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16TH STREET & CAMELBACK  
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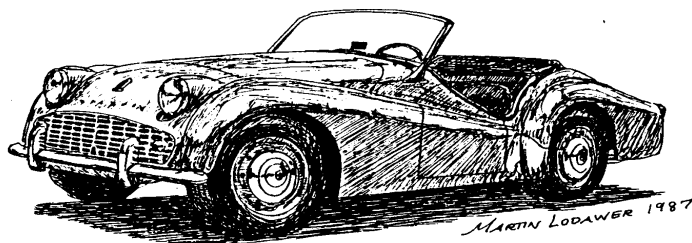
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## COMING EVENTS

APRIL 26-27

BRITISH-EURO AUTO TOUR

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SORRY

THERE WILL BE NO ALL BRITISH  
BREAKFAST RUN THIS MONTH

HOWEVER

DCTRA WILL HOST THE MAY RUN  
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DEATILS

### THE B.E.A.T.

Don't miss the British European Auto Tour! We motor to Wickenburg, Prescott, Cottonwood, Jerome, Sedona, and overnight in Flagstaff. Return through Payson. It has to be the finest assemblage of fun cars in Arizona, and a chance to mingle in several cities with the owners, their families, and even their pets. Where else will you be able to park your Triumph next to a D type Jaguar and a Fiat 600 drophead and enjoy coffee and donuts? Last year there were about 170 cars and several hundred interesting people and a delightful sort of refined cocktail hour. You mustn't miss it, everyone is expecting to see you there. Get your entry form at [www.beataz.com](http://www.beataz.com), then join the tour at I-17 & Dunlap early on the morning of April 26.

Mike Goodwin

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING:

37 were present at our new meeting location at the Imperial Garden Chinese restaurant. The meeting opened at 7:15 PM and John Horton immediately asked for a temporary adjournment to the parking lot for all to see the Triumph Stag previously owned by President Lyndon Johnson.

After re-assembling inside, the secretary report was accepted as corrected: Rooms are available at the HAMPTON INN the Friday night before the BEAT, and NOT the Sheraton as erroneously reported in the March newsletter.

The treasurer reported all is well with the club money. He asked that if you get your newsletter from the web and have no need of a mailed copy, please let him know.

Our VP gave an outline of coming events, starting with a pancake breakfast in the park as part of the Sunday BreakfastRuns.

Please call your congressman about the bill on emissions "we need your support! Phone numbers are in your e-mail version of the newsletter.

Dave Riddle gave a racing report about a new track (145th and Camelback -Ed) that has just opened and will be fun to run events on.

In our tech report, John Horton spoke about installing Pertronix Ignition, the details of which can be found in the March newsletter. Jim Medland spoke more in detail about Pertronix. He is the President of Delta Motorsports, one of our advertisers, and is offering discount prices on Pertronix ignition equipment and Magnecor wire sets to DCTRA members through April.

Many thanks were given to the current owner of the LBJ Stag, Bill Jonavich.

Dave Reynolds gave an explanation of a electrical tester called TonTest that he manufactures; the units sell for \$99.

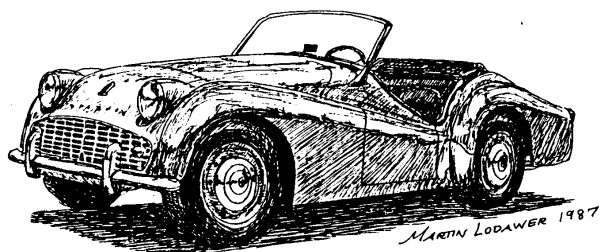
The fun raffle was enjoyed by all. A few extra special prizes were given out. Sherry Spencer had baked cookies and donated 6 packages of them for the raffle. Sherry Sharp had made a British flag covered photo album which was won by the Spencers.

There was a unanimous decision to keep the meeting place at the Imperial Garden.

Copies of a Lucas service manual are available from Bob Spencer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Deta Hampsch



## AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

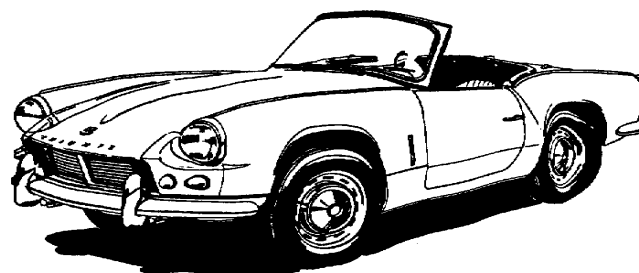
\*\*\*Friday Nights at 5:30pm - McQueen & Warner (McQueen is Mesa Drive north of Baseline) on the northeast corner in the parking lot of a vacant ABCO grocery store.

\*\*\*Friday Nights 4 to 9 PM at the Five and Diner in the Arizona Mills shopping center, Baseline & Priest.

\*\*\*Saturday Nights at 5:30pm - Cruise-In at US60 & Power Rd. in Mesa (Its really on Hampton, just east of Wendys) On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

\*\*\*Sunday Nights at 5:00pm at Famous Sam's in Apache Junction.

