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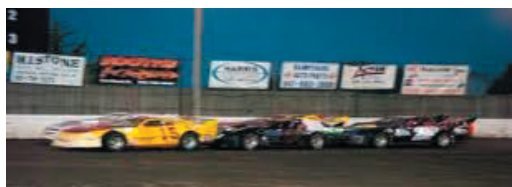
WHITE TRASH NIGHT '13

TEXT AND GRAPHICS BY BOB "SUDS" STREEPY



THERE IS DOUBTLESS NO OCCASION on the club calendar that captures the true essence of ISOA quite like the annual gathering of the tribe at the Sycamore Speedway affectionately known among Coventry Irregulars as White TRash Nite. This year some 20 Triumphistae made the trek to the far, far Western suburbs on Friday, August 9, to witness the wheel-to-wheel competition among amateur drivers in clapped out clunkers seeking to achieve a modicum of fleeting immortality among racing aficionados.

The ISOAers convened around 6:30 PM to enjoy a tasty repast of the haute cuisine at the track bistro prior to ascending to the club skybox. The group of twenty or so then settled into their seats to watch half an hour or so of time trials, highlighted by a few hot laps by the late model stock cars which race on Saturday. Most of the cars however, unlike late-model stocks, tended toward aging Caprices, Crown Vic's, and compacts of indeterminable origin. The actual competition got underway around dusk with a



series of six lap trophy dashes which were notable if for only the occasional spinouts

on the 1/4 mile clay oval. The sprints were separated into heats of full-size cars and compacts, as well as by the gender of the drivers. The featured race of the evening was a 25-lap marathon in which



some two dozen full-size cars were entered. The race lasted nearly a quarter of a lap before a massive pile-up of ended the night for several cars. After the restart, the competition got underway again and proceeded for the duration as spectators wagered as to the number of cars that would be operative when the checkered flag fell. [Whoever guessed 18 was the winner.] Between races, the announcer tossed some Nascar T-shirts into the crowd. [Bob "Pesty" Hansel snatched one from the outstretched hands of your humble and obedient scribe.]

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ORPHAN AUTO PICNIC

TEXT & GRAPHICS BY BOB STREEPY

ON AN UTTERLY SPECTACULAR DAY weather-wise, some 20 Coventry Irregulars attended the 23rd annual orphan auto picnic hosted by the Chicagoland Corvair club at the Kendall County Fairgrounds just west of Yorkville. The event has long been a staple of the ISOA show circuit for several reasons, not the least of which is that the organizers provide complementary beverages and snow cones for the participants.

From the perspective of your humble and obedient scribe, this event, [along with White TRash Night], repre-

sent the high water mark of the summer driving season. The orphan auto picnic/car show has no registration fee, no awards, no trailer parking, and is generally devoid of much of the pretense that have come to represent so many car shows. As its official name clearly states, it is a picnic for the owners of automobiles which have gone to glory.

Strolling among an variety of Studebaker's, Hudsons, Packards, and Nashes and then relaxing with friends over a beer and a sandwich in a shady Grove to spend an idle hour is about as close to heaven as I'll likely ever get.

This year there was a nice showing of Metropolitans and Fiats among the imports along with an assortment of

British cars bearing an octagonal badge which shall go nameless. Among the more unusual cars on display was a Skoda and a late 20s Daimler limousine. Sadly the guy with his collection of 10 Trabants was not in attendance this year. For that matter, the overall attendance did seem smaller than usual despite the absolutely spectacular weather. Nevertheless, the event will be remembered by all who attended as overwhelming success, if for no other reason than it provided a rare opportunity to amble among so many examples of the cars of yesteryear whose manufacturers have passed into history

