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NEWSLETTER OF THE ORDER OF LOYAL DEVOTEES OF

FORD A-MODEL &

RESTORERS OF TRIUMPH SPORTSCARS®



ISOA to Merge with Ford Model A Club*

In an effort to incorporate a "Youth Movement," the "Ford Old Guys International Enthusiasts" has sought to form a symbiotic relationship with the "Society of Historic Illinois Triumph Hobbyist Enthusiasts, and Devotees." This partnership will enable the Model A group to add many younger members and simultaneously, provide the Triumph people with a mature presence, certainly a quality long absent from their membership.

The new club will be known as *The Order of Loyal Devotees to Ford A-Models & Restorers of Triumph Sportscars* or OLDFARTS for short. The official club publication, "The Geezer," will come out as often as we remember to print it. Club meetings from now on will be on Tuesdays at the Sun City Club House in Huntley at 1:30 PM, in plenty of time for the F.O.G.I.E.S to still catch the "Early Bird" special at their local Denny's. [Ed. Note: Some of the Triumph people objected, since a few of them still actually work for a living, but they were voted down in a close ballot. Former Triumph enthusiast and now Model A Election Judge, Earle Right, who certified that the results were all carefully tabulated and tallied, and personally counted the ballots, declared that the results did indeed favor the over seventy crowd.]

Following the announcement, F.O.G.I.E. President, Caleb Putnam declared, "By Crackie, I knew them young Triumph whippersnappers would lose this vote. Us Model A guys weren't born yesterday," [ed note: in some cases, not even yestercentury] but we still remember a thing or two about how to rig an election."

For more information on the impact of the merger of these two clubs, please read on.



Mueller, Streepy & Kayson in new club regalia after pulling engine from TR6

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*The April issue of the ISOA newsletter has traditionally attempted to incorporate a little "Humour," however sophomoric, into the publication. The real ISOA newsletter "stuff" starts on page 10. Don't tell anybody.



OLDFARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event
April.	4	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Topic: The Good Old Days - A fond look back at the Depression
	8	Tues.	5:00 AM	Magneto Clinic: Convert your car to 6V Positive Ground
	31	Tues.	5:00 AM	Leave for House on the Rock Tour [return in time for early bird]
May	7	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Topic: Fashion Tips: Black socks with sandals only <i>before</i> May 1
	20	Tues.	5:00 AM	Brake Clinic - Converting from disc to mechanical
	30	Tues.	5:00 AM	Pallbearer Practice all members welcome
June	4	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Topic: Remembering your grandkids' names
	13	Tues.	5:00 AM	Spring camp out. at Rock Cut [Return that afternoon]
	20	Tues.	5:00 AM	Leave for annual convention in Dearborn, MI
	27			Arrive in Dearborn, [Return that afternoon]
July	4	Tues.		Return from Convention
	11	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Topic: Viagra-You don't really need your eyesight anyway
	19	Tues.	1:30 PM	Computer Tech Session "Learning to use DOS"
Aug.	8	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Special Topic: Getting your damn discount
	22	Tues.	1:30 PM	Electrical Clinic: Installing a Gramophone in your Model A
	29	Tues.	5:00 AM	Breakfast Tour to Starks/Tour Huntley Outlet Mall
Sept.	3	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Topic: Choosing clever bumper stickers for your motorhome
	12	Tues.	5:00 AM	Clinic - Permanently wiring the turn signals on the Grand Marquis "On" whenever driving in the left lane at 40MPH.
Oct.	3	Tues.	1:30 PM	Membership Meeting - Sun City Topic: Bitching & Moaning about the price of everything
		Tues.	5:00 AM	Fall scented candle shop tour

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Bob Streepy, 850 Kent Circle Barlett, IL 60103



Above: Little Bashers [l to r] Sheri Pyle, Bill Pyle, Barb Billimack, Jack Billimack, Gloria Capetto, and Denny Capetto



Sisters Geraldine Hurst & Jacqueline Billimack



Club Elder Bob Erikson with some his VTR pins



The ISOA Black Sheep Squadron at the annual "Little Bash."



Mark Fisher and Bill Pyle modeling latest club regalia. Summer on the left, winter on the right



Bob "Suds" Streepy & Tim "Gizmo" Mantel sharing a glass of breakfast



L. Wood Ko-Ree and his new friend and fellow Sox Fan



OLDFART MEMBERSHIP: Being a member of OLDFART is easy! Owning a Model A or Triumph is optional, you can drive whatever you want. All you need to do is pay your annual dues of \$3.00. (If you are a new member, add \$1.00 one time signup fee, includes name badge and member kit) Your dues help cover the shipping and costs of the newsletter. Talk to a club member and join today! Be an OLDFART.

Send check to: Sherry Pile 320 N. Linden St., Itasca, IL 60143



'60s' ARTISTS HAVE REVISED THEIR HITS' LYRICS FOR BABY BOOMERS.

They include:

Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker

The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend a Broken Hip?

Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash

Ringo Starr - I Get By With a Little Help from Depends

Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon - Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom

Marvin Gaye - I Heard it Through the GrapeNuts

Procol Harem - A Whiter Shade of Hair

Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations - Papa's Got a Kidney Stone

Abba - Denture Queen

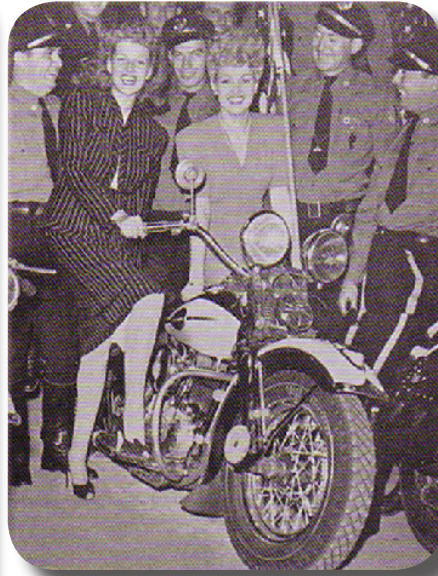
Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times on the Ceiling if you Hear Me Fall

Helen Reddy - I am Woman, Hear me Snore

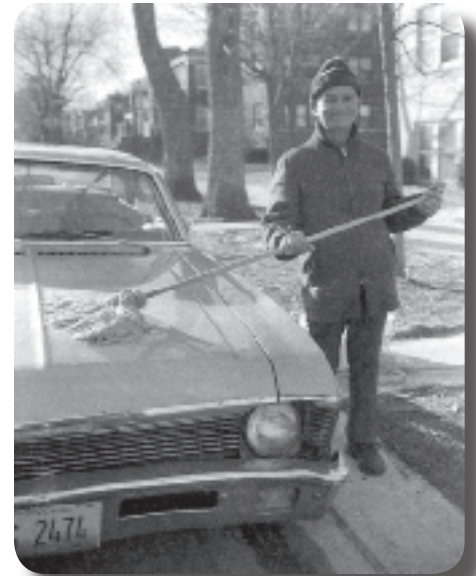
Willie Nelson - On the Throne Again

Leslie Gore - It's My Procedure and I'll Cry if I Want To

Look for these tunes on Spinal Tappets' soon to be released new LP - *Tappetstry*.



Sheri "Big Mama" Pyle showing off her new ride



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And you thought Sheri's smile was due to Billy



Above: OLDFARTS at brake clinic.



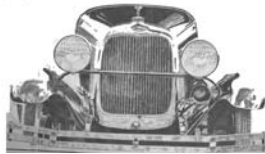
Wisconsin members Kim Casper and Ernie Husmann preparing to drive to February meeting



Above: OLDFARTS at the Magneto clinic



New Member with Triumph Vanguard gets driving tips from club hotshoe Mike "Wheelman" Konopka



G.Dub. and Saudi Sheik announce change on government's policy toward alternative lifestyles



Ernie "Evil Burt" Husmann with pit crew practicing quick tire change in preparation for racing season at Road America



Spinal Tappettes rehearsing for Encore at 2015 VTR - L-R: Sheri Pyle, Kim Jensen, Kathy Pawlak, Sandy Hurst, Barb Billimack, & Jan Kayson



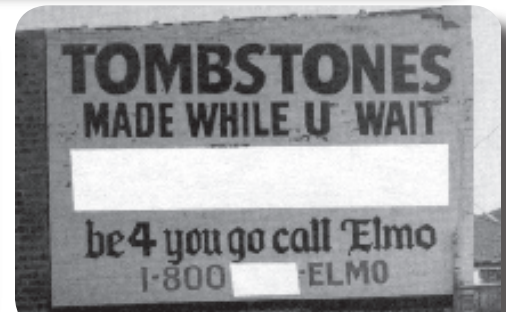
Jeff & Karen Rust leaving for vacation on Blue Rudge Parkway in their 2000

Newsletter editor engaged in scholarly reasearch while seeking inspiration for April issue

