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Drive In Movie Night

TEXT BY BOB STREEPY GRAPHIC BY THE AUTHOR AND TIM BUIAS



USR AS CLASSIC BRITISH SPORTS CAR HAVE SADLY BECOME eblematic of a bygone era, so too has the iconic drive-in movie theater. While both were once commonplace institutions, each has moved ever closer to becoming yet another nostalgic symbol of an increasingly distant past age. For many of



us "of a certain age," the recollection of a pleasant summer evening spent under the stars watching the big screen from the cozy confines of an automobile sets in motion all sorts of wistful memories.

So it was on Friday, June

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AN ISOA RIDE IN THE COUNTRY
TEXT BY BOB STREEPY - GRAPHICS BY THE
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Pollowing DAYS OF INSUFFERable heat and humidity, Saturday, Saturday, July 20, saw seasonable temperatures return to the Heartland. The welcome relief coincided with the ISOA summer tour in the country, conceived and organized by Denny Stock. The clear skies and moderate weather, coupled with detailed planning provided some 18 carloads of Coventry Irregulars with an ideal scenario for an absolutely incredible day.

The tour began in west suburban Bartlett, only blocks away from Snic Braaapp Towers, meaning that for once your humble and obedient scribe had very little difficulty locating the departure point. Several of the participants opted for a pre-tour nosh at the McDonald's near the intersection of Stearns Road and Route 59, one of the Western suburbs most notorious crossroads. Fortunately all the Triumphs [9 TR6s, 5 Spitfires, a TR 7, a Stag, TR4A, and a TR 4] successfully navigated the infamous intersection and convened in the Bartlett Commons strip mall parking lot. A little after 9:00 AM, Denny held a brief driver's meeting and a distributed 3-page, turn-by-turn, mile-by-mile itinerary and also provided some cautionary advice to the caravan to avoid exceeding the posted speed in various areas, to include the infamous Wayne speed trap DuPage County.

In a short while, the caravan, the biggest in recent memory since the infamous "Trail of Tears Death March to Mid-Ohio" was motoring smoothly along the two-lane blacktops of bucolic Kane County. About 20 miles into the tour, the caravan made an unanticipated stop along Beith Road to assist motorist who had gone off the road. The driver of

a late model Nissan Sentra was apparently practicing for the ever popular "Run what you brung" feature at nearby Sycamore Speedway and lost control of her car before winding up in a ditch facing the ISOA caravan. Fortunately, nurses Kathy Pawlak, Kathy Hansel, Pat Morgan, Pat Hattenhauer, and Kim Stock rushed to provide first aid until the local constabulary arrived on the



scene. Fortunately for the driver, her injuries appeared minor, although the same could not be said for the front end of the Sentra. The other medical professional in our midst, Mark "Painless" Hattenhauer, walked almost briskly to the accident victim, apparently to see if she'd incurred any cavities in the accident.

Once the police arrived on the scene, it was clear that our work there was done, and the caravan proceeded along the back roads to the first designated stop at County Line Customs repair shop in Maple Park. Ray Lynch, the proprietor, provided coffee, soft drinks and doughnuts for the group and offered the use of his lift to evaluate



several of the Triumphs for any possible areas for remediation. Ronnie Moon, Bill Jensen, Matt Krajniak, and Jack Billimack each took advantage of the shopkeeper's generous offer and put their cars on his lift to check out the condition of their undercarriages. The participants also used the break to look at an Aston Martin DB 2, a V-8 powered E type Jaguar, a GT6, and several other interesting cars that were on display on the grounds of the shop.

Around noon, after the last Triumph came off the lift, the caravan headed out and proceeded along the back roads another 15 or 20 miles to the Five Points Pub in the rural hamlet of Kingston. Denny had made reservations for our group, which now included an additional two cars which had joined us along the way, bringing our total number of lunch patrons up to 37, quite a few more than had originally indicated there were planning to attend. The waitress and the cook were kept very busy the next hour or so hustling to fill drink orders and prepare meals, and to their credit, managed to get everyone served in a reasonable time. The atmosphere was very pleasant and everyone agreed that the food was well worth the slight wait. Following the meal, the Coventry Irregulars posed for a group photo on



the patio of the club before saying their goodbyes and making their way home. Some headed to a nearby winery for a taste, while others from the group decided to stop by the Hampshire Triumph and Quarter Horse Ranch to observe the final assembly of a sports six transmission before calling it a day.

The unanimous consensus of the event was overwhelmingly positive and the collective "Ata boy!" for Denny's organization and planning was well-deserved. There can be no doubt that beautiful weather, fully functioning cars, attention to detail in the planning stages all converged to make the summer tour and overwhelming success.

Suds



ISOA EVENTS CALENDAR

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, have a beer, and share some TRIUMPH BS with your fellow enthusiasts.

