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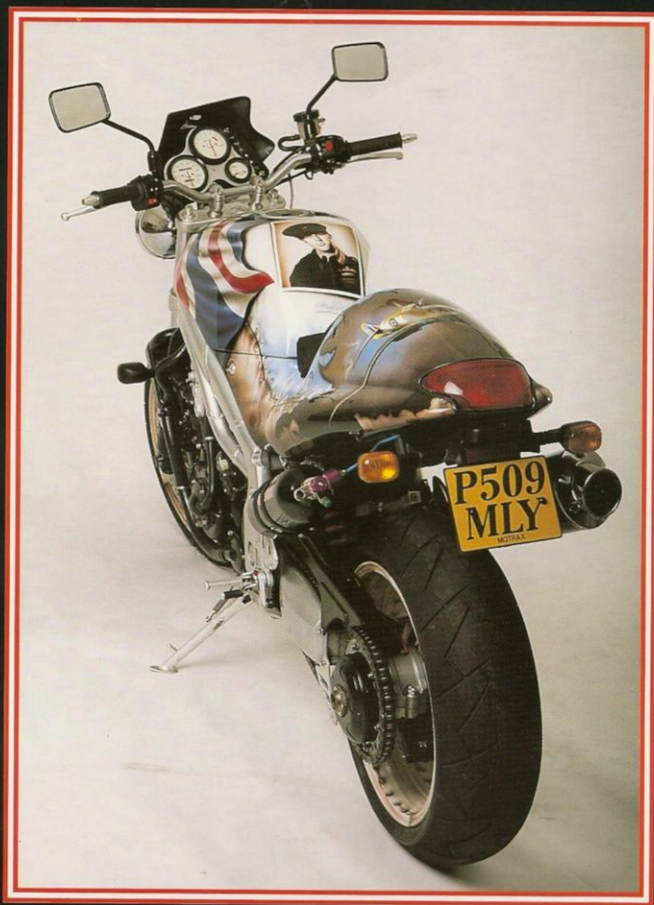
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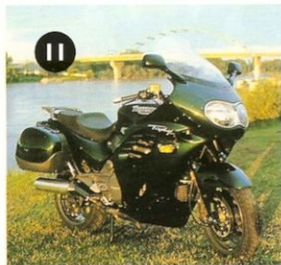
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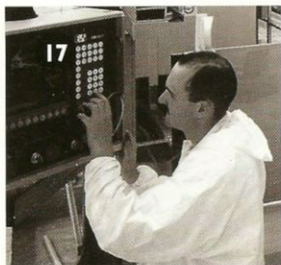
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Discover what *RAT* can do for you. New savings on sea crossings, hotels and holidays.



international news

Spring at Stanford

OVER 500 club members from Britain, France, Germany and Sweden joined together to launch the first full year of *Riders Association of Triumph* activity at historic Stanford Hall, Leicestershire, on April 27.

Heavy April showers during the build up to the event broke to bathe the hall's beautiful landscaped garden in sun for the day, allowing visitors to relax on the ground to the sound of a jazz band while sampling the products of the pig roast and burger grill and licensed bar.

Exhibits included the Triumph mobile exhibition unit, a large display of vintage RAC vehicles and a police anti-theft unit, while the range of Triple

Connection and

club merchandise was on sale.

Over 50 riders took advantage of the demonstration runs hosted by Triumph and local dealer Windy Corner to try an alternative Triumph machine - including the T500 range - while 18 lucky members went away with prizes from the free prize draw.

Top prize winner was Northampton based Mark Reneekens who took away a Tiger jacket. Other winners were S Lock from Leicester (Trophy gloves) and David Hanscombe from Willingham (club sweatshirt).

"We struck gold with the weather, and it really was a great day," said Club Manager Neil Webster. "If anything, we were surprised by the number of people who turned up. At one stage we counted over 350 Triumphs parked together which made a terrific sight.

"The plan is to make the event a regular season opener and we are already looking at a bigger and better programme for next year, with a range of added attractions and activities."



Entertainment RAT-pack style, courtesy of the jazz band.



Members came from France, Sweden, Germany and the UK.



Roast pig and barbecued burgers fuelled the afternoon.



The RAC vehicle collection was a popular feature.

RATs get rolling

THE club's touring programme starting rolling during the Spring, with organised trips around Rutland in England, Alsace in France, Tuscany in Italy and Texas, USA.

Each trip saw club members and staff join together for a mix of

riding, eating and drinking and sightseeing.

Highlights of the Rutland tour included the 800 year old Rockingham Castle (pictured) and Rutland Water, while the visitors to Alsace took the opportunity to look around the French National Automobile Museum.

More tours are planned, organised both at national or local level, so if you have any suggestions contact either the club manager, your national manager or your pack leader.



Daytona launch

DAYTONA Race Week in March saw the American arm of RAT move into action, with a club party and run.

Over 150 members attended the Friday night party at the Daytona beach Hilton Hotel, with food, music, vintage racing videos and a display of new and old Triumphs setting the atmosphere.

The following day 50 members took part on a RAT Ride heading out from

Deland for lunch in Deleon Springs. Several riders took the opportunity to test ride the new Daytona T595 and T509 Speed Triples.

Circuit action at Daytona included a racing debut for a T595 when Michael Gage took an excellent fourth place in the Sound of Thunder class with support from Dunbar Euro-Sports of Brockton, MA.

Michael also contested the Formula USA open class, and although a fall late in practice left him in mid pack, he managed 24th and 27th places in the two legs.



Worldwide exposure

AS the Riders Association continues to expand, we are attracting members from a range of different environments. We are now active in 19 countries with membership reaching the 9000 mark by May and on schedule to top 15,000 by the end of the year.

One recently launched group is active in the desert state of Kuwait and was joined on one of

their regular runs by Triumph export manager Mark Fletcher (third from left).



Hard rider

TRIUMPH are taking on the world's toughest touring event, the American Iron Butt Rally! RAT and Motorcyclist magazine are sponsoring Trophy 1200 rider Chris Cimino as he attempts to cover the 11,000 mile route in ten days.

The event starts and end at Westmont, Illinois. Riders leave at 12 noon (CST) on Monday August 25 and are due to return no later than 12 noon (SCT) on Friday September 5. Between then they will have to visit Gorham, Maine; Daytona Beach, Florida; Orange, California; and Yakima, Washington.

You can keep up to date on the event by visiting the Iron Butt web site on www.ironbutt.com and looking for the article on the event in Motorcyclist magazine.

Gary goes down under

POPULAR Triumph technical man Gary McDonnell has left the UK factory to become National Technical Support and Training Manager for Triumph Australia. But for a brief period at Jaguar, Gary, 43, had been with Triumph since starting as an apprentice at Meriden in 1969.



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

Black Forest Bash

GERMANY'S stunning Black Forest region is the location of this year's first RAT Summer Festival.

Taking place in the beautiful spa town of Bad Peterstal between August 22 and 24, the weekend will be a brilliant mix of food, music, parties and riding with fellow Triumph enthusiasts.

There is camping adjacent to the rally site and there is a vast choice of hotel and guesthouse accommodation in the town.

Rally registration opens at 1pm on Friday August 22, where you can sign on and collect your rally guide, badge and a wrist band that will provide access to the exclusive members-only site throughout the weekend.

Food and drink will be served in the rally marquee throughout the

afternoon before the real action starts in the evening with the Summer Festival Welcome Party.

