



Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

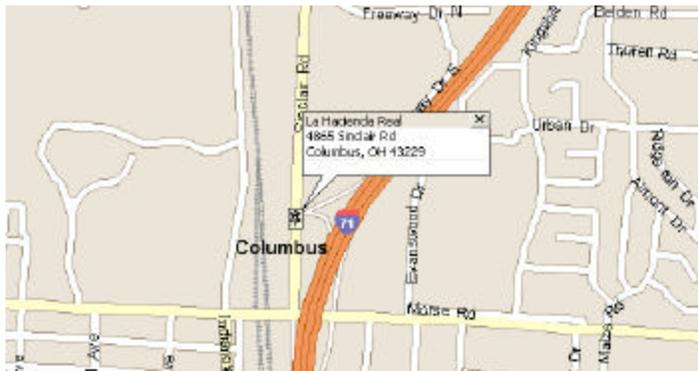
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Winner of VTR Best Newsletter Award – 2003!

BT Club Meeting- Monday, April 5th

The April BT meeting will be held at La Hacienda Real, which is an authentic Mexican restaurant located in Columbus' north end at 4865 Sinclair Road.



La Hacienda Real is just north of Morse Road just west of I-71. We have booked the back room for 6:30 PM and the bull fights begin at 7:00 PM.

John and Charma Huddy are hosting (co-ordinating?) this months meeting.

BT Driving Event - Saturday, April 17th

Our first drive of the season will be a run from Westerville out towards Licking County for a dry run of the route that we will use for the Easton British Car days "pre" event on the Saturday before. We will be running essentially the same route, but will detour into Newark for a visit to:



The Works is a center of discovery that inspires an appreciation for industry, innovation and the creative process in learners of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Through its exhibits, programs and services, The Works strives to stimulate analytical thinking and enhance the quality of life in Licking County and beyond. There is a charge for admittance to "The Works" – at most \$5.00 per person – I'll be asking for a group rate and let you know that day.

When we finish our tour at "The Works" – we will continue south for chicken at Clark's Dining Room down on route 40.

Two other events will be occurring on the 17th.

When we are done eating chicken, we will head back to Granville for a visit to Nelson Riedel's home. Nelson is "liquidating" his Triumph stuff and wants to clean house. In Nelson's words:

"I'm getting rid of all the remaining TR parts except for the carbs, powder coated brake & clutch parts and the new fender. I want to pick a weekend to get everything out for club members to come get what they want.. What is remaining I'll put in the trash the following Monday. Everything is free to club members. However, if anyone feels guilty taking advantage of a poor old man, they can make an anonymous contribution to Nelson's fun fund.

The parts are listed at:

<http://www.nelsonslocomotive.com/TRParts/nelson.htm>

Nelson

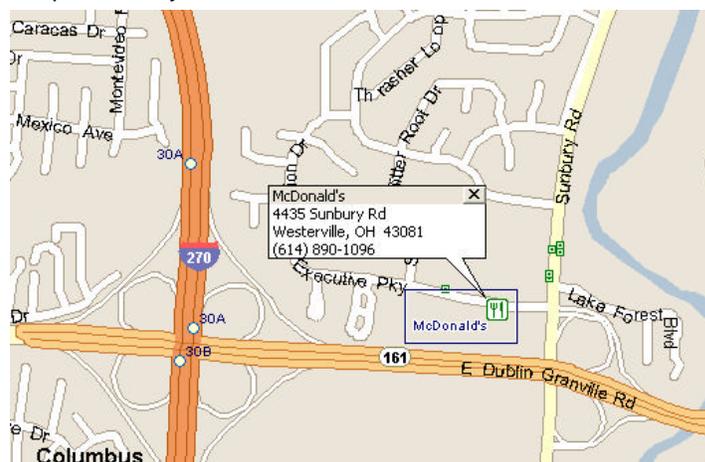
(Editor's Note: If there are parts that you want but don't have room in your LBC, we can arrange to have those parts held at the Miles garage just down the street.)

April 17th is also the Daffodil show in Granville, when you are done at Nelson's take your better half into Granville for the flower show in the College Town House next to the Granville Inn.

Since this is a dry run for the course that we will run for the British Car Day's event, I will also be inviting the folks from the other LBC clubs in town to come along with us if they care to.

We will meet at the McDonald's on Sunbury road and route 161 at 9:00 for breakfast. I would like to leave for our drive at 9:30 AM

I hope to see you there!