Suds



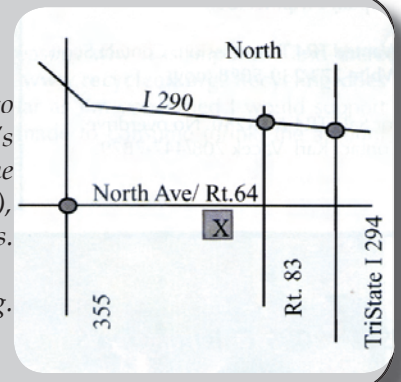


ISOA EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

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

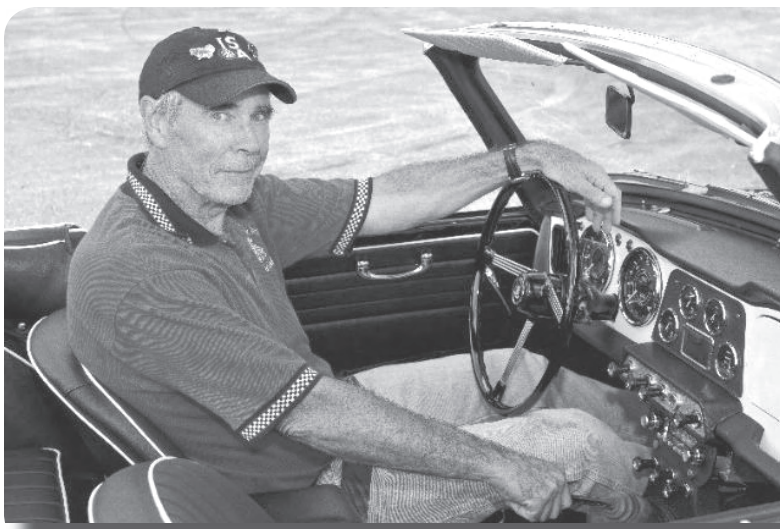


ISOA UPCOMING EVENTS

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event
Sept.	1	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00]
	6-8	Fri.-Sun.		VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Race - Features Triumph [Kastner Kup]
	8	Sun.		BCU Festival - Harper Community College, Palatine
	14	Sat.		5th Annual Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show - Carpentersville
	15	Sun.		9th Annual Cantigny Car Show - Wheaton
	19-22	Th.-Sun.		Six Pack TRials - Traverse City, MI
Oct.	2-6	Wed.-Sat.		VTR Convention - San Rafael, CA
	4-6	Fr.-Sun.		Louisville Concours - Louisville, KY
	6	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00]
	11-13	Fr.-Sun.		Fall Driving Tour by Kim/Judy Casper - Kansasville, WI
	13	Sun.		Toys For Tots Run
	18-19	Fr.-Sun.		EURO Auto Festival- Greenville, SC
	19-20	Sa.-Sun.		LeMons at Autobahn - Joliet
	26	Sat.		ISOA Halloween Spooktacular @ Konopka's - Mt. Prospect
Nov.	3	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00]
	TBA	Sat.	8:00 AM	Clinic
Dec.	1	Sun.	5:00 PM	Coventry Irrugular Go-Kart Challenge V - Melrose Park
	1	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00]
Jan.	1	Wed.	11:00 AM	New year's Day Outer Drive Ralley - Northerly Island
	5	Sun.	7:00 PM	ISOA General Membership Meeting [Board 5:00]
	TBA	Sat	6:00 PM	Big Bash

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**A LITTLE BS FROM BS
NEWS AND VIEWS FROM
THE BUSTED KNUCKLE GARAGE**

BY SNIC BRAAAPP EDITOR BOB STREEPY

IN A PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THIS BIRDCAGE liner, alert reader and frequent contributor, Dave "Rumpus" Kanzler, wrote that he "...had become Mitt Romney." [He also wrote about becoming Jimmy Carter, apparently channeling his political Walter Mitty.] I must now confess that I, too, have become someone else. In my case, I have become Mrs. Carlos Danger.

In recent weeks there has been considerable dialogue [and no small amount of censure] for Huma Abedin, the wife of New York Mayor candidate and well-known self portrait photographer, Anthony Wiener, for her apparent willingness to tolerate her husband's continual cyber philandering. Such journalistic luminaries as Rush Limbaugh, along with countless other media experts, have weighed in on Ms. Wiener's "Tammy Wynette" approach to unconditional spousal support. While I have no firsthand experience in dealing with such indiscretions – the head proofreader is not inclined to shareing digital selfies of her private parts – I believe I can identify to some extent with Ms. Wiener based

on my long term relationship with my TR6 AKA Lucille, the Wonder Car – as in I wonder if anyone would give me two cents on the dollar for what I've got tied up

in this thing- and her habitually unfaithful behavior. Allow me to explain.

I have always had an implied contract with Lucille, in that I would spare no expense to lavish her with the finest parts and materials available and employ only the very best healthcare providers that money could buy to maintain her continued well-being. In exchange, it was understood that Lucille would afford me faithful service during the six months or so each year that she was not in hibernation. During that time, my only expectation is that perhaps once or twice a week on nice days Lucille would dependably start, stop, and generally function in the common capacity of an operative automobile.

Obviously, like Ms. Wiener, I have been sadly disappointed by Lucille's conduct on more occasions than I care to recall. In each instance, Lucille has assured me that she has seen the error of her ways and that if I just give her one more chance, she'll never, ever disappoint me again. Just as Charlie Brown foolishly believes that Lucy – by the way, an abbreviated form of the given name Lucille – will leave the football on the tee for him to kick off, only to have her pull it away at the very last minute, I, too, continue to hope against hope that

ultimately Lucille will once and for all become reliable. In that regard, I suspect that Ms. Wiener, like Charley Brown and me, sincerely wants to believe that this time, things will be different. I have been told that there is a place for those who continue to make the same mistake hoping for different results, and it's not really a place in which I care to reside .

