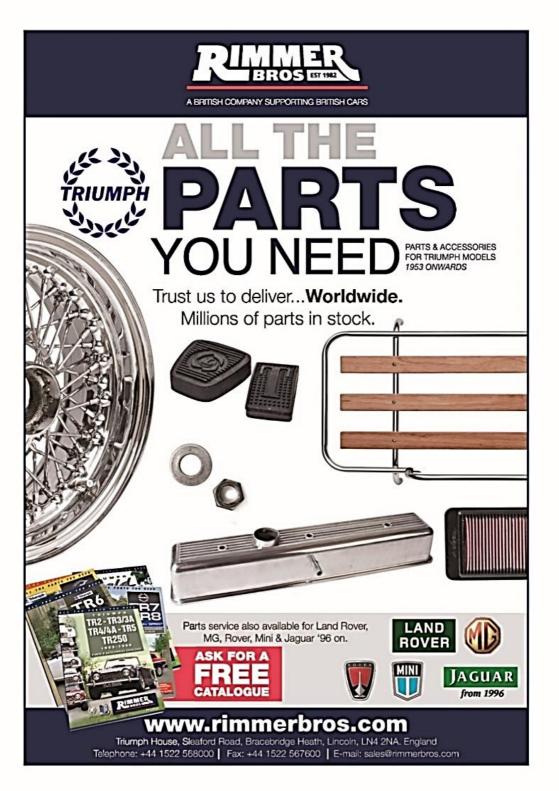




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# President's Report August

#### Greetings everyone

With the cancellation of our event at the Sydney Dragway due to lack of participants the committee would love to hear feedback from members as to the type of events they are keen to attend.

In the beginning, motorsport was the main interest for members (being much younger back then) however the focus has changed over the years. The Motorsport we offer is at a very safe level and having participated in the past I would recommend it to anyone keen to explore their capabilities. We are still looking at ways to have a 'Driver Training' event so please give it some thought and chat to any committee member with your thoughts.



Lorraine Mooring

The social side of the club is still thriving with another Christmas in July lunch at The Carrington and while we didn't have the dining room to ourselves this year it was still a pleasant gathering.

Our up-coming 'Pinkstone Memorial Run' will take us through some lovely Central Cast roads and is a good outing to share with our Hunter Group members – please register if you haven't already done so.

August is a very full month with CSCA Round 4 on Saturday at SMSP followed by the Shannon's Display Day. Tickets for the Shannons Day are available from Bob Adby at the next meeting or register online.

Our Nationals Committee have been busy checking out the facilities in Port Stephens in preparation for the NSW TSOA Nationals in 2025. If you haven't been to a National Meeting before this will be a great opportunity to attend in our own backyard. These are held in October so plan ahead to keep some holiday time free, exact dates will be advised at a later date.

Endeavour Energy are doing major repairs today and have cut my power from 8.00am to 4.00pm. This gave me the excuse to sit in the sun on my front porch to write this article and hope this beautiful weather will continue for all the events we have in store for August.

#### Cheers for now...... Lorraine

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# **Notice Board**

### All British Day and TSOA Concours Day The King's School, Sunday 17th September

....how good is your Triumphs looking?

Well, we are all back to the **All British Day at The King's School, Parramatta**. There has also been a wet weather alternate venue selected

so that should there be heavy rain and sodden grounds at King's in September (as there has been in the past) we will go to that alternate location. So, the day will go ahead no matter what, and that is good news.



The other good news is that our annual **TSOA Concours Event** will be held on this same day similar to what we have done in the past. It has



same day similar to what we have done in the past. It has been quite a challenge for your committee to find a free date for the Concourse in our busy event calendar, so having both events on the same day is good for everyone.

This means that Sunday 17 September should be a huge day for your club. In previous years we have had record member numbers attending when the All British and Concours events have been combined like this. This also mean that it is time to get your Triumphs out of the garage, to clean them to

within an inch of their lives and to get ready to show just how good our cars are!

This day will cater for everyone in that you can have your car ready to be judged in either the prestigious Concours or in the Everyday Classic Cars categories, or you can just show up and enjoy the great company of fellow club members while simply displaying your mighty Triumph. There will be food catering onsite or you can bring a picnic, it's up to you. There are some significant Triumph anniversaries in 2023 with members displaying their Dolly Sprints, Mk1 Saloons and TR2s. The Committee is looking forward to having great marque displays being organized by the individual marque representatives.

Remember it doesn't matter what condition your Triumph is in, whether it is under restoration, ongoing development, modified or standard we want to see you at Kings for the Concours and Display Day.

So I will say that I look forward to seeing you all there on the day. Vice President John Stokes

#### Marshals

As always, these events don't run on their own. So we need Marshals at the start of the day to assist direct cars to allocated areas. Or if you don't like the early start you could volunteer for the end of day clean up. Whichever you decide please let me know.

#### Visitors

There will be no charge for visitor's cars in the carpark

#### Activities

The All British Day will also have some food and coffee stalls onsite for the day. Rocker Cover Racing is still being discussed and I will provide further details about that once known. The double decker bus will be there once again, for rides around the site and also for transportation from the Visitor's car park.

#### Tickets

Tickets are now available and are \$10 per displayed car, these can be purchased online at the TSOA website and picked up at next following monthly TSOA general meeting, or posted out to you if you wish.

Those members who had previously purchased tickets and which are marked as 40th Anniversary (see below) are advised that those 'old' tickets are valid for 2023. You are still required to register for the event online however and to tick the box ... "I have an existing ticket from previous year (no payment required)"





We are all looking forward to this great club day, see you there ... Craig Sankey

1968 Triumph Vincent Hurricane

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# **Notice Board**

### 20 August, Sunday Shannons Sydney Classic Sydney Motorsport Park,

Celebrating:



Tickets are available from Bob Adby at \$25 per car. Members are required to register to attend at the website (R)

Payment: either cash to Bob or by direct banking transfer to Acc Name TSOA, BSB: 032-081, Acc No: 910909 Ref: 'Shannons'

Limited tickets available due to construction works at SMP

# **Membership**

**ersnip** Norbert Nieuwenhuizen Membership and Concessional Registration Officer



### **NEW MEMBERS**

It is a bit unusual however we have just 1 new member to welcome to TSOA this month ... the ever young **Leigh Larmour**.