355 Rt. 83 North Ave/ Rt. 64 North 1 294 North

The Board of Directors meets the first Sunday of every month prior to the general meeting. **Everyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings.**

ISOA UPCOMING EVENTS

Month Date		Day	Time	Event
Aug.	1-3 4 4 9 15-18 18 25 25 30-9/1	ThSa Sun. Sun. Fri. ThSu Sun. Sun. Sun. FriSu	7:00 PM 7:00 PM n.	The Roadster Factory Summer Party -Armach, PA Transportation Extravanganza - Illinois Railway Museum, Union ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00] White Trash Night - Sycamore Speedway Open Air Classic in Wisconsin - LaCrosse, WI Orphan Auto Picnic - Kendall Cty Fairgrounds - Yorkville Geneva Concours d'Elegance - Geneva Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance Moonshine & Bootlegger Run - Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
Sept.	1 6-8 8 14 15 19-22	Sun. FriSu Sun. Sat. Sun. ThSu		ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00] VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Race - Features Triumph [Kastner Kup] BCU Festival - Harper Community College, Palatine 5th Annual Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show - Carpentersville 9th Annual Cantigny Car Show - Wheaton Six Pack TRials - Traverse City, MI
Oct.	2-6 4-6 6 11-13 13 18-19 19-20 26	WedSun. FrSun Sun. FrSun Sun. FrSun SaSun Sat.	n. 7:00 PM n. n.	VTR Convention - San Rafael, CA Louisville Concours - Louisville, KY ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00] Fall Driving Tour by Kim/Judy Casper - Kansasville, WI Toys For Tots Run EURO Auto Festival- Greenville, SC LeMons at Autobahn - Joliet ISOA Halloween Spooktacular @ Konopka's - Mt. Prospect

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Monthly Mumblings



A LITTLE BS FROM BS

News and Views From The Busted Knuckle Garage By Snic Braaapp Editor Bob Streepy

The following is an encore resentation of some parts of speech from March of 2008

s some you MAY ALREADY KNOW, the new ISOA Board has recently decided to give a psychological assessment

to prospective ISOA members to make sure that any "newbies" are compatible with those of us who already belong to the club. What follows is a draft of such an instrument.* I thought that SNIC BRAAAPP readers, possibly even both of them, might want to take the test for themselves to see how well they match up with rest of the Coventry Irregulars. Only one answer is correct, maybe. Sharpen your #2 pencils and keep your eyes on your own paper.

1) The first thing to examine when considering the purchase of sports car is: (a) a 0 to 60 time that can actually measured with a stopwatch rather than a sundial; (b) engineering that dates back no further than the New Deal; (c) the amount of rust on the frame at the rear trailing arms.

2) You are willing and able to perform routine maintenance functions on your car, such as; (a) changing oil, replacing spark plugs, bleeding brakes, etc.; (b) replacing a clutch by yourself in an evening; (c) decoking your gudgeon pins every 1,000 miles.

3) When going on a trip further than the end of your driveway, you pack; (a) insurance card, license, and registration; (b) cell phone, credit cards, crescent wrench, pliers, and screwdriver; (c) the extra copy of your Bentley shop manual, RainX, duct tape, electrical tape, JB Weld, wire, fuses, bulbs, oil, brake fluid, gear oil, ether, gas can, butt connectors, generator, starter, coil, plugs, points, condenser [or two], rebuild kits for master cylinder, slave cylinder, calipers, carbs, your backup frame, and items a and b.

4) To deal with the inevitable

Lucas electrical "issues" you have heard

are inherent to these cars, you; (a) keep a spare fuse in your cubby; (b) take a community college course in automotive electrical systems; (c) memorize Dan Masters book and enter the ISOA Techspurts on your cell phone's speed dial. When caught in a sudden down-5) pour in your drop-head coupe, you; (a) slow down, activate your power top and windows, and turn on your defroster and wipers; (b) pull off, erect your hood, install your sidecurtains, and turn on your demister and wipers; (c) head for the nearest overpass, fasten the three snaps on your tonneau that actually fit, add an extra coat of RainX, and put on the raingear you keep in the boot. You come to stop light when a kid in rice rocket pulls up on your

right and revs his engine. You; (a) stare straight ahead trying to pretend you don't notice him, and when the light changes, pull away as he leaves you in the dust; (b) turn to him and say, "I'd race you to the next light, but I've got my pet goldfish on the front seat; (c) rev your engine past the redline, pop the clutch when the light changes as he leaves you in the dust. 7) The best attire for open air

"motoring" is; (a) a tweed sports jacket with suade elbow patches, corduroy trousers, stringback leather gloves, and a dashing cap; (b) your Members Only® windbreaker, khaki slacks, and Ray Ban sunglasses; (c) a sweatshirt and jeans, preferably black so that they won't show the grease and oil when you have to crawl underneath and reattach the spring on your slave cylinder.

While at a dinner party with friends, the conversation turns to international economics, [Isn't that always the way it goes?] and one of the guests wonders why there are no high-tech innovations currently coming from the UK. You reply by saying; (a) "Apparently you haven't heard about the steampowered, belt driven PCs being developed in Speke;" (b) "I just read that the engineers in Coventry have developed an car that runs on recycled tea bags, but the garbage truck drivers' union has been on strike since 1978, so they can't bring it to market; (c) "Just as soon as the market for wooden framed, oil-leaking, rust prone, cars with funny names and unreliable electrical systems bounces back, count on the Brits to be there After dinner, your host offers you a beverage. You ask for; (a) a cognac; (b) a brandy; (c) a 45-50° Guinness stout, [but you'll settle for a room temperature PBR]. Your host asks if you have a preference for some classic British background music while you enjoy your drink. You reply, "Thanks, do you have any;" (a) Lonnie Donegan; (b) Engelbert Humperdink; (c) Long John Baldrey or Richard Thompson. The all-time coolest name for a British car is; (a) Nimrod; (b) Humber Snipe (c) Triumph Scorpion. After your earthly race is run and you shuffle off your mortal coil, St Peter welcomes you at the Pearly Gates and tells you that you may visit with one, and only one, heavenly inhabitant. You ask for directions to the quarters of; (a) Mahatma Gandhi; (b) John Lennon; (c) Ken Richardson. Your significant other mentions that you need a new outfit for your mother-in-law's birthday party. You reply, "OK, I'd stop by _ on the way home;" (a) Giorgio Armani; (b) J. Crew; (c) Farm & Fleet. You make it a point to stay home to watch reruns of, (a) Dancing with the

Blazing Saddles and/or Monty python.
15 People often say that you remind them of; (a) J. Peterman; (b) Niles Crane; (c) Red Green.
16. Your bookshelf contains an entire shelf dedicated to the complete works of; (a) Kierkekgard; (b) Milton; (c) Peter Egan and Dan Masters.