The evening will get underway with a specially designed free cocktail and traditional local music followed by dancing to live and recorded music plus plentiful supplies of food and drink.

Saturday is 'Ride Time'. You can choose between discovering the highlights of the area while tracking down the clues for our Treasure Hunt, sampling a spectacular prepared route from the rally guide or exploring on your own or with other members.

There will be time to really discover this superb region, or you can simply relax on site with the range of activities, displays and competitions we have planned. All members will be able to finish off the afternoon with traditional coffee and cake.

The Summer Festival Party opens at 7pm and will continue with live and recorded music and prize presentations - including the Treasure Hunt. Dinner will be available until 9.30pm.

After time to recover or take a ride on Sunday morning, we will then meet on site at 11am for a parade through the town - subject to approval from local police once we have an idea of the number of members likely to attend!

The site will then be opened to allow the public to share some of the Triumph magic and there will be food, music and activities all afternoon, for those who want to stay on.

Members planning a longer trip will be welcomed at the camp site or in the town's hotels both before and after the event.

Shuttle buses will run between the rally site, camp site and town each evening and morning, so you can relax and enjoy yourself and there will be overnight on-site security for parked bikes. Breakfast will be served in the rally marquee on Saturday and Sunday.

Members wishing to book hotel or guesthouse accommodation should contact the local tourist office at the Kurverwaltung Bad Peterstal, Schwarzwaldstrasse 11, 77740 Bad Peterstal-Griesbach, Germany. Telephone +49 (0)7806 7933, fax +49 (0)7806 1040. They will offer you a choice of price bands or send a full brochure if you prefer.

Tickets for the rally are available to RAT members only and cost £20 (Ffr 180, \$33, DM 55,-) in advance. Please send a cheque made payable to the Riders Association of Triumph to RAT, PO Box 83, Hinckley, Leicestershire, England, LE10 3ZP.

On-site registration cost £25 (Ffr225, \$40, DM 66,-). Pre-booking is advised to ensure we can provide the best facilities possible.



Swedish action

SWEDEN'S programme of RAT events is expanding, with a schedule of Summer runs and track days.

The season started with a circuit day at Karlskoga Raceway on May 17 and continues with another track day, this time at Anderstorp Raceway, on June 5.

The club will be at Västervik between July 25-27 and on August 16 there will be a club run starting at the Stockholm headquarters of Swedish Triumph importers English Motorcycle.

For more details or to book a place fax Hans Blomqvist at English Motorcycle on +46 8 883 860.

WITH Triumph defending their 1996 victory, RAT members from all countries are promised a special welcome at the 1997 Magny Cours 600 Miles race at the French circuit between July 12 and 14.

Located near Nevers in central France, the grand prix track will host three days of racing between the Saturday and Monday, including the prestigious 600 Miles race which will

French meet at Magny Cours

see Triumph France chief Géraud du Chassin and team-mate Jean-Paul Magnoni defend their 1996 win on one of seven T595s entered for the race.

All RAT members will be welcomed as VIPs by the

Triumph France team, which will be joined by club manager Neil Webster for the weekend, and we plan to have a special hospitality area reserved solely for club members.

Members will also be

able to take advantage of a ten per cent discount on hotel accommodation with the nearby Clarine hotel in Nevers (5 rue de Chemin de fer 58000 Nevers, telephone 03 86 71 95 00) and the Campanile hotel at Nevers-Varenne Vauzelles (rue Louise Michel 58640 Varenne Vauzelles (telephone 03 86 21 40 44).

Why not form a group and join in the French Bastille Day celebrations?

Greek sun

LA TE summer sun is on offer for any club members who come along to the first Greek RAT Rally at Galaxidi between September 6 and 7.

The event is being organised by Triumph Greece who promise lots of music, Triumph wine, cheese and bread as well as stunning riding country.

If enough members from northern Europe are interested it is planned to organise a joint ferry crossing from Italy to Greece, while it is also possible to hire a Triumph while you are in Greece.

Contact club HQ if you are interested. More details in the Autumn edition of Torque, out September 1st.

Autumn Gold

MA KE a diary date now for the club's 'Autumn Gold' Rally which will take place at the Whitbread Hop Farm in Kent, southern England on October 4 and 5.

In addition to a Saturday night party in the event marquee, with food, music and bar, the weekend will include kart, buggy and quad riding, lazer clay shooting, a 4x4 course and other attractions and activities. There will also be the chance to explore this beautiful part of England with members of the thriving local RAT group.

There is on-site camping and plenty of local hotel and guesthouse accommodation. Full details will be included in the next edition of Torque.

LA ST minute places are still available at the club's performance riding course being run at Mallory Park, Leicestershire, on June 24.

The cost of £95 includes meals, tuition on road craft,

Speed at Mallory

suspension set-up and high speed riding, including up to three hours' track time.

Call Mallory on +44

(0)1455 842931 or fax +44 (0)1455 848289 for more information or bookings.

Seaside Special

WE'RE heading to the north of England for a weekend of Summer fun in July.

Our 'Seaside Special' event will be based at Myerscough College, Hutton Centre, Lindle Lane, Hutton, between Preston and Southport in Lancashire on July 26 and 27.

Open from late

Saturday morning, the event will include activities on Saturday afternoon, a party with live music, food and a bar in the college hall during the evening and a Sunday morning run for a visit to the seaside.

There is camping for up to 150 tents on site at £4 per tent, plus 50 rooms offering single bed only accommodation at £10 for

the night. Local hotel and guesthouse accommodation information is available from the local tourist office on 01772 253731.

Breakfast, snacks and a Saturday evening meal will be available in the college hall and the bar will be open on Saturday lunchtime and evening.

Numbers are strictly limited to 200 people, so advance booking is recommended. Please send a cheque for £10 per

person, made payable to the Riders Association of Triumph, to RAT, PO Box 83, Hinckley, Leicestershire, England, LE10 3ZP.

If you want to book camping or accommodation, please specify what you require and add the correct amount to your cheque.

Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. We will not be able to provide refunds for cancelled places.

Steamboat Springs



THE wait is over! Triumph America and the Riders Association of Triumph are excited to announce our first Annual USA National RAT Rally, which will be held at Steamboat Springs, Colorado (about three hours west of Denver), between September 11 and 14.

The rally will run alongside the prestigious Steamboat Springs vintage motorcycle racing event which is held on a street circuit in the heart of the town. The programme includes trials riding, dirt track, moto cross, and vintage and modern road racing.

A ski resort during the

winter, Steamboat offers kayaking, hot air ballooning, rafting, golf, hiking and mountain biking as well as superb motorcycling country.

RAT has organised three full

days of entertainment and fun including a pig roast, blues band, barbecue, a ride through the mountains, Triumph displays and other prizes. The club has also organised a lap of the track for members before the racing begins on the Sunday, plus special discounts, seating and parking throughout the week.

The rally will be based on the Steamboat Resorts Thunderhead Lodge which overlooks the racing on Saturday and Sunday. A ten per cent discount has been arranged for members who want to

stay at the hotel, but rooms are limited and demand high, so it is best to book early. Call 1-800-525-5502.

Your RAT membership card will be required to attend all events. Non-members can join on site. Membership is not required for minors under the age of 18.

Enter the RAT owners contest

During the event we will be displaying 25 of the best overall motorcycles owned by our members. This includes both Hinckley and Meriden Triumphs.

