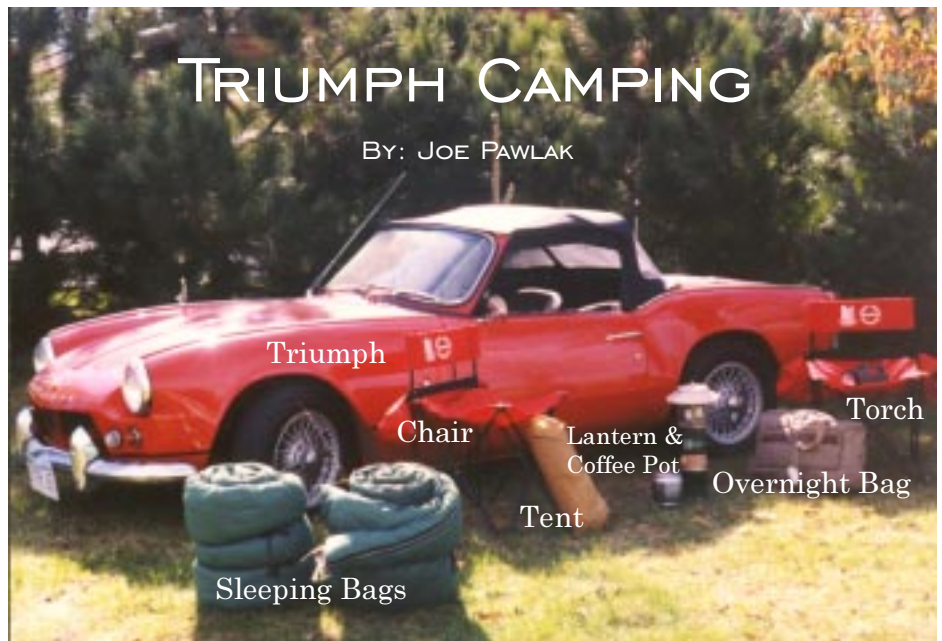


Spending time outdoors, especially camping has always been one of our favorite activities. Whether you brave the elements with the top down on your Triumph or brave the elements during a camping trip, there doesn't seem to be that much of a difference. During our conservative years when Kathy and I weren't so carefree and reckless, we took several camping trips with our motorcycle. Packing a two wheel vehicle with camping gear took some creative arranging, but it worked and we had fun. Now that we are much more experienced, carefree and reckless, it seems to be fitting that we continue the tradition with the Triumphs. Compared



to the motorcycle, packing the Spitfire with camping gear is like having an Airstream trailer!

The type of trip and the requirements of the gear you need will greatly influence what you need to take. All I know is that if we could fit all our gear into the trunk and parcel ledge of the Spitfire, any Triumph would be capable. The current camping trip had a good representative of Triumphs that proved the point. A TR3, TR4, TR250, TR6, Stag\* and a Spitfire all held enough gear to sustain us for the campout.

A mandatory camping equipment list of a tent, clothes and personal items, sleeping bags and torches (flashlights for you colonized folks) is the starting point. Tent technology is quite advanced and you can get a good size tent that folds up into a very small space. We will be investing in a new tent as our 2 man "pup" tent has outgrown its usefulness. Bonus items such as folding chairs are pretty much required for "around the fire" participation. There are "directors" chairs that fold up real nice and come with their own carrying pouch. They can be purchased at places such as Sam's or the Triumph emblazoned ones from Triple-C. Standard lawn chairs will work, but your TR should have a luggage rack for those.

Food and cooking become the items that put us over the edge as far as what can be carried. Even the minimal amount of cooking utensils needed to put on a meal pushes the limit. An all out coordination effort with a group can minimize this impact, but it's much easier just to patronize an area restaurant for meals. The two exceptions to this rule are a small cooler to carry *adult beverages* to be consumed around the fire and a coffee pot for the caffeine addicts in our midst. We have a small pot and a tiny single burner propane burner to prepare the morning fix.

So get your camping gear together and get ready to enjoy the outdoors with your friends and your cars. Camping with your Triumph is loads of fun!