Stars; (b) The Ann Coulter Show; (c)

Ok, time's up. Exchange papers. If you answered "C," to all of the above, you definitely have the right stuff to belong to ISOA - but you already knew that. [Extra credit if you know what a drophead coupe and a gudgeon pin are.]

Streepy

*Ed Note: Fans of Peter Egan, the world's greatest car/bike wordsmith, have undoubtedly read his occasional "psychological exams," in which he cleverly queries prospective owners of various bikes as to whether or not they are predisposed to owning a motorcycle built in a particular nation. With all due respect to our hero, we have undertaken to flatter him [the sincerest form of imitation] by shamelessly stealing his idea here.

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Presi "Dental" Ponderings

ON YOUR MARQUE BY ISOA PRESIDENT MARK "PAINLESS" HATTENHAUER



TITH JULY AND ALL THE FIREworks and numerous ISOA summer events behind us, if you aren't driving your Triumph, what the hell are you waiting for? Summer top down driving weather, local festivals and White Trash Night are in our high beams...oh the humanity of it! So many holidays lay ahead us this month, Let's get ready to celebrate. August is National Golf month. The Doctor is out...golfing. This is also Eat Dessert First Month; however the dentist will not be available due to golf. Be careful with that sweet tooth and try to schedule an appointment for early September. Remember to flash those pearly whites as this is also Smile Month and celebrate Motor Sports Awareness Month. Let's get down to all the August holidays we need to TRy and celebrate.

- •1st World Wide Web Day...remember Al Gore the inventor of the internet. What a lead in, today also begins International Clown Week...funny how?
- •2nd National Ice Cream Sandwich Day (my favorite sammich).

- •3rd National Mustard Day (the king of the condiments). This is also National Watermelon Day. So why is watermelon seed spitting week in June (I don't know but I've been told)? Don't forget to celebrate Chocolate Chip Day
- •5th International Beer Day and National Underwear Day. Too much beer perhaps led to walking around in your skivvies? This is also National Oyster Day. Please keep your oysters inside your boxers today and everyday.
- •6th National Fresh Breath Day. After beers and oysters yesterday, come on who are we kidding here?
- •8th Odie Day(an odie but goody). In case your wondering, June 19th was Garfield the Cat Day.
- •9th Kool-Aid Day. Remember Jim Jones; don't drink the Kool-Aid. Don't forget White Trash Night! Release the inner redneck inside you.
- •10th Lazy Day and National S'mores Day. See if some else will make you some...
- •11th Presidential Joke Day. Enough said...funny how?
- •12th Vinyl Record Day. Play your favorite album today.
- •13th Left Hander's Day. Right handed people use the left side of the brain. Left handed people use the right side. Therefore only left handed people are in their right mind. "Everyone is born right-handed, only the greatest overcome it." Many are called few are chosen. Moving right along...this is also Blame Someone Else Day. Enough said there, it's not my fault.
- •16th National Tell a Joke Day. So as not to offend anyone this holiday has been cancelled. That's not funny.
- •19th National Aviation Day and honors the Wright Brothers. Orville

would be 142 today. Have a cupcake and celebrate his birthday today is Cupcake Day as well.

- •21st Spumoni Day. You don't have to Italian to like this ice scream.
- •22nd Hoodie Hoo Day if you live in the Southern Hemisphere., go out at noon and yell "Hoodie Hoo" three times. Who da who...what de what...you say tomato ...never mind. This is also National Tooth Fairy Day. Let your teeth be gay today.
- •24th Vesuvius Day and marks the date 79 A.D. that Mt. Vesuvius exploded, destroying several Roman cities. Now that was a Roman candle! Somebody light this candle. Oh wait it was on autostart.
- •26th Toilet Paper Day. I don't know about you but everyday is a toilet paper day in my house.
- •28th- every month is Gone-ta-pott Day...better take some toilet paper with you.
- •30th Frankenstein Day. Abby Normal. Sedagive! Give him a sedagive! Vould you like a roll in ze hay?
- •31st Love Litigating Lawyers Day... can you say sue me? Love is never having to say "You're suing me?"

If that doesn't get your motor running, try CPR or shock therapy...but get ready for next month, The Kastner Kup in Elkhart Lake, BCU at Harper, and 6-Pack Trials in Traverse City. See you all there!



ISOA MEMBERSHIP: Being a member of ISOA is easy! Owning a Triumph is optional; you can drive whatever you want. All you need to do is pay your annual dues of \$35.00. (If you are a new member, add \$10 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 ISOA'er.