Leigh is the member who guides us around Sydney each month with her very popular ... '*Coffee 'n' Cake .. with Leigh'* 

Norbert

### Coffee `n' Cake ... with Leigh 0417 849 658 / Larmour@tpg.com.au

### 28 June – VANILLA CREAM CAFÉ, ANNANGROVE



A great morning with TSOA friends for our monthly *Coffee* 'n' *Cake*, and yet another lovely venue for our chatty get together. Here at Vanilla Cream we had great coffee and much fun working out the names of the famous people appearing on the wallpaper.



### NEXT: 30 August from 10:00AM AT FRANKIES FOOD FACTORY, *FLOWERPOWER*, 277 MONA VALE ROAD, TERREY HILLS

PLEASE RSVP LEIGH BEFORE 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST TEXT: 0417 849 658 / EMAIL: <u>Larmour@tpg.com.au</u> PLEASE REGISTER VIA TSOA WEBSITE - <u>(R)</u> or https://www.tsoansw.org.au/register-for-an-event/

# **Motorsport Report**

#### Hello All,

It was deeply disappointing that it was necessary for us to cancel our round of the CSCA event at Sydney Dragway on the 9th of July because of the low number of entries we had received at the closing date. We required 40 entrants for Sydney Dragway to open the venue for us and we required 60 entries to reach a financial



breakeven point. At close of entries, we only had 28 entrants. Encouragingly 14 of those entrants were from TSOA. Thank you to the TSOA member who did enter. I am investigating an alternative for those interested parties- more on this later.

On a personal level I was competing at SMSP on the Saturday before our event in my Honda Integra Type R, and the plan was to compete in the Honda at Sydney Dragway on the Sunday. However, the Honda suffered some serious engine damage on the Saturday, so I was not going to be able to compete on the Sunday- the frustration of motor racing!

The next CSCA Event will be Round 4 at Sydney Motorsport Park on 19 August run by Club Lotus. At the time of writing this report there are 7 TSOA members who have entered. As this event will use the full SMSP track, Club Lotus requires 22 people to perform the flag marshal duties. If you can assist for even part of the day to fill one of these roles, please contact me and I will pass on the contact at Club Lotus. They will appreciate your support.

The remainder of the CSCA events for 2023 are-

- Rd 4- 19 August- SMSP GP (Club Lotus)
- Rd 5- 30 September- Pheasant Wood (MGCC Sydney)
- Rd 6- 22 October- SMSP North (Jaguar Drivers Club)

In other motorsport news some pleasing progress at two locations- Firstly at Circuit Italia, Raymond Terrace the bitumen surface of the track is well advanced with an expectation the venue will be operational before the end of 2023. The following photograph is vison of bitumen <u>actually</u> being laid at the track, this sure is a moral boosting sight.



Meanwhile at Wakefield Park Goulburn, the new owners there have started work on major earthworks to improve drainage and build noise attainment walls as part of the agreed works with the Council and local residents. 2024 could give us both circuits to utilise! Great news indeed.



Happy motoring, preferably on a track somewhere!

Philip Larmour

#### ..... from the editor



I had been saving this little titbit for inclusion in this edition of **TRead** which should have also had a lengthy motorsport report on our own Dragway event organised by Phil Larmour at Sydney Dragway. Alas this was not to be (per previous page), however I feel that this article is worth a 'read' anyway. And it would be interesting to speculate about just what might have happened had this car visited us out there at Eastern Creek ... ??

#### **Legendary Turbo V8 TR6 is a Drag Strip Demon** A massive 8.0-liter engine moves this small classic.



Elizabeth Puckett / www.motorious.com 29 April 2021

The TR6 is a special little car, while it isn't exactly known for its incredible horsepower or low quarter-mile times it is still a very popular piece. These cars are what are known as driver's cars, this means that while they aren't the fastest mean machine on four wheels, they are still really fun to drive. Some other examples of this kind of car would be the Mazda Miata, Subaru Brz, and the Honda S2000. These cars, just like the TR6, had very minimal horsepower but quickly became extremely popular with those 'in the know,' for their handling and downright fun driving experience.

However, this is still not good enough for some people, this is best exemplified by today's example.

This tiny particular British cruiser has been equipped with a fire-breathing V8 engine from Pontiac and is ready to destroy any competition that might come its way. Under the hood of this incredible car is a 488ci, 8-liter, Pontiac V8 with a 94mm turbocharger which pushes out crazy horsepower numbers. Mated to the engine is a 480L manual transmission which spins the drag tires wrapped around a set of Weld Racing Wheels.

With the upgraded throttle body, gigantic engine, and huge turbocharger this thing uses up a lot of fuel. That's why the trunk of the car has been fitted with 2-8.5 gallon fuel tanks. Another cool feature this car brings to the table is that it is street legal, this means that you could see this high-performance masterpiece zooming past you on the highway. After an ear-deafening burnout and some 'oohs' and 'ahs' from the crowd, the car can complete a quarter-mile pass in just 9.51 seconds.

The funniest thing about this car is that after it's done demolishing the competition it carries a trailer back to the garage. This is one of the coolest cars we've ever seen and we hope to see more cars like this in the future, the world needs more high horsepower drag strip destroyers like this one.

