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Cullum's Column

Hello everyone,

It's August and I'm writing again about driving our Triumphs. In June and July we had the Cambria event and Abel's Drive on the Edge. I attended both of these events and put on another 1000 miles on my TR6. There's always something in the back of my mind that wonders what will happen to my car on a drive and nothing does, which is a good thing. I'm really amazed at how well these cars perform with some regular maintenance. I know most of us have done more than regular maintenance since our cars are 40 plus years old, but I never would have thought I'd be getting in my LBC and driving 800 miles to and from an event, then one week later putting on another 200 miles on it. It really is a good feeling to know the car will run like it does at its age, I hope I keep going as well as it has. My TR6 runs so much better the more I drive it which makes me feel better. My car not only gets me places, but it calms me down after a stressful day or week. I know of another club member who uses his TR6 and TR8 to relieve his stress and I'm sure there are others. We recently received a membership renewal from Rebecca Mills and the check was accompanied by this card:



Inside she says, "Here's too many more years of driving and loving our Triumph

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Thanks for the great card Rebecca; well put. I've noticed a slow-down in attendance at our events this year so let's all make an effort to get in our cars and drive them to an event. We still have some great drives coming, and a new event that will be a blast from the past - Cody's "Old Fashioned Triumph Drive-in Movie Night" at the Mission Tiki Drive-In Theatre in Montclair on August 20th. If we get 20 or more people signed up by August 13th we can enter as a group and all park together. Look at the Flyer on the website for details. See you on the road....

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From the Editor

Have you been to any events recently? The ones I've been to seem to have a lighter attendance than in the past. Take the Scottish Fest held at the OC Fairgrounds held every Memorial weekend. You can see by the front cover that there were not as many cars as in the past... curious. I don't think I've missed more than 5 of these gatherings in the last 30 years. I never tire of the bag pipes, shopping, dancing, the games and good friends in their Triumphs. I mean you get all this and it's FREE buy driving your Triumph in! A great day at a great price; how could you NOT go?

Kate and I enjoy stopping to watch the games for a bit of time. There are a number of interesting events that both men and women compete in though the women have lighter loads than the men. These are a stout group of competitors since they are tossing rocks, anvils and poles around.

This year we zeroed in on the Women's Sheaf Toss. Here the women will use a hay fork to toss a 10 pound sheaf (burlap bag full of twine) vertically over a raised bar much like that used in pole vaulting.. This wirey woman on the right won by tossing the sheaf 23 feet high. When she was ready to toss the sheaf her muscles and veins would pop out like the Green Hulk!

While watching this we were wondering just how high the barns are in Scotland? It turns out that all grain crops were reaped by a binder that made the sheaf. A sheaf was about 30cm in diameter tied with a piece of string round the middle, and weighing about 10kgs. At the time of harvest the sheaves were pitch forked onto a dray and carted to a mill; never did go to the barn.

An amusing myth states the origin of this event was from medieval castle sieges where the knights would use a hay fork loaded with animal droppings and bedding material which was lit on fire and thrown over the castle wall to set buildings on fire. Sounds like a pub tale to me.... it took a lot of ale to spin that story.

See what you are missing? Plan to join us next year for fun, music and friends. Take some time off and come to the events.

Scott



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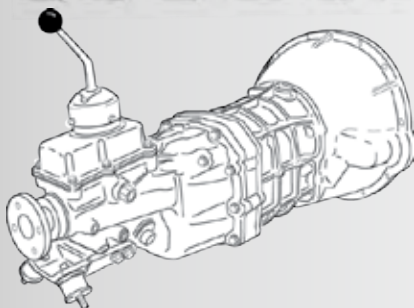
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KATE'S ANTIQUE CRAWL

I was a cool Saturday morning as the treasure hunters gathered. There were no expectations; no specific items that they were seeking out. The hunters were looking for that unexpected treasure to leap out and catch their wondering eye. The thrill was in the air and the participants were anxious to get started.

In all four compass directions from the circle in Old Town Orange you will find countless collections to seek out that treasure. "Go West, young man, go west" was a brief thought. No - not west! We did that last year; we're heading SOUTH!. We stopped at the



Tom, Cody and Bob coolin' their jets



An original TR7 Sales brochure was among these treasures

Orange Circle Mall then on to the Antique Station. The guys had to cool our jets while the women found a shop that was going out of business. We didn't even make it across the street when the call of lunch descended upon us.

