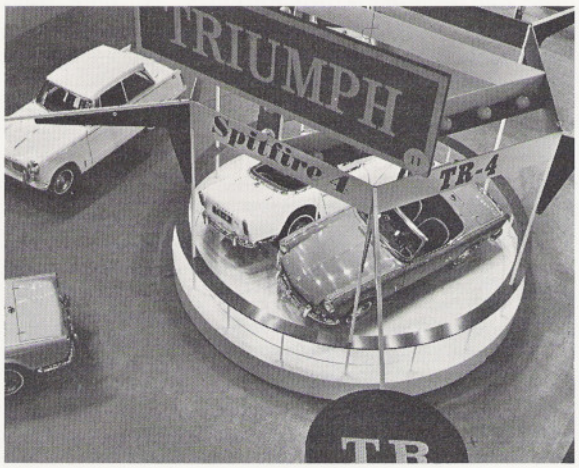
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Star Attractions at the N. Y. Auto Show



Center-piece of the Triumph exhibit



Marjorie Graner

Standard-Triumph seem to be making a habit of having one of the better exhibits—and some of the prettiest girls—at the important New York Auto Show. And this year—7th consecutive year of the Show—was no exception.

The center-piece of the Triumph exhibit was a strikingly-designed display-piece, complete with revolving turntable, upon which were set two immaculately prepared cars—a red Spitfire, and a white TR-4 roadster.

Strategically grouped around the center-piece was the entire line of Triumph automobiles. And occupying a special place of honor, on its own stand, was TR-4 hardtop number 38—one of the race-scarred team of three Sebring cars.

But what about the girls . . . Well, all we can say is that whoever is responsible at Standard-Triumph for the selection of models for the Show, has a keenly appreciative eye for beauty and charm. (And a pretty interesting job, to boot).

Take the lovely blonde, Marjorie Graner . . . (that's **not** an invitation). Marjorie, at the tender age of . . . *promises, promises, promises* . . . well, she's a talented, successful movie and television starlet, destined, we'll wager, to achieve whatever giddy heights of stardom she decides to set her big blue eyes on.

On the final Sunday, just before the Show opened, Marjorie posed specially in her **(wow!)** bikini, for the benefit (?) of TSOA members everywhere.

(Note to TSOA, Coventry, England: We regret Marjorie is not for export—except on film and/or video tape, of course).

And then there was Yvonne Clark, a beautiful, charming and gracious brunette. Yvonne, by golly, has an ------year-old son . . . *promises, promises, promises* . . . In the photo, she's covering her face because she wasn't happy about her make-up. And you may well ask—what the heck for!

So, *(I can just hear you saying to yourself)*, personalities, (Peter Ustinov was there, among others), pretty girls, sports cars—boy! these auto shows must be **real** hard work. *(This, dripping with sarcasm, of course)*.

Well, they are; and it was. That's if you have the kind of cars on show that attract as much attention, and generate as much excitement, as the Triumph line does. Which is a plug—let's face it.

Yvonne Clark



COMPETITION NOTES



The results of the Shamrock Gymkhana, held March 17th, in Denver, Colorado, were interesting. There were 3 Classes —Class 1 (0-1299 cc) was won by Ray Wall driving a Spitfire. Class 2 (1300-2000 cc) was won by Elvin Kronquist driving a TR-3. And Class 3 (over 2000 cc) was won by Dick Allen driving a (you guessed it . . .) TR-4.



Lanny Thiele and team-mate Bill Fornwalt, Jr., both from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, took their TR-4's to the Driver's School and Sprint Races, held at Marlboro, March 1-3. In event #1, for D and F Production cars, they finished 1st and 2nd in Class, and overall. Here's Lanny at speed — maybe a future Class D National Champion . . . ?

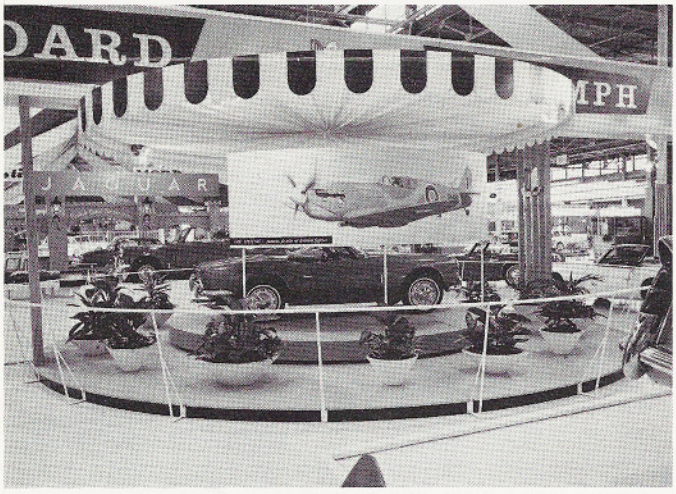
STANDARD-TRIUMPH'S RACING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM for '63 is well under way. To date, a couple of dozen drivers have received expense payment checks from the company. *(And did you read about that other outfit getting into the act . . .)*

Just to reiterate: the Program applies only to SCCA National and Divisional Championship Races, plus selected ICNSCC Races—not Regionals, Driver's Schools, etc. If you race a TR-4, TR-3, or Spitfire in these events, and are one of the first three TRIUMPHS to finish, let the Competition Department know. And let them know the names and addresses of the other two TRIUMPH drivers.

