



THE CLEAR HOOTER

The Newsletter of Central Coast Triumphs

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 1

Monthly Meeting at Sally Samaniego's house, 906 Scenic Way Dr., Ventura at 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 5 - 6

VARA 1st Annual Triumph/MG Challenge at Willow Springs. More details inside.

DECEMBER 12

Annual Christmas Party. We're having a picnic run to Nojoqui Falls Park near Solvang. More details inside.

DECEMBER 13

First Annual Douglas Penfield School for the Handicapped/Central Coast Triumphs Teddy Bear Run. More details inside.

JANUARY 16

Into The Night 4-Hour Micro-Monte Rallye. More details inside.

FEBRUARY 13

Annual Winery Tour. More details next month.

MAY ?

Third Annual All British Car Meet in Ventura.

AUGUST 4 - 8, 1993

VTR National Convention in Seattle, Washington.

OCTOBER 8 - 10, 1993

Triumphest 1993 in Sacramento.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is upon us again and I hope everyone is gearing up for the holiday season. During this time of family gatherings we should remember those less fortunate than us. For the past two years we, as a club, have been giving teddy bears to the handicapped kids at Penfield School in Ventura. C. Darryl Struth has been a driving force every year to see that this gets done. This year we are opening it up to other clubs to participate in a Sunday afternoon Teddy Bear Run. December 13th, which is the day after our Holiday Party, we will be meeting at Penfield School and taking a tour of the countryside before having a picnic or brunch afterward. Admission is only a teddy bear from both the driver and navigator not greater than \$10.00 each. Do your part this season and attend this worthwhile event.

We have other events coming up this month and next. Be sure to check out the calendar of events.

I have been told by other members that the Triumph community has lost a member who has supported the marque for many years. A few weeks after Triumphest, Ralph "Digger" Davitt passed away at his home in Arizona. As a memorial tribute to him, the clubs active in Triumphest are writing to Moss Motors in an effort to have the Triumphest Enthusiast Award renamed as the Digger Davitt Memorial Enthusiast Award. I for one am in great support for this. Our condolences for his family and DCTRA.

As a last bit for you to ponder, we will not be having a monthly meeting in January. Be sure to be at Sally Samaniego's house on December 8th. We will discuss a new meeting place for 1993.

HAPPY MOTORING !

Bob

1992 TRIUMPHEST REGALIA

Table with 4 columns: Item, Size, Qty, Cost. Lists items like Golf Shirts, Sweatshirts, Coffee Mugs, Grill Badges, Patches, Dash Plaques, Fluorescent Caps, WINDOW STICKERS CLUB REGALIA, "Open Book" T-Shirts, Fluorescent Caps w/"Open Book" logo, Baseball Caps w/"Open Book" logo, and Patches w/CCT Club logo.

into the night

4-HOUR MICRO-MONTE

Saturday, January 16, 1993

INTO THE NIGHT RALLYE TEAM presents a short, novice-oriented, European-style Monte Carlo Rallye written from experiences on other rallies such as STARLITE, EQUINOX, & INTO THE NIGHT. This is a map-based rallye in which you will be given, in advance, your true times for each leg. The object is to find and travel a course which will get each car to the standoffs, inmarkers and course controls in the proper order and direction and with a minimum time error. The course selection is left up to each individual entrant based on information given in the instructions and maps.

The event will run through the rural mountain and canyon areas of Los Angeles and Ventura counties and will not require high or illegal speeds. There are no restrictions on timing equipment such as clocks, odometers, computers, etc. We hope you will find this a fun and exciting event. Entry is limited to 40 cars.

- EXPERT CLASS: Open to any street-legal vehicle.
REGULAR CLASS: Open to any street-legal vehicle.
NOVICE CLASS: Open only to entrants whose most experienced team member has NOT run 6 or more events like this.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time, Event. Lists events for Sat. Jan. 16, including Novice orientation meeting, Registration opens, Instructions given out by car #, First Car Out, First Car to Finish, and Awards presented.

Entry fee is \$20. START is located in MISSION HILLS in the Bank of America near parking lot at the corner of DEVONSHIRE and SEPULVEDA (near the junction of the 118 and 405 freeways).