If you have any questions, please call me at 740-587-4179 or email me at bmiles@buckeyetriumphs.org

Bruce Miles

Editor's Corner

Quite a busy month at the Miles household! Last Sunday, when I should have been working on the newsletter, I was out cruising Licking County in the TR6 enjoying the beautiful spring weather. I had a fairly busy week traveling in Morgantown, WV and had to get a new Lotus Notes class ready for presentation on Thursday, so the newsletter had to wait.

On my return trip from WV Ryan called me and described a 1988 Porsche 944 Turbo that he found on eBay with 19,000 miles on it. Well the newsletter got postponed while we had a car "adventure" to the Mississippi river in search of the perfect 944 Turbo (more on that later)

Last month I showed a picture of the valve cover I had from my Florida trip. Ryan was home for Spring Break the first week of March and re got it installed – here are a couple of pictures.



I think they look great. Ryan has put a lot of effort into this machine. The saddest thing is that he has no place to "tinker" while he is at school and I feel sorry for him. We went looking for a garage that he could rent in Ada but no luck so far. You can't move off campus till you're a senior . (He has been taking extra heavy course loads, and in his spring quarter he is 1 hour away from being a Junior)



Remember how Jim Swarhout sent a jar of PlayDoh to check the clearance? It was a little tight but worked well. It sure does look nice.

The 250 is back on the road. I need a name for this car – perhaps I'll call it "Son of Beast" – since I think Bob Mains has "The Beast". At any rate – it sure does go. Ryan put the transmission that he and Nelson rebuilt when he was in high school, but he seems to be having trouble with it slipping out of 2nd gear on deceleration – not good if you want to autocross. More on this when Ryan gets home for the summer.

Back to our auto "adventure" – Ryan found this car on eBay – a 1988 Porsche 944 Turbo with only 19,000 miles on it. Ryan talked to the owner, he had bought the car in 1990 from a friend's estate and never really drove the car – he was saving it for his retirement but needed the money for a new piece of equipment that he was buying for his business – so he decided to sell. He shared his reserve price on eBay with Ryan and told Ryan that if he paid \$2,500 more that that he would sell the car to us and end the auction. Well, I arranged for a trailer in Columbus – got the funds and off we went. (Ryan's friend Theron Hill called Thursday evening and asked if he could sit in the "jump seat" and go along for the ride – it was a comfy fit but he was more that welcome!)

We had to swing by Ada to pick up Ryan, but a friend gave him a lift down to Wapakoneta (oops – I forgot to mention, Ryan sold his Camry) and we headed down to I-70 from there. Our destination was Milan, Illinois – the only place where the Mississippi runs East and West. I would say that excitement and nervous jitters were at a fever pitch for the next 490 miles. (You know – what if someone gets there before we do, what do you think it will look like, what to look for, how do we decide if it is what we want, what if the bid goes higher on eBay than we were bringing.....) but we were all in a good mood and making good time.

The best bumper sticker on the trip was on a semi and read: "Girls gone wild auditions – 50 feet ahead" We also got to see a Ford Econoline van pulling a trailer just about flip in the wash of a semi that passed it on I-74 just outside of Peoria – I'm sure that the passengers in the van had to make a stop for some fresh clothes.

We arrived in Milan, Illinois around 9:00 at night (10:00 Ohio time), the owner of the car owned a towing business and we met there where we could have a look at it in the lighted garage.

Well – it was a bust. Not saying it was not a nice car, but right off there was evidence of repair and paint. I do not think the owner was even aware that the car had been painted – but Ryan’s experience with concours judging saw lots of warning signs that the owner was frankly oblivious to. What a disappointment. It wasn’t even one of those situations where it was close and we could have offered less. I think that the car led a “hard” life for the first 2 years of its life. By now it was 11:00 PM and we headed back to Ohio. We grabbed some dinner at a 24 hour Steak & Shake and talked about what could have been – and what questions we could have asked that would have saved us the trip – but decided that there wasn’t anything we could have done differently to have a chance at an incredible car. We decided to take the “Northerly” route back to Ohio and headed out on I-80 for Chicago (thinking that we should try to get through Chicago before we went looking for a hotel) Sure enough, there was construction in Chicago (at 3:00 in the morning!) and we set off on 2 lane roads south to route 30 (the “Lincoln”) and found a nice Holiday Inn Express shortly there after.

