

Filling the gap

I have been an enthusiast of Triumphs since I learnt to drive in a Herald back in 1965, a lovely mover which helped me pass first time. Unfortunately I couldn't afford one, so I owned and drove other makes until I bought a low mileage Mk1 Triumph 2000 manual followed by a Mk2 automatic 2000. I was hooked. I'd always loved the 2000 design, which had a regal appearance. That was not the last Triumph, because a 1500HL came into our lives before leaving dramatically as a write off.

The relevance of this experience is that I am forever looking to own another classic Triumph, either a Herald convertible or a 2000. But my dream will never be realised because whilst I am still able to do some of my own work on a classic, if I had to get under it I would never get up again! Hence my subscription to *TW* allows me to sit and enjoy other readers' experiences without the use of spanners etc.

Mike Dinnick

I am sorry to hear that another Triumph is out of the question, but glad that we are able to fill the gap to some extent – Ed

A tribute to Sir John

The Victorian branch of the Triumph Car Club of Victoria and members from the TR Register embraced Rye Livingstone's dream of Driving Your Triumph on Sir John Black's birthday, [*Postbag, February/March issue*] with a scenic drive from Geelong to Barwon Heads and lunch at the local pub. Departure time was 10.30am, and all up there were 36 Triumphs (plus three modern cars) and 70 people ready for the off. We left on time and I was at the end of the line – it was a top sight looking ahead.

It was around a 30 minute scenic drive to the pub for lunch, and the staff and cooks did a wonderful job in getting the meals out. After lunch we had free time to check out the local shops – there sure were a lot of women's shops, but at least the ice creams were very tasty. The weather had greatly improved and the soft tops came down as we formed up for the drive back home around 2.40pm. The photo below shows the cars crossing the trestle bridge over the Barwon River. All in all it was a wonderful day spent with Triumph enthusiasts. Sir John Black would have been very proud of the display – if it wasn't for Sir John, we may not have been driving our magnificent Triumph cars in 2018.

Graeme Oxley

Triumph Car Club of Victoria, Australia



I'll show you mine...

The family of a lady called Barbs got in touch with me recently to ask about the possibility of treating her on her birthday with a drive in my Mayflower from a pub called the Swan with Two Necks near Rugeley in Staffs to her home in Tamworth as a nice surprise, because she had taken her driving lessons in a Mayflower 60 years earlier.

When I got to the pub and went in to meet her, there was a table full of women and Barbs was hoping I was a stripogram! I said the only thing I was showing was my Mayflower, which she liked very much as it brought back memories. I then drove her home, about 20 miles of trouble-free motoring, and had a cup of tea and a chat. It was a nice day out to have in your eighties.

**John Castle, Chairman
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