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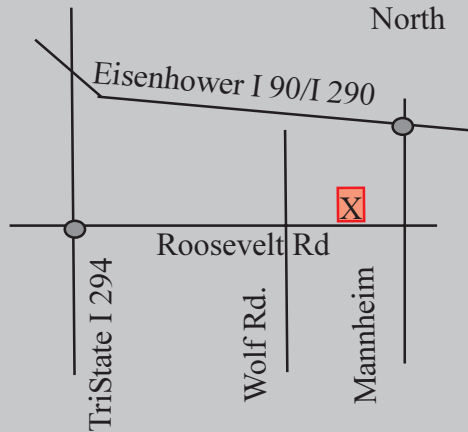
**The Passing of the Pen  
Calendar Events  
Bonnet Latch Modifications  
Start of Charging System Series  
And some more stuff!**

**Friends and Family who drive together will always *Triumph***

## Illinois Sports Owners Association



The Illinois Sports Owners Association is an owners and enthusiasts club dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of TRIUMPH cars. Monthly meetings are held at the Round Up Saloon, 4152 W. Roosevelt Road in Hillside (X marks the spot on the map below), on the first Sunday of every month (unless otherwise announced). Meeting time is 7:00 PM (roughly), but come early and have a beer and share some TRIUMPH BS with your fellow enthusiasts.



The Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of every month, at the home of Sheri and Bill Pyle, 320 N. Linden, Itasca, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings.

### 1998 Officers

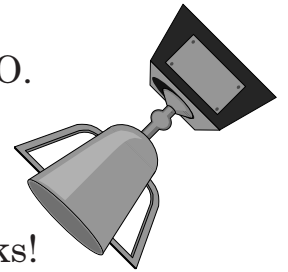
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## Numbers Game

Current Member Total:	101
Current Memberships Paid:	100
Newsletter Circulation Total:	130

## Top 10 ISOA Cup Points Leaders

Everyone is even at ZERO.


















Start of the new year folks!

## Newsletter Submissions

SNIC-BRAAAPP is published monthly and is intended for you to have it before the first of every month. All contributions/submissions will be published! If you require your contribution/submission to be in the upcoming edition, the editors request that it be received by the 15th. Submissions can be either "electronic" or good old fashioned paper. All photos and disks will be returned. Electronic submissions can be PC or MAC formats or e-mailed to the editors. It is easier for you to tell us how you can submit rather than us telling you the many ways we can receive them. We will try to make it as easy for all of us to get your submissions included in this publication. The following addresses will work for any submission.

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- Jan 4            General membership meeting 
- Jan 7            Board of Directors meeting
- Jan 24          ISOA Big Bash 
  
- Feb 1            General membership meeting 
- Feb 11          Board of Directors meeting
- Feb 22          British Parts Swap Meet & Flea Market  
DuPage County Fairgrounds
- Feb 28          Front suspension rebuild clinic at Bill & Sheri Pyle's 
  
- Mar 1            General membership meeting 
- Mar 14          Chili Party/Movie Night/board meeting at Ann & Tim Buja's 
  
- Apr 5            General membership meeting 
- Apr 8            Board of Directors meeting
- Apr 18          Transmission & Carb rebuild clinic at Bill & Sheri Pyle's
- Apr 31          House on the Rock Tour 
  
- May ??          ISOA Tune Up Clinic (1st or 2nd weekend) exact date &  
location to be announced later 
- May 3            General membership meeting 
- May 13          Board of Directors meeting
- May 14-17      Quadfest, sponsored this year by Vintage Triumphs of  
Wisconsin at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. 
- May 18-24      2nd Annual British Car Week
- May 22-24      Champaign British Car Festival 
  
- Jun 3            General membership meeting 
- Jun 7            Michiana British Car Day, South Bend, IN 
- Jun 10          Board of Directors meeting
- Jun 18-20      TRA Nationals - Rocky Gap Maryland
- Jun 21          British Car Field Day - Sussex Wi 



