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RAT chat

IT'S early May as I write this and the year has already been packed with activity. I've just come back from the Tulip Festival in Holland and that followed hot on the heels of the

We dodged in and out of the ghat didn't spoil the enjoyment

of the many members who came along. There certainly didn't seem to be any ack of enthusiasm at Saturday night's party in Holland! A cruick look at the What's Harpening section of this edition of Torque will give some idea of the growing events programme n store for the rest of the

The highlight of the year will England in July. It's a unique chance to join what promises to be the biggest ever gathering of Hinckley built Triumphy as we stage the first members' Factory

Oren Day as the climax of the Sunday July 19.

something to get your throttle

> Neil Webster Club Manager



international news Triumph's new Legend

*RIUMPH'S latest new model hits the streets this into two exhaust with reverse cone chrome silencers Summer, offering the chance to share in the Trion of The Legend TT retains

cation benefits of the successful Thunderbird range, but features a dramatic seat height reduction

and a very competitive price tag. The cruiser styled machine uses a new rear subframe and seat 17 inch front wheel and remodelled slimling side conels to give an

easily managed seat height of cas-It is powered by Triumph's popular aluminium 885cc 70PS (69bbo) in-line three cylinder engine, fin-

Available in Volcanic Red or Obsidian Black, the Legend TT shares many of the accessories currently available for the Thunderbird and Adventurer range, allowing owners to tailor their machine

to their own tastes The newly available 34 PS restriction kit will also make it a perfect entry model for new riders passing

their full motorcycle test in countries including power limitations in their licence Production of the Legend TT began in early May.

ished in black with brushed alu-

scheduled for early lune.

Thailand tours

tours run for 12 days, with a choice of

trip covered around 2000 kilometres on good

Daytona dream ride

the engine, so I held well back until the closing stages and then went for it on the last lap," said the experienced Adams, from Whittier

103,939 mps. His team-mate, New Yorker Michael Gage, per

a second Triumph on the winner's polium with third place while third team member Paul Harrell also held a top three place before dropping back to

Results -

I. Curtis Adams (Triumph)

2. Shaun Highee (Buell) 3. Michael Gage (Triumph)



Florida fun

Fike Week saw club members from the State ind Europe come togeth

for two successful events. part in the RAT Ride Park on the Friday, followthrough the forests and

bers used their own machines - some having shipped them from snowbound northern parts was able to loan demonstration bikes to a few British members who were keen to large gathering met up at the Digona Hillow Heed for a RAT Party that also

saw the first appearance of the new Triumph Legend TT, with RAT members taking advantage of compli-





Tulip days



HEAVY rain may

Holland over the May Day weekend, ber the many exchanges who of in so the most of the even

dance at this first Dutchefth event, and few missed

chance to discover the superb sights and smells of

the disco, many cycle aking to the the UK and German

with a bang

the bulbfields in bloom during the good weather of Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, while some also took the chance to explore nearby Amsterdam.

Other activities included a treasure hunt roadbook tour and free on-site karting, shooting gallery and rider skills

But the highlight came on Saturday evening when a light hearted pub singing session gave way to the evening's main

hand Too Hin the night most rallying, were up and discing Joth to the hand and

theylibran Holland

Track attack

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proughout the UK made the second UK Spring Rolly at Stanford Hall

lined the track leading to the



Belgian Triumph gathering

RIUMPH fans in Belgium are organising their third The event, run by Triumeh Owners Motor Cycle Club Belgium is open to all British and classic bikes. Contact Koen

The Squire SS65 Strong enough to hang and a RIDE 8 Volvos... Best Buy



In 17mm Boron Steel Shackle and chain is designed to withstand built groupers to a force of nine tonnes and in tests it has been shown that sawing takes about as long as a performance of Wagners Ring!

hand at picking the high security six pin tumbler lock. But as Sold of approval, our guess is that this very will find it easier to steal a bike As CLET the SOCK to and once of a control for the party Senter M.



SQUIRE -Securing Technology

Triumphs HAPPENING? coming home

Tisit the home of Triumph as part of this year's RAT

a few miles from Triumph's Hinckley base and the climax of the weekend will be the chance to visit the factory itself when it opens its doors exclusively to RAT members.

Add two nights' food, fun, drink and rides exploring the historic heart of England and mass parade of Triumphs from the ralls site to an factory on Sunday morning and you have a sevent n

on Friday evening with a welcome party including a p

Triumph fan should miss.