Entrants should send a photograph of their bike to RAT, 403 Dividend Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269. The owners of the 25 selected machines will receive a free entrance pack to the rally.

The contest is open to the personal bikes of Triumph dealership staff, but not to dealers. The prize does not include hotel, travel and other food or accommodation.

Entries close on August 15. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want your photos returned.



Event schedule:

Thursday September 11 -

12 noon to 6pm Registration sign-up

Friday September 12 -

8am to 12 noon Registration sign-up
1pm to 4pm RAT Ride. Meeting place to be advised in rally guide

RAT Race - Vintage Triumph Moto Cross race sponsored by RAT.

Saturday September 13 -

9am to 12 noon RAT Ride. Meeting place to be announced in rally guide.
12 noon to 2pm RAT Reception Party. Pig roast followed by RAT Ride.
2pm to 5pm Music entertainment.

Sunday September 14 -

10am to 11.30am Vintage Road Rally Parade. Meet at First National Parking Lot.
11.30am Lap of the track. Meet in track infield area.
12 noon RAT barbecue lunch. Track infield area.

Racing schedule:

Wednesday September 10 -

Vintage dirt track racing 10am to 5pm. Entrance \$5, children (5-12 free).

Thursday September 11 -

Vintage Trial 11am to 4pm. Entrance free.

Friday September 12 -

Vintage moto cross racing 8.30am to 5pm. Entrance free.

Saturday September 13 -

Vintage road racing 8am to 5pm. Entry included in registration pack.

Sunday September 14 -

Modern road racing. Entrance fee included in registration pack.

What to do:

- Complete the registration form (pre-registration ends August 22, 1997) and mail it with your cheque (payable to Riders Association of Triumph) to: Riders Association of Triumph, Triumph Motorcycles America Ltd, 403 Dividend Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269.
- Reserve your accommodation. You are responsible for your own accommodation reservations for the rally. Call Steamboat Resorts on 800-525-5505 to reserve your room. If you are bringing a trailer, please mention this at the time of your reservation.

Discounts have been arranged at the Thunderhead Lodge. Hotel rooms are available at \$80.10 per night. Lodge rooms are \$62.10 per night. Mention that you are a RAT member to receive your discount.

- Check in at the RAT registration booth during the designated times to collect your registration pack.

Rental cars - Avis Rent-A-Car have a standing ten per cent discount for RAT members. They are located at Hayden Airport off I-40 about 30 minutes from Steamboat Springs. The Avis discount number is T307700.

Useful numbers -

Steamboat Resorts Thunderhead Lodge: 800 525 5502.
Steamboat Springs Chamber of Commerce: 970 879 0880.
AHRMA: 715 842 9699.
Modern Roadrace Association: 303 530 5678.
Avis Rent-A-Car: 800 879 2847.

What to bring:

The Summer months in Steamboat Springs are very pleasant but September can be unpredictable so bring a range of riding gear. Be sure to bring your RAT membership card. If you haven't received it, fax (770) 631 6401 with your name, address, vehicle identification number and telephone number. Please allow 5-6 weeks after the purchase of your motorcycle or registration with the club for the delivery of your card.

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passes for child (5-12) @ \$10.00

- Payment should be by cheque made payable to Riders Association of Triumph.
- Pre-registration must close on August 22, 1997.
- On-site registration (after August 22, 1997): \$60 for rider or passenger. Children \$15.
- Note that the registration fee does not include accommodation and meals outside RAT events.
- Registration includes one pass for RAT barbecue, pig roast and music entertainment; one pass for RAT barbecue on Sunday; one weekend pass (including paddock passes) for vintage and modern road racing; official rally guide; official rally t-shirt (XL size only); official rally badge.

Daytona and Speed Twin search

If you own a vintage Daytona or pre-US Hinckley Daytona 750 or 1000 we want to hear from you! We would like to display the 'Evolution of the Daytona' at

Steamboat Springs and would like to display the legendary Speed Twin with the Hinckley machines.

Please send a photo and description of your machine to RAT, 403 Dividend Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269. The owners of the selected machines will receive a free entrance pack to the rally. The prize does not include hotel, travel and other food or accommodation. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want your photos returned.

Top gear

CLUB sweat shirts, t-shirts, caps and polo shirts are now available from all Triumph dealers.

To order, please quote the following part numbers: T-shirt (M9990097); Sweat shirt, large (M9990197); Sweat shirt, XL (M9990297); Polo shirt white, large (M9990597); Polo shirt white, XL (M9990697); Polo shirt green, L (M9990597-H); Polo shirt green, XL (M9990697-H); green cap (M9990797-H); two-tone cap (M9990897).

A limited number of white Stanford Hall Spring Rally T-shirts are also available in XL size only. Send a cheque for £6 to the club headquarters and we'll send one by return.

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Pay by cheque, credit card or Eurocheque, by post, fax, telephone or e-mail to; Torque, Bob Berry Marketing Services, Suite C, Deene House, New Post Office Square, Corby, Northants, NN17 1PB, England. Make cheques payable to 'Bob Berry Marketing Services'.

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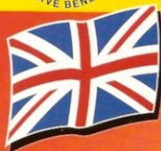
June 1	RAT TT Party, Creg Malin Hotel, Peel, Isle of Man.
June 8	Post TT Classic, Mallory Park, England.
June 10-11	Penguin Riding School, Loudon Raceway, New Hampshire, USA.
June 22	Goodwood Festival of Speed, England.
June 24	Performance Riding Day, Mallory Park, England.
June 29	Motorcycle World at Beaulieu, England.
July 5	Circuit day, Anderstorp Raceway, Sweden.
July 12/13	Vermont RAT SuperRide, New York to Essex, Vermont, USA.
July 13/14	600 Miles race meeting, Magny Cours, France.
July 25-27	Meeting at Västervik, Sweden.
July 26-27	'Seaside Special' Rally, Hutton, Lancashire, England.
Aug 16	Malaren Runt Run, Stockholm, Sweden.
Aug 22-25	International Summer Festival, Bad Peterstal, Schwarzwald, Germany.
August 27	RAT/CLASS training school, Sears Point, Sonoma, California.
Sept 11-14	USA National Rally, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.
Sept 13-14	Ace Cafe Reunion, Brighton, England.
Sept 6-7	Greek Rally, Galaxidi.
Oct 4-5	Autumn Gold Rally, Whitbread Hop Farm, Kent, England.
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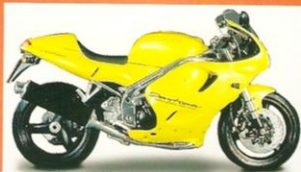


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High plains *drifter*

New frontiersman Marc K Stengel hit the trail to follow an ancient route deep into the heart of America. His adventure turned into a personal voyage of discovery. Pictures by Marc K Stengel and Reed Brown.

FOR the first 1000 miles or so it hadn't mattered that I'd been travelling north and then west from Nashville, Tennessee, along a featureless concrete Interstate motorway, far from the ancient river channels that had inspired my route.

Having set out to 'discover' the region of the Upper Missouri in the high plains states of South and North

Dakota, I was satisfied to have made contact with the watercourses that would lead me there.