Blue Frog Bakery was our choice location for lunch. After ordering from the counter (no table service here) we headed to a bank of tables set out for our group in the upper level. By the time we all got settled in the food was arriving - virtually no waiting for our food at all! Great conversation was had as we took an inventory of our booty.



Enjoying a great meal at the Blue Frog

Cody found an original TR7 sales brochure. Tom, Cody and Bob found original British Leland circular patches. I found a Spitfire airplane model (a planned diorama for Triumphest?). Everyone walked away with something under their arm; clearly a very successful day.

What direction are we going to next year? Are we going to finish our south side trek by crawling around the shops on the side we missed this year? Are we going to head towards the rising sun for a new adventure? Is the North going to tug on our plans? Join us next year to find the answer!

- Scott and Kate



“A View from the Wheel”

Cambria 2016

by Gary Hunt

Ol' Paint (my TR-6) and I have been together for over 40 years and have had our fair share of stories and experiences over that time that are parts humorous, awesome, and down right scary. However, if you don't believe that a car can have a personality and propensity to communicate those desires back to it's buddy, one would have a hard time explaining the relationship between me and Ol' Paint, and the allure that some top down touring presents. As my wife Nancy and I prepared for this year's Cambria Blow Out Rally, I could sense that Paint couldn't wait to join a bunch of his brothers and get out on



Gary and Nancy Hunt

some back country roads for some top down, wind-in-your hair motoring, adding to the litany of good times experienced with my TR. Touring with a



41 year old car (and Paint is one of the younger cars on tour) does present some challenges, but with a bit of preparation and general maintenance, I felt the vibe coming back from Paint – we're going on a great drive with some of our best friends! Remember – these are not “old cars”, they're “vintage” machines! The Cambria tour – this being my sixth consecutive year, has become an annual ritual of celebrating the

rite of TR ownership and the opportunities that come with that – mostly good but some that can be challenging. Always present is the possibility of something going south on an old car – excuse me, vintage car – but secure in the fact that the “Triumph Family” is akin to the mantra of the U.S. Marine Corp – no man left behind! If something goes wrong, you are likely going to be surrounded with ample help and advice – even some needed parts - on how to rectify the problem. Nancy claims it helps to have a Premiere tow package from AAA! Whatever transpires, it just adds to the romance and charm of owning and touring in a vintage Triumph! Nothing quite compares to the joy of driving down a back country road, top down and sun shining, with a pack of other TR's doing what these cars are meant to do – provide a driving expe-

rience that just isn't attainable in a "normal" (read: modern) everyday vehicle that get us from point A to point B. To further that experience, the mantra of TR touring that is preached and practiced by my mentor and fellow TR owner Julius Abellera (we missed you and "Butterscotch") – "over, under, beside, but NEVER on the freeway" resonates freely among those along on our tour, and I eagerly looked forward to some great driving times ahead!

To this point, Nancy and I headed out from San Clemente on Thursday afternoon to begin the approximately 1000-mile tour that would make up our 2016 Cambria Rally. Living in South Orange County, the initial 130 miles of the tour dictates a blast on the freeway to get to where to where the driving fun begins on Friday, and we proceed up to Chatsworth on the first leg of our trip, dodging the big rigs and commuter traffic that is the So Cal freeway driving experience. Even on the freeway, other drivers pull up beside us and give a friendly wave and thumbs up as they realize what fun motoring down the road in a TR must be! We elected to go the "around L.A." route to Chatsworth, and rather than doing the stop and go on the 5 Freeway through downtown L.A., taking the 57 Freeway to the 210 and running onto the westbound 118 Freeway. While bumping along in the inevitable PM commuter traffic close to Pasadena, we approach an older style Mercedes 190 two seater in the adjacent lane. Suddenly the driver gets up next to us and rolls the window down, yelling out "are you going to Cambria"? Now we're really perplexed, how does a random driver on a So Cal freeway with 5000 other cars surrounding us, know that we are heading to Cambria? With a grin on our faces, we nod our affirmative intentions and it turns out that Vic owns a beautiful dark green TR-6, and he shows up on Friday AM to join our tour group! This just further demonstrates the abilities of "TR networking" – Triumphs attract attention! We have a good laugh about our chance meeting on the freeway with Vic and his travel companion, son Bob, at the Friday morning meeting spot where the tour would officially begin. Who would've thunk it?