For nearly 30 years, I have looked the other way while ignoring Lucille's persistent indiscretions, seduced by a her good looks and sporting nature. However, her most recent dalliance [in which your humble and obedient scribe - after spending only four short hours on the side of I-355 during rush hour - got to know another a tow truck driver up close and personal], I have seriously begun to wonder if Lucille will ever mend her ways. The practical side of my nature – if such a thing exists among Triumph owners – says that I should cut my losses and take whatever I can get for the old girl. But just about the time I'm ready to click on the "list it now" button, a nice day rolls around [one of approximately three each year], and Lucille and I head out in search of a quiet two-lane blacktop, and she decides to actually fire on the majority of her cylinders, and once again, I fall hopelessly head over heels for her and delete the eBay ad.

As the head proofreader is quite fond of saying, "There's no fool like an old fool!" Still, I can't quite seem to pull the plug and terminate my bond with Lucille. However, to paraphrase Scarlet O'Hara, as God as my witness, it's this freaking thing craps out again, I'll sell it for parts, so help me.

Suds



MARK ON THE MARQUE
BY ISOA PRESIDENT
MARK "PAINLESS" HATTENHAUER



AD.), as well as *Atrial Fibrillation Month* (shocking), *Be Kind to Editors & Writers Month*, *Bourbon Heritage Month* (sounds like a good time to buy sTReepy a Jack and coke), *Eat a Chicken Month*, *Happy Cat Month* (I thought I thaw a pudgy tat), *People Skills Month* and *Strategic Thinking Month* (neither of which I am allowed to celebrate), and *Shameless Promotion Month* (...and now a word from our sponsors). Somebody stop me... did I leave out *National Pediculosis* (head lice to you) *Month*...enough.

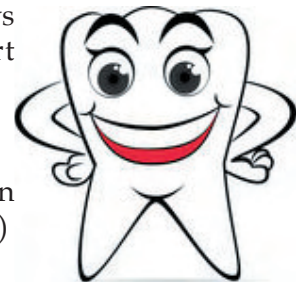
- 1st - *Emma M. Nutt Day*, the first female operator (sometimes you feel like a nut, some times you don't... please hold). This is also *Chicken Boy Day*. Chicken boy was 22 foot tall boy with the head of a chicken holding a bucket of fried chicken and was a famous landmark on Route 66 for many years. Don't forget *National No Rhyme* (Nor Reason) Day.
- 2nd - *Labor Day* and *National Blueberry Popsicle Day* (my favorite).
- 3rd - *Skyscraper Day*...the tallest skyscraper is in Dubai (if you look up, watch out for the pigeons).
- 5th *Be Late for Something Day* and *Cheese Pizza Day* (jalapenos with that?)
- 6th *Fight Procrastination Day* (don't wait until tomorrow...be late for something was yesterday!)
- 8th *Pardon Day* (Blagojevich is waiting for a phone call on his Obama phone)
- 9th *Wonderful Weirdo's Day* (enough said)
- 11th *No News is Good News Day* (not for Blago...but for rest of us let's be safe today.)
- 13th *Blame Someone Else Day* (the

first Friday the 13th of the year... closely associated with It's Not My Fault Day)

- 16th *Collect Rocks Day* (have some Rocky Road ice cream...it does too count)
- 18th *National Play-doh Day* (doh!) *National Cheeseburger Day* (I'll gladly pay you Tuesday...)
- 19th *International Talk Like a Pirate Day!* Arrgh!
- 20th *National Punch Day* (use your own punch line here)
- 22nd *National White Chocolate Day* (is that some kind of racial slurp?)
- 23rd *Checkers Day* (wasn't Nixon's dog? ...I digress)
- 25th *National One-Hit Wonders Day* (Hey Mickey...Ice ice baby)
- 28th *Ask a Stupid Question Day* (wait I do that everyday...that's special)
- 29th *Happy Goose Day* (be careful, you may not make everyone happy with that)
- 30th *Ask a Stupid Question Day* (there appears to be some controversy here, so ask the stupid question "Which is it?")

With that all said, remember it's not too early to think about your Halloween costume for the Big ISOA Halloween Party next month. As Roy said to Trigger, "Happy Trails to you..." Get out and drive your Triumph before the days are too short (stand up...)

Painfully so,
Painless (Man of the people)



Painless... if it hurts when you do that... don't do that... comfortably numb.

SEPTEMBER IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END of summer. And it's back to school (Alice Cooper - *School's Out for Summer*...not anymore). Football is back, and *Lovie's not*...it's all good.

We have Labor Day, The Kastner Kup, BCU, Meadowdale, Cantigny, and the Six Pack Trials ahead of us to keep us busy this month (so many choices so little time).

