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GRIFFITH CLUB OF AMERICA NEWS

The State of the Club

Currently, the club is at a critical point. If we members support it, it will continue; if we do not, we will not have the funds to continue.

Over the past few months, as director of the club, I have done those things I outlined in my letter to Joe Rauh that was included in the last newsletter. I have been called and received letters from quite a few members which has been most gratifying. During this time, the following has occurred:

1. All club files have been brought up to date.
2. All club business has been brought up to date.
3. All letters and inquiries to the club have been answered promptly.
4. A financial report has been completed (this was easy) and is included in this newsletter.
5. Ads for the club have been sent in to Hemmings, Road and Track and Old Cars. Some of these have been published. Others are due out soon.
6. Available club-owned reproduction parts have been inventoried (another easy one!)
7. A census of existing chassis has been started.
8. All Griffith owners advertising cars have been contacted and encouraged to contact the club regarding advertising their cars.
9. A letter has been sent to all Griffith owners that could be located who are currently not members.
10. No capitol expenditures except materials for this newsletter have been made.

In short, I've tried to accomplish those tasks I feel the club needed and that I outlined in the last newsletter. It's now up to the members! The director functions as the business manager and editor of the newsletter but is at the mercy of the members for support and direction. After all, the major purpose of any club's newsletter is to provide informational interchange between members. Therefore, to help each other, send your information to the club: this is the best way for all to benefit!

Dues are Due

Nearly everyone owes their yearly dues. The dues in these inflationary times must now be \$20.00. In the past, an honorary membership was extended to ex-directors, but with our financial situation (dismal), this practice has had to be discontinued. Rather, only one honorary membership is awarded, membership 001, to Jack Griffith. In submitting your membership, please fill out an enclosed application.

Finances

Dismal, dismal, dismal, is the state of our finances. Our condition is as follows:

When received from Joe Rauh	\$225.00
Bank Account	21.22
Advertising	51.22
Postage	30.62
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	\$121.94 balance

Costs involved in xeroxing this newsletter and mailing should about wipe us out! Gotta get those dues in!

Parts Inventory

	<u>amt.</u>	<u>price</u>
Old newsletter package	1	\$20.00
Cloth patches	2	\$ 5.00
I.D. tags	50	\$ 5.00
Bonnet badges	3*	

*Some of these were ordered but the owners moved before they could be delivered. If you are still interested in obtaining one please contact the club. If the owners do not claim them in a reasonable time the club will sell them (one per buyer) for the highest bid.

NEWSInsurance:

Fantastic News! Griffith Insurance. The best deal I've ever seen is from Tom Kanyuk at American Collector's Insurance. Let Tom tell you:

We can provide coverage for non-used cars at \$7.50 per thousand dollars of value and full collision and comprehensive for \$15.00 per thousand of value. The policy is stated amount, calls for no deductibles and also includes an 8% inflation guard at no additional premium. Full liability at \$300,000 BI/PD, \$100,000 uninsured motorist, and \$1,000 medical and/or basic no-fault will be \$29.00 per year for one car, \$48.00 for two and \$60.00 for three or more.

All of the above assumes the cars are kept in locked garages, are not driven more than 2,500 annual miles and are owned and driven by individuals over twenty-five years old and possessing acceptable driving records.

The only bad part...

No coverage available -

Texas, South Carolina, Hawaii,
Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi,
New Hampshire

Collision & Comprehensive Only -
(no Liability)

New Jersey, North Carolina,
Massachusetts

An application is included in this newsletter. Any questions? Call Tom at 609-234-2552. Thanks on this one go to the unknown Griffith owner who is too modest to see his name in print. Thanks!

Bad News

Jack Anderson, owner of one of the nicest 400's in the club wrecked it about two months ago. Really am sorry for this loss. I'm sure all members go along with me in this and hope him a speedy rebuild!

