

THE BEAT GOES ON

Among the gathering of 4 cylinder MGs and Austins at the September Silverthorn breakfast was a Triumph roadster. This Little British Car also has 4 cylinders, on each side. Not an American Iron transplant, this is an all British TR-8 with the aluminum 3.5 liter Rover V-8 engine. Originally built by British Leyland this particular car (estimated that about 750 roadster still exist) is owned and maintained by Joe Renda. To say that Joe is "into Triumphs" is an understatement. At last count there are 8 Triumphs in his fleet of TR-8s, TR-7s, TR-6 and a Spitfire.

Originally from Queens New York Joe made the transition to Florida in 1996. As a full time professional drummer you might find Joe at work in a jazz club in Ybor City or on the stage in Las Vegas.

Obviously Joe is not a new-comer to Triumphs, the first car he ever drove was a 68 TR-250.

His Triumph affairs began with his first TR-7. Beside Triumph restoration Joe also enjoys restoring vintage

drum sets, racing and car shows. Whether cruising down the interstate or carving up the twisty road (in spite of the leaking roof or moody nature of his LBC), Joe said the fun factor outweighs the frustration factor. Joe mentioned that although an Aston Martin Vanquish would be a great ride, everyday with his Triumphs has been a learning experience and he's enjoyed every minute of his 30 years as a Triumph owner

With 8 Triumphs to his name that "fun" will be never ending.