I borrowed the article from the May edition of TCCV's TRUMPET magazine which had in turn borrowed it from <u>www.motorious.com</u>. Obviously this is an American article using some old imperial measurements for the engine stats nevertheless the *'in just 9.51 seconds'* is instantly recognisable as *... fast. ed.* 



# **Social Report for July**

#### Geoff Batty email: <u>social@tsoansw.org.au</u> or text: 0428 242 597 or

I hope you are all making the most of this run of beautiful mid-winter sunshine and giving your Triumphs a good airing, I am really enjoying this years' winter weather after a couple of very wet winters. Once the sun comes up and burns off some of the frost, the days are perfect for getting out and about in cars built in England for our warmer climes.

So, thinking of England, a festive bunch of us braved the elements and headed up to the Carrington Hotel in Katoomba for our annual Yulefest Lunch. (See Phil Moore's Report) This charming old Hotel opened in 1883 as the "Great Western" and has become an icon of the Blue Mountains.

Thanks for all attendees for making this again a very enjoyable day out.

August activities start with the annual Pinkstone Run in the Hunter area on Sunday  $6^{th}$  August organised by the Hunter Group. (See flyer for details)

Sunday the August 20<sup>th</sup> is Shannons Display Day at SMSP Eastern Creek which includes the celebration of numerous Triumph model birthdays plus a run around the Track. See Bob Adby for Tickets.

Jeff & Judy Breen have organised another run down to Cootamundra for the VSCCA Sprints at the local Airport which attracts an eclectic array of classic cars from many eras. Contact Jeff for further info.

September sees the All British Day at The Kings School in Nth Parramatta which is also our Concours Display Day, so start cleaning and polishing your car in preparation. There is a category for every type of vehicle so get your entry in and have a go. Craig Sankey has tickets for sale. This is one of the biggest British car display days on the calendar and the setting is unique.

Leigh Lamours' Coffee `n' Cake on the last Wednesday of the month are very popular, so make sure you register early so you don't miss out.

For those interested in a weekend away in Canberra on the first Sunday in December, "The Terribly British Day" is an opportunity to meet up with TSOA Canberra members and other British car enthusiasts.

Hope to see you all out and about and enjoying the company of fellow TSOA members.

#### Cheers ... Geoff

### TSOA (NSW) – Social Run Annual Pinkstone Memorial Run Sunday 6 August

Hunter Members: Meet: 10:00 am for !0:30 am departure. Where: McDonald's, 3-7 Tarro St, Kurri Kurri (Pelaw Main). Alan Watson to provide route details for all member participants.

Sydney Members: Meet: 8:00 am for 8:30 departure. Where: The Shoppe at Cowan, Opp Railway Stn. Old Pacific Highway, Cowan

Lunch: 'The Mighty' Hunter Valley Hotel, Wine Country Drive, Nulkaba 2325

Registration: TSOA website by 25<sup>th</sup> July (<u>R</u>) Enquiries: Geoff Batty mobile 0428 242 597 email: <u>geoffrbatty@gmail.com</u>



### TSOA - Christmas in July 2023 at the Carrington Hotel Katoomba Phil Moore

Thanks to the early explorers Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, we all followed our way along the well-beaten track called the Great Western Highway, to the Blue Mts for the TSOA Triumph Club's "Christmas in July" luncheon at the Carrington Hotel in Katoomba.

In 1815, following much the same route as surveyed by G.W.Evans, the first person to cross the Blue Mts by a horse-drawn vehicle was Gov. Macquarie with his wife and an entourage, who made a Vice-Regal Tour of Inspection of the new road, built in 1814 by William Cox with the help of 30 convicts. When the governor reached Bathurst, they'd travelled 163 kms and crossed over 12 bridges.

On today's journey, as the highway climbs to higher elevations, with John Stokes' white Stag in the rear vision mirror, we drove through villages named after those 3 explorers, Blaxland Lawson. and Wentworth. As we slowed down to 60kms at Lawson, I asked my navigator, Seiko, a trivia question ..."*How did this town get it's name?"* ...to which she replied; "*the name comes from the 'Lawson' convenience stores in Japan*!". After correcting the story, we were soon arriving at our destination, driving the Stag into the carpark of the Carrington Hotel, just as Allan Wright and Renate pulled up in their green TR250.

As we entered the hotel from the chilly carpark, the rush of warm air was welcomed by all, when entering the hotel foyer and past the bar to the grand dining hall. With a glass of gluhwein for getting in the mood of Yulefest, a plentiful 4-course menu was served, while the resident planist played a selection of popular songs and rallied the crowd into a singalong.

It was a successful combination of the wine, food, music and the warm company of the TSOA members, who enjoyed a festive event in the atmosphere of a grand hotel from a bye-gone era. As the luncheon event drew to a close around 3pm, most TSOA members made their way home. while a few of us stayed overnight in Katoomba.

The Carrington Hotel rooms were full, so we stayed with an Airbnb host nearby in Yosemite. On Sunday evening, we found a restaurant halfway down Katoomba St, called "Aunty Ed's" Joining us for dinner, John and Debbie Stokes, enjoyed a great menu, while listening to a local jazz guitarist, John Stuart and a female singer who performed jazz standards, latin songs, with Seiko requesting songs by Carol King and Nora Jones.





TSOA's annual Yulefest Lunch at the Carrington Hotel was obviously a great success judging by the sea of smiling faces shown here plus the rather obvious point that even the

camera managed to get got just a little bit blurry on the day.!

I do not know what is going on here ... ??



#### I've researched the following history of the Carrington Hotel;

The "Great Western Hotel", containing 60 rooms was built in 1882 on a land grant of 50 acres. The Governor of NSW, Lord Carrington, visited the hotel in 1886. He gave consent to change the name to the Carrington Hotel. From 1885, additions were made to the hotel which included the dining hall, drawing rooms, 119 bedrooms, 7 suites, 2 tennis courts and the flower gardens.

In the 1890's. hotelier Sir John Smith acquired the Carrington Hotel as well as the Imperial Hotel at Mt Victoria. Smith was also a motor car enthusiast. His car collection included a Pierce Arrow, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Cadillac &

Lassalle.