The week end is based or Rosse

Markes Bosworth in Lescorershire, En

roast, disco and live rock and blues

Saturday offers the chance to visit a range of historic sites either with

displays, games

The region offers a wide range of laces to explore, including Warwick and Kenilworth castles. Bosworth futtlefield Stratford-upon-Ayon for those

The rally site itself is based at a

sports park and there will be the chance to try your hander windsurfing, canoeing, and sailing, while there

accested in discovering historic England, or the National Motorcycle Museum Discovery Park for those

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Its going to be a great weekend. Let your bike enjoy it too!

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· Competitions, games, prizes Mass parade of Triumphs

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Schoolard coming's Raily, Party will feature a hot buffer dinned but, sock band, discognizations and beizes.

Sunday's Tricamph Factors Open Day will get underwa

will be five-a-side football and 'It's a Knockout' (Jeux Sans

Once at the factory you can take a look around, talk to Triumph staff, enjoy the live music and sample the food and drink. Entry to the open day is for RAT members only and is FREE!

This should be the biggest weekend yet for owners of Hinckley built Triumphs - don't · Discover historic England · Visit the Triumph factory · Parties, good food, live mu

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band, bar and disco

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Early is seen as RAT members only. Special weekend content they is an lable to two guests for each RAT member 15 each. Membership is not necessary for children under to green 18.

There may be additional equipment hire and tuition

There is NO charge to attend the Factiry/Open Days and the year RAT membership card at the gate. Full and Weekend membership subscriptions will be available on site.

The Triumph factory is at Jacknell Road, Dodwell's Bridge Industrial Estate, Hinckley, Leicestershire, just off the AS, two miles north of the AS/M69 junction, south west of Leicester.



Samuel 1961 Tonger



German jaunt

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and drick in a local resturant with

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head, excluding drinks. We have also

reserved a small number of rooms in

views over the river. There is no charge to take run the ralls, and the dinner will you





Ardennes Rally

XPLORE the spectacul and forests of south east Belloum

as part of our Ardennes Rally in Based at the lovely town of La Roche, the rally will leave the town Onsi de l'Ourthe souare at 10am on

press, including visits to the Battle of ne Ardennes museum, pottery and For the brave at heart there is also

Ourthe or to even go hang gliding!

ing members taking part in the Ardennes Rally

a EVET for pring library To deserve a place on the evi on +31 (0)71 301 9292. She will ask you to send a cheque for Saturday's dinner which will automatically enrol you for

at the Hotel Le Greenib. For information about other local tourist office on +32 (0)84 41 1342.

Mountain magic

There is still time to sign up for our Mountain Magic' trip to the

the club by sports bike holiday specialat Big Rock between September 15.

is and will be based in the tips contain tax haven of Anderro The price of £750 per rider, £530 per pillion includes hotel accommodation in Andorra, return ferry crossings between Poetsmouth and Le Havre, at a hotel stop on the way down and

back throught France. Special rates are available for wish to join up with the group in

book a place. Make cheques payable to Rickerby Watterson Trustees - Big Rock'.





Head for the hills

in Sentember. provide a combination of social events and touring rides with the chance to ride your Triumph around the street

If you fancy trying a different Triumph model there will be demonstration rides available during the first part of the week, while the climax of the club events will be the RAT Party with pig roast and live band on the Saturday

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WHETHER your tastes are for sports riding, touring, cruising or owners, you will find a warm welcome at the wide range of events we

are holding in Germany during the Sports riders might want to visit

one of the T500 Challenge race meetings. There will be a RAT members' meeting at the Saturday night of each event, plus the change to ride on the circuit.

Rounds are scheduled for Hockenheim, and Oschersleben. Touring riders also have a wide choice of destination, including two meetings in northern Germany is June, A run to Fehrmarn Isimi-

near Hamburg takes place on lur 14, while the following weekend sees the three day North Sea Ralls

north of Hamburg, between June We move into the Austrian Tirol for a weekend at the Hotel

stay in the hills for a weekend's riding in the beautiful Black Forest on August 22-23 when we go to the See the Deals on Wheels section of

Whether you are based in Germany or are just planning a visit, you will be very welcome at all these events. Contact German National Manager Martin Driehaus on +49 6175 93360 for more

Discover France

WE are visiting some of the loveliest parts of France with three weekend tours in the coming weeks.