The "TTN INTRODUCTION TO MONTE CARLO RALLYING" video is available for \$20 a copy. We also have a 80 page "TTN MONTE CARLO RALLYE HANDBOOK" available for \$10 a copy. Contact Joe at 310 556 8305 (fax 556 3012) for more information.



MEETING HAPPENINGS

We are no longer having our meetings at McGinty's, the back room is now off limits, and trying to conduct a meeting in competition with 4 TV's, music, and the usual noises in the bar, the last few meetings were somewhat hectic.

We were back at Big Boys, except it is now Carrows. Anyway 16 people, including a visitor, Denise, who has a '78 Midget, sat down in comfort and had a meeting.

The treasure lady was present but had no report other than to say that we are still solvent. We should have a full financial report of Triumphest soon.

Our Dec. meeting will be held at Sally's house, where we will have further nominations and the voting for the officers who will serve in 1993. Also being served will be pizza and videos.

Nominations were taken for those new officers, Jane nominated David McIlhaney for Vice Pres. It was accepted as David was not there to object. All the other officers volunteered for another year.

There will be NO MEETING in January. It was decided that we all needed a break from activities. But we will be back at a new meeting place on February 4th at 7:00 P.M. Check upcoming newsletters for the location.

There will be a Triumph/MG challenge race at Willow Springs as part of the VARA race program on Dec. 5th. If you would like to go give Bob Klope a call, maybe we can set up a caravan.

The Douglas Penfield School for Handicapped Children is once again looking for Christmas gifts for the children, of which 90% are in wheelchairs. We are going to have a driving tour with an entry fee of one \$10.00 teddy bear for each participant.

If you cannot attend, will you please send a teddy bear anyway. It is a small gift at a very small cost, but it will bring so much pleasure to a bunch of children that do not have a whole lot of pleasure in their lives.

Send them to Vice Pres. Darryl and he will get them to the school in time for Christmas day.

Our wino lady is coming up with a new winery to sample as our first run of the year on Sat Feb. 13th. It is a winery that is owned by Fess Parker. You remember him, he was the Davy Crockett lookalike with a tail stuck in the back of his head. Anyway there will be meeting instructions later.

If any member has an idea of a place to visit, or an area that would make a good run let us know as the runs are being thought up now and ideas are always welcome.

There was a long discussion on Triumphest, the good and the bad, and found that, except for the chornic complainers, everybody enjoyed themselves, although I had the feeling that it will be a long time before the board will volunteer to do another.

STARLIGHT WARMUP RALLYE

by Bob Klope

I know you think that Triumphs are fun to drive on mountain roads on a Sunday in Spring. But try driving your Triumph on these roads in the Fall, at night, while competing with 58 other cars in a Monte Carlo style rally.

Last Saturday, Tom Culbertson and I packed up the TR4A with rally gear and headed to Goleta for Santa Barbara Sports Car Club's Starlight Warm-up Rally. This is a 6 hour rally around the backcountry of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties in which you compete for the lowest overall timing error. It is a European Style Monte Carlo rally where you are given a set of instructions, official rally maps and the exact time, to 1/100 minute, at which you are to attend six checkpoints. This was to be our inaugural rally as a team as Tom and I have never rallied together. I had installed my new computer in the car a few months back and was anxious to try it out. The TR4A was ready to go at 4:14pm when we headed out of Goleta running south to Carpinteria for checkpoint one.

This type of rallying is different from your usual Time-Speed-Distance or gimmick types as you are given the exact time you are to arrive at the checkpoint. You must, however, use the maps provided to find your way to that checkpoint. We arrived at the designated area a few minutes early and crawled up to the timing hose at exactly the right time. Always good to start off with a zero. After getting our timing slip we shot up Hwy 150 towards Ojai and turned up Hwy 33 for our next checkpoint in the Cuyama Valley. By this time it was growing dark and as we were tearing along Hwy 150 at 70 mph we were reminded that other animals besides crazy rallyist were out and about when a deer darted across the road in front of us. I'd hate to have one of those be our hood ornament.

