



Griffith Club of America

August 1975

The scheduled date for the 3rd annual Griffith Club of America meet has been changed from August 31st to August 24th at Lime Rock Park, Lime Rock, Connecticut. Please make note of this change on your calendar. Jim Haynes, manager of Lime Rock Park, suggested that a change be made because of conflicts with the previous scheduled date.

The change was made in order that we, as a club, can enjoy ourselves instead of competing with a national event which is scheduled for the weekend of the 31st. For those who were there, you can all remember what it was like last year. Hopefully, this change in date will bring back the enjoyment and the excitement that the 1st annual meet brought to us all.

Jim has informed us that on August 23rd, the Northern New Jersey area will host the North Atlantic Road Race Championship. This will be a regional race rather than a national race. For those who are interested, the gate price will be \$5.00 per person. If you wish to stay overnight, as many of us do, there will be no charge to anyone who arrives after 5p.m. on Saturday. If you wish to arrive on Friday night, there will also be no charge for camping. The only charge will be the \$5.00 for the race. Please make note that following the race, a buffet-style cookout will be held in the old barn next to the office. The roast beef dinner will be around \$3.75, the chicken dinner around \$2.75 and the beer will be \$0.60. It sounds great and for the price, it's well worth it. This should be a good time---- so try not to miss it!

Many of you have asked if we can "take a lap" around the road course. The answer to this is NO! According to Jim Haynes, the Connecticut state laws are rather firm concerning this matter. If you really want to "take a lap" ----- bring your sneakers.

The activities for the weekend will include a Saturday night swim & cocktail party and on Sunday, besides the meet, the East will challenge the West in a volleyball game. I hope that everyone will participate in this event.

In other news: Mike Dodson of Maryland is in the process of forming a Griffith register. Mike has informed me that upon completion, he will compile and mail this register to all Griffith owners at his own expense. Make sure that you send your name, address, serial number, previous owners and any interesting history of your 200, 400 or 600. If you know of any wrecked or destroyed Griffiths, he will compile that information also. Send your info to

Michael C. Dodson, 3049 Oak Green Circle Apt. D, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 or call (301) 465-8478.

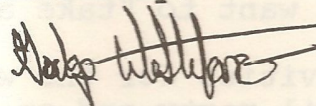
At this time, I would like to thank Judy and Bob Mariani for their party on July 13th. Too bad the weather didn't cooperate with our meet. You all know you can't change Mother Nature. Dean Pallas and Danny Magnon both showed up spite the rain with their "twin" paint jobs. Danny's Corvette and Dean's Griffith are quite the brother and sister combination. John Ihloff also showed up (late as usual) with his 200 sporting the brand new headers from Tubular Automotive. They did a super job as usual. The headers are a 4 into 2 design similar to the original Shelby GT350. John has informed me that Tubular will no longer make headers for Griffiths on an individual basis. They will only make us headers on a quantity order. Maybe we can look into this matter next year.

Please make note that the deadline date for club dues of \$10.00 per year is August 31st. If your dues are not received by then, your name will be dropped from the mailing list. This newsletter is the last of the "freebies". Upon receipt of your dues, you will not only receive the news letters bi-monthly, but also an official club membership card. The list of paid members will be forwarded to TVR Cars of America for discount purposes. If you do care about the club and information concerning Griffiths, please don't delay.

On the last page of the newsletter is an application form. For those who have already paid and those who have yet to pay, please fill out as competely as possible. This is solely to be used for club information.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to the largest gathering of Griffiths since they were first built. If everything goes as scheduled, we should all have a weekend we won't forget. I hope everyone that can possibly bring their Griffith will do so. A flyer concerning the meet at Syosset, New York in September will be sent out at a later date. Looking forward to seeing all of you at Lime Rock!

Sincerely,



George DeStefano
Director

Arrangements have been made to make embroidered patches available to all club members. These patches will be identical in design and size to the Griffith nose plaques. They will be woven in the proper red, white and blue colors. The price is \$2.50 per patch and delivery will take about 6 to 8 weeks. To place your order, send a check or money order to Randy Hartigan, Bushy Hill Road, Deep River, Ct.. The deadline date for ordering is August 15th! Please act now so that all orders may be filled.

If any of you are in a real pinch for a set of headers, since the "header deal" didn't work out, keep reading! John Ferguson from Turnersville, New Jersey dropped us a line about Paeco, 213 South 21st Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35233, phone (205) 323-8376. I personally talked to them and was told if throw your old headers in a box and send them with a check for \$150.00, they will make and send you a new set. Delivery will take about two weeks. They are a very reputable company whose specialty is headers for sprites & midgets, and are more willing to help us out. If anyone is interested and wants to see the finished product, call me in 2 weeks and I should have a set.

RESTORING A "GRIFF"

You have just returned from a Griffith meet, and without having to be overly observant, you noticed that there were only a half dozen or so really nice cars. Your's did not make it, and you want to do something about it. Hopefully this column will be a help to anyone restoring or considering restoring their Griffith.

We plan to identify interchangeable parts and places were presently unavailable parts can be manufactured and purchased. This is where the readers can be of help! If you have some ideas or have identified some parts- drop us a line. Also if you have had any work done, parts made, etc. and were happy with the job, please let us all know! We would all like to take advantage of some fine workmanship. There's nothing like knowing at the time you lay out the bucks, the work will be done right.

Through this column, we should all be able to obtain help, new ideas, moral support and above all, get our "Griffs" together.

Next month, we will get into the car itself.....

Randy

NEWS FROM FLORIDA

by S. Foster Crippen Jr.