There might just be time to sign up for our weekend ride in the dramatic Gorge entry fee of 450 francs including a welcome aperitif, Saturday evening dinner, accom-

modation, breakfast, lunch and roadbook. Contact Hervé Descamps at Triumph dealer Technic Motos in Nimes (+33 4 66 854296) to sign up. Hard on its heels comes the Champagne Rally on June 20-21. Incorporating a roadbook tour between Amiens and Reims in north-east France the weekend also includes a tour of a champagne cave and museum, champagne tasting, dinner and an

overnight hotel stop. Contact Marchwicki Motos in Reims (+33 3 26 875503) or Kilometre 66 in Amiens

(+33 3 22 91 6666) to book a place.



OUR programme of regional events in the United States continues throughout the amer with a mix of our own meetings and special activities at larger gatherings. Mid-June sees us take part in the Triumph 'Come Home' Rally at Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, on June 12-14, while a month later we will stare a RAT Ride-In on July

11 as part of the Mid-Ohio Vintage Days meeting at Lesington. Two RAT happenings will take place during the Sturgis Black Hills Rally in South

hope to make even better this time round when we meet between August 14 and 16. Our Mid-West Weekend Ride, is based at Galena, Illinois, on August 28-30, while our first California Rally is scheduled to take place near Pismo Beach in Santa Maria

And of course, don't forget the USA National Rally at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on September 15-20.

See the United States newsletter for more information on all these events.

Rutland treasure

DISCOVER the secrets of our Rutland Treasure Hunt weekend on August 1-2.

The two day event will offer the chance for a leisurely tour around this lovely rural buckwater, with plenty of time to dip into its intruig-

charge to enter this

but riders MUST reg ister in advance to

ensure the correct

number of roadbooks

Stakis Hotel, Corby, Northants, where we have negotiated a dinner, bed and breakfast rate of £38 per

club HO at PO Box 83. Hinckley.

Track attack

The cost for the day will be £69 per rider. To book, contact the organisers, Track Time Promotions, on 01384 278387,

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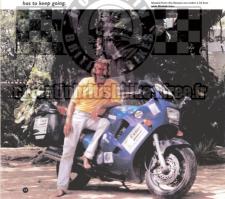
year's UK Autumn Rally which will be held at the Finlake Holiday Park near Exeter on September 26-27. The park's self catering and camping

accummodation and on site entertai facilities will add to a superb weekend's riding covering specticular Dartmoor and Torbay. Full details in the Aurum contact club.HQ to book a pla

Out of Africa

journey, Robbie Marshall narrowly avoids being crushed, shaken to death and forced down an African mountainside, But with the end in sight he has to keep going.

K ELVIN Lee is a Cantonese Malaysian air freight agent team from Thailand to India. He without pay to secure the passage, but





only an hour before the flight was due to take off, an official with one of those disturbing squeaky voices said that used motorcycles are considered dangerous cargo and so could not fly

direct to India. I was about to punch squeaky? lights out when Kelvin came up with a gem, "What about Sri Lanka?" No such regulations there, so the mountain of paperwork was amended to the new destination and we

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country went in

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weigh about 480 kg. Fortunately, the truck from tipping over to crush us, minal. The driver didn't even stop, leaving me bleeding profusely and

Repair was impossible in prohibitive, and I needed lots of them. The last of my dwindling

was in intensive care, I had no money, and there were only thirteen weeks of my schedule left in which to cross two and a half continents. Nothing like a real disaster to gird the loins and put one's resourcefulness to the test. I had not

travelled that far to fail now, so through writing to the press, and a

was found. While the Triumph underwent major surgery, I was being paid for decorating peoples' homes. Faxes flew back and forth to the UK and my Triumph dealer coped with the difficult task of checking the parts list and arranging air freight to the Emirates. He even threw in a much

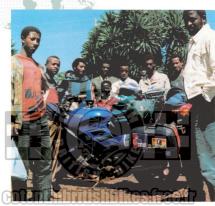
needed pair of tyres. Without his belo-

Africa

Seven weeks later, while frania authorities were still considering my visi application, I jumped aboard a Tagamese boar heading for Africa, This discovery as the good ship Nada V

town. It is a strange experience being the opposite, as all the locals were very

The biggest revelation was discovering why Africans walk like they do - it is the beer. After sampling



energetic bar to another, with no idea where my hotel was or what it was

The road to Nairobi and then north again to Mount Kenya was a bir of a challenge, and my fourth crossing of the Equator was celebrated with hail stones the size of marbles, but little did this naive traveller know what was to