Friday morning arrives and we pull into the Starbucks parking lot around 8AM, meeting up with the days drive leader Loren Wood – once again piloting his "wannabe Triumph" Mazda Miata (at least it's a two-seat top down sports car) - his 6 still suffering issues related to a tranny swap – and Loren opting to enjoy the tour in his "modern TR". Also in the group was Bo Marron in his green Spitfire, eager to get back at it after his unfortunate experience on the prior year's tour, having a dirt berm re-design the front end of his Spit (more on this latter). Cambria Tour coordinators Tom and Lynn Eckes and their tidy

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red Spitfire were ready to ride, along with Allan Cox who brought his trusty white TR6. “Freeway Vic and his TR6” was accompanied by another friend Emile and his wife Mary, who brought a cool Austin Mini Cooper to complete our traveling group. We head out for what promised to be an awesome drive – California route 33, going north thru Ojai and continuing on to our lunch stop in Taft. This route provides us with exactly the kind of roads that these little LBC’s are built for, twisting, winding two laners that were smooth and swooping thru some of the most scenic roads California has to offer, the perfect touring venue! After 3 hours of motoring up, down, and around on a gorgeous morning, the group pulled into Taft for our lunch stop and fuel.

All cars were void of any issues (thankfully!), and Ol’ Paint was really enjoying being with his brothers, running strong as we set out westbound on Hwy 58. After a short distance, we came to our first afternoon break spot, the “Bo Marron Turnout” that provided a fantastic view overlooking the vast central valley region and Bakersfield in the distance, but more importantly an up-close look at the turn where it all went wrong for Bo in the previous year’s rally. Looked like Bo’s indentation into the dirt bank was still intact from last year, and we did some picture



Twisting, winding two laners

taking and good-natured teasing with Bo, his Spit looking a whole bunch better on a bright, sunny day on the very spot where we were removing various body parts and bumpers the year prior! Onward we pushed towards Cambria, traveling close to 250 miles on non-freeway roads (remember the mantra) and all arriving safe and sound at the Blue Bird Lodge around 5PM – no mechanical issues, just a great day of TR touring! There, the Triumph lifestyle is in full go as we meet up with the balance of the tour’s cast and an assortment of TR3’s, 4’s, 6’s, Stags, and Spits – somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 cars in all. An outdoor Mexican buffet arranged by tour coordinators Tom and Lynn Eckes provided the perfect accompaniment



“TR buffet”

to the “TR buffet” that was on display at the Inn and the end of an awesome day of Triumph touring at its best!



An evening sharing with friends

Saturday dawned with the typical gray beach overcast that envelopes most all of the California coastal communities, but the heavy skies did little to dampen the enthusiasm that lay ahead, anticipating the days ride on what can only be called “drivers roads” – twisty paths of pavement that lead through some of the most picture-perfect countryside and scenery the Central Coast has to offer. All drivers readied their rides for the days adventure - Ol’ Paint was rarin’ to go as we led a group of nine cars over Santa



All drivers readied their rides for the days adventure

Rosa Creek Road, headed to Paso Robles and Hunter Ranch Golf Course that would serve as our breakfast/brunch stop. This location provided a great place for dining, as we gazed out over golf course views and the adjoining wine region that offered excellent vineyards and the outstanding wineries and tasting rooms that the Paso Robles area is known for.

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After a great meal, some elected to explore some of the notable wineries and accompanying back roads that make this area a must-do for touring and visitors. Of the other options available, me and Paint are on this weekend for one thing and one thing only – enjoying top down motoring and



Breakfast/brunch stop.

back country roads in an old vintage sports car! Nancy and I led Loren and Bo onward from Paso, traversing over a 140 mile loop that covers what can only be described as the “Holy Grail of Triumph driving routes” – Nacimiento-Fergusson Road. If the TR Academy offered an award for “best driving/most fun road” – this is it! If you own a TR, you owe it to yourself to make this



Some chose wine tasting for the day

drive at least once as this road – more akin to a one lane paved path - provides unending loops, twists, and turns as it progresses west from the warmer inland valleys of Hunter Liggett Army Base, over the coastal mountains, eventually hooking up to Hwy 1 in Big Sur. The majority of this route is done in second and third gear, turning the driving part of the experience into just too damn much fun! Equally breath-taking are the awesome vistas experienced looking down at the vast blue ocean waters and the sprawling California coastline with



