



"I GUESS THAT 'PRIMITIVE' WOULD BE A GOOD WORD TO DESCRIBE these cars. I shot this during a practice session, because I don't think they ran E Production and F Production in the same class during the runoff. But yeah, that TR3... wow. It was pretty crude. That was Bill Boemler, leading Terry Barker in the Triumph Spitfire and David Headley in the number 61 MGB. That's about all I can tell you about these guys. There may not have been many people in the huge stands around Daytona, but in terms of participants, you've got to figure 15 cars per race, so there would be 200 cars in the paddock, easily, or maybe more."

"MIKE DOWNS BECAME A NATIONAL CHAMPION FOR Group 44 in this race, driving the Triumph GT6 to the win in E Production. His Group 44 teammates were John Kelly, team owner Bob Tullius and Brian Fuerstenau. I think Mike only drove for the team for a season or two. Jerry Titus also drove for Group 44 for a time. But the main guy there, other than Tullius, was Brian. He was some kind of an engineer from the Washington, D.C., area and an excellent driver. He and Tullius were very good friends, but Brian was killed while piloting this World War II airplane that Tullius owned. Group 44 was one of the most dominant road-racing teams based in America during these years."

