



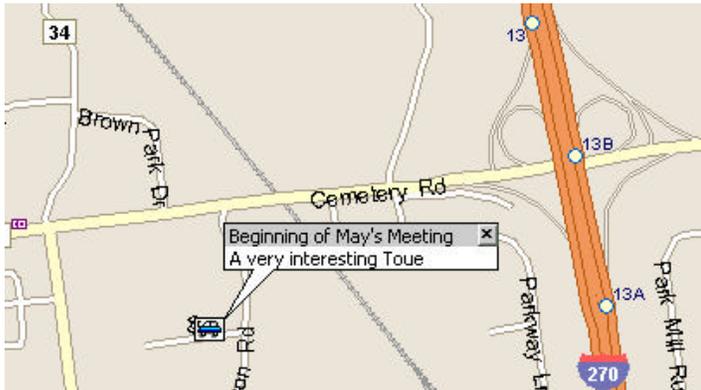
Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

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BT March Meeting - Monday, May 5th – 6:30 PM

Monday's meeting will begin at 6:30pm in Hilliard at:
 Suthphen Towers, 4500 Suthphen Court, Hilliard, OH
 Exit 13 (Hilliard/Cemetery Road) off I-270, turn west onto Cemetery Road toward Hilliard, go under the RR overpass then turn left at the first traffic light onto Lacon Road. Follow Lacon to Suthphen Court, turn right go to the last building and look turn in just before and go to the building in the rear. We will park just in front of this building.



Don Keitz will give us a tour of the 37-car collection, it is awesome and includes a 1937 Cord coffin nose and several high end British makes. We will move to Shawnee Hills and Iacono's for dinner at about 7:30pm.



Shawnee Hills Iacono's
 9303 Dublin Road
 Powell, OH 43065
 (614) 766-0444
 Bill Blake

BT Driving Event - Saturday, May 14th - A Drive to Cedar Bog

British Car Days 2005 - Trip to Cedar Bog
 Saturday, May 14th, 2005 – 12:00 Noon

I invite everyone to participate in our 2nd annual drive associated with the Columbus British Car Days.

Please join us on Saturday, May 14th at Noon when we leave from the Hilton Parking in Dublin.



This year's event takes us west for a visit to Cedar Bog. Also on the adventure we will pass by Robert Rothschild's Berry Farm and the Piatt Castles.

This is our second year for the drive associated with the Columbus British Car Days - last years was a bust because of the weather - I hope for better this year.

See you on the 14th – hope for good weather!

After the drive, the MG club will host a Hospitality Room at the Hilton. Snacks, pop and beer will be served for a mere \$3.00 per person, or two people for \$5.00. Every year, this event has grown exponentially in participation. We keep getting larger rooms and we continue to fill them with fun folks. Don't miss this!

Columbus British Car Days - Sunday, May 15th at Dublin Metro Center

A note from John Huddy:

This year's British Car Day will be held on Sunday, May 15th from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM (or until all the awards have been given out). After five successful years at Easton, the British Car Council was told that the Towne Center Powers-That-Be had decided that car and art shows take up too much parking space. As a result, management won't allow such events to interfere with customer parking any longer. So, after exhaustive considerations of alternate locations, we have chosen the Dublin Metro Center as the venue for our show. This year's featured marque is Jaguar, so we are hoping for a large contingency of XK's, E-Types and Saloons, as well as, MGs, Austin-Healeys, Lotus(es), Minis, Morgans, Morris (es), Range/Land Rovers,

Triumphs, TVRs and various British motorbikes. For the last several years, the level of participation has grown to over 350 vehicles, so this is a must do event to start off the driving season.

Last year, we attempted our first tour the day prior to the show. We had 30 cars signed up, but unfortunately, it poured buckets that day and the turnout was sparse. Despite the inclement weather, the drive was fun and we sampled some good grapes at a local winery. This year, we will try again with a drive to western Ohio.

On Saturday evening, the MG club will host a Hospitality Room at the Hilton (host) Hotel. Snacks, pop and beer will be served for a mere \$3.00 per person, or two people for \$5.00. Every year, this event has grown exponentially in participation. We keep getting larger rooms and we continue to fill them with fun folks. Don't miss this!