Thousands of elephant seals

meandering Hwy 1 running off into the distance as we hug the mountainside coming down this paved trail of a road to the ocean. We head south on Hwy 1, enjoying the spectacular scenery that only Big Sur can offer, and continue getting many waves and thumbs up from onlookers as we motor onward. One final stop on the days tour sees us take in “Seal Beach” where thousands of elephant seals – some weighing up to 3000 lbs and way bigger than a TR – lay on the sand and slip/slide into the water to frolic in their lazy way – giving the nature-lover in us a visual and entertaining treat! The trio continued to make our way south down Hwy 1, past the iconic Hearst Castle, pulling back into

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the Blue Bird parking lot around 4PM – Ol’ Paint totally expressing the vibe of what can only be described as the “Triumph experience”. What a perfect ride! British iron, great driving experiences, and an awesome group of like-minded TR owners made for a great happy hour as we recounted our cruise prior to Saturday evening dinner. Later, the group enjoyed the always delightful Linns pie–fest that has become norm in the lobby of the Blue Bird Lodge. If you own a Triumph, it doesn’t get any better than this weekend – Nancy and I have experienced the Holy Grail of TR touring and all is good in the world!

Sunday morning brings the Cambria celebration to a close as we say our goodbyes to all and packs of two and three cars depart for their drives home – traveling together in the advent of an emergency – once again, demonstrating the “no one left behind” spirit that is the Cambria tour. Nancy and I extended our trip by exploring Cambria in the morning and spending Sunday afternoon visiting some old friends in Atascadero, driving onto Morro Bay for the evening. Having never spent any time in this area, Nancy and I use Monday morning to putt around this quaint beachside community and explore “the Rock” in Morro Bay – that is one big rock! A nice little putt-putt drive around the base of the rock provides a great way to wrap up what proved to be an incredible weekend – if you have the time, check this scene out on your future tours in the area – very peaceful and quaint. Pointing Paint southbound, we take the 154 cut-off that guides us past Lake Cachuma – pulling off on a vista point to take in some incredible views of the lake and the surrounding Cachuma valley. If you doubt the drought that we’ve all had to deal with is not real – seeing how low-to-non-existent the water level is in this key reservoir that serves the Santa Barbara community is sobering. While water levels continue to be scary low, the viewpoint offers delightful scenery and views of the coastal mountains, with the route eventually leading us into the Santa Barbara area. With a quick stop at Moss Motors in Goleta for a few spare parts for Ol’Paint, we continue onward toward San Clemente, working through the Monday PM traffic on the 405 Freeway and backing Ol’Paint into the garage around 5PM – safe and secure, reveling in the Triumph lifestyle that we experienced over the past 5 days. 983 total miles, car ran flawless – to celebrate I got out and threw myself over the hood of Paint – giving it a big hug and thanking it for behaving and having no problems. The trip just added onto the sum of my “TR fun pile” - great adventures and memories we’ve experienced in my TR! Nancy looks at me sprawled across the hood of Ol’ Paint and says maybe I have a problem?



Cambria Blow Out Rally Weekend Awards from the TR Academy

The TR Academy annually recognizes outstanding efforts that were demonstrated over the course of the Cambria Blow Out Rally. This year's "MVP Award" goes out to rally organizers Tom and Lynn Eckes for the time and effort they provided in making this Cambria tour a success. The weekend's "Hard Charger Award" goes to Bo Marron and his "Green Machine" for coming back with a vengeance and having a strong run throughout the weekend after a trying tour the prior year – well done Bo! "Most Fun Award" (all the while trying to be impartial!) went to "Ol' Paint" who purred through the entire weekend, happy to be with all of his brothers and doing what he was designed for – having a bunch of fun going down the less traveled road and putting a smile on your face - nice going Paint – that was one helluva tour! To all other fellow members (especially Loren Wood and his Friday drive) who aided in making this year's weekend memorable – many thanks for your efforts! The Academy would like to recognize and congratulate first time Cambria Rally attendees Alvino and Rosa Aguilera on being selected for the "Rookie of the Year Award" from their first-ever Cambria tour – with an asterisk because they participated in their "normal car" and didn't drive their TR-7 (more issues – does this sound familiar?). This award was not without precedence, as the previous year's winners - Walter and Roz Wolper - took last year's rookie prize driving their cool Volvo 1800, but it still wasn't a Triumph (their TR-6 had issues – see a pattern here?)! While Walter couldn't join us this year, he reportedly has his 6 sorted out and will hopefully be with us in the future. Meanwhile, Vino has vowed to have his well turned-out brown "Wedge" ready to rock for next year's tour. Congrats to all on your selection and recognition by the Academy – well done!

