

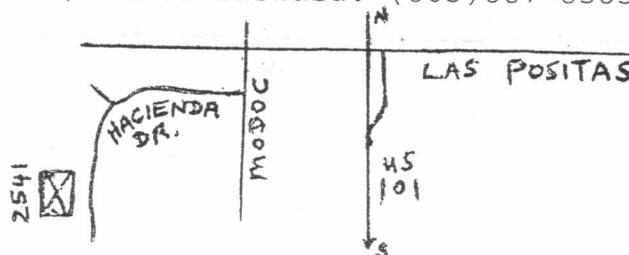
CENTRAL COAST TRIUMPHS Newsletter-December, 1986

Monthly Meeting at Tony's Restaurant, 699 Linden Ave, Carpinteria.
Date: Thursday, December 4, 1986
Time: 7pm.

BE THERE, the Club needs your inputs for 1987 events and how the Club can better serve your needs.

Hear ye, hear ye, the Christmas party is on the Club, well, almost. Because so many members have volunteered their resources this year, not only were the events fun for participants, but our treasury is definitely healthy. What better way to show gratitude than by having the Club's treasury footing the Christmas party. This is a change from our prior plan, dinner at Alexanders. But owing to unavailability of facility during the season, our party will now be at Michael and Lorrie's home. Please bring a wrapped gift.

Date: December 13, Saturday
Time: 6pm
Address: 2541 Hacienda Dr., Santa Barbara. (805)687-8565



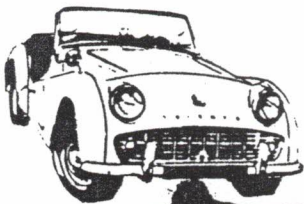
What to bring: Ventura members bring side dishes.
Santa Barbara members bring desserts.
C.C.T. will provide beverages and meat.

Officers for 1987: It is now official, after hectic campaigns and recounts, more like railroaded really, C.C.T.'s future will be in the capable guidances of the following members:

- President-Lee Fitch
- Vice President-Tom Culbertson
- Treasurer-Lynn Klope
- Membership Chairman-Ron Kibbe
- Secretary-Michael Ling

COMING EVENTS FOR 1987

January: Trip to Santa Monica or Malibu area.
Camp out and trip to Merle Norman Car Museum are definitely on for 1987. Of course, we'll have the Triumph Marque Day again. As is evident, there are empty dates need filling. Let us hear about your suggestions for events.



TECH TALK a.k.a.
CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

I have to feel sorry for those souls who trekked up the Himalayas, or tortured their bodies by participating in triathalons. Imagine the costs of preparations and trainings leading to self doubts and frustrations. I too have reaped such "reward" recently by venturing no farther than 20 feet from my front door, you see, I accomplished the sense of an ultimate achievement merely by replacing the radiator in my TR3-B, without the removal of its front cowling.

Readers may question my defiance of the factory's procedure at this point. I purposely chose to remove the radiator without the removal of the front cowling because there are many TR3s out running around with either too beautiful paint work or with its cowling in place but hope never to disturb it again, or for any dozen of other reasons which TR3 owners are well aware of, that removal of the front cowling is the absolute last resort. I had to find out how this task could be accomplished. Another logic here is that most hobbyists are far more willing to take the extra time to pull nuts and bolts, though more time consuming, than to pay a bodyman to touch up and match color on body seams.

Owing to the radiator's lower mounting brackets, it's "easier" to pull the radiator from the top side than to drop it from the bottom. Trust me on this point. To accomplish this task, I first pulled the lower hose out at the radiator end, then followed the order below.

1. Cover the radiator's front and back sides with shaped card boards, this will protect its cooling fins during its removal and installation
2. remove both horns,
3. " thermostat housings and the by-pass hose,
4. " water pump after the generator is loosen on its bracket,
5. " front chassis cross tube,
6. " lower radiator mounting bolt on each side, then push the radiator as far forward as possible.
7. " fan assembly and hub extension,
8. " top hose,
9. " plunger apertures, on which the bonnet release lever locks on to.

Once the repaired radiator sat back inside the car, I installed all pieces in above order. My total time expenditure was about 12 hours for the entire job. But now that I am a veteran, with the above infos, I believe the same job can be completed in 6 uninterrupted hours. Yes, I too wondered what I was doing at times, I have even entertained that terrible thought of "if only had and why didn't Standard Motors done it this way?".

