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Current Prices Extended

Although the bi-annual New Product/ Price Update expires on March 1, 1992, we are extending our pricing period for an additional month.

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Celebrate Your **Sports Car!**

There's More in Store For You at Our '92 Marque Days



Things heat up inside the Moss showroom.

April 11 Britfest, Dover Oct 3 Healey Day, Goleta



you've had an opportunity to visit Moss during one of our famous Marque Days, you'll be

pleased to know that we've added even more activities for you to take part in this 1992 season!

Marque days begin at 9 am and go on until 4 pm. Register for the People's Choice Car Show as you enter, and you just may take home a winner's trophy. There will be free spaces for you to sell and trade used parts, and best of all, you'll receive a special 10% discount on all parts you purchase at our counter! We'll have product demonstrations, video screenings, warehouse and department tours, as well as hundreds of bargain-priced items in our annual swap meet. In CA, bring along a Pinewood derby British car and challenge your fellow enthusiasts. And, bring along your British sports car hobby work and we'll be happy to display it during the day.

Don't worry about driving a non-British car just for the trunk space; free shipping is available on all but truck freight items. For additional information, or directions, call toll-free and speak to one of our sales advisors at (800) 235-6954.

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Wouldn't you like to be in the driver's seat of this Moss employee's TR250, ready to attack a series of winding mountain curves? With spring right around the corner, now is definitely the time to get those winter repair loose ends taken care of. After all, isn't it the thrill of being in the driver's seat the reason why you own your British sports car? Photo by Mike Egan, Receiving Supervisor.

Giant Step For Moss... Our New Computer Makes Everyone's Life Easier

ike it or not, computers are a fact of life. Nowadays, it seems like they're everywhere, and depend-ing on which one you run into,

they're either a great help or a headache. Our experience here at Moss is probably similar to many of yours.

We jumped into the computer age with both feet in 1970 with an IBM punchcard, when a computer was not a household appliance (and barely a business one!). We then acquired a Burroughs 1800, and a software package that more or less met our needs. The business grew, and we acquired a second 1800, then a third computer, a Burroughs A3. The software was modified as much as possible to fit our requirements, but eventually we hit the limits of the technology. The 1800 was a powerful machine in its day, but rapid advances in computer technology made it obsolete. Its specs today make it sound like a cheap laptop, less than a meg of memory, and no internal disc space. We added 10 external disc drives, and with all the external disc paks loaded, there is only about 65 megs of disc space.

A growing business, with ever increasing demands for data processing and on line information, was simply more than the machines could handle. Even with three systems operational, we had run out of computer. It is not surprising that development of a state-of-the-art computer system has been a priority at Moss for the last

several years

We spent a lot of time and effort looking at software and hardware before we made a decision. With the future of Moss riding on the outcome, it was a difficult process. We settled on a powerful multi-processor machine made by NCR, the 850 Tower. Fully configured, the Tower will support over 500 on-line users, with not much difference in response time than with a load of 250 users. The software was developed for Moss based on our unique require-ments, and additional sections are still being completed.

But what does this really mean, to Moss and to you, the customer? In the first place, no interruptions in service. The Tower (as well as the phone system and the termi-nals in sales) is wired into an Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS), which means knocking out our electric power will have no effect. We have tried this out (unintentionally) several times, and it performs as advertised.

We have managed to "crash" the system a time or two, but the recovery time has been minutes, not the hours or days we have come to accept with the Burroughs. Recovery from a major system failure on the Burroughs meant re-entering data; the Tower recovers to the last keystroke. When the system comes back up,

your terminal is right where you left off.

The most obvious benefit is the improvement in processing time. Because the system is "real-time", we don't have to print orders and invoices in a "batch". On the Burroughs system, all the orders entered in the computer before 9:00 a.m. printed in a batch around 10:00 a.m. These orders were sent to the warehouse for processing. The order was pulled, checked by quality control, and then the paperwork was sent up for "involce entry". If the invoice entry could be completed before 11:30 a.m., an invoice would print in the afternoon batch, and the order could be shipped that day. In practice, processing time was usually 24 hours. On the Tower, an order can be entered, printed, pulled, packed and invoiced quickly because we don't have to shut down to print a batch. As a direct result, the number of orders entered and shipped the same day is quite high. While we presently ship all guaran-teed next day orders entered by noon the same day, we hope to eventually ship all orders entered by 10:00 a.m. P.S.T. the same day. Of course larger orders take more time, and the work load on Mondays affects our ability to meet this goal. Our processing time at our facility in New Jersey is now a day quicker, for the same

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Just a few years ago, we were taking your part orders by This is what you get when you call now, a computer screen filled with hand (and checking stock was closer to a guess than fact.) everything you need to get your order out the door in a flash!

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Sale Prices are valid February 15 through March 31, 1992.

Highlight Prices are valid through March 31, 1992.



These American-made alloy racing mirrors are faithful recreations of the famous mirrors used between 1950 and 1970 on many British and Italian race cars. Mirrors are flat glass, with brushed satin finish and mild steel mounting base.

While definitely a must for vintage racers, this mirror is a sporty alternative to stock mirrors. Sold individually.

\$49.95 222-355

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Adding Back Seats to Your MGB Roadster

(Having Kids Doesn't Mean You Have to Drive a Stationwagon) Jon Hildreth

Laconia, NH

e have all seen ads like the following: "MGB for sale - Family has outgrown car"! This does not have to happen to you. Upon the arrival of our second child, I started toying with the idea of a back seat for my MGB roadster, after all, the MGB GT has one. This conversion turned out to be much simpler than I had imagined.

lacquired a GT seat bottom from an Ohio ad in Hemmings and a GT seat upright from an MG mechanic in Maine, who also sold me the obligatory frame from a pack-away hood. (While we don't stock complete GT rear jump seats, these can normally be found on a used basis. We do stock foam rubber base cushion and upholstery kits in a variety of materials-Ed.)

My hood fit fine on the new frame although I am told the pack-away hood is different from the fold down hood that is original on my MGB.

The seat bottom fits perfectly in place of the carpet over the battery compartment. The addition of two lift-the-dot studs to hold the seat down is all that is required. (The four screws for these studs are the only holes which I had to drill in the car.)

The upright required a little more thinking. Using two ort pieces of 1 inch flat steel stock welded to one longer short pi piece of 1 inch by 2 inch "square" stock, a bracket was made to fit securely between the two shoulder belt mounts which were already in my car. (Some model years do not have this seat belt mount and some drilling may be required to secure the seat bracket)

In the center of the square stock, a hole should be drilled to accommodate a bolt with an eye for seat belts. The seat upright has three hinges at the bottom which are easily secured to the bracket with machine screws. Seat belt bolts are screwed in the flat stock, securing the upright in the car.

That's it! Battery access is simple because the seat bottom slides out after the lift-the-dot fasteners are release

We attended three British car shows this summer and no less than 100 people asked me where I got my back seat and how it was done

(Jon will receive a gift certificate for his contribution.)