Great times, incredible scenery, awesome roads, and better people – what more could anyone ask or hope for to demonstrate the "TR Lifestyle"? Nancy and I have already made our plans and reservation at the Blue Bird for next year's tour – hope to see you and your TR there to share what promises to be another memorable weekend tour with our beloved Triumphs. If you missed this year's rally, we only hope this story only motivates you to come experience what makes owning and driving these cars too much fun!

See you all down the road,

Gary and Nancy Hunt
and Ol' Paint



DESCANSO GARDENS

Sometimes plans go right, and sometimes plans go wrong, but every now you just get very very lucky. Our trip to Descanso Gardens turn out to be one of those fortunate moments, I'd like to say we planned it, but truthfully we just got lucky. It turns out that they waive the admission to the gardens on the third Tuesday of the month, pretty neat. Our next bit of luck was just as we assembled inside the gate, a docent asked us if we were his 10:45 group, without missing a beat we said "We are now" and off we went to tour the

Rose Garden, the Promenade, the Ancient Forest and the Japanese Garden. Our docent was full of wonderful stories the brought the history of the gardens to life. Unfortunately the tour tram was lost in a fire a few years ago so getting around is only on foot, and with that we decided to leave to outlying areas for another day, hopefully with a fixed tour tram. Our little group was myself and

sister Janet, Mary Penny, Paulette, Jim Funkhouser, Tom Crowley and Jerie & Bob Keller. With lunch time upon us we returned to the visitor center and following Mary's advise, we gave the cafe a try. It was good advise, thanks

Mary, the cafe was lovely. As we sat eating lunch under the shade of the old oak trees, I was reminded of an old saying that time in a garden is deducted directly from your age. I'd like to think that's true, because it does sound right to me. Hoping to see you at our July event at a Presidential Library in Yorba Linda

by John Roberts



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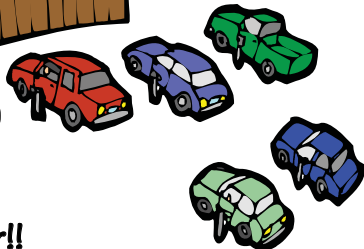
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There are four screens at the Mission Tiki Drive-In. Those who RSVP will be sent an e-mail one week prior with the movies that will be showing. We will vote on which movie everyone would like to see as a group.



Visit the Mission Tiki Drive-In website at missiontiki.com for more information, directions and coupons. Please read “How to Enjoy” & “FAQ” pages attached.



Questions ??? Contact

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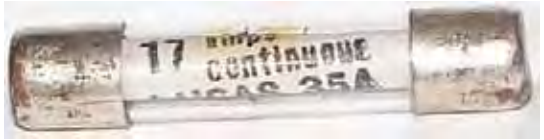
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BLOWN FUSES - THE LUCAS CONSPIRACY



I started this article back in 2009 when I had a problem with my TR8 blowing fan fuses. The fuse rating is 35A! That's a lot of amps (A) going through that tiny fuse. Needless to say, finding a 35A fuse at an auto store is not the easiest to find. Then I noticed that there are TWO ratings on the fuse "17 amps continuous LUCAS 35A". What the ??? Since when does LUCAS use different amps? My TR8 manual clearly says a 35A fuse is needed - but 35 LUCAS amps. So, what's with this? What does all this mean in US Amps? Is LUCAS trying to think you are buying more capacity than you are actually getting?!?

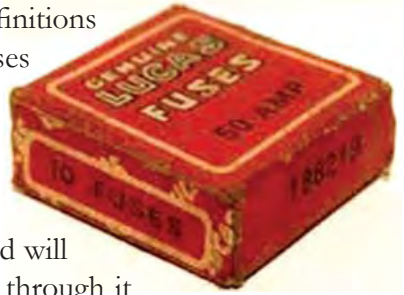


In reality, LUCAS amps are the same as US AMPS - Amps are Amps regardless where we live. The only thing different about these fuses is what characteristic that is being described - continuous carry amps vs. blow amps.