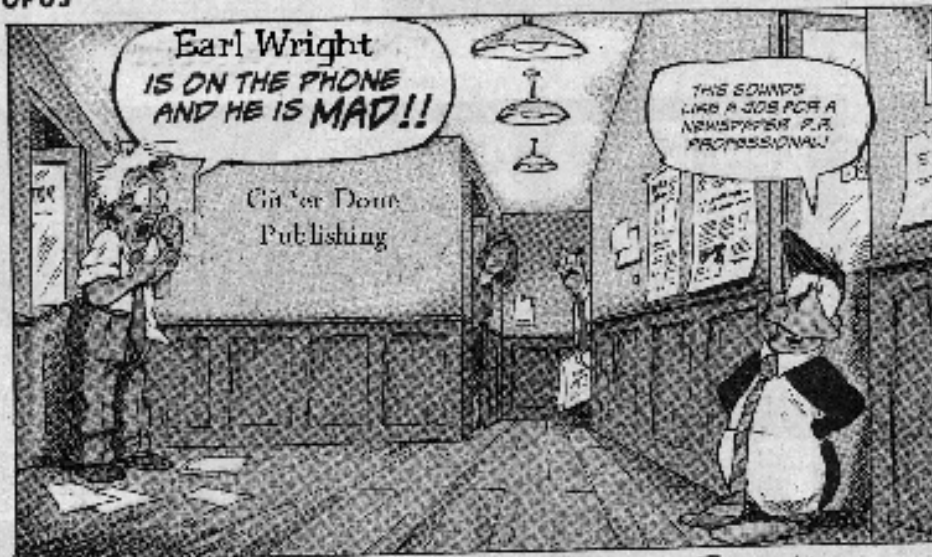
Streepy and Mueller taking a "just one beer"break from working on Mike's project TR6



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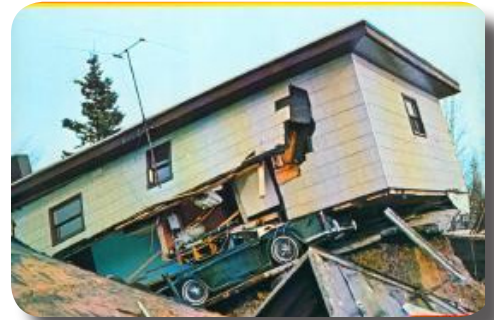
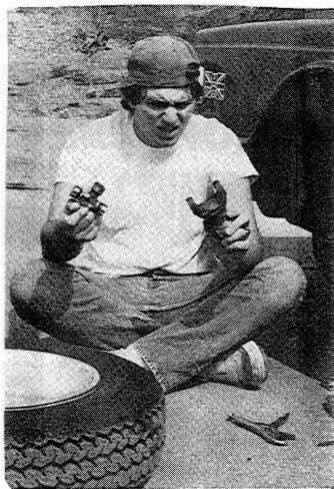
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Phil Fox inspecting a possible candidate to add to the famous "Factor Collection of Special Interest Automobiles"

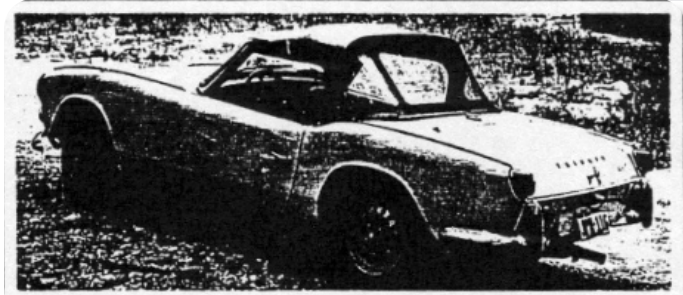
Look for this sign in front of the Club meeting location



Mark "Guzzler" Moore wearing crown for "Best Presentation" at 2006 Rust's Chilifest

Jack Gleason at VTR 2005

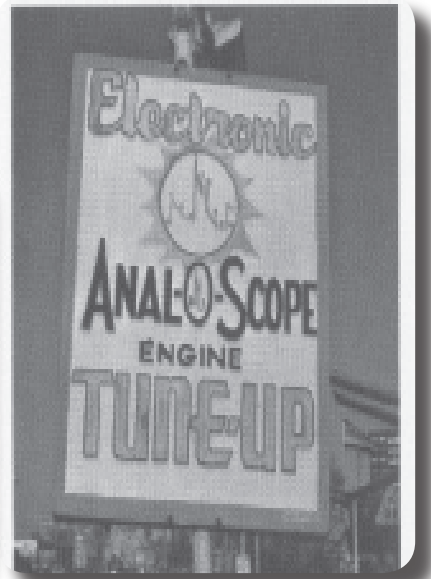
Ken Kendzy packs up his TR4 before spring campout



1967 TRIUMPH Spitfire Mark III: Ready for body and interior restoration. In generally excellent running condition. Engine recently rebuilt. New brakes throughout. New clutch slave cylinder. Over \$15,000 spent in preparing vehicle for restoration, now I'm broke and need to sell. Minimal body rust; interior shot to hell. Speedometer and odometer don't work. New top. Make offer. Curt Clogston. 210-537-4661, TX



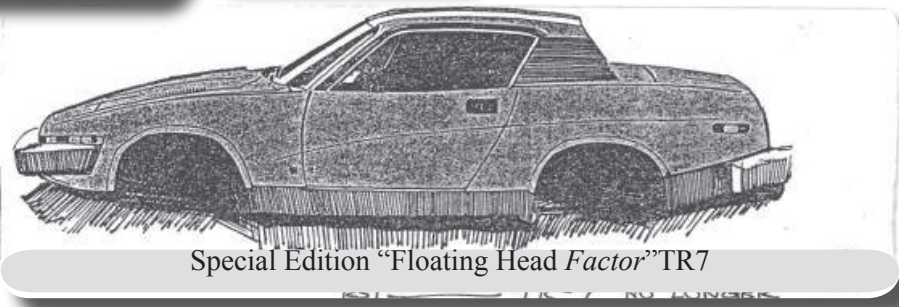
"Toofus" Mueller at his part time job



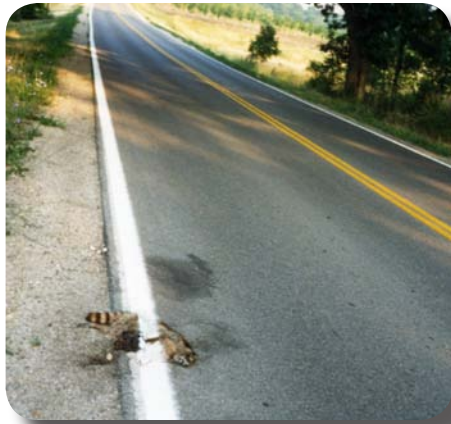
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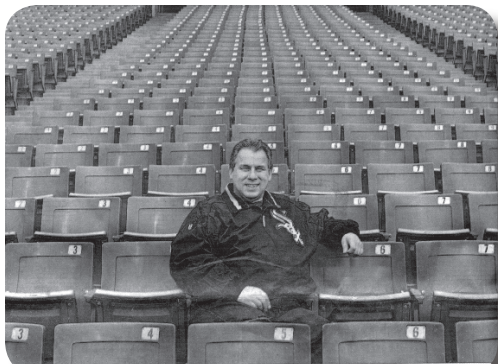
Twice Blessed - Members Lori Ann & Mark Fisher - owners of classic FOMOCO and Standard Triumph autos



ISOAers getting "comfortable" following "all you can eat buffet" after VTR breakfast run.



Parts vendor seen at Model A Swap Meet & Dupage LBC auto jumble



Record setting sitting room only Opening Day crowd at the "Cell"



Taliban Appreciation Day at the "Cell"



Guest speaker scheduled for April meeting

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Above: April Specials from Thundercheese Enterprise's 'Look-Nu Auto Parts' where "We screw the other guy and pass the savings on to you!!"



OLDFARTS actively support the "War Against Crack"

Would you buy a car, or anything else, from this man?"



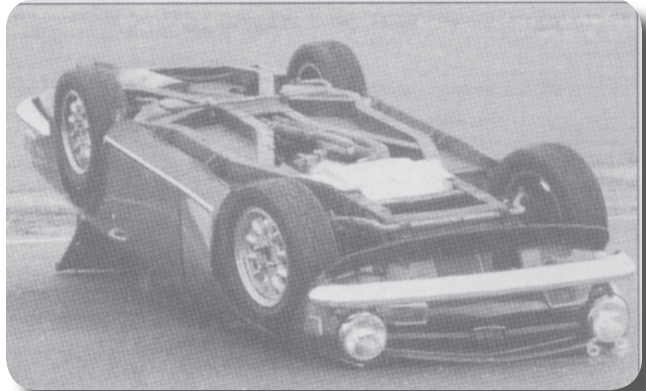
Non-Member Sam Siannis before fall foliage tour to Triumph, IL



Spinal Tappets performing for OLDFARTS at House on the Rock



Left-Rust family pet, originally trained for drug sniffing but now unfit for duty, with special Post-Chilifest respirator



Only forty one days until Auto Cross season begins [Triumph World graphic]



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NEWSLETTER OF THE ILLINOIS SPORTS OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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A LITTLE BS FROM BS



NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE BUSTED KNUCKLE GARAGE



Regular followers of this fish wrap were probably not surprised that the first few pages of the April edition of Snic Braaapp were a spoof. Over the years, Snic Braaapp editors have used the fourth month of the year as their annual opportunity to be even more irreverent than usual, if such a thing is possible. This year we decided to poke a little fun at the aging process, although I suspect that in the long run, the process will have the last laugh.