We set no alarms – got back on the road Saturday morning at 10:30 – as I pulled out of the parking lot I swear I could hear the “hallelujah” chorus because just around the corner was a U-Haul – and I was so happy I had chosen the “1-way” rental option on the trailer because I didn’t want to return the trailer to Grove City. We dumped the trailer and headed east. We were in search of a Waffle House to get the day going but it eluded us. I told the boys that I would find a place where we would get a “trucker’s” breakfast and we pressed on to the East. Around Plymouth, Indiana we stopped for Gas and one of the locals pointed us to “Crazy D’s” and we had an excellent breakfast. (let’s see – 2 sheriff’s cars and a bunch of bikers, the place was packed)

We dropped Ryan off at school and I got back to town at around 5:30 PM on Saturday. 1100 mile adventure.

Oh well – at least we tried. I’ve been working on the Newsletter all day on Sunday – I’ll have it ready tonight.

Ryan is looking for a Summer Job – he now has 2 years of college under his belt and is majoring in Technology at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. He has a 3.45 average. He provided me his updated resume and I posted it on the Web. The link is in the personal page section of the BT web site and is a PDF file – you can find it at the following link:

<http://www.buckeyetriumphs.org/members/personal%20pages/RyanMiles/Resume.pdf>

I think Ryan’s “dream job” would be to work for as a writer for an automobile magazine – I think he has a real eye and expresses himself well – oh well – that’s just a father’s biased opinion.

If you have any ideas for him they would be greatly appreciated.

That’s all for me – sorry to be late – but I hope you enjoy this edition. I hope to see you on Monday night at La Hacienda Real.

Bruce Miles bmiles@IN7Info.com

Next Newsletter Article Deadline – April 25th, 2004

President’s Corner

As I write this, we are about to flip the calendar to April and Mother Nature is beginning to green things up. Today, it was 74 degrees in the afternoon and I saw several convertibles with their tops down (but no Triumphs). Charma went somewhere in the Mini and got waved at by some guy in a topless MG (she thinks). Hopefully, we will have a spring and summer that isn’t nearly as wet as last year.

Since I have no major issues pressing on my brain, the following will be a series of random thoughts:

Depending upon the weather, we may have our first BT drive on Saturday, April 17th. If so, it will be hosted by Jim VanOrder and we will go to some undisclosed location (which means that he hasn’t figured it out yet). If the weather turns south, maybe we can talk Jim into hosting a workshop to install TR6 emergency bonnet release widgets. Those of us with 6’s know that experiencing a broken hood release cable isn’t a matter of if, but when.

Charma and I had dinner with Bill Blake and Kathy Scott the other evening. We went to a newly opened steak house near Plain City called “Walker Station”. Dinner was excellent and the owners even cruised from table to table asking for diner’s opinions. We learned that they raise their own cattle on a farm north of Marysville. We might want to keep “Walker Station” in mind for a BT event. I think that even the pickiest eater will find this place faultless. During dinner, Bill and I discussed our plans for a BT wedge boat to take on the Amphicars at Lake St. Mary’s during their national event. Ron Fowler has agreed to donate a wedge body with the stipulation that it not be returned to him. We were planning to install my 25 HP Evinrude mid-ship, but we decided to go for more power. We are now thinking of making this craft an air-boat and we are shopping for a Lycoming aircraft engine. If we pull this off, we may end up on “Monster Garage”. Stay tuned.

Last fall, I received an e-mail from one of our brethren in the MG club. He was proposing that we join forces for a tour/eating opportunity. If one of the younger members will kindly remind me, we can discuss this at our next meeting. Bruce and Ryan Miles and Charma and I have gone on Eric Jones’ River Run with several of the MG people and they are downright regular folks. They put their pants on one leg at a time and they suffer the slings and arrows of The Prince of Darkness just like us.

I continue to shop for TR treasures on Ebay. By owning three different TR models, there is always something out there for one of the Huddy cars. My latest “finds” include an NOS TR7/8 Smiths clock for \$35.00, a new TR6 cubby

box lock with keys for \$12.50, a new TR6 voltage stabilizer for \$14.50 and a set of TR2/3/4 manifold clamps, studs and nuts for \$13.49. How did humankind exist before the Internet?

Please take note, our next BT Business/Social meeting will be Monday, April 5th at Hacienda Real, which is an authentic Mexican restaurant located in Columbus' north end at 4865 Sinclair Road. I imagine that Bruce will include a map within the newsletter, but if not, Hacienda Real is just north of Morse Road just west of I-71. We have booked the back room for 6:30 PM and the bull fights begin at 7:00 PM. (Although it is not mandatory, you might want to bring your sombrero.)