Heading downstream along the Cumberland River to its confluence, first with the Tennessee then the Ohio rivers at Paducah, Kentucky, meant travelling north west along Interstate 24 out of Nashville, then, skirting north of Cairo,

Illinois - where the giant Ohio merges into the even larger and insatiable Mississippi - I plied 'upstream' along Interstates 57 and 64 as far as St. Louis. There, 'Big Muddy' - the mighty Missouri - ends its tortuous journey from the farthest Rocky Mountain

The 1200 Trophy at rest on the banks of 'Big Muddy'.



recesses to make its turbulent tribute to the Mississippi.

Bisecting the state of Missouri along Interstate 70 means sprinting due west to Kansas City where the river Missouri meanders over-and-back along the way.

As distant thunder-heads rolled off the Ozarks to the south, threatening to coagulate darkly and directly in my path, the Trophy 1200 settled into a loping stride. At just over 5,000 rpm, where engine torque reaches maximum thrust, the motorcycle was gliding at a mere 85 miles an hour in sixth gear.

The voluptuous folds of the full fairing insulated both bike and rider into and through the gathering storm winds, until at the crest of a long slow rise above the plain the skies seemed to part, and the Triumph leapt headlong onto an expansive sunlit plateau where, on the far side and still a hundred miles away, awaited Kansas City.

Marc Stengel and Trophy 1200 in loping stride.

"I raced the sun to the west along South Dakota highways"

Having only skirted and glanced upon the river's course up to this point, the Interstate now entwines fully with the Missouri as I-29

wends through

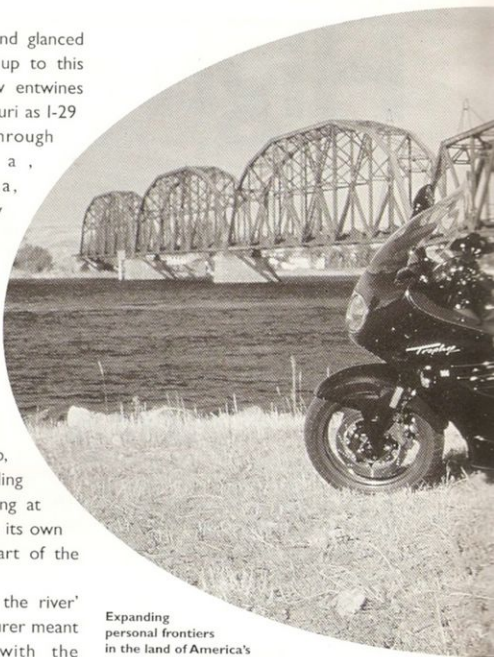
O m a h a ,
Nebraska,
on its way
to Sioux
City, Iowa.

Reaching Vermillion, South Dakota, however - 1000 miles from home - my patience with the restrictions of motorway travel had worn thin. The river too, seemed to tire of its bustling concrete sidewalk, choosing at this point to strike out on its own for the West, for the heart of the Dakotas.

From now on, 'riding the river' aboard Triumph's sport-tourer meant playing hide-and-peek with the Missouri along scraps and fragments of South Dakota's highways.

At Tabor, South Dakota, where Czech and Moravian farmers decided a century ago to sow their Central European traditions onto the high

plains of frontier America, what started as a week-long motorcycle journey out-and-back suddenly became an open-ended adventure





into an unexpected world.

As I raced the sun to the west along South Dakota highways 50, 46, 18 and 183, the Trophy 1200 merged into the landscape, and I merged into the Triumph. Gradually, the road transformed itself into a narrow strip parting the sea of grasses, billowing wheat fields and sunflowers as I skimmed along feeling like a bird of prey among treetops.

Nothing was taller than my shoulders, save those far off random clusters of trees that Dakotas call prairie islands. The sky spread overhead in a gleaming porcelain blue, studded with scudding clumps of cloud.

The Trophy and I traced a 100 plus mile-an-hour trajectory that was arrow-straight from one point to the next. The unchanging lines of the road can be traced on a map, but no map can hint at the vertical sweeps, drops and rises that surge forward through Missouri River country, urging bike and rider northward towards ports-of-call at Pierre, South Dakota, then Bismarck, North Dakota. The

oceanic sense of isolation in this wide-open space is not to be feared. It is to savoured.

With its hard-case, built-in luggage the Trophy 1200 gloated in its self-sufficiency. Triumph's four-bike flagship welcomes the long, solitary voyage of personal discovery that my cross-country trek had become.

With the growing appreciation for the frontier adventures which first extended Europe's 17th and 18th century claims over this region of the once New World, I arrived at the confluence of the Knife and Missouri Rivers north of Bismarck precisely two hundred years to the week after the Welshman John Evans settled in for a long lonely winter with Mandan Indians in their village there on September 24, 1796.

From Evans' meticulous maps of the Upper Missouri, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark eventually

discerned their way across the Rockies to the Pacific, allowing a fledgling United States to wrest control of North America's heartland away from competing Spanish, French and British claims.

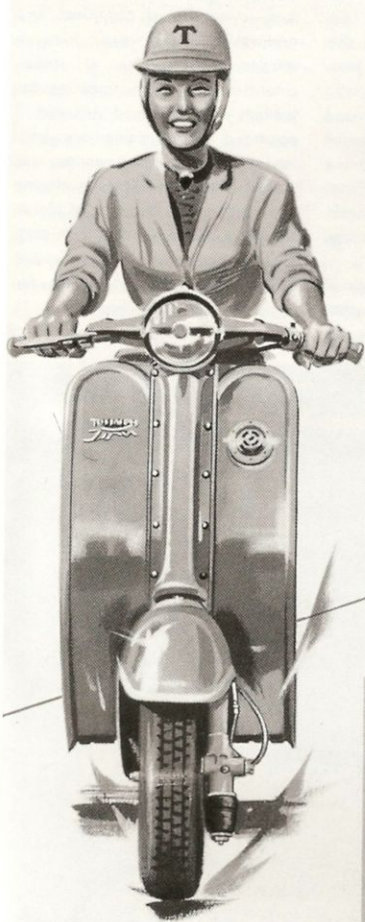
In the aftermath of this accidental anniversary, it was tantalizing to consider Britain's return to the once contested high plains in the guise of the Triumph Trophy 1200 I had ridden there.

For the balance of my seven-day, 3,025-mile foray to-and-from the Dakotas, I couldn't help thinking, in fact, in terms of conquest and exploration. But it wasn't history's border disputes, Indian entanglements and competing fur traders I considered. Instead, I pondered how Britain's once-and-future king of motorcycles was staking out renewed and welcome claims upon the affections of North America's riders - and how solitary, long-distance travel by motorcycle remains the last best means for extending personal frontiers in a world of diminishing boundaries.



Riding the rivers. Sweeping curves of water mirroring the sweeping curves of the Trophy 1200. 3025 miles in seven days in complete comfort.

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TRIUMPH'S attempt to share in the scooter boom of the early sixties led to the production of the Tina. It wasn't a success. Paul White witnessed a chaotic launch party that set the stage for what was to come.

I WAS in my loft the other day and I came across a press pack for the amazing Triumph Tina scooter. It brought back vivid memories of the world press launch on March 27, 1962, at which Edward Turner introduced the model on the Riverside Terrace of the London Festival Hall.

We demonstrated the scooter up and down the terrace, letting members of the press try the machine out willy nilly.

The lady representative of one of the leading trade journals, I think it was

Knitting Weekly, narrowly avoided death by my last second intervention as her pillion passenger when I reached out at the last second to apply the hand brake, trapping her knuckles in the process. I expect she still bears the marks today.