Meet (?) News

Chuck Gutke at Cobra Restorers, 285 Astain Drive, Marietta, Ga. 30064, has contacted the club and is attempting to put together a 2 day driving meet at Road Atlanta on September 27 and 28. Contact the club or Chuck if interested in the details.

Other NewsSAAC-5

The club received a great report and pictures from Joe **Rauh** on Griffith participation at the Fifth Shelby American Auto Club Meeting on August 2-6, 1980. Griffith owners present were Gary Dewey, Gary Courtney, Chuck Gutke and Tim Kozlowski. Randy Hartigan was also there with a beautiful looking 427 Cobra repro.

Griffith for Sale

Also from Joe: "while in Washington, D.C., I spied a Griffith 200 for sale, Georgetown #333-8868. Clean 200, Hypo engine, Salisbury rear \$9500."

Chassis Census

Several members have contacted me in support of a census of car chassis numbers. I have reviewed all the files, old newsletters, correspondence, etc. and have found records for only 38 200/5/--- cars, 6 200/6/--- cars, 3 200/-/--- cars, 8 400/5/--- cars, 1 400/-/--- car, 12 400/6/--- cars, 1 600 car and about 10 "odd balls" like my 200/6/001 E and Phil Grueling's ex-RHD car, 200/GB/5/026 I am certain that there are more cars around than these! Please send the club your chassis number, and those of any totals, etc., you know

The results will be published in the next newsletter.

Series 200 Wiring Diagram

Daryl Stombaugh has done it again! In addition to the art for the cover of this newsletter, he has done a Series 200 wiring diagram to accompany the Series 400 one in his manual. Any member who would like one should contact the club. Please note that they are drafts for checking purposes and Daryl is especially interested in hearing about its accuracy.

PARTS

New or recently located part numbers:

Additional front wheel bearing numbers	Timkin	03162	cup-outer
	Timkin	03162	cone-outer
	Timkin	0721 OX	cup-inner
	Timkin	07100 S	cone-inner
Rear axle stub shaft bearings	Timkin	1988	
Rear axle stub shaft races	Timkin	1922	
Rubber gear shift boot	Ford	C2AZ-7277 G	

Thanks to Phil Grueling

Parts News Sportique Motors

The last newsletter had some misinformation about Sportique Motors pricing structure. Sportique now owns all the TVR cars of America parts stock. They told the club that they will sell parts to any owner and offer a rebate program based on the total of your yearly invoices. If your invoices are over \$500.00 get 10% back, over \$750.00 will get you 20% while over \$1000.00 will get you 25%. They did not state, however, whether this is based on list or trade price.

Windshield Mouldings

Joe has sold out the last of these mouldings. However, more can be obtained. Contact the club if interested.

200 Taillight lenses and 200/400 front lenses

By now everyone must know about Sparto, the world's least known lens manufacturer. Over the past several months Rick Hall and I have tried to locate some original lenses. My score was two reds and three ambers. Rick's score was something like two reds and several whites (but they don't count). The problem is that they do not exist in the Jaguar-Rover-Triumph parts network, at least in the States. If you find some backwoods Land Rover dealer you might try

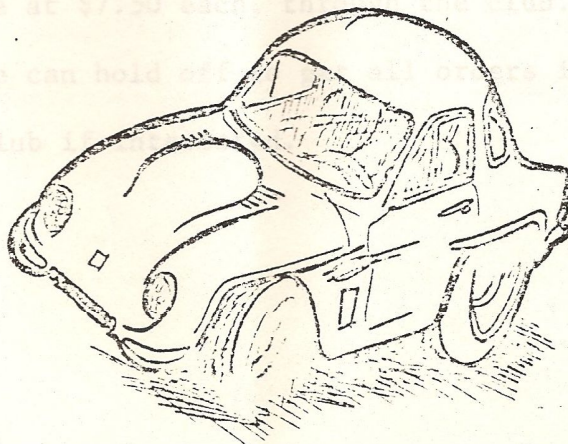
p.n. 90 500413	Rubber Body
p.n. 90 500411	Red Lens

but beware of 90 500412! It's a white Sparto lens that looks a lot like the parting light lens on a Gullwing!