Please excuse all the above ramblings. Charma and I just returned from "Stars on Ice" and I am still experiencing sensory overload.

Hope to see many of you next Monday.

John

BT March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by John Huddy at around 7:45 at the Rose and Thistle Pub. There were 20 people attending. Dinner was really good and the service was great this time. John told us that this day is considered "St. David's Day" in Wales, rather like St. Patrick's Day in Ireland.



Jim VO reported on the workshop that he held to help him "tear down" his 69 TR6. He said that all parts that were supposed to come off had been removed and he was grateful for all the help. It was suggested that we need a

workshop about how to install the "bonnet release" that he has come up with. It will probably be some weekend soon at either his place or Bruce Miles'. Bruce suggested a workshop on powder coating.

Jim VO is tentatively planning a possible drive for April. No date set yet. He suggested a stop at a technology museum in Newark. More later. The April business meeting will be at La Hacienda on Sinclair Rd. near Morse. Huddy's will be hosting.

Bruce Miles did a "show and tell" on some projects that he has been working on. One is a device made from a garden sprayer and a master cylinder cap which can be used for bleeding brakes. The advantage, he says, is that you can do the job by yourself instead of needing two people. The other was a new valve cover made in Tampa, Fla. which has a "machined O-ring" and is made out of a solid block of aluminum!!

Bill Blake told us that he has the applications for Easton, if you need one. Also, Bruce asked for more "human interest" stories for the newsletter, like Sam's story last month. We all thought it was great! Bruce passed out new rosters of the membership list for 2004.

It is with sincere regret that John announced the sudden death of Carl and Elaine Moore's son. Our sympathy goes out to them and our prayers go with them.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30. Respectfully submitted, Margo Washburn, Secy.

BT Tech Session Minutes

BT Tech Session for 69 TR6 at Jim VanOrder's on Feb. 28th went quite well and had a very good turn out.

I want to thank everyone who came out on that cool Saturday; we accomplished everything I wanted to get done. There were around 11 members in attendance, and this was a very workable crew. We cranked up the furnace and were very comfortable.





We broke up into teams of two and away we went. We removed the bonnet, the front fenders, all of the bumpers, grill, rear deck lid, windshield and all of the inner door and window mechanisms. These guys knew what they were doing and it all went pretty smoothly, we actually only snapped a couple of studs and this is to be expected.

We broke for lunch and they took care of all of the lunch chow in short time, car clubs really love their food, no matter what it is. Again I want to thank all of you, it really went well.

Two weeks later, sans the gas tank, I dropped the Six off at my painters and he is installing new inner and outer rocker panels and new door skins. Over all the metal was in pretty good shape, the rocker panels were obvious. Once he is done I will bring the Six back home and will probably have another tech session and will remove the tub from the frame and take it back to the painter so he can finish it. I then plan to go over the frame and rebuild my engine.

Again, I want to thank all of those who helped, it really shortened up the tear down time.

Jim VanOrder

Notes from Members

Editor's Note: - I've decided to try a new section in the newsletter called "Notes from Members" – it seems like a nice place to include notes of interest from our members that you would find interesting.

From: LLWyse@aol.com [mailto:LLWyse@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2004 7:31 PM
To: bmiles@buckeyetriumphs.org
Subject: a Jag gone day

Well, folks, I'm writing to you with mixed emotion. I just returned home from delivering my '69 Jaguar E-Type to a new owner. I got a call out of the blue Tuesday evening. The guy saw an ad I put in British Motoring a year ago when I first began exploring the idea of selling the Jag. After lots and lots of questions on the phone, and a most thorough inspection at a mid-point meeting place in Dayton today (he's from Indy), we left with him going west and Karon and I going east.

The new owner is a retired guy who lived in England for 20 years and drives a Jag S-Type every day. His wife is English. Like me, it's always been a dream of his to own an E-Type. He was most impressed with the car (and rightfully so!) and will be a good owner. I had not cleaned it up since some "seat of the pants" fall drives, so I cranked out a pretty good detail job on it last night!

It was time to sell as I had my fun and was ready to use the money for other priorities (or maybe dreams and fantasies! <lol>), but it was much harder to see it go than I expected. I've owned it three years, put on 7500 miles and got back all the money I put into it. Not bad, but still sad. I won't miss at all cleaning the wire wheels, but I will miss the broad torque band and the feeling (and looks) I got when driving it. I'll miss sharing it with friends and also just looking at the car -- one of the all-time great automotive designs (Top Ten on everyone's list).

