

DEVON AND CORNWALL T.R. GROUP

MARCH, 1974.

The February Meeting was again blessed with good weather which helped to make the journeys of members, particularly those who had long distances to travel, more enjoyable. We were very pleased to welcome Terry and Val. Simpson, who made the journey from Connor Downs, and new member Dave Yelland from Redruth.

In view of the substantial agenda, we sat down to the meeting proper quite early. Included in the items discussed was the possibility of obtaining equipment and suitable premises to show films. We also had a look at a copy of the British Leyland Specialist car division film library booklet, which lists some very interesting films featuring T.R.'s. We hope to be able to show some of these to you in the not too distant future.

Another item of discussion was that of meetings during the next few months. It was widely left that many members would appreciate district meetings held centrally in Cornwall and Devon, perhaps to alternate monthly between the bi-monthly meeting at Plymouth. It's also hoped to publish dates of motoring events in Devon and Cornwall and if there is sufficient interest we could perhaps have informed gatherings at e.g. the speed hill climbs at Wiscombe, Trengwathen and perhaps the national driving test championship of Triumph sports cars on Plymouth Hoe which is scheduled to May. The first hill climb event is the Easter Monday event at Trengwathen, Penzance. I hope to have more details at the next meeting.

If anyone has any information concerning T.R.'s which might be of help to other members, please let us know and we will try to include a short article or even series of articles in the newsletters. These could perhaps include tips on overcoming problems of breakdowns, renovating etc. or some memorable experience regarding the purchase or ownership of a T.R., so start writing all you experienced enthusiasts.

I have received several letters from members who now live outside our area, but who enjoy hearing from us and are anxious to be kept informed of group news. All hope to be able to meet us when they are next in the area. The furthest of these has been John Uren who now lives in the Netherlands. He offers help and has some local contacts for spares which could be most useful, and would be pleased to see any members should they be touring in his area. John has a 1956 T.R.3 garaged in England, which is believed to have originally been an export model to Singapore. He also has a 1954 T.R.2 (Chassis No. TS 473 ALN) on which he is undertaking extensive refurbishing. All this in addition to maintaining his house boat. John's address is WOONARK ELCO, WESTRINGDISK, MOORDRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS.

I have seen a Triumph Italia (A Vignale bodied, Michelotti designed 2 + 2 Coupe, based on the T.R.3) in the Plymouth area a few times during the last couple of years, but as yet I have not managed to meet the owner. In the hope that he or she might be interested in meeting fellow enthusiasts, perhaps if anyone does get the opportunity of talking to the owner, or indeed the owners of other T.R.'s, even those who are already members but who haven't been to our meetings, they might appreciate the opportunity of an introduction and also the knowledge that should they be able to attend meetings that they would at least know someone, though our gatherings are informal and we soon get to know the others.

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As soon as possible, we hope to send members a list of the registration numbers and colour of the T.R.'s in the area. This we hope will help to identify a T.R. you may have seen and wondered if it was a local car, or if it belonged to a group member. I would be grateful for your help by sending either to Andy Bumpstead or myself, details of your car.

Items which might be of interest are the articles in recent magazines featuring T.R.'s -

March Practical Motorist - Rebuilding a T.R.3.  
January Classic Car - T.R.I. Prototype and origins of T.R.2. and photos of T.R.'s in the Charles Spreckley races at Silverstone (inc. Reg. Woodcocks T.R.)

December Classic Car - Road Test of T.R.3. Reg. No. SKV 656 and Mini Manual of T.R.

The next group meeting is at the Cornwall Gate Pub on Sunday 7th. April at 12 Noon (Devon end Tamar Bridge)

Thanks for your help and happy motoring,

Graham Veal and Andy Bumpstead.

FOR SALE.

Rear Axle inc. brakes etc.  
Black Sidescreen V.G.C. with new fittings.  
Facia Panel complete with all instruments.  
Bonnet with dent.  
New windscreen frame and fitting but without glass. (Probably obtainable from Wigers).  
Rear Wings slightly dented (less than 1 year old).  
Wheels and Tyres in various condition.  
Dennis McCallum, 6, Haswell Close, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5NN or at R.N.E.C. Manadon, Plymouth.  
1960 T.R.3A Reasonable condition M.O.T. to October, 1974 £200 O.N.O. Mr. P. Quinlaw, Officer's Mess, 40 Commando Royal Marines, Seaton Barracks, Plymouth or Tel. Plymouth 772312 Ext. 279.  
New Steering Shaft rocker assembly, part No. 501583 £4.50  
Graham Veal.