The first Baby Boomers, no to be confused with our ISOA Boomer, will turn 60 this year. For those of us included in this "Sage Age" demographic, or in some cases, those who have already entered the "third half," the gravitational pull of sand through the hourglass and the subsequent issues resulting from said passage, have become a cause for reflection. There's really not much

we can do to slow down the advance of time and its related effects on our own mortality, other than perhaps trying to have a few chuckles over the fact that nobody is getting any younger, nor will we get out of this thing alive.

Consequently, we seem increasingly to take pleasure in fondly recalling our salad days, those halcyon times of our youth, and the related ephemera, like the cars we coveted, but usually couldn't afford, at the time. Thus our attraction to Triumphs is not too difficult to figure out.

Many of us came of age at a time when Triumphs similar to those that we now possess were new. Then, they represented performance, styling, and a certain amount of sex appeal. Now they represent nostalgia and are a quaint reminder of a different time.

My 1960 TR3 reminds me of pre-Viet Nam America and all that goes along with that image while my TR6 rep-

INSIDE APRIL SNIC BRAAAPP

ISOA Events Calendar,
Chili Party
GarageTalk
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Text & Graphics of Marginal Value
Classifieds & *Lots of Other Stuff*



resents the car I would have bought in 1971, if only it had had a back seat big enough for a baby carrier.

While we may make sport of our comrads in the Model A fraternity, the time is rapidly approaching when our Triumphs will be the subject of some, hopefully, good-natured sporting prose. In a generation, who knows but what some present day rice burner/tuner will write in his newsletter a parody featuring the old geezers who still cling to their Brit-

ish sports cars, as he and his buddies try to maintain their own obsolete rides.

In the meantime, they themselves will lament the fact that the younger generation of electro/hydrogen powered hybrid drivers are not showing them the proper respect they feel entitled to.

Like Ecclesiastics, [and the Byrds] said, there is a time for every season. Ours is still here thankfully, at least for now, so let's all go out

and grind some gears while we still can. It's almost spring; let's fire these old girls up, [the cars dummy, not the wives], and hit the road. I just delivered a eulogy for my best friend, and I'm more convinced than ever that we never know when that next gear change will be our last, 'cause either you or the car could go any time.

Let's enjoy 'em while we can!

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EGAD MARTHA... IT MUST BE TIME FOR THE ANNUAL "APRIL POOL'S" ISSUE !!




And you know how much that baffoon DENTINO likes to screw around with our heads, rite?

*Dateline: New Jersey.. In an all-out effort to revitalize sagging US sales, British Leyland has introduced what they termed "an all new Triumph model, designed to be a total departure with those of the past." An extensive all-encompassing world-wide search for the "ultimate woman" was undertaken by the UK auto maker. The lucky lady would represent 1/2 in it's introduction of the new TR. After 16 months of de-liberation, Miss Olde Frothinglosh of Pittsburgh was selected. Olde is pictured here on her maiden run thru picturesque downtown Leonia. The totally new TR is designated TR-M. (for Maidenhead) Long live the Empire.



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Here's a little April Fool's Snic Braaapp trip down mammer lane for all of you history buffs. Top - Left: 1981; Center:1991; Lower: Left: 2000, Center 2004, Right 2005

Snic Barriff
For all the ones fit to print and quite a lot that isn't

The Fool Issue April 2000



ISOA is no longer a Triumph Car Club!
Switches to being a British Lawnmower Club
Another ISOA First!

Friends and Family don't let Friends and Family drive MG's

Snic Barriff
Society of Historical Illinois Triumphs Hobbyist Enthusiast, and Devotees

April 2004



ISOA Exclusive: New Triumph To Be Unveiled April 31st

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The Shock Tower*
WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDAMENTALISM



WCTU jacket (pictured at left) thus proclaiming his falling... We will also be increasing dues to a flat 10% of each family income to meet the ever-increasing cost of spreading the word to inlands, particularly those who drive cars flying the octagonal banner of the Morris Garage or the umbly, and we suspect unmarital, alliance of Messrs Heally and Austin. We are confident in our hearts that this is the right and true path for our association and we see no need to tolerate any dissent or questioning of this new philosophy. Heretics challenging our position will be summarily banished from the organization to suffer the eternal flames of the everlasting fire of lire and brimstone.

New club jackets now available (photo above), see club treasurer, Brother Dennis Townbridge to order yours. Cash in advance please!

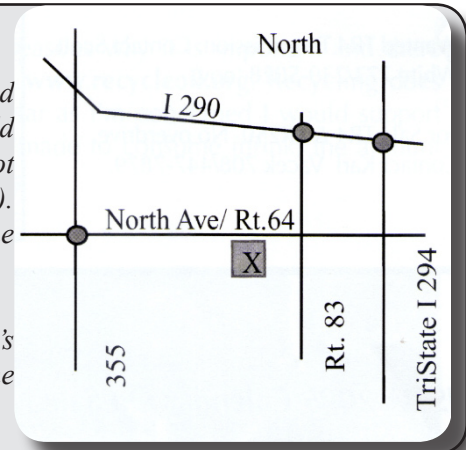
By THIS ISSUE:
WCTU Changed from Clocktower to House on the Rock
Girtle Car Update
Sir Bentley
2006 Triumph Preview

*The April issue of the ISOA newsletter habitually contains an account of how the ISOA has been established or founded in the current year. In this issue, the ISOA has been established on the 1st of April 2006.

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 Mack's Golden Pheasant on North Ave and Rt. 83 in Elmhurst (X marks the spot on the map), 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 first Sunday of every month, at Bill & Sheri's house at 320 Linden St. in Itasca, at 4:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings.



ISOA UPCOMING EVENTS

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event
Apr.	2	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 4:30] <u>Special Topic: Buying or selling on eBay</u>
	20-3			V.T.R. South Central Regional Convention, Jenks, OK [call Jay Holekamp for caravanning info: 630/653-0610]
	29	Sat.	8:00 AM	ISOA Tune-Up Clinic, - Pyle's, 320 N. Linden, Itasca
May	7th	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 4:30]
	26-8			Champaign British Car Show. Ph: Richard Brown 309-662-3020 Email: altmgb2@yahoo.com
June	3rd	Sat.		Route 66 "Sympathy for the Devil" ISOA Spring Breakfast Tour
	4th	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 4:30]
	11	Sun.		Michiana British Car Day, Bendix Woods County Park, South Bend, IN Randy Glanders, Ph: 574-294-8950, Email: jolly@michiana.org
	14-8			TRA National Meet, Glouster, OH. - Ph: 937/376-9946 for further info
	18	Sun.		25th British Car Field Day, Sussex, WI Email: johnstockinger@earthlink.net - Ph: 262-521-1072
July	9th	Sun.	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting [Board 4:30] not the first Sunday
	9th	Sun.	7:00 PM	8th Annual British Boots & Bonnets Vintage Wheels and Wings Car Show
	15-6	Sat/Sun		ISOA Road Trip to Kruse Auction & Auburn, Cord, Dusenber Museum
	19-23			VTR Convention, Irving, TX - Ph: 214/675-9311 for further info
Aug.	4-6			North American Spitfire Squadron 2006 Spit-Together, Dayton, OH Mike Ross, mikeross@prodigy.net - Ph: 937-862-4302
	6th	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 4:30]
	11th	Fri.		ISOA White Trash III Sycamore Speedway
	13th	Sun.		Heartland British Autofest, East Davenport, IA.
	20th	Sun		The 16th Annual Orphan Auto Picnic, Aurora
	Sept.	10	Sun.	
	28			6 Pack TRials 2006, Cuyahoga Falls, OH



GARAGE TALK

After months of way too much time on the job, I was finally able to spend a few hours of quality "Tri-

umph" time in the garage. While I have a list of items to attend to on the cars, there was nothing that would be considered major, just some things here and there that needed attention. It's hard to disagree with some people when they ask if I'm simply insane or just plain whacked out of my mind when I relate my observations of the world around me.

For example, I think our cars talk to each other when they gather together during club events, shows and general driving around. Just like humans, there is no universal language for vehicles. A TR6 will only understand another TR6, a Spitfire communicates only with another Spitfire, Stags with Stags etc. The conversations among Triumphs can range from sympathy to outright mimicry.

I really don't have much of an oil weepage problem with the Hampshire Triumphs, but sure enough, when they gather with their ISOA brethren, it's open the

floodgates time. Let the 5W30 flow!

I have experienced two distinct examples of Stag on Stag conversations. For a few years after the restoration of our 73 Stag, I never had one drip, or any problem with the power steering rack. One day the mimosa yellow "Toolman" Stag shows up in the driveway and starts talking to our sapphire blue Stag. The conversation went something like this:

"Hey Bluey, what's drippin' today?"

"Nuthin Yella, so far I'm keeping my fluids where they need to be."

"Well Bluey, I need some attention; I'm going to let my owner know that I want something and start weeping red fluid all over driveways, garage floors and anywhere he decides to park me."

"Gee whiz Yella, ain't that a little drastic?"

"No way Bluey, you need to show these owners who's boss! Besides, if you want something new, you gotta deploy drastic measures."