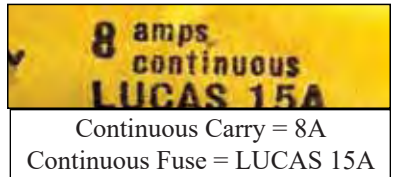
In this US there are many standards that are used to rate fuses but I will focus only on SAE J554 for Automotive Glass Tube Fuses that dates back to 1914. Under SAE J554 the fuse must carry 110% of its ampere rating and must stabilize at a temperature that does not exceed a 75°C rise (and not blow). The fuse must open at 135% of rated current within one hour. It then must open at 200% of rated current within 2 minutes (per UL 275, I can't afford SAE J554). When you buy a BUSS 10A fuse it will carry 11A without blowing, 13.5A for a little under an hour and 20A for less than two minutes. Make sure you buy "SFE" fuses that are used specifically for automotive protection.



The British Standard 88 got its start in 1919 and was generally redefined in 1931, giving the time, temperature and other definitions how the fuselink has to function. LUCAS fuses have two listed ratings; the continuous carry current they are designed to carry (100%) and the continuous fuse current at which they will blow (200%). When you buy a LUCAS 20A fuse it will carry 10A without blowing and will blow after 20 continuous amps starts to flow through it (as opposed to a peak or start-up current).



These standards for the fuses have been around for a 100 years. Why LUCAS conspired on the labeling of their fuse is still a mystery to me... does anybody know why?!?! Originally the LUCAS fuses were marked with only their fuse current rating but later added the continuous current rating to avoid confusion; like that really worked. Are YOU still confused? Those who know fuses can go further and talk about the fuse types within the Glass Tube fuses that will really make your head blow - I'm not going there in this article however I encourage you to proceed learning more as your quest for knowledge endures.



Generally speaking a standard LUCAS fuse of a given rating would have about 1/2 that rating under the US system (i.e. 20 AMP LUCAS Fuse is most similar to a 10 AMP US Fuse). So, if you were to put a US 35A fuse in your Triumph that requires a LUCAS 35A fuse, it'll pass more amps before it'll blow. This could explain why your switches and wires are acting like fuses instead of the fuses themselves. The best choice is to make the effort to source only proper British LUCAS fuses for your Triumph. Have a set of spares available for when you need one.

In an emergency, the loose Rule of Thumb is to use a US BUSS fuse with an Amp rating equal to no more than one half of the British LUCAS fuse rating. Note that the LUCAS 1/4" diameter glass tube fuse is 1 and 5/32" [~29.4 mm] long, while the US standard 1/4" glass tube fuse is 1 and 1/4" [~32.0 mm] long so consider if there is any stress you will be putting on the fuse holder by the longer US fuse before you continue.

Back to my TR8... Part II will appear in the next issue "Blown Fuses - The LUCAS Conspiracy. Trouble with Triumphs".

-Scott



Meeting Minutes

Southern California Triumph Owners Association

June 2016

Meeting of the SCOTA held at Geezers Restaurant, Santa Fe Springs, CA on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Call to order by Bob Cullum, President at 7:00.

Bob Cullum introduced visitors, Jim Brand & his wife who own a 71 Spitfire.

REPORTS:

New Business:

- CAMBRIA EVENT 7-10-16. Attending/RSVP count. Reported attending, so far are 20.
- Jim Kellar, Treasurer, discussed e-mail fraud attempt requesting \$7,000 transfer to out-of-state bank. It was mentioned, fraudulent e-mail attempts were also received among other members.
- Bob Cullum received an e-mail from Lyle regarding interest of a TR6 sale. More information pending.

Past Events:

- May 7, 2016 LAUREN'S DRIVE cancelled.
- May 14, 2016 EVENT ANTIQUE CRAWL. Scott McKee spoke of event saying they had a great time and mentioned Cody and Tom Crowley purchased Leyland badges & an original TR7 Sales Brochure.
- Condolences: Condolence cards available for signing on table.
 - Member, Bill Nelson's wife passed away.
 - Liz Rodriguez's father passed away.
 - Joe Love's wife passed away.
- May 17, 20 16, DESCANSO GARDENS EVENT. 8 members attended. John Roberts said it was a very good event. Mentioned, however, the tram to the historical house was out of commission.
- May 22, 2016, QUEEN'S ENGLISH EVENT: Bo Marron reported 58 Triumphs were exhibited.
- May 28-29, 2016 SCOTFEST FESTIVAL EVENT held in Costa Mesa Fair Grounds Scott McKee spoke of the good time noting the pole throwing contest (Kaber Toss) and the Women's Sheaf Toss.



- June 4, 2016 PET PRESCRIPTION EVENT in La Habra Heights.

Attendance reported.