For now, the TR6 will get all the time and attention I can afford to give to a collectable car.....until there is a new stable mate in the future. Stay tuned!

LaMar

Editor's Note: - and it didn't take long.....

From: LLWyse@aol.com [mailto:LLWyse@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2004 5:33 PM To:
bmiles@buckeyetriumphs.org
Subject: new family member

Well, the "loss" of the Jag has been somewhat mitigated with the addition of a new Mini Cooper S to my stable. Dark Silver with white top and white strips and performance package. Fun, fun, fun. Adam helped in the selection process and Karon blessed it before I did it and even more since she's seen and ridden in the car. There were some very practical reasons that I was able to rationalize for this seemingly irrational and impractical act! :-)

From: LLWyse@aol.com [mailto:LLWyse@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2004 3:24 PM
To: bmiles@intinfo.com
Subject: Re: new family member

In a message dated 3/13/2004 6:14:37 PM Eastern Standard Time, bmiles@intinfo.com writes:

Send me a picture on a sunny day.

We finally had the sunny day I was waiting for. Here's a pic.



Again, thanks for the seat info. Jim sent me all the info I need and everything's on order.

LaMar

From: Jacqueline/Murry Mercier [mailto:mercier@ameritech.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2004 3:12 PM
To: Bruce Miles
Subject: RE: Call for Newsletter Input.....

Bruce,

Here are some photos from the International Auto Show. We looked and looked but no TRIUMPHS were to be found, not even among the Classic cars on display. We should work to have a TR next year!!!

Ron and I tried out a number of cars for fit and comfort but decided we have more than we can handle with our current fleets... however, Ron looks pretty good in that S2000 and the smile on my face in the XK8 tells a story (bet you can guess what was going on in my mind's eye!).



Both of us agreed that the new Mustang was a "winner", and judging by the crowd, will sell a bunch of cars for Ford. The new-to-the U.S. Lotus was exciting but off-limits to the crowd. We saw one of them in a parking lot in England in 2000. I understand that the all-aluminum body is held together with adhesive, weighing less than 2,000 pounds, and that it has a Toyota drive train. It should be a hot number.

Murry

Events 2004 - Bill Blake

April	
5 th	BT Business and social meeting at La Hacienda Real, 4865 Sinclair Road. Columbus, OH
17 th	First drive of the season – look in this edition for details
May	
3	BT Business and social meeting Mike Henry to host in Dublin
15	Driving event sponsored by COMG Club and Buckeye Triumphs with the British Car Council, Granville area, meet at Clarion Airport at 11am
15	Meet and Greet at the Clarion (old Holiday Inn Airport) evening
16	British Car Day Easton
29	Grandview Heights Memorial Day Parade, morning event, we are invited River-run, Eric Jones event
June	
4	BT Business and social meeting,, Jim and Margo Washburn to host
6	Toledo British Car Day on the grass at Ft. Meigs historic site
19	British Day at Mid Ohio Vintage Races (6th Annual British Car Showdown)
20	Concours d'Elegance (Multi Makes) at Vintage races at Mid Ohio
24-26	TRA 30th Anniversary Springfield, OH
27	American Le Mans race at Mid-Ohio
July	
4	Dublin, OH Parade to promote Arthritis Show, we are invited
10	BT Event Arthritis Show Honoring Len Immke BT and COMG host the all British Section next to Jaguar Club
14-17	 <p>VTR 2004 RICHMOND, VA JULY 14-17 HOSTED BY THE RICHMOND TRIUMPH REGISTER WWW.VTR2004.COM E-MAIL: INFO@VTR2004.COM PHONE: 804-746-9409</p>
18	Cincinnati British Car Day

August	
3	BT Business and social meeting John and Charma Huddy to host
7	British Car Day Dayton, OH
7	British Car Day Legacy Village Cleveland, OH
September	
7	BT Business and social meeting, Bruce Miles to host
18?	6Pack Trials in WISC
24	BT Driving event to SCCA races at Mid-Ohio
October	
4	BT Business and social meeting Greg and Ann Gillman to host
16	BT Driving event Amish Bakery Tour Bruce Miles to host
November	
1	BT Business and social meeting
December	
6	BT Business and social meeting



March 2004: By Bruce Clough (clough@erinet.com)

Editor's Note: Nothing from Bruce for March – as he would say (in a deep bass voice:) *"The silence continues..."*



