

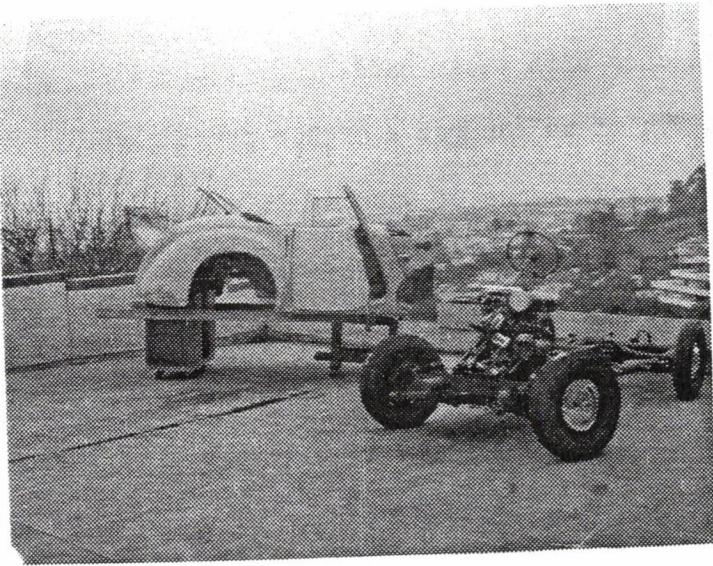
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Not exactly a snap-together but it's on its way!

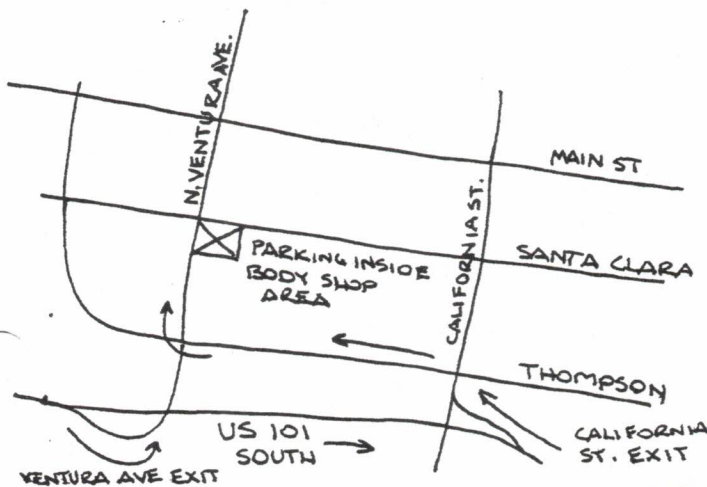


Heavy competition made for an exciting spectator event!

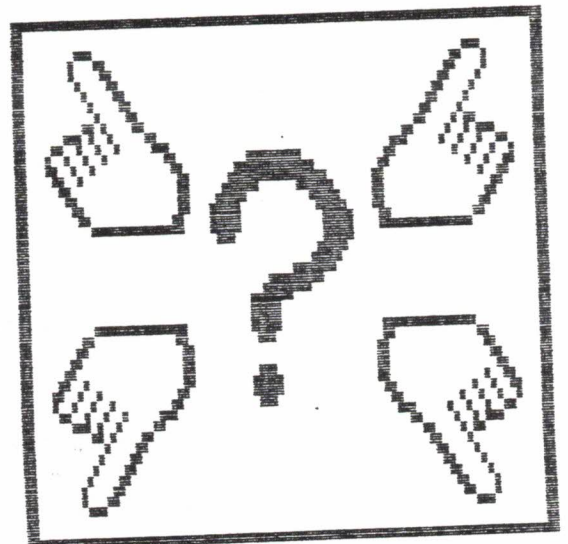
Just a few shots from the First Annual Hill Climb last month. Look for other exciting events on the Calendar of Events inside. Don't miss out as this is your club and your \$15.00 paying for it!

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Second Sunday Brunch will be held at the Shields Brewing Company in Ventura. Meet at 10am Sunday May 13th.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3



June's event is the Tea & Crumpet Run. It will be a mystery run to an unknown destination. Be sure to mark your calendars for June 3rd.

TR TALK
by Tom Culbertson

The Camarillo Car Show is the big event this month. I hope you will all be able to attend. I understand there is a club participation award for the club with the most members in attendance with their cars. Our club is small compared to many other car clubs but if we can get a higher percentage of our members to attend then we stand a good chance of winning this award. Anyway, I look forward to seeing many of you there on the 22nd of this month. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for more information on where and when to meet.

Since our Second Sunday Brunches have become so popular we have decided to start announcing them in the Clear Hooter a month in advance. This low key event started as an idea by Ron Kibbe and really has taken off. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that they started at the Santa Paula Airport Cafe. Our next brunch will be May 13 at the Shields Brewery in Ventura. Once again check elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

May 12 is the date for our Triumphest '92 Fundraising Swapmeet at Ventura College. Bring anything you want to sell in order to raise money for our Triumphest. Read Sally's article for more.