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Movie Night - Continued from page 1
28, that a dozen or so Coventry Irregulars gathered to break bread at Augustino's Rock 'n Roll Deli in West Chicago as a prelude to a night under the stars at the local drive in. Even though a massive road construction project made entry into the eatery's parking lot a challenge, the Triumphistae navigated their way [often with great peril] into the lot. It goes without saying that the array of Triumphs attracted considerable attention from the other clientele. The 20 or so ISOA members enjoyed salads, sandwiches, and pizza in the restaurant

which is festooned with classic rock 'n roll memorabilia from the 50s, 60s, and 70s artists – some whom were fortunate enough to have been produced and engineered by none other than ISOA's own Mike Konopka.

Around 7:30, most of group adjourned and headed east along North Avenue to the venerable Cascade drivein, one of the few remaining such theaters still operating in the greater Chicagoland. [A couple of members opted to take a pass based on the films or other committments.]

The Triumphs parked together and again drew a crowd from among the cinema patrons. Even a brief shower a few minutes before the first of the two films began did not dampen the spirits of the ISOA mvie buffs. The evening's double feature began with a Pixar flick *Monsters University* and the nightcap was *Man of Steel* which, we all assumed was a biography of ISOA's beloved bar-

THAT'S

THEY SAID I COULD GET

ONE CAT AND THEN

DECIDE IF MORE OF THEM WOULD BE WORTH

THAT LEVEL OF HASSLE. rister for a buck "Burnout Bob." Sadly, this was not the case, although certainly such a film would surely attract a huge audience.



While the cinematic fare may not be included among next year's Oscar hopefuls, the nostalgic surroundings, coupled with a presence of a combination of good cars and good people made for a most pleasant evening.

BY JEF MALLETT

Suds





I ASKED MY FOLKS IF I COULD GET SOME KITTENS. OHHHHH. YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD.





RECENT EVENTS OF IN "TR" EST



Text and Graphics by Doug Larson as told to Bob Streepy

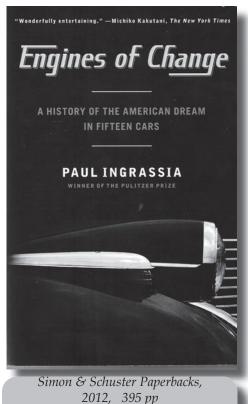
THILE NOT TOO MANY COVENTRY Irregulars opted to participate in the 26th annual Michiana British Car show in South Bend this year, those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The event took place on the campus of St. Mary's College and attracted more than 90 Midwestern LBCs, including club members Pete and Denise Ballard [MGB] Doug and Debbie Larson [TR6] and Tim and Sheila Mantel [TR6]. The ISOA trio met in Chesterton for breakfast and proceeded on to South Bend to the show. Among the more "interesting" cars on display



was a Spitfire sporting '59 Caddy taillights which managed to win first in class in Spitfire People's Choice.

Doug

BOOK BRAAAAPP



hood of your humble and obedient scribe agreeing with George Won virtually anything would be as unlikely as Jimmy Carter

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brokering a peace accord between Menachem Begin and Anwar Saddat. However, in the case of Engines of Change, the aforementioned Mr. Will and I are for once in complete agreement that this book is "...very entertaining and instructive." The author fashions a humorous, wellresearched, swift-paced narrative encompassing selected automobiles. Sadly, none of those 15 driving machines includes our beloved Triumph, but nevertheless the significance of each automobile selected and its respective cultural context makes for an exceptionally good read. The subject cars vary widely, and the author does an admirable job of bringing into play the people, and the foibles of the auto industry that impacted American society from the days of the Model T up to the Prius.

The author is the former Detroit Bureau chief of the Wall Street Journal and has written for Dow Jones Newswires and Reuters. In addition, his is the winner of a 1993 Pulitzer Prize and is also written the exceptional Crash Course: American Automobile Industry's Road from Glory to Disaster.

The book chronicles the Corvette, the VW Beetle, the Corvair, the Mustang, the Model T, the Honda Accord, the BMW Three series, and the Jeep, among others. It shows how each of these cars has impacted not just the auto industry, but American society in general. He infuses humor with scholarly research and provides his reader with a thoughtful verbal tapestry of the machines the changed our nation and the world. The reviewer from Bask magagazine might well have put it best when he said, "A must for anyone with a passion for cars, history, or simply an interest in America's story." On the literary Sudsometer,, Engines of Change gets five spanners and rates a space on the Coventry Irregular

bookshelf on the top shelf along with the collected works of Peter Egan.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER RENDEZVOUS
TEXT AND GRAPHICS BY KIM CASPER

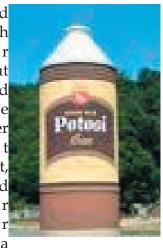


UR WEEKEND STARTED FRIDAY bright, early and chilly. We travelled top down as we headed West to I-43 where we decided it was too cool for the freeway speeds. The choice became Blackhawk Road, which in turn brought back many memories. This was the route in the early 70's that we used to travel from Milwaukee to Blackhawk Farms. We would tow our Austin Healy Sprites, Mini Coopers, TR3's and Lotus Formula Ford behind a motley collection of station wagons, vans and pickup trucks. Motor homes and enclosed trailers were a luxury far beyond our means. We would come rattling through the small towns along the way while most citizens were still in bed. Essentially, the entire route was still there and it was a great trip down memory lane.