Okay, let's get down to this month's special holidays and celebrations. September has a little something for everyone. *Attention Disorder Hyperactivity Disorder Month* (you talking to me? I just have the

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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RECENT EVENTS OF IN "TR" EST



RAVINIA



TEXT BY KIM JENSEN

GRAPHICS BY THE AUTHOR,
DENISE ALLGAIER, AND JACK BILLIMACK



ON A LOVELY, SUNNY SUNDAY, July 21, a gathering of ISOA members trekked to the Ravinia music festival in Highland



Park. Meeting at a nearby McDonald's parking lot to caravan were Denise Allgaier (Spitfire 1500), Andy Lischett and Carol Kay (Spitfire 1500), Mike and Trish Konopka (TR6), Jack



and Barb Billimack (TR4), Steve Yott and Mona Shannon (TR4A), John and Kris Hall (TR6), Bill and Kim Jensen (Spitfire 1500) plus Mary Lou Gleason (TR Ford Fusion) and Denny and Kim Stock (daily driver). Arriving at the festival, Peter "Maestro" Conover (Aston Martin) had graciously arranged grassy parking plus "reserved" lawn seating. We set up our chairs, tables and blankets, opened the wine, ate our picnic



lunches and then the skies began to darken. I tried to convince myself it was not thunder, but rather the percussionist tuning the tympani drums.



In the interest of being safe rather than sorry, some of us returned to the parking lot to erect our convert-



ible tops - just in time! The rain began with the beginning notes of the overture to *Candide*! We sat through the



thunder and steady rain until we were thoroughly soaked, then we packed up and left before or during intermission.



Thanks again to "Maestro" for hosting this event. The CSO sounded superb as always - even though it was hard to hear them! After so many Triumphant events so far this summer, rain was bound to happen



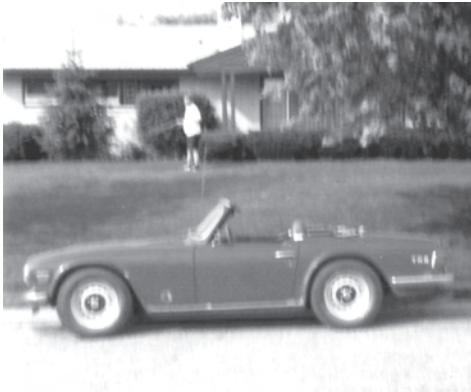
sometime. And this is the first time we've been rained on at Ravinia...so maybe next year?? Even if you're not a classical music fan, plan to join us for a lovely evening of good friends, great music, and fun people-watching!

Lower Wacker



MORE FIRSTS.....

BY DAVE "RUMPUS" KANZLER



IN AUGUST 2006 I WROTE AN ARTICLE entitled "First Love?" whereby I compared and contrasted my first car (a rusty 1969 Damson Red TR6) with my first girlfriend (a "rust free" 1960 brunette). At a recent editorial meeting of the newsletter correspondents, our esteemed editor "Suds" Streepy was challenging his reporters to "dig deeper, to get underneath the hood" as it were in our reporting. "Get down a few more levels." Ever the more compliant and dutiful staffer, I've done just that.....

As the 2006 article noted, my first kiss was in 1969 with Margie Aska-faila in 4th Grade on the playground of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Elementary School in Hampton, Virginia. Margie got two of her friends to grab each one of my arms, and then she came up and planted a few kisses right on my lips. It was a sneak attack and I remember being surprised but elated and just a little bit apprehensive (and thinking that this was better than playing dodge ball.)

My first ride in a British roadster was just a few months later. One of the fighter pilots in the neighborhood was

selling his MGA, and my dad went over with me and a couple of my brothers to check it out and go for a test drive around Langley Air Force base. I'm not sure how serious he really was about buying the car, but I vividly remember it as my first ride in a convertible. I don't recall being apprehensive or surprised but I definitely felt elated.

Shortly after "the kiss," Margie's father got transferred to California, so no more unauthorized playground activity occurred, and I can't remember what happened to the MGA. I suspect it was sold to another fighter jock on the base.

Unfortunately, I had to wait five long years to get my next "at bat" in the kissing department. If the first time around was the equivalent of riding in the passenger seat, this next one was more analogous to the first time "behind the wheel," call it my first REAL kiss. It was last day of my freshman year in high school at the Senior Farewell dance. Theresa was shy and somewhat gangly and had yet to grow into herself. All the pieces were there, but they just didn't quite fit together right yet; but I had seen her potential since the first day of class nine months earlier. I finally got up my courage to ask her to dance, and one thing led to another, and we snuck off behind the school for a fairly tame, but official, make out session. I remember being extremely apprehensive and extremely elated at the same time.