"Maybe you're right Yella; it would be nice to have a new steering rack."

"Bluey, now you got the idea."

One week later, Bluey is weeping red fluid all over the garage floor.

During the Champaign British car festival, the Kolton's (FooFoo) red Stag and Bluey started to talk since they were next to each other most of the weekend.

"Hey Red, anything new going on with ya?"

"Nothing much Bluey although I'm thinking of having some master cylinder work done."

"But Red, you aren't going to do anything dangerous and hurt your nice owners?"

"Never, but what I'm thinking of doing is to leak brake fluid into the brake booster and have the intake suck in the fluid and blow smoke out the tail pipe. Wouldn't that be funny?"

"Sure would Red. Can I steal the idea from ya?"

"Go ahead Bluey. We can all have a good laugh."

That summer, I had to top off the brake fluid a couple of times. Which brings me back to a few "hours" of quality garage time with the Triumphs. While checking all the Stag subsystems, the brake reservoir has emptied itself into the brake booster. While I'm always up for a good laugh, I want the Triumphs to laugh with me, not at me.

I suggest we make a new ISOA policy by not having similar models park next to each other. This way there is no idle chat, ill-timed conversations or a bad mixture of ideas among the same cars. Unless there is a translator among them, we are safe. If not, I'm in big trouble if Bluey thinks that it's amusing to have a slipping clutch like his older brother, the 65 Spitfire.

PROJECT UPDATE



Here are a few newer pictures of the CostUs (Cosworthpowered Lotus). The rear suspension is built and installed. The engine and transmission have been harmoniously coupled (after a few stiff drinks!). The inner body panels are well under way, and I have started on the outer body. I am ready to weld in some motor mounts and fabricate a front suspension.

But mostly I get a beer from the fridge in the garage, and stand there and look at it, making vroom vroom noises in my head....

If anyone is interested, there are build pics at: <http://usera.imagecave.com/markfisher/locostXI>

Mark "Silo" Fisher



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MOTORSPORT REPORT

If you have been involved with TRiumphs for any amount of time, you should be aware that from the introduction of the TRiumph sports car, the cars were raced and raced successfully. The popularity of TRiumph racers “back in the day” makes them a popular choice today. For those of us who enjoy seeing TRiumphs on TRack, there are numerous opportunities. The Midwest is a hot bed of TRiumph racing activities. Due to the age of our cars and the lack of current factory support, there are only a handful of TRiumph racers competing in “current era” racing. Spitfires are still extremely competitive nationally in Sports Car of America race events, able to compete for National and Regional championships against much newer cars. SCCA rule changes favoring modern cars that are currently available for sale have made the TR series of cars somewhat uncompetitive in SCCA production car classes, so most of the big TR’s are racing in vintage race events these days.

Thanks to the Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs (MCSCC), the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA), and the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA), the TRiumph racing fan has many nearby opportunities to see our favorite sports cars on TRack. VSCDA and SVRA sanction vintage race events, while the MCSCC host current era races that also include a vintage race group. Any of the events sanctioned by these organizations should satisfy the appetite of the TRiumph racing fan. To get more information on specific events, you can go to www.vscda.org, www.svra.com, or www.mcsc.org, or contact your fiendly motorsports correspondent. Following is a list of opportunities to see TRiumphs on TRack in 2006:

VSCDA EVENTS:

- May 6-7 Spring Brake @ Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI
- June 16-18 Blackhawk Classic @ Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit, IL. *NOTE that the ISOA Spring Campout takes place at this event.*
- August 18-20 Vintage Grand Prix au Grattan @ Grattan Raceway Park, Grattan, MI (near Grand Rapids)
- Sept 15-17 Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

(your correspondent’s personal favorite)
 Oct 13-15 VSCDA Fall Finale @ Mid Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH

SVRA EVENTS

- May 19-21 Vintage GT Challenge @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
- July 13-16 Kohler/Brian Redman International Challenge @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

MCSCC EVENTS:

- April 9 Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL
- May 21 Wisconsin State Fair Park, Greenfield, WI
- May 28 Blackhawk Farms, South Beloit, IL
- June 11 Wisconsin State Fair Park, Greenfield, WI
- June 25 Blackhawk Farms, South Beloit, IL
- July 29-30 Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
- Aug 27 Blackhawk Farms, South Beloit, IL
- Sept 2 Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI
- Oct 8 Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL
- Oct 21-22 Blackhawk Farms, South Beloit, IL

AUTOCROSS

Want to exercise your TR but don’t want to go all out racing? There are numerous opportunities for this activity, commonly known as autocross. Many of us got a taste of autocross at the VTR Convention, and there has been a request for more of these events. In an autocross event, you drive your TR on a closed course, 1 car at a time against the clock. The idea is to compete against other cars without actually going wheel to wheel with them. These events can take place in parking lots (low speed events) or on a race TRack (high speed events). Either way, you get the opportunity to test your driving skills as well as the handling capabilities of your car. If you choose to attend an autocross event, you should expect your car to be inspected for safety. A typical tech inspection will include checking for dangerously worn tires and/or suspension, loose batteries, loose articles in the trunk or passenger area, and excessive fluid leaks (normal drips are typically overlooked). You will be expected to remove hub caps or trim rings, and have working seat belts. Helmets are required, and

some organizations will have loaner helmets available.

The Chicagoland MG Club hosts a series of autocross events, and we have been invited to join them. All 4 of their events are low speed, parking lot events. DO NOT equate low speed with boring or unchallenging. The location is the parking lot of the Warrenville Cantera Theater, 28250 Diehl Road, Warrenville. This location is west of Winfield Road and south of I-88. All of the MG Club events start at 9:00 AM, have an entry fee of \$15.00/driver, and are typically over around 1:00 PM. Entrants are expected to help manage the course (pick up knocked over pylons, help with timing, etc) when their group is not staged to go onto the course. The dates for the Chicagoland MG Club autocrosses are:

- April 23, June 25, August 27, October 15
- Feel the need for a bit more speed? MCSCC, the same group that hosts wheel to wheel events, also hosts high speed autocross events at local race tracks. While MCSCC would like you to be a member of one of their member clubs in order to autocross with them, they do not require membership. MCSCC autocross events have specific requirements for clothing while competing, as well as helmet requirements. You should NOT expect them to provide loaner helmets. You should also do some pre-event preparation. Go to www.mcsc.org, and download the autocross rules as well as the tech inspection sheet. Doing all of these things will prevent unhappy surprises when you arrive at the track. MCSCC autocross dates are:

- April 8 Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL
- May 20 Wisconsin State Fair Park, Greenfield, WI
- May 27 Blackhawk Farms Raceway, WI
- May 29 Blackhawk Farms Raceway, WI
- June 10 Wisconsin State Fair Park, Greenfield, WI
- June 24 Blackhawk Farms Raceway, WI
- Aug. 26 Blackhawk Farms Raceway, WI
- Sept 16 Blackhawk Farms Raceway, WI
- Oct 7 Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL



Vroom Vroom - hope this feeds your need for speed.

Uw "Elwood" Korey

Racing Correspondent



DUPAGE SWAP MEET & AUTOJUMBLE



Snic Braaapp file photo



Even though internet auctions have radically transformed the purchasing of "previously titled" parts, there's nothing quite like pawing through a bushel basket of greasy, rusty "stuff" in the flesh.

As usual, ISOA also sponsored a PR booth, hoping to discourage any non-ISOA Triumph owners from joining the club. There were actually some new members who joined, despite the best efforts of the booth workers to discourage them.

One of the first signs of spring to an ISOA member is the annual British Car/Part Swap Meet sponsored by the MG club held on the last Sunday in February at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. This year marked the 10th year that the Morris Garage disciples brought together an eclectic, to say the least, group of vendors of used and abused British car parts from as far away as Tennessee and Minnesota.



The event is a great way to beat the midwinter TR withdrawal blues that afflict us this time of year and, in fact, provides a chance to reconnect with many club members we haven't seen since the sun made its annual disappearance, about two years ago, or so it seems.



Event organizers informed your humble and obedient scribe that over 100 spaces were rented out, and that they anticipated admission sales of nearly 1000 LBC aficionados seeking that special part heretofore thought to be NLS. Good deals abounded and the ISOA contingent of bargain seekers exceeded 30 by our unofficial count.



New Arrivals



Dave "Stumpy Joe" Kayson has done it again. He is now the owner of a 1959 TR3A, in addition to another TR3A, a TR4, 2 TR 250s and a 2 TR6's. Someone stop him before he buys again!

While on the subject of "serial buyers," Peter "Maestro" Conover has acquired another Aston Martin. He writes, "It's true: I'm "Seeing Double." They are very similar cars: the one I have now is AM300/3/1380 (the 80th [of 551] DB MkIII made), the new one is AM300/3/1391 (the 91st DB MkIII made); so they are 11 chassis numbers apart, their motor numbers are 4 apart (as the factory didn't match motors with chassis sequentially), according to the original factory build sheets, they were both originally Black cars with Red interiors. The big difference is that one has a complete interior and the mechanicals apart, the other has no interior but complete mechanicals.

[Apparently the residuals from the Spinal Tappets' CD are sufficient to keep the drummer and bass player in toys ED.]