The Santa Barbara Sports Car Club Slaloms have all been cancelled until further notice. This has all been a result of insurance problems. I had a lot of fun driving in the slalom in January and I was really looking forward to driving in one again, but now I guess I will have to wait a while longer. It is too bad that such a fun event has to get cancelled due to circumstances beyond SBSCC's control.

See you at the Camarillo Car Show!
Tom

Hill climbing is an interesting sport. The most popular hill climb at this time is the one on Pike's Peak in Colorado. Normally it is the fastest car to the top who wins the honors but for the the Central Coast Triumphs, the rules tend to bend a bit. On Saturday we had 10 cars compete in the First Annual 'Clutch Burner' Hill Climb on Ann St. in Ventura. Below is a listing of the order of finish. It's always fun for me to write up an article about an event which I win. YOU FOLKS SHOULD TRY IT SOMETIME! (Just another hint for newsletter input) The winner was the car which took the most time getting to the top. I found that I could crawl up the hill while riding the clutch until it started smoking. Not a good idea for a fairly new clutch disk. At this point I drove to the top and crawled on the fairly flat portion. After everyone had finished their turn, the parking area by Don's house stunk so bad it made you nauseaus. For those who made an attempt, I salute you. Most near mortals would have passed on the crusade of destroying British car clutches. Upon arriving at the top it was time to identify the mysterious items from Don's 1800 Roadster. 10 pieces were displayed for your guessing. One item was never identified and to this day is still unknown. Some of the more interesting answers were:

Gismo, English towel rack, Battery Charger, Do Hikey, Another Chrome Piece, Thing A Magig, Quagmire Handle, and Screwy Device. All definite identifications for pieces from an 1800. In the end, Darryl Struth came up with the most items identified with 5 1/2. Half answer for a close enough guess. The chicken bar-b-que was delicious with a variety of goodies brought in by those attending. Retiring into the warmth of Don's house, we presented awards and had the usual car related discussions. I think Mike Rowland should leave his dad at home next time as his explanation of what the 1800 parts should be left everyone wondering which planet he stepped off of. If you missed this years event don't dispare, it looks as if it will be an annual one in the years to come!

HILL CLIMB

1. KLOPE	TR4A	3:51.61
2. STRUTH	TR4	3:39.63
3. CULBERTSON	TR250	2:49.91
4. DOYLE	TR6	2:34.96
5. GREENE	TR3	2:01.92
6. WILLIAMS	TR6	1:48.34
7. SHIRLEY	MUSTANG	1:44.37
8. CIANCIMINO	TR6	1:40.02
9. KIBBE	MORRIS	1:12.00
10. ROGERS	TIGER	0:17.00*

PARTS GUESS

1. STRUTH	5.5
2. ROWLAND	5.0
ROGERS	5.0
3. SHIRLEY	4.0
KLOPE	4.0
4. CULBERTSON	3.0
WILLIAMS	3.0
KIBBE	3.0
SAMANIEGO	3.0
5. CIANCIMINO	2.0

* RULES CHANGED TO 'FASTEST TIGER'

APRIL MEETING

By; Bob Klope

The April meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by President Tom. Introductions were made. We had 17 members attend and guest Jon Serves who drove an immaculate 1976 TR6 which he purchased new in 1976. There was no Treasury Report as the finances were still being settled from the party last month at Don Greene's.

Upcoming events were discussed with this month's Camarillo Car Show and Sale heading the list. It was decided to meet at the Charley Brown's parking lot at 7:30 on Sunday April 22. There is a \$5.00 entry fee if you havn't sent in your registration form. We need to enter the show area as a group in order to keep everyone together. Our April brunch will be at the Olivas Park Restaurant this Sunday the 8th. The May swap meet was discussed next. Bring your salable items to the Ventura College parking lot before 8am. Sally Samaniego urged members to also bring baked goods as they sell like 'hotcakes'. Please call Sally at 644-4590 to arrange a pick up of your stuff or if you can relieve some workers during the day. The May Brunch will be the day after the Swap Meet. Meet at 10am at the Shields Brewery in downtown Ventura. June's event will be a different style Tea & Crumpett Rallye. Bob Klope will put on a mystery run on June 3rd. More info on this later. The Santa Barbara Vintage Sport and Race Car Show will be held on the 30th of June. No one has recieved info as yet.

Past events included a discussion on Don Greene's coming out party and hill climb. This will become an annual event and everyone agreed it was an enjoyable afternoon bar-b-que even with the stench of burned clutches filling the air.

Jane McIlhaney has jumped into the picture as our Hotel/Site Selection Committee leader for Triumphest '92. We are starting to gear ourselves up for this event and volunteers are still needed.

