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SOUTH TEXAS TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION



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ROAD TRIP AND MEETING

WHAT: Road trip to Canyon Lake in celebration of Official Top Removal Day

WHEN: April 8th at 9:00am

WHERE: Meet in parking lot of Krogers at the intersection of 281 and Bitters Rd. (see map)

BRING: Yourself, spouse, picnic lunch, friends, tool kit, and possibly even a Triumph...

LET'S SHOW THESE SAN ANTONIO DRIVERS WHAT REAL AUTOS ARE!!!!



NOTES

LITERATURE SWAP: All members are urged to bring extra catalogs to each meeting for give away or trade.

****STOLEN: 1960 RED TR3, ground-up restoration(98%) complete, wire wheels, no bumpers*****
(front plate attached to grill), topless, carpetless, black interior.
WATCH FOR IT; CALL THE COPS OR BOB CALDWELL. 496-6907 TX# U60 CVE
COMM # TS 51809 L

FOR SALE

TR4 Partially restored . For Sale call 537-4766 for details

TR3 PARTS FOR SALE, Five 48-spoke wire wheels & hubs, engines, transmissions, etc...
call 681-6110.

WANTED

WANTED: ORIGINAL TR3 TOOL KIT(part or whole),(1)48 spoke wire wheel, fog/rallye lamps ,
front fenders(wings). Call Bruce at 699-0150.

WANTED: WORKING TR3 POSITIVE GROUND FUEL GAUGE. Call Frank at 657-4648

WANTED: WORKING MAIN HEADLIGHT SWITCH TR3. Call Bob Caldwell: 496-6907

WANTED: SPITFIRE MK IV(OR NEWER) ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT HARDTOP. Call Phil Beekley at
694-5506 anytime except 3-6pm.

GREETING TO NEW MEMBERS:

JACK LOPEZ DAVID DAVOLT BOB CALDWELL GARRY FERRAN
RICHARD WENDORF

FROM THE EDITOR

OK FOLKS, NOW THAT WE GOT A NEWSLETTER, WE NEED ARTICLES! TECH TIPS, WANT
ADDS, MG JOKES, PERSONAL AUTO STORIES, YOU NAME IT - WE NEED IT! NO
ARTICLE REFUSED (UNLESS IT DEALS WITH DATSUNS). ONE SUGGESTION, I'M THINKIN
OF STARTING A CAR-OF-THE-MONTH SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE. JUST SEND ME
A REPRODUCIBLE PHOTO OF A CAR (PREFERABLY TRIUMPH) AND A STORY TO
GO WITH IT TO: STTA NEWSLETTER C/O: B. CLOUGH 11707 VANCE JACKSON #1102
SA. TX. 78230

FOR EXAMPLE -

1958 TR3 WAS RANDOM
TRASH IN A BULWERDE
BACKYARD, BUT LOVINGLY
RESTORED BY OWNERS, AND
IS NOW ON THE ROAD AGAIN.



...Ed...