I had prepared myself to 'stand up' in the

event of my action failing to bring us to a halt, allowing her to make a spectacular but damaging dive into the Thames.

I doubt if the Tina would ever have started again after being completely immersed in water. It was difficult enough starting them in the dry!

I am sure similar tales could be told about other important press barons attending the event, which included Nursing Monthly, the Daily Sketch gardening correspondent, Angling Times and a rather lively lady from the Nature Lover and Nudes Anonymous.

Predictably all the motor cycle journalists remained in the bar throughout the introduction and demonstration period.

A good day was had by all. The rest is history.



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THE WORLD'S FASTEST FULLY AUTOMATIC SCOOTER - AT LESS THAN £80

is announced today (March 27) by Triumph Engineering of Coventry, now Britain's largest motor cycle company.

Known as the Tina - "the scooter that thinks for itself" - it will sell in the U.K. at £79.9s., of which £27.5s. is purchase tax.

This lightweight scooter has several important safety features, but the rider to concentrate entirely on traffic conditions without the distraction of clutch and gear operations.

Controls have been reduced to just throttle and brakes. The dynamometer gives the Tina an "infinite variable" range from 50 to 1500 r.p.m.

As the engine revs the scooter comes off as soon as the throttle is opened. The transmission will then automatically adjust itself to all road conditions.

Carrying two adults the Tina will reach a maximum speed of over 40 mph and it will start on a 1 in 1 hill without difficulty. Fuel consumption of the petrol mixture is about 100 mpg under normal conditions.

Completely British in design and manufacture, the Tina is being produced in a specially built extension to the Drury's factory. Supplies have already gone out to dealers all over the country and will be on display soon.

TRIUMPH ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED, ALLESTREE, COVENTRY

Member of the BSA Group of Companies



Letters

Stanford Swedes

BACK in cold and rainy Sweden again! Thank you for a really enjoyable RAT Spring Rally. Wonderful place you've chosen, the Stanford Hall. When we met you on the road to Lutterworth the evening before I thought Sunday would be as rainy as it had been the days before - but not!

Perfect weather, nice arrangements, tasty pig roast, good beer, lovely jazz band and of course bikes, bikes, bikes. I've never seen so many Triumphs at the same time before.

X90 dreams

I WAS most interested to read about the Triumph 'X90' special in the Autumn edition of Torque.

I have read a little about this machine and its designer elsewhere and am intrigued to find out more details, such as whether this bike was a one-off special or a limited run and what precisely is involved in their conversion. Can its designer be contacted?

If you can assist me with any of these

Fantastic!

The rest of our tour in England was very good as well. No more rain and moderate temperatures. Lovely roads for biking (lots of curves) you have in England - but what heavy traffic!

Mostly we stayed at small pubs with accommodation and they were very nice. The factory tour was very impressive and the tour really very enjoyable to listen to.

Once again, thanks. We'll definitely try to go to the meeting in Germany in August.

Joakim Lindblad, Kristinehamn, Sweden.

matters I would be most interested.

GA Green, Heathfield, England.

The X90 project was produced in France by the Mecatwin company headed by designer Franck Depoquier. Fifty machines were produced through an agreement with Triumph France chief Gérard du Chassin. The project is not a kit, but a fully assembled machine. For any further information contact Franck Depoquier on 33.01.46.71.05.07 or fax 33.01.46.71.51.92. NW

Travellin' man

ON our travels through the United States and Mexico, my wife and I met many proud Triumph owners.

In each town we passed through we sought out the local Triumph dealer and we came across 'Iron Horse Motorcycles' in east Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona. There we met their sales manager, Jerry Adams (pictured with myself - I am in the cowboy hat) who welcomed us with open arms and we had some good chats about Triumphs.

As fellow RAT members and pack leaders, Jerry and I had plenty to talk about and as it was 'Arizona Bike Week' my wife Joan managed to sweet talk him into giving us a couple of

Super saver

NEBEN der Schönen Fahrt zur Spring Rally 1997 nach Stanford Hall/England konnten wir ausserdem aufgrund der speziellen RAT-Rabatte für die P&O-Fähre und Übernachtung im Hilton-Hotel ca. £56 (ca. DM 163,-) sparen. Das ist mehr als der RAT-Clubbeitrag für die nächsten zwei Jahre! Tolle sache!

NEXT to our wonderful trip to the Spring Rally 1997 to Stanford Hall we saved about £56 due to the RAT discounts with P&O ferries and Hilton Hotels. That is nearly the cost of RAT membership for the next two years! Excellent!

Guido Hinzmann, Germany.



Long riders

THESE four Triumph fans celebrated a 1969 10,000 mile trans-continental trip by calling in at the factory. Are any of these guys still Triumph riders today?

posters advertising the event.

Wherever we travelled in America everyone without exception was extremely friendly and loved to 'talk Triumph'.

Also enclosed is a photo of our bike at the famous 'Forth Rail Bridge' in Scotland.

Jack Davies, Cornwall, England.



Polished PERFORMERS

WHEN it comes to finish, Triumph refuse to compromise. Proof of this is the factory's in-house chroming facility. When no suitable supplier for various high quality chrome plated items could be located, Triumph refused to settle for second best. They simply installed their own plant.

Items plated by the computer controlled series of vats and baths include exhaust downpipes, handlebars, aftermarket silencers, headlamp bowls, radiator and airbox covers, horn covers and clamp covers for a range of Triumph machines.

Overseen by team leader Ian Knott and production engineer John New, the process covers 11 carefully monitored stages designed to provide a consistently high quality finish.

To see how it operates, let's follow a set of components through the plating procedure.

Before any parts go into the chrome plating process they undergo a close visual inspection to ensure no surface

defects are evident as these would be amplified by the application of chrome. Small marks can sometimes be polished out on bench polishing machines. Any components with marks that can't be polished out will be rejected and returned to the supplier/manufacturer.

Stage two for silencers is a jet wash process to remove any surface oil or polishing compound that may be present on the surface of the raw component. If necessary the item is then sealed before being mounted on a jig carried by an overhead computer controlled gantry.

The gantry will carry the component over the plating tanks and dip it into the required solutions for the required amount of time. Different components get different dips, with the black chrome process being different to bright chrome.

Before entering the first dip, the components are cleaned by an alkaline based Electrolytic Anodic Clean process which makes the surface of the

metal active and helps release all surface grease and grime.

The jigs are then dipped into two 'rinse' baths to prevent cross contamination between the different stages.

Stainless steel will go into Anodic Pickling Acid at this stage to take approximately 10 microns off the surface to give a shiny clean finish. Mild steel items pass into a hydrochloric acid bath for cleaning purposes and then into another rinse bath before all components are air dried and given two more rinses.

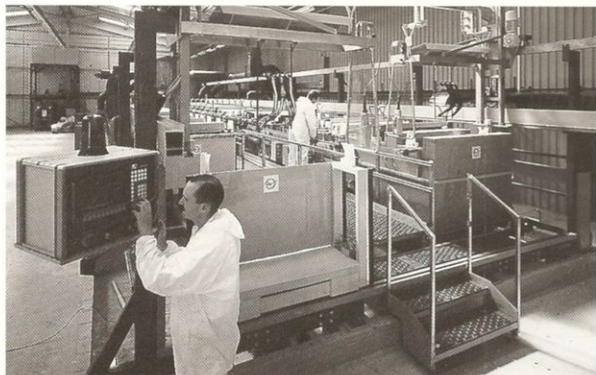
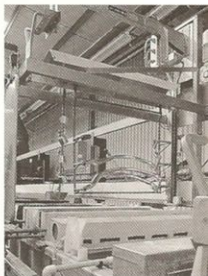
They are then dipped into a Nickel Strike solution. Four coats of nickel are applied to the surface of the component as chrome adheres extremely well to nickel. After another rinse a semi-bright nickel base coat is applied, again providing a binding base for the next coat.

