



THE CLEAR HOOTER

The Newsletter of Central Coast Triumphs

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

NO JANUARY MEETING!

We're taking a break this month.

JANUARY 16, 1993

Into The Night 4-Hour Micro-Monte Rallye.

FEBRUARY 2, 1993

Monthly Meeting at

FEBRUARY 13, 1993

Annual Winery Tour. More details inside.

MAY ?

Third Annual All British Car Meet in Ventura.

AUGUST 4 - 8, 1993

VTR National Convention in Seattle, Washington.

AUGUST 28, 1993

Moss Motors Triumph Marque Day.

OCTOBER 8 - 10, 1993

Triumphfest 1993 in Sacramento.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WANTED:

The last newsletter of the year. As we wind down another year I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season. We have a busy weekend in front of us and I highly urge all of you to attend at least one event. Since we will not be having a meeting or event in January, you best get your fill now.

The last meeting was a real crowd gathering. Club officers were elected and I'm glad to see so many familiar faces returning to help the club through another year. If you missed the meeting you missed out on some free pizza and drinks courtesy of the club (thanks Sally). Also, the Clark's brought an excellent slide show with musical accompaniment of the 40th anniversary celebration races at Mid Ohio Racetrack. Thanks Darvll and Cindy!

We finally got the plaques back from the trophy shop for the Triumphest Funcourse. As we speak the final Triumphest newsletter is being copied and the plaques will be mailed out soon. Glad to get that overwith!

Next year is the club's 10th anniversary and we will be trying to push for a more active involvement from the club's members. This club is for you. I do enjoy spending your dues money having fun, but I would like to meet more of you at meetings and events. Try to make a pledge to attend more frequently this year than last.

One last word before I hand this over to Tom for publication. We have no meeting place as of yet. One will be found and the location will be published in the January newsletter. See you then.

Central Coast Triumphs is looking for those members of the local community who own or are interested in the Triumph Automobile Marque. We cover the Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County area and currently have over 70 members. The club has monthly meetings and events ranging from Sunday morning brunch runs to sponsoring British Car Meets to Technical clinics to rallies and fun runs. Current members own most all models from post war roadsters and sedans through the TR series to Spitfires, Heralds, and Stags.

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like to join the fun with the rest of the gang be sure to call Ron Kibbe, Membership Chairman, at (805)933-2206.

Something such as this may have sparked your interest in joining the club. You thought about how much fun it would be to meet other people with an interest in Triumphs. You sent in your twenty bucks and started receiving your newsletter. Now that time has passed. Look back and see how much fun you really did have or could have had but missed out. Another year is starting and we are gearing up for a great 10th Anniversary. We are coming off of our most successful year ever and should carry it right through 1993. Those of us who are overly active in the club would like to see everyone get into the spirit of Triumphs and show yourselves at the meetings and events. If you can't make them all - that's quite all right. Even we can't get to all activities but we have a lot of fun when we do. There is a calendar of events listed in this newsletter. Be sure to keep CCT in mind when you plan those free weekends!

HAPPY MOTORING !

Bob

THE PIZZA PARTY.

We held our usual monthly meeting at a new location this month. The food was great, prompt, and priced right. We were at the home of our gracious host, the treasure lady.

Our pres. gavelled the 22 people present into silence. The treasure lady reported that we were still solvent, however there were some more bills from Triumphfest still outstanding, but apparantly we did make a profit from the Triumphfest. I wonder if we were to add up all the hours that were spent by the organisers, divided by the profit, just how much an hour we worked for?????

The Dec. 12th Christmas party will be a pot luck picnic lunch with ham and turkey provided by the club. Bring some desserts or anything else that you would like to share with the others.

We will be leaving Charley Browns parking lot at 9.30 and then caravan on up to the Nojoque park. (I think this is the correct spelling). We had originally told you that you were to bring a teddy bear to this run.

This has now been changed with the addition of a teddy bear run on Sunday Dec, 13th. This will leave from the Douglas Penfield School 640 Jazmin Ave. Ventura at 9am. Bring your teddy bears with you.