Special Snic Braaapp thanks to snoozeletter emeritus Irv "Elwood" Korey for this supplement to our events calendar which includes the 2006 promotional schedule for the Wrigleyville Nine.

2006 CHICAGO CUBS PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE



April 7: Home Opener and raising of the "Attendance Flag" to commemorate the magical 2005 season in which the Cubs were a bigger draw than any of their hated rivals. Not being raised: World Series Champions flag.

April 8: Presentation of the "Nice Neighborhood" rings to members of the 2005 squad in commemoration of their capturing of the city's heart by playing in such a cute little part of town. Not being presented: World Series Champions rings.

April 9: Home Opener Weekend festivities conclude with the Cardinals completing a sweep of the Cubs at Wrigley.

April 24: Win a Mark Prior autographed picture! 100 lucky fans will receive a 5 x 7" photo signed by the Cubs' 11-game winner!

April 25: Turn Back the Clock I with throwback jerseys, old-timey music and special guests and relive the magic of the Cubs' epic loss to the Florida Marlins in the 2003 NLCS.

May 13: Turn Back the Clock II with authentic 1984 uniforms jerseys and an

even-more-authentic loss to the 1984 NLCS champion San Diego Padres.

May 14: Precious Moments figurine doll to the first 10,000 female fans.

June 15: Kerry Wood bobblehead day. The first 10,000 fans will receive a bobblehead doll of the Northsiders' all-time leader in simulated strikeouts!

June 16: Turn Back the Clock III - Kick off a rematch of the Cubs' most recent



World Series appearance as they welcome the Detroit Tigers and try to beat them for the first time since 1945.

June 30: Crosstown Amnesty Day - All managers and first 25 players on the White Sox active roster will receive a complimentary win.

July 1: Turn Back the Clock IV - 1906 World Series rematch. Authentic memo-

abilia will be given out to lucky Cub fans, as will an authentic 1906-style massacre of their lovable losers.

July 2: Lovable Loser Day - First 15,000 losers get to fall in love with the Cubs even more as they are handed yet another staggering loss at home by yet another area team that has built something more substantial than their own ticket-scalping empire.

July 14: Harry Caray Day, featuring an all-star tribute to the late and beloved former White Sox and Cardinals announcer.

August 1: Nine Games Back Day - First 10,000 fans in attendance to correctly explain what "Nine Games Back" means receive a Cubs t-shirt.

August 19: Playoff Day. Come out and root for the Cubs as they stand on the brink of elimination against the Cardinals with forty-one games still left to play in the season. First 20,000 fans wearing Cubs gear receive a White Sox t-shirt.

September 2: Turn Back the Clock V - Cubs fans, come out and party like it's 1989 in this showdown against the 1989 NLCS champion San Francisco Giants!

October 1: Final Home Game / Wait 'Til Next Year Day - First 39,538 fans get heads examined for free.

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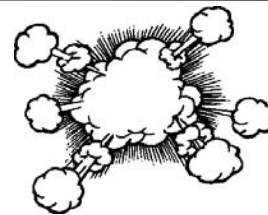
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MARCH [METHANE] MADNESS
TEXT & GRAPHICS BY BOB STREOPY

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth.

—John (Chapter III, verse 8)



The annual ISOA Chili Fest has been a time-honored spring social event for our club for many years and it has always been not only well attended, but immensely enjoyed by all who take part. The 2006 edition was certainly no exception. More than 30 ISOAers, brought their appetites, if not their Triumphs, to stately Rust manor on the eastern outskirts of Rockford on Saturday March 18. Jeff and Karen, in deference to the date's proximity to St. Patrick's Day, or in certain sections of Chicago, St. Patrick's month, selected "Its easy being green" as the theme for this year's revelry.

Effect," as described by Gordon Baxter, to add green food coloring to a tapper of Coors Light. Your humble and obedient scribe, always known to take his reporting duties very seriously, felt obliged to sample the various brews in order to provide you, our beloved gentle readers with a fair and accurate assessment of the various beverages available, which we would gladly do, if only we could recall the specific details or read our notes, which somehow became incoherent, as did some of the guests, after several trips to the tapper. [Note: *tapper* is spelled with a "T" and not a "CR."]

After the sampling of cuisines, talk drifted to Triumphs and the upcoming motor-ing season. The conversations, however, were frequently interrupted periodically by mad dashes to the necessary facilities by the various guests as the legumes and spices from some of the entrees began to wreak havoc on the gastro-intestinal tracks of the partygoers. A special treat for some of newer members in attendance, i.e. anybody who has joined the club since 1988, was a special encore showing of several "House on the Rock" videos, starring several youthful, slender, and dark-haired folk who bore a vague resemblance to many in attendance.

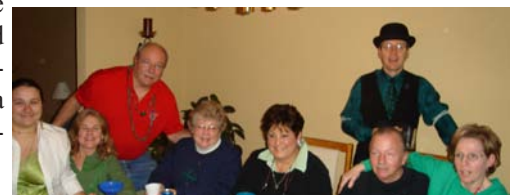


Following a proper palette cleansing using the aforementioned malted beverages, it was time to taste the various chilies brought in by the creative culinary artists in attendance. There were 14 amazing Chili's ranging from a white cornbeef, venison, vegetarian, to name a few. There was also Irish Soda bread, green fluff stuff, Swiss dill bread, cornbread, mint brownies, chocolate Cookie dip, more brownies, lemon blossoms, and croissants. This was washed down with Karen's "Beer Margaritas."

As it became apparent that the Rust reserve of toilet paper was running dangerously low, the guests took this as a not so subtle hint that it was time to take their leave, not before participating in another very pleasant ISOA institution.

Things got under way around, 3:00 PM [although it should be noted that your humble and obedient scribe arrived early to help set up and to make sure that every thing was in order for the photo shoot] and began with a sampling of green beer provided by our hosts. Jeff was able to use the "Venturi

The winners in the taste test were: 1st - Dianne Mueller [no surprise there], 2nd - Stacy McReynolds - 3rd - Mark Moore. In the presentation category, Mark Moore took home the honors, although it should be noted that Jack Billimack's special 5W-20 lightweight "Drink your chili through a straw" entry received a great deal of attention.



Lonesome Quail, Texas,
 "Fun-Run" stop at 2006 VTR

Dear Triumph Club Newsletter Editor,
 We hear tell that some of y'all may be a-comin' to Texas fur this year's VTR convention. As chairman of the Lonesome Quail Chamber of Commerce, I am a-writin' to inform y'all of a major problem we are a-facin' here as we git ready for this year's VTR. We got us a serious shortage of quail. Seems some Washington high roller come down here on a huntin' trip last winter and owing to his incredible marksmanship, [you might refer to him as "Deadeye Dick"], he done flushed and subsequently decimated the quail population here, along with a significant number of elderly Republican



attorneys. [He done it last winter but we're just now findin' out about it on account of he didn't tell nobody at first.]

We strongly suggest that y'all bring your own quail here for this year's Triumph rendezvous since ours are mostly all gone. Also, if any of y'all belong to the legal fraternity, we reckon you oughta take special precautions, like wearin' full body, orange Kevlar regalia to the convention. We can't be held responsible for any lawyers who disregard this notice.

Also, despite what y'all might have gathered from that "Brokeback Mountain" movie, we don't take kindly to no "Nancy-Boys" down here. The same goes for liberals, gun control, atheists, Jews, coloreds, and Yankees in general. Don't mess with Texas!

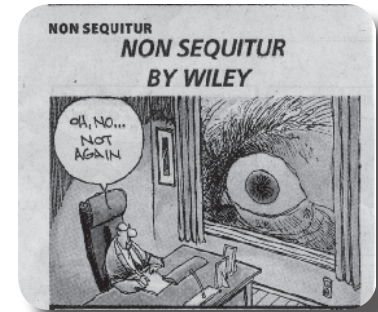
We look forward to the rest of y'all visitin' our great state and enjoyin' our hospitality.

Buford "Bubba" Johnson, III

Here at Snic Braaapp Towers, we have always felt a profound sense of social consciousness, especially when it comes to helping out the Little Guy, or the forgotten man as FDR once referred to society's less fortunate. We were especially saddened and disheartened when we recently read that Exxon only earned 37 BILLION dollars last year. Like you, we find this totally unacceptable. To that end, we have decided to try to do a little something to help out. Our first thought, was to suggested to the ISOA board of directors that we make a sizeable donation to help these less fortunate souls and divert some of our VTR cash surplus to "help out."

But then, we came up with an even better scheme. In the true spirit of Christian Charity, we have decided to organize a special benefit concert to help out all of the oil executives who are presently struggling with the current cash flow crisis that threatens to cause financial anguish to this already distressed segment of our free enterprise society. Forget about the hurricane Katrina victims or the Tsunami sufferers, these guys really need our help. Mark your calendars now for April 31st to attend the benefit that will feature a reunion of ISOA's own Spinal Tappets, performing at this concert.

Bring an unwrapped tin of Beluga Caviar or a jeroboam of Dom Perignon and a pair of last year's Gucci's. Please do your part to help out. Don't let these poor unfortunate souls continue to struggle. Order your tickets now. Make your check in the amount of \$100,000.00 out to the "AvoriceAide" concert to benefit the obscenely rich, c/o Snic Braaapp Towers, PO Box 37,000,000,000, Cayman Islands.