Our plan was to leave Dover early enough so we would get to our couple's massage at the Potosa Spa in the Hotel Julian. Mission accomplished! This is the way to start a three day tour. We connected with Sandy and Jerry Hurst at registration. They had gone to Cedar Rapids to visit Jerry's brother. The first event on Friday was the "Al Capone Scavenger Hunt." For this we swapped navi-

gators and spent an hour racing around downtown Dubuque. Our twelve cars kept the people of Dubuque entertained as we drove around looking for addresses, plaques, clocks, statues, etc. The ISOA con-

tingent did not finish first or second, but surly did not come in last. After the first mixer event, we reunited with our navigator and drove a



route to the meticulously restored Potosi Brewing Company, in Potosi Wisconsin, the home of the



National Brewery Museum (take that Anheuser Busch-St. Louis), a beer garden, winery, and woodcrafters shoppe. We had a private



tour and dined in the exclusive "Founder Room" atop the four story brewery, all in all, a great evening.

Saturday morning dawned a little wet, but we picked up six more cars and started the 110 mile "Mississippi River Run." It was a combination of a tour on jaw dropping back roads, challenges of the TV show's "Amazing Race" and "American Pickers" with a little "Easy Rider" thrown in. We had to ride a Funicular (look it up), shoot some pool, and go down a luge run. The day ended in Galena, where everyone went their own way to shops and restaurants

Sunday was the "Father's Day Radar Run." We left the Hilton Garden Inn for a cannonball run to New Diggens. The Hursts and Caspers had to pass a number of slower cars to get a clear run through the twisties. After we 'Threaded The Needle," a narrow one way tunnel, we turned around to go through again and Judy said, "Jerry's grinning like a 16-year old kid." It was a kick-ass ride! We had lunch at Anton's Bar & Grill before taking a more leisurely drive back to the Stone Cliff Winery, where both ISOA cars won a bottle of wine. The Hursts also won a six pack of Potosi Beer, popcorn, popcorn seasoning and retro popcorn maker. Sandy rapidly took possession of the beer, leaving the popcorn for Jerry. Judy and I won some chocolates made by some local nuns, wine glasses and a wine tasting for ten. ISOA road trip anyone? Over all, it was a great driving weekend, and we can't wait for the Moonshine & Bootlegger Run over Labor Day.

Kim & Judy



Recent Events of In "TR" est

BLONDERHILL FEST 2013
TEXT AND GRAPHICS BY KIM JENSEN

Soul to the Triumph gods, because this weekend of July 13-14 was particularly awesome for driving our little LBCs! 3/5ths of the Prison City Brits (Ballards –MGB-, Felixes -TR4A- and Jensens - Spitfire 1500-) departed from Joliet about 7:45 AM Saturday to caravan to Chesterton IN. There we met Tim and Sheila Mantel



(TR6) and the "Honeymooners" (Jack and Mary Lou Gleason – TR6) to travel to Harbert, MI. Already present were Don and Mary Kay Sheldon (Miata), Chris and Griz Holbrook (Jaguar), Tom and Pat Morgan (Miata), Tom and Diane Berger (TR6) and, of course, our hosts and tour guides, Mike Blonder and Terry Underhill (TR4). After a yummy lunch of sub sandwiches and salads, it was AIS ("a-- in seat") at high noon for the lovely caravan to Paw Paw for



a visit to a microbrewery where we met Mike and Trish Konopka (TR6), Chris Smit (Honda SUV), and Joe Honor (Jaguar). here we enjoyed some fine brews and conversation before a 4 block drive to the St Julian winery for a pri-



vate tasting and later the Warner vineyard tasting room right next door!

The caravan ventured on to Coloma to a corner market for ice cream, fresh fruit and homemade tamales (not eaten all together mind you!) Some of the group then returned to the cottage while others went on to the gourmet chocolate shoppe! Mike fired up the twin Webers (grills – not carbs) and we all enjoyed Moo & Oink hot links, brats and burgers. Some folks relaxed outdoors, some took



a short hike to the Lake Michigan beach while others drove to Waco Beach for sunset, ice cream and taps. All this preceded the campfire with talk about our day's driving and stories of our Triumphs. It was great fun to relax with friends – that really are family!

Many thanks to Mike and Terry again for planning and hosting this fine event. They do put a lot of work into getting the tour ready and making sure everything runs smoothly. Be sure to plan to join us next year because it is so much fun... and only such a short drive away.

Lower Wacker



ISOA TECHNICAL EXSPURTS

TR2 Al "Chromedome" Christopher 773/233-2526

TR3/4 Pat "PowerBuldge" Lobdell 219/942-1263

TR4A/ Steve "Godfather" Yott 250/5A 262/997-0701

TR6 Jeff "Stalker" Rust (Early) 815/874-5623

TR6 Irv "Elwood" Korey (Late) 847/831 2809 TR7 Phil "Factor" Fox 630/662-7721

TR8 Tim "Tool Man" Buja 815/332-3119

Spitfire - Joe "Stagmeister" Pawlak [Early] 847/683-4184

Spitfire - Rick Paulson [Late] 847/669-1030

GT6 Dave "Snake" Shedor

847 566 0478.