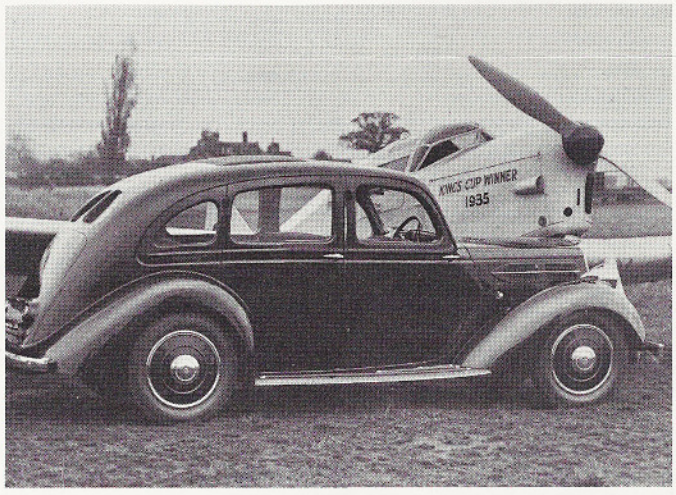
Unless the Competition Department receives accurate results of each race, there are going to be some deserving Triumph competitors missing out on expense payments.

SPITFIRE COMPETITION OPTIONS so far approved by the SCCA are an Oil Cooler (Part #V 178, $122.00), and Wide-Base Wheels (Part # V 177, $10.62 each). Also approved is a Rear Camber Compensator (Part #V 170), which is at present undergoing final testing, and will be available shortly.

A 'hotter' camshaft is being developed, and as this is based on the stock cam, this will be quite legal for SCCA events. As further options are added to the list, details will be published in the TSOA Newsletter, and a Competition Bulletin will be sent to all drivers on the mailing list. If you would care to have your name added to this list, please write to: Competition Department, Standard-Triumph Motor Company, Inc., 575 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

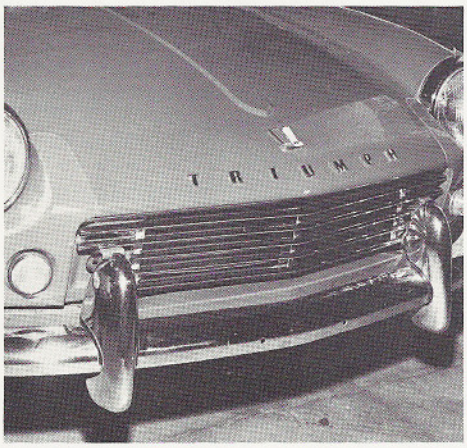


Standard-Triumph (Canada) Ltd. displayed the new Spitfire at the recent Canadian National Sportsmen's Show in Toronto. Dominating the exhibit was a huge blow-up of 'The Spitfire—famous Battle of Britain fighter'. However, nothing is original (as someone once said) for . . .



from Standard-Triumph, Coventry, England, came this photo. The car is a 1936 Standard Flying 20, which was introduced at the 1935 London Motor Show. The car's 6 cylinder 2664 cc engine gave it a top speed of over 72 mph. And the aircraft . . .? It's a Percival Speed 6.

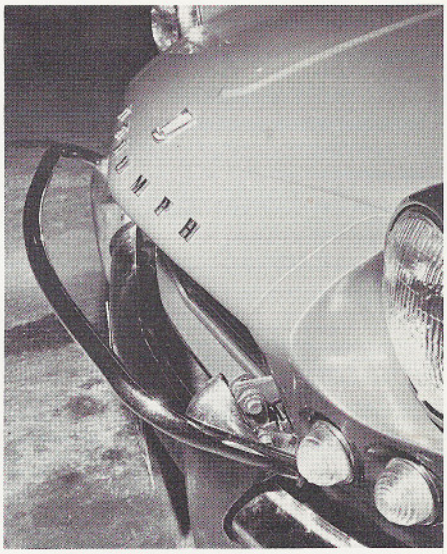
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Vista Grille



