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#### CENTRAL COAST TRIUMPHS

After the last meeting held at Carrows restaurant in Carpinteria on May 6th, I decided as a three year member and founder, that it was time I contributed to the running of CCT. Hence this is my first (and probably last) editing of the newsletter.

## IMMEDIATE EVENTS

The previously announced Poker Rally is now postponed, so we accept the MG clubs invitation to join them in their Rally. Previous joint events have been fun, and allow many Triumph owners to make new friends with motoring interests.

Date: Sunday May 18th

Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Starting place: Santa Barbara Bird refuge at Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara. Entry Fee: Less than \$3.

Brunch: Optional and will be en route and less than \$8.

Dinner: We are planning to end the day at Tony's restaurant at 699 Linden Ave. in Carpinteria.. Please call 687-2150 to RSVP.

#### OLD NEWS

On April 19th 1986 CCT members attended a very enjoyable day at the St Vincents Race and Sports Car Show. Unlike last year the sun was present and made it a typically non-British weather day. In 1985 many Triumph owners being courageous arrived Top-Down, were found raising and lowering their soft-tops syncronously with large blackclouds and light rain. Those attending were: Tom Culbertson TR250

Bob @ Lynn Klope	TR4A	
Ed Lang	Stag	
Lee Fitch	GT6	
Paul Senior	Stag	
Mike Ling	TR3B	
Ron Kibbe	TR4	

The club was pleased to hear that Ed Lang won a special (word of mention) award given by the British Car and Bike magazine. It's a pity that Ed had left the field, and was at home preparing his car for next year's show when the awards were being presented!. Perhaps Triumph owners should have more faith in their cars, at least between garage visits. Minutes of CCT meeting May 6th 1986.

After the usual informal enthusiastic dicussions, President Lee Fitch called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The ten members present dicussed the following items:

- 1. Michael Ling, our Treasurer, reported on the club's financial standings.

  The treasury has a balance of \$353.82 after advancing \$113.00 toward

  the production of the club's caps. Thanks to Ron Kibbe's tireless recruitment of new members, the club now has a sizable memberships in the VenturaOxnard area, not to mention the contributions into our treasury.
- 2. Ron Kibbe reported on the status of the caps on order. The ball caps are not ready yet, but the painter-styled caps are not available at this time, at least our manufacturer has trouble locating a supplier of the painter's cap. Meanwhile Ron learned that the cost of the traditional cloth driving cap is just abit more than the ball caps, therefore members at the meeting decided to forego the painter's cap and to go ahead with one dozen of ball caps, with C.C.T. lettering, as originally planned, and one dozen of white colored driving caps with C.C.T. lettering for our members. In addition to these, we are ordering 2 dozens of white colored cloth driving caps with small Triumph logos, these are available for sale at the Triumph Marque Day.
- 3. C.C.T. shirts and jackets are realities. They will be produced after the runs of caps are completed. Details on these are forthcoming.
- 4. The club's June social event will be organized by our Ventura-Oxnard constituencies, the tentative date will be on June 15th.
- 5. Annual TRIUMPH MARQUE DAY at Moss Motors will be on August 9th., from 10 am to 2 pm. Deadline for cars will be at 11 am. We are seeking volunteers to man various stations, at least 7 workers are needed for registration, food concession, directing traffic, and general organizing.
- 6. For you out there interested in helping, please get in touch with either Ron at (805)486-0237 or Mike at (805)687-8565. There will be planning sessions ahead.
- 7. Some other major coming events are:
  - a. Monterey Historic Car Race in August. This year the organizer will solute Mercedes of the past.
  - b. TRIUMPHFEST, a must event for Californian Triumph enthusiasts, will this year be held on October 11 & 12. Avila Beach, between Pismo and San Luis Obispo, has been chosen to be the site of this pilgrimmage.
- 8. Business/Membership combination card's design has been approved.
- 9. Tom Culbertson's format for recuitment flyer were studied and approved.
  Thank you Tom.
- 10. Members have decided to hold general membership meetings monthly, instead of only on the alternate months. Time will still be 7 pm at Carrows in Carpinteria, a mutually convenient site for members of Santa Barbara and Ventura areas.

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- 11. Membership dues are owed on the anniversary date of joining. For present members the dues remain at \$10.00, for future new members the dues will be \$15.00 initially, for the additional \$5, each future member will recieve a lettered ball cap.
- 12. Visitor: Steve Lewis, we hope to see more of Steve at future meetings. Editors Notes
- Included with this newletter is the clubs address list. Owing to the drastic increase in membership of approximately 30% the committee agreed that all members be informed of associate members numbers.
- 2. With 48 members in the club I thought it was time to do a survey of the geological locations of all members. The results were tabulated below. Please note that "other" indicates members who's residence is over 1 hours driving time from Santa Barbara, (the original meeting location) making their attendance at monthly meetings more than a casual drive. We do hope all members try to attend the monthly meetings, as it is your club and any suggestions for trips, shows, barbeques, tech-session etc., can be sounded out at these very informal meetings.

#### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Location	Santa	Barbara/Goleta	Ventura/Oxnard	Santa Maria	Other
# of members		17	17	1	13

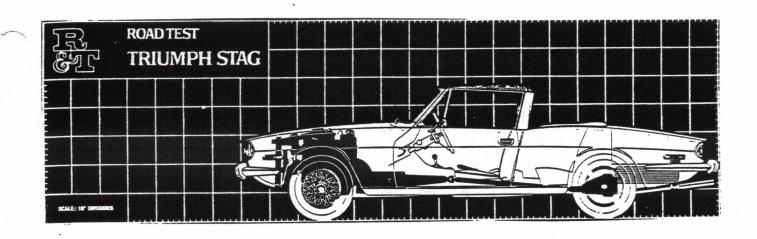
### CLASSIFIED

- 1. TR4 For Sale -Denny Gomez (805) 648-4769, asking \$3,500.00
- 2. TR4 For Sale Bob Raab (805) 962-2675, asking \$4,500.00
- 3. 1973 STAG For Sale, 100% restored only 3000miles driven.145HP V8 engine English antique white exterior, Shadow blue interior.28mpg city, 34mpg highway, very fast. Both tops. \$16950.00 -Paul Senior 569-2657.
- 4. British parts swap meet on June 29th., Pomona Fairground.

Notes: Included in this months newsletter is some Vintage Triumph Register information-possible mid-year vacation!.

With all the new members reading this, I do hope some of you would like to contribute an article or any information. If so please send your input to: Paul Senior, CCT Editor,

1811 Prospect Ave, Santa Barbara, C.A. 93103.



# THE TRIUMPH THAT CHALLENGED MERCEDES AT THE SPORTS/GT BUSINESS By Paul Senior.

As a young boy of 9 growing up in the north of England during the mid-sixties, I envied those older legal drivers behind the wheel of a Triumph Spitfire. However in 1971, my teenager interests were directed towards a new executive car from Triumph who's rear end resembled the Spitfire. One day my father's lawyer drove up to the house in an elegant blue convertible. He invited my father and I to take a ride in his new aquisition. The car was a STAG.

I being Senior Jr., was relegated to the rear seat, but at 16 I was already 6ft tall. The STAG presented no problems, an adequate rear seat allowed me to sit comfortably facing forward, although I did bump my head on the roll/T-bar joining the B-posts to the windscreen. We raced off up the street accompanied by the subdued roar of the V8 engine I decided then, if I ever got the chance I would own one of these beautiful cars.

The Triumph STAG was concieved in 1969 by Lord Stokes, the then chairman of British Leyland who wanted a Coupe/GT for the American market. The TR5,150BHP, six—cylinder engine was designated for the STAG, but marketing executives indicated a V8 would only be accepted by the American public in this class of car. The Triumph engineers using two 4-cylinder Triumph/Saab heads mounted at 90 degrees with single overhead camshafts, Fuel injection, and 2500cc capacity compleated the engine in 18 months. However when tested, management decided that there wasn't enough torque, and the fuel injection system was too expensive. So the

engine was enlaged to 3000cc capacity and Stromberg carburettors were fitted. The body was designed in Italy by the now famous Michelotti and bears resemblance to the 2.5 litre Triumph saloon on sale in Britain at that time. It is probably the body styling of Michelotti, which makes the car a much admired timeless automobile. So finally in 1971 the first STAGS were produced with Hard and Soft-tops.

Here are the specifications:

Engine: V8 3000cc.

Valves: Chain driven SOHC per head.

Compression: 8.8:1

Power: 145 BHP at 5500 rpm.
Torque: 1701b/ft at 3500 rpm.

Transmission: 3-speed Automatic, or 4-speed manual with optional overdrive.

Suspension: Front, Macferson struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar.

Suspension: Rear, Independent, coil springs, semi-trailing wishbones.

Steering: Rack and pinion, power assisted.

Brakes : Dual alarmed power assist, Discs front, Drums rear.

Equipment: AM/FM Stereo, Air conditioning, Power windows,

Adustable steering column, 6-Way adjustable front seats.

Full instrumentation, Heated rear window in hard-top.

Performance: 0-60 MPH, 9.7.secs.

Max speed :116 MPH.

Years built:1971-1978.

Number built:25,677

Cars exported to U.S.A. : 2500 approx.

Of the total production 70% were automatics.

The car most resembles the Mercedes 280SL,350SL and recently, the 380SL. The soft-top folds rearward under its own solid cover, and is counter balanced for even the weakest person to operate. The hard-top bolts on over the exsisting Roll Bar which protects passengers at all times I aquired my STAG in 1983 after having owned a range of British cars, including a mini-cooper S, Austin 1300 GT, Triumph Spitfire MK4, and in the U.S. a 1979 TR7 convertible.

With a wife and child now the STAG suits a young families needs. As Triumph predicted it allows the young person to grow old withcat family without losing the appeal of a convertible. Of the 2500 shipped to the U.S. it is estimated 500 remain running although a few have been

converted to Ford V6, or Chevy V8 engines. The original Triumph V8 is a very strong engine and well cared for will give thousands of trouble free miles.

Triumph stopped production of the STAG in 1978, when it became clear to them that the cost of hand assembling a quality car, was better left to small production factories, who were 'nt riddled with strikes. Triumph continued for 3 years until 1981 producing the TR7 and TR8 primarily for overseas. The STAG OWNERS CLUB in Britain has over 3500 members and is growing rapidly, as a new generation of Triumph owners find the STAG a classic 4-seater convertible with a distinctive air.

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