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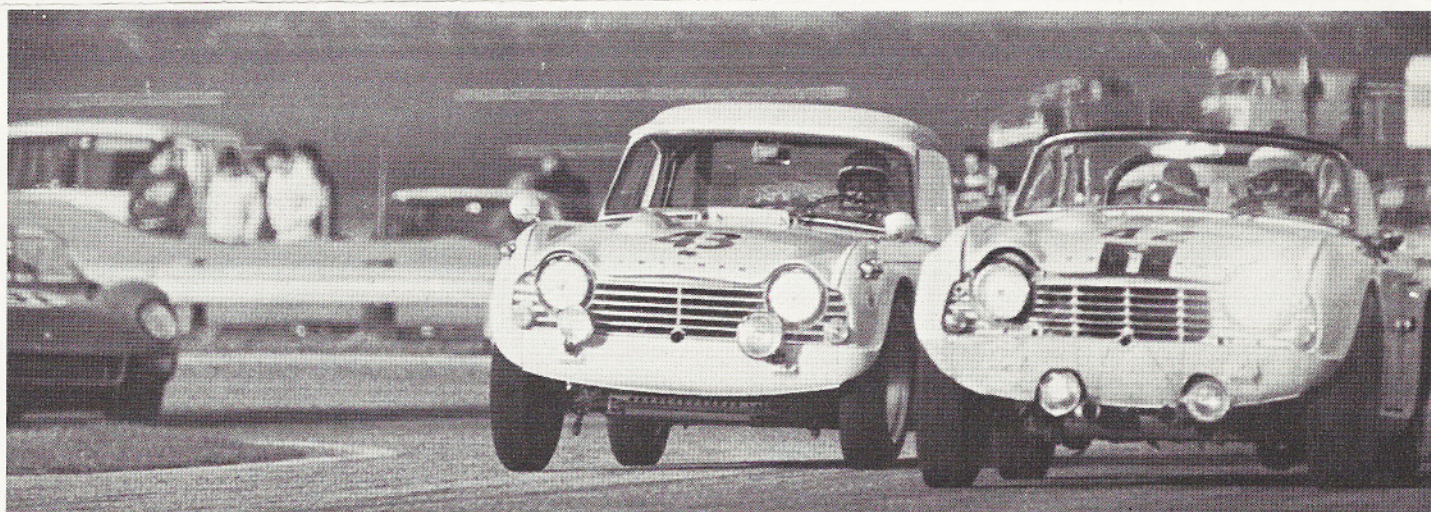
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TR-4 Vies with TR-4A at Daytona



Triumph TR-4A driven by Dana Kelder and Ara Dube (No. 43) cuts on the inside of TR-4 driven by Ken Hughes during Daytona Continental, 24-hour endurance race last month. Kelder and Dube placed second in their class at Daytona. This

team had won three years in a row at Daytona in the TR-3 class. Plans for the future? First in the new class, of course! Hughes' car was the same TR-4 that Barry Martin of Canada used in Sebring, 1965. Watch these drivers in 1966!

A Rerun of Triumph's Racing Assistance

The Triumph Competition Department will once again give full support to Triumph drivers who make good showings in SCCA events.

This will be the fifth year of the Triumph racing assistance program.

Payments to drivers will be as follows:

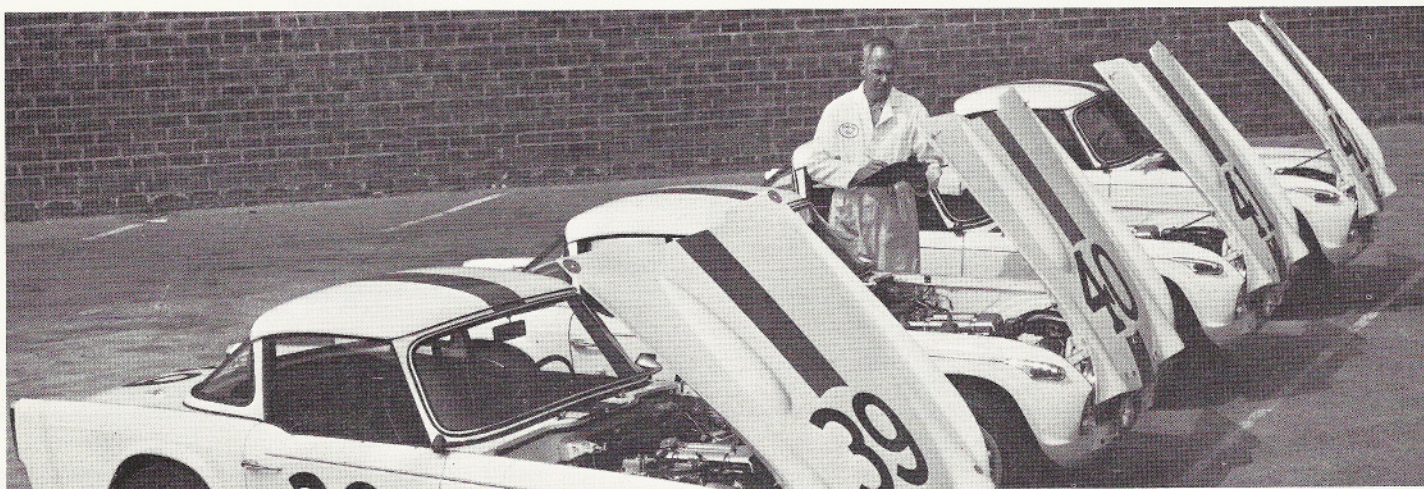
Class D: First Triumph, \$100; Second Triumph, \$75;
Class F: First Triumph, \$50; Second Triumph, \$25; Class
G: First Triumph, \$75; Second Triumph, \$50.

These payments apply only to drivers who finish in the top six in their class.

The Rally Assistance Program is being reviewed and there might be some changes in it. At present, any driver of a Triumph that finishes in the top ten in SCCA national rallies is eligible for a \$100 payment. The second Triumph in the top ten receives \$75.

To participate in this program, you must report the event and your results fully. What is needed is: event, where held, date, overall finishing position (when classes are combined), finishing position in class, names and finishing positions of other Triumph drivers in the race.

Address all this information to Michael L. Cook, competition department, Standard-Triumph Motor Co., Inc., 575 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.



Sebring Scorecard

Four Triumphs and eight trophy-laden drivers were converging on Sebring, Florida for the grueling 12-hour Grand Prix of Endurance on March 26 as this issue of TSOA Newsletter went to press.

The teams, selected from among tested Triumph winners in SCCA competition throughout the country, were all set to pilot a sports prototype (No. 39 above) in Class 10 (2,500 to 3,000 cc.) and three TR-4As in the Grand Touring Class (2,000 to 2,500 cc.).

Competition manager R. W. (Kas) Kastner put the cars through their paces before shipping them from Los Angeles to the site of the big 12-hour event on the opposite coast. And drivers began arriving in the Florida town to try to get used to the sunshine and the conditions on the Sebring airport converted to an endurance raceway.

The Triumph prototype, prepared for top speed, was put in the hands of Bob Tullius, Falls Church, Virginia, and Charles Gates, the racing grandfather from Palos Verdes, California.

Tullius, who lost the 1965 SCCA National Championship to another member of the Triumph Sebring team, had earlier won three straight Class D titles.

Gates, 52 years old, won the National Class D Modified Championship in a TR-4A in 1965. He had been West Coast champion in a TR-4 in 1963.

Drivers of GT entry No. 42 are R. Craig Hill of London, Ontario and Ludwig Heimrath of Montreal.

Heimrath is a past Canadian National champion driver and has driven all types of cars but mainly GT sports and formula cars for the last two years. Hill, a Triumph dealer, won his class in Canadian racing in a TR-4 in 1965.

Car No. 40 was put in the hands of Dick Gilmartin of Falls Church, Va. and Mike Rothschild of Millburn, N. J. Gilmartin, Tullius' partner, drives a Spitfire in SCCA competition. He finished second in the Northeastern division and fourth nationally in 1965. Rothschild is a long-time campaigner with 16 years of competition under his belt and a lot of trophies.

The fourth car, was put at the control of Bill Pendleton of Eugene, Ore. and Steve Froines of Oakland, Calif.

Froines is the National SCCA champion who beat out fellow TR-4A driver Tullius for the title. Pendleton was the 1965 West Coast champion and has numerous West Coast region championship victories under his belt.

Tri-O-Rama: A Great Event Coming Up

By JACK GRIFFEE

There is one positive thing about the 1966 TRI-O-RAMA — you may have difficulty talking yourself into going but once you go you will always want to "go again next year." This year's event on April 23 and 24 is being co-sponsored by the Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey, Triumph Sports Car Club of Delaware Valley, and the New York Triumph Motor Club.

The TRI-O-RAMA is a combined social-auto enthusiasts' weekend with one common denominator: every participant is a proud owner of a Triumph.

The official schedule will begin when the first rally car leaves the Holiday Inn, Route 46, Wayne, New Jersey, at 9:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. However, many of the Triumph owners, being social types, will register the evening before so they can join in the elbow bending, singing, no-host cocktail party.

You are afraid of rallies? Forget it! It's a pleasant drive

in the country — the Triumph excuse to get you to the Pocono Manor Hotel in Pennsylvania where the entire hotel will be turned over to TR enthusiasts for tech meetings, films, TR talk, a meet Bob Tullius session, more elbow bending, indoor swimming, etc. Dinner? Yes, and the fellows will have to wear jackets — but did you ever hear of a stuffy Triumph affair? After dinner it's "on-your-own" time for socializing.

I am sorry but you must drag yourself out of bed Sunday morning as the first car will be off at 10:01 a.m. sharp for the rally to the Town and Country Inn, Somerville, New Jersey, and a great buffet dinner. Naturally all the trophies for two days' competition will be awarded. After that it's homeward bound and pleasant memories.

How do I know so much about this? I have been at the three previous events and last year I took home the top prizes. See you there?

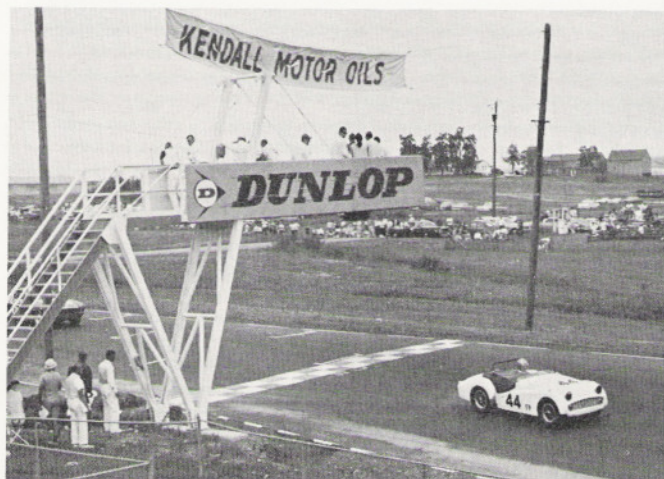
Racing for Triumph: The Story of Group 44



CAN DRIVING TRIUMPHS in competition be a business? Dick Gilmartin (above) and Bob Tullius think so—and are making it pay. Dick and Bob formed Group 44 a year ago to promote Triumph sports cars through racing.



DICK AND BOB (above) have established their company just outside of Washington, D. C. in Falls Church, Virginia. Their facilities house as many as ten racing cars with all the tools needed to maintain their mounts.



DICK HAS DONE MORE in racing the Triumph Spitfire than anyone in the country. Bob is one of the best known amateur sports car drivers in the country. He was crowned national champion for the past four years, won 25 firsts in 1965. Bob and Dick are at Sebring for the 12-hour test.



BETWEEN RACES, THE TWO entrepreneurs exhibit their cars at automobile shows, conventions and at local Triumph dealers' agencies. They make guest appearances on radio and speak before clubs on racing and safety. Readers, how about this! (Here is Bob at recent Chicago Automobile Show).

Want To Join a Triumph Club? Here's How

Many requests come in from Triumph drivers anxious to get in on local sports car activities in their areas. We don't have a complete rundown of the Triumph clubs around the country. They seem to spring up whenever two or more neighbors discover Triumph. But here are the names and contacts for some of them. We'll keep adding to this list.

Houston, Texas: The Tejas Triumph Sports Car Club, c/o Terry J. Held, 720 Bastrop St., Houston, Texas 77003;

New York: New York Triumph Motor Club, c/o Ruth Barron, secretary, 35-54 84 St., Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y. 11372;

New Jersey: Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey, Inc., c/o Mary Latto, 17-16 Hunter Pl., Fair Lawn, N. J.;

Rochester, N. Y.: Triumph Tour Club of Rochester, Inc., c/o Mary Ann Weishaar, secretary, 62 Brett Road, Rochester, N. Y. 14609;

Toronto, Ontario: Triumph Sports Owners Assn. (Toronto Branch), P.O. Box 271, Station K, Toronto 12, Ont.;

Washington, D.C.: District of Columbia Triumph Sports Car Owners Association, c/o Keith L. Grimes, 6909 Freeport St., Hyattsville, Maryland.