Best news in a long time for British sports car families!



shun•pik•ing

\'shon-pi-kin \n: the practice of avoiding superhighways, especially for the pleasure of driving on back roads. (Webster 1974)

New word for the day? Mr. and Mrs. Gordon King, of Laconia, NH wrote us about their TR6 trailer conversion which we have unfortunately been unable to print due to space restrictions. We loved the word they used to describe the hobby that we as British sports car drivers all share!



More On Buzzing Turn Signal

As I wear two hearing aids, I was most excited about your tech tip #47 (Audible Directional Buzzer, Winter '91).

I bought the little buzzer, but when I attempted to install it. I found the MGB flasher unit has only two terminals. When attached to either one and grounded, it signaled intermittently (alright when the turn indicator was on, but buzzed steadily when the switch was off).

It must be connected with two diodes under the dash (into the column switch) to work correctly.

Mr. Lindauer must have a T series car with a 3 terminal flasher.

Claude Blodger Paradise, CA

Ken Miles, A Lasting Impression

I always look forward to my Moss Motoring, but the winter issue was especially enjoyable. Upon opening it, I found a name that I haven't heard or seen in years, Ken Miles. I met Ken Miles some 26 years ago and had the opportunity to spend the better part of the day watching him wring out a pair of FAV (Ford Advanced Vehicle) 427 Cobras at Riverside raceway. They were due to be shipped to England and Mr. Miles was trying to set them up. I recall him being very unhappy because the copper suspension bushings had been re-placed by rubber ones and he couldn't hold a proper drift! Between laps, while the mechanics worked on the cars, he would come over to where I was sitting and chat with me. At first I wasn't much of a conversationalist, being a somewhat shy and properly awed 18 year old. But his natural charm and genuine interest soon

thawed things out and I had a wonderful afternoon. He told me that he had a boy about my age and we talked about my interests. I remember his look of disbelief when he learned that I had driven my '52 TD down from Seattle by myself with no problems except a bit of overheating. He then informed me with a perfectly straight face that he too had owned a few TDs but he'd never had enough faith to drive one that distance alone.

I had taken my trusty Instamatic with me that day, and although warned not to, snuck a few pictures inside the Shelby plant in Venice. The only picture I did hang onto, that I still treasure to this day, is the one that Ken Miles took of me, sitting in the driver's seat of one of those great thundering Cobras, a look of bemused happiness on my face.

Although I never saw him again, I folowed his career closely and when he was killed, I almost cried. He probably never thought about that afternoon again, or realized what an impression he had made on an awkward and tongue-tied young man, but every time I look at that framed photo above my desk, or see a Cobra running along, I say a little prayer for a gentleman and above all, a truly nice man.

Carl Coughlan San Jacinto, CA

R-2, Where Are You?

I lived in Southern California in the '50s and attended many SCCA races at Torrey Pines, Pomona and Palm Springs. Even then I was an MG owner and enthusiast, and remember the excitement of watching Ken Miles race the R-1 and R-2 specials. We cheered him on as he raced against the more exotic British and European machinery.



(Here's a rare sight of the R-2 in "Miles in the Rain", a painting by Ken Eberts.)

While the R-1 special was a thrilling machine, one could identify even more with R-2 because it looked like an MG. (It could be described as an MG TF designed by the space shuttle team!)

I am simply amazed that the R-1 special still exists, and now my curiosity is height-ened: does R-2 exist?

The "Flying Shingle" was a truly beauti-ful special. Could you possibly write an article on it? Even if it cannot be located, perhaps some vintage photos could be published along with some of its history. I just know that the current generation of MG enthusiasts would be very interested in knowing about this historically important car.

Bob Freerksen Mansfield, MA

First Class And On The Road

Met your camper and travelling employees (British couple) at the British car show in Brookline, MA, in July. What a delightful couple! But then, your company does everything first class.

We showed our 1956 MGA there - our first show for the car. We could not have completed it without your help.

Now we have purchased a 1961 TR4 which needs a lot of help! So, looks like we're customers for life.

Kathy and Roy Grant Southboro, MA

Moss Motorug

Above left: In 1957, B.M.C.

themselves sought to take ad-vantage of the appearance of

their Austin-Healey 100-6 mod-els at what was that year's Eu-

ropean Grand Prix by placing this advertisment in the G.P.

program. It's a pity the artist responsible seems to have had

Silverstone's grandstands on his

these driver parades. On one occasion it was even suggested

that the Donald Healey Motor

Co. at Warwick would have to

actually purchase the cars they needed! However, once reminded

of the publicity value of these pa-rades and the undoubted willing-

ness of other manufacturers to step into the breach (should B.M.C. let

the side down), Harriman relented and the little white sports cars con-

The practice of driver parades

having proven successful at Aintree, the tradition soon spread, notably to

The Austin-Healey Grand Prix Parade Cars John Lawson, Registrar, MG Y-Type Register Liverpool, England

3	efore each of the five British Grand Prix held at Aintree, near Liverpool in the '50s and early '60s, drivers were paraded around the track in fleets of various Austin-Healey cars, as follows:
1955:	Twenty Austin-Healey 100s
1957:	Twenty Austin-Healey 100-6s
1959:	Twenty Austin-Healey Sprite Mk Is (Bugeye)
1961:	Twenty-four Austin-Healey Sprite Mk IIs
1962:	Twenty-four Austin-Healey Sprite Mk IIs

These driver parades were instigated by John Morgan, General Secretary of the British Automobile Racing Club, the organization which from the outset had supported the development of the motor racing circuit at Aintree and which had been instrumental in bringing the British Grand Prix to that northern circuit. The first British G.P. to beheld at the famous steeplechase course, on July 16th 1955, was thus the first occasion on which a paradesuch as this took place; before this the drivers had just walked behind their

R.A.F. ESCA	PING SOCIETY CAR CO	OMPETITION
WITH A 5/- T	TCKET AND SOME SKILL Y	OU MAY WIN
A NE	W AUSTIN HEALEY SPORTS	S CAR
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generated by the use of Austin-Healey 100-4s in the newly instigated drivers' parade, spectators were given the chance to win a similar car in a competition organized by the R.A.F. Escaping Society.

racing cars as the latter were pushed out onto the starting grid.

To obtain the necessary parade cars, Mr. Brian Healey, who at that time was in charge of public relations for his father's company, had contacted Austin's publicity department with whom the Healeys enjoyed particularly good rela-tions. Austin thus arranged to allocate cars from U.S. ship-ments which were subsequently to leave these shores via Liverpool docks. At this time, in the latter days of that great port's era of prosperity, most of Austin's exports to the U.S. were despatched via Liverpool's extensive net-work of docks.

The twenty Left-hand-driveOldEnglishWhite100s were particularly well pre-pared for their starring role in 1955 (although it must be said that all Austin-Healeys of the time were very carefully finished before dispatch). Straight after their

Aintree appearance they supposedly left for the U.S., although it is possible that some may, if fact, have been shipped to Dusseldorf, as Healey had a sales outlet there for American servicemen. All the cars used in later years were also white in color (those 100-6s used in 1957 are also known positively to have been Old English White and were to basic specifications, having disc wheels and no overdrive fitted).