Stag Joe "Stagmeister" Pawlak

847/683-4184

Herald Jack" Spuds" Billimack

815/459-4721

Machinist Bob "Opera Man" Crowley 630/319-7343

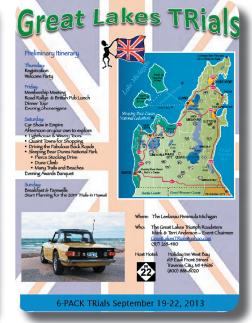
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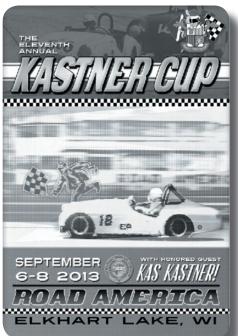
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VTR Convention Oct. 2-6 San Rafael, CA Hosted by Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club Six Pack TRials
Sept. 19-22
Traverse City, MI
Hosted by ISOA members
Mark and Terri Anderson



The Roadster Factory



TRF Summer Party 2013 August
1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Theme is "County Fair"

5th Annual Car Show
Sept. 14th
Raceway Woods,
Carpentersville

ISOA White Trash Nite Fri. Aug.9th - 7:00 PM

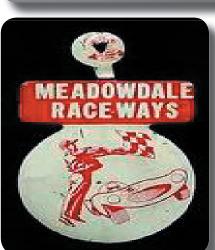


October 4-6 West Baden Springs Hotel French Lick, Indiana



Sunday, August 25th





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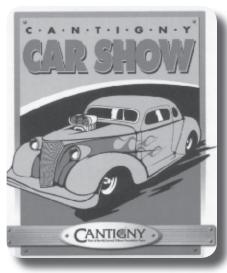
September 11th, 2011 Oakton Community College



Sunday, August 4th



ISOA Halloween Spooktacular Sat., Oct. 26th 7:00 PM Mike & Trish Konopka's 23 N. Maple, Mt. Prospect RSVP 847/222-1029



Sunday September 18, 2011 Meet at Holekamp's 8:00 AM 133 Danada Ct., Wheaton, IL



August 15-18th Contact Kim Casper for details



Aug. 30 - Sept. 1st Contact Kim Casper for details



Sunday, August 18th Kendall County Fairgrounds



4th Annual Rod Blagojevich "Never Say Die" LeMons Race Featuring "007-Rusty Galore" Sat., Oct. 8th

ANNUAL ISOA FALL KANSASVILLE, WISCONSIN, COLOR TOUR AND CAMPOUT/MOTELIN.

- •When: Oct. 11-13 [Friday Sunday]
- •Where: Kim & Judy Casper's country estate near Kansasville, WI.
- Just west of Kenosha/Racine minutes from the IL / WI border.
- Directions from I-94:
- North on I-94 into Wisconsin, West on County Rt. KR (the Kenosha/Racine County Line) ahead on Schroeder Road, •Right (North) at "T" onto Wisconsin 75 (Beaumont Ave.), •Left after about 2 miles into Casper's driveway. (One brick pillar, Asphalt paving. Can't see house from road).

RSVP & Kim Casper 1810 S. Beaumont Ave., Kansasville, WI 53139-9512 Home Phone: 262.878.2337; - Cell Phone: 262.939.5463 E-mail: kimcasper@wi.rr.com [If you don't want to camp, contact Kim about local motels.]

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"Gather on the Green"

GOG SHOW ON THE OSTHOFF LAWN

Enclosed are the instructions for Saturday's (Sept. 7th) show. You will enter off Osthoff Avenue, check in, sign waiver, and get your window sign.

Volunteers will direct you to a parking space on the lawn.

Staging is from 2-3 pm

DRIVE THE OLD ELKHART LAKE ROAD COURSE

GOG participants are invited to drive their cars on the old road course. The cost is \$15.00. Register at Road America gate 6 registration building at 1 p.m. The tour departs at 2:45 pm

You will park on Lake Street with the rest of the tour participants. When the police escort takes the racecars back to the track those who are also GOG participants will proceed to the GOG show field.

The purpose of this show is to raise money for charity and to provide an exciting display of cars for the enjoyment of VSCDA drivers, crew and race fans. Attendees and car owners may buy tickets (ballots) for \$1. Each ballot can be used to cast one vote for a car of their choice. Use the NUMBER of the car you choose on the ballot. 100% of the proceeds will be given to charity. Voting will close at 6:30 p.m. and a trophy will be awarded to the winning car at 7 pm.

FREE WEEKEND TICKETS

2 free passes will be given to GOG participants. Bring a copy of your registration paper to gate 6, VSCDA

VSCDA/ELVF OSTHOFF DINNER WITH Kas Kastner

Enjoy dinner and an evening with Kas Kastner who will speak of his long and successful racing career. Dinner starts at 7:30 following the show.

Cost per person is \$40(\$30 for VSCDA members). Please prepay for dinner with your registration.



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SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2013

3 - 7 pm at the Osthoff

Cocktail Party

LIVE MUSIC

SPECIAL GUEST: Kas Kastner

Participants receive 2 free passes to the weekend's races at Road America.

