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Eagle Canyon Golf Estate Honeydew Manor

Triumph TR3A Commission Number 33761 Engine Number TS30697E



I have not owned the car since new. In 2001 I saw an advert in the Autotrader, and not knowing much about Triumphs but loving the shape, I bought the car. The car belonged to A C Burney and had by all accounts been restored by a Classic Car company in Edenvale. After having it for a while I realised that it was far from perfect and made a decision that I would attempt a complete restoration when I went on pension. Since then I have used my Triumph for all Triumph Club outings and have kept her going but I have been dying to tackle the restoration. From far she looked nice and she has never once left me in the lurch on any outings or trips to places like the Eastern Transvaal, Bloemfontein and Pietermaritzburg. This was also certainly not my choice of colour, but I grew to really become attached to my Triumph "side screen".

Up until 2010 I used the TR3A only for club runs and over the weekends as I worked in the city - it is not an ideal rush hour commute vehicle! Since my retirement until the restoration project began, this, along with my 1974 Triumph GT6,



have been my cars and Coral has the plastic.

On the 27th September 2011 Gary Booyens and I started stripping her. Against the advice of respected club members, we took the body off the chassis and really got into the “history” of the car. It wasn't pretty! After taking off the glittery bits it was evident that my car had had a pretty hard life!

We got John Giles on board to do major surgery on the body and to knock and shrink her old body into shape. This I understand is the twenty second TR that John has tackled so he certainly knows what a TR is meant to look like.

Gary and I have put in many hours of work and loving care into the restoration which we hope will be complete before the Concours in August 2013. It has been a very fulfilling and rewarding experience seeing the TR emerging from the embers as it were in her new “Rosso Corsa 1997” livery (Ferrari red) I cannot begin to tell you what a rewarding experience this has been, made all the more special, by the interest and advice shown and given by so many people in the club. I am indebted to Gary, a remarkably skilled individual, without whom, this restoration would not be of the quality that it is turning out to be.



I'm also a member of the The Austin Seven Club of South Africa

In addition to the TR3A I have a very nice 1974 Triumph GT6, a 1953 Austin A30 which I restored thirty years ago and which still looks quite nice, and am busy trying to save the life of a 1950 Austin A40 Devon. Attached are pictures of these vehicles.