When George (later to become Sir George) Harriman took over at B.M.C. in 1959, it became more difficult for the Healeys to arrange allocation of the required cars for

sk, John, what a pretty sight, those so cars Allow, Jorn, what a pretty sight, these 50 rate all in a row. Pretty: Than, my day, are singh benetier. They're the Austin Hanlys duing a lap of Januar sold die Conse Marshal and all the drives at the merica. When I think of the passer and e just are of these bounes. thus Jonest But they are pretty. Very. And another thing, they'r on a bree just for show. Right after dis, they'll go straight or to Listerpool, so le shipted to the U.S.A. They're dollar earners. names, you call them,



Silverstone (where MKI MG Midgets of various colors were used at the "Daily Express" International Trophy eeting in 1961) and to Sebring, where white Austin-Healey 100-6s were used to parade the drivers before the 12-hour race March '57.

tinued to appear.

As far as can be ascertained, the cars mentioned above ere not identified in any way in Austin-Healey production records as being earmarked for Grand Prix parade duties. One wonders if any have survived to this day?

For help in compiling this article, I am indebted to Brian Healey, Graham Heath and John Wheatley.

(John will receive a gift certificate for his contribution.)

Triumphest '91 in Arizona

Our Team of Triumph Enthusiasts Have the Time of Their Lives David Eichelbaum

Research & Development

very year Moss Motors receives hundreds of invitations from clubs and organizations all over the country to attend British Car Days, swap meets, and various other events. This is our chance to meet with customers and keep in touch with your needs. True to this theme, we made the decision long ago to parlay our presence at events into an opportunity to spend time really getting to know you, occasionally helping out with an emergency trans-mission swap in the parking lot, or fixing various Lucas ailments ... instead of just taking parts orders.

This Halloween, we packed the RV, three Triumphs, one ex-Triumph design engi-neer (a.k.a. Tony Lee), and headed east-erly from California for one of the finest auto shows to be found of any type; Triumphest. This year's event was held in Lake Havasu, Arizona and represented the

the year's events enjoying the pleasant winter weather for which Arizona is fa-

mous. Joining us from England, we were

lucky enough to have the company of both

Peter Wigglesworth and Tony Lee. Peter develops Triumph goodies for Moss Eu-

rope, and as you will read about in this issue, Tony Lee worked as a Development

Engineer with Triumph through the fifties and sixtles, and then with Leyland and later The Rover Group until his retirement in 1989 after 43 years of service!

From our California headquarters we

tenth anniversary of the first major gathering for Triumphs west of the Mississippi. Having just arrived from the east coast. Triumphest also represented my first ever event any-where even remotely west of Tennessee.

...we packed the RV, three Triumphs, one ex-Triumph design engineer (a.k.a. Tony Lee), and headed easterly from California...

Sponsored by the Desert Center Tri-umph Register of America, Triumphest new ones. Peter Wigglesworth and I even participated in the "funkhana". Why was I has steadily grown and matured through the years, and we were anxious to wrap up the one who had to put on the Hula skirt

anyway? On Saturday, we assembled the Moss RV & display just outside the golf course where the Concours was held, and set out to inspect some of the great looking cars we saw roll in on Friday. Of great interest to me was a particular B.R.G. TR250 I had seen the day before, whose owner said had accumulated only sixty-thousand miles from new. May this gentleman please forgive me for not recalling his name!

Anyway, we enjoyed looking at all of our favorite cars, the vendor displays, and



Scenes from Havasu, clockwise, the famous London bridge, just a few of the 300 TRs on view during the weekend, and of course, our very own Moss hula expert!

getting a suntan in the process. Peter W. made something of a tech session out of changing the generator on the Moss TR3 (supplied by our very own Moss overnight service). We appreciate everyone's help on this one. Eric dug in and got dirty helping a fellow hav-

ing carb problems with an Austin-Healey. I know, I know, this was a Triumphest", righ? Driving across the desert realized that there are We spent many endoing as much as this. iovable hours chatting and sharing res-

toration ideas, tips, and stories. Back east we used to call this process of thinly disguising stretches of the truth "bench-racing."

As the sun set over the mountains on Saturday evening, everyone gathered for a terrific Mexican buffet dinner in the as-sembly hall. We then enjoyed listening to our guest speaker, Tony Lee, tell stories about both his adventures and misadventures with Triumph. We are truly indebted to him for his interest in spending time with us, and we at Moss learned a great deal from him about "the way things were really done."

Awards were given out for cars judged in the previous day's Concours, as well as door prizes for lots of folks. Moss was presented with a beautiful plaque of appreciation for which we are very proud. The partying and reminiscing of events, now past, went on

until late in the evening. Many people came from distant cities and states, so the next morning most folks got up quite early to begin the trek back

fast the next morning in the hotel, many goodbyes'were overheard, including our OWT

From all of us at Moss, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of our customers, to the great people of the Desert Center Triumph Register, and for the endless enthusiasm that has propelled Moss to become the largest supplier of British auto spares in the world. We will definitely be back next year, so see you then.

that night in my TR250, I few things in life I enjoy home. Having break-

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selves with old friends and made many

settled in and en-joyed the local hospitality and food, before retiringfor the evening. On Friday, we reacquainted our-

discount order forms we received.

ing across the desert that night in my TR250, I realized that there are few things

Once we ar-

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in life I enjoy doing as much as this.

Under The Bonnet

elcome to Under The Bonnet, our quarterly technical column dealing with the basic maintenance and repair of your British car. We'll be covering topics here that have been the cause of recurrent problems and questions by customers as well as our own staff members. While much of this information may rudimentary to old-time mechanics, we'll be exploring various short-cuts as well as talking about tricks-of-the-trade not mentioned in manuals. If you'd like us to cover a particular topic, please write to: Under The Bonnet, 400 Rutherford St., Goleta, CA 93117.

Emission Control- Crankcase Breathing and Evaporative Loss Eric Wilhelm

Research & Development

ngine exhaust is the sole source of a vehicle's carbon monoxide (CO) and nitrous oxides (NOx) emissions, and accounts for about 62% of a vehicle's hydrocarbon (HC) emissions. In a perfect situation, the only emissions from a gasoline engine would be carbon dioxide and water. However, the combustion process within an engine is never complete. This incomplete combustion is the cause of the unwanted and dangerous exhaust emis sions. An engine set up to run "clean", without any pollution control devices may be a theoretical possibility, but such an engine would be an intractable beast to use as a power source for a vehicle. Cold starting and acceleration, for example, require air/fuel mixtures much richer (i.e. more fuel) than can be properly burned. Deceleration produces an effectively rich mixture. Atômization of fuel is never optimum for complete combustion, and the means of ignition (sparks from the spark plugs) is rarely as good as it should be. In order to clean up the results of these inevitable pollution-producing conditions, ex-haust emission control devices and modifications have become the most numerous and varied of all emission controls on a car.