A board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday Apr 12th at the Samaniego's. Meeting starts at 7pm. Triumphest people were urged to attend.

An open forum was held next and the raffle drawing was given away. Steve Drury won a \$10.00 gift certificate donated by Foreign Auto of Ventura. Foreign Auto has been an advertiser in our newsletter for quite some time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

MAY 12 FUND RAISING SWAP MEET

Central Coast Triumphs is planning a swap meet to make money for the 1992 Triumphfest. It will be held at Ventura College located at the corner of Day Road and Telegraph Road on Saturday, May 12, at 7 AM. You have the option of donating all the proceeds from the sales or a percentage. Please indicate your preference when you bring your items to the swap meet.

This your great opportunity to clean out your garages and closets. Also, all you chefs can show off your culinary skills by baking your favorite cookies, fudge, banana-nut bread, or individually, such as 3-4 cookies for 50 cents. The baked goods should be wrapped, priced and identified. Remember, the "nickel and dime" items will sell the fastest.

In order to make this swap meet a success, we NEED volunteers to help at the swap meet for 1 - 2 hours. The swap meet opens at 8 AM and closes at 2PM. However, you should bring your baked goods and "prized junk" to the swap meet by 7 AM in order to set up and be ready by 8 AM. If you need assistance with bringing things to the swap meet, please advise Jack and Sally when you RSVP.

PLEASE RSVP TO JACK AND SALLY SAMANIEGO, 805/644-4590, BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, IN ORDER TO HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH SPACE NEEDS TO BE RESERVED AND WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK.

It will be necessary for everyone who brings things to the swap meet to be back at the swap meet at 2 PM to pick up any of your items that were not sold.

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Alarming Isn't It

Auto alarms have been around for quite a few years and are now being seen as production items on many new cars. I remember putting one on my Mustang while in college because it was so easy to break into. It was a basic model which had grounding pins at the doors, hood and trunk. It also used to short out whenever it rained waking the neighborhood at 2am! Lynn and I have recently put a state-of-the-art unit in our 1969 El Camino. The units out now have remote arm/disarm key rings, glass breakage sensors, motion sensors and even valet switches to disarm while you are working on the car. The cost is not cheap these days but a little extra security helps keep would-be thieves from stealing something from the car or the car itself. These units are available at numerous places and I suggest that you have it professionally installed to guarantee it will work correctly. On our alarm installation, the only obvious change to the appearance of the car was a small l.e.d. light attached to the dashboard which indicates if the alarm is on, off or was triggered while you were away. Other than that, the unit is completely hidden from view. If you drive your car every day and want that additional security you may want to attend the next meeting and hear Chris Coatsworth of Car Tronics in Ventura discuss various systems!

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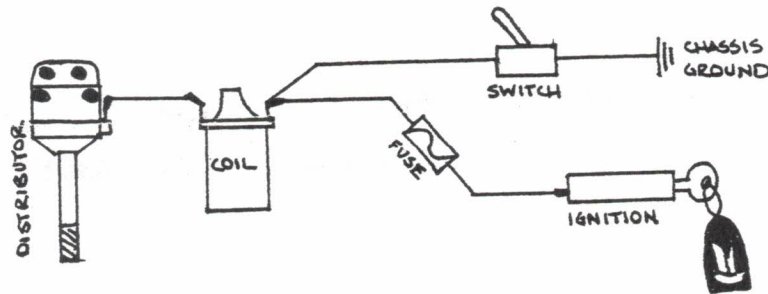
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Security - Tech Tip

One of the easiest ways to prevent a would-be thief from starting the car is to ground the coil so the engine will not start. I have done this on several cars I have owned by hiding a switch under the dash which has a wire connected to the distributor side of the coil. The other side of the switch is grounded to the car frame. When the switch is thrown, any attempt to start the car will result in the electricity from the coil to the distributor points being shorted to the car frame. The result is an engine which will turn by the starter but never fire up. Unless a crafty thief finds your switch. A few years ago, a newsletter from the S.C.T.O.A. featured an article on this very subject with a little addition. A fuse was inserted in the line from the ignition switch to the coil. When the switch was thrown and the car attempted to start the fuse would blow. Even if a thief finds the switch, the fuse must also be replaced. Below is a diagram of how this works. One word of caution though, always keep a few extra fuses somewhere as you will no doubt forget about the switch.



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The next meeting of the Central Coast Triumphs will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 7pm. The location is at Bob's Big Boy in Ventura at the corners of Telegraph Rd. and Ashwood St. Many topics involving the club will be discussed including the upcoming Swap Meet, the Tea & Crumpet Run, Regalia sales, Tech items, and a guest speaker will be there to talk about auto alarms and stereos. This is one meeting you won't want to miss! Come early if you want to eat dinner before the meeting. I will be there and I hope to see you too!