Tour of European Races

This is the year to catch the great European sports car events. And SCCA is going to make it a lot easier to do so.

A charter flight for SCCA members — of six months standing — and their immediate families will take off from New York on June 1 for Paris and return on July 3. Tab is only \$230 round-trip.

Three racing weekends are available to charter flyers:

- The "1000 kilometers of Nuerburgring" in Germany, June 4 and 5;
- The "Belgian Grand Prix" at Francorchamps, Belgium, June 11 and 12;
- The "24 Heures du Mans" at Le Mans, France, June 18 and 19.

And you can take advantage of this trip to buy a new Triumph in Europe for shipment home. (Write to our Overseas Delivery Dept., Standard-Triumph Motor Co., 575 Madison Ave., New York, for details.)

If you want to get in on this great European trip, write to "Flight", Sports Car Club of America, P.O. Box 791, Westport, Connecticut.

A Young 'Fangio' Seeks Pix

A budding young Fangio from Argentina, age 15, is looking for race pictures showing Triumphs in action. Young Miguel Colazo, who lives in the Argentinian village of Almafuerite, would also like reports on Triumphs in competition.

"Very little information arrives in this area", he wrote us.

Can you help young Miguel fill the gap in auto sports news? We have put him on the list to receive this newsletter. How about your Triumph club letter? And how about pictures and information?

Write to: Miguel E. Colazo, Gran Bretana 149, Almafuerite (Prov. Cordoba), Rep. Argentina.

TSOA SUPERMARKET

TRIUMPH JACKETS

Custom-tailored shower-proof wash-and-wear blue poplin zipper jackets with silk-screened Triumph logo on back; exclusive to TSOA: specify size — s, m, l, xl. \$9.50

TSOA T-SHIRTS

Attractive white knit shirt with collar and button front. No pocket. Triumph logo in blue on back, shield on left front. Specify s, m, l, xl. \$4.50

TSOA Handbook

"Please Don't Dent Me" Cards. \$1.00/100

Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards"

FREE

List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors. FREE

STAA Badge \$1.50

Replacement TSOA Badge. \$1.00

Standard Triumph Review Subscription. \$2.50/year

TR-3, TR-4 Competition Preparation Booklet. \$2.00

SPITFIRE Competition Preparation Booklet. \$2.00

Send Check or Money Order. No C.O.D.'s please.

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Service Hints: Radial Plys

Here is a tip on use of radial ply tyres from the British Tyre Industry, a trade association:

Radial ply and cross ply tyres have vastly different properties when cornering and the wrong combination of such tyres is dangerous. Therefore, the following information is vital:

1. Do not in any circumstances have radial ply tyres on front wheels with cross ply tyres on the rear. There are no exceptions to this and it applies whether the car has front or rear wheel drive, or whether the rear tyres are standard tread cross ply or winter tread cross ply.

2. Do not mix cross ply and radial ply tyres on front or rear wheels. If fitting the spare results in "mixing" proceed with extra care and correct the fitment as soon as possible.

3. The best combinations are either cross ply tyres all around, or radial ply tyres all around, but in most cases it is safe to have cross ply tyres on the front and radial ply tyres on the rear. For high performance cars, mixed equipment is not recommended.

Remember, do not fit radial ply tyres of any make to front wheels only.

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FOR SALE: TR-3A, 1961, 34,000 miles, white, mint condition, black top and tonneau, radio, heater, Rupert harness, fog lamp, many extras — best offer over \$1,000. Contact: Vincent Maginn (212) MU 2-0616 eves after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Custom built car trailer, will fit TR-2, 3, 4, and Spitfire. Many extras including electric brakes, new tires, complete lighting equipment. Also for sale, roll bar for TR-3 and set of front Koni shocks. Contact: Jim Goldsmith, 185 Bryant Ave., White Plains, New York. Phone: (914) WH 6-4082.

FOR SALE: TR-4, 1964, red with black interior, one owner 12,000 miles. Excellent condition \$1,900.00 or take over payments. Reason for selling — back to college. Contact: Lynn Kessler, 17 William St., Glens Falls, New York. Phone: 792-7947.