Bright nickel is then applied to produce an almost chrome like finish before micro-porous nickel is added to fill in any minute surface pinholes that may affect the final product. Three rinses follow this stage.

Only now is the component ready for submerging in chrome solution. This will coat the item in 51 microns of chrome before it is dipped in a series of chrome neutralising solutions. It is then dried off and removed from its jig, ready for use.

Weekly checks are carried out for nickel and chrome contents in the relevant solutions, to ensure even strengths and coverings from component to component. These tests are verified by an outside consultancy company.

The result is a consistently high quality product, providing the best possible cosmetic finish and protection for the base metal.



Editor's

NOTEBOOK

Dream

ride to Tuscany



Medieval hilltop towns are a signature of the Tuscany countryside.

WHO could resist it? The first RAT organised event in Italy. A tour through the heart of Tuscany in the Spring time. Being part of RAT is all about broadening horizons, meeting new friends, seeing new places, getting the most from your Triumph. I couldn't turn it down could I?

Led by Mario Lupano of Italian Triumph importers Numero Tre, the schedule was to leave Milan on the evening of Friday April 11 for a ride

down the motorway to Imola, snake from west to east through Tuscany then dash up the west coast to Milan in a weekend punctuated by superb Italian food and drink. I was on the next plane to Italy.

Picking up a Trophy 1200 from Numero Tre's Milan shop, I joined a party of 22 Triumphs to set out at 9.30 in the evening for a cool three hour motorway dash to Imola and a late night appointment at a pub owned by early eighties 500cc Grand Prix world champion Marco Lucchinelli.

I couldn't believe it when we were led down to a cellar bar at half past midnight to be greeted by a packed room and a rock band. Drinks and food were ordered all round and when we finally moved on after 2am we now numbered over 30.

And that was just for starters.

After a photocall we were on the

road again at 8.30 on Saturday morning, joined by Marco and his Triumph Tiger. Just about every Triumph model was represented in the line-up as we headed for the hills and one of the most memorable days in my 22 years of motorcycling.

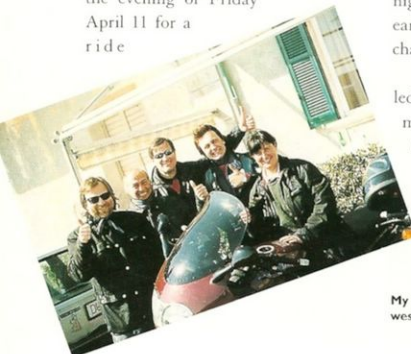
At first we started line astern, but with everyone free to ride at their own pace we soon broke into groups for the first blast up and down a twisty mountain pass crested by rain filled clouds.

The Italians have an interesting theory linked to riding. 'Motorcycling is freedom' they insist. So, no rules about speed or riding in groups and no fixed route. Only the start and finish points are fixed. If you want to ride together fine, if not, also fine. That was OK until I got lost.

At the back of my group as we entered a village, I was delayed by a bottleneck of traffic. When I emerged, the rest of the group had disappeared, so I set off in hot pursuit. Five minutes later I still hadn't caught them and by now I wasn't even sure I was on the correct road.

I decided to check the map provided by Mario. It turned out to be just a map of Italy! I soon managed to locate the town I was heading for. It was on the other side of the country. No matter, the weather was sunny, I had a Trophy 12 underneath me and the heart of Chianti country beckoned. I'd always wanted to visit Siena, so

My partners for a breathtaking ride up the western coast of Italy.





Massed ranks of Triumphs ready for a trip through Tuscany.

that's where I headed for.

There followed the best day's riding I have ever had. Words can't do justice to it, but try to imagine warm sun, stunning scenery and the perfect bike for the job as you cruise through vineyards studded by medieval hilltop villages and you will get the idea.

Stopping for petrol, I was passed by a Speed Triple I recognised as one I had seen outside the hotel earlier that day, so I gave chase and flagged the rider down. He turned out to be *RAT* member Paolo Besanzoni who had followed exactly the same route as me, just 15 minutes behind.

We rode the rest of the way together, celebrating our arrival at Porto Santo Stefano on the west coast, north of Rome, with a stop for a drink in a beach cafe. The hotel Torre di Cala Piccola on nearby Monte Argentario was spectacular.

Set on cliffs high above the Mediterranean, the views from my room and the poolside terrace were absolutely stunning. Dozing in the sun after such a long and beautiful ride was simply superb.

Other riders continued to

arrive as the evening progressed, including new members of the party joining us from Rome and Florence. By the time we left for the ride to a nearby restaurant for massive eight course dinner we were almost 50 people on around 40 Triumphs. What a sight! And what a dinner! You could hardly hear my speech for the groans of over-fed motorcyclists (at least I think that's what the groans were caused by).

Reading the number plates in the hotel car park showed our party was made up of owners from Milan, Turin, Udine, Venice, Cremona, Trieste, Rome and Florence, riding everything from Adventurers to Trophies and T595s. Impressive!

Sunday's ride was very different, but equally enjoyable. I joined a party including Paolo's Speed Triple, the Daytona 900 of Yaron Mannheimer and

Roberta Rossetti,
Tiger rider Vittorio Macchi
and Trident rider
F r a n c o

Quartieri, to head up the west coast on the Via Aurelia.

Calling at Pisa di Mare for a long afternoon lunch stop by the sea we then hit the favourite local raceway - a brilliant coastal motorway that clings to the cliffs and dives through tunnels between La Spezia and Genoa.

The local sportsbike heroes gladly pay the motorway toll to charge up and down the exhilarating 30 mile blast. I think they were surprised when they discovered a stately Triumph touring bike enjoying itself in their midst.

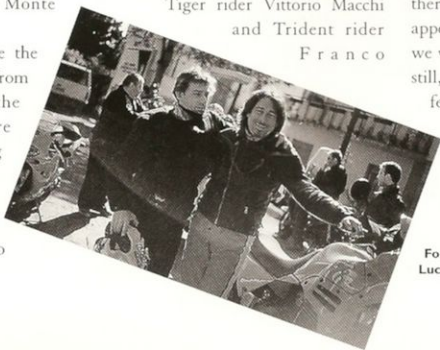
I must admit the more I ride Trophies, the more I like them - and that's not just because I work for Triumph. I think people are deceived by the large fairing and panniers and upright riding position to think it's a big, unwieldy machine, but there is little weight in the plastic fittings and the riding position just makes it comfortable to keep up the pace for long periods.

That's just as well, because after arriving back in central Milan, a speedo check showed I had covered around 1400 kilometres over the weekend, allowing time for generous stops for making the most of Italian food and early season sun. Maybe not 'Iron Butt' mileage, but still a good run.

You have probably got the idea that I enjoyed every minute of the weekend. For me it summed up everything that being a *RAT* member is about. Maybe you can join us in Tuscany next year, maybe you can take part in one of the other trips or runs that are planned.