Undaunted by these results, I proceeded. I contacted Plastic Parts Duplicators of Colorado. "Be glad to" was the reply...at \$4.70 a piece! Only problem...minimum order of 500...that's \$2,350.00 for 250 reds, 250 ambers. These are exact reproductions. I have seen their work and it's great but this seems a bit overambitious at this time.

Finally, I'm now looking into some foreign sources, but I really don't hold out much hope. Can anyone help? Remember these are only the lenses. No rubber bodies or chrome rings and these are probably as hard or harder to locate.

Also, if anyone can locate a source for Series 400 rear lenses, please contact the club.



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Exhaust

Want a nifty Ferrari looking exhaust? Try number 570 from FAZA in Daytona Beach. Sounds good, too.

SERVICES

If you are an originality freak and insist on an original temperature gauge, try Dick Evans, 45 Prospect Street, Essex Junction, Vt. He rebuilt mine from a box of junk!

Does anyone know if Faria (the original tach folks) still exist?

LITERATURE

Owners Manuals

The club has xeroxed copies of both the Series 200 and Series 400 owners manuals available. These are the original 16-18 page manuals that were included with new Griffiths. Frankly, they are of limited use and provide you with such insights as not to drive your car with no oil pressure, but any member requesting one can obtain same by sending \$5.00 to the club.

Daryl Stombaugh's Manual

This excellent manual is available directly from Daryl at 1273 A Johnston Drive, Aurora, Ill. 60506. Daryl has advised the club that everyone who writes him will receive a reply and that if anyone has requested a manual and not received it that they should contact directly.

PICTURES

That great picture of Chuck Gutke at Road Atlanta is available. 8X10 color pictures are available at \$7.50 each, through the club. Delivery will be within six weeks so we can hold off to get all orders in and get a cheaper price. Contact the club if interested.

NEEDED INFORMATION

This section is open to questions from members regarding information that isn't in any of the old newsletters. It should be a method of getting information to members. The results of this newsletter's questions will be published in the next newsletter.

Does anyone know?

- 1) The Ford or TVR part number for the fan spacer and bolts to use an engine driven fan
- 2) A replacement radiator that actually works! (I think I've seen Corvette used)
- 3) The type, brand, size etc. of an appropriate fan
- 4) For restorers, how about correct paint codes and brands for:

British Racing Green	(200 and 400)
Cirrus White	(200 and 400)
Signal Red	(200 and 400)
Regal Red	(200 and 400)
Black	(200 only)
Opalescent Silver Blue	(200 and 400)
Powder Blue	(200 and 400)

- 5) Does anyone have any knowledge of the optional (\$77.80 each) Series 400 mag wheels?

Please send in your questions for the next newsletter, and your answers to these questions!

Submitted by:

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STUFFT-Shirts

T-shirts which feature the Griffith Club of America logo as per the cover of this newsletter can be available. Colors available are tan, yellow and light blue. Sizes are S-M-L-XL. What does can mean? Simply this. The club does not have the money for them. If we receive the financial support we need via dues payments this project is ready to go. Price, postpaid, will be \$7.50 a shirt. The sooner the dues money comes in, the sooner they will be ordered. So send your dues and T-shirt money in! If this project doesn't go, T-shirt money will be refunded immediately.

Decals

Also available subject to the same constraints as the T-shirts are pressure sensitive 2" X 3.75" red and white Griffith Club of America (with Griffin crest) decals. Cost on these is only \$3.00 each.

LATE NEWSRACING

Rumors of a Griffith blowing off twin turbo Porsche 935's. Details to come in next newsletter.

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- * results of the chassis survey
- * real photographic pictures
- * classified ads

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