The main exhaust emission controls are: exhaust port injection, intake mani-fold injection, exhaust gas recirculation (EGR), catalytic converters, and intake air temperature controls. Modifications to existing components and systems include vacuum advance cut-

off and delay, leaner fuel mixtures, redeintake signed manifolding, reduced compression ratios, longer stroke, redesigned combustion

chambers, camshafts with valve overlap changes, revised centrifugal advance curves, and other similar changes.

An air injection system consists of a belt-driven air pump, pressure relief valve, checkvalve(s), hoses, and an anti-backfire device (either a gulp valve or a diverter valve). The pump provides a continuous flow of low pressure air (typically at around 3 p.s.i.) into the exhaust ports. This air promotes oxidation of the unburned hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide in the exhaust gasses to produce water and carbon dioxide. Under conditions of high manifold depression (deceleration), the gulp valve or diverter valve will allow some of

Exhaust Emission Control (1962-'74 MGB) 6 Air manifold Relief valve 5 2. Check valve Vacuum sensing tube 6.7. 3. Emission air cleaner Gulp valve 4. Air pump

the air from the air pump into the intake manifold. This helps the carburetor's deceleration valve in controlling excessive hydrocarbon emissions by adding fresh air to lean the rich mixture caused by the deceleration (overrun) condition.

Catalytic converters are another control to minimize hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions. These continue the iob begun by exhaust air injection by using catalyst (platinum or palladium) to further the oxidation of the unburned hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide, by essen-

tially burning them, but at lower than burning tempera-tures. It must be gasoline engine would be noted that even carbon dioxide and water. small amounts of lead severely contaminate the cata-

lyst material, rendering it useless, leading to blockage and mechanical failure within the converter. This condition quickly leads to loss of power, engine overheating, and expensive repairs.

Exhaust gas recirculation is generally the most effective means to control ni-trous oxides (NOx) emissions. As its name states, this system recirculates a small percentage of exhaust gasses back into the intake system.

This reduces the combustion temperatures by diluting the intake fuel/air mix-ture. The main physical feature of this system is the vacuum controlled E.G.R.

Now Moss Makes it Easy to Install T Series **Girling Shock Components**

In a perfect situation, the

only emissions from a

Good news for early T series owners! Installing new Girling shock links, bushes and link pins has been a great source of frustration to TC and early TD owners for years. Replacement bushings available over the years have been either very easy to install (coming apart just as easily) or nearly impossible to install! We have just reproduced a full

range of these related components, in-cluding a well-designed installation tool set, with detailed installation instructions. Our link bushings are the same dimension

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as factory originals, but have been formulated from extremely high tensile strength, crack-resistant rubber to ensure stability and long life.

req.)	282-710	\$3.75
	261-575	\$24.95
	261-525	\$24.95
	266-455	\$26.50
	321-820	\$8.95
	385-890	\$39.95

Typical E.G.R. System (1974-'76 TR6)



valve, which opens during periods of low manifold depression (eg. high speed).

Intake air temperature controls use a temperature sensitive flap valve to give the engine warm air from around the exhaust manifold when the

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t all began one day when I received a Moss Motoring which described the Heritage body shells and indi-cated that they would be available some time in the future. As I had had two MGBs in college, I was interested in the possibilities. I also showed the ad to my wife, and her reaction was "hmmm...that might be something I could drive". As she had been reluctant

to try driving my MGA, this started me thinking that I might be able to build a sports car for her to use as well. With that in mind, I had my name placed on the "notify when available" list.

Some months passed and I had nearly forgotten about it when one night a salesperson phoned and said the body shells were coming in and "would I like to buy one?". The next few days were agonizing as I tried to justify such a big purchase. There was the problem of finding a suitable donor car, as I didn't have one. After searching the want ads, I found a fairly complete 1970 parts' car with a ravaged body, not very far from home. I could now actually purchase the body shell!

car garage, so I had to gamble that I could get the parts' car in and dis-mantled, and the old body out before my new body came. It was December and I did not want to leave the crated body outside. The parts' car was trucked in and unloaded into the garage where dismantling began in earnest.

My "shop" is a one

Those of you in the northeast may remem-ber that December '89 was possibly the coldest December on record, so the ga-rage was quite chilly. (I used to joke as I was heading down for more work that I was off to the Arctic.) Despite this, the parts' car was dismantled in two weeks and most of the

major assemblies were moved into the (heated) cellar. Two days before Christmas my body shell was delivered.

I had fully expected to work

through the winter and spring, overhauling the engine and transmission and checking and cleaning the other components. The plan was to have the car completed in the summer of '90. I quickly discovered two things; first, it's true what is said about not making schedules for yourself when doing a restoration of this type. Second, it is not a good idea to step back and survey the entire project as you may just get overwhelmed by the magnitude of the ta I was almost totally overwhelmed as this was by far the largest project I had ever undertaken. It seemed that no matter how much I got done, the end was just not getting closer.

By April '90, I had gotten the body out to a shop to be painted and I gathered most of the parts needed for the job over the spring. The garage and cellar were strewn with boxes of parts for much of the time. Through the summer, the engine block and crank were taken to a machine shop for reboring/grinding. I also had the cylinder head converted for use with unleaded fuel. The front and rear suspensions were cleaned and painted and attached to the body, as was the steering gear. I was working very slowly, however, and fall was fast approaching. It became clear that I was not going to finish in time.

Work slowed through early '91, but picked up again in

the spring when I installed the lights On the second crank, however, it fired and ran. and wiring. Other parts were sent out The oil pressure was good to be rechromed. I and the gauges were finally got around reading properly. It was to reassembling the engine. I painted it, and inexciting and relieving at the same time. stalled it and the transmission in

the car. Now it seemed progress was being made. I bought a set of tires and finally the car rested on its own wheels. Before I actually tried to start it I took a great deal of time verifying that all the electricals were correct. Finally it was time to see if it would run. I turned the key and the engine barely turned over (the result of using an old battery). On the second crank, how-ever, it fired and ran. The oil pressure was good and the gauges were reading properly, It was exciting and relieving at the same time. I gingerly tried backing out of

the garage and that seemed to work as well. Things were getting better all the time. There was still a lot left to be done but now the end was in sight.

I took two weeks of vacation for the sole purpose of working on the car and made great progress. Carpet and re-upholstered seats were installed and a new convertible top was put on. It was actually a real car at long last. On October 2nd I got the registration and drove to the inspection station to become fully legal. I still have some refinements to do, but I have been enjoying cruising in the fine fall weather.

With a little forethought and planning this is a project that is within the capabilities of many MG enthusiasts. It is not, however, a breeze, and it is easy to get overwhelmed (or side-tracked) as I quickly

found. Now I have developed a different perspective on what is a difficult project. Almost everything that takes less than two years seems minor when compared to a total rebuild. With this under my belt, I can finally start

restoring my "A", which is where I was before all this started. Would I do It again? Sure, why not?