If you would like to learn more about the gentle art of rallying give Bob Klope a call as there will be a 4 hr beginner rally starting from Mission Hills on Jan 16.

We will not be having a Jan. event or a business meeting so this might be a good time to get your feet wet with this "short" rally.

Our first event of the year will be a wine tasting tour on Feb. 13th. We will picnic somewhere along the way, so pack your picnic basket, clean your car and plan on joining us.

Moss Motors has changed the date of the Triumph Marque Day. It will be on Aug. 28th this time. This gives you plenty of warning. We will have the breakfast and lunch stand open again. See you there???

Also in Aug. is the 1993 Triumphfest which will be in Seattle this year. If you can arrange you vacation for this it would make a nice trip. We are planning a mass caravan up the coast to Seattle. More on this as the details come in. But from the preliminary reports they are really putting on some fabulous events.

We finally got to the election. As there were no takers, Bob, Tom, Ron and I are set for another year, David was voted Vice Pres and for the first time in over 4yrs we had to really vote as Harvey nominated Darryl and so there were two people for the Treasurer's job. The count was 12 for Sally and 9 for Darryl so Sally is it for another year.

Daryll Clarke and Cindy Clark brought a great slide to music presentation of the Mid-Ohio races. It was enjoyed by all.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

DECEMBER 12 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year we are 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, sodas, 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.

THE LAWS OF BRITISH SPORTS CARS

by Dave Barry

Most of us are familiar with the physical laws thought up by Isaac Newton, the guy who invented gravity. He said things like "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction" and "If you sit under a tree long enough, an apple will eventually fall on your head, provided you are sitting under an apple tree."

Isaac was considered very intelligent and was eventually responsible for the invention of calculus, which was a new kind of math for people who thought math wasn't already hard enough. He is also the reason why, even today, people who work in apple orchards often wear large protective hats.

Newton's laws made sense for hundreds of years, and everyone believed them. They believed them right up until the time when British sports cars were invented, when it was suddenly realized that a whole new bunch of laws was going to be needed. Many distinguished scientists have worked their entire lives to try and figure out why British autos never seem to obey any scientific laws known to man.

These eminent scientists, with names like Morris, Healy, Leyland, Mowog, and Murphy, shook the scientific community when they published their new theory of mechanical behavior called "The Laws For British Sports Cars". Many people are not familiar with the five major laws, so here they are listed below with a brief explanation of each.

1. LAW OF PECULIAR RANDOM NOMENCLATURE

The name of a British sports car shall consist primarily of letters and numbers, with said letters and numbers chosen in random fashion so that the resultant vehicle name is wholly devoid of meaning. This law explains why British cars always have spectacularly bad names like "XKE" or worse yet "MGBGT".

2. LAW OF CRYPTIC INSTRUCTION

Any book, manual, pamphlet, or text dealing with the maintenance, repair, or restoration of a British sports car shall be written so that at least every fourth word will be unknown to the average reader. In any event that text is understandable, the information contained therein shall be incorrect. Most people are familiar with this law. Here is an excerpt from page 132 of the MGA shop manual: "Before rebushing the lower grunion banjos, you must remove the bonnet fascia and undo the a-arm nut with a #3 spinner." All attempts to publish an English language version of this manual failed.

3. LOVE OF HARDSHIP LAW

The more a British sports car malfunctions, breaks, and/or falls apart, the more endearing it becomes to the owner. You buy a British sports car, you have had it a year and a half, and have replaced every item on the car at least twice. When the engine is started it sounds as if someone had thrown a handful of ball bearings into a blender. But when someone offers to buy it, you are offended because "It is like part of the family" and besides, "It's so much fun to drive". British sports car owners often stare into space and smile a lot. This is referred to as the "Foolish Persons Syndrome".

4. LAW OF NON-FUNCTIONAL ATTRIBUTES

All British sports cars, regardless of condition or age, shall always have at least a system or sub-system of components which is entirely non-functional, and cannot be replaced except on a semi-permanent or semi-functional basis. This is also known as the famous Lucas Electric's Law.