On the day of the show, there will be transportation to the Morgan House, which is a fancy restaurant and gift shop for any ladies (or men) who might not be into an entire day of admiring beautiful British cars and bikes.

As in years past, all British marque clubs are being asked help run the car show. Triumph clubs are helping with registration and assisting with parking during two shifts: Shift 1 will be from 10:15 AM until 11:15 AM and Shift 2 from 11:15 AM until noon. We need seven people per shift, so please consider stepping up to the plate. (Charma and I would like to be able to enjoy the day, too.)

Pre-registration is \$10.00 for your first vehicle and \$5.00 for each additional one. (Pre-registrations must be post-marked by May 7th.) Late registrations (or day of show registrations) will be \$15.00. If you have lost your British Car Show registration form, do not fret because I will bring blanks to our next Business/Social Meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Eric Jones during the day at (740) 363-2203 or me in the evening at (614) 846-2321.

Y'all come!

John

River Run 2005

Mark Saturday, May 28th on your calendars for this year's "River Run" event hosted by Eric Jones. I don't have the details as of this writing, but be sure to understand that this is a wonderful day of driving.

I missed last years rally and felt terrible all day - We need as many Triumphs as possible - I hope you can make it!

Watch the Web site for updates or contact Eric at 740/363-2203

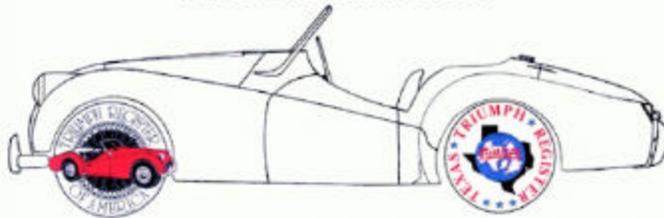
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TRA National Meet



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The 2005 TRA National Meet

Don't Leave the Driving to Us!

For those of you who love to drive your cars, we have some absolutely beautiful and challenging drives set up. A few of us went to Branson the beginning of April so that we could test them out (a necessity of the job). Believe me; if you aren't excited after making some of these drives, then we need to make sure you're still breathing! There will be scheduled breakfast runs on both Thursday and Friday mornings (different courses and restaurants), a scheduled Poker Rallye on Friday, and own-your-own scenic drives to the west of Branson, the south of Branson, and a City of Branson scenic tour to the Stone Hill Winery. If this isn't enough, then get a map and take off in any direction for winding, twisting roads.

We've also designed an Auto Cross that we feel is unlike any you've ever driven – it will be second to none. Most that I've seen have always been contained in a large, level parking lot, with reasonably good challenges. The one that we've designed will run through the Hollister Industrial Park and spans multiple elevations and quite a few right, left, hairpin, and U-turns. We will have electronic timing gear

that will monitor your time to the 1/1000 of a second, along with a rather large display board, so you can see your time as you finish the course. Depending on your aggressiveness, the course should run between 60 and 90 seconds, and there should be time for at least 2, if not 3 separate runs per driver.

And for those who didn't already have enough to do, we've scheduled a Fun-khana on the Thursday afternoon schedule of events. As always, this should be a fun driving event for you and your co-pilot.

The "Early Bird Deadline" has passed, however, there's still time to get your registration to us and still get 7 **FREE** raffle tickets good for the door prize giveaway at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. If you get your registration postmarked on or before May 31, you'll get the tickets and still get the reduced rate of \$65 for full registration. You'll also be guaranteed TRA seating at the Riverboat Dinner and Cruise (if selected), and your meal choice at the Awards Banquet, not to mention the Welcome Dinner and festivities.

There are some great door prizes already, so we urge you to take advantage of this offer. Some of the incredible prizes already donated include a **pair of tickets** on Continental Airlines, the **top of your choice** from Robbins Auto Tops, and a **walnut custom steering wheel** and horn assembly for a TR4 from Classic Sports Cars.