By the way, I'm having too much fun driving the new MGB...maybe my wife will get the keys in the springtime.

(Congratulations to Charles from all of us at Moss for completing such a tremendous task. We hope he'll be able to buy something much needed with the gift certificate we're sending him!)



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Sports Car Gallery

Sports Car Gallery (usually) features a memorable British sports car pho several) in each issue of the Moss Motoring. Please send your photos and thoug Editor, Moss Motoring Sports Car Gallery, 400 Rutherford St., Goleta, CA 93117 le British sports car photo (or ughts to:



As a Clinical Psychologist in private practice, I find that some of the best therapy for me comes on my way to and from my office while driving my TR3A. Here it is parked

outside my office win-

dow where I can see it whenever I need a little shot of therapy during a particularly difficult session. For a cognitive therapist, I highly recommend this "auto suggestion". Dr. John Dilley, West Des Moines, IA



After many years of dreaming to someday own a classic British sports car, my dream finally came true.

My husband and I were on our way shopping and happened to stop at a friend's house where he noticed an old white sheet covering up a car which was sitting in their garage. He asked about it and was told that it had been stored for 15 years and was for sale. As soon as the car was uncovered. I fell in love, It was a '68 Triumph TR250. The selling price was 7, which my husband and I thought meant \$7,000. To our amazement the price was only \$700.00. We have only had our Triumph a few months now, and we have had at least \$7,000 worth of fun owning it

Shirley Hyatt, Prospect, OH



Chuck Lepkowsky, Santa Barbara, CA adjustment on the carburetor, but it didn't seem to help much. This summer my MG started idling a little rougher than before. Once again I played with the carburetor, but with little improvement. By this fall, my MG was idling really rough, shaking the whole car. When I gave it a little gas, the engine would smooth right out. I was adjusting the carburetor and gunning the engine a little when I noticed the engine lifting as I gunned it. You guessed it, the motor mount was broken. The first thing

After blocking up the front end of the car and placing a jack under the motor, I found that the steering assembly from the universal joint on down had to be removed before I could take off the old motor mount on the driver's side. After popping off the ball joints on the tie rod ends and remov-ing the bolts that held the steering rack, I broke the vacuum hose going from the manifold to the brake servo unit while trying to pull the steering shaft out of the universal joint. At the time I didn't think much about it except that I would have to repair the line. After removing the steering sembly I jacked up the engine and re moved the old motor mounts. Installation of the new motor mounts and putting the steering assembly back together again was quite straightforward. I then tried to repair the vacuum line that I broke, but discovered that it was very hard and brittle. Upon checking the other vacuum lines. I found them to be in the same condition,

along with some cracks. I replaced all of the vacuum lines and started the MG to see how it ran. The idle speed needed to be turned down a little, but I couldn't believe how smooth it was running. By looking at the parts I removed, (the one motor mount was in two pieces) and the vacuum hoses. I determined that the rough idle was caused by those items and had nothing to do with the carburetor, (Vacuum leaks are often the cause of rough idling and poor running, particularly on the pollution-equipped cars of the '70s. Terry's engine mount failure was probably aggravated by his rough running engine. Careful checks of vacuum hoses should be a part of regular preventative

(Terry will receive a gift certificate for his contribution.)

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CA for his submission.)

Brand New!

Here's a tip to make the removal and installation of dash control cables much less difficult. First, disconnect the battery (good to do when working behind the dash as there may be exposed "hot" terminals). Then, disconnect the cable from what it is controlling, for example, the heater valve. Thread an appropriate sized deep-well socket over the cable to the retaining nut, and with a pair of pliers or vise-grip, turn the socket to loosen the nut. It's much easier than trying to get a wrench in there. (Thanks to Ben Travato, of Santa Barbara,

you will discover when replacing motor mounts is that the books don't say much about that area maintenance.-Ed.) **Cable Removal**

been replaced by a wooden panel, giving it a more spacious interior. This dash is painted The rear view mirrors are held by sculpted mermaids. The engine compartment and trunk are detailed in midnight blue, to complement the stock blue upholstery. This car turns more heads than my previous British plaything- a classic and capricious 1952 Alvis drophead. And, thanks to your efforts, it is possible to repair

Here is my 1972 MG Midget -

chock full of Moss

Motors parts - in front of the surf

near the Golden Gate Bridge.

mural around the

body. The original

bulbous plastic dashboard has

I painted, in lacquer, a 360° ocean



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▲ Here's photographic documentation of the historic moment my '77 MGB turned 100,000 (all original) miles. Please note that the tach indicates that the motor is running. It does raise the question: "Why does the MGB odometer only have five digits?".

with its own ocean wave.

Adrian Ruyle, San Francisco CA



Heard any Interesting tech tips lately? We're interested in publishing new and exciting hints and tips if applicable. Send your tech tip contributions to: Editor, Moss Motoring, 400 Rutherford Street, Goleta, CA 93117. If we can use them, you'll receive a \$20.00 gift certificate.

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Overdrive Troubleshooting Peter Cox, Moss Europe



Overdrive doesn't work? Here's how to start looking for the fault! Is the oil level and type correct? No, change or top up with correct oil. Yes, remove the gearbox cover and loosen the actuating lever (A), start the engine and drive away. At any road speed over 20 mph, in any forward gear, move adjustment setting lever on r/h side of the overdrive, forwards. If the overdrive engages or merely jolts, the "fault" is in the setting or is electrical.

If nothing happens, return to base, jack up the rear wheels and carefully loosen the operating valve plug (B). Start the engine with high idle, engage 2nd gear and oil should bleed past the loosened operating valve plug. Any air should also bleed past, after which the operating valve plug can be retightened. If no oil bleeds out, the pump is inoperative. Usually this is merely stuck and and can be freed by removal of the oil drain plug (catch oil as it drains out). Inspect filter and clean if necessary. pump body plug (C) to reveal the Remove base of the pump. Tap gently with a blunt instrument. Rotate wheels with gearbox in neutral. Pump should move up and down

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freely. If pump sticks "down" again and the result of the above procedure doesn't help, consult your local overdrive specialist. OII41112C 51

Leaking Water Pump?

New water pumps can at times leak when first installed, the leak being discovered prior to the startup. This can be a frustrating experience, particularly if you proceed to remove the new pump in order to send it back to your (*%#\$**&^%\$) supplier for exchange

The usual cause of a leaking new pump is due to the carbon race water pump seal not fully seating against the back face of the impellor. Since the hard carbon sits against the cast iron or brass impellor with only light spring pressure, it shouldn't be difficult to believe this to be the source of the leak. The best way to insure that the carbon race is properly seated, is to actually spin the pump prior to installation. I do this very effectively by holding the impellor against the wire brush side of my bench grinder. Spinning up the dry pump for 15-30 seconds insures a good lapped seat. Alternatively, new pumps can be installed, but be sure to start the engine without coolant and run it dry for 30 seconds or so. The coolant acts as a lubricant and actually inhibits this important seal break-in procedure.