We made checkpoint 2 with time to spare, however I misjudged the distance to the hose and we took a .01 late penalty. Off to checkpoint 3 in the oilfields near Taft. Our rally hosts were having difficulties with this checkpoint and gave us the exact location of the checkpoint so we appropriately zeroed this leg. After a gas stop in Taft we were off to checkpoints 4 and 5. These were placed conspicuously close together but a lot of time was given to reach 4. This always means there is a trick afoot so we flew down the oilfield roads at speeds in excess of 75 mph in order to check out a few different location possibilities. We blasted in to 4 exactly on time and picked up our third zero of the night. Off we went to 5. Not much time was left to traverse this leg so we hustled the pace and barely made 5 taking a .02 late error.

Off to the final checkpoint we were feeling pretty good about our overall score. I had seen rallies were a .04 was the best time and if we could nail 6, we just might take home a trophy. The first part of 6 was up over the summit of Hwy 33 near the Rose Valley turnoff. For those of you who aren't familiar with the area, the checkpoint was located down a long valley which reaches towards Ojai. We spotted many a rally car rolling very close to the edge of the ridge trying to get a glimpse of the checkpoint from high above. Using my rally skills learned from years of running these things, you always figure the checkpoint to be at the farthest point possible and we blasted down the road towards Ojai. True to form, the checkpoint was located at the last possible place and we hit it with 1 minute to spare. Creeping was made easy as the road to the checkpoint was

downhill and we crept off the last minute for our third zero of the evening.

I knew for sure we would trophy until we met up with the other rallyist at a restaurant in Ojai. Seems the guys we sat next to finished with an overall error of 0.01. They only got second place! There was a tie for first in our class when two cars zeroed the rally! My hopes were dashed. The final results were not given but I bet Tom and I ended up somewhere in the top five in our class. 0.04 by the way is the best I have done so far! Looks like I have found a great navigator for future rallies.

Now for those of you who would like to try out this type of rally, you are in luck! On Saturday, January 16, there will be a 4 hour Novice Rally starting in Woodland Hills. This rally is designed to initiate the beginner to Monte Carlo style rallying. There will be a rally school before the start. If you are interested in going on this rally, call me. We can discuss the equipment needed so you will have a good time. See you at the inmarker!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

DECEMBER 1 MONTHLY MEETING: This will be held at Sally Samaniego's house at 906 Scenic Way Dr., Ventura. To get there take highway 126 to the Victoria Ave. offramp. Go north on Victoria to Foothill Rd. Turn right on Foothill and continue to Point Dr. This street will be on the left, there will be a Missionary Church on the corner. Turn left onto Point and drive up the hill to Scenic Way Dr. which will be on the right. Sally's house is the second from the corner on the right. See you there!

DECEMBER 5 - 6: Vintage Auto Racing Assoc. Srpite/Mini Challenge II vintage races at Willow Springs Raceway, Rosamond. A "Triumph/MG Challenge" has been arranged for Saturday, December 5. As part of the festivities, there will be a parade lap session for ALL TRIUMPHS (that means you!) at med-day, approximately 11:30 - 1:30 P.M. Cost is \$10 for a weekend pass, or \$25 if you want to run on the track (Saturday only). Willow Springs Raceway is located in Rosamond, north of Palmdale. Take the 14 Freeway north to the Rosamond exit (Edwards AFB) and turn left to the track. Details from VARA (213) 874-9135.

DECEMBER 12 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year we returning to Solvang to hold our Christmas Party at Nojoqui Falls Park. Central Coast Triumphs will be supplying a Honey Baked Ham, a barbequed turkey, and a special cake for dessert. You need to supply a side dish if you are coming from Ventura county or further south, or a dessert if you are coming from Santa Barbara county or further north, and everyone should bring their appetite. To get there drive north on the 101 Freeway to the exit for Old Coast Highway (this is just over the Nojoqui Pass summit after you go through the tunnel). Then follow the signs to Nojoqui Falls County Park.

DECEMBER 13 FIRST ANNUAL DOUGLAS PENFIELD SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED/CENTRAL COAST TRIUMPHS TEDDY BEAR RUN: This will start at 9:00 A.M. at the Douglas Penfield School, 640 Jazmin Ave. Ventura. The entry fee is one teddy bear from each participant. Bears may not cost more than \$10.00 each. We have collected bears for the school for the past two years but this is the first time a fun run has been part of the event. All car clubs are invited to take part. Participants need to bring a picnic lunch. The drive will take us through the Santa Clara Valley where we will end with a picnic lunch. For more information contact C. Darryl Struth at 644-6211.

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TO ENJOY! THANK YOU.

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