Year, Make/Model,	color:	
Name:		
Address:		
City/State		
Phone:	E-mail:	

"Gather on the Green" participants wishing to drive the old Elkhart Lake road course should register at Road America gate 6 by 1:00

MINIMUM DONATION: \$5.00 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CAMP ANOKIJIG

circle your choices so we can reserve your seat at dinner Dinner at the Osthoff with guest speaker Kas Kastner \$40.00 Dinner for VSCDA Members \$30.00 OPTIONAL: Road Course Re-enactment Send Form & Checks payable to: VSCDA

Send to: Deb Korneli 6236 Gilbert Circle West Bend, WI 53095



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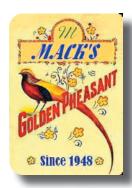
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MEETING RECAP



JULY 2013 MEETING NOTES BY ISOA SECRETARY BOB STREEPY



ROOM ONLY C R O W D TURNED out to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Sports Owners Association on Sunday, July 7. The Coventry Irregulars had jammed the

garden level of Mack's Golden Pheasant by the time President Mark "Painless" Hattenhauer our called things to order at just past 7 PM. The attendees included former member Gary Fager of Blue Island who owns two TR6s and a Spitfire. After introducing himself and the board members, Mark turned things over to Bill Jensen, the ISOA regalia coordinator who announced that he was clearing out the remaining inventory of T-shirts for the ridiculously low price of five dollars, prompting a stampede of bargain hunters to the regalia table.

Mark then moved to the topic of project updates and Ed Klitch described the transition from silicone brake fluid to DOT 3 that he had recently completed on his TR6. Al Christopher mentioned that he had a few remaining stools from closing out his dental practice. Lars Sullivan described the progress that he had made on his TR3, especially since repairing a leaky gas tank. Finally, Mark Fisher mentioned that he was in the final stages of preparing his Lincoln road racer for the Chicago Historic's at Road America.

Mark then moved on to the featured topic of the evening which focused on memorable Triumph breakdowns; a topic near and dear to the hearts of many of the Coventry Irregulars. Mark Fisher led things off by describing an event in which a flatbed driver announced that he had reached his limit of 100 miles free towing, at which point Mark sent presented in a second AAA card and thus managed to get the car towed all the way home. Your humble and obedient scribe described a recent breakdown in Lucille the wonder car, his TR6, in which

the soft fuel line between the tank and the hard line got kinked and cause him some serious vexation while the car was stranded on 355 during rush hour. Bob Erickson elaborated on an electric fuel pump problem with his Stag several years ago during a trip to the covered bridges of Indiana. It resulted in his wife writing in the trunk connecting and reconnecting wires intermittently to keep the car running. Al Christopher described an event in which his TR2 - the same one he's been restoring for some 20 years now, when it would only run in second gear due to a separated shift rod. While not Triumph related, Jim Aldridge described hitting a 500 pound pig in a 55 Chevy and stated that few people realize just how much damage that swine could do car. Dennis Delap talked about several occasions in which his tow vehicle for his TR 4racer broke down, including an instance in which the driveshaft fell out of the Tahoe. Joe Pawlik capped off the topic by describing the infamous Trail of Tears along US 30 some years ago in which a 17 car ISOA caravan attempted to attend the races at Mid-Ohio. Although the group left with plenty of time to spare, the contingent did not arrive until nearly 3 AM to a series of breakdowns along the way. The trip still ranks as one of the all-time most ill-fated voyages since the Titanic set sail. Joe also described the Big Bang resulted when the timing chain on his Stag failed on the way back from a VTR convention resulting in major damage to his car.

The topic then turned to former events from the preceding month and the discussion was initiated by Lori Ann Fisher who described the recent outing at the Autobahn racetrack or team Bondo and Rusty Galore. Roman Hrynewycz described the recent TRA convention and Dennis Delap spoke about the Blackhawk Classic where his old car with its new driver finished much higher in the standings than ever before. Peter Conover revisited the Wisconsin British Car Field Day at Sussex and Tim Mantell spoke about the Michiana car show in South Bend.

From there the conversation shifted to upcoming events and in the absence of Jack Billimack, your humble and obedient scribe mumbled about the myriad of club activities on tap remain-

der of July as well as August and September. [See page 3 for complete list] Steve Bailey was the big winner in the monthly raffle and for his one dollar ticket added a veritable treasure trove of supplies, including the ever popular nose hair trimmer, always a crowd pleaser. After the raffle, it was time for the peter M. Roberts nominations and Ed Klitch got things underway by nominating Jim Aldridge, Kyle Kayson, and Peter Schopperly for helping install a transmission and Scott Ayers TR6. Had also nominated Matt Krajianiak for helping him adjust the rocker arms on his TR6. Peter Schopperly nominated the Jensen's the use of their garage to repair a broken idler arm on team Bondo's TR 7 racecar at the LeMons races in June. He added that in addition, the Jensen's also provided pizza and beer for the team. Paul Barthel's nominated Al Christopher for his generosity in providing stools and various other garage furniture, and Jerry Hurst nominated Joe Felix, Pete Ballard, Bill Jensen, Doug Larson for helping him install a lift in his garage. In a nod to the free pizza and beer, the Jensen's were the recipients of the Lady Bing award for the month of July.

There were three nominations for the Boomer, but no bent wheel was there for presentation due to the lack the previous recipients remembering to bring it; consequently Tim Buja nominated Bill and Kim Jensen for the Boomer for not returning the Boomer. The fact that it wasn't there meant a freebie for people to nominate themselves and Mark Hattenhauer nominated himself were using too much force in trying to install a seat handle, thus breaking it. Lori Ann Fisher nominated Roger Briggs for driving over her barbecue grill at the Autobahn. The Jensen's were winners, thus pulling off the extremely rare "Golden Sombrero" of winning both Boomer and Peter Roberts the same month.