The schedule of events, registration form, contact information, and links to all Branson information is on our website at www.TexasTriumphRegister.org. It's also available on the TRA website at www.TriumphRegister.com, and on the VTR website at www.VTR.org. **Don't miss the Registration Deadline** - make your reservations and get your registration in **TODAY!!!**

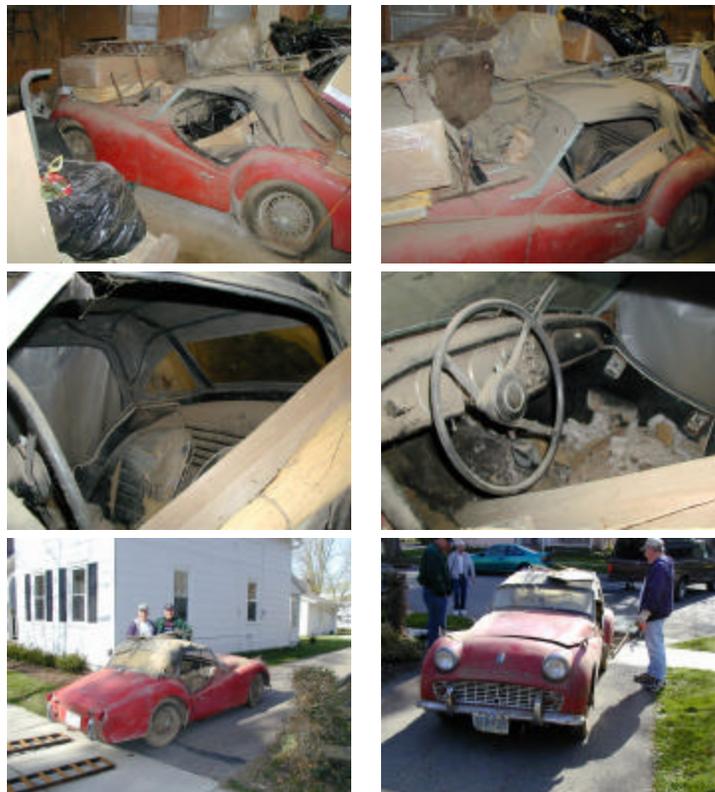
Editor's Corner

A busy month on the horizon. Monday's meeting looks like fun, Bill Blake (working with club member Pearl Welsh) has found a very interesting collection of autos for us to have a peek at. Look at the beginning of this newsletter for the details.

I think we have a very nice run on May the 14th with the run that I have put together to Cedar Bog. If you have never been, check out www.cedarbog.org to see what is upcoming on our tour. Stay Saturday for the "meet and greet" and I think that it should be a blast. My thanks to Bill Blake and Kathy in helping me layout this route.

Our computer class was postponed in April, several people who wanted to attend had other plans, we can talk about rescheduling at this month's meeting.

A new Triumph has made it's way home to the Miles household. Here are a few pics:



Been in the garage for 20 years, 1960 TR3A with Overdrive, found 1 block from my office in Granville. John Huddy and Jim VanOrder helped me collect it. It actually started last weekend, but many rubber parts need to be replaced. Ask me about it Monday night.

Ryan came home this week and gave my TR6 the "once over" - I hope to get it out this weekend. My thanks to Ryan for his help.

Welllll - It's late Friday night, I need to get this out the door - I hope to see you all on Monday night (yes, I will be there)

Bruce Miles bmiles@INTInfo.com

Next Newsletter Article Deadline – May 28th, 2005

President's Corner

Well I did it again! This is the fifth time that this has happened and I can remember each and every one of them, the time of day and the place. You would think after 28 years I would know better, but I let it happen again. That's right, I ran out of gas again in the TR, right out in the middle of no-where-fast. Luckily this time, I had a chase vehicle to come to my assistance.

If you recall, during last Octobers club drive, before the VanOrder's cook out, my TR was running a little rough. So I took it home and parked it. When the weather got nice there a couple of weeks ago, remember that, I called Eric to schedule a tune up. Because of the break in the weather, I thought he would be swamped but he said bring it on over so I did. Now on my TR, once the fuel tank is below half full, the fuel gauge is iffy at best. So I used my back up

system, I pulled my trusty measuring stick out from behind the seats and stuck the tank. It read about 1/3 full. I thought that should get me over to Eric's and back. It didn't.

One thing I have learned though is "never drive the TR without the Cell Phone". Mary had driven me over to Eric's to pick the car up, so I was following her on the way back home, but she was traveling a little faster than I was and was off in the distance. When the fuel ran out, I pulled into a farmer's lane and got the phone out. By the time I was fumbling with the phone to find her number, (I said I carry it, I didn't say I know how to use it) Mary called me to find out what had happened. Well she came back and found me, I had to tell her the truth, "the darned thing just quit."

Anyway, a short trip home to get the gas can, a couple of gallons in the tank and a direct trip to the nearest service station, I finally got it home safely in the garage.

I want to thank Jim Vanorder for stepping up and leading the April meeting, It seems many of the other officers where AWOL. I myself had a conference in San Diego, so I took Mary and the girls. While I was cooped up in meetings and training seminars all day, the girls were out having a great time enjoying the sun. They visited Mission Beach, Coronado and La Jolla. During the evenings I joined them at Old Town, Harbor View and back up to La Jolla. On Sunday afternoon, we went to the San Diego Zoo. It was a great trip. If you ever get the chance, visit San Diego in the spring. The flowers were in full bloom, the grass was green and sky was blue. Temperatures were in the mid 70's almost every day. However, the girls tell me the surf was a little chilly.

I saw a lot of old American Cars in San Diego, quite a number of Beetle Bugs and a few old Porsches. However, I did not see one vintage British car. Even when I checked the classified ads of the local newspaper, there was not one British car for sale. When I mentioned how odd I thought this was, my daughter said, "Well dad, maybe they didn't make it this far".

Hey, get those LBCs ready for the car show and I'll see you all on Monday night at Iacono's in Shawnee Hills.

Cheers, Buck

Joe's Story - Part 2

OK, you may remember my story in the last newsletter, about my purchase of Lil' Red, my 1971 Spitfire. When we left off, I had just won Lil' Red on a auction on Ebay. Here's where the story picks up.

After weighing the options of how to get this car here to Ohio, from its home in Texas, I decided to have a car hauling company bring it to me. The car left Amarillo, Texas on Friday night, and it was at my door on Monday morning. I was ecstatic to see it on the back of the cargo truck. She looked great. I got the keys from the driver and climbed in the car. Yuck.....the seats were soaking wet ! The driver said that he had driven through a steady rain all the way

from Texas.

When I tried to start it, nothing happened. The driver told me that it had a "British Ignition System". I had to put the key in the ignition, and then push the button under the dash. Huh ? Oh well, when I pushed the button, and she fired right up. When I went to put it in reverse to back it out of the lot, it wouldn't go into gear. Once again the driver helped me out, by telling me that reverse was on the left side, not the right side like the gearshift knob indicated. What did I get myself into ?

A nice surprise for me was the fact that the car was full of all sorts of boxes of spare parts! This was never even mentioned in the listing for the car. There was easily \$500 worth of new parts there, including a new convertible top (although it later turned out that it was the wrong year top).

My first trip out in the car was just a one mile trip (to a donut shop of course). It ran great, so the next trip was a little farther, five miles. Then the next trip was a big one...a road trip with my new found friends, some of the members of Buckeye Triumphs. This was a trip starting in Granville, and then looping around Licking County. I was quite hesitant to take this car that I barely even knew, out on a 100 mile romp. As I prepared to leave the house that morning, I thought about what I should take with me. I took a toolbox, boxes of spare parts, antifreeze, AAA card, and a cell phone. I even stopped and ate breakfast, since I didn't want to be hungry while I was broken down on the side of the road. As it turned out, all of my worrying was for nothing. My little car performed flawlessly. The trip was great, taking us over some great winding country roads, visiting the Dawes Arboretum, and stopping at Clark's Diner for dinner. The only casualty of the trip was my speedometer, It died somewhere around New Albany.