Indicates this is an ISOA Cup points event



Dear Fellow Club Members,

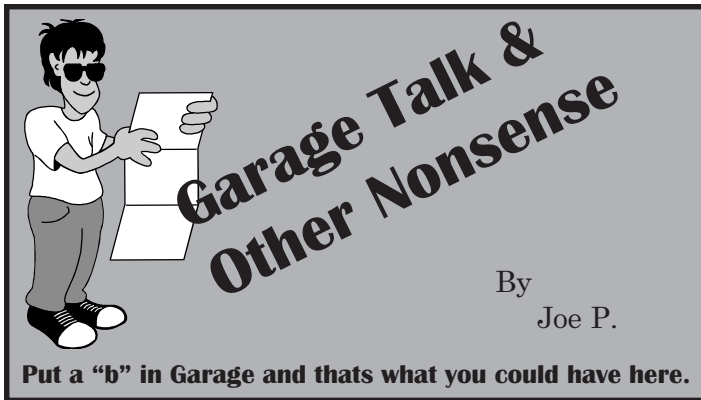
A quiet transition has occurred over the Christmas and Hanukkah holiday season. The transition that has occurred is with the very newsletter you are reading now. The editorial duties of Snic Braaapp which have been dutifully carried out by Jake and Elwood Manteno will pass to a new editorial staff. (At long last, it is possible to reveal the true identity of the Manteno Brothers in print: Elwood Manteno is actually Irv Korey, and Jake Manteno is actually Kim Joiner. While rumors of their true identities have floated around for years, never before have they been positively identified in print. Unaware of their nom de plume, some people have actually asked club members to introduce them to the Manteno Brothers! This is a true indication of how serious they were about avoiding liability for slander!). For the past thirteen years Irv has produced Snic Braaapp with the technical proficiency of Chernoybl nuclear engineers, the honesty of Bill Clinton and his administration, the compassion of Don Rickles and the political correctness of Howard Stern. The new editorial staff hopes to carry on that fine tradition of journalism in many ways. Irv was finally able to find a couple of complete numbskulls to take over the job. I am sure that the guilt of these actions will be short lived. I am also sure that there were mixed feelings about passing on the responsibility of the newsletter to a new crew. Next time you see Irv, give him an “atta boy” for a job well done because none of this stuff is easy to do. Thanks again and we better see some contributions from you in this rag or your ass is grass and you get it back!

Enough of the mushy post mortem review and a little about who’s doing the newsletter now. If you glanced past the second page which houses general info about the club, you would have missed that the new editors are Joe and Tim with more contributing editors to get signed up later. Tim will be handling much of the technical and activity editor duties and Joe all the layouts, printing and other nonsense. The Manteno Brothers have given the “steering wheel” to the Stagmaster News Group which is a subsidiary of Greasy Hand Productions which is a Division of ISOA Publications. The reason for the layered organization is to have any legal actions from libel and slander take the law a few days to get to the editors. This gives them a head start to get out of the state in time.

The main content of news in a newsletter should be about the club and its activities. The source of that content is you the members. Any contribution whether big or small is welcome. Comments good and bad are welcome. However, bad comments will be handled by editors who have very low self esteem and can be traumatized easily. No telling what they might do. Everyone please take note of the addresses on the second page and submit your stories and ideas. We have a ton ourselves that we hope you will all enjoy. Remember that your contribution will yield coveted ISOA Kup points. If I end up writing all of this stuff, then I’ll get accused of stealing the points. It would be much easier to hack into Ann Buja’s database to take care of that.

Triumphantly yours,

Joe & Tim



**Subject: VTR Convention Update**  
From: Lindberg, Andrew (MN12)  
(editor, Minnesota Triumphs Newsletter)  
Andrew.Lindberg@CORP.honeywell.com  
Date: Monday, November 24, 1997 1:52 PM

### **VTR Convention Moves to Hudson**

Plan A for the Vintage Triumph Register National Convention was to hold it in Winona, Minnesota at a to-be-built Holiday Inn. In October, the developer (the Rivers Hotel Group) told us that they could not complete this facility in time for the convention. The Minnesota Triumphs Club was concerned with this development but not alarmed. After all, they had a contingency plan (Plan B). Plan B involved using the Rivers Group's Riverport Inn as the host facility with overflow rooms available at other Winona facilities. Unfortunately, during November things went from bad to worse in Winona:

- (1) The Rivers Hotel Group told us that they could not make available the backup facilities they had promised us at the Riverport Inn. This was apparently due to management incompetence.
- (2) The Rivers Group then told us that they would not keep their commitment to honor the Holiday Inn's \$60/room price at the Riverport. This was apparently due to unvarnished greed.
- (3) The Rivers Group and the City of Winona couldn't find adequate parking places for cars, vendors, swap meets, trailers, etc. The City of Winona and the Winona Convention Bureau both championed our cause with Mike Rivers, the owner of the Rivers Group, but to no avail. It's unfortunate that a nice city like Winona is afflicted with him. Since Winona could no longer host the convention, a change had to be made. And it had to be made rapidly because the convention is getting closer.

