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TRIUMPH RALLY OF EUROPE -

The 1958 version of the Triumph Rally of Europe is going like a house afire. The California plane is completely booked and the New York plane is almost full. It appears to be only a matter of days before all seats are sold, so if you don't want to miss some 3500 miles of wonderful driving through France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland and England, make your reservations immediately. This is the chance of a lifetime to see Europe at very low cost and take advantage of the Triumph overseas delivery price.

CAR BADGES AND SERVICE MANUALS -

Unfortunately, our entire supply of badges and manuals was depleted for over a month. However, we now have a new stock on hand and they are going out just as fast as possible.

LIEGE - ROME - LIEGE -

The Liege-Rome-Liege is considered the toughest test of car and driver in Europe - and there's three thousand miles of it, from Belgium through Germany, right across Austria into Italy, then on to Yugoslavia and back again to Italy to the worst passes in the Dolomites. As if that's not enough, the cars then go into France and ascend 25 Alpine passes before returning to the finish in Belgium. Altogether this gruelling trial lasts for more than 90 hours with only the briefest stops for fuel and food - and none for sleep. Add to this the high average speed of 50 k.p.h. for the special sections (driving at night from a standing start from the bottom of an Alp to the other side) and you can realize that this is more of a race than a rally.

Triumphs have a fine record in this great event. The first entry in 1955 took 5th, 6th and 7th places in general classification and the first three in the 2 litre category. The leading car recorded the best performance ever by a British car and driver. In 1956, a Triumph took 5th place once again. This year, Triumph took 3rd place (highest placed British car) and 5th and 9th places in this classification. Triumphs also took 2nd, 3rd and 5th places in the 1300-2000 c.c. class and collected 1st place in the competition for the manufacturers team prize. More impressively, the only cars to finish ahead of the first Triumph were a Porsche Carrera Speedster and a Mercedes Benz 300SL - and take a look at their price tags some time!

CONSTRUCTION KITS -

We have about 40 Triumph model construction kits available which



It's A Triumph!



will make wonderful Christmas presents. The finished models are exact miniature duplicates of the TR-3 and even have an electric motor which shoots them around in both forward and reverse. There are only 40 kits available so orders will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. The price is \$5.50 postpaid.

Local Tsoa Organizations Forming -

There is widespread interest in forming local TSOA groups throughout the country. Here are a few of them which you may want to join: New Jersey - John Griffie, 94 Sanford Road, Emerson, N.J., Colfax 2-0961; New York - Spencer Lane, 525 West 236th Street, Bronx 63, Kingsbridge 3-0301; Detroit - Henry Budesky, 14910 Lesure, Detroit 27. If you are not in the vicinity of any of these men and want to get together with other Triumph owners in your vicinity, let us know.

For Sale, Exchange and Wanted -

The British TSOA publication has been carrying a column of this kind which has proved very popular. So we are taking the liberty of copying them and seeing how it works out here. If you have any TR accessory to sell or exchange, this is the place to swap, buy or sell. Make your requests as brief as possible and we will try to include them. Remember, we are not responsible for quality, condition or price! Here are a couple of examples:

SALE - Little used fawn soft top and side screens for TR-2, \$50.00. John Doe, 19 White Road, Dallas, Texas

WANTED - Steel hardtop, color immaterial but white preferred. Jack Smith, 20 Blank Avenue, Croton, New York

(these are only examples - not real insertions)

Handbook Supplements -

We now have supplements 17 and 18 for the TSOA Handbook. If your handbook does not contain these, drop us a line and we'll send them on to you. Most of the handbooks sent out in the last few months included these new pages.

STOP PRESS -

Seven cars are to be entered by The Standard Motor Company Ltd., for the next Monte Carlo Rally - four Triumph TR-3's and three sedans. The Triumph TR-3 team will be: John Waddington and Michael Wood, Maurice Gatsonides and Marcel Becquart, Paddy Hopkirk and J. Struthers Scott, and Annie Soisbault and Patricia Ozanne.

All of these drivers have driven for the Standard official team before except Mlle. Soisbault, who following her success in the Tour de France has been signed for the whole season. She is teamed with the British girl Patricia Ozanne who has great experience as a navigator in national and international events.

The cars will start from Paris.