Down the Road

Second Annual

Autofest 84

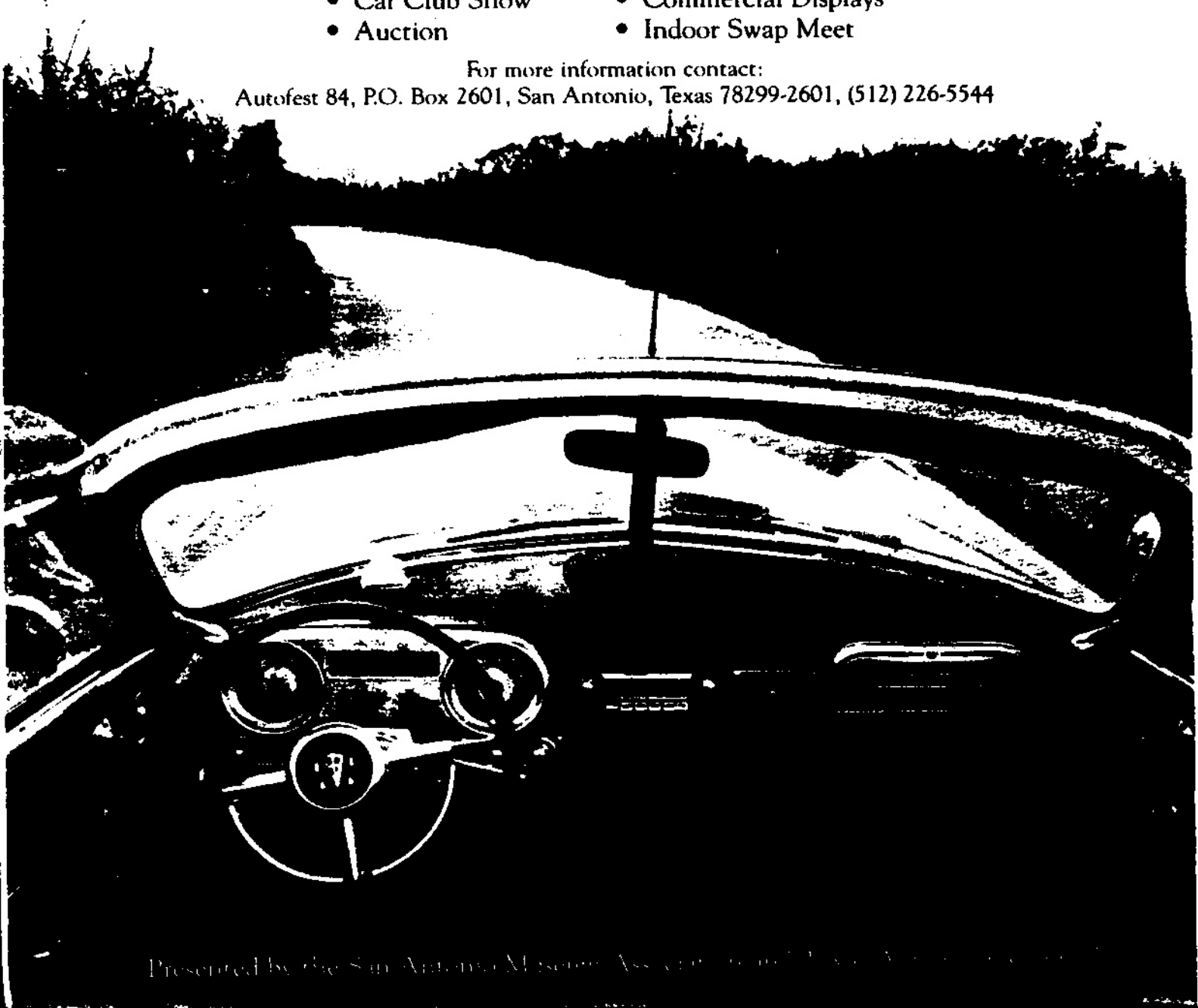
San Antonio Convention Center
(HemisFair Plaza)

October 6 and 7 (Saturday and Sunday)

- Car Club Show
- Commercial Displays
- Auction
- Indoor Swap Meet

For more information contact:

Autofest 84, P.O. Box 2601, San Antonio, Texas 78299-2601, (512) 226-5544



Presented by the San Antonio Museum Association and the Texas Automobile Dealers Association

... HOW TO COEXIST WITH YOUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM ...

A few years back ~~Road & Track~~ called Lucas Ltd. "The inventors of darkness" and I'm inclined to agree. I can't possibly count the number of times Triumphs gave me fits, but it ranged somewhere between the national debt and the number of atoms in the universe. However, I always overcame that \$%&!!! British electrical system! So, here's a few hints on avoiding that enthusiastic feeling when the headlamps fail on a winding road late at night:

1. 50% of the time when something goes wrong a connection's come loose rather than a part failure. Go to the tool kit (you do have one, with you don't you?) grab a pair of pliers and crimp, crimp, crimp.
2. If this doesn't work, beat it with a 2lb ballpeen hammer.
3. Ignore 2.
4. Unless you're doing an original restoration, or just plain stubborn, replace those worthless "bullet" connectors with "spade" type. Believe me, this solves about 40% of all electrical problems.
5. Don't take the car's wiring diagram as dogma. There's a few things all should know:
 - a. Wire colour doesn't have to match the wiring diagram. (Triumph decided to make life interesting.) Don't make the mistake of regarding it as gospel-trace all wiring you're working on just to be sure.
 - b. Actual car wiring (even if the colour is correct) is probably different from the diagram. I found wires on cars that the manual never knew existed. This is especially true of later models with Federal safety equipment. Spend some time getting to know your electrical system and diagram any differences. This can save a lot of grief later (#X*c, I connected the gas gauge to the brake lights!!!).
6. Triumph autos are as a rule underfused. For instance TR3s have 2, count 'em, 2 fuses. (Quite a bit different than your typical Japanese import with somewhere around 10⁺.) Adding more fuses is a good safety idea especially if you're thinking of attaching fog lights, radios, blow driers, or toasters to your car.
7. When working on the electrical system or behind the dash disconnect the battery! Some of those wires and unisolated terminals are hot and shorts will, I repeat, will occur.
8. ...and along the line of (7) carry a fire extinguisher in the car, one can never be too sure....
9. Tools required for proper electrical system maintenance:
 - a. Multimeter
 - b. Continuity tester
 - c. Patience
 - d. 2lb. ballpeen hammer
10. If all else fails, return to (2)