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Buckeye Triumph Finance Report

BUCKEYE TRIUMPH FINANCIAL REPORT 12/31/02 THRU 3/22/04

BALANCE 12/31/02 2,303.95

RECEIPTS

2003 DUES RECEIVED IN 2003	900.00
2004 DUES RECEIVED IN 2003/4 TO DATE	870.00
NET REGALIA RECEIPTS	190.64
50/50 RECEIPTS	103.00
TR6 HOOD LATCH SALES	22.00
INT. EARNED BANK	10.39
DEPOSIT ON 2002 HOLIDAY PARTY	300.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS RECEIVED THRU 3/22/04 2,396.03

EXPENSES

2002 BT PARTY NET EXPENSE	(343.18)
2003 BT PARTY NET EXPENSE	(339.76)
2003 NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	(599.46)
LATE SIX PACK REIMBURSEMENT	(45.00)
VTR LIAB. INSURANCE 2003/2004	(330.00)
2003 ARTHRITIS SHOW	(100.00)
NET EXPENSE THRU 3/22/04	(1,757.40)

BALANCE 3/22/04

\$2,942.58

Submitted by Treasurer James VanOrder on 3/22/04

Items from the Internet

No room this month....

Buckeye TRIUMPHS REGALIA

T-Shirts- Lt Grey Cotton \$14.00
 BTC Logo - front
 Large Wreath Logo – back

Sweatshirts- Lt Grey Cotton \$20.00
 BTC Logo - front
 Large Wreath Logo – back

Golf Shirts with embroidered logos – 100% Cotton \$35.00
 Patch Embroidered Logo \$12.00

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.

Halkias Video on Valve Adjustment for 6-cyl TR's - \$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 Week

Hello British car fans! This is a pre-spring wakeup call for all British car drivers. I'm writing this letter to let you all know that the 8th Annual British Car Week is alive and well, especially if you enjoy anything having to do with British cars! Yes that's right, if you happen to be one of the fortunate people who enjoys the British car hobby and proudly maintains and drives a classic British car of any make, model, or year, you have exactly what it takes to be a part of this heightened awareness week. You're already an important part of the British car hobby, and WE NEED YOU to help spread awareness of these truly awesome machines.

No, there are no special Hallmark cards to send to your friends and relatives, and you probably won't see it printed on the calendar hanging in your kitchen, but hopefully any one of your British car clubs has been actively supporting this once per year event. They (the club staff) are capable of helping spread the word to large numbers by posting the information in their newsletters or Internet web sites, and their help is essential to the wellness of our aging hobby. By celebrating the Eighth Annual British Car "Drivers" Week throughout the roads and byways of your community, no matter where you live, you are helping to spread awareness of these historic machines.

This year we are celebrating the eighth driving season since columnist Peter Egan of Road & Track Magazine asked a question to his readers in an article titled "Seldom Seen Cars" - why doesn't he see classic sports cars on the roads anymore? This question was passed from computer to computer server to many other computers via the Internet, and echoed throughout the vast number of British car communications avenues. British car hobbyists from all over the world quickly came to the calling of the author's plea. As an impressive team effort, each of those people

did what they could to help increase awareness of our cars. Letters were written, dates were posted in club newsletters, and within a very short time, people from all over the world were driving their British cars in their communities to help remind their locals that old classic British cars are still eagerly entertaining their drivers after all these years. As a result of all this, British Car Week was born!

In my own home town, I not only see an increase of British cars on the roads during British Car Week, but I've also noticed an increase of other European marque's tooling around as well. Is this due to my active imagination or are other clubs doing the same? I surely hope they are, and I am going to make sure that my own British car is proudly representing the British car hobby. A little bit of competition is good, and this kind of thing will certainly help percolate the enthusiasm of those who might have a project in the works. I know from my own experience that when I see another classic car on the road, whether it's French, Italian, American, or German, it provides me with the enthusiasm we all relish. This much needed enthusiasm fuels the driving force needed to keep our cars on the road instead of rotting away in a dark corner.

If any of you belong to a club that isn't aware of British Car Week, or isn't actively partaking in this fulfilling annual event, please remind them and reassure them of how important it is to join forces and help spread the word. Whether it's a drive around the block or an enjoyable day drive to the country, or better yet planning a joyful drive with a group of your British car club friends, it is an opportunity for some unsuspecting someone to experience one of these unique and "seldom seen" automobiles from the past. If it sparks an interest, which I know it will, any number of people may someday buy a British car to maintain and enjoy on a regular basis. They will also most likely join a club, buy some parts, book, magazine, regalia, and any number of items that we sometimes take for granted. They will ultimately become a valuable part of our hobby, helping to assure the continued support and the preservation of our special cars.