I acquired my rusty TR6 (see picture with my father in the background) during my junior year. Like Theresa, the car had some body issues, but again, I saw the potential. My father told me not to drive the car until after he could "teach me how to drive a manual

transmission and check me out in it" the following weekend. He had a "special method" of teaching people to drive a stick shift, and he said it "worked like a charm." But the next day after school my friend Carl came over and taught me the basics of shifting, and off I went. I remember being extremely apprehensive that my father would find out but also extremely elated at driving my own set of wheels. When the weekend came, my father was very proud that his "special method" worked so well because how else would I have caught on so quickly? I never did tell him that I had about 6 hours of practice before he sat me down in the car and said, "Now Son, pay attention....."

I sold the TR6 and long since lost track of it. I don't think it ever got a chance to live up to its potential, and it probably rusted away in the weeds somewhere. I don't have a picture of Theresa and me kissing back in 1975, but at our recent 35 year class reunion, we got the chance to reminisce and as the picture shows, she most definitely lived up to her potential.



Rumpus





VINTAGE TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA

TEXT AND GRAPHICS BY BOB STREEPY

ON A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUNDAY, August 4, a contingent of Coventry Irregulars took full advantage of the glorious weather to attend the 23rd annual Vintage Transportation Extravaganza held at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois. Several of the ISOA Triumphistae convened at Alexander's Restaurant - not to be confused with Alice's eatery of Arlo Guthrie fame - near the intersection of Route 31 and I 90 in Elgin for some early morning sustenance prior to making the 15-mile trek to the museum. Jack "Spuds" Billimack led the caravan along a route of primarily rural two-lane blacktop carriageways. Unfortunately, the group had to share the road with a number of "Sunday drivers" who kept the pace a bit modest for some tastes, although at times we did approach speeds upwards of 40 miles an hour, much to the chagrin of Spuds, who had brought Puff, his "big block" Herald, and was hoping to break the magic "mile-a-minute" barrier.



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Our arrival at the museum coincided with that of a convoy of faux emergency vehicles, complete with flashing lights and sirens. At first glance, it appeared that these were legitimate first responders, so we pulled aside to let them by, only to realize that they



were going to the show to display their vehicles. The Andy Taylor wannabes did manage to clog up the registration process a bit, but, nevertheless, we were able to proceed to our assigned area on the grounds without too much delay. The Triumph contingent, made up primarily of ISOA members, was assigned to a shady grove which we shared with the Corvairs and Model As.



There were an estimated 1000 cars more or less on display, as well as trucks and motorcycles, in addition to buses and trolleys that were part of the permanent display as part of the museum's collection. Certainly, one of the elements of this event is that the

attendees and visitors can never anticipate just exactly what they will see in the way of unusual vehicles, and the 2013 iteration certainly proved that. Of particular interest was the display of vintage trucks, many of which were in unrestored "survivor" mode.

Participants received tickets to ride on the various streetcars, interurbans, locomotives, and even the Nebraska Zephyr - the only remaining electro locomotive streamliner in operation. The museum has several barns full of vintage trains and other examples of vintage mass transit where volunteers work on them year round.



Any gearhead, regardless of personal obsession, would undoubtedly find numerous examples of whatever floats their boats. There were antiques, classics, survivors, muscle cars, sports cars, kit cars, along with the bikes, trucks, etc., a virtual smorgasbord of special-interest vehicles was enough to provide a virtual sensory overload for most in attendance.



When combined with a large sampling of ISOA members, beautiful weather, interesting vehicles, and a reasonably convenient location, this event left little to be desired and managed to hit virtually all of your humble and obedient scribe's hot buttons. Plans are already being made for the 2014 event, and it's not too early to circle the first Sunday in August on your calendar for next year.

Suds



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There were additional features and a few more trophy dashes as the track announcer began reminding spectators and wasn't too late for them to enter the side-by-side one lap drag races, otherwise known as, "Run what you brung." Apparently, his pleas for audience participation did not fall on deaf ears as 14 daily drivers set out in a quest for bragging rights. Among the contestants was a newer Audi A6, a reasonably nice Bonneville, a couple of Civics, and a late 70s Lincoln two-door hardtop that quickly emerged as the crowd favorite. Sadly, there were no Coventry Irregulars among this year's competitors, since Joe

emerged as the eventual winner, much to the dismay of the spectators pulling for the Lincoln land yacht. Unlike previous years, no one had to arrange for a ride home after totaling their car, since, for once, all of the cars emerged from the competition with their body panels unscathed



Byers had retired his 55 Chevy sedan from the competition. The Pontiac The excitement continued to build as the next to the last of event of the evening, the always popular figure 8 race, was announced. Unlike previous iterations, this year the course was actually in a figure 8. Other than one fender bender, in which there was a bit of paint swapping, the race did not feature any contact. The same could not be said or the dénouement of the evening - the demolition derby. The anticipation grew to a fever pitch as dubious jalopies on life support made their way to the center of the infield as the crowd counted down for the piece de résistance of Friday night's spectacle. The event ended quite



suddenly as a GM sedan delivered a knockout punch by overturning one rival by sending a full size wagon up and over the defenseless victim.