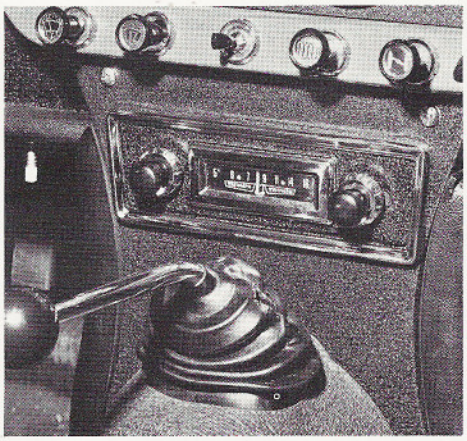
Rear Bumper Guard



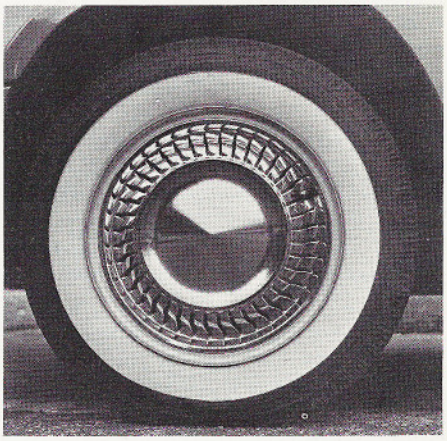
Front Bumper Guard

Standard-Triumph sent us a list of accessories they have available for the new Triumph Spitfire. Your local Triumph Dealer can supply.

Part #		Suggested List
V 042	Triumph Bendix Radio	
V 169	Spitfire Adaptor Kit	$57.50
V 037	Antenna	
V 036	Air-Flow Wheel Covers (set of 4)	12.95
V 185	Rear Bumper Guard	15.95
V 338	Front Bumper Guard	17.95
V 339	Vista Grille	29.95
V 044	Cigarette Lighter	4.80
V 186	Luggage Rack	27.55
V 045	Seat Belts (Type 100)	8.90
134654/CP	Chrome Plated Rocker Cover	6.25



Triumph Bendix Radio



Air-Flow Wheel Covers

TSOA MAILBOX

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3132 Joyce Dr.
Orlando, Fla.
28 March 1963

Dear Sir:

I thought you might be interested in a trip I just completed in my '58 TR-3 #TS31183L. I drove from Orlando, Florida to Merced, California and return. The TR ran fine on the trip out in February and on the return trip last week I only had two malfunctions. An American thermostat (use not recommended by you) stuck closed and my fan belt broke but I think I had it too tight.

In the total of 7,000 miles driven I attained 31mpg (no overdrive) and only used 2 quarts of oil. The engine on the car has never been apart.

It was a joy to drive the TR this distance and comfortable as proven by the fact I drove 740 miles in one day. One thing I would like to have had was a list of the Triumph dealers in the United States.

Yours truly,

MAJOR E. J. ALBERS

P.S. I will furnish a photo if desired.

SPRING CLEANING

Here are a few Triumph spring cleaning tips taken from the TSOA Handbook...

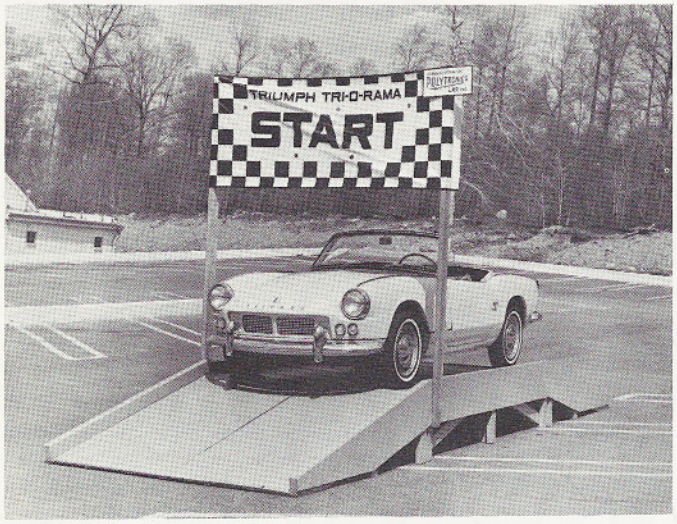
Drain the anti-freeze and flush the cooling system with cold water. Change back to your summer thermostat. You'll have some unwelcome heat in the TR-3 cockpit unless you shut off the heater valve on the cylinder head.

Clean the plugs and points — replace if indicated. Test compression and consider a valve grind if pressures vary more than a few pounds. Check the brake linings, particularly the inner pads on the front discs.

Man the vacuum! Take up the floor mats, carpets, and vacuum away the winter's accumulation of grit and gravel. Carpets need a good brushing or possibly dry cleaning. Always wax the car, and go over the leather with saddle soap.