FOR SALE: One 60 spoke wire wheel for TR-3 or TR-4 — immaculate condition, less than 6,000 miles — \$25.00. Contact: J. Denis Axen, 18780 Redwood St. Fountain Valley, California. Phone: (714) 962-5101.

FOR SALE: TR-3, 1960, British Racing Green, wire wheels just rebuilt, new brakes, TR-4 all synco gearbox, TR-4 sway bar, head is ported and milled, four Michelin 'X' tires — two are brand new. Mechanic-owner. Car meticulously maintained since new. New addition to family forces sale. Best offer over \$1,050. Contact: William W. Loring, P.O. Box 1417, Portland, Maine. Phone: (207) 773-2233.

WANTED: D Cam for 1958 TR-3. Contact: Allan Gold, 1963 Ryer Ave., Bronx, New York. Phone: LU 7-0738 eves.

WANTED: Block assembly or complete engine to fit 1959 Triumph TR-3. Contact: David Aldrick, R.R. 4, Galt, Ontario, Canada.

FOR SALE: New standard parts side curtains, black, and tonneau cover for TR-3, \$90. Tommy Staley, Box 208, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760, Clearwater 3-2572.

FOR SALE: TR-4, 1964, black w/red interior, overdrive, wire wheels, new WSW Grand Prix tires, Abarth exhaust, radio and heater, tonneau cover, 2 Lucas drive lights, factory workshop and parts manual incl., excellent condition, never raced, \$1,850 firm. Contact: Ed. Jordan, 1 Brenda Ave., Jeannette, Pa. 15644. Phone: (412) 744-2606.

FOR SALE: TR-4, 1964, red, radio and heater, white top and tonneau, original owner, never raced, a real immaculate roadster, with just over 12,000 miles. Asking \$1,850.00. Contact: Ted Bamford, 288 Wagner Drive, Claremont, California, 91711; Telephone: (714) 624-5479.

ATTENTION: Triumph TR-3, TR-4, TR-4A IRS owners. Convert your disc wheel car to wire wheels. 5 wire wheels (four 60 spoke and one 48 spoke) 4 hub extensions (splined), and 4 knock off wing nuts. All wheels in excellent condition. \$95.00. Bob Krokus, 33 S. Fillmore Street, Arlington, Va., (703) 522-1151 or 524-3829.

TRADE: Two perfect condition Stromberg 175CD's for your SU's. Zero miles since overhaul. Must make my TR-3 legal for F- Production. Charles L. Greer, Box 6098, College Station, Texas 77840.

FOR SALE: TR-3A, 1960. British racing green. Wire wheels. White walls. Red interior. Many extras, such as, Lucas lamps, lighter-ashtray, etc. Immaculate condition throughout. \$1,150.00. Contact: Bruce Rubin, 3604 Philips Dr., Baltimore, Maryland 21208.

FOR SALE: Black tonneau cover for TR-3. Excellent condition, new zipper, original equipment from Triumph. \$15.00. William M. Walsh, 30 Cedar Lane, Pleasantville, New York, 10570. Phone: Night. (914) 769-5896.

FOR SALE: Used Barrecafter Kerry All Ski Rack, No. KA400. Fits on TR-3 trunk lid. No holes required. Holds two pairs of skis. \$10 plus shipping. C. Stoffels, 150 Dogwood, Park Forest, Illinois 60466.

FOR SALE: TR-3 Factory Side Curtains, White, still in plastic wrapper, \$65.00. Hardtop nice condition, \$130. Also, TR-4 overdrive transmission and differential. Contact: Herbert Sherlock, 514 Marquardt, N.W., North Canton, Ohio. Phone: Massillon, Ohio — TE 3-9818.

FOR SALE: Stevens Dual Counters for TR. Original cost: \$135. Used 8 times. Sale price: \$90. Louis E. Jorgensen, 715 Bluecrest Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61107.

WANTED: TR-4 overdrive, will exchange overdrive with transmission for transmission. Richard Marks, 305 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

FOR SALE: Amco bumper guard for TR-4A, brand new — still in carton; cost, \$17.95, will sell for \$15.49. Also new Amco bumper guards for front and back of Spitfire, \$15.49 apiece. Brian P. Donovan, 157 Beach 135 Street, Belle Harbor, New York 11694.