Enter Plan C, which involves two major changes from Plan A and Plan B: 1. The convention has been moved 100 miles upriver to Hudson, Wisconsin. The primary hotel will be the Hudson House. Two additional hotels (the Super 8 and the Comfort Inn) will also be primary convention hotels. Overflow lodging is available at the Fairfield Inn and Holiday Inn Express & Suites. 2. The dates for the convention have been changed slightly from 7/22-25 to 7/21-24. In other words, the convention will run Tuesday through Friday rather than Wednesday through Saturday. The

**January 24** - We are a friendly club, and feel the best way to start off the New Year is with a party. Our BIG BASH will be held for the second year in a row at the Des Plaines Elk's Club, 495 Lee St, Des Plaines. Don't be alarmed at all the Cadillacs in the lot, or the women wearing furs you may see on the way in. We have our own private room (in the basement, of course) and if you identify yourself as being with the car club, they WILL let you in. Particulars such as cost and time are listed in the full page spread later on in this newsletter. This is a fun evening, and the food at the Elk's club is pretty good, too. Make sure you get the selection filled out and mailed into Sheri, with a check of course.

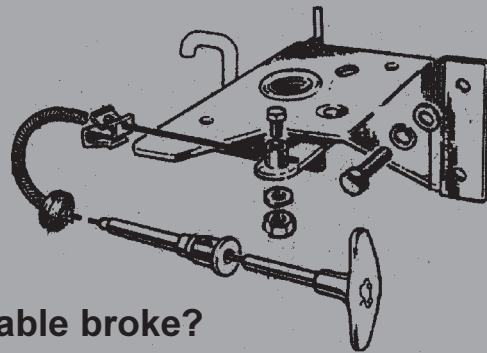
**February 24** - The 2nd British Car Flea Market will take place at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. ISOA will once again man (woman) a booth promoting the fun Triumph experience available here in Northern Illinois. A pink flyer was included in the registration packet from the British Car Festival. Last year was fantastic, with thousands of people attending, from as far away as LaCrosse, WI. This year, the organizers hope to have an even better event. Plans for our club display may include our Triumph Pine Woody Derby track.

The **VTR National Convention** is geographically close this year. Our own Jack "Spuds" Billimack has bet **Vintage Triumphs of Wisconsin** \$10.00 that we will have more cars there than VTOW. This bet was made even though VTOW has many more members than we have. Do you want Spuds to lose? Actually, if you don't go, you will lose, as our National Conventions are tons o' fun. Let us remind you that 1998 is the 75th anniversary of the first Triumph car. We will also be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the TR250/TR5. It's going to be great, and it will be even better if you are there. The snow should be all melted away by July up there anyway.

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# Auxiliary Bonnet Release

By Joe Cannon

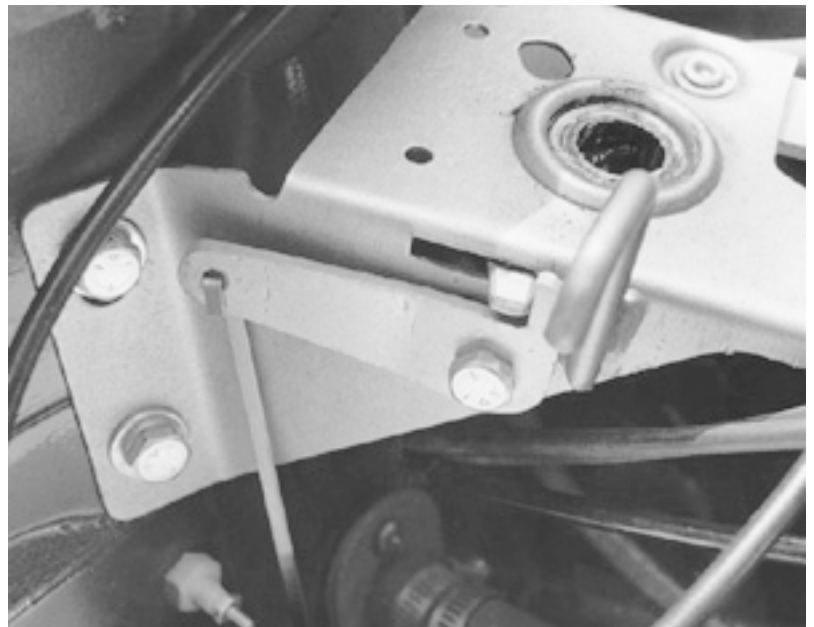


or

**How would I get the Bonnet open if this cable broke?**

*Joe Cannon is from the Capitol Triumph Register in Washington DC and has given Snic Braaapp permission to print this article.*

The hood release described here works very well. Actually, the force required to operate this is less than the force required for the standard pull cable. The lever can be made by cutting out the drawing here and gluing it to a suitable piece of steel (i.e. a mending plate), available from a hardware store. Cut it out with a hack saw and finish it with a file. The general shape and radius is for aesthetics, as long as the hole and vertical catch portion is as illustrated, the rest doesn't matter.