Since those first couple of weeks, I've driven Lil' Red on several long drives. I've been up to the Mid Ohio races (and driven around the track !), participated on a couple more Buckeye Triumph drives, and been over to Dayton several times. Each time that I drive the Spitfire, I gain more confidence in its abilities. Even though she has no lights, speedometer, tachometer or heater, she starts right up and runs like a champ. It has been a blast to drive. I've only had the top up on it once. This is a sunny day, top down, type of car.

Owning the Spitfire has also been a real learning experience for me. It had been years since I'd worked on a car. I had to learn about points, rotors, starters, and distributors all over again. I even had to clean out my garage just to be able to get two cars into it !

I've changed out the seats in Lil' Red, dropping in a set of Mazda Miata seats with speakers right in the headrests. And after a two year search, I did finally get a complete set of those rare lug nuts that are made out of "unobtanium". I haven't changed the oil in the car yet, even though I've had her for two years....it leaks oil so frequently that I just keep adding more oil. I've been building a nice stockpile of spare and replacement parts, it's just that I can never seem to put

them on the car. When the weather is nice enough to work on the car, I don't want to work on it, I want to drive it !

I love driving my Triumph. There's a feeling that just can't be described every time that I get behind the wheel. Just try to wipe the smile off of my face as I'm going down the street on a sunny day with the radio blasting out my favorite tunes. It's great to watch people's heads turn when I drive by them, and its fun to see people walk circles around my car when it's parked in a lot.

Driving my Spitfire is also wonderful way to strike up conversations with total strangers. Every time that I drive it, someone will share their remembrances of having one, or of knowing someone that had one.

For all of my fellow Spitfire owners, there's a great club out there that's dedicated specifically to Spitfires and GT6's, - The North American Spitfire Squadron (NASS). You can find their website at: <http://www.nasshq.org/> (there's even a Ohio Wing of this group that meets several times a year). They maintain a very active e-mail newsgroup, <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/nass/>

There's also a magazine just for Spit's and GT6's: <http://triumphspitfire.com/>

Another great Spitfire information website can be found at: <http://teglizer.com/triumphstuff/>

That's it for now. Each month I will be asking someone in the club to write a small bio/history for future newsletters (unless someone volunteers). It doesn't have to be as long or detailed as my bio, just a little something to help keep our great little newsletter going (and give Bruce some help).

I'd like to thank Buckeye Triumphs for the kindness, knowledge and hospitality that they have offered to me in the short time that I have been a part of the group. It's been wonderful to find a group of people so willing to help, share information, and enjoy the trials and tribulations of Triumph ownership.

Joe Lynch

BT Meeting Minutes

Here are the minutes of the last two meetings. Hope they are on time this week!

Minutes of the March 7th meeting of Buckeye Triumphs: The meeting was called to order by Mike Henry at 7:15 at the Rose and Thistle. There were 23 people in attendance.

Mike asked us to introduce ourselves around the room. A new member, Gary Nettle, was present at this meeting. He drives a Spit. (No details known at this time!)

There was no Old Business. Under New Business, it was announced that an Executive Committee meeting was held to discuss the newsletter and website. Bruce Miles would appreciate some help with the newsletter. He would like to assign different parts to various people. Bruce would still remain the editor. We still need more tech articles to be submitted. Whenever you work on your car, you could write a short piece about what you did and how the job

went. We have people to do the Minutes and Events and could use more volunteers. If you host a meeting, it would be a nice idea to write up a short report about how the meeting went. Jim and Murray are thinking about writing a series of articles about the history of the club. How about an article about how you got your first TR and how you were "hooked"?

It was discussed that our website needs updating and volunteer(s) are being asked for. Ann Gillman volunteered to work on it. Joe is our new "member chairperson". Regalia--Bob Mains announced that he has shirts and hats available. There will be two tech sessions held in the near future. One will be held at the VanOrders and one at the Henry's. More about those later.

Kim Johnson announced that she has found a book about day trips that can be taken around the area. The suggestion was made to purchase one for the club to get some new ideas on weekend drives for us. Everyone was reminded that Bruce has a wonderful map program which he has used in the past to plan drives.