*The Carrington Hotel in 1890 - photo was taken after completion of the 1887-1889 alterations.* 



Back in the early 1980's, during my days of working in the advertising industry, I arrived at Katoomba Station aboard a steam train that was chartered for the ad agency's Staff Xmas Party. As I recall, the fancy costumed event was themed "Murder on the Orient Express" and was held in the grand dining hall of the then very run-down Carrington Hotel. A few years later, the hotel was closed down and remained closed for decades. I don't think its closure was due to a mock murder or the wild partying of 40years ago?



#### Phil Moore

The Carrington Hotel in all her glory today is the only restored 19th century grand hotel resort still in use in NSW, and possibly in Australia.

## **Coming Up Trumps**

Registration is required for events marked (R).

02 August, Wednesday TR Register – C&C 04-06 August, weekend Ecurie Triumph – Winton VHRR Geoff Byrne 0418 409 170 06 August, Sunday (R) Annual Pinkstone Memorial Run Geoff Batty mobile: 0428 242 597 or email: geoffrbatty@gmail.com **19 August, Saturday** CSCA Round 4 – SMSP Philip Larmour: 0407 191 299 or Email: Larmour@tpg.com.au 20 August, Sunday (R) Shannons Day SMSP Bob Adby email: radby@bigpond.com 30 August, Wednesday –(R) Sydney C'n'C with Leigh – Frankie's Food Factory, Terrey Hills Leigh Larmour mobile: 0417 849 658 or Email: larmour@tpg.com.au 01-06 September (R) **VSCCA Cootamundra Sprints** Jeff Breen: editor@tsoansw.org.au 06 September, Wednesday TR Register – C&C 17 September, Sunday (R) All British Day /TSOA Concours Day Craig Sanky: 0417 286 903 John Stokes: 0433 826 880 27 September, Wednesday (R) Sydney C'n'C with Leigh - Como Marina Café, Leigh Larmour mobile: 0417 849 658 or Email: larmour@tpg.com.au 30 September, Saturday CSCA Rd 5 Pheasant Wood Circuit

# What would a Triumph roadster look like today if the British firm was still operating? CarExpert

CarExpert.com.au

That's the question British automotive design consultancy firm **makkina** has aimed to answer with its **TR25 Concept**, celebrating the defunct brand's 100th anniversary.

**makkina** is a consultancy firm for some of the world's biggest car companies, working on a confidential basis on design briefs and development.

Unveiling its creation at the Goodwood Festival of Speed, **makkina** said the model that inspired the design challenge of the TR25 concept was the 1950s 'Jabbeke' TR2 MVC575.







Driven by Sir Stirling Moss, the TR2 broke the speed record for a 2.0-litre production sports car in 1953 in Jabbeke, Belgium.

A celebration of the great British roadster', the TR25 is an all-electric roadster model that shares its chassis and 137kW rear-mounted electric motor with the axed <u>BMW i3 S hatchback</u>.



The TR25 concept car, although decidedly modern with its scissor doors and geometric wheel design, has adopted the headlights and exaggerated haunches and body proportions of the original racer.



Like the TR2, the TR25 has a semi-enclosed cockpit with a driver's side windshield, but it has also gained an optional hidden flip-out passenger jump seat under a folding door.





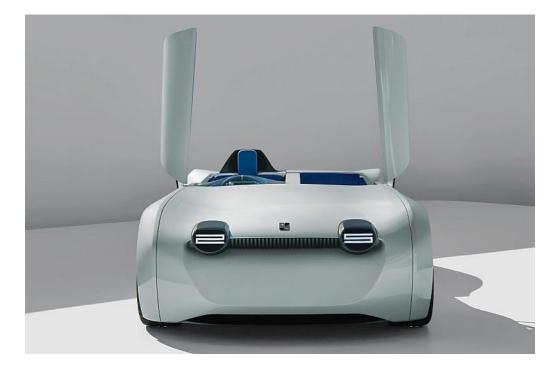


A classic racer has been used as inspiration for the interior panel, with a digitised yet simple cluster providing only necessary information such as road speed, charge and range to recall an era before touchscreen infotainment when the driver was at the `centre of the experience'.

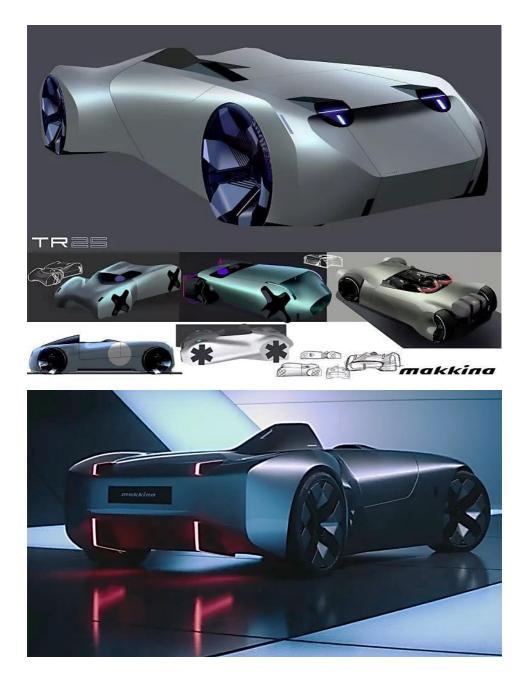
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For a video use this link - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAKFW0Njopc</u>

The body has been constructed of 'F1-grade' composite materials, including the central spine to provide structural rigidity in the cockpit, and **makkina** claims special attention has been paid to power-to-weight distribution.

Much as there's an i3 underneath the TR25's shapely bodywork, there's a connection between the BMW and Triumph brands.

BMW has held the rights to the Triumph Motor Company brand since 1994 when it acquired the Rover Group, and has held onto it even after selling off the remainder of the parent group.

Despite this, BMW has not attempted to revive the historic brand aside from permitting **makkina** to reimagine its historic model.