If you have an overheating problem, this may be caused by improper point adjustment, bad timing, loose head bolts, too lean a mixture, sludge in cooling system, loose fan belt, defective thermostat... ***or no water in the radiator!***

TRI-O-RAMA



TSOA has received a progress report on the TRI-O-RAMA from Jack Griffee, Chairman of the Event, along with the above photo. This shows the special Monte Carlo-type starting ramp—possibly the first in this country—which has been built for the TRI-O-RAMA by the organizing club, the Triumph Sports Car Club of New Jersey.

Just to refresh your memories—the Triumph TRI-O-RAMA is to be held on the weekend of June 21-23. Headquarters for the event will be the Club 300 on Route 17, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. TRI-O-RAMA includes everything from rallies, to technical sessions, to a full-fledged concours d'elegance—plus all the 'goodies' of a real sociable weekend.

The Standard-Triumph Motor Company, Inc. is actively participating. A representative of the company will be on the distinguished panel of judges for the concours. Other judges include David E. Davis, Editor of CAR & DRIVER magazine, and L. Scott Bailey, Editor and Publisher of AUTOMOBILE QUARTERLY.

A 'tell-it-to-Triumph' gripe session, with Triumph service personnel in attendance, will highlight the planned technical sessions.

Chairman Jack Griffee reports that early entry forms have begun to roll in, including entries from Canada, Illinois, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

For more information, the schedule and prices, contact Jack at 108 Ricker Road, Kinnelon, New Jersey.

JERSEY "500" NATIONAL RALLY

The Northern New Jersey Region of the SCCA is again presenting the annual Jersey "500" Rally, July 11 through 14. Participants will again be provided the traditional challenge of the "500", as well as the excellent accomodations and interesting atmosphere of the Princeton Inn, Princeton, New Jersey. Registration and safety inspection on Thursday evening, July 11. More information? Write to: John MacQuaide, 152 Lincoln Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey.

If your club has an important event coming up, and you'd like details published in the TSOA Newsletter, send the information along. **BUT** — we must have at least two (2) months notice. Okay?

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1962 TR-4 Black, red upholstery, wire wheels, white top and tonneau, whitewalls, transistor ignition, windscreen washers, undercoated, wood rim steering wheel. 5,500 miles—perfect condition. $2,500. No Trades. Contact: R. K. MacDowall, 8 Larchmont Road, Owego, N. Y.

FOR SALE: For TR-3—new competition front springs, new Armstrong front shocks, white soft top, 5 used whitewall tires, set of stock hub caps, tinted sun visor, new badge bar, set of 1991 cc pistons, liners, etc., used 19,000 miles. Contact: William C. Everard, 18775 Greenwald Drive, Southfield, Michigan.

FOR SALE: 1959 TR-3 Black, black hardtop, white softop, black side curtains, black tonneau cover. Custom rear jump seat, and Motorola radio. Very clean. Contact: John Frederick, 3 Moison Avenue, Methuen, Mass.

PLEASE ADVISE what you'll pay for a rolled TR-3, with 12,000 miles, purchased in 1958. Body is a total wreck. Motor, frame, tires, etc. in good condition. OR if you have a TR-3 body, please advise price required. Contact: Robert L. Levenson, P.O. Box 112, Wheeling, West Virginia.

FOR SALE: TR-3 or 3A Black tonneau cover. $20.00. Contact: Chet Vogel, 120 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, N. Y. 'Phone 914 NE 3-6260.

FOR SALE: New TR-3 Threshold plates. Highly polished aluminum, complete with self-tapping screws. $3.00 per set. Contact: Paul Walker, 7711 Bristow Drive, Annandale, Virginia.

FOR SALE: Factory hardtop for TR-3, painted black, lined in white leather. $100.00. White tonneau cover for TR-3. $15.00. Contact: Thomas Gotard, 80-71 Shore Parkway, Howard Beach 14, N. Y. 'Phone VI 8-8731.

FOR SALE: For TR-3, tonneau cover—$25.00. Boot cover—$5.00. Both practically new. Wind wings—$5.00. TR-3 Shop Manual—$5.00. Contact: John B. Branam, 611 Hillcrest Drive, Ballatin, Tenn.

WANTED: Used windshield and frame, door glasses and softop for TR-4. Contact: Bill Sims, 4345 Overlook Drive, Birmingham, Alabama.

WANTED: One pair of wind wings. Contact: William J. Dichtel, 10101 Towhee Avenue, Adelphi, Maryland.

WANTED: Right rear fender for 1959 TR-3A. Contact: Kenneth Moody, 6348 Sterling Drive, Newport, Michigan.

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TSOA Handbook	$1.00
"Please Don't Dent Me" cards	$1.00/100
Local TSOA Club "Calling Cards"	FREE
List of Triumph Dealers and Distributors	FREE
STAA Badge	$1.50
Replacement TSOA Badge	$1.00
Standard Triumph Review Subscription	$2.50/year
Competition Preparation Booklet	$1.00

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