



Bring Your Valentine on the



Central Coast Triumphs

Annual WINE TOUR

Feb. 14, 1987



It is time for the Annual Central Coast Triumphs Wine Tour of the Santa Ynez Valley. This year we have scheduled stops at Brander and Sanford Wineries. We have Reservations for 30 persons at the Mustard Seed Resturant in Solvang. Since it will be Valentines Day we will have a peoples choice contest for the best Valentine. Subject matter is up to the individual entering the Valentine. It is not required that it be homemade. Reservations for lunch are requested so that we do not over book. Additional Reservations for lunch have been made at the Belgian Waffle across the street. Please Call Lee at 963-1237 or let us know at the Feb meeting.



Next monthly meeting will be on the first Thursday evening of February,

Date: February 5th.

Place: Tony's Restaurant, at 699 Linden Ave., Carpinteria.

Time: 7:00 pm

Minutes from January meeting:

Its hard for some of you to believe, but, between drivings and parties, we do honestly keep an eye on the Club's business fortunes. Lynn Klope, C.C.T. Treasuer, announced at the meeting that our treasury stood at \$818, quite healthy I would say. In between technical exchanges we also planned various events for 1987, tentatively as follows:

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| February 14 | Annual Wine Tasting |
| March | Ron Kibbe and Jay Orband are negotiating with a shopping center management about a car show.
Possibly joining M.G. Club to San Sylmar to visit Merle Norman's Tower of Beauty, a collection of restored classic cars, one of few still available for public viewing. |
| April 11 | St. Vincent Sports and Race Car Show, need no encouragement here, all past participants can testify for this event. |
| June 14 | 2nd. Annual Tea and Crumpet Rally |
| July | Camp-out overnight. |
| August | Monterey Historic Car Race |
| September | Crane School Concourse |
| October 16 thru 18 | TRIUMPHFEST at Las Vegas. |
| November | Treasure Hunt Rally with M.G. Club |
| December | Christmas Party |

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO PLAN OUR ANNUAL TEA & CRUMPET RALLYE. LAST YEAR WAS A BIG SUCCESS. THIS YEAR WE ARE SEEKING HELP FROM CLUB MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING AND RUNNING THIS YEAR'S RALLYE. THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO SINK YOUR TEETH INTO. THIS YEAR WE ARE KEEPING THE SAME IDEA OPEN WHICH IS TO OPEN THE RALLYE UP TO ALL BRITISH CARS. WE DO NEED YOUR HELP FOR THIS EVENT. IF INTERESTED PLEASE ATTEND THE FEBRUARY MEETING FOR MORE DETAILS.

TECH TIPS

Two months have seemed to fly by since my last article in the newsletter. I must be working too hard on my Triumph these days. Wintertime is always a good time to work on Triumphs. I dislike driving in the rain when the aftermarket two-piece hardtop we have has very large gaps above the windows. It never fails to get a stream of water on your pant leg when stopping at stop signals. It is also a reminder to order the heater cables and switch so I don't freeze while I drive around. But this winter I ignored those topics and decided to fix some oil leaks in the engine and trans. It all started on a leisurely Sunday drive from Ventura to Santa Paula to Ojai and back to Ventura in which we lost about two quarts of oil. I have to add that the engine didn't burn a drop. We started the project by removing a majority of the interior to remove the trans. After the trans was out we removed the engine. It was decided that now was a good time to detail the engine compartment due to the amount of space we had. So out came everything that was bolted or screwed down. The compartment space was then cleaned and sanded and a new coat of paint was added to spruce things up. An inventory of parts was made and orders were sent to the respective parts houses. While waiting for parts I cleaned the assortment of parts that were removed. Slowly the pieces were returned to their places as they were finished being detailed. As of this writing, we have yet to finish installing all the parts back while the engine and trans sit waiting to be worked on. If all goes well we will see you on the February wine tour in our Triumph not in our truck!

I usually find interesting ideas while working on the car, and I have put together some of these plus some that might help throughout the coming Triumph year. See the next page for these....

* While cleaning the engine compartment, I removed the bracket that held the brake and clutch master cylinder. Underneath this unit I found that leaking brake fluid had eaten away the paint. Be sure to clean and paint this area before you get brake fluid dripping on your feet.

* Pivot points, where metal rubs on metal are very prone to unnoticable wear. I found the clevis pins that connect the brake and clutch pedal arms to the cylinder shafts to be very worn. It is a very easy job of replacing these and is also a very inexpensive fix to prevent you from breaking down with no clutch or worse yet, no brakes.

* Most old Triumphs will experience a good deal of acid leakage from the battery. This eats through the bulkhead by excellerating the potential of rust. It is always a good idea to remove the battery and scrub this area. Use a mixture of water and baking soda as this solution will neutralize the battery acid. Once the area has been fixed, and you aren't the type to clean in there very often, buy yourself a battery tray to catch the acid. this will help prevent reoccurance.

* Next month we'll discuss some ways to do minor detailing to your car to get it ready for the runs and car shows the club attends See you at the club meeting.

BOB KLOPE