Either way, don't miss out. If there's nothing on the schedule that appeals to you, then let us know and we will try to set something up. Better still, why not get together with some fellow members and set up your own trip?

If my weekend in Tuscany is anything to go by, you will have the time of your life.



Former 500cc world champion Marco Lucchinelli (right) joined us on his Tiger

Deals on wheels

Hover with no bother

HOVERCRAFT operator Hoverspeed will cut 25% from their standard motorcycle brochure fares for RAT members. Simply quote market sector reference MP and product code MOC when booking.

UK members should call 0990 240241 to book, from France call 0800 901777; from Germany 0130 825075; from Holland 0800 220083; from Belgium 0800 71822.

Members from any other countries should call the UK reservation number on 00 44 990 240241.

Stena savings

FERRY operators Stena Line are offering members a 30% discount on all continental routes and 10% discount on Irish crossings.

Bookings can be made by calling 0990

343434 and stating you are a member of the Riders Association of Triumph.



Extra routes from P&O



Portsmouth-Le Havre and Portsmouth-Cherbourg services as well as the existing Dover-Calais offer. The starting point can be either England or France.

Members booking from outside the UK should note the new booking number of +44 1304 863000. UK members can use the 0990 980980 number.

Quote reference 50531 Retail Promotions.

Mountain magic

ALL-ACTION sports bike holidays in the Spanish Pyrenees are being offered to RAT members at 10 per cent discount.

Organisers Big Rock Ltd. have designed the group tours specifically for sports bike riders and promise excitement and adventure in spectacular mountain scenery.

Places can be booked for individual riders or groups of up to 15 and all tours are led by the company's British owners. Packages include ferry crossings, accommodation in a Michelin-rated hotel and holiday insurance.

Optional extras include white water rafting, parasailing, horse riding, trail

riding or even a day at Kenny Roberts' training ranch near Barcelona.

Dates run from May until October, with prices (excluding discount) starting at £799 for a bike and rider and £599 for pillion riders.

Contact Big Rock Ltd., 89 Preston, Cirencester, Gloucester GL7 5PR (+44 (0)1285 656588) for more information and booking details.

Europe the easy way

DUTCH motorcycle tour specialists Vrij Uit Motorvakanties are offering discounts of up to ten per cent on their European packages to club members, providing the ideal solution for riders wanting to tour the continent but wanting someone else to look after the details.

Open to riders from any country, the tours cover most of Europe and offer a range of durations and riding schedules.

Vrij Uit will also tailor packages for groups of members wanting to travel together. Suggested itineraries cover Switzerland, Austria and the Dolomites.

Tours costing more than 500 Dutch Guilders will attract a ten per cent discount for RAT members, with a five per cent reduction on tours costing under 500 Guilders.

Contact Vrij Uit on +31 (0)23 5696 630 (fax +31 (0)23 5696 515) for a brochure and bookings.

Bike Fun

GERMAN tour operators BikeFun Tours are offering club members a choice of two guided tours at discount prices.

The first runs from September 25 to October 5 and includes 'The Canyons of Provence' and includes highlights between the Col de la Bouette and the Gorges du Verdon. Including all meals, hotel accommodation and a guide the cost is DM 1540 per person.

The second tour visits Corsica between June 23 and June 28 or June 30 and July 5 and includes a guide, boat tour, maps, party and camping (apartments can be booked at an extra cost). The cost to RAT members is DM 751, a discount of 11.5% on the advertised rate.

Contact +49 (0)48 25 1695 for details



Cheap thrills

The American Adventure Theme Park has always been a great day out. Now it's the best value as well.

Just present this coupon when you visit and up to six people can enjoy the day out for only £5 each.

This includes entry and an unlimited rider wristband which gives you access to all our major rides and attractions all day long.

- This voucher admits up to 6 people to The American Adventure Theme Park for just £5 per person, which is a saving of £5.98 per person. Juniors (under 1.22m in height) save £3.98. Free admission for children aged under 4. The offer is valid until 30th September 1997. Management reserve the right to refuse admission to any party or parties. This voucher is not to be used in conjunction with any other offer and is not transferable. Go-karts, golf and coin operated rides are charged extra. Height restrictions apply. Please call to check opening dates and time.



24 hour hotline: 01773 769931.
Pit Lane, Ilkerton, Derbyshire. Signposted from M1 junction 26.



and bookings, quoting reference 'Triumph RAT Club'.

Happy snaps

PROFESSIONAL photographer and club member Steve Clifford, from Chorley in Lancashire, England, is offering special discounts to fellow RAT members. Steve will photograph you and your bike for five per cent off his published rates, or if it's a really big day will take your wedding photos for 10 per cent discount if the service is in Lancashire! Contact him on 01257 268116.

French insurance

INSURERS Sogerec are offering French members a 15 per cent reduction on their car insurance, not motorcycle insurance as stated in the last edition of *Torque*. Something got mixed up in translation. Apologies to anyone who had a wasted phone call.

Reading German

WANT to keep up on the German biking scene? Then why not subscribe to top mag 'Motorrad Reisen und Sport' and choose between a ten per cent discount or a free Zippo lighter?

The sixth month subscription with a free lighter is available to members at DM 39.90. Without the gift, you pay just DM 35.90.

Contact Heinrich Bauer, LAPIS KG, Industriest. 16, 50735 Köln, Germany, reference RAT-Club.

Rural retreat

TRIDENT owner and RAT member Philippe Daux is offering a ten per cent discount for fellow members wanting to stay at his 200 year old farm guesthouse in the Pays Basque region of France.

Ideally sited for spectacular touring, the farm is at Sare, just 12 kilometres from the sea and offers quality Chambre d'Hôte accommodation. Philippe and wife Murielle are happy to organise routes for visitors.

Contact them on +33 (0)5 59 54 29 77 or +33 (0)6 11 50 03 63, or write to Errotaldekoborda, route des Ventas, 64310 Sare, France.

Holiday in Provence

A TRIUMPH owning French hotelier is offering discounts of up to ten per cent for club members at his hotel in Provence.

The Auberge de la Benvenuto in Les Baux de Provence is a three star hotel run by the Beupied family with home cooked food and free private parking for motorcyclers.

Contact them by letter for further information or bookings.

In Brief ...

● Insurance and financial -

Company: Fernet Insurance Brokers Ltd.
Product: Motorcycle and general insurance.

Offer: 15% discount on 'TriumphCare' cover, special arrangements on other cover.
Contact: Fernet on 01708 768613.

Applies to UK only. Special arrangements available in USA.

Company: Sogerec Assurances.
Product: Car insurance.

Offer: 15% discount for RAT members.
Contact: Sogerec on (1) 48.81.14.14, fax (1) 43.81.19.48.

Applies to France only.

Company: General Guarantee.
Product: Finance.

Offer: Priority rates.
Contact: Cliff Brewer on 01908 696001.

Applies to UK only.

Company: RAC.
Product: RAC membership and breakdown cover.

Offer: 50% discount for close family of holders of Triumphere Assurance, including free Joint Cover for TA holders themselves. 10% discount on RAC membership for members not having Triumphere Assistance cover.

Contact: RAC on 01454 209006 for Triumphere holders; 0800 716976, quoting ref. MC0012, for other members
Applies to UK only.

● Triumph rental -

Company: Cruise America/Cruise Canada.
Product: Triumph and motor home rentals in the USA and Canada.

Offer: Discounts up to 20%.
Contact: Cruise America on +1-800-327-7799.