The landscape changes from fertile fields to purched grassland on a steep gradient to Isiolo, where the green bit of Kenya meets the wide open desert and all roads as we know them stop. Troops of baboons inhabit drying waterholes and herds of zebra canter along the potholed track. Proud Masai tribesmen dressed in fluorescent red robes tended cattle and goats surrounded by naked children who

nothing to the Ethiopian border. No road, limited fuel and so many bundits all traffic has to travel in armed convoys. For a couple of quid I managed to secure a bed for the night and a meal that was to be the last of anything recognisable as food in a few days.

at the last military check point. As the sun rose over distant mountains the prayity of the task hit me nearly as hard as the wall of heat. The 'road' he soft sand. On a bike with practically bald tyres, severely overloaded and with only a few inches ground clearance, the task seemed hopeless.

As we tackled the terrain at about eight miles an hour, the radiator was practically boiling in minutes. I had no choice but to push ahead to cool the engine down and risk the bundits while waiting for the convoy to catch un. My snub posed 38 saw the first

light of day since being purchased in Arizona.

Locals had warned me of corrugation, which I took to be a

'corrugation', which I took to be a Swahii word for something until I saw them. Imagine if you will, steel pipes 12 to 24 inches in diameter laid at all different angles of attack. Chuck in a skip load of loose gravel, then ride mearly half a ton of overloaded, overheating Trisumph over them -

overheating Triumph over hour after hour. This is 'The Great North Road' of Kenya.

Road of Kenya.

Amazingly, I
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ride on so I stayed on the left (as in Kanya) until I sponed a left mand drive car and changed sides towardy Addio Adults. This was my third day without earn; was magine my delight at being offered a little bowl of rice mixed with chopped up bens feet. What a feast!

Addis was slightly better than I had anticipated, despite legions of monoped beggars - victims of a vicious

monoped beggars - victims of a victims conflict where anti-personnel mines were scattered like conferti. After exzensive inquiries, Eritrea rather than Djihouti appeared to be the best way to Egyper as Soukin was at war and there was no road. I had escaped one whoseins and did not wish to

vel, then ride Egypt as Soulan was at war and there overeloaded, was no road. I had escaped one eithem shooting and did not wish to attract another.

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woth such continual geomoting, In eight and a half bounding decimous riding we growered a pathetic S2 miles. It will always be linted as the most physically glenanding day of my life. We only had one sear death priddent. While skirring a shoer mountain side, the Triumph's front wheel followed a gutter carved by a moddly little stream that phouniered a

wheel followed a gutter carved by a muddy little stream that plummeted a thousand feet or so before hitting terrafirma again. It took all my limited strength and courage to throw the Teighy on its side.



centre of attention even in northern Kenya.

on the edge with a hell of

is to film it, but disturbing luggage could have tipped the balance. A gang of Ethiopians put a rope and dragged my poor

battered bike to safety. tap. Only five years

the might of Ethiopia, winning the entire coastline. Abandoned tanks litter the highway as a grim remi-

of a long conflict. The had news was that getting a Red Sea passage to Egypt would be expensive and time consuming. Time and money were the two comme

I was short of, so a fantastic deal was strock with Ethiopian Airlines to fly direct to Athens. For the last time ma buttle scarred machine was craced ar-

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The Triumph gasped with relief at the sight of not just a road, but the moroads on the world. A and dash arress France and I protedly rade a battle scarred Triumph to the pacine point of departurp is the

Le Mins 24 hour ex-In 51 weeks this wreck of a 12 Vice Triump's Trophy had covered \$6,000

Getting blie and rider to Delhi after the accident required local help.

miles over seven deserts and six continents, through some of the worst weather conditions imaginable on indifferent fuel, and it had never complained once. Mechanically, that big throbbing

heart did not skip a beat, despite appolling abuse. For nearly a year we pert nights resting together. It became a trusted companion. Most of the time my only companion. Now if that does not being a tear to your eye, my bike is

What next? The Trophy and I will be the first bike and rider to am to ircumnatigate the world twice

Next time is will be different. I may common denominator will be filming. "Around World Triumph" is and a satisfying conclusion to an astounding adventure.

The video, "Around World Triumph" is available from Tiger Bay Co Ltd. The Small House, 40A Sussex Square, Brighton, BN2 5AD, or phone 01273 748648 for credit card orders. Cheques payable to Tiger Bay for £15.49 (inc. P&P).