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Is Your MGB Idling Rough? Check This Out. Terry Palmer

Derby, KS

From the time I purchased my '79 MGB (about two years ago), it did not have what I would consider a smooth idle compared to other cars. Having owned a '65 Spitfire along with a '58 TR3A, I just assumed that all British cars idled a little rough. Every once in a while I would adjust the fast idle



original for any specific application) to tire pumps supplied with most early sports cars when new. Pumps are cad-plated but should be painted black for a more authentic vintage

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Vintage Style Tire Pump

30 Years At Triumph Tony Lee Talks About His Time at Triumph-Standard



1971 finds a lot of excitement generated by Spen King's Bullet design at the Canley factory. Interestingly enough, early TR7 production was to take place at the new factory at Speke, although the final TR7s would be once again produced at Canley.

(What started out as a Question and Answer interview, developed into several hours of intimate glimpses into the Triumph legend, from a man who spent thirty years in the Triumph engineering department. Here are just a few of the stories that Tony shared with us on his visit to Moss Motors in October 1991.-Ed.)

His Early Years

Since his childhood, family and friends surrounding Tony Lee had a premonition that he might someday end up in a car-oriented career. At least of course that's what they say now (and probably did then also, when looking through family photos). Thinking back to those "what do I want to be when I grow up days", Tony's interests lay in maths and engineering. His father did have a slight influence on his career as he knew the chief maintenance engineer at Standard quite well, and in Anuary 1946, Tony became apprenticed to the now re-named Standard-Triumph

Early Triumph Testing

1949 saw Tony back in the engineering department and continuing his apprentice-ship. He was basically involved in all around engineering work, testing components such as shocks, fan belts, water pumps and oll filters. Tony recalled the two favorite words used when speaking to apprentices, nip and whip, as in "nip over there and whip that thing out"or being asked to create a shock absorber testing rig using "that sheet of metal over there"! Tony started performance testing on the first post-war Triumph, the intriguingly styled 1800. He progressed into road testing and worked with John Lloyd, who was experimental shop manager until 1959 when Tony took over the post. They spent much of their time working at M.I.R.A., devising performance tests

The British Motor Industry needed a vehicle testing area and chose to buy an old wartime airfield near Nuneaton, just down the road from Coventry. They equipped it with a banked track and various road sur-faces, and called it the Motor Industry Research Association facility. For example, one of Triumph's worse areas of body and chassis fallure was on the notorious Bel-gium (cobbled stone) pavé. To test for ma-jor failures, they faithfully reproduced this pavé at M.I.R.A., using thousands of 4 inch granite blocks that were very durable and also considerably varied in height. Ken Richardson drove and drove the test TRs on this surface for hours, often at speeds over 100 mph. If a car could run through a thousand miles of this test at 30 mph, without major structural failure, it passed this test! Another time they had to run the stricter California maintenance standards on two TR8s. After 120,000 miles, Tony would strip the cars down, then check part conditions and compare them with 1000 miles on the pavé. No comparison, he said!

Another testing concern was dust entry into cars, so they filled an old wartime half-round aircraft hangar (called a Nissen hut, and very familiar to ex-USAF personnel) with China clay (of talcum powder consistency). Triumphs were then driven through the hut at various speeds, with car doors and windows tightly closed, to ascertain if the seals were efficient

Some of the Key Players

In the early 1950s, Sir John Black, the Managing Director of Standard Triumph, failed to take over Morgan and was fed up with the success of the Abingdon MG TD and the Coventry Jaguar. He then decided that it was time for Triumph to enjoy its share of the glory. It was easy for him to push employees towards taking a share in the sports car market since he had a tremendous influence on what happened within the company due to its small size. He spent a great deal of time strolling on the shop floor chatting with the workers, and even more time in engineering, where Walter Belgrove was the chief stylist, and Harry Webster was Director of Engineering.

One evening, Tony and Harry were working a late shift, and at 1 am, Harry told Tony to grab a car and go down to get dinner from the canteen. He went over to the experi-mental division, saw a car, jumped into it, started it up, where it fired and promptly stopped. He lifted the bonnet, saw the engine on fire and no carburetor, inlet or exhaust manifold, just a petrol pipe sticking out ready to be bolted into the carburetor. He put the fire out and continued to the canteen. (Apparently enough gas had squirted into an intake port to enable the engine to fire!) The end of another typical day with Harry Webster!

TR2 & TR3 Stories

Tony feels that the concept for the TR2 began in 1950-'51 when Ken Rawlings drove into the Experimental shop and built "Buttercup", his special-built, bright yellow Stan-dard-chassied car with a Massey Ferguson tractor engine. A light bulb clicked on and there was born the idea for separate chassis and body design areas. Instead of put-ting everything together at once, the engineers would sort out the "bird cages" (chassis and running gear) before the body was ready to go on. The old way of designing starting with the frame, required the tin smiths and steel workers to build the chassis frame, then the engineers to come in and run torsion tests, then back to the chassis, etc.

While Triumph was development oriented, BMC was mileage oriented. TR never kept development cars, they simply chopped them up and used them for the next project, unlike MG who kept their "hallowed vehicles". Triumph worked to a very constrained budget, which is well documented in the origin of the TR2. With hun-dreds of Flying Nine chassis frames in existence, there was a great interest to use as many existing Triumph parts as possible and to keep costing to a new low. Although these were the times that brought Triumph into the competitive sports car market, Triumph enthusiasts today still mourn the loss of many one-off prototypes now destroyed.

Tony worked with what is now called the TR3 Beta, of which only two prototypes were built. This car was built between the TR3A and TR4, on a TR4 chassis with TR3 components, as a safety measure in case they couldn't get the TR4 body together. One of the test runs found Tony a passenger to Ken Richardson, who from 1952-'61, was unofficial competitions' manager at umph. Ken had been a test driver with the B.R.M. Racing team and was a very talented racing driver. He was part of the team re-

ponsible for reworking the TR2 from the Triumph Sports prototype in just five months! He later went on to gain fame as a renowned rallydriver, leading Triumph TR3s to victory in such classic events as the Rallye des Alpes and the Tulip Rallye. It was this competition success that led to the TR3 being the first mass produced car to use disc brakes Obviously an excellent driver, Ken liked to ride on someone's tail, pushing them hard. This time, he was following an Alpine Sunbeam on winding roads and pushed him till the Alpine slid really wide on a corner. When the driver finally regained control, Ken was still one foot off his bumper, and smirking wildly... Another legend about Ken concerns his great disregard for "stop" signs. He felt that since most of the time there would be nobody else at the T intersection, it was a waste of time to stop (his passengers did not echo this belief)

On Michelotti & the TR7

Legendary designer Giovanni Michelotti could produce an idea or shape in his mind in no time at all, and excelled at clay styling. He submitted one of the 3 styling versions of the car that was to follow the TR6, and Tony was sent down to Turin to take a look at this yellow car they called "Bullet". This Michelotti design was not chosen, and the TR7 became the now famous wedge-shape, designed by Harris Mann at Longbridge.