Would I do it again? My answer is the same as Chicchester's, when he was asked of the same question at the completion of his solo trans-world sail: Yes, but not tomorrow though.

M.L. 11/26/86.

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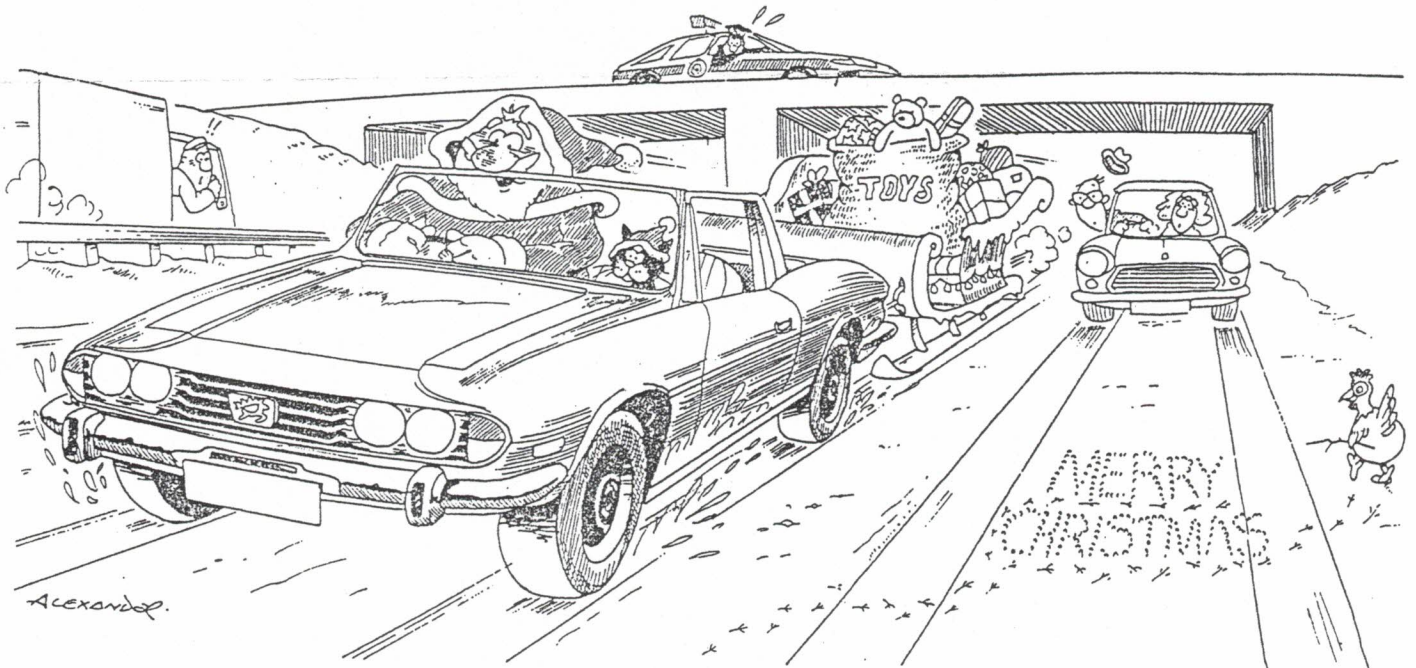
Happy Holidays to all! We are now approaching the end of a very successful year. Thanks to all of you who helped with our success. I am looking forward to our next event filled year. Please come to our next meeting and help plan our 1987 events.

Our November scenic drive and lunch found us traveling over familiar roads and many roads that were new to us. We stopped several times to admire the beautiful surroundings. (no, it really wasn't to let the cars cool off) After putting about 100 miles on our clocks we stopped for lunch at the Palm Street Depot. We were allowed to park our cars in the mall area, and we attracted some new Triumph Enthusiasts.

Attending this event were Ron Kibbe, Tom Culbertson, Bob and Lynn Klope, Michael and Lorrie Ling, Lee Fitch, Alonzo Gavin and friend, Tom German, Jim and Nit Hambly.

I hope that every one has a safe and sane holiday season and I hope to see every one at the Christmas party at Michael's. And don't forget your Triumph related gift for the gift exchange.

Lee



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