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Summer style

Triumph's ever expanding range of accessories has been boosted with the arrival of a new line of goodies released to complement the Summer riding season and the launch of the new Largent IT. grab rail, rear seat luggage and radiator cowis, while the Legend TT benefits from many of the parts already available for the ThunderbirdThunderbird Sports/Adventurer range. All parts are available only from Triumph franchised dealers and carry bull Triumph warranty cover.

Grab rail

Suitable for all TS09 and TS95s, this super strong grab rail is manufactured from cast aluminium and is easily removed to allow fitment of a rear seat hump (part number



Radiator cowls

esigned to complement the lines of the new Speed iple, these colour co-ordinated radiator cowls will fit



Coten

Rear seat luggage

Planning some Summer trips aboard your TS09 or TS9 This new addition to the range of Triumph luggage offers a full 22 litre carrying capacity and will



Secured with adjustable elastic straps, it features an integral waterproof cover and converts into a rucksack with removable shoulder strap and carrying handle when you reach your destination (part number a.vs.nonal)

T595 Performance Camshaft Kit

Offering increased horsepower, this newly developed camshaft is retro-fitable to all TS95s up to VIN 61507. A specific tune condition has been developed for this can and can be programmed into your motorcycle by your Triumphy.



camshaft does not affect your warranty cover provided it is fitted by an authorised Triumph dealer (part number A9608003). Consult your Triumph dealer for

Thunderbird Sport Summer Screen





Fly Screen Kit

Legend TT accessories



Letters

Triumphs in the blood

night was a wonderful one with my gol. We

Hirch hiking from school in 1964 a mad

stopped a gave me a ride on his Triumph. I have no idea what the model was, but I can all w for a fact that at that precise time I fell in low with this Triumph, I said I would have a Triumph as soon as I was able to per a licence and I didge. Having previously owned bury a 1968 and

1971 Bonneville back in the hippie days. a pussion for Triamples. Although a have been out of a ling for 21 years, I walked into Collier Cycles no that fown

and felt a kimbip with the Thurderbial Sonny, owner of Collier Cycles, it considerable talent in his service vistage cycles to Dan working on the

Thank you Collier Cacles for a beautiful block and falter T'find, Happy trails to all you Call Cutillio, Dickson, TN, USA.







Shine time

she says it has "the right combination of spice

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Lional Smith, Almondbury, England.

Mile Smith, Grantham,

Show us yours

Proud of your Triumph? Then send us a snap and we'll do the rest.

Young at heart

Bob Canningham from Christchards has already joined up and sent this photo of the day be collected his new Thunderhind. A self-unsfear old fellow of 60 plas' he's obviously still young enough to enjoy memorycling.







The big ch

FRED Hongman from Valley Forgs, Prinsplyazia, takes the choose with the self-pained Ratty logo on his Sprint. First war pleased to show off his artistic taken in a break during the Dayston RAT Ride, but admirted he'd cheated by trailering his like to Florida from home. His occuse? It was five inches deep in strow when he are all first the sensibiles.

squaddie



Courtery 'Classic Bike' magazine.

THE 'honour' of being allocated the first Triumph TRW to arrive at RAF Kidbrooke is one of the more

service I gave to Queen and Country

The fact that it replaced a seemingly endless stream of clapped

out 16H Nortons that were just about doubt helped LAC Brown to view the

Certainly the unione 500cc sideuse, was to make my days as a London area despatch rider - nothing so smooth as couriers in those days - John Brown spent three vears with the Royal Air Force in the fifties and broudly tells how the only plane he saw during that time was on the back of a truck! In his role as a desbatch rider he did however get

motorcycles. One of his proudest moments was being handed the first Triumph TRW on his base.

to spend blenty of time riding

much more acceptable.

MT unit in south east London. opposite the railway station where now stands a gast diveloped area, gook meshowing the then swe lane, traff and Blackwall Timed

started my DR career with, the chance of getting from one end to the other without the clutch overheating and refusing to free was just about nil. Now as I proudly sat astride my eleaming RAF blue Triumph this

were in the central London area, after an initial stop at Millwall docks where

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then it was back to Kidbrooke hopefully in time to grab a night pass many different machines I owned

However there was sometimes the chance to give the TRW a blast down to Tilbury docks, a real treat as far as I was concerned. It did provide the

The only problem, I recall, was that it was far from oil tight and there was back to Kidbrooke.

Actually the engine, which produced around 15 to 16 bhg, was ideal for dealing with the London traffic and struck me as having the right power characteristics for a spot of trials riding.

To this end I made a large eletour one day to some land I used for truls practice near my home and almost ended up in the guardroom fet a couple of days when the lateness of my arrival and the state of the bike gave

the game away! The need to have side-valve engines in motorcycles seemed to be an obsession as far as the War Office was ncerned and Triumph at first came

dward Turner before the start of the batch of 50 was wiped



TRW ready for service. Photo: Courtesy 'Classic Bile' magazine.



office, produced a modest 16.8 hp at 5000 rpm and had a compression ratio of (cl. A courle of interesting items on the specification list were a Lucas AC

Lighting Ignition unit with crankshoft This was designed to meet military requirements by Bert Horwood, who mounted alternator and a Solex 26 was called into the front line to kill of WHiZ carburetter. The grankshaft mounted alternator was the first ever The TRW retained many of the so be used, with the exception of the advanced features of the 3TW and Witzed 3TW. corporated some of the TR5 Trophy Petrol consumption was claimed

chassis page. It had normal Triumph so be 107 mpg at 30mph, a claim that closcopic from folks, with a rigid year I can neither agree with or deny! frame, although one much he wish The TRW was put through a

vigorous test programme by the establishment at Chobham in Surrey. before it was appeared for service tree-(Although) the TRW was extremely

rehable and required little any trouble with the dozen or so in operation in the London area - the testers were obviously not concerned about oil consumption. Some 7000 to 8000 TRWs were

either the British Army, Navy or Air Pakistan. There are still some running in Civvy Street, as I talked to the owner of one of them on couple of years ago. I wish I could remember his name!

Riding safe and

RAC Motoring Services Technical Engineer Paul Evans specialises in motorcycles. Here he gives

his personal tips for preparing for a long

journey.

He finishes with an RAC ten-point motorcycle checklist for all riders to follow before heading out on the long open road.

The ten-point list holds good as a routine engine and machine check for any long distance journeys or if your bike has been unchecked or idle for any

length of time.
Paul will lead a technical

seminar at the RAT Summer Festival, on Saturday afternoon, July 18.

KITTING UP

Prepare for any long journey by kitting up with essentials. Always carry a good first aid kit, together with the tool kit supplied with your machine by the manufacturer.

Supplement the tool kit with a multi-tool, such as a Gerber 'Multiplier', plus spare spark plugs; an emergency puncture repair kit; a roll of insulation tape and a small can of drive chain lubricant.

Pack a mini-torch, a good Certificate - a Green Card - is also

pen-knife and a cigarette lighter to give you a "living flame" if you're camping. Carry extra bungee or rachet

Before loading luggage, use 'duct' tape on areas of the motorcyle body and paintwork to prevent damage

and paintwork to prevent damage from rubbing.

If possible, take a spare beake and clutch lever. Many minor spills occur when the bike is laden and if you break a lever by the machine toppling over sour can get mobile again in minute.

Also pack a spare head lamp boilb and a spare stoptied lamp boilt.

If you're soing abroad and have a mobile phone, arrange Euro 'Ream' area cover at could save you a lot of whole. Phone your cellular network apparer for details of international coverage.

To keep your mobile charged on

the mad, buy a 12v car-type charger before leaving home. Replace the cigarette lighter socket with 'crocodile' type dips. Attach to your bake's battery to charge the phone when you're parked upon emight, concealing 'eads and phone unit if your machine is your fin filescepe.

The instant charger will cave your a lot of hassle as Euro power sockets are 110v and standard mobile phone chargers in the UK plug into a 240v main.

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advisable to boost it with your own personal travel insurance.

Be alert to all local speed limits. I you are caught seeeding, you could be

fined on the spot. Carry enough extra money to cover this. Always wear a crash helmer - it's compulsory. Check your passport is current and valid for the period of your porriery and remember you need a 'country of oright' scere in the back of fast UK-



Sup stable - don't go for luggage overload. If you're not on a touring bake with fitted luggage and are riding solo, the majority of your luggage should be packed on the pillion subsolud be the packed on the pillion solo with the packed any accessory rack fitted above the rear any accessory rack fitted above the rear any accessory rack fitted above the rear make the front light and the mackine unashing unashing the packed of the pac

If riding with pillion, cut down luggage to a bare minimum and get the pillion passenger to wear a good



not the the RAC "Contenary" Brumph Trophy 900 motorcycle, Austin "Chummy" and Ford Transit

the weight they are carrying. Take The most fleedent rive brooks.