Hopefully when Peter Egan looks out his window during this May 22 to 30, 2004 he will notice something different in his own neighborhood. Who knows, maybe he's going to be joining forces with the rest of us to celebrate British Car Week!

So if you're one of those people who has what it takes, grab your goggles and driving gloves, and be sure to top-off those dashpots! It's time to have some fun!!

See you on the road.....Scott Helms

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Comedy Clips

Editor's Note – I found this on the North Carolina Region SCCA page – though you might find it funny – visit them at <http://www.ncrscga.com>

Subject: Translating those Haynes shop manuals:

Haynes: This is a snug fit.

Translation: You will skin your knuckles!

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise.

Translation: Clamp with vice grips then beat repeatedly with hammer, anticlockwise

Haynes: This is a tight fit.

Translation: Not a hope in hell matey!

Haynes: As described in Chapter 7...

Translation: That'll teach you not to read through before you start, now you are looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox.

Haynes: Pry...

Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Undo...

Translation: Go buy a tin of WD40 (catering size).

Haynes: Retain tiny spring...

Translation: "Jeez what was that, it nearly had my eye out"!

Haynes: Press and rotate to remove bulb...

Translation: OK - that's the glass bit off, now fetch some good pliers to dig out the bayonet part.

Haynes: Lightly...

Translation: Start off lightly and build up till the veins on your forehead are throbbing them re-check the manual because this can not be 'lightly' what you are doing now.

Haynes: Weekly checks...

Translation: If it isn't broken don't fix it!

Haynes: Routine maintenance...

Translation: If it isn't broken... it's about to be!

Haynes: One spanner rating.

Translation: Your Mum could do this... so how did you manage to botch it up?

Haynes: Two spanner rating.

Translation: Now you may think that you can do this because two is a low, tiny, 'ikkle number... but you also thought the wiring diagram was a map of the Tokyo underground (in fact that would have been more use to you).

Haynes: Three spanner rating.

Translation: But Nova's are easy to maintain right... right? So you think three Nova spanners has got to be like a 'regular car' two spanner job.

Haynes: Four spanner rating.

Translation: You are seriously considering this aren't you, you plebe!

Haynes: Five spanner rating.

Translation: OK - but don't expect us to ride in it afterwards!!!

Haynes: If not, you can fabricate your own special tool like this...

Translation:
Haha
!!!

Haynes: Compress...

Translation: Squeeze with all your might, jump up and down on, swear at, throw at the garage wall, then search in the dark corner of the garage for whilst muttering "bugger" repeatedly under your breath.

Haynes: Inspect...

Translation: Squint at really hard and pretend you know what you are looking at, then declare in a loud knowing voice to your wife "Yep, as I thought, it's going to need a new one"!

Haynes: Carefully...

Translation: You are about to cut yourself!

Haynes: Retaining nut...

Translation: Yes, that's it, that big spherical blob of rust.

Haynes: Get an assistant...

Translation: Prepare to humiliate yourself in front of someone you know.

Haynes: Turning the engine will be easier with the spark pugs removed.

Translation: However, starting the engine afterwards will be much harder. Once that sinking pit of your stomach feeling has subsided, you can start to feel deeply ashamed as you gingerly refit the spark plugs.

Haynes: Refitting is the reverse sequence to removal.

Translation: But you swear in different places.

Haynes: Prise away plastic locating pegs...

Translation: Snap off...

Haynes: Using a suitable drift...

Translation: The biggest nail in your tool box isn't a suitable drift!

Haynes: Everyday toolkit

Translation: Ensure you have an RAC Card & Mobile Phone

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Placing your mouth near it and huffing isn't moderate heat.

Haynes: Index

Translation: List of all the things in the book bar the thing you want to do!

For Added Haynes Fun:

Go to the first section, Safety First, and read the bit about Hydrofluoric Acid - do you really want the advice of a book that uses this form of understatement???!?!

Now look at the lovely colour section on body repairs - as you look at these two pages say to yourself over and over until it sinks in "mine will never look like that..."

Flick to the end and look at the colour glow plug pictures, how do these compare to the glow plugs in your Triumph? If you cannot locate the glow plugs in your Triumph see the last translation on the list!

