking for a pair of very good condition pre '73 TR6 doors.

Nelson Riedel, 740 587-2509, nriedel@nextek.net



Early TR Man

By Bruce Clough

Still Planning For The Spring Tour

The more things stay the same, the more things change, or something like that! We had to move the Spring Tour totally away from the weekend of the 29th due to our friend's retirement (we're doing stuff the entire weekend). We could have moved it into May, but we decided to pull it back in front of Easter, on the 15th of April. It still will take up your day, we'll still do a lot of driving, and you'll still enjoy it. We'll (the Clough Family) will miss the start of the Bellbrook Maple Festival, that's all. A small price to pay for fun roads. Don't look for us to have a TR, I think the Merc's going to go on this – assuming that I get the power steering back together. Sad story that only Ford fans could love....

We'll still leave from Washington Court House's Bob Evans (a compromise for both Miami Valley Triumphs, Buckeye Triumph Club, and COCTRA – yes, all three clubs are invited – the more the merrier! Should I invite MG clubs also????). I hope the weather is decent so we can go to the parks I scoped out. Look for another flyer on this somewhere else in the newsletter.

The (Supposed) Triumphs Of Clifton

Several people have told me of a TR7 for sale in Clifton (Greene County) at a used car lot. Fine, last Sunday we were in Clifton so I decided to stop by, and sure enough, there it was – a '75 or '76 TR7 FHC. Not bad condition, I mean that I couldn't find any huge rust holes. But, but I wanted to talk to the owner so I decided to stop back the next day during my lunch hour. The owner wasn't there, so I stopped in a restaurant next door. *"Yup, call the owner's home phone listed on the door. Y'all interested in Triumphs?"* one of the folks in the place said. I indicated that I've owned a few in my days. He then proceeded to let me know about four more in the area. I had some time, so I headed back out for a Triumph Tour Of Clifton...

1. The TR7 parked on the corner turned out to be a '76 with about 40,000 miles on it. Red exterior with a tan interior. Interior wasn't bad, some facing to the plastic dash and the carpet wasn't original. The seat's weren't torn, and it had a dealer sun roof in it. On the exterior the car had been repainted (marginal – hood wasn't that good and it had some orange peel), and there had been rust repair in the quarters with the driver's rear still showing a bit of rust. The repaint was coming off in a few places on the top of the rocker panels and the window rubber could stand replacing. The floor pan was intact with no breaks where the trailing arms attached. It had a newer exhaust (cherry bomb front muffler with stock rear muffler), and the early four-speed was in it. Stock wheels and tires. I wrote down the phone number to call later. More on this towards the end of this article.

2. *"Go up two streets, follow the road until it curves around, and there will be a GT6 on a trailer."* Well, I went up two streets, turned down it, followed it way, way past the turn, but saw no GT6. Saw a couple of trailers that might have held a car, but no car. Reversed my tracks up and down a few side streets, but no GT6.. Oh well, on to #3.

3. *"There's another TR7 up 72 a ways, not too far..."* I took OH72 almost to Springfield. No TR7s, a tractor or two maybe, but no wedge. I did run into a couple of antique stores I may revisit on a tour sometime in the future (but they weren't open on Mondays...). Back to Clifton...

4. *"A fellow on Wilberforce-Clifton road has a couple of GT6s for sale near the road, and right down from there a TR6 is for sale."* I did find the GT6s on Wilberforce-Clifton road – rusty gutted hulks sitting next to a garage defended by a phalanx of pit-bulls. I don't think they were for sale, I

doubt anyone would buy them, and the dogs didn't look like "Bingo", "Fifi", and "Rover" were their names! The TR6 was a bit more interesting. Turns out it was a TR4 sitting in the backyard under a tarp. I've seen that car before! I think it belongs to a guy that used to be in the club, and used to live closer to Yellow Springs. He was a base photographer until laid-off. If it's his, the car is not for sale, and probably won't ever be. It used to be nice, but now it's under a tarp outside with what looks like a tonneau cover on it. Nobody was home, and the yard looked like it might harbor a pit-bull or alligator in some of the stuff, so I moved on.