With the unmistakable aroma of leaking antifreeze and burning tires wafting through the evening air, the throng of satisfied spectators made their way to the exits. Even though the evening lacked any significant incendiary activities, automotive cartwheels, or driver pugilistic confrontations - the crowd, including the ISOAers, was generally contented with the spectacle and was already talking with eager anticipation of "next time."



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MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMAN AUTO FAIRE XXIII AT GILMORE CAR MUSEUM, HICKORY CORNERS, MI.



from our ISOA contingent. I represented ISOA with my Jaguar E-Type [alas no award, but a great time overall.]

In addition to the field showings, there was a hosted track experi-



ence for best time per any Marque & Class wanting to participate. I strongly encourage that ISOA irregulars turn out to this events next years as has been well attended in past years.



Joe Honor

WITH PREDICTED GREAT WEATHER for Southwest Michigan, I recently participated in the MD&E annual Auto Faire, a truly terrific events routinely which pulled in a cross section of British Marques ranging from Triumph, Healy, Jaguar, TVR, Rolls Royce, Bentley, and MG. The featured Marque was classic Minis - not those posers from Germany! There was an excellent array of Triumphs though none



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Hotel Reservations

Great Lakes TRIals

Thursday
Registration
Welcome Party

Friday
Membership Meeting
Road Rally in British Isles
Driver Tour
Evening Champagne

Saturday
Car Show in Europe
Afternoon on your own to explore
• Light and Heavy Trials
• Quiet Time for shopping
• Dining in the Palms
• Evening Tour of the National Park
• Motor Stocking Drive
• Dinner Club
• Mixing Trials and Beaches
Evening Awards Banquet

Sunday
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C.A.N.T.I.G.N.Y.
CAR SHOW

CANTIIGNY

Sunday, September 18, 2011
Meet at Hokekamp's 7:30 AM
133 Danada Ct., Wheaton, IL

British Car Festival
27th Annual!

September 8, 2013 • 9:00am to 3:00pm
Registration 9:00AM to 12:30PM
Awards at 3:00PM
Harper College, Palatine, Illinois
www.britishcarunion.com



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AT WEST BADEN

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

ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE
Vehicle Show

SEPTEMBER 7, 2013
DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD, IL
SECOND ST. AND CAPITOL AVE. (EAST OF THE CAPITOL)

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AUG 31 - SEPT 2
"THE MOONSHINE & BOOTLEGGERS RUN"
Three day adventure: Drive, Play, Eat, Shop and Relax

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



UPCOMING EVENTS OF IN"TR"EST



**KIM & JUDY KASPER'S ANNUAL
ISOA FALL
COLOR TOUR & 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).

Directions from Illinois Rt. 83

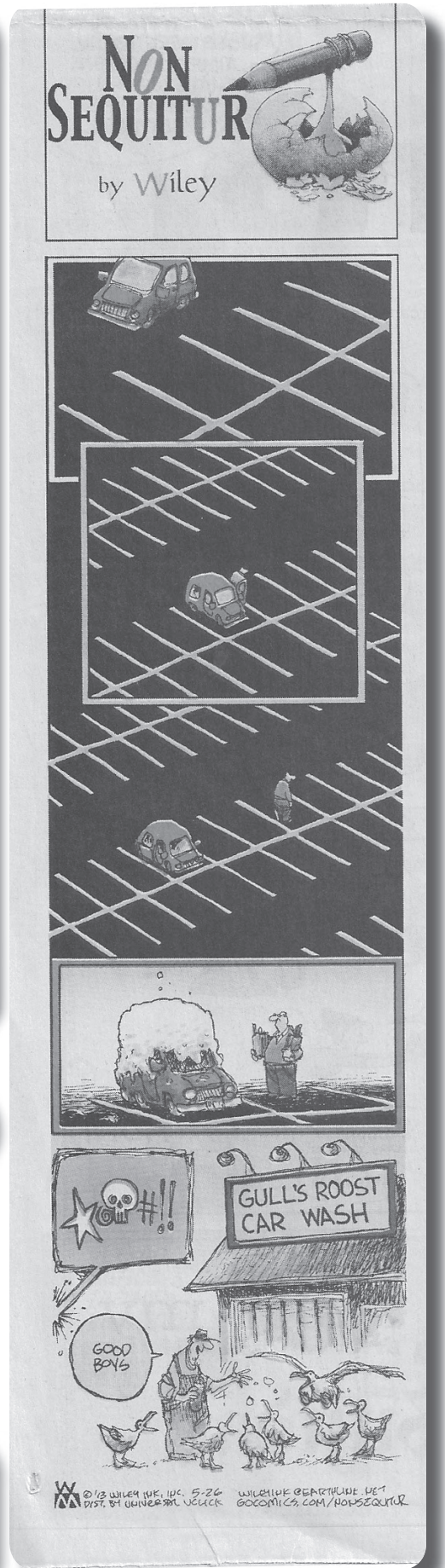
- North into Wisconsin.
- Rt. 83 turns into Wisconsin Rt. 75.
- Follow above directions when north of County Rt. KR.