## Installation:

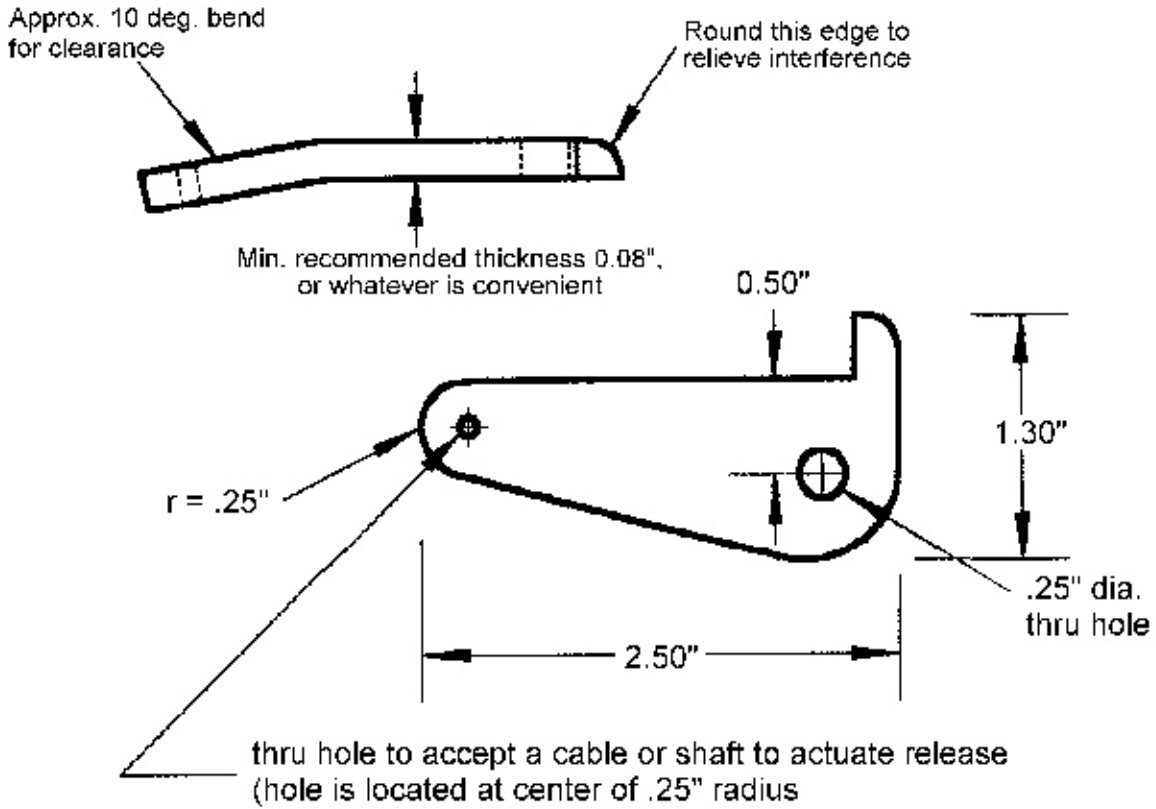
After you have made the lever place it in position on the hood latch bracket and clamp it with vice grips. Then with a 1/4" drill bit running in the 1/4" hole, drill just enough to make a small starting hole in the hood latch bracket. Remove the lever and finish drilling the hole for a 1/4" tap drill. (.201 or #7 drill), thread the hole with a 1/4-20 or 1/4-28 tap. Make the activating link using a 10 length of wire (i.e. clothes hanger or welding rod), bend the wire sharply about a 1/2" from an end and pass it into the small hole, then bend again to capture the wire link.

Now drill an appropriate hole in the horizontal section of the firewall directly beneath the latch bracket into the passenger side foot compartment. With the link attached and

inserted in the firewall hole, mount the release lever on the bracket using the 1/4" bolt with flat washers as spacers. Screw the bolt in just enough so the lever does not bind or is too loose, its movement should feel right. Then use a nut and lock washer on the inside of the bolt to lock it in place securely.

Now put an upward bend in the link in the portion that extends into the foot compartment. vate the release, just grip the loop of the link in the foot compartment with pliers and pull down. Pop goes the hood.