Griffith Lovers:

Just a note to all proud Griffith lovers. After a week or so, I thought about spending \$1200.00 plus to remove the body from my 400 and decided it was the only way to go about painting the entire frame with ten coats of black lacquer, besides making the body removeable for any small or major repairs that might be necessary. Removing the body also will make the seamless tubing roll cage much easier to install along with the anti-fire extinguisher system.

The automotive engineer is going to install a complete stainless steel exhaust system including headers which I sincerely hope last a long time. The wiring will be completely replaced to higher quality for better protection. Stainless steel floorboards will also be intalled.

The 400 will look showroom stock except for the chrome wires (that is from a distance). The Griffith should be ready to roll for the 1976 annual Griffith meet.

You fellows don't realize how lucky you are to be able to get to all the meets, living so close to each other. I just wished there were more interest in the Florida state and in the South. But there is a new, happy 400 owner in Lakeland who has been stopped twice in his first week for speeding. (He's learning fast).

Hope to see you all at Lime Rock.

Foster

P.S. For the outsider door blowers, in the future, a true 9 second street Griffith.....351 Pro Stock Glidden & Allen built..... 200 MPH.....five speed with overdrive!!!! Only problem..... WHO'S GOING TO DRIVE IT.....

PARTS & ASSISTANCE

TVR CARS OF AMERICA, LTD.
29 New York Avenue
Huntington, N.Y. 11743
(516) 423-6333

Jerry Sagerman has many parts
in stock to fit your Griffith.
Now offering a 10% discount to
all Griffith members.

MIKE'S AUTO IMPORTS
62 Broadway
Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.
(201) 367-3223
Griffith parts. Bonnets,
body panels, etc..
See Mike DeLisa.

DAYTON WHEEL PRODUCTS, INC.
2326 E. River Road
Dayton, Ohio 45439
(513) 294-2606

Wire wheel service. Dunlop
and Dayton wires in stock.
See Ed Williams.

DESTEFANO FORD SALES, INC.
231 County Road
Barrington, R.I. 02806
(401) 245-5600
Genuine Ford parts. Contact
either Dave Love or George
DeStefano.

INSURANCE

J.C. TAYLOR, INC.
8701 West Chester Pike
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082
Insurance for your Griffith.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

DeTomaso Mangusta, 15,000 miles,
clean, Loaded 351 Boss Cleveland,
5 speed, air, am/fm stereo tape.
\$9200.00 Bob Mariani, 32 Blood
Street, Lyme, Ct. 06371
(203) 434-8544

1966 Griffith 200, #165, orange paint
black interior, 289-215HP, spare set
of re-done heads, car is all original,
new front end, new brakes, car has
never been hit. \$3500.00 or best offer!
Richard Pastick Jr., 251 Elm St.,
Wethersfield, Ct. 06109 (203) 529-5678.

1965 Griffith 200, #034, has new 289
engine, disc brakes, exhaust system,
rear tires, and battery. British Racing
Green (original paint), beige interior,
has black baja bucket seats. 30,000
miles, never wrecked or bumped. \$4,000
or best offer. Must sell this fall.
All chrome, emblems, bumpers, rear
window and body in very good original
condition. Tom Thorson, Box 1AA4,
LaMoille, Minn. 55948 (507) 454-2687
Call anytime.

PARTS

TVR nose with Griffith bubble molded
on. Exactly like early Griffith nose-
solid- needs finish work! \$150.00 or
best offer. Griffith front end parts,
A frames, spindles, rack & pinion etc.
I might have what you need, give me a
call. Randy Hartigan, Bushy Hill Road,
Deep River, Ct. 06417 (203) 526-5531.

One set 289 4V 10:1 CR pistons & rods
\$50.00, one set 289 Hi-Po valve springs
and retainers \$8.00, one set 289 intake
and exhaust valves \$15.00, one set 289
4V valve springs, retainers, locks \$6.00.
Michael C. Dodson, 3049 Oak Green Circle
Apt-D, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
(301) 465-8478

PARTS WANTED

One rear taillight lens. Series 200.
Richard Pastick Jr., 251 Elm St.,
Wethersfield, Ct. 06109 (203) 529-5678

One inside door handle and two chrome
strips over heat extractor on side of
car. Series 200. Randy Hartigan,
Bushy Hill Road, Deep River, Ct.
(203) 526-5531

PARTS WANTED (cont')

One set of Shelby Webbers and linkage in good condition, (2) Griffith wire wheels, (2) 6 or 7" cheater slicks in good cond., (1) Accell distributor and coil for 289, (1) straight Mr. Gasket or Hurst shifter, (1) each triangle shape rear suspension tubular frame work which goes to wheel, (1) bonnet for 400 series in any reasonable condition, pictures of original 400, front, side and rear. Foster Crippen, P.O. Box 278, Roseland, Fla. (305) 589-5889

The classified section is open to all Griffith members. If you want to sell or purchase any item, send your ad to Griffith Club of America, 15 Pinetop Road, Barrington, R.I. 02806 Please notify us if car or part is either sold or located.
* ALL ADS DUE BY THE 15th OF THE PRECEDING MONTH *

COMING NEXT MONTH.....

Original GRIFFITH Promotional Material --- Series 200!

Griffith Club of America
15 Pinetop Road
Barrington, Rhode Island
02806

APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

PHONE:

SERIES:

SERIAL NUMBER:

COLOR:

ORIGINAL: YES ☐ NO ☐

DATE PURCHASED:

MILEAGE:

PREVIOUS OWNERS (if any):

INTERESTING HISTORY:

COMMENTS: