Unique Triumph TS2 to visit The British Motor Museum

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Triumph TS2 to visit The British Motor Museum for just one day, as

part of its ‘Round Britain Relay’ tour…

The TS2, built at Banner Lane in Coventry, was the first right-hand drive ‘TR’ model, built in 1953 and before the TR2 production run started, right at the start of the long and illustrious TR sports car story. ‘TS2’ relates to the ‘Chassis’ number.

TS2 will be visiting the British Motor Museum on 7 June as part of its Round Britain Relay tour visiting 53 venues, shows, town centres and schools. The special sports car will be on display alongside two TRs from the Museum’s collection – the 1953 TR2 speed record car and the very last TR7 to be built in 1981. All three cars, which were built in Coventry, will be on display outside the Museum for the day from around 11am, and will be supported by the Coventry TR Register Group which owns the TS2.

The Triumph TR2 is one of the most noteworthy cars in British motoring history. Launched in 1953, it took the world by storm when it offered a small, nippy, attractive and reliable sports car that was capable of over 100 miles per hour yet was relatively affordable to buy. The Coventry built sports car was incredibly successful in motorsport and rallying during the 1950s, re-energising the Triumph brand into a sporting marque which led to nearly 30 years of Triumph sports cars to follow.

Cat Boxall, Curator at the British Motor Museum, said “We’re thrilled to have this famous and unique sports car visit us for the day on 7 June. As part of its tour, we look forward to showcasing it to visitors and motor enthusiasts who are very welcome to come and view the car outside along with the 2 TRs from our collection”.

The other cars being displayed alongside the TS2 are the 1953 Triumph TR2 prototype (Jabbeke speed record car), possibly the most important Triumph car in the company’s history. The car reached a class record speed of 124.889 mph – amazing for an almost stock specification two-litre sports car.

The other is the last Triumph TR7 to come off the line in 1981. Developed as BL’s sports car for the 1970s, with unusual styling but a conventional mechanical design, just over 114,000

TR7s were built. Its wedge-shaped bodywork was penned by Harris Mann, echoing his previous work on the Zanda prototype and the Princess range. Both these cars will be back on display in the Museum after this event.

Those coming to view the TRs outside at 11am are also very welcome to visit the Museum. Museum entry is £14.50 for adults in advance or £16 on the day, £12.50 for concessions in advance or £14 on the day, £40 for a family in advance or £44 on the day, £9 for children (5-16 years) in advance or £10 on the day and under 5s are FREE. There is also the option to Gift Aid or donate your entry fee and get an Annual Pass in return, at no extra cost.

To find out more information about the Museum and to book tickets visit the website at www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk

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