The Triumph name, at least for automobiles, has been dormant since 1984. Its last vehicle was a rebadged Honda Ballade sedan called the Acclaim.

**makkina's** director and founder Michael Ani told <u>Auto Express</u>, "Although not intended for limited production at the moment, the fact that TR25 is based on a BMW platform and powertrain, provides scope to turn our concept into reality should the right opportunity arise."

"Using the BMW i3S platform allows us to create a blend of old and new with the TR2-inspired body shape and the versatile and adaptable powertrain, creating a seamless, fully electric experience," said Mr Ani.

The i3 was considered a pioneer of its segment upon its release in 2014, but it was discontinued without a direct replacement. Australian stock of the carbon-tubbed, coach-door city car dried up at the end of 2021.

Production <u>officially ended last year</u> after 250,000 models, though the i3 nameplate lives on with an electric version of the 3 Series sedan, sold exclusively in China.

Although not an obvious collaboration, **makkina** explained that the Triumph 'Jabekke' TR2 was the creative inspiration for the **makknna** studio and reinterpreting the model on the 70th anniversary of its release was a poetic way for the firm to mark its own 25th anniversary.

Acknowledgements: Mark Larmour + Geoff Byrne for submitting article to **TRead**, **CarExpert** (Alborz Fallah/Eilidh McNaughton) for allowing us to reprint article/photos (others would not) plus a few additional photos sourced direct from **makkina** and across the internet. *... ed.* 



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### 2023 TARGA CLASSICA

The 2023 edition of Targa Classica was held in the week leading up to the Australian Grand Prix. Designed to replicate the modern versions of Italy's famous tarmac events the Mille Miglia and Targa Florio, the event took place over four (4) days, criss-crossing Victoria's beautiful country regions and covering a tick over 1100 kms.



This was, however, not just a car tour. It was an intensive test of driving, navigation and competitive regularity speed stages to determine the overall prize winners of the two classes of vehicles – Classica Trofeo (up to 1979) and Legend Trophy (1980 to new), plus a team award.

A key marketing platform for the event was that entrants would be allowed to do a lap of the Albert Park AGP circuit as part of the weekend's F1 program. Disappointingly, this was cancelled in the days leading up to the start *.. a real bummer!* 

The event started at Healesville with a loop around the Yarra Valley. The weather was ordinary. Day two saw competitors travel from Healesville via Eildon and Bright, before ascending the Great Alpine Road in whiteout

conditions for an overnighter at Mount Hotham. An early morning start on day three took us down the mountain enroute to Mitchelton for dinner, but not before a lap of Winton Raceway. For the final day the sun was up, and the convertible tops were down. It was a condensed version of those preceding it with all cars turning south for the drive to Melbourne via Seymour and a lap of Eastern Lions Go Kart Track.

The oldest car entered was a 1927 Bugatti T35B and the newest a 2020 Audi SQ5. Between those bookends fell an eclectic group of marques including Ferrari, Lancia, Jaguar, Honda, Alfa Romeo, Mercedes Benz and Maserati. Porsche had the greatest number by a wide margin.

There was just one Triumph – this white TR 5 entered by Richard and Anna Emmett.



In all, 60 cars were in Classica Trofeo and 40 in Legend Trophy – a "full" field.

What separated the field in the trophy chase was simple – skill in the regularity events. There were two types of regularity events. The first was driving over a pre-set course (imagine a parking lot) that had been broken up into varying distances (quite small) in a prescribed time, and the second was averaging a certain speed over a defined distance on the open road. To avoid the severe penalties involved electronic timing and recording equipment was essential, as was a touch of experience. Indeed, events like this are just not run in NSW, even at a club level.

Amongst the pre-event favourites were well-known Melbourne motor bike identity David Reidie and former AFL star Leigh Colbert in the Bugatti, long standing Kiwi buddies Brent Morrison and Chris Kerr in a 1958 Porsche 356A Super, and the father/son combination of Rob and Sam Marsh in a 2003 Ferrari 360 Spider. All had significant experience in these types of events. The early market proved accurate as all three took home a piece of silverware from the event.

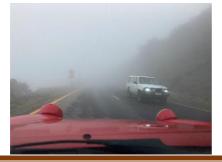
For my buddy and I, it proved to be a bit of fun, a bit of frustration and a new experience, but without any electronic assistance we were at long

odds to avoid the maximum penalties in every test. But we did pal up with two other first-time entrants to form a team, which, in turn, gave us a larger degree of involvement and a sense of camaraderie.

Is the Targa Classica a genuine Australian classic tarmac event to be revered by all and sundry, or is it an expensive glorified car trial for those wanting something a bit



different? Like cake, the answer is all in the eating. You just have to try it. But be warned, to get the most out of the event you must be prepared – get the right equipment and do some practice!



**Colin Allerdice** 





### DRIVE Lite - historic and classic

#### Dear club car members

Welcome to the July edition of DRIVE Lite - Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS) and Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS). In this edition we're letting you know we'll be at the upcoming Shannon's Sydney Classic, we've answered a question from scheme participants about digital pink slips, sharing how we're helping to protect vehicle owners against odometer tampering, and letting you know about a new demerit point trial.

#### Your questions answered:

Thanks to the Jaguar Drivers Club for sending in these questions to help owners.

**Q: Do we still need a handwritten pink slip, or can it be digital?** All pink slips for Historic and Classic registrations need to be done manually via the handwritten book. These cannot be completed digitally. All AIS providers must have one of these as a business rule.

# Q: Does the form 1259 Historic Vehicle declaration have to be original?

This <u>form</u> must be submitted as an original. Photocopies will not be accepted.

#### Protecting vehicle owners against odometer tampering

Odometer tampering involves the disconnection, resetting or changing of a motor vehicle's display of kilometres it has travelled. It is an offence in NSW to interfere with an odometer reading as it can influence the perceived value and condition of a vehicle.

It's now possible to check the last three odometer readings for free via <u>Check a vehicle registration online</u>.