The TR7 convertible had an interesting birth. After the creation of TR7 in coupe form as originally planned, they removed the top to see what the car would look like (since, for some reason, roof intrusion regulations didn't apply to a soft top). Tony's second visit to Turin was to collect the 2nd TR7 Miko design, a British racing green convertible made from a hard top model with the top chopped off and refined. They used to move a lot of their pre-production





Today in the United States

What surprised Tony so much on his trip to the U.S. was the enthusiasm he saw here over the Triumph marque. He had had no concept of people's enthusiasm and dedication so long after the cars were new! After spending his life at Triumph, working so many years with these cars, he found it thrilling and heartening to see people loving and cherishing the cars he has put so

ar? He sees the need for the archetypal British sports car with modern aerodyr les and fuel economy. After all, look at the advertising campaign for the popular Mazda Miata. The ads stress the car as being similar to the Triumph and MG but without the nearly legendary difficulties. When BL can join together the best of the past with the ressities of today, that's when we'll see another sports car in the Triumph genre.

> Left: Tony Lee (left) and passenger test the camoflauged TR7 at the infamous Welsh hill climb. Note the gravelled grade into the valley. Below left: A rare view of Walter Belgrove's personally designed TRX prototype which was to replace the 1800/ 2000 Roadster, then cancelled in favor of a more marketable sporting car. Two out of three remain to this day.

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cars around quite illegally, since all touring documents specified no changes would be done to the car while in Italy. This time Tony drove the car through Italy in a winter storm with all the windows down in an effort to get the smell of new paint out of the car before passing through customs.

Welsh mountains. On a 20% grade, the cars were thrashed up and down on loose gravel. Tony said if you could climb the hill in first gear, then the car had enough power, and if you could get down without crashing, past the tight hairpin, your brakes were deemed sufficient! Note the wooden slats added to foll the competitor's spying cameras!

much of his life into. The Future What is the future of the Triumph sports



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o we enter another year, another season, and one which (if current indications are anything to go by) is rather uncertain at best. The downturn in the economy, the changes taking place in the world at large... nothing is for certain any more it seems, except the overwhelming accepted premise that all will work out in the end!

Two things are for certain, however. One is our love of British cars, and the fellowship and mutual help that goes with ownership of a Tri-

umph, a Healey or MG. The other is that whatever happens, we at Moss Motors will be there right behind you, supplying that elusive part or information you sometimes need to fully enjoy driving or restoring

your British classic, no matter what is happening outside in the real world!

Our policy of supporting British car clubs, their meetings and events, no mat-ter how large or how small, will certainly continue throughout 1992. All you have to do for your part is to let us have details of your club, your officers, where you meet and we will disseminate such information to the many people who ask us to find them a club. Some-

times this works in strange ways! There is the owner who called and said, "I wish to join a club. Which is the nearest one to me?" Upon asking where he lived, I was told he resided at (and here

we've changed the information!) 10856 Longbridge Street, Anytown. I didn't even need to look at the Moss Motors' club database for this one! The local secretary of the Club the fellow was seeking lives at 10359 Longbridge Street. They'd never met, or even seen each other driving their classic down the street, although they owned the same model of car on the same block!

So, if you want to know where your local club is, then write to us, and we'll try and help you get into the exciting and rewarding world of British car clubs. Some of the rewards are meeting a nice bunch of people, enjoying a wide range of related club activities and gaining, in many cases,



Above: Some wearing their commemorative event T-shirts, from

for every make of British car you can imag ine-from the diminutive Berkeley and Metropolitan, to the huge national organiza-tions for the Healeys, Triumphs and MGs. If you are not a member of a club, try it, you'll love it! You'll most likely find that it will add enormously to the enjoyment of your classic British sports car.

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Many of the clubs produce superb club

magazines and newsletters and for the past two years we have run the Moss Motoring Journalism awards matter how large or how to acknowledge the hard work put into, and the quality of continue throughout 1992. club publications However, for the

coming year we have decided to put the MOJAs (as they became known) on hold, and we will not berunning them until further notice. There are several reasons for this decision, not least the tremendous upsurge in desktop publishing techniques which has seen some of the best newsletters we've ever looked at come into this office. Since all clubs do not have this facility we need to re-evaluate how the awards are judged and categorized, in regard to numbers

They'd never met, or even of members and resources, the various seen each other driving formats employed their classic down the and how much prostreet, although they fessional input (if owned the same model of any) the magazine enjoys. We hope to revitalize this concar on the same block! test soon and we will keep you in-

formed. In the meantime, we'd appreciate that editors please keep sending copies of your club newsletters to us here at Moss! We enjoy receiving them and we do read every one! They are then filed in the Moss archives for future posterity, not recycled. If you would like us to consider advertis-ing in your club publication, please send us a copy with the rates and we'll do our best to assist you.

Our Club Donation Support program will be another certainty for the coming year, and I'll take the opportunity to re state the ground rules once again. Please write or fax us if your club is holding an event, a picnic, or a rallye. We'll try to send



out a few door prizes, one of our original (but often cop-ied) 10% discount/free shipping vouchers for every par-ticipant, and "Do Not Touch" cards for auto displays. However, you must write to us at least 6 weeks in advance, giv-ing the name, date, place and numbers expected. We will then try to list the event in Moss Motoring to maximize your attendance. We cannot stress enough the importance of early notification to us here at Moss of your meeting. We cannot act upon even a week's notice, especially when our Club&Event staff is away from the office with the Moss Road Show during the summer! Get your request in as early as possible so we can support you to the utmost.

A couple of final points on Club Support: our current policy precludes cash donations to your events except in very exceptional circumstances. Our donations take the form of parts and accessories suitable for the event you've outlined, plus advertising in your program where applicable. We do not accept solicitations from individuals, only from recognized clubs, on club letterhead where possible, and of course you can always fax us!

Finally, on to what we call the Moss Road Show 1992. I thought I would draw your attention to a few of the biggies this coming summer! Want to see myriads of MGs all together? Toronto in July is the place to be. MG Canada '92 promises to be the largest-ever gathering of MGs in North Americal Want to see hundreds of Healeys in a superb mountain setting? Make your way to Breckenridge, Colorado for the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Big Healeys. Totally Triumph would find you at the huge Vintage Triumph Register get-to-gether in Savannah, GA, or the Triumph legister of America meet in Ohio. Find

Photo, top right: Diane Ramras owns this 1950 YT Tourer at the March '91 All British Show in Phoenix, AZ. Right: Peter Hague's 1931 MG 18/80 seen at the September '91 Triple M Raid in Farmington, CT. Note the optional touring box for luggage



details in our events calendar on the opposing page. Of course I mustn't omit men-tion of our own All British "Britfest" at our Moss New Jersey facility on April 11th, or our tremendously successful MG, Triumph, and Austin-Healey Marque days at our Goleta headquarters. If you're not sure what goes on at Moss marque days, turn to page 1 for details!

So in an uncertain world, these meetings are (almost) certain, and we have a lot to look forward to in the summer of '92! Enjoy! Rest assured we are with you one hundred per cent!