NB: Haynes Manuals are (c)opyright of a very disturbed sadist

From: SHughes [mailto:shughes@wideopenwest.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 10:47 AM

To: shughes@wideopenwest.com

Subject: FW: USEFUL HINTS

THINGS TO KNOW

1. **Budweiser** beer conditions the hair
2. **Pam** cooking spray will dry finger nail polish
3. **Cool whip** will condition your hair in 15 minutes
4. **Mayonnaise** will KILL LICE, it will also condition your hair
5. **Elmer's Glue** - paint on your face, allow it to dry, peel off and see the dead skin and blackheads if any
6. Shiny Hair - use brewed **Lipton Tea**
7. Sunburn - empty a large jar of **Nestea** into your bath water
8. Minor burn - **Colgate** or **Crest** toothpaste
9. Burn your tongue? Put **sugar** on it!
10. Arthritis? **WD-40** Spray and rub in, kill insect stings too
11. Bee stings - **meat tenderizer**
12. Chigger bite - **Preparation H**
13. Puffy eyes - **Preparation H**
14. Paper cut - **crazy glue** or **chap stick** (glue is used instead of sutures at most hospitals)
15. Stinky feet - **Jello!**
16. Athletes feet - **cornstarch**
17. Fungus on toenails or fingernails - **Vicks vapor rub**
18. **Kool aid** to clean dishwasher pipes. Just put in the detergent section and run a cycle, it will also clean a toilet. (Wow, and we drink this stuff)
19. **Kool Aid** can be used as a dye in paint also **Kool Aid** in **Dannon** plain yogurt as a finger paint, your kids will love it and it won't hurt them if they eat it!

20. **Peanut butter** - will get scratches out of CD's!
Wipe off with a **coffee filter paper**
21. Sticking bicycle chain - **Pam** no-stick cooking spray
22. **Pam** will also remove paint, and grease from your hands! Keep a can in your garage for your hubby
23. **Peanut butter** will remove ink from the face of dolls
24. When the doll clothes are hard to put on, sprinkle with **corn starch** and watch them slide on
25. Heavy dandruff - pour on the **vinegar**!
26. Body paint - **Crisco** mixed with food coloring. Heat the Crisco in the microwave, pour in to an empty film container and mix with the food color of your choice!
27. Tie Dye T-shirt - mix a solution of **Kool Aid** in a container, tie a rubber band around a section of the T-shirt and soak
28. Preserving a newspaper clipping - large bottle of **club soda** and cup of **milk of magnesia**, soak for 20 min. and let dry, will last for many years!
29. A **Slinky** will hold toast and CD's!
30. To keep goggles and glasses from fogging, coat with **Colgate** toothpaste
31. Wine stains, pour on the **Morton salt** and watch it absorb into the salt.
32. To remove wax - Take a paper towel and iron it over the wax stain, it will absorb into the towel.
33. Remove labels off glassware etc. rub with **Peanut butter**!
34. Baked on food - fill container with water, get a **Bounce** paper softener and the static from the **Bounce** towel will cause the baked on food to adhere to it. Soak overnight. Also; you can use 2 **Efferdent** tablets, soak overnight!
35. Crayon on the wall - **Colgate** toothpaste and brush it!
36. Dirty grout - **Listerine**
37. Stains on clothes - **Colgate**
38. Grass stains - **Karo Syrup**
39. Grease Stains - **Coca Cola**, it will also remove grease stains from the driveway overnight. We know it will take corrosion from car batteries!
40. Fleas in your carpet? **20 Mule Team Borax** - sprinkle and let stand for 24 hours. Maybe this will work if you get them back again.
41. To keep FRESH FLOWERS longer Add a little **Clorox**, or 2 **Bayer** aspirin, or just use 7-up instead of water.
42. When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness? Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to

the stores five days a week? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each day has a different color twist tie. They are: Monday = **Blue**, Tuesday = **Green**, Thursday = **Red** Friday = **White** and Saturday = **Yellow**. So if today was Thursday, you would want red twist tie; not white which is Fridays (almost a week old)! The colors go alphabetically by color **Blue- Green - Red - White - Yellow**, Monday through Saturday. Very easy to remember. I thought this was interesting. I looked in the grocery store and the bread wrappers DO have different twist ties, and even the ones with the plastic clips have different colors. You learn something new everyday! Enjoy fresh bread when you buy bread with the right color on the day you are shopping.

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.

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