"These readings are available to everyone and will help protect customers from odometer tampering," said Ruth Clulow, Senior Manager Vehicle Operations. "The readings may show discrepancies between the kilometres travelled – what is displayed on a vehicle's odometer – versus what has been recorded in previous odometer readings."

Vehicle owners that suspect odometer tampering can find out more on the <u>NSW Fair Trading – buying a used car</u> webpage.

#### Demerit points relief for safe drivers

All unrestricted NSW licence holders – including professional drivers – are eligible for a demerit point trial that aims to reward responsible driving behaviour. During the trial, if an eligible driver maintains an offence free record during the trial period, one demerit point will be removed from their driving record.

The trial will run from 17 January 2023 until 16 January 2024. There is no need to register for the trial, all unrestricted licence holders are automatically included. At the completion of the trial, Transport for NSW will undertake a process to identify those eligible for the deduction of a demerit point. The demerit point deduction is expected to take effect mid-April 2024.Learner and provisional licence holders are not included in the trial as they are subject to strict conditions of the Graduated Licensing Scheme. Safe driving behaviour cannot be underestimated as we work together to create a safer driving environment for all road users and ultimately push road trauma to zero.

#### Did you know?

All licence holders start with zero demerit points. As a licence holder commits an offence that has a demerit point penalty, the points are then added to their driving record. Demerit points stay active for a three-year period, starting from the date of the offence.

# **Hunter Happenings**



### Vale Douglas Brodie

Doug Brodie was an amazing man. He was a great husband to Sue, and they always enjoyed each other's company. The whole family was close, and he was so proud of his children, Tania and Michelle, and his grandchildren, Lachlan, Cameron and Olivia. He especially loved meeting with his grandchildren and spending time with them, always saying that he wanted to be remembered by them – a task



well achieved. He touched everybody whom he met and was a friend of everyone.

Doug was a technical master in every field. He studied as a technician with the then PMG and continued his career to include on-site management positions for 2NR and Radio Australia. His amazing range of skills meant he could fix or invent anything – he loved a technical challenge - from repairing or restoring machinery and electronic equipment to developing a solar controlled door on a chook shed. He was endlessly generous with his skills and his time – he loved being the expert, helping people and seeing people smile due to his efforts. He selflessly gave his time and skills freely and would always achieve what he set out to do, his perseverance and attention to detail was a part of his persona.

This was how we met: I was thoroughly sick of my 10 year restoration of my Triumph TR3A, and then from nowhere I got a call from Doug, who had moved into the area. He asked if he could help me with the electrical wiring – what a question! We worked together for many hours, the car was finally finished, and he and Sue had by then become firm friends of myself and Danute.

He had a love affair with the Triumph marque since 1967, having owned and enjoyed three saloons, but Doug didn't really want to get involved with small sports cars until deciding to <u>restore</u> a Triumph himself. His chosen dealer was offering a very forlorn "basket case" TR3A. This model Triumph brought back memories to him – he went for a ride in one as a kid around 45 years before and found it was <u>so</u> low and <u>so</u> quick in comparison to their family car, a humble Austin A30. He took possession of the TR3A wreck on Mother's Day 1994. A two-and-a-half-year full restoration followed.

In October 1996 the engine fired for the first time and he and Sue were off to the TR Register Concours in Corowa, Victoria. Over the years the "basket case" has received two seconds, two thirds and was the outright winner and Best TR3A at Armidale in 2003. It took first place and the outright concours trophy (the Laurie Cousins Trophy) for the Best TR3A at Thredbo in 2008. Doug could have entered many more concours competitions and won far more trophies if he chose, but that was not his way – he set out to gain the ultimate prize in the TR Register, achieved it, then left it for others to enjoy.

Doug loved the old Triumph and the TR Register concours, completing drives all over much of Australia in the beautiful machine – from Newcastle to Adelaide, Bendigo, Armidale and Thredbo to name a few, plus runs with his local '*Triumphs in the Hunter*' group. Doug and Sue were always popular, and Doug's TR was always immaculate. He then went on to restore a second triumph, a TR7V8, and it too was immaculate.

Doug Brodie provides us all with an example of a life well lived. His whole life has been surrounded by loving friends and family, he spent much of his time doing things he enjoyed doing and at which he excelled, he took great satisfaction from helping others, giving happiness to people around him and to ensuring he left a legacy of wonderful memories for those who knew him.

Bill Revill



### TSOA Hunter Area Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present:** Wayne Wheaton, David Hynes, Bryan Mclean, Gary Cox, Alan Watson, David Walshe, Brett Gilles, Michael Debono, Graham Paterson

**Apologies:** Chris Lancaster, Rick Schmaler, Terry Burns, Bill Burns, Steve McGill, John Derrick, Michael Markey, Rob Guyder, Rowan Burns, Bruce Milner, Sarah Armarego, Barry Prasi, Michael O'Brien, Danny Herringe, Ian Lovi, Chris Johnson, Damien Whittaker

#### Events on the horizon:

**Christmas in July** arranged by David Walshe and on **Saturday 15 July** 2023 at the Paterson Tavern and David would appreciate attendees responding to him on 0409885342.

**Sunday 6 August 2023 Graham Pinkstone Memorial Run** which involves a 1 1/2 hour drive through the Singleton area and finishing with lunch at a Cessnock Hotel. Alan Watson stress that members intending are to register online with the TSOA. It gathers at 10.30am at Kurri Kurri McDonalds and then has a 1 1/2 hour drive ending up at a Cessnock Hotel for lunch.

# Sunday 17 September 2023 All British Day the King's School, Parramatta

**Last Sunday in November 2023** has been arranged by Bryan Mclean as the **Christmas Party at the Bank Hotel,** Melbourne Street, East Maitland with parking accessed from the rear lane adjoining the park.