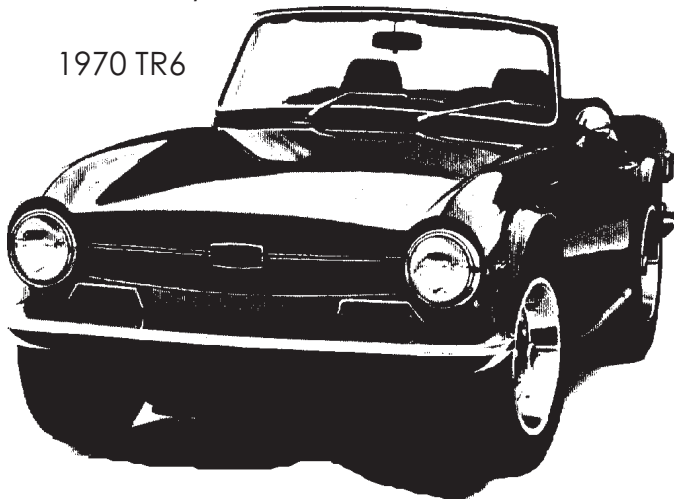
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Hood Release Template

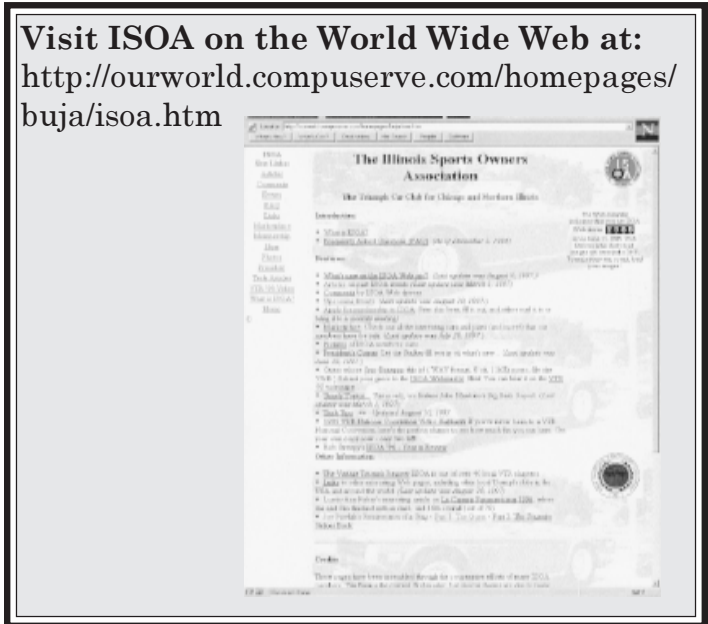
**Welcome a New ISOA Member.....**

Mike Kokott  
 815 N. 10th St.  
 Dekalb, IL 60115  
 Home: 815/758 6256  
 Work 815/756 1521x3120



1970 TR6

Visit ISOA on the World Wide Web at:  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/buja/isoa.htm>



# Big Bash 98

**What:** Annual ISOA Party and Awards Night  
Great Company  
Beer  
Food  
Slides of Past Events  
Special Awards ceremony (mercifully brief)  
Tall Stories (BS)  
Your Picture Taken With Spuds and/or Big Mama (extra cost)  
Did we mention beer?

**When:** **Saturday January 24th**  
Cocktails (Cash Bar) and hors d'oeuvres + Triumph BS 6:00 - 7:30 (PM)  
Dinner + Triumph BS 7:30  
After dinner until ??? More fun and much more Triumph BS

**Where:** Des Plaines Elk's Club  
495 Lee St. Des Plaines, IL

**How Much:** \$20.00/ person

Please choose from the dinner choices listed below and have your reservation and \$\$\$ in to Treasurer Sheri "Big Mama" Pyle by **January 10**.

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(rip me off)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Entree (indicate how many)

Baked White Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Fresh Baked Chicken maitre d'Elks with peach garni \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Sirloin of Beef au jus, choice triangles seasoned and sliced \_\_\_\_\_

Stuffed Baked Pork Chop, with fresh baked apple slices \_\_\_\_\_

All entrees include soup, salad, veggie, potato, dessert, and beverage.

Check enclosed for \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Bring your check made out to ISOA to the January meeting or mail to arrive by **January 10** to Sheri Pyle, 320 N. Linden St., Itasca, IL 60143



# Converting Positive To Negative Ground

By: Joe Pawlak

There comes a point in the life of a purist when the convenience of maintenance and accessory management takes over. There will always be a continued debate over the physics of electron flow, electron hole theory and various other aspects involving the direction of subatomic particles in your early Triumph. (I knew a Electrical Engineering degree would come in handy some day.) The fact of the matter is that switching from a positive ground system to a negative ground system is easy and should be considered as a short winter project. Two big reasons to consider this a "to do" project are:

1) Easy addition of reliability enhancements such as electronic ignition, electric fuel pump etc.

and

2) The ability to add a decent radio/CD/tape deck to your car without going through a major exercise in isolating the audio device from the car chassis.