AND THE WARREN WILL GO TO...
BY DAVID MARTIN

Now that the Oscar nominations have been revealed, it's time to announce this year's picks for the Warrens. Named after Warren G. Harding, America's 29th president, the annual awards are for achievement in the field of politics. Here are this year's nominees:

BEST THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:

1) "Crash," a U, S.-Britain co-production detailing the unforeseen and unintended consequences of attempts to remake the Middle East into a mono-cultural mold

2) "The Chronicles of W: The Lyin, the Rich and the War Road," a White House production, starring a cast of thousands, tells the poignant tale of a U.S. president who locks himself in a closet and enters into a fantasy world filled with freedom, democracy and weapons of mass destruction

3) "Cross the Line," the life story of a self-proclaimed country and western politician who miraculously achieves success by humming the same old simple tune.

4) "Brokeback Party," an ensemble performance by the Democratic National Committee, is the heartbreaking tale of moderate Democrats who are afraid to admit their true liberal leanings for fear of losing everything they have.

5) "Hillary," the tragic tale of a political wife who gained her fame through her association with her husband but could never break away to achieve her own success.

BEST ACTOR:

1) Donald Rumsfeld, for his role in "The Unknown Unknowns"

2) Jack Abramoff, as the lobbyist in "Indian Giver."

3) Karl Rove, for his performance in "The Plame Game"

4) President Bush, as the lead in "The House Whisperer"

BEST ACTRESS:

1) Laura Bush, in "Stand by Your Man."

2) Condoleezza Rice. for her role in "Beyond Your Level of Incompetence."

3) Hillary Clinton, for her performance in "Moving to the Center."

4) Barbara Bush, for her work in "Suck It Up, New Orleans"

Best supporting actor in a leading role

1) Dick Cheney

2) Bill Clinton

3) Karl Rove

4) President Bush

EVILEST AXIS OF EVIL:

1) Iran

2) Iraq

3) North Korea

4) Saudi Arabia

Most confusing trio of foreign nations

1) Iran, Iraq and North Korea

2) Niger, Nigeria and Namibia

3) Togo, Tonga, and Tobago

4) Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Best political acting in a non-elected role:

1) Sean Penn

2) Barbra Streisand

3) Warren Beatty

4) President Bush

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Josiah Bartlet, for his ongoing role as the president Americans most wanted but never got

Most compassionate conservative award:
Due to the absence of qualified candidates, once again the Warren for this category will not be presented this year,

David Martin is a lawyer in Canada and the author of "My Friend W."



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Lobdell
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TR4A Steve "Drippy" Yott
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TR250 Tim "Yacker" Smith
630/428 2620

TR6 Early Jeff "Stalker" Rust
815/874 5623

TR6 Late Irv "Elwood" Korey
847/831 2809

TR7 Phil "Factor" Fox
630/662 7721

TR8 Tim "Tool Man" Buja
815/332 3119

Spitfire - (Early) open

Spitfire - (Late) Steve "Sniffy" Yezo
847/855 9482

GT6 Dave "Snake" Shedor
847/9375078

Stag open

General Tech-Weenie Bill "Whizmo" Pyle
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Machinist Bob Crowley
630/355 2170

KeyMaster Bob "Senile" Donile
630/837 3721

Electrical Paint, Body, open

THANKS TO WOOD DALE BUREAU CHIEF DIANE MUELLER FOR THIS BIT OF CURRENT EVENTSS.



Congress today announced that the office of President of the United States of America will be outsourced to India as of November 17th. The move is being made to save the President's \$400,000 yearly salary, and also a record \$521 billion in deficit expenditures and related overhead the office has incurred during the last 5 years.

"We believe this is a wise move financially. The cost savings should be significant," stated Congressman Thomas Reynolds (R-WA). Reynolds, with the aid of the Government Accounting Office, has studied outsourcing of American jobs extensively. "We cannot expect to remain competitive on the world stage with the current level of cash outlay," Reynolds noted. Mr. Bush was informed by email this morning of his termination. Preparations for the job move have been underway for sometime. Gurvinder Singh of Indus Teleservices, Mumbai, India will be assuming the office of President as of November 18th.

Mr. Singh was born in the United States while his Indian parents were vacationing at Niagara Falls, thus making him eligible for the position. He will receive a salary of \$320 (USD) a month but with no health coverage or other benefits. It is believed that Mr. Singh will be able to handle his job responsibilities without a support staff. Due to the time difference between the US and India, he will be working primar-

ily at night, when few offices of the US Government will be open.

"Working nights will allow me to keep my day job at the American Express call center," stated Mr. Singh in an exclusive interview. "I am excited about this position. I always hoped I would be President someday."

A Congressional Spokesperson noted that while Mr. Singh may not be fully aware of all the issues involved in the office of President, this should not be a problem because Mr. Bush was not familiar with the issues either. Mr. Singh will rely upon a script tree that will enable him to respond effectively to most topics of concern. Using these canned responses, he can address common concerns without having to understand the underlying issues at all.

"We know these scripting tools work," stated the spokesperson. "President Bush has used them successfully for years." Mr. Singh may have problems with the Texas drawl, but lately Bush has abandoned the "down home" persona in his effort to appear intelligent and on top of the Katrina situation.

Bush will receive health coverage, expenses, and salary until his final day of employment. Following a two week waiting period, he will be eligible for \$240 a week unemployment for 13 weeks. Unfortunately he will not be eligible for Medicaid, as his unemployment benefits will exceed the allowed limit.

Mr. Bush has been provided the outplacement services of Manpower, Inc. to help him write a resume and prepare for his upcoming job transition. According to Manpower, Mr. Bush may have difficulties in securing a new position due to limited practical work experience. A Greeter position at Wal-Mart was suggested due to Bush's extensive experience shaking hands and phony smile.

Another possibility is Bush's re-enlistment in the Texas Air National Guard. His prior records are conspicuously vague but should he choose this option, he would likely be stationed in Waco, TX for a month, before being

sent to Iraq, a country he has visited. "I've been there, I know all about Iraq," stated Mr. Bush, who gained invaluable knowledge of the country in a visit to the Baghdad Airport's terminal and gift shop.

Sources in Baghdad and Falluja say Mr. Bush would receive a warm reception from local Iraqis. They have asked to be provided with details of his arrival so that they might arrange an appropriate welcome.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO NEWSLETTER EMERITUS IRV KOREY FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION

Wal-Mart has announced that they will soon be offering customers a new discount item: Wal-Mart's own brand of wine. The world's largest retail chain is teaming up with Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery of California, to produce the spirits at an affordable price, in the \$25 range.

Wine connoisseurs may not be inclined to throw a bottle of Wal-Mart brand into their shopping carts, but "there is a market for cheap wine," said Kathy Micken, director of marketing. She continued, "But the right name is important." Customer surveys were conducted to determine the most attractive name for the Wal-Mart brand.

The top surveyed names in popularity are

10. Chateau Traileur Parc
 9. White Trashfindel
 8. Big Red Gulp
 7. World Championship Riesling
 6. NASCARbernet
 5. Chef Boyardeaux
 4. Peanut Noir
 3. I Can't Believe It's Not Vinegar!
 2. Grape Expectations
- And the number 1 name for Wal-Mart Wine...

1. Nasti Spumante

The beauty of Wal-Mart wine is that it can be served with either white meat (Possum), or red meat (Squirrel)

TRIUMPH HOPES TO BE ALL-MALE BURG ON TV



Triumph wants to win. The hard-to-find hamlet is poised to discover national attention. The LaSalle County town is one of three burgs under consideration for an innovative reality-TV special that would strip away half of Triumph's 50 residents.

Specifically all of the women.

"The Week the Women Went" aims to see what happens in a community when men have to fend entirely for themselves. The two-hour program will run next year on the BBC's The Learning Channel, whose producers started calling Triumph a few weeks ago.

"At first I thought it was a hoax," says Cherie Barth, 43, who with her husband runs the Curl Inn one of the town's four businesses. "How'd you get Triumph?"

Indeed, the uninitiated can have a hard time finding the unincorporated burg. -It quietly sits off the beaten path approachable only by twisting country roads.

"We consider ourselves to be in the middle of nowhere," Barth says with a grin.

In 1834, a handful of settlers called the area Lafayette, then redubbed it Hardscrabble. Sometime in the 1840's, with a post office coming to town, leaders decided on Triumph — though the reasons remain unclear.

"It has been told," according to a town history published in 1976. "that some of the men were sittin' and whittlin' and talkin', and when Mr. J.H. Worsley got up, walked to the door and took a piece of chalk and wrote the word Triumph on the door."

In the late 19th century Triumph prospered as a whistle-stop for a passenger railroad, boasting a barbershop, pool hall and two hotels, plus a factory and a pair of lumber companies.

In time, though, the passenger rail stopped coming. Though a freight train rumbles through once a day, the business district now holds only a bank, grain elevator, restaurant and a bar and grill.

For decades, the town served as a comfortable bedroom community to bigger nearby places like Peru and Mendota. Inside Triumph's tidy modest homes live a mix of youths, teens, parents and old folks.

The widespread demographic helped point BBC producers toward Triumph. Last week, they paid a visit, interviewing townsfolk to gauge their interest in participating in the show.