I didn't find any more cars, so I headed back to work. Later that night I called on the TR7. Seems the current owner has had the car for a while, over 15 years, but it has only 40,000 miles on it. Yes, the head's been replaced (he moaned at what a bitch that was), and it was done a few years back. I asked if he retorqued the head every 1000 miles – he indicated he didn't know that was a needed thing. Yes, it's been repainted and has had some bodywork done. Yes, it really does have the 4 speed in it (supposedly in good shape, but he has an extra 5-speed to throw in with the deal). The rest is original, and it has the original carbs on it. I asked him the price, "\$4200, but I'm willing to negotiate. That's what the books say it's worth." What books? I need to find those books since our TR4 must be worth \$30,000 by the same yardstick! I didn't have the heart to tell him that car's only worth \$1200 max (#4 car, and I'm being generous here) in all the old car price guides, probably \$800-\$1000 if he sold it at auction. I'll probably stop back again to drive it and tender a realistic offer (just to get Alice to throw something at me), but I doubt if he'll take it. He's probably looking for \$3500, which can buy a decent later DHC.

So, the cars of Clifton turned out to be a car of Clifton, a way-overpriced car of Clifton. I'll let you know if the guy throws something at me when I offer him \$900 for it and the spare tranny...

Recipe Of The Month

This month's recipe was given to me by my mom (if I remember it right). It's one of those festive dishes more appropriate in the winter months of the year.

Fruit Cake

Ingredients

1 cup water	1 cup butter
1 cup sugar	4 large eggs
2 cups dried fruit	1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt	1 cup brown sugar
2 cups flour	1 tsp lemon juice
1 cup chopped nuts	1 gallon red wine (Pinot Noir)

Directions

- a. Sample the wine to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the wine again to make sure it's of the highest quality. Pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat if you're not sure.
- b. Turn on the electric mixer and beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp sugar and beat again. Make sure the wine is still okay. Cry another tup.
- c. Turn off the mixer. Break two legs and add to the bowl and chuck the cup of dried fruit. Step around the two eggs that fell on the floor. Mix on the turner. look out for the dog licking eggs off the floor.
- d. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drowscriver.
- e. Sampl;e the wine again to check for tonsisticity. Next sift 2 cups of salt, brown sugar, or something. Who cares...
- f. Check the wine. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add 1 table.Spoon, Of sugar or flour or something. Whatever is left over.
- g. Grease the oven and sprinkle with flower. Line the floor with wax paper. Turn the cake pan 350 degrees.
- h. Don't forget to off the turner dog throwing up eggs and strained nuts. Throw dirty bowls out the window. Check the wine again. Go to bed.

I haven't tried it myself, er, well, we have, but we never got past instruction (a). Bon Appetit!

Hmmm, Somebody Tell This Guy....



This photo was posted to the Internet on the TR7/8 mailing list by Mike Jeffreys. Now, I don't know if it's Mike's car or not, but someone ought to tell them that it was the engine in the TR2/3/4 that was used in tractors, not TR8s! Yes, this was done in the UK, so don't go out looking for this car around here!

Notes on the Triumph Marque

Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 18:07:42 EST
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JOBS FEARS AFTER 'ROVER SELL-OFF' REPORT
By Alan Jones, Industrial Correspondent, PA News

Fresh fears about the future of Rover cars and tens of thousands of jobs were raised tonight after German owner BMW refused to deny a report that it is to sell factories, including the huge Longbridge plant.

BMW said it had been working on a number of proposals to "re-structure" the Rover group, which employs thousands of workers at Longbridge in Birmingham, Cowley near Oxford and other UK plants.

The idea of selling the factories was one of a number of "conceivable variants" which will be discussed by the BMW supervisory board at a meeting in Munich on Thursday.

The statement immediately set alarm bells ringing among union leaders who said they were seeking urgent talks with the company.

Reports have regularly appeared in German magazines and newspapers over the past few months suggesting that the Rover subsidiary will be sold because of heavy losses but they have always proved unfounded.

But a new report in tomorrow's *Suddeutsche Zeitung* newspaper raised genuine concerns among union leaders.

The report said BMW would be presenting a plan to the board meeting to sell its Rover factories.