New Membership:

Paulette reported 1 new member.

Officer's Report:

Jim Kellar gave treasury report and turned the checks and documents over to the new treasurer, Rob O'Brien.

Newsletter:

Newsletter will be delivered a little later than usual.

Advertising Art:

Nothing new to report.

Regalia:

Allen Cox said desired T-shirts were not ordered due to demands. T-shirts are on hold temporarily.

Discussion:

Cambria Event this weekend.

New Rally Drive, Wrightwood.

July 4th Event, Monday. Held at Bob's house 4:00 'till ?.

Presidential Library, Yorba Linda

Drive-Inn Event August to be discussed.

Is El Segundo Event (previously cancelled) going to be rescheduled?

Greasy Hand , Garage Workshop Guide - Free on website.

Bob Cullum adjourned meeting at 9:00

Raffle held by Jerie Kellar

Board meeting: No board meeting

Meeting Minutes

Southern California Triumph Owners Association

July 2016

Meeting held at Geezers restaurant in Santa Fe Springs on Tuesday 7-5-2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Bob Cullum the Club President.

New Business:

- John Kincaid came to the meeting to bring flyers and talk about his 1973 TR6 he's selling. John left some flyers with attending members. We'll get the add posted on our website.

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- Bob Cullum read the card Bill Nelson sent to the club, thanking us for the pretty flowers we sent in remembrance of his wife Liz.
- Bob Cullum read a card Rebecca Mills sent in with her members ship fees. The card had a picture of a red TR3 on the front and read, "Here's to many more years of driving and loving our Triumph cars".

Past events:

- 6-10 thru 11 Cambria. Tom and Lynn Eckes Small group this year but everyone had a great time and there were no incidents like last year. Driving to Cambria there were 3 groups. 1st group lead by Lauren Woods was a 5 hours drive on non-highway roads. 2nd group was lead by Dick and Johanne Hansen with lunch in Pismo Beach at their favorite Crab restaurant. 4rd group was led by Rob and Bonny Bowen stopping at Solvang for lunch, pastries and shopping. Dinner Friday night was provided by a local Taco vendor along with all the fixins. Saturday was wine tasting drives and a 4 hour drive headed by Gary Hunt. Saturday night people were free to dine at several local restaurants then returned to Bluebird Inn for Pie and socializing.
- 6-19 thru 21 VARA Historic Sports Car Festival
- 6-25 Rim of the Edge drive, Abel. there were 5 cars on this drive on the Angeles Crest Hwy stopping in WrightWood for lunch and a mexican restaurant then home.
- 6-26 Highway Earth no Report on this event.
- 7-4 4th of July Pot Luck at the Cullum's. Small group (20 people) but lots of food as usual. C17 fly over and fireworks following.

Reports:

Membership – Paulette membership steady at 162.

Treasury report – Rob Bowen gave his first treasury report since taking over from Jim Kellar..

Newsletter Report – Scott McKee getting close to publishing next letter.

Advertising – Loren Wood - No new advertisers yet. He's working on a couple and seeking payments from others.

Regalia – Allen Cox : T-shirts are coming and license plates are for sale at \$10 each.



Positions to fill

Secretary - open

Future Events – John Roberts

7-17 CCBCC car show in Ventura - Flyer on Website

7-19 Nixon Library Tuesday afternoon trip led by John Roberts.

7-23 Crystal Cove picnic led by Kate McKee - Flyer on website

8-13 High Tea led by Jerie Kellar Flyer on website

8-20 Cody and his dad Tom came to talk about the Drive-in movie night. A poll was taken on interest and everyone at the meeting raised their hand, 20 people. The flyer with details are posted on the SCTOA website.

El Segundo Car show has been cancelled.

Open discussion:

Rob Bowen talked about his over heating problems with his TR8, Allen Cox talked about his engine rebuilt on his TR8 and plans for a tech clinic to install the engine when it's complete.

Paulette talked about a trottle issue she's having with her TR4 and it look like Paul Smock will help her with this issue.

Bob Cullum adjourned meeting at 8:45

Raffle held by Jerie Kellar

Board meeting: No board meeting



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Southern California Triumph Owners Association



Monthly Events

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First Wednesday of Every Month

Drive your pre-1980 British car, to the Belmont Brewing Company between 6-8 pm. Park on the West side of the Belmont Shore Olympic Pool.