Says executive producer Cassie Braben, I think the deciding factor (in the BBC's choice for the show's setting) is how much a town is up for it, as a sort of on entertaining social experiment.

All of the adult women be whisked away for a to an as-yet-unspecified resort hotel. The men would be left to tend for their kids and run the businesses - and without the help of any mothers-in-law or other female interlopers.

Just three households have shown a reluctance to participate, and only because of medical problems precluding travel. Otherwise, the response in Triumph has been overwhelmingly positive.

"You say 'free resort for a week' and the women already have their toothbrushes in a bag," says Assistant postmaster Mary Brester. "... We're hoping it's somewhere south, where it's warm."

Meanwhile, the men have been brainstorming ways to survive womanless

For one, they'll have to figure out what to do with the children. Though kids are bused to Mendota for school, many have after-school lessons and

activities that require intricate transportation and child-watching schemes.

Further, they'll have to pick up the slack in Triumph's small workforce. For instance, the Curl Inn, a polished supper club that draws from all around the Illinois Valley would be without its main cook and all six waitresses — plus co-owner Barth, the prep-cook.

Husband and co-owner Ken Barth smiles sheepishly and says, "I wouldn't have any clue."

So far, no one, not even the men, has expressed much worry over the potential toss of (ahem) marital privileges.

"I can go for a week without sex — I have many times," Ken Barth, 43, says with a hearty chuckle.

Though the program might capture Triumph menfolk at their frantic worst, they're willing to go under a little on-screen embarrassment in the name of civic duty. In return for cooperation by the chosen town, the BBC will finance a community project to be undertaken by men during the week of filming.

In Triumph, that could mean the building of a playground or the installation of a first-ever town sign. Or, with Triumph overrun with stray cats the men could launch a spay-and-neuter campaign — which could make for interesting television, considering Triumph has no veterinarian.

The BBC will pick a town next month. Filming is expected in either March or April.

The other places under consideration are Jamestown, Colorado, home to 205 residents near Boulder; and Long Island, Maine, whose 202 residents live on a tiny island off Portland.

As the BBC ponders its choice, Triumph eagerly awaits a chance to show its stuff. Cherie Barth, no doubt eyeing a week's vacation, smiles as she tells her husband, "its going to take some work."

Phil Luciano, Journal Star, Peoria

The Darwin Awards are an annual honor given to the person who did the gene pool the greatest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid way..

Last year's winner was the fellow who was killed by a Coke machine which toppled over on top of him as he was attempting to tip a free soda out of it.

The nominees this year in reverse order are:

7. A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk. Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. This resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

6. A 34-year-old white male found dead in the basement of his home died of suffocation, according to police. He was approximately 6' 2" tall and weighed 225 pounds. He was wearing a pleated skirt, white bra, black and white saddle shoes, and a woman's wig. It appeared that he was trying to create a schoolgirl's uniform look. He was also wearing a military gas mask that had the filter canister removed and a rubber hose attached in its place. The other end of the hose was connected to one end of a hollow tube approx. 12" long and 3" in diameter. The tube's other end was inserted into his rectum for reasons unknown, and was the cause of his suffocation. Police found the task of explaining the circumstances of his death to his family very awkward.

5. Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft and crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.

4. A 22-year-old, Glade Drive, Reston, VA, man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70 foot railroad trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast-food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped one end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. "The length of the cord that he assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground" Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was "Major trauma."

3. A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend, no doubt a future Darwin Awards candidate, was hospitalized.

2. Employees in a medium sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak.. Sensibly, management evacuated the building, extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter. Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as 'bright' by his peers.

AND? THE WINNER IS:

1. Based on a bet by the other members

of his threesome, Everitt Sanchez tried to wash his own "balls" in a ball washer at the local golf course. Proving once again that beer and testosterone are a bad mix, Sanchez managed to straddle the ball washer and dangle his scrotum in the machine. Much to his dismay, one of his buddies upped the ante by spinning the crank on the machine with Sanchez's scrotum in place, thus wedging them solidly in the mechanism.

Sanchez, who immediately passed his threshold of pain, collapsed and tumbled from his perch. Unfortunately for Sanchez, the height of the ball washer was more than a foot higher off the ground than his testicles are in a normal stance, and the scrotum was the weakest link.

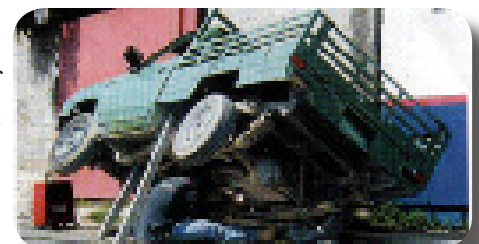
Sanchez's scrotum was ripped open during the fall, and one testicle was plucked from him forever and remained in the ball washer, while the other testicle was compressed and flattened as it was pulled between the housing of the washer, and the rotating machinery inside.

To add insult to injury, Sanchez broke a new \$300.00 driver that he had just purchased from the pro shop, and was using to balance himself with.

Sanchez was rushed to the hospital for surgery... The remaining threesome were asked to leave the course.

NOTE: This last one wouldn't normally count, because the idiot didn't die. But because he cannot reproduce as a result of his qualifying act of stupidity, we have allowed it. ?

If you can read this, thank a teacher.
If you can read this in English, thank a Veteran.



2006 Darwin Candidate



Thanks to ISOA Chief film critic Mike Nueller for this cinematic update. He gives them all one "thumb" up.



Hollywood has announced that due to the success of "Brokeback Mountain", they would re-issue and re-name several oldies. They are:

High Noon

Jeremiah's Johnson

The Pleasure of Siera Madre

The Man who Shot All over Liberty Valence

How the West was Hung

The Wild Brunch

He Wore a Yellow Ribbon

The Legend of the Long Ranger

Doc's Holiday with Billy the Kid

Lone Some Doug

Destry Rides Again ...and Again ...and Again

A Fistfull of Ned

Hi, Plains Drifter

Quickly Down Under

Mountin' Range

Bareback Mountin'

Bone-Naza

Homo on the Range

Oklahomo

Little Bath House on the Prairie

Prances with Wolves

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Gail O'Toole was convicted of simple assault and sentenced to six months probation for acts she committed against her ex-lover. On Wednesday, the civil suit went to court, where O'Toole's ex-boyfriend claimed her "outrageous" and "inhumane" acts are worth thousands in damages. Ken Slaby said he was in love with O'Toole five years ago. He even admitted he was devastated when O'Toole broke it off.

So, when O'Toole invited him over to her Murrysville home to rekindle a friendship, he said he agreed. Slaby said O'Toole even went to his house in Pittsburgh to pick him up. But according to Slaby, the night took a turn when O'Toole got angry about Slaby's new love. Slaby said

O'Toole waited until he fell asleep and glued his penis to his stomach, glued his testicle to his leg and glued the cheeks of his buttocks together.

Then came the nail polish. Slaby claimed O'Toole dumped it all over his head. When he woke up, Slaby said O'Toole threw him out. He didn't have a car, so he was forced to walk one mile down Route 22 to call 911 and Murrysville police, Slaby said.

When asked if in his 23 years as a police officer he had seen anything like this, Patrolman Joseph Malone of the Murrysville Police Department said, "No, I can't say I have."

At the hospital, oils did little to remove the glue. Nurses actually had to peel it off. Slaby underwent treatment from a dermatologist several times afterward. O'Toole's attorney said this was part of routine sexual activity between the couple -- acts that he agreed to -- incidents that should have stayed in the bedroom.

But Slaby said O'Toole told him she planned the acts since the break up. According to Slaby, O'Toole came up with script and followed it to the letter because she was angry that he had moved on

Slaby said his injuries included severe burning on parts of his body, impingement of normal bodily functions and discoloration of his hair. The 10 men and two women on the jury can award Slaby \$30,000 or more. Their decision is expected late on Thursday.

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March 2, 2006 TOKYO -
As Japanese waistlines expand, so is the market for girdles -- for men.

A new line of male underwear that flattens the stomach and lifts the hips proved so popular when introduced on a trial basis last month that some stores quickly sold out.

"Men are getting so much more fashion conscious these days that they're starting to pay attention to the lines of their body and their silhouette, just like women," said a spokeswoman at *Triumph International* Japan, a leading underwear firm.

Triumph marketed two different types of "long girdle" -- one from the navel to the knees, and the other a "hip hugger" version to be worn with low-waisted pants.

Both sold so well that it plans to raise production and develop new variations, including a version for summer wear.

Other firms intend to launch similar products, according to business daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun. One even plans to start selling underwear that lifts and shapes the upper body as well.

One factor behind the boom, which has made the girdles popular not only among middle-aged men but also those in their 20s and 30s, is likely to be a growing weight problem among once slim Japanese.

According to a Health Ministry report issued last month, some 29 percent of men aged 20-60 are overweight compared with 24 percent in 2000.

The *Triumph* spokeswoman, however, said most of the demand is due to new styles in pants that are cut to emphasize the hips. "It's really more about style," she said. "After all, there aren't that many men in their 20s and 30s whose figures are giving way."