BMW said in its statement, issued in Munich tonight: "The board of management at BMW has been working on different scenarios to restructure the Rover group. "The company has reported regularly to the public about the current situation at Rover.

"The scenario referred to in the article as a plan is just one of the conceivable variants. The decision preferred by the board of management will be presented during the regular supervisory board meeting on Thursday the 16th and published afterwards."

BMW refused to expand on the statement but also refused to rule out any suggestion that it definitely would not be selling Rover. Sir Ken Jackson, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said BMW had given assurances that it remained committed to Rover.

"Cash has already been pumped into Longbridge and this report will cause dismay throughout the Rover workforce because they just want to get on with their jobs and build cars.

"I am confident that BMW will remain committed to Rover but they have to make their position absolutely clear. It is time to remove any shadow of doubt about the future."

Tony Woodley, national officer of the Transport and General Workers Union, said he was seeking urgent talks with the company but believed that selling off Rover would not make any sense for BMW.

"It would also be unacceptable to the workforce and no doubt the British Government."

Garel Rhys of the Cardiff Business School, who is a leading motor industry analyst, said any suggestion that BMW was about to sell off Rover or any of its factories would be a surprise.

However, he added: "But the issue could well be on the agenda for Thursday's meeting."

Unions have warned that 50,000 jobs would be lost throughout the West Midlands if Longbridge closed. The Department of Trade and Industry tonight described the German newspaper report as "speculation".

Shadow trade and industry secretary Angela Browning said: "This is a blow for the Midlands when only last summer they had been anticipating a new era at Rover Cars.

"The key will be, if BMW does sell the company, who buys it and what sort of future they envisage."

Liberal Democrat trade and industry spokesman Vince Cable said: "In a European market that is seriously overcrowded with a lot of spare capacity, British car production has been put at a tremendous disadvantage by an overvalued pound. "Until Government policy brings the currency down to a realistic level against the euro this will not be the last of the damage to be inflicted on British industry."

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper said BMW had found a buyer for Rover, but that the German company would keep Land Rover and Mini. The paper said the buyer was not an established car manufacturer. The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which represents 5,000 firms across the city, said that, if true, the BMW move would be a devastating blow for the West Midlands region.

Spokesman John Lamb said the chamber had estimated that up to 50,000 jobs in the West Midlands economy were dependent on Longbridge's survival. Mr. Lamb added that he was particularly concerned at rumors that Rover could be sold off to venture capitalists rather than another automotive concern. He said closure of the Birmingham plant would result in a "disastrous" knock-on effect in the region, leading to tens of thousands of job losses in the components industry.

"It would affect the supply chain and there would be a domino effect which would be pretty devastating. That's the worrying part of it for us," Mr. Lamb added.

"We will just have to wait and see, but it would be devastating if its true." Birmingham Northfield MP Richard Burden, whose constituency covers Longbridge, tonight called on BMW to clarify its plans for the plant. Mr. Burden said BMW officials had personally assured him that they were committed to Longbridge "for the long term" with an investment strategy that would bring £500 million a year into Rover.

"Rumors in the press are not new," said Mr. Burden. "Indeed the most damaging thing for Rover over the past

year has been constant rumor, speculation and counter-rumor." He added: "What astonishes me today is that the latest reports circulating in the German press have not been conclusively denied by BMW. "That is why I am calling on BMW to put an end to the speculation and to reaffirm their commitment to Rover.

"In doing so I am asking them to do no more than to keep their word to me, to the British Government and the 50,000 people whose jobs depend on Longbridge."

My friends, you may think that this story doesn't perhaps impact on you and your Triumph cars, but don't you believe it. The name Triumph, your spare parts, and the license to produce them, is wholly owned by messrs BMW... BTW, I met Richard Burden, the Member of Parliament for the constituency that covers the Birmingham Longbridge plant, just this last Saturday, and he seemed pretty confident about BMW's intentions then...wow, what a difference, 3 short days can make!

Léon F Guyot

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Finished welding the new breastplate



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Next BT Meeting Tuesday 4/4/00:

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

BT Driving Event / Tech Session

April 15th – Short Tour – Dawes Arboretum in Licking
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April 15th – Longer Tour – Bruce Clough's Spring Tour
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