#### General Business:

**David Hynes:** David reported that the Eurofest was a great event on the 18 June 2023. Four Triumphs attended including Neville Bowden TR8, David Hynes Stag, David Walshe TR6 and Michael Debono TR2.

**David Walshe:** David is still seeking responses for Christmas in July. He also mentioned the owner of Cardiff Auto Trimmers is not well and the business may not be continuing.

**Gary Cox:** Gary is hearing an unusual sound from the starter motor and is intending to check the three 3/8 bolts that hold the reduction starter motor together.

**Brett Gilles:** Brett attended Pheasant Wood after towing the Skyline from Ashtonfield to Marulan for the first time. He tells us he began the journey with trepidation but pleasingly the Navara 2.5 diesel went well and the trailer remained steady throughout. It was a CSCA event arranged by the Newcastle MG Car Club involving 60 cars. Brett managed 7 runs finishing at 3.30pm. He stayed at the Terminus Hotel in Marulan which he recommends over the Motel. Brett will be attending Sydney Motorsport Park in the Skyline in two weeks time.

**Bryan Mclean:** Bryan has his MX5 up for sale. He has bought a 1990s Nissan 300ZX twin turbo V6 which was imported from Japan and has only 70k km. It is a red automatic and Bryan is pleased with its performance.

**David Hynes:** David has been enjoying his Sunday morning runs, however a friend entrusted David with his Porsche 911 to take on this run while the friend recovers from a hip operation. David really enjoyed the 911 and adapted to the peculiar method of driving that it required.

**Graham Paterson:** Graham took the SP250 to Wagstaff on a run with the Daimler Club. Graham is impressed by the range and service offered by British Auto Parts at Tuggerah. He is also calling for anyone interested in a cruise on the historic vessel the Martindale departing the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on 27 August 2023 and heading up the Parramatta River. Graham can be contacted on 0427454456 regarding this event. The writer enjoyed a wonderful day on this vessel in 2019.

**Wayne Wheaton:** Wayne has visited his Triumph Spitfire and is pleased with the progress while understanding that the man assisting with it has many cars he's working on.

**Michael Debono:** Michael enthused about the Eurofest day but added that the previous day had been spent on a rally in the TVR with the Australian Historic Rally Group. The superb event commenced at Branxton with lunch at Denman before returning to Gresford and concluding at Paterson, all without using the New England Highway. The roads were great without potholes. The total distance covered was 410 km which he feels is a remarkable test of a car's durability.

**Alan Watson:** Alan has only returned from Europe two weeks ago, yet they managed a drive to the Hunter Valley with the TR6. Lunch and some wines were bought but the hood stayed in place during the journey. Alan is asking that Coffee and Cake runs be arranged for the future.

#### Michael Debono

## Minutes of TSOA (Ecurie Triumph) NSW Inc 711<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Carlingford Bowling Sports and Recreational Club, Carlingford Tuesday 11 July 2023

Chair: President Lorraine Mooring Minutes: Greg Eaton

**Apologies:** Norbert Nieuwenhuizen & Graham Harrold, Mark Larmour, Helen Carter, Shirley Gates.

#### Welcome:

Minutes of 710th June General Meeting:Acceptance - Proposed:Allan WrightSecondedLeigh Larmour.Accepted by the meeting.

#### **President: Lorraine Mooring**

- Drag day not proceeding, just not financially viable, Phil Larmour to report.
- TSOA Vic recent emails a few opening, Jeff Breen organising the drive down.
- AGM 10 October, will be gazette one month prior, and need any nominations ASAP
- Next event All British Day and is also Concourse of TSOA always very good event.
- Having the car clean and best possible condition, does not have to be concourse, just show car good way to keep and improve them.
- Two classes Concourse & Everyday Classic used a lot or modified.
- A lot of happening towards end of year keep an eye out for all that is happening.
- 2025 National pre-meeting a group attended Nelson Bay etc, for potentials.
- Will keep you informed.

#### Secretary: Greg Eaton

Thanks Eric, for your assistance in setting up for the position.

#### **Treasurer: Laurie Bromley**

- Not much activity at this time of the year, some refunds to go to Dragway entrants, current balance is \$44,324.05. Detailed report refer to magazine.
- Will be preparing financial statement for the year in the next month.

#### **Competition Director: Phil Larmour**

• 40 to run it 60 to break even, 28 entries, TSOA well supported,

disappointing entry from the CSCA clubs.

- There is a possible off the street meeting that TSOA could be included, but probably needs to be street legal cars.
- Next CSCA 19 August, Club Lotus @ SMP. Full circuit needs volunteer officials.
- Next event in September refer magazine.
- Would it need to be CAMS officials (no)

#### Social: Geoff Batty

- Next event Xmas in 16 July at the Carrington, few members staying.
- August Pinkstone Run organised by the Hunter Group refer mag for details. Run just outside of Cessnock, you would require a navigator.
- Shannon Day at SMP 20 September
- 16 spare tickets for Shannon's
- Sydney Helicopters is still a goer as a picnic day 24 September. Directions on the website
- Next October National in Victoria
- Central Coast all British Day 21st October
- November Ken Peters given the go ahead for a run mid-week (probably a Thursday) not about destination but having a run.
- Ken Peter idea come from Phil's survey to have a Sunday afternoon drive re a 'come and drive day', turnaround inside about 4 hours. Instruction handed at the beginning of the run.

#### Editor: Jeff Breen

- July magazine has been released.
- Have requested/invited more and/or technical articles.
- Overall magazine is going well.
- Couple of other matters, run to Cootamundra is organised.
- Road trip to Victoria National
  - going well and coming together.
  - Feature of Great Ocean Road on the way to Warnanbool.
  - Ferry trip across Port Philip Bay
  - Lorraine offered sincere thanks to Jeff for his efforts.
- James Rose comment: If you are enjoying organized events/reports please let the committee know so as it can be considered for future.
- James Rose comment: If your car is under restoration get the points by submitting photos etc. to the magazine.