If you must keep the illusion that the car remains a positive ground, then keep the Red battery cable hooked up to the negative ground terminal of the battery. Just don't let anybody "jump" start your car.

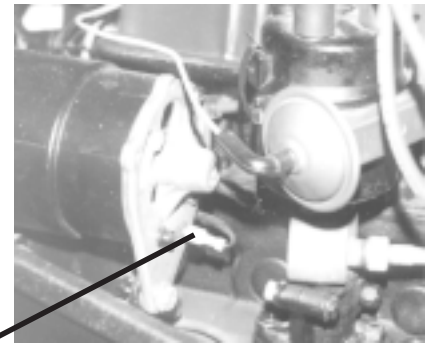
The steps to complete the project are as follows:

1. Disconnect the battery cables and remove the battery
2. If you have a original radio, remove it. Hopefully you are not replacing it with one of those 8 track units.
3. If you have a ammeter, you'll need to reverse the wires connected to it unless you want to remember that when the needle goes negative you are charging and when it goes positive you are discharging. Reversing the leads is much easier.
4. Diodes Schmiodes. Some distributors may have a diode across the points rather than a condensor, reverse the connections to the diode. Also some electric fuel pumps (if you have one) may have a diode going across them as well. If unsure, there may need to be further discussions needed about your electrics. (How about a electrics clinic?)
5. Flip flop the wires going to the coil. Leave the big fat one in the middle alone. So you'll be connecting the (-) side of the coil to the wire going to the distributor and the (+) side of the coil to the wire going to the ignition switch.

6. Flip flop the wires going to the heater fan motor. If you don't, the fan motor will rotate backwards. If it's a centrifugal (squirrel cage) fan, you'll only have around 40% flow into the car. If it's an axial (bladed) fan, it will suck air out of the car instead of blowing air in. Either way, you'll be colder than you want to be. (It is not necessary to change the leads at the starter motor. The starter uses a series-wound motor that will always rotate the correct way with either polarity.) Some Triumph owners have installed an auxiliary electric radiator fan. If your car has one, you'll need to flip flop these leads. If you don't, this fan will attempt to blow air in the opposite direction of the engine driven fan. This will cause an overheating problem.

7. Replace the battery. This time you'll be rotating it 180 degrees so that the negative battery terminal is connecting to the cable strap that attaches directly to the body/chassis.

8. Disconnect the two leads to the generator. Temporarily connect one end of a length of wire to the positive terminal of the battery. Touch the other end of the wire to the F terminal on the generator (the one the smaller lead is



connected to, the wire is brown with a green stripe) several times briefly. You'll get a few sparks and that's ok unless you have a natural gas leak happening. This repolarizes the field windings so you get the proper output.

8. Reconnect the two leads to the generator.

That's it! All you need to do now is call Tim or Joe to help fix the other electricals (just kiddin'). Everything electrical on the car will/should work like normal. I promptly installed a Pioneer SuperTuner Tape deck plus 4 speakers in the car (present from Kathy). Jimi Hendrix, Cream and the Yardbirds never sounded so good. (a 60's vintage car should have 60's vintage tunes, right?) Better than the AM with the 2" speaker. So I'm not concours material, but I at least DRIVE my car.

*This is the first in a series of articles that will cover updating and converting the charging system as well as other electrics of your Triumph. Converting to negative ground needs to be the first step. Let's do our part to stamp out consistently unreliable components in these wonderful machines.*



# Marketplace



The place to buy, sell and trade almost anything Triumph related!

**FOR SALE:** Starting handle support rod for the **46-49 1800/2000 Triumph Roadster**. Most authentically reproduced from the original and handsomely chrome plated. \$125 plus postage & insurance (or I'll bring it to a meeting if you prefer). Mel Merzon, 5051 Greenleaf, Skokie 60077. Days 3121836-2162, evenings 847/677-7341, fax 312/836-3982, email [msm@navistar.com](mailto:msm@navistar.com)

**FOR SALE:** assorted parts from a **71 TR6**: 2 rear axle assemblies with new U joints, painted with new boots (but I is slightly damaged) \$125.00 each. 1 rack and pinion assembly with new boots and rubber mounts included, painted and ready to install, feels tight, \$125.00. 1 differential assembly (3.70:1 ratio), ring and pinion shows no sign of distress, painted and ready to install, \$250.00. 1 differential rubber mount kit including washers, installed but never driven \$25.00. 1 rear bumper assembly with Amco over rider. It is straight but the chrome is not perfect. \$100.00, might break up into individual pieces. If you are unhappy with any of this stuff, I will take it back. I am using the sale of this extra stuff to help feed my hobby (TR4 #197 vintage racer). Joe Alexander, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 319/266-6044, [tr3197@aol.com](mailto:tr3197@aol.com)