5. RECENTLY DISCOVERED COMPONENT FAILURE LAW

Any component of a British sports car which is entirely unknown to the owner shall function perfectly, until such time that the owner becomes aware of the component's existence, when it shall instantly fail. Case in point: I have owned a rather natty MGB for six years. I never knew there was such a thing as "gulp valve" until I saw new ones offered for sale by Moss Motors. The next day, driving my MGB to work, the gulp valve fell off the motor and was run over by a truck.

I do not know what the gulp valve gulps, nor do I particularly care to know, since it sounds messy and dangerous. But I figured I would buy a new gulp valve and install it myself. One look at the shop manual and I decided to have someone else install it (see Law of Cryptic Instructions). While I'm driving the car over to the local repair establishment, I noticed that the MGB is performing just as well as it ever did and that the loss of the mysterious gulp valve has not had any effect on it's behavior. I figured this is due to the Non-functional Attribute Law, which means that the gulp valve probably wasn't gulping anything anyway, so I decided not to replace it after all.

Three days later the engine had no more oil in it and promptly seized into a solid mass of metal. The tow truck operator, being ignorant of the Love of Hardship Law, offered to take the car off my hands for \$100. I just smiled.

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WANTED: GT6 engine. Call Bill Hopper at (805)687-9851.

FOR SALE: 1968 Spitfire w/GT6 engine and interior, factory hardtop, runs well, needs soft top, tires, and T.L.C. \$2,500. Call Scott Bailey at (805)969-4339.

FOR SALE: 1969 MGB-GT, \$2,000 O.B.O. Original car w/300K miles. 100K on engine rebuild. Needs restoring. One owner last 20 years. Call Jeff Kimler at (805)524-4572.

FOR SALE: 1966 Spitfire MkII, 48K miles, second owner, new interior, hard and soft tops, restorable. Call Ray Ancil at (805)644-8385.

FOR SALE: 4 BRAND NEW Michelin redline tires, 185X15 as originally fitted to TR250's and TR6's. Finish off that restoration at 20% below list prices. \$650. Call Bob Klope at (805) 653-7233.

WANTED: Center hardtop section for TR4-250 two piece hardtop. Any condition accepted. Would consider aftermarket fiberglass if you have one. Call Bob Klope at (805) 653-7233.

FOR SALE: Four new Michelin 185X15 redline tires, \$400.00. Call Jim Ziegler at (818) 592-0034 days or (818) 991-7658 eves.

FOR SALE: 1977 Spitfire. Race Car Only. Cannot be registered. Damaged Mazda engine, BMW rearend, slicks. 3 top time of days in slaloms. \$1,000 O.B.O. Call John Ehlers at (805)969-6478, or FAX at 969-1358

WANTED: TR4 or MGB. Call Jim Ziegler at (818) 592-0034 or (818)991-7658.

FOR SALE: Two 1974 TR6's. One is red w/60K miles, other is yellow w/80K miles and clutch problems. Both run. \$8,000 O.B.O. for both. Call Tila at (805)985-7288.

FREE: 1979 Spitfire body and frame. Complete but missing hood (bonnet). Also have Spitfire parts. Call John Soule at (818)882-7687.

FOR SALE: 1980 TR7 Spider Convertible. Black w/ '78 Buick V6 and Pontiac 275 rear end. Runs great. \$3,000. Call Ed Lynch at (805)933-1668.

FOR SALE: 1973 TR6, New top and interior, new front tires, rear tires in good condition, luggage rack, royal blue with black interior. \$5,000 or reasonable offer. Call Ron Kibbe at (805)933-2206.

FOR SALE: 1964 TR4, White with new brakes, hydraulics, radiator, exhaust system, radial tires, engine (3,000 miles since rebuild), top, alpine stereo, carpeting. Has car cover and received regular maintenance. Never wrecked (86,000 miles). Same owner since 1965. \$8,900 o.b.o. Air shipment from Honolulu to L.A. \$750. Call Marilyn Harris at (808)732-3082. Aloha!

Central Coast Triumphs is a chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register. Dues are \$20.00 per year for those owning Triumphs, \$12.00 for those not owning Triumphs. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at someplace in Ventura. We will not be meeting in January. For more information contact any one of the following or write to the club address.

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