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[If you don't want to camp, contact Kim about local motels.]




**ISOA Halloween
Spooktacular
Sat., Oct. 29th 7:00 PM**

**Mike & Trish Konopka's
23 N. Maple, Mt. Prospect**

RSVP 847/222-1029



**Dec. 5 - 5:00 PM
Coventry Irregular Indoor
Go-Kart Challenge V**

LITTER TO THE EDITURD



Dear Editor,

A significant part of my rehab therapy is to make amends for any of my previous inappropriate behavior. In a sincere effort to come clean about my former questionable conduct, not only have I been guilty of inappropriate harassment of several women, but I have also fondled some attractive cars at various car shows in the past, to include a couple of Triumphs. My therapist feels that I need to express regret for my prior indiscretions, and that the only way I can exorcize my inner demons is to express my deep regret and beg for forgiveness as I promise to never ever repeat my reprehensible bad acts. Therefore, I am writing to all VTR chapter newsletters to say that I unequivocally lament my previous unacceptable conduct. Now that I have completed my extensive two-week rehabilitation, I can state that I have come to grips with my issues, and I now know that my actions were wrong.



Now that I'm cured, I'll never do anything bad again. Trust me.
BF - San Diego

Dear Mayor [for now] Filner,

Perhaps you will pardon our tendency toward a smidgen of skepticism regarding the sincerity of your repentance, but it seems to us that you guys just don't get it. What exactly is so difficult about obeying the "Please do not touch" signs that many Triumph collector cars display that you don't understand? While we're sure that your therapist means well, there is more than a kernel of truth in the old saying that a leopard doesn't change his spots [especially one over 70] after only two weeks. We're going to go out on a limb here and predict that before your name fades into the dustbin of political sex scandal perps, [not soon enough to suit us] more women and car owners will emerge with salacious stories of your lewd and lascivious behavior. In the meantime, good luck with the 12 step program, but keep your hands to yourself when it comes to our cars! To paraphrase, "Hell hath no fury like that of a woman [or Triumph owner] who's been groped."

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BLONDERHILL FEST 2013



AUGUST 2013 MEETING NOTES
BY ISOA SECRETARY BOB "SUDS" STREEPY



THE SEVENTH monthly meeting of the Illinois Sports Owners Association for the year 2013 began just after seven PM in the "garden level" of Mack's Golden Pheasant in Elmhurst on Sunday, August 4. Club president Mark "Painless" Hattenhauer called the proceedings to order by introducing himself along with the other members of the board of directors. Among those in attendance was former member, Craig Lieber, who was active in ISOA in the 70s, who stopped by to reconnect with some of the old-timers. In addition, Richard Winters of Hinsdale with a 73 stag and Debbie Zajac of Westchester with a 76 Spitfire, attended for the first time.

Bill Jensen, club regalia chair, later announced that he had discovered a stash of classic ISOA T-shirts that he had on sale for only \$5.00. It should be noted that while the date of manufacture was not known specifically, these were made in America, hinting that they qualified as vintage apparel.

Your humble and obedient scribe stated that ISOA had officially been granted permission from the VTR board to host the 2015 national convention. However, protocol dictates that we not promote the 2015 convention until after the 2014 event is over, lest we appear to be trying "to steal their thunder." Details on the 2015 convention will be forthcoming in due time.

Jack Billimack then proceeded to give a brief presentation on CB radios, explaining the pros and cons of handheld versus hardwired units. He also talked about various features that a consumer might want to consider, as well as sources for wiring

these devices. While the technology is rather dated for many applications, when used during multicar caravans, these archaic devices offer many features that cell phone or FRS radios cannot provide.

The next order of business was a recap of some past events that had occurred within the last month or so. Tim Mantel spoke on the recent gathering in Michigan known as BlonderHill Fest. Gizmo provided a most amusing account of the activities. He also recounted his visit the following day to the Mad Dogs and Englishmen British car show held on the grounds of the Gilmore Museum near Kalamazoo. Dennis Delap spoke about the Barrington Concours and mentioned that next year it is scheduled to be held at Northerly Island in Chicago. Denny Stock described the summer tour that he organized in July, and Kim Jensen recounted the club outing to Ravinia. Denise Algaier spoke about the Barrington cruise night in July which featured British cars, and your humble and obedient scribe spoke about the Union Transportation Extravaganza held earlier that day.

Jack Billimack recounted several "flash mob" wrenching get-togethers, including the assembly of his son's GT6 gearbox at the Hampshire Quarter Horse and Triumph Ranch following the summer tour. Scott Ayers and David Hickman also spoke about transmission inserts that each of them accomplished with the help of various Coventry Irregulars.