Contact: Tim Clark at babula@peoplepc.com

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First Saturday of Every Month

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Peninsula Shopping Center at Hawthorne Blvd & Silver Spur, Between Burger King & Starbucks

Contact: Howie Margolies, howiemargolies@aol.com

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BREAKFAST GROUP

First & Third Saturday of Every Month

SCTOA and TRSC club members meet at 9 am, rain or shine. The meeting place is at Bob's Big Boy, 4211 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA. After breakfast, the group moves to the parking lot for the traditional tire kicking, bonnet raising, Triumph tales and frequent "Mini Tech Sessions."

Directions:

From the East; Exit the 134 Freeway at the Hollywood Way exit, turn left on Alameda Avenue, which merges with Riverside Drive after five blocks, Bob's Big Boy is on the right [North] side.

From the West; Exit the 134 Freeway at Pass Avenue, turn right and drive one block to Alameda Avenue. Turn right [West] on Alameda which merges with Riverside Drive in one block. Bob's Big Boy is on the right [North] side.

Contact: Dale Berman at Dalebermanphoto@earthlink.net, 818-841-0200

ORANGE COUNTY BREAKFAST GROUP

Second Saturday of Every Month

1) 6:00 am or earlier: "Car Show" at the Enderle Center of Tustin. N/W portion of the Center's parking lots, cross streets 17th & Yorba, 1/2 block East of SR 55'.

2) 8:00 am: Caravan to breakfast via non-freeway roads that will test most TR's.

3) 9:00 am: Breakfast at Watson Drug just East of the Orange Traffic Circle on Chapman. Plenty of TR parking in the lot south of the Drug Store.

Contact: John Gladysiewicz mijig@aol.com

GOLDEN COVE BRITISH CAR MEET & BREAKFAST

Third Sunday of Every Month

Gathering of LBC's of all Marques. Ocean view parking lot. Cars show up by 9:00 and stick around until the car stories run out and have breakfast

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Calendar of Events

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August

- 2 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 13 High Tea - Jerie Keller, (714) 826-7724, slipryelm@sbcglobal.net
- 14 Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show
- 20 Drive-in Movie Night; See flier Page 24"

September

- 6 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 8-11 Triumphest Ventura - <http://www.triumphest2016.com/>
- 24 Glendora Drive - Cody (626) 444-8098, cccrowley@prodigy.net

October

- 4 SCTOA Club Meeting and Food Drive & White Elephant Sale
- 3-7 VTR National Convention at Pottsboro, TX - <http://vtr2016.org/>
- 15 Falling Leaf Drive (TRSC) - Bob Muzio (818) 703-1846, trjag@yahoo.com
- 16 Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show
- 22 Gourd Centerpiece - Johanne Hansen at (562) 430-0130 or dandjhansen3441@gmail.com
- 29 Halloween Party - Looking for a Sponsor

November

- 1 SCTOA Club Meeting and White Elephant Sale
- 6 Teddy Bear Run, Ventura
- 5-6 Julian Drive Rob & Bonny Bowen RSVP bowen6951@yahoo.com
- 15 Peterson Museum - John Roberts, (310)-384-8491, scouse2@aol.com

December

- 3 Christmas Party at George and Zelda's Home
- 4 Pomona Swap Meet
- 6 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 10 Planning Meeting

January 2017

- 1 New Year's Day Drive - Robert Tyler, (661) 298-1405, rtyler@socal.rr.com
- 3 SCTOA Club Meeting

February

- 7 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 11 Valentines Day Brunch

March

- 7 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 6 Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show

April

- 4 SCTOA Club Meeting

May

- 2 SCTOA Club Meeting

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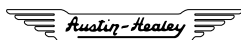


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Regional Breakfast Groups

Please check with your area's chairperson
for the location, time, & date.
(See "Monthly Events" for details)

Coming Soon Mark Your Calendar:

August

- 2 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 13 High Tea - Jerie Keller
- 14 Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show
- 20 Drive-in Movie Night

September

- 6 SCTOA Club Meeting
- 8-11 Triumphest Ventura - <http://www.triumphest2016.com>
- 24 Glendora Drive

October

- 4 SCTOA Club Meeting and Food Drive & White Elephant Sale
- 3-7 VTR National Convention at Pottsboro, TX - <http://vt2016.org>
- 15 Falling Leaf Drive



Dick and Johanne Hansen have sponsored the Cambria caravan via Pismo Beach and the "Cracked Crab".
Here you see their white and blue Stag in front of the white and blue "Cracked Crab" "frontage".

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