Company: Market Motorcycles / Fowlers of Bristol.

Product: Triumph hire in the UK.
Offer: 5% reduction on published rates.
Contact: Market Motorcycles on +44 (0)1442 822599, Fowlers on +44 (0)1179 770466.

Company: Triumph Hellas.
Product: Triumph hire in Greece.

Offer: 5% reduction on published rates.
Contact: Triumph Hellas on +301 925 5917 (phone) or +301 925 5918 (fax).

Company: H-C Travel.
Product: Triumph rental in New Zealand, USA and Canada.

Offer: 10% discount.
Contact: +44 (0)1256 770775, fax +44 (0)1256 771773.

● Vehicle rental -

Company: Avis Rent-A-Car.
Product: Car hire.

Offer: Discounts up to 10% plus special offers.
Contact: Avis Rent-A-Car on +1-800-331-1212.

Company: Cruise America/Cruise Canada.
Product: Motor home rentals in the USA and Canada.

Offer: Discounts up to 20%.
Contact: Cruise America on +1-800-327-7799.

● Sea crossings -

Company: P&O European Ferries.

Product: Cross Channel ferry crossings.
Offer: 30% discount plus special offers.
Contact: 0990 980980 from UK, +44 1304 863000 from elsewhere, quoting ref: 50531 Retail Promotions.

Company: Stena Line.

Product: Continental and Irish ferry crossings.
Offer: 30% discount on continental routes, 10% on Irish routes...
Contact: +44 (0)990 343434 stating you are a member of the Riders Association of Triumph.

Company: Hoverspeed.

Product: Hovercraft crossings.
Offer: 25% discount on standard motorcycle fares.
Contact: 0990 240241 (UK); 0800 901777 (France); 0130 825075 (Germany); 0800 220083 (Holland); 0800 71822 (Belgium); 00 44 990 240241 (others). Quote market sector code MP and product code MOC.

Company: Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.

Product: Ferry crossings to Isle of Man.
Offer: 10% discount on selected crossings.
Contact: Phone +44 (0)1624 645645.

Company: Motor Sport Travel.

Product: Discount ferry fares, various routes.
Offer: Discounts up to 35%.
Contact: Phone +44 (0)1759 373000. Fax +44 (0)1759 373111.

● Hotel accommodation -

Company: Hilton Hotels.
Product: Hotel accommodation.

Offer: 30-50% reduction on UK and European weekend break rates.
Contact: Hilton Hotels on 0800 856 8000 from the UK, +44 1923 218313 outside the UK quoting Ref: S35 for UK reservations or Ref: EW for European bookings.

Company: Campanile/Clarine/Bleu Marine.

Product: Hotel accommodation.
Offer: Special rates, typically 10 per cent

below published tariff.

Contact: +33 (0)1 64 62 46 36 quoting the reference "Triumph".

Company: Hotel Regina, Serfaus, Austria.

Product: Hotel accommodation.

Offer: 10% discount, free swimming and garaging.

Contact: Bookings and information on +43 (0)5476 6253, fax +43 (0)5476 6739.

Company: Vista Palace Hotel, Monte Carlo.

Product: Hotel accommodation.

Offer: A de luxe room for the price of a standard room, equal to 13.5% discount.

Contact: Vista Palace Hotel on +33 92.10.40.00, fax +33 93.35.18.94.

Company: Errotaldekoborda, Chambres d'Hôte.

Product: Farmhouse accommodation in Pays Basque, France.

Offer: 10% discount.

Contact: Philippe and Murielle Daux.

+33 (0)5 59 54 29 77 or +33 (0)6 11 50 03 63, or write to Errotaldekoborda, route des Ventas, 64310 Sare, France.

Company: Auberge de la Benvergode.

Product: Hotel in Provence.

Offer: Discounts to 10%.

Contact: S Beupied at Auberge de la Benvergode, 13520 Les Baux de Provence, France.

● Holiday packages -

Company: Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.

Product: Package holidays in the Isle of Man.

Offer: 10% discount.

Contact: Phone +44 (0)1624 645645.

Company: Select Site Reservations.

Product: Camping and mobile home holidays in Europe.

Offer: Special packages for RAT members.

Contact: Select Site Reservations, Travel House, 34 Brecon Road, Abergavenny, Gwent. Telephone +44 (0)1873 859876, fax +44 (0)1873 859544.

● Organised tours -

Company: Big Rock Ltd.

Product: Guided sports bike tours to the Spanish Pyrenees.

Offer: 10% discount.

Contact: +44 (0)1285 656588.

Company: Vrij Uit Motorvakanties.

Product: Motorcycle tours in Europe.

Offer: 5-10% discount.

Contact: +31 (0)23 5696 630 or fax

+31 (0)23 5696 515.

Company: Triumph Owners Tours.

Product: Guided tours, including Scotland 1997.

Offer: 5% discount.

Contact: +49 (0)2205 92710 or fax +49 (0)2205 927129 for details and bookings.

Company: Enjoy Tours.

Product: Guided tours of south west Germany and Alps.

Offer: Up to 25% discount.

Contact: Telephone/fax +49 (0)7633 83580.

Company: Triumph Hellas.

Product: Guided touring holidays in Greece, including Triumph hire if required.

Offer: 5% reduction on published rates.

Contact: Triumph Hellas on +301 925 5917 (phone) or +301 925 5918 (fax).

Company: H-C Travel.

Product: Touring packages worldwide.

Offer: Various discounts, typically 5-10%.

Contact: +44 (0)1256 770775, fax +44 (0)1256 771773.

Company: BikeFun Tours.

Product: German led guided tours of Provence and Corsica.

Offer: Discounts between 5-11.5%.

Contact: +49 (0)48 25 1695, quoting reference "Triumph RAT Club".

● Literature and video -

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Contact: 0800 550055.

Company: Project Moto Ltd.

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Contact: Project Moto Ltd., 5, Kinburn Street, London SE16 1DN, England.

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Contact: +44 (0)1858 435337 quoting reference NA25/A23 for 'Bike', NO36/01L for 'RiDE' or NH2i/H26 for 'Performance Bikes'.

Company: Motorrad Reisen und Sport magazine.

Product: Subscriptions.

Offer: 10% discount or free Zippo lighter.

Contact: Heinrich Bauer, LAPIS KG, Industriestr. 16, 50735 Köln, Germany, reference RAT-Club.

● Training courses -

Company: CSM.

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Contact: Shire Training on +44 (0)1480 464689.

Company: CLASS Motorcycle Riding School.

Product: Performance riding course at Sears Point Raceway, California.

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Contact: CLASS on (805) 933-9936 or fax (805) 933-9987.

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Contact: Mallory Park on +44 (0)1455 842931 or fax +44 (0)1455 848289.

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Product: Motorsports events.

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Contact: +44 (0)115 912 9128.

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Contact: For show information and bookings call +49 (0)1805 1997; for hotel and ticket package call +49 (0)40 251 640 (fax +49 (0)40 251 6413), quoting the reference "Triumph".

Company: Tony Upsall.

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Contact: The School House Inn, Low Marshes, Malton, North Yorks, YO17 0RJ, England (telephone +44 (0)653 668247).

Company: American Adventure Theme Park, England.

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Contact: American Adventure on +44 (0)1773 769931.

Company: Triumph Hellas.

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Contact: Triumph Hellas on +301 (0)925 5917 (phone) or +301 (0)925 5918 (fax).

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