**FOR SALE: 73 TR6**, emerald green and black, body and chassis in excellent condition, interior and top in very good condition, trans recently rebuilt, roll bar, red lines, Monza exhaust, \$10,800. Call David @ 847/562-1112 for more info or to buy (Northbrook) or email [david@interaccess.com](mailto:david@interaccess.com)

**FOR SALE: 88 Mustang GT** convertible, red with white top and white leather interior, power windows, a/c, 5 speed transmission, 3000 miles, \$12,500. Tom Schulz, 847/255-3466.

**WANTED:** Bob Streepy is looking to borrow a rear seat cushion for a TR3A. The cushion needs to be square, not sloped. Raised hinge, post 60,000 commision number. The need is to copy the pattern to reproduce the cushion for his own TR3A. Call him at 630/372-7565, or email: [trstreep@chicago.avenew.com](mailto:trstreep@chicago.avenew.com)

**TONS of TR Parts!** 50 cents per pound with a \$5 minimum purchase. No UPS, so pick will be necessary. At these prices it would be worth the drive. Bob Kamholtz of Thunderbolt Enterprises in Genoa City Wisconsin is making available his vast inventory. Call 414/279-3307 for your parts needs.

**WANTED:** For next House on the Rock Video, 1 Indian outfit, size large, 1 biker outfit leather chaps, jacket, etc, size large, 1 police uniform we may already have this one, 1 coyboy outfit with hat, chaps, cowboy shirt, etc, size large, 1 - sailor outfit, preferably white, size large, 1 hard hat, 1 Karoake recording of YMCA. See the Stalker

**PRICE REDUCED!**, early **TR6 frame**, straight and no rust, ready for top coat (hey it is spring, time to put the top coat away and wear your ISOA windbreaker, the jacket not Gastro Boy). "I'm out of time and money and garage space, so this will go to the highest bidder over \$650". Mike Geiter 847 286 0413 days, 630 469 1431 evenings.

**FOR SALE:** The Gary Fager collection of used and abused TR6 front end parts, available at a substantial discount to anyone needing TR6 front end stuff. In addition, the "collection" includes 1 trailing arm; brake servo and master cylinder suitable for rebuild. No warranties express or implied. Hops Streepy, 630/372-7565.

**FOR SALE:** For only \$15.00, you can have your own copy of the 1995 VTR Convention that our club hosted. The Convention was professionally videotaped, and then edited from 8 hours into a 40 minute finished product. This is definitely \$15.00 well spent. See Sheri Pyle at the next meeting or send your check made out to ISOA to: VTR 95 Video, c/o Sheri Pyle, 320 N. Linden St, Itasca, IL 60143.

**FOR SALE:** South Central Wisconsin's largest collection of **Heralds**. This may even challenge the renowned Mace collection for sheer numbers of **Heralds** all in one place but not currently running. In fact, when Andy reads this, he will probably try to figure out how he can afford to buy these. This guy has 6 **Heralds** in various conditions, including 1 "very good" convertible. There is also a 73 Spitfire in the mix. The owner has at least 5 titles. He says he could probably arrange transportation, since all of the car are "probably trailerable". A couple of the cars have bad frames. "I want to sell quickly, so I would take \$4500 for everything." Email at [chalsey@jvl.net.com](mailto:chalsey@jvl.net.com). His name is Mark.

## Classified Submissions

There is **NO** charge for a classified ads. Photos can be used in classifieds. Please try to limit items for sale relating to Triumph/Car items. Always include name, phone and a clear description of what you are selling. The description will be used "as is". When sold, let us know, Ad will run until told otherwise. Submission methods are listed on the second page of the newsletter.

# ISOA Club Clothing and Accessories

**A.** ISOA club jacket. The black jacket features red and white accent trim on the arm stripes, red trimmed storm flap and collar and the ISOA full circle logo embroidered on the left chest. Other features include set-in sleeves, slash pockets, zippered front and shirred cuffs and waistband. Made of Supplex nylon with a nylon lining, they are durable, water-repellent, wind-resistant and packable. Adult sizes M-3XL. Available for \$49.00 from the ISOA Treasurer.