#### Membership & Concessional Registration: Norbert Nieuwenhuizen

Apologies

#### Council of Motoring Clubs (CMC): Bob Adby

- There was nothing from the last meeting to report.
- Shannons approx. 1.200 cars rather than over 2,000
- Tickets to be on the windscreen and visible.
- We have extra tickets available.

• There will be a 100 years of Triumph story in the event's program.

#### Regalia: Tony & Lyndon Moss

Update given.

#### Coffee & Cake Organiser: Leigh Larmour

• Next event at Strathfield Gold Club

#### **Club Contact: Steve Ralston**

Not present at meeting

#### **Ecurie Triumph: Geoff Byrne**

Not present at meeting

#### All British Day Co-Ordinator: Craig Sankey

- No meeting since last update
- If you have an existing ticket, you can use from last time.
- If need a ticket pay and get from Craig
- We need 2 marshals, interesting job please let us know if you can help.
- Peter Wards brought his TR6 last time on a trailer, cars do not need to be roadworthy, even if project bring it along.

#### Librarian: Ken Peters

No Report

#### Webmaster- Eric Hanich

- Classifieds are in.
- Photos and other stuff if you need on website let him know.
- <Question from the floor>.

Can you edit an event registration – YES, after you register for an event you will obtain back an email, click on that link and it will take you back to the original and you can edit from there.

#### **Trivia: Philip Larmour**

Not held this evening.

#### **General Business:**

• Peter Wards general info... has restored many cars the other cars I have restored I have never had a problem with PI until this TR6. He explained the back story to fix after 3 years of issues.

#### Meeting closed at 8:26 pm

The next General Meeting will be at this location on Tuesday 8 August at 7:30 pm.

#### Triumph Sports Owner's Association (Ecurie Triumph) of Australia (NSW Branch) Inc Life Members – Ray Cook, Neil Fraser, Roger Gates, Ken Hannaford Graeme Laurie, Grant Turnbull, Graeme White, Geoff Byrne

SYDNEY CONTACTS	GENERAL MEETING 7.30PM	HUNTER GROUP
TSOA – PO Box 200	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month	7.00PM
Gordon NSW 2072	Carlingford Bowling Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month
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- 1. General Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Carlingford Bowling Club.
- 2. Coffee `n' Cake is held from 10:30am on the last Wednesday of each month at varying locations.
- 3. Committee Meetings are held each month, usually the Monday following the general Meeting.

\$10 to members.
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- 5 points for all other articles.
- 5 points for photos or as judged by editor.

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A Tesla owner preparing for a road trip.

### TSOA NSW EVENTS CALENDAR (as at 25/05/2023)

#### Notes:

Attendance to all events marked (R) must be registered via the website prior to the day.

Details of events may be found in *TRead* and in flyers featured on the website.

Events on this calendar are registered club trips – logbook entries are not required for any events listed on our website calendar.

'Non -TSOA Events' not listed on our events calendar and that may appear elsewhere, are not registered club events- these must be log-



booked for HVS and CVS vehicles attending. Events marked (\*) are Clubman Points scoring events.

TBC (to be confirmed); TBA (to be advised)

#### AUGUST

AUGUST	
Tues 01	Hunter General Meeting*
Wed 02	TR Register Coffee & Cake
Sun 06	Social run - Pinkstone Memorial Run (R)
Tues 08	Sydney General Meeting*
Sat 19	CSCA Round 4 SMSP*
Sun 20	Shannons Day SMSP*
Wed 30	Sydney Coffee & Cake Frankies at Terrey Hills
	Flowerpower (R)
SEPTEMBER	
Sat 02	Cootamundra Sprints * (R). Allocated run days Fri
	01 to Wed 06.
Tues 05	Hunter General Meeting*
Wed 06	TR Register Coffee & Cake
Tues 12	Sydney General Meeting*
Sun 17	All British Day Kings School* TBC
Wed 27	Sydney Coffee & Cake Waterfront Café Como (R)
Sat 30	CSCA Round 5 Pheasant Wood.
OCTOBER	
Tues 03	Hunter General Meeting
Wed 04	TR Register Coffee and Cake
Tues 10	Sydney General Meeting*
Sat 21- 28	TSOA National Meeting Victoria* (R) Allocated run
	days 16/10 to 31/10.
Sat 21	Central Coast Car Club All British
	Day (TBA)

# CLASSIFIEDS

## WANTED:

# TR6 Steel Wheel (1969)

Seeking an early 1969 TR6 15x5.5 inch steel wheel to take Rostyle trims, in roadworthy condition to complete restoration.

Contact: David - 0436 314 267



# FOR SALE:

## • 4cyl TR Head - \$1800 ono

Reconditioned, Big valves, Port and polished, Pressure tested, Welsh plug replaced, Near original thickness (3,322"). Will need non-standard head gasket. Standard rocker

assembly is suitable (can supply if needed—no cost). Contact: Andrew Gibson – 0438 648 351





### Seat Belts - brand new suit TR,GT6,Spitfire,Herald

2 Static black belt kits with 15cm stalk ( Pn 719918A) \$100 2 Inertial reel seat belt kits with 30cm stalk (Pn RB7355 SA) \$200 **Contact: Geoff Byrne - 0418 409 170** 

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

## Stag Mk2 Auto -\$22,500

Nice example with Rover engine and BW65 g/box. New Michelin tyres, new headliner in hardtop, excellent interior (seats, new dash, carpets, etc.) Receipts for all work and parts from David Clark too many to list here. NSW Rego number is 14

STAG (expires April 2024). Age has caught up with me, not the car !

Contact: John Ferris -0439 437 349

### • TR6 Spoke Wheels - \$1600

5 completely refurbished silver powder coated steel spoke 15" rims along with new/barely used 195 X 60 R15 88H tyres. Hubs studs and nuts complete

> with recently re-chromed knock off hubs. Hub nut spanner and hammer included.

Contact: Paul - 0412 233 846