Calendar of Events

APRIL

22 - CAMARILLO CAR SHOW - Meet at Charley Browns parking lot at 7:30 to caravan. We must show up together to park as a group. You can also meet up at the entrance for the caravan. See map in this issue.

MAY

3 - GENERAL MEETING - Ventura is the place. We will be having Chris Coatsworth who is the owner of Car Tronics in Ventura discuss car alarms and stereos. Don't miss it!

12 - SWAP MEET - See flyer in this issue for details.

13 - SUNDAY BRUNCH - Recover from the swap meet by joining us at the Shields Brewing Co. in Ventura at 10am.

JUNE

3 - TEA & CRUMPETT RUN - This will be a mystery run. Course and destination will not be disclosed until you get there. A bit more info in next month's Hooter.

7 - GENERAL MEETING

9 - MG MARQUE DAY - Moss Motors

30 - SANTA BARBARA VINTAGE SPORT AND RACE CAR SHOW - No info as of yet.

JULY

5 - GENERAL MEETING

2 - VENTURA BRITISH CAR MEET - The club will help sponsor this first ever event in Ventura. More info at a later date.

AUGUST

1 - 5 - VTR NATIONAL TRIUMPH CONVENTION

2 - GENERAL MEETING

11 - TRIUMPH MARQUE DAY

16 - 19 MONTEREY HISTORIC AUTO RACES

SEPTEMBER

6 - GENERAL MEETING

8 - AUSTIN HEALEY MARQUE DAY

15 - CRANE SCHOOL CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE



Editorial

There have been a number of articles written recently about the escalating values of automobiles. Early British sports cars are obviously becoming the new rage. We have seen many sold over the years and be shipped back to Europe and it is increasingly difficult to find them for sale in newspapers. With the release of the Mazda Miata last year and the upcoming release of Ford's Capri, we can expect that the popularity of small roadsters will continue to climb. I still can't figure out why someone would purchase a \$16,000 Miata when they could pick up a good TR4 and restore it for far less. If you see anything printed in these pages for theft prevention and feel you cannot complete the job yourself, contact the auto repair businesses which advertise in this newsletter. They can help you out.

This month is the Camarillo Car Show on Sunday the 22nd. This is a growing event that is put on to benefit the Camarillo High School Boosters Club. We should see quite a few members attend this one. We might even drive away with the club participation award! May 12th is our first swap meet fundraiser. This is not limited to car parts only. While your cleaning out your attic or garage for spring cleaning, set a few things aside and mark them with your name and price. We will be getting a space at the Ventura College swap meet. If you need more info, attend the May meeting.

Speaking of meetings. It was decided by popular vote to hold all future meetings in Ventura. This was a decision which had to be made as the switching from Santa Barbara to Ventura every other month was not producing the attendance and participation we need to sustain the club. Hopefully this will encourage those who have not participated in club activities to become more active. Remember, it is your club and you have a say in how it is run!

You also have a space reserved in this newsletter for any and all information you can supply. If you have an interesting article, comic, technical related problem/solution. Write it up and let others know about it.

The raffle prize at the April Meeting was a \$10.00 gift certificate from Foreign Auto in Ventura. Many thanks to Foreign Auto and a reminder to every club member that you get a 10% discount for mentioning you are a club member.

With the time change now in effect, enjoy those extra evening hours of sun and I will see you at the Camarillo Car Show on the 22nd!

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The Shields' vision was to use an existing industrial building in the downtown Ventura area for a brewery and pub. The search for a suitable building to renovate was not an easy one, as not many industrial buildings remain downtown. In fact, the Strong Steel block is at this time on the list for redevelopment (or demolition) by the City of Ventura.

Bob Shields and his wife, Trudy, have used the existing shell of the Strong Steel industrial structure to add charm to the brewery. The ceiling structure is original, and shows the steel beams once used to hoist heavy objects. The high windows enhance the 1930 industrial appeal.

The Shields Brewing Company, brewery and restaurant, was designed and built by Bob single handedly. He spent seven days a week for over one year in construction. The design of a California style pub and grill, offering public seating in full view of the brewing process (behind glass walls), was Bob's dream.

Central Coast Triumphs is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Triumph automobile marque serving the Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo county areas. The club was established in 1983 and is a chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register. Members enjoy a variety of meetings, monthly activities and regalia. Dues are \$15.00 per year for those owning Triumphs and Associate Memberships are available for those not owning Triumphs, but are interested in the club, at \$9.00 per year. It is recommended that anyone interested in joining attend at least one meeting and/or activity. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. These meetings are used for planning upcoming activities and as a forum to members for input into club organization and activities. Meetings are held at Bob's Big Boy on the corner of Ashwood and Telegraph in Ventura. Board meetings are held at the request of the President and are open to all club members with times and locations discussed at the general meetings.

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