Hopefully these hints will keep one from shorting out on a deserted highway. If not, well that's part of the fun of owning a British auto. Until next issue,

Sean Tenax

STTA Roster

Sob Adams	824-1017	GT6 ⁺
Phil Beekley, Fiona McCallum	694-5506	GT6, TR6, Spitfire
Bob Caldwell	496-6907	TR3, TR3b
Danny Carden	675-0842	GT6 ⁺
Bruce Clough, Alice Owen-Clough	699-0150	TR3, TR4
Gene & Mildred Costello	735-8177	TR3a
David Davolt	661-5216	TR4a
Gary Ferran	690-0071	TR3a
Bob Flemming	691-2524	TR6
Anthony Gutierrez	692-0415	TR4
Jac Harding	696-8017	TR6
Bill Hovestadt	653-8423	TR3
Kelly Kaak	342-7178	Spitfire
Jack Lopez	681-6110	TR3a, TR6
Frank & De Saling	657-4648	many TR3, TR4a
Larry Stidham	653-4665	TR3a's
Jack Thompson	824-5288	TR3's (a&b)
Richard Wendorf	537-4349	TR2

***** IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED (EVEN REMOTELY) IN BEING A MEMBER OF STTA*****
 ***** PLEASE LET BRUCE OR BOB F. KNOW SO A COPY OF OUR NEWSLETTER CAN BE SENT TO *****
 ***** THEM. *****

MEETING ITEMS, MARCH 19, 1984

Old Business:

- a. The club picked SOUTH TEXAS TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION as its name.
- b. Suggestion was made that everybody check parts houses to see if a discount for club members could be established.
- c. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE-Let's push this! Need handouts? See Bruce or Phil.
- d. Forms will be given out to each member for establishing an internal parts source. Everyone should list their extra parts available for sale, trade. Another form is provided to list the parts you want.
- e. The club emblem still needs chosen. Bring a design to the next meeting (8 Apr) or vote for one already drawn.

New Business:

- a. We would like some fund raising ideas voiced. Also the suggestion was raised that a fund raising committee should be formed.
- b. A main and alternate Texas Auto Club Council (TACC) representative is needed.

Treasurers Report:

19 members paid \$5.00 initial formation fee	\$95.00
Last newsletter expenses a. reproduction	- 8.00
b. stamps	- 8.00
Total in treasury as of 2Apr84	\$79.00

EXTRA . . . EXTRA . . . EXTRA . . .

→ NEEDED : TR4A, 5, 250, OR GIRS. CALL BRUCE AT 699-0150 THANKS .

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PHIL & FIONA

MEETING ITEMS (CONT.)

Committee Reports:

- a. Bob Adams was selected to develop some by-laws for the club. In the by-laws club members would vote on the amount that dues should be.
- b. Larry Stidham would look into advantages and disadvantages of the club getting a tax number.
- c. An events committee was formed to create future events for the club. Current members of this committee are Bruce Clough, Bill Hovestadt, Jack Lopez, and David Davolt. Suggestions on events are encouraged. First meeting of this committee will be discussed at the next STTA meeting.
- d. Bob Flemming and Bruce Clough are the current newsletter committee. Please submit any articles to be printed to them.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 8 STTA Road Trip, picnic, and meeting at Canyon Lake. Meet at Krogers, corner of Bitters and 281 at 9 am.
26-29 12th annual Pate Swap Meet. U.S. Highway 377, 14 miles south of Ft. Worth.
- June 23 Brooks Auction, New Braunfels, 512 392 6354 or 625 9642
24 TACC annual picnic, Castroville, Bart Harris, 532 5400
- ****July VTR National Convention, Troy, MI*****
- Sept 8 Brooks Auction, New Braunfels see above
- Oct 6-7 AutoFest 84..stay tuned for more information.....