Upcoming events include British Car Days in Dublin Ohio at the Metro Center (new place this year). Volunteers are needed to help park cars and at the registration desk.

There will be a couple of food vendors and it was suggested that we might want to "pot luck it" and someone could bring a grill. No decision was made at this time.

There will be a Saturday drive to the "Castles". Saturday night food is being planned by the MG Club. Sunday there will be a luncheon for the ladies at the Morgan House.

Jim VanO has suggested that the club go to Carlisle in May to check out the extra parts.

The meeting concluded with discussion of the hosts of the next few meetings. Henry's will host the May meeting, Washburn's will host in June. The Roadster Factory is holding its "get-together" in Aug. again and 6-Pack will be held in Little Switzerland again in Sept.

Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Margo Washburn, Sec'y.

Minutes of the April 4 meeting of the Buckeye Triumphs: The meeting was called to order, after dinner, at 8 PM in the parking lot outside the Corner Cafe in Delaware.

It was decided that it would be a quieter place to have the meeting and it was a beautiful evening. Some of us even drove our cars to the meeting!!

Welcome to Sheila Brex who was able to come with her husband for the first (?) time!

Ann Gillman has been working on the website and thanks was given to her for her efforts. It was announced that the website has had approximately 47,000 hits so far. Bruce will be giving a free class (6 hours) on working with the computer to anyone who is interested. Contact him if you are.

Bill passed out flyers about British Car Day in May and Immke in July. Eric's "River Run" in listed on the website

calendar. The next meeting will be hosted by the Henrys at Iacono's in Dublin (Shawnee Hills)

There are no tech sessions scheduled for next month. Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Margo Washburn, Sec'y.

Events 2005 - Bill Blake

Date	Description
5/1	British Car Day Akron Rt18 Hilton Inn Fairlawn across from Summit Mall Ken 216/701-5640 pre reg recommended skhillier@aol.com
5/2	6:30p Buckeye Triumphs Monthly Business and Social Meeting Buck and Mary to host
5/6	Springs Inn 859/277-5751>Bluegrass British Bash Kentucky Derby Weekend SBMS Danny Morton 859/497-7705 May 6th thru 8th
5/7	Bluegrass British Bash Kentucky Derby Weekend SBMS Danny Morton 859/497-7705 May 6th thru 8th
5/8	Mothers Day .
5/14	12:00a British Car Day Drive Leaving at Noon from the Hilton Garden Inn at Dublin Metro Center stops include Rothchilds Berry Farm in Urbana the Meet N Greet that evening at the Hilton Garden catered by COMG Club
5/15	British Car Day Metro Center Dublin Women's Lunch and Tour Morgan House leaves from Hilton Garden on their shuttle at 11:45am
5/22	American LeMans Race at Mid Ohio .
5/23	British Cars at Quaker Steak 7pm 1st of 3 this summer, bring your British Car and have some Hot Wings and Cold Beer BULLDOGMINI@AOL.COM
5/28	Riverrun-Eric Jones 740/363-2203
5/29	Indy 500 .
5/30	Memorial Day (Fed) .
6/5	British Car Day Fort Meigs Toledo Area Call Bill 614/403-1074
6/6	6:30p Buckeye Triumphs Monthly Business and Social Meeting Pig Iron BBQ NHigh Street near Graceland Margo and Jim to host

Date	Description
6/11	British V8 Show Terre Haute, IN Contact Bill Blake 614/403-1074
6/12	British Car Day South Bend, IN 574/294-8950
6/14	Flag Day Display the Union Jack and/or Red Dragon (Wales) or Lion Rampant (Scotland)
6/18	Queen Elizabeth II Birthday
6/19	Fathers Day Stan Hywet Fathers Day Car Show
6/20	Arthritis Foundation Show Committee Meeting at 11:30am .
6/23	TRA Branson, MO tom@kingswayrc.com Hit the TRA Button on our home page to download registration form and see list of host hotels
6/24	TRA Branson, MO .
6/25	British Car Showdown at Mid Ohio Vintage Races TRA Branson, MO
6/26	Vintage Car Races at Mid Ohio and Concours Car Show Champ Car Race
7/4	Independence Day (Fed) No regular Meeting due to Holiday and AF Show
7/5	Packet Sutfing for Arthritis Show lunch is free at AF HQ 11:30am .
7/8	Arthritis Cruise-In Multi-Make 1200 Cars expected
7/9	Arthritis Show British Car Area Call Bill 614/403-1074
7/14	Steam Show Plain City Pastime Park Call Eric 740/363-2203 thru the 17th
7/17	British Car Day Cincinnati Edgewater Raceway Park Bob 513/941-4911

Notes from Members

From: John Huddy [mailto:jhuddy@columbus.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2005 11:11 PM

Attached is the photo that was taken of Emma (the spider monkey) and me at the "Extravaganza", which is a huge indoor sale of everything but Triumph parts.



As I mentioned on the phone, a spider monkey was the beginning of a long string of dogs in my life. When my brother was in Junior High, his class had a monkey for a pet. Each weekend, the students took turns taking the monkey home to care for it. Our mother wouldn't let us have a dog, but she let us take care of the monkey as long as it was kept in the garage. I guess that I spent the whole weekend with the monkey and the neighbors told my folks that I needed a dog. Soon thereafter, we got a Boston Terrier. After the Boston, came an English Bulldog, followed by another Boston, another Bulldog and a bunch of Pugs.

What does this have to do with the Triumph hobby? Not a damned thing!

John

From: Rod.Yost@advest.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2005 3:33 PM
Subject: Re: Call for Newsletter Input!

Bruce,

Pat and I were on vacation last week, so I didn't get your message until late 4/25.

I'm working through the pile in the desk right now. I'll eventually write an article on my Auto Body class at the JVS. I think I've got about another month of class. It's been fun. Our current project was to cut a door skin in half, cut off a corner, then put it all back together, and paint it.
 Rod

Items from the Internet

British Car Week 2005



Idaho British Car Club

This years British Car Week will take place from May 28 through June 5, so be sure to mark your calendars. While you're at it, you may also want to notify your British car club(s) so they can be aware of this special event. If your club leaders aren't aware of this annual event, or maybe they don't understand what it's all about, then please let them know that British Car Week is a British car "awareness" week. It's an opportunity for all British car owners to get their cars out of the garage and on the roads in their part of the world at the same time, and show them off to the people who normally don't get the chance to enjoy them. A time to create awareness of an automobile that used to be plentiful on the roads, but are now much less common. It's also a great opportunity to get together with other British car owners in your community, regardless of marque, and display your cars to the general public. I guarantee you'll meet some great people.

There's no mistaking, British cars of the past are becoming more and more special with each passing year for those who are aware of them. Many of those who aren't aware, will soon become much more interested and will become curious to know more about them. Partly because they represent a very interesting and exciting time in automotive history. A time when a body design could be scribbled on a piece of paper straight from the human brain, then brought to life by the bare hands of a skilled panel beater without the use of modern robotics or computers. It would truly be a shame for anyone to miss out on the chance to learn more about these very interesting machines and how they came into this world. To many people, these cars are a genuine work of art. They are as much fun to drive as they are to step back and take a few moments to appreciate their beauty. In fact, several years ago the Jaguar XKE was

entered into the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, and is on permanent display. The Jaguar was the third automobile of the history of the museum to have this honor, and the very first to be permanently displayed there. This would be a sign of appreciation for all British automotive designs of the past.

Very recently I had the opportunity to visit the Chicago Auto Show, representing most of the new models for this next year. The enthusiastic crowd hovering around the new Mini was a sure sign that old designs are very much appreciated today. People of all ages were crawling all over the car, yearning for the chance to sit in the drivers seat. You might say there's no replacement for the original, but there's no mistaking that Sir Alec Issigonis' original design is what makes the new car so enticing. Other than a few standouts, there are no modern car designs that capture my emotions like the British cars of the past.