Thanks to Tim Mantel for these winners in "The Last Photo I Ever Took" Contest



Tim snapped these on his recent trip to the Far East



Thanks to Mike & Diane Mueller for these graphics taken on their Southern vacation





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End the day Saturday in the village for an evening of "spirits" and jocularity.

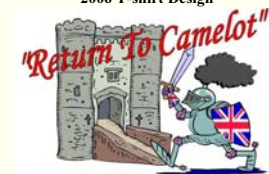
The multi-passenger wagon (bus) awaits as your transportation as you crawl to various pubs across the village.

Sunday, May 28, 2006

For all who are not weary from the night's activities, join us at the break of Dawn as we venture out for a cruise and a breakfast feast.

Upon our return, see the royal display of steeds (cars) battling on the Mighty Henneman Field.

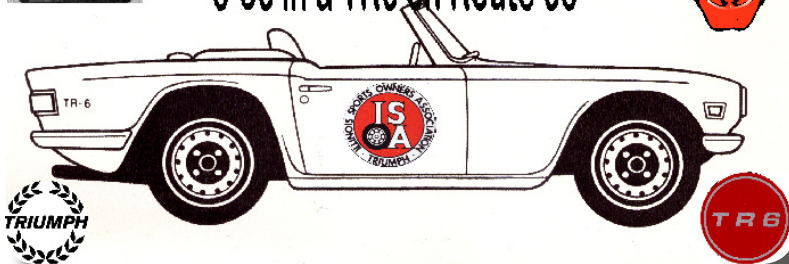
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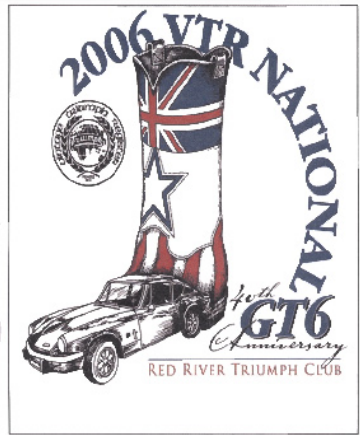
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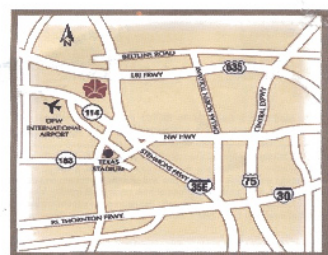
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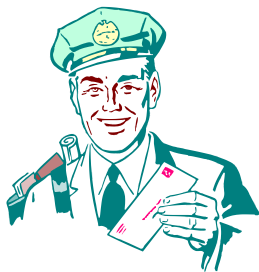
6-Pack TRials 2006
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

ON COLOR

[ed. note: We'd never print anything off-color]

BY

DAVE KANZLER, 74 TR6



In the February edition of the “Snic Braaap,” Mike Mueller made the following comment about the color Sienna Brown, “not my, or anyone else that I know of, first choice in color.” As the owner of a decidedly prettier Maple Brown TR6, I couldn’t say that I disagreed with Mike’s assessment of my next-door neighbor on the color wheel; however, the comment did get me philosophizing on the topic.

When I began my search for a TR6, my main criteria were “rust free, overdrive and a tan interior,” although I did have color preferences. My first-ever car, purchased with grocery store stock-boy wages, was a 1970 Carmine Red TR6 - at least I think that was the color, I couldn’t be 100% certain, as rust was the predominant shade by the time I bought the car. So, for sentimental reasons Carmine Red was in the running. “Redder reds” (Signal/Pimento) were out because I just think that the only Triumphs that looks good in redder reds are the TR2 or TR3. Sorry you redder TR3’s, just my opinion. White was out because my second car was a white Datzun 240Z. I loved that car (and first loved in it, but that’s another story) and buying a white TR6 would somehow seem like cheating on my “Z.” French Blue was out because I live in DuPage County, and I didn’t want to have to tell my neighbors that the color was “Freedom” Blue, or risk being ostracized.

Like most of us, my top choice was British Racing Green (“BRG”), however I quickly discovered that BRG was basically in the eye of the seller of the car. No matter what shade of green, the car was advertised as BRG. I looked at quite a few (most had brown or yellow engine bays) even made a serious run at one - but couldn’t close on a price. On a tip from Tim Smith, I chased down a lead on a rust-free, overdrive, tan interior, TR6 in Dallas. Trouble was it was Maple Brown. I was advised by several Club members that, “Brown was not a desirable color.” “What the heck,” I thought, “I can always have it painted BRG, I’ll even do the engine bay.” I bought the car and then a curious thing happened. Every day, as I saw the car in my garage, that Maple Brown color grew on me just a little tiny bit, like a dripping faucet that eventually overflows the tub. When the time came to get the dings fixed and the car painted, I couldn’t pull the trigger on a color change. Maybe the Michael Jackson trial influenced me - did I want to do to my car what he did to himself? Wasn’t that somehow, I don’t know - unnatural? And, as Tim Smith pointed out to me, “There are a lot of BRG and red Triumphs, not many brown ones.”

So Mr. Mueller, to heck with the liberal-elite who advocate the “evolution” of car color. An Intelligent Designer deemed that your TR6 was made Sienna Brown, and Sienna Brown it should be. Hold your head high and feel free to park it next to me so all us “undesirables” can hang out together.



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March Boomer prominently displayed in editor's office at Snic Braaapp Towers.



MARCH 5TH
ISOA GENERAL MEETING NOTES,
[IN CASE YOU MISSED IT]



More than forty Triumphisiti braved the snow squalls on March 5th to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Sports Owners Association. In addition, they sacrificed the opportunity to watch the Oscars in favor of witnessing the Boomers Awards ceremony. [Would that I had done the same, Oh the shame of it all!; but more on that later.]

President Joe Pawlak got the proceedings under way a little after seven by introducing the board and the officers. New members in attendance included Reuben Luna of Villa Park [TR8] and Roman Hurlowitz of Elmwood Park, [TR6]; Tim Buja spoke about the recent differential clinic and Bill Pyle encouraged anyone planning to attend the transmission clinic to speak with him about any parts they might require before tearing down their gearboxes. Tim also gave the latest membership stats and warned that anyone who had not renewed by the following day would be dropped from the rolls.

Phil Fox spoke about a body shop clinic that he and Dave Kayson were enrolled in. Mike Mueller and Dave also concurred that the class was very worthwhile. Denny Capetto then spoke about the recent swap meet at DuPage Fairgrounds held in February, before turning the mike over to Jack Billimack who ran down the events listed on page 12 of this month's newsletter. Jack encouraged members to make plans to attend as many activities as possible. In addition to the events listed, he also spoke about the spring campout at Black Hawk Farms Raceway and a possible evening outing at Ravinia in July. More details will follow if sufficient interest exists. Mark Moore also elaborated on the tentative road trip to Auburn, Indiana to see a Kruse auction and to visit the Auburn, Cord, Dusenberg Museum in

July. Jay Holekamp also mentioned that he planed to attend the VTR Regional in Oklahoma in April and asked if anyone was interested in caravanning with him.

Joe elected to pass on the break in order to allow everyone to leave earlier than normal due to the snowstorm. The Peter M. Roberts nominees for March were: 1] Phil Fox, for donating a gearbox to Ernie Husmann and a windshield to Dennis Delap. 2] Jay Holekamp, for diagnosing a leak on Greg Heidrich's fuel pump due to a crossed thread and loaning a spare pump to Greg. 3] Your humble and obedient scribe for inspecting a TR3 on behalf of Dave "Stumpy Joe" Kayson when he was out of town. [Kayson eventually bought the car upon my recommendation-a possible Boomer in itself]. 4] Steve Bailey and Bruce Barnet for swapping out a differential for George Grumbos.The envelope please, "And the winner was "The Factor."

The Boomer, now sporting an attached cell phone courtesy of "Mr. Bill" Jensen, was presented to your humble and obedient scribe for, what I must, in the interest of fair and accurate reporting-a Snic Braaapp hallmark for over thirty years, was extremely weak justification. Just because I exceeded the instructions of the "Stagmeister" in prepping my TR3 diff for rebuilding at the clinic. [Joe had said to clean it up and drain it, and I did; - I also drained the gears, bearings, races, etc. including the shims which are apparently, somewhat crucial to establishing a baseline for measuring preload along with some other technical stuff]. I should note, that since I have been secretary [and, therefore, the ballot counter for the Boomer], I have never gotten the "award." This month there was a conspiracy. With no meeting break, I excused myself from the head table to answer nature's call, and Buja sat in my place to take notes, lest no critical information go unrecorded. When I got back from the necessary facility, I was awarded the Boomer, much to the delight of "Mr. Bill" who was still bitter from the previous month in which he

claimed, falsely I might add, that I was prejudiced in the vote counting. At any rate, the bent wheel is now on prominent display Snic Braaapp Towers. [see photo on page 28.]

The meeting broke up just before nine.

With apologies for any errors and omissions, your humble and obedient scribe.

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Special Snic Braaapp thanks to Gary Revis for the temporary custody of a TSOA Handbook, several TSOA newsletters, vintage “English Channel” newsletters, Snic Braaapp’s circa 1980-90, and several period magazine road tests of Triumphs from the 60’s. Look for text and graphics from these documents in future newsletters.



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