Jack then took the microphone to discuss a few of the upcoming events including the outing to the Sycamore Raceway, the open air classic, the orphan auto picnic, the Geneva Concours, the Moonshine Run, the Kastner Cup, the BCU car show, and the Cantigny car show. Jeff Rust and Mark Moore spoke on the Six Pack Trials set for Traverse City, Michigan. Jeff and Mark also

mentioned that they were in need of some volunteers to assist them with registration for the TRials. Kim Casper talked about the October fall tour, and Jack spoke about the Halloween "Spooktacular" to be hosted at Konopka's in Mt. Prospect.

After a short break to allow anyone who might have left their tops down to erect them based on the announcement that it had started to rain. Following the brief intermission, Dennis Delap announced he had some TR6 parts that he was willing to give away, and Denny Stock mentioned that he had a stainless steel exhaust system that he didn't need. Jack Billimack said that he has TR3 seat springs that he would donate to anyone in need of them.

The monthly raffle was held next, and it was one by none other than the chief executive himself, launching an immediate investigation on presidential ethical impropriety. The meeting concluded with the monthly nominations for the Peter Roberts award for meritorious service to the Triumph community and the Boomer award for exercising poor judgment in general. There was only one nomination in each category. Tim Buja nominated Jeff Rust for helping him install an exhaust system on his daughter's Mini to win the club humanitarian award. Mark Hattenhauer nominated Dennis Hill for a somewhat rambling attempt to nominate somebody else for something. Flicker will be allowed to display the bent wire wheel prominently in his residence while custody of the coveted chalice [and a complimentary beverage] will be in possession of the Stalker.

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

Suds



CLASSIFIED ADS: The Illinois Sports Owners Association newsletter will accept classified advertisements from members who wish to buy or sell Triumph cars, parts or miscellaneous related material. We will run ads, at no charge, for club members for ninety days. We also accept ads from non-ISOA private individuals who have cars, parts or related items that we deem of possible interest to our membership on a case-by-case basis. We do NOT accept advertising from commercial enterprises - even if those businesses are owned or operated by club members. If a Triumph related business hosts an event which we feel might be of interest to our membership, we will inform our readership of this occurrence, but this newsletter, its editors, and the board of directors do not endorse, recommend, or otherwise support, implicitly or explicitly, any commercial entity doing business in the Triumph-related domain. All ad copy is taken from sellers. SNIC BRAAAP does not inspect any cars as a prerequisite for inclusion here and does not assume any responsibility as to the accuracy of any ad text. As with any purchase, Caveat Emptor. To place an add, please e-mail Bob Streepy at: trstreepy@sbcglobal.net or call 630/372-7565. *The editor reserves the right to adjust the length of an ad to accommodate the space available.*

•**For Sale:** Black nylon carpet kit for TR4 [not 4A]. Like new. Installed for less than 2,000 miles. TRF List \$489.95 - \$200.00
Bob Streepy 630/263-7565 trstreepy@sbcglobal.net - 7/13

•**For Sale:** TR6 Luggage Rack - a bit weathered but all there, no rust \$25, Seat Diaphragms - 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 - new \$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 \$25, TR2 to TR6 Transmission shifter extension \$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, Lucas, used \$25 ea. Tim Mantel, timotmant@aol.com. 7/13

•**For Sale:** Triumph 1968 TR250 4 speed. Yellow (repainted) with new black top and interior. Webber carburetors, Mini-lite wheels. Runs well, every day driver - not a show car. Pictures available. \$16,500. For information please contact: Tom Cantwell (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 trans 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] 202-5773 8/13

•**For Sale:** 1976 Spitfire 1500 30K miles. Original. Runs well. \$5500 OBO. Feff Foley [47] 209-8526 Jeffoley73@gmail.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]



Get a free birthday drink if you attend the general meeting (birthday must be on file with membership-chair)

Ann Buja 9/01

Jakob Snyder 9/05

Joe Felix 9/09

Ruben Luna 9/09

Denise Ballard 9/09

Ed Klich 9/10

Stan Smith 9/13

Mike Blonder 9/16

Kathy Swanson 9/17

Jim Billimack 9/18

Sheri Pyle 9/19

Mario Picciola 9/20

Steve Yott 9/23

Bill Pyle 9/23

Roman Hrynewycz 9/23

Nancy Grumbos 9/24

Paul Kurtzner 9/25

Mike Marr 9/25

Rosemary Sedlak 9/28

Kathy Mitchell 9/30

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73 TR6

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74 TR6

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THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

SEPTEMBER 2013



*ROMAN "JR." HRYNEWYCZ IN 1974 TR6 ALONG "THE TRACE"
IN THE LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES, NEAR AURORA, KY, JUNE 2013*