The old British motoring days of the past are still fresh in the minds of many I guess, and maybe they're slightly taken for granted by those who have been around for a while. But for those who have never had the chance to experience the joys of vintage British automobile motoring, it is an opportunity that will not easily be forgotten. The thrill of seating ones self onto a bargain sized bucket seat and holding onto a truck sized steering wheel in the cockpit of a sporty little car that could be purchased on Wednesday, raced at the track on Sunday, and then driven to work on Monday is a thrill to behold. The sound of the rumbling engine that lets you know that it is a significant part of what you are about to do. The smell of the hot iron reminds you that something important is taking place under the bonnet. The gages on the facia are doing things that might disturb the casual observer, but they are all a part of a great symphony to the seasoned British car owner. But the best part about these cars is the drive. The roar of the engine, the wind in your hair, the sun on your face, and the landscapes that pass you by. A time to forget about all of your worldly cares and enjoy something that reminds you that life is good. There is nothing timid about these cars, and no one within a reasonable distance can forget they are present.

But if you're looking for a cushy ride, then you've come to the wrong place. There is no GPS in case you get yourself lost, no electric windows in case you're of the faint hearted, and no intermittent windscreen wipers, unless of course you have an electrical problem. The heater always works best during the hottest days of the summer, and the electrics may drive you goofy if you're not careful. Your clothes may smell of exhaust, and in many cases you may have to pull off to the side of the road and turn off the engine in order to listen to the radio. That is, if your car even has a radio.

But be there no mistaking that these treasured automobiles are an extremely exciting pleasure to own and drive, and as time goes on they are becoming less known to the common public. If it weren't for the great efforts of those who get them out on the roads regularly every year, they would

become long forgotten by many more. Cheers to those people who keep them on the roads!

So grab your goggles and driving gloves, and be sure to top off your dashpots! It's time to have some fun!

See you on the road....

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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).

Comedy Clips

From: Jim Washburn [mailto:jimbo165@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2005 9:19 PM

Subject: "funnies"

Perhaps for the newsletter, these are submitted for your consideration:

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again asked its readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter, and supply the new definition. Here are some of the submissions.

Intoxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation; Coming back to life as a hillbilly

Bozone: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very high.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease (This one got extra credit)

Dopeler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Aracnoleptic fit: The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug: Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out

And the last (slightly "off color" one-- Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole

And another one from the Washburn's:

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labor pain to the father. He asked if they were willing to try it out.

They were both very much in favor of it. The doctor set the pain transfer to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before. But as the labor progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and kick it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine.

The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point they decided to try for 50%. The husband continued to feel quite well. Since the pain transfer was obviously helping out the

wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him.

The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain. She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home, the mailman was dead on the porch.

From: billblake [mailto:billblake@thekayesco.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 9:12 AM

Subject: What I learned from Mom

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it"
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
19. My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My mother taught me HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

- 22. My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
- 23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- 24. My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- 25. And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE. One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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WANTED: Looking for TR3 seats - (if you looked at the pictures earlier in this issue, you can see why) Please let me know what you might have. Please contact Bruce Miles bmiles@intinfo.com Phone 740-587-4179

And finally a couple of cars from Doug Braden:

1980 Triumph TR8 convertible silver with new blue carpet and interior, new top, new compomotive alloys with Michelin Pilots, header, K&N, exhaust, cooling mods, too much more to list. This is a solid western car that is a blast to drive. \$9750.00.

1974 1/2 Triumph TR6 non OD, new pimento red paint, black interior over \$20,000 invested by DPO, had

some rust issues that have been corrected, in process of being finished. Around \$9500.00 when completed.

1969 Triumph GT6+ project. Two and a half cars, one stripped, one wrecked in front, one very nice solid tub, two frames, two engines. This will yield more than enough to make one good car. Many new and NOS extras go with this deal. \$1800.00 as is.

Triumph chrome bumper clearance sale. Spitfire 1500 fronts and rears \$75.00 each; TR4-TR250 fronts and rears \$75.00 each; TR6 '69-'72 fronts and three piece rears \$125.00 each. All of these are good replatable cores, some are dented, some are pretty decent, none are rusted out.

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