There being no new were unfinished business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. With apologies for any errors or omissions respectfully submitted your humble and obedient scribe,

Suds"

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- For Sale: '65 TR4 ready for restoration. David Kravitz 708-363-7628 david.kravitz@me.com [not an ISOA member] 06/13
- For Sale: 1974 TR-6 Good condition. Well maintained, Current owner since 1987. Joe Chandler, 630-325-4490. E-mail JCAINC@aol.com 06/13
- For Sale: 1959 TR3 project car (VIN EB28373) stored in a dry garage. not running; but engine turns over . Asking \$4800, but open to offers. Western suburbs. Ed Dassow cell 630-862-0778 a2canTR3@gmail.com [not an ISOA member] 6/13
- For Sale: Black nylon carpet kit for TR4 [not 4A]. Like new. Istalled for less than 2,000 miles. TRF List \$489.95 \$200.00 Bob Streepy 630/263-7565 trstreep@sbcglobal.net 7/13
- For Sale: TR6 Luggage Rack a bit weathered but all there, no rust \$25, Seat Diaphrams - 2, new \$20 both, Dashboard vent eyeballs w/hoses \$10, TR6 Front Brake Pads - set for both front wheels \$10 set, TR6 starter solenoid - Lucas \$25, TR6 starter \$90, TR6 starter - 2, used \$30 ea., TR6 rear main seal w/plate - new, TR6 cylinder Heads - 1 narrow port, 2 wide port \$100 - \$125, TR250/TR6 crankshaft - 2, used, std. \$50 ea., TR6 rear wheel hubs - w/half shafts \$50 ea., Various front and rear suspension parts, TR4/TR250 rear tail light Assy. - Lucas, new in box \$100, TR250/TR6 air cleaner - 4, box only no elements \$10 ea., TR6 hoods, trunk lids, doors - w/glass, TR4/TR250/TR6 windshield - new, glass only \$85, TR4/TR250/TR6 convertible top frame - new \$65, TR6 Hardtop - rough, no window, vinyl cover \$\$45, TR4/TR250/TR6 lever shocks - used to TR6 Transmission shifter extention \$50, TR4/TR250 W/S washer - glass reservoir, complete, new \$50, TR4/TR250 W/S washer - plastic reservoir only \$ 10, TR4/TR250 Differential - two piece rear mount type \$90, TR4 generator - condition unknown, usable as core (?) \$ 10, TR250/TR6 alternator - 3, Michelle Reider 8/03 Lucas, used \$25 ea. Tim Mantel, timotmant@aol.com. 7/13
- For Sale: Triumph 1968 TR250 4 speed. Yellow (repainted) Dennis Delap 8/10 with new black top and interior. Webber carburetors, Mini-lite Tom Berger 8/10 wheels. Runs well, every day driver not a show car. Pictures available. \$16,500. For information please contact: Tom Cantwell John Kage 8/14 (630) 269-0016, tcanwell198@comcast.net 7/13

- •For Sale: 1980 Spitfire 1500. (owned by late ISOA member Pete Eckstein.) White w/steel wheels with good tires. Very clean car. Last licensed in 2009. Nice, solid car with good panel alignment. Single Weber carb. header, driving lights, fun bar, Top in good shape. Stainless exhaust. Two hard tops. Shouldn't take much to get it running. No overdrive. Contact Pete's daughter Liz Denman at 847-602-0939 or lizeckstein@yahoo.com for more info or to see photos. 8/13
- For Sale: 1971 TR6. Red w/white interior. Runs good. Newer trans. GM Alternator. Asking \$4500.00 OBO. Also have engine and trrans for TR4. Asking \$150.00 OBO. Steve Bailey [847/269-0122 8/13
- •For Sale: 1978 Spitfire. Blue w/black interior. Monza exhaust. Overdrive.[currently not working]]. Many extra parts. Asking \$2600 OBO. George Grumbos [630] 202-3773 8/13
- For Sale: 1976 Spitfire 1500 30K miles. Original. Runs well. \$5500 OBO. Feff Foley [47] 209-8526 Jeffoley73@gmails.com 8/13 [not an ISOA member]
- For Sale: 2 left and 1 right fiberglass front fenders. for TR3. \$200 ea or all three for \$500.00. Eric 630/461-2602 z1badvette@yahoo.com 8/13 [not an ISOA member]

New Member

Gary Michalek - 64 TR4 1315 Oxford Ln., Glenview, IL 60025-3148 847 649-2500 - EMail: gary@gamweb.com

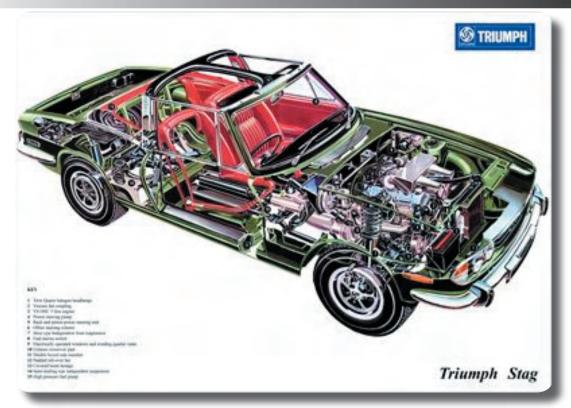
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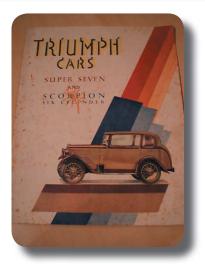
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Bob "Suds" Streepy at the wheel of 1963 Triumph TR4 Crossing the Finish Line Indianapolis Motor Speedway - May, 2013