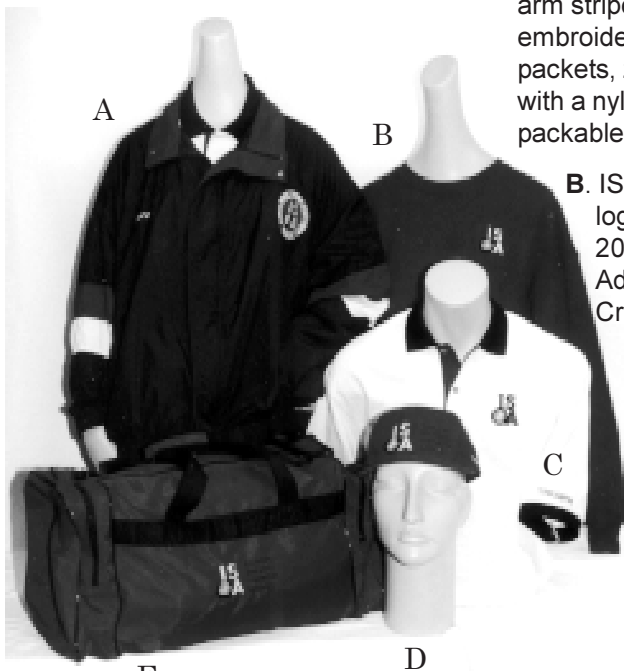
**B.** ISOA club long sleeve sweatshirt. A red sweatshirt with the ISOA 4 letter logo embroidered on the left chest. Made of extra heavyweight 80 cotton/20poly with set-in sleeves, ribbed spandex collar, cuffs and waistband. Adult sizes M-2XL. Available for \$25.00 (add \$2.00 for 2XL) from JABU Creations item #0047.

**C.** ISOA club short sleeve polo shirt. An ash body with black collar and cuffs and red placket with the ISOA 4 letter logo embroidered on the left chest and "TRIUMPH" on the left sleeve. Made of 100% combed cotton pique. Adult sizes M-3X. Available for \$27.00 (add \$2.00 for 2XL/3XL) from JABU Creations item #0039.

**D.** ISOA club hats. Either a red low profile brush cotton hat or a red pro brush cotton twill (low crown) hat with the ISOA 4 letter logo/"ILLINOIS SPORTS OWNERS ASSOC." embroidered on the front and "TRIUMPH" on the left side. Adult one-size adjustable back. Available for \$12.50 from JABU Creations item #4003 or #4009.

**E.** ISOA deluxe club tote bag. A red bag with black trim with the ISOA 4 letter logo/"ILLINOIS SPORTS OWNERS ASSOC." embroidered on 1 side and the TRIUMPH script logo on the other side and the top flap can be personalized with your name. One-size. Available for \$35.00 from JABU Creations item #5009.

**NEW ISOA T-shirts.** A ash body t-shirt with the ISOA full circle logo silkscreened on the center front. Made of preshrunk 98 cotton/2 poly. Adult M-3XL. Available for \$10.00 (add \$2.00 for 2XL/3XL) from the ISOA Treasurer.



**Garage Talk & Other Nonsense**

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date change was necessitated by prior commitments at several of the Hudson hotels. The following are the advantages of the Hudson location:

- \* Adequate lodging facilities are available.
- \* The Hudson dog track has a large, empty parking lot for the autocross.
- \* Banquet and vendor facilities are available.
- \* Prices are similar to the original prices quoted for Winona.
- \* The hotels are just off I-94 for good access, but are also close to good, and uncrowded, driving roads.
- \* Non-Triumph family members will be much closer to the Mall of America Hotel.

The main hotel will be the Hudson House. Registration, the banquet, and several other functions will be held at the Hudson House. Rooms are available at \$69/night. (715-386-2394) There

are two co-host hotels: First is the Super 8, where the Tuesday reception will be held. Rooms are available at \$56-65/night. (715-386-8800) The other co-host is the Comfort Inn with rooms ranging from \$51-60/night. (715-386-6355) Both the Super 8 and the Comfort Inn are within a block of the Hudson House. There are two additional recommended hotels located several blocks away. First is the Fairfield Inn with rooms at \$63/night. (715-386-6688) Second is the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. The Holiday has rooms at \$68/night and suites at \$85/night. (715-386-6200) Summary: It's unfortunate that the location change had to be made, but there was no workable alternative. Hudson promises to be a great location and this will still be the best 75th Anniversary Convention ever. (Note: If plan C doesn't work, the entire leadership of Minnesota Triumphs has signed a pledge to commit ritual octogonation, and trade in their TR's on MG Midgets.)

Much more information will follow. If you can't wait for more information, then call Gail or Larry Berg at 612/557-1949.

*Till next month.....*

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