Panamericana, continued from cover

pletely different approach: telescopic shock absorbers with coil-over springs, both adjustable. Since the tests that Moss Motors had run on this kit were so encouraging, so we decided to try it.

By the end of September, our car was eady just in time for tuning and to run some tests, before the race started by the end of October.

Very early in the morning of October 25th, the first car started the race. With 30 seconds between cars, the rest of the cars started, until our time came and we started in 76th place, just behind an Alfa Romeo Sprint. As in past years, the best cars in our category were the Porsches and the Alfas; nobody thought our MGA had a chance, which made things easier for us.

The first day of the race took place along very curved roads in the south of the country. As we expected, parts of the pavement were in very bad shape and our suspension worked not only very well, but gave me more confidence to push the car ever harder over rough and treacherous terrain. By the end of the first day of the race, we had advanced 32 places in the class, which surprised many of the competitors, Nevertheless, Luis Joaquin (my navigator) and I weren't very satisfied with the results of the first day, because we had some trouble with the navigation instruments which made us lose valuable time.

By the end of the second day, we arrived in Mexico City where a big reception was waiting for us in the main square. Again, we moved 11 places up to reach 33rd place. From there, roads were straighter and in better shape, so speeds went up, which seemed good for us. In the long straight roads of the northern part of the country we took advantage of our long differential and reached 138 mph at 7100 rpm!

Amazingly, at this speed our car was incredibly stable and predictable. The effects over our classification didn't wait, and by the end of the fourth day of the race we reached 19th place in general and 8th in our class. The results were excellent! We had beaten most of the Porsches and Alfas in our class, as well as many of the Fords and Chevrolets with bigger engines.

Sadly enough, in the last day of the race, the oil pressure went down progressively until it reached zero psi. Just 80 miles from the finish line! It represented a big effort for our team, as well as the frustration we felt finishing this way, so near to the finish line. One year is a lot of time to wait, but maybe in 1992 we can have our day of glory.

(Look forward to more stories and photos of Moss vintage racers in future issues of the Moss Motoring.)

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1992 British Sports Car Events Calendar

n the interest of British sports car owners throughout the country, we publish major British car events in our quarterly events calendar. If you would like to list an event in the *Moss Motoring*, please send a short description, including date and telephone number. We will list as many events as possible in our available space. Send your entries, attention: Moss Motoring Events Calendar, 400 Rutherford Street, Goleta, CA 93117. Our next deadline closes April 1, 1992. Note: Events and dates are submitted by club members. Moss Motors, Ltd. can not be held responsible for accuracy. (So please confirm all events by telephone before travelling.)

April 10-12 Bluegrass AHCA "Spring Thing", Louisville, KY - Craig Palmer

Louisville, KY – Craig Palmer (502) 887-5770 April 11 Moss Motors & Central Jersey MG Car Cldb Britest 32, Moss Motors, Dover, NJ– Elliot Ganek (201) 376-8116 or Moss Motors (201) 361-8358

- April 24-26 GOF South, St. Augustine, Fl Jim Hall (904) 282-1658
- April 24-26 South Central VTR Regional, Lago Vista, TX Bob Kramer (512) 834-8654
- May 1-3 MG Motorists Group New York Rally, Rochester, NY (607) 988-7956
- May 2 5th Annual British Car Gathering, Maryville, TN Carolyn Henriksen
- (615) 984-8711 May 3 15th Annual British Swap Meet & Car Show, Richfield, OH - Ann Huston (216) 325-2192

March 8 All British Car Show, Phoenix, AZ – Mike Temple (602) 230-2307 CA – Ron Gates (817) 634,1655 CA - Ron Gates (817) 634-1655

- May 16 9th Annual British Motor Car Day, Braselton, GA (404) 938-9072 eves.
- May 16 (or 30) N. Shelby Sports Car Sh Alabaster, AL Alan (205) 663-9299
- May 31 Early Summer MG Picnic, Grand Rap-ids, MI John Twist (616) 245-2141
- June 5-7 Gold Coast Classic, San Luis Obispo, CA-British Car Magazine (818) 710-1234 e 6-7 40th Annual Rallye, Glenwood Springs. CO_Ernie Brown (303) 279-8449
- June 6 Moss Motors' MG Marque Day, Goleta,
- CA Ask a sales advisor for details, (800) 235-6954
- 18-21 TRA Nat'l Meeting, Salt Fork State Park, Cambridge, OH Bruce Clough (513) 294-3792

June 25-28 Ohio Vintage Races, Mid Ohio Race-way – Tom Householder (614) 653-1686

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a Carrera Panamericana, in its new version, is one of the toughest endurance tests in the world for vintage cars. In its beginning, from 1950 to 1954, the La Carrera Panamericana route used to cross all Mexico, from the Guatemala frontier to the U.S.A. border.

In its current form, the race has a length of about 2000 miles that must be covered in 5 days. The classification tests were carried out on the route and were sub-divided into : 1.-Special Stages: These could not exceed 35 miles in length and were timed on totally closed sections of the highway. 2.- Limited Stages: These were held on the open highway and couldn't exceed 120 miles in length with no penalty for early arrival, average 55 mph. 3.- Transfer Stages: These were normally around urban areas and other areas where a high average speed could not be guaranteed. The required average was normally modest; the traffic norms had to be respected.

La Carrera is divided into four categories: Turismo Libre, where all (OHV) V8powered touring cars enter, eg., Ford, GM, Chrysler, Studebaker, ect. Turismo de Production, for 4 and 6 cylinders. Touring cars including Alfa Romeo 1900 TI, Hudson, VW, Ford, GM and Chrysler 6 cylinder models. Sport Mayor is for sports cars over 2000cc like Jaguar XK120-140, "C" and "D" types. Austin-Healey 100-6, Corvette, Ferrari, Mercedes 300 SL, etc. Sport Menor (our class) is reserved for sports cars under 2000cc including Alfa Romeo, Porsche 356. Morgan, MGTF, MGA, etc. This event is only for those cars made between 1950 and the first years of the sixtles

Moved by La Carrera Panamericana's new rules, which now allowed us to enter an MGA, we decided to build up a car just for this event. Our concern was to make a very competitive and reliable car able to survive an event as demanding as this one. We elected on a 1960 MGA coupe. As the

rules in our class allowed motors of the same brand and up to 2 liters, we naturally chose an MGB race engine with 5 main bearings and with 1865 c.c. and over 130 H.P.. The rest of the car components were "uprated items"

In spite of MGAs having good race potential, our main worry was the front suspenslon. The race takes place through interstate roads and these, in most cases, aren't in very good shape. Adding that in the last two years it has rained a lot in Mexico, it is easy to understand our interest in substantially improving the front suspension. Unfortunately, heavy duty shock absorbers and a stiff anti-sway bar seemed our only option

However, when we consulted Chris Nowlan from Moss Motors, he offered us a more radical solution called the Dynamic Suspension Kit, which consisted of a com-

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