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reight. Consider your passenger and

ONTHE ROAD

Take regular breaks during a journey, stopping for a rest - not just for fuel. Stick to covering between 70 to 100 miles at a stretch, then take a break.

If your machine does not have a lock, get a small digital one and

Velcro it to your bike. A basic but reliable clock-should coarless than 65. Table a proper break when you do

cae. Take off your beliner, have a soft drink. And remember, the whole point of going away on your bike is to enjoy the pleasure of riding, so don't be tempted to rush, either to, or from, your destination.

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THE RACTEN-POINT MOTORCYCLE CHECK-LIST

1. RATTERY

Check Terminal Conditions (deanli-

ness and security).

Check terminal voltage (if below 12v recharge off the machine).
 Check electrolyte level and top-up with distilled water as required.

2. ELECTRICS

Check operation of lights (including brake lights and indicators).
Check operation of engine 'kill' switch and side stand safety circuit.
Check operation of horn.

3. TYRES • Check tread dept

Check condition of side walls (if any sign of deterioration, fit new tyre).
 Check both tread and side walls for cuts (consult tyre specialist if any

Check inflation preneeded).

4. BRAKING

reservoir levels. If low, consult your dealer before riding the motorcycle.

• Apply both front and rear brakes and then check for free movement of the wheels. If any 'binding' is present seek your dealer's advice.

Check the rear brake podal is returning fully after being depressed.

Check brake pad wear. Minimum advised thickness is 1.5mm but this

minimum may not be sufficient for your planned mileage. If in doubt, replace the brake pads.

Be prudent if planning to ride through mountainous or very hilly rerain - replace the back fluid if the bike is more than 12 months old. (Brake fluid is hydroscopic, absorbing water from the atmosphere which alters its boiling point. The effect can dramatically impair the braking

5. DRIVE CHAIN • Check the 'free play' on bottom run

system.)

 Check the 'free play' on bottom run of the drive chain. Adjust as per owner's hand book.
 Check for tight spots by routing the year wheel. Any difficulty in wheel

evalues could indicate a new than a required.

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R&C motorcycle patrol, Brian Puller, on his Triumph Brident 750, in daily use for readside assistance. machine oil such as 3 in 1 or similar. Check for throttle-free play of 2-3mm

see owner's handbook for adjustment details. R.CLUTCH

Cable - check and adjust the clutch free play at the lever, as per owner's handbook instructions.

Hydraulic - check fluid level of master extinder through the sight glass.

ENGINE Check engine oil level and top-up a

econiced.

Take your bikeson's small run before your holicary, making sure the engine runs well.

Check the coolant level in the beader

tank.

• Check the operation of the electric

10. GENERAL

 Check tightness of all nuts and bolts.
 Check security of all standard luggage and attachments
 If in any doubt, on any check-list

point, have the machine serviced by an authorised Triumph dealer • If your machine is due, or nearly

 If your machine is due, or nearly due, for a service, get one. Don't risk putting it off.





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No, your eyes aren't deceiving you, this really is a modern version of that the honoured bits a special, a Tramph-BSA hybrid Tribas.

The bike was spotted and snapped by

Triumph factory tour guide Rob Brown when taking part in the RAT Ride to the Pioneer Run in Brighton in March. Powered by a Daytona 1000 engine in a venerable BSA A10 frame, take a look at the

detail work at the rear end of the bike.

The owner confessed to Rob that it was an 'on-going project' that had been going so be some time and would probably



Turbo mania

Is this the ultimate sportsbike sleeper? Brian Olsen's T595 seems normal at first glance, but look closer. See the sticker on the tank? Yes, Brian, from Rapid Ciry, South Dakota, has plumbed in a turbocharger to give his bike a little extra urce.

The Aerocharger turbo takes the T595s power up to a wild 172 bhp and starts to feed in boost from as low as 2500 rpm, but is also self lubricating and so doesn't have to be attached to the bike's own lubrication system.



Brian, who became interested in turbo charging while studying mechanical engineering at college, chose the T98 for the project because of its stroog bottom end and advanced that at 8psi boost the machine produces 172 rear wheel horsepower at 9800 rpm and 110 ft. lbs. of torque at

7200 rpm.

Brian is now marketing the kit at

company Turbo Connection and can be contacted on (605) 393 0816 or at 2019 Eclipse Avenue, Rapid City, SD 57701 (email turbsc595@aol.com).

Hold on tight!

Sharp dresser

BELGIAN member Danny Schreurs has worked with Antwerp dealer Tecnobike Moto Morfose to develop his shark nosed interpretation of

Triumph's T509 Speed Triple. The nose fairing was supplied by Tuning Formula. with the inner fender and indicator lights produced by Tecnobike who also made the

exhaust system.



Racing cert

Daytona, now you can ride the boke (well-almost). Tuner Mickey Cohen, service atmager at the Californian dealer, has made a road legal version of the machine that won the Pro Thunder class at Davi cluding a number of race winning mods such as the underseat twin what

high performance front brakes and white wheels. We don't know if he'll be producing cupies of the bike for sale, but or Orange County Triumph on (714) 429 9200 if you're incerested.





It's never too

Shrugging off worries about lack of experience and an unsuitable choice of bike. Neville Blakely set off for the States for the holiday of a lifetime. He wasn't disappointed.



TAKE a mix of 26 people and 16 here should a group of ageing ex an

surent Round Tablers go for oliday? "Why not America? bright spark piped up, adding "and

Being a geriatric 58 years old biker with a vast 18 months' experience since passing my test and a wife who had ridden a total of just 80 miles on the pillion, I immediately put my hand in

touring bike, and this is where the Bob Hart and I emerged with a brand or color of the USA liner in the year.

I arrived at Bill Goodwin's warehouse Amongst the collection of superlooked strangely out of place.

I shouldn't have worried. In a short time a collection of Blackbirds and Ducativ had evened out the balance the more steady types and the bikes their three week sea sorage to

business, had made all the arrangements. Shipment of each bike was £470 return, insurance for the of the bike and nersonal medical

the hire of a 16 seater mini bus to carry This was to be driven by two of the ladies who didn't want to ride pillion.

late!

Friday September 12 finally dawned and riders from all over the country met for the first time at Gatwick Airport for the flight to Baltimore. We arrived in bright and sunny weather, collected the bus and checked into our boat. The exet day saw us head down to the container terminal to retrieve our beloved steeds and we immediately headed for

The tour began in earnest on Monday morning with a trip at Gettysberg in see the site of one of the great Givil War battles. We also read two American bikers - man and safe riding his rhee BMWscomplete with a trailer for their dog! The first night's toop was it Front Royal, after a trip of about 240 miles.

Front Royal is at the head of the Shenandoah National Park, Virgand is at the sart of Skyline Drive which runs for 400 miles due sout, along the Shenandoah mountain

range.

A toll road with no commercial traffic, Skyline Drive is a superb sequence of flowing bends following the outural rise and fully the natural terrain through the parts.

Unfortunately the wire Units, peel limit did not allow me to enjoy the TD99 to the full (most of the time), but we did meet the wildlife of America-bears, turkey vultures, large flying bugs that hart and a large deer that attempted to do battle with one of the BMWs. Luckily the decision went in fravour of the bilde ridger who was from

then on known as the Deer Hunter.
After an overnight stop at Rosmooke we left Skyline Drive and headed down Interstate 81 through Hazard County and yes, the Dukes are still still driving their Cheevies and riding

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into the 90. Dawn was still richng
pillion and hadn't missed a cky yet.

grown school and the towns of

Bridge. The bridge is 17.6 miles long and quite an experience when ridden of across in a force three gale.

On wards book north to Baltimore by our Washington to a feed the \$\tilde{x}\$ bides me to the contribute on one over house.

one of the party had bought a bace our of the party had bought a bace during the trip. Finally, on September 27, we left Baltimore for Gatwick. This was the trip of a lifetime. We

received great hospitality from all the Americans we met. My motto from now on is: You are never too old and it is never too last. Tag only question is, shall live a

Williamsburg and Izanetewn course of the sayon of particular Williamsburg was rebuilt by a T595 as my wife wants to do it mockefeller in 1933 to give again next year employment to builders

and is a place of outstanding beauty. A working colonial style town with ancient crafts such as wig making, silversmiths, blackomiths, and old inns, the only traffic allowed are carriages definitely no

driving over the Smil-

It was then time to head back north over the Chesapeake Bay The state of the s

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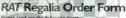
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