April 26 & 27: BEAT '03 Do your registration early, forms at the meeting or WWW.BEATAZ.COM. Important: get your room reserved at the Little America at Flagstaff, and mention the name BEAT or British Euro Auto Tour to get our rate of \$75 single or double, 10 more each additional person. (Sure, in my Spitfire). Their number is 1-800-352-4386.



## WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

### WHEELS OF BRITAIN, March 8th

Winning entries from DCTRA were Charles Engle TR4A, Fran Wickenhauser TR6, John Horton TR8, John and Kathy Nuss spitfire, and BEST OF SHOW was Bob Mazur's beautiful TR250. The Nuss' also had "Hiram", their '66 Austin taxi which took second in Classic Class. John and Kathy Nuss won the Wheels of Britain award for upholding the best tradition of driving a British car. DCTRA was well represented by our club except there were no TR-3's!

### PANCAKES IN THE PARK, March 16th

Sunday, March 16th was the Mini Club's annual Pancakes In The Park version of the British Breakfast Run. It was a fine, misty morning, though too few cars were at the gathering point. Of course, there was a flock of Mini's Joined by a Lotus, a Morgan, a Miata, and the two TR6's of John and Lila Truttman and the Hortons.

It was a pleasure to drive in such light traffic, passing a double-decker bus that should've joined us, following directions all the way to Chandler's Arrowhead Park. Awaiting us were the Blahak family grilling stacks of pancakes, aided by a jolly crew, including DCTRA's Ken Schmidt & Deborah Cooke. After an Irish-themed raffle the basket was turned over to DCTRA for the May run. Leprechaun's luck gave us sunshine for the whole drive, rain started in earnest back at home.

Beth Horton

## CLASSIC-FIED ADS

For Sale - Tom Pennell's car trailer. The TR3A was purchased by a dealer in New Jersey and he didn't want the trailer. \$500 - includes electric winch. 928-537-3355. (4/03)

For Sale - Spitfire MK1 - Frame-up restoration started 3 years ago. Frame and running gear complete. Still need to do engine, transmission, body and interior. Seats reupholstered, ready to install. Floorboards renewed, body in very good condition, will need minimum work before re-spray. New top, many other new parts. No time to finish. No reasonable offer refused. Call Tom Pennell 928-537-3355. (3/03)

For Sale - 1963 TR4, black over red in exceptional condition. Lots of spares. \$6000 OBO. Call Kris Flaig in L.A. (562) 421-7833 or e-mail kriswflaig@earthlink.net (3/03)

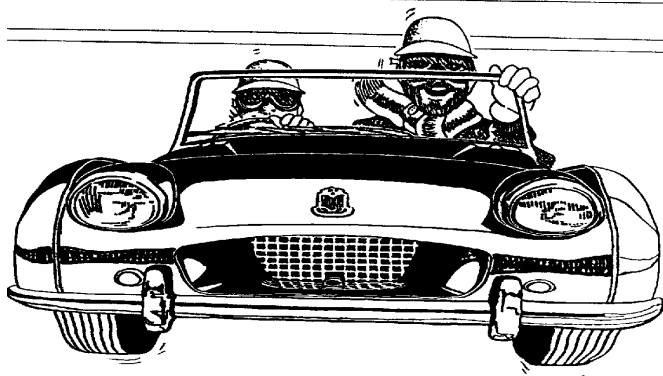
For ??? - Spitfire foundling in a field - 8614 N. 67th Ave. Basket case for \$400. Body looks OK and it's pre-emissions! Doc Smith did some investigation. (623) 847-3018 (3/03)


For Sale - '67 GT6, runs and looks great. Mags, new tires, \$5950 minus 10% for DCTRA members. Call (480) 231-3874 or e-mail shelly2003\_1@yahoo.com (3/03)

For Sale - '76 TR7 Red w/black int. Low miles, factory air. Nice condition Call Gary Beckham (623) 412-3979 or e-mail bbeckham@msn.com (3/03)

Wanted - Hardtop for '74 TR6. Call Tony Chapman at (602) 956-5101 or e-mail acchapman@cox.net (3/03)

NOTE: Good TR info site: [www.rucompatible.com/triumph](http://www.rucompatible.com/triumph) (tip from Dave Riddle) (3/03)





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## THE PREZ SEZ

It has been a busy month. Along with my business I have been back into the lobbying and working with the legislature on the bills pending. The emissions bill was scuttled again by the feds. I am becoming of the opinion that we need to have a ballot initiative to pass this and bypass the local politicians. The only thing agreed to is writing to the feds to politely ask if we can attempt legislation on emissions. HUMBUG! Let's take the problem to the voters.

We have had one small victory. I did appear at the committee meeting on the HB2386. I did talk on the bill and stressed the vagueness and the damage it would do to the antique industry in Arizona. There was one from the kit car club that did also talk and a motorcycle group represented. The city police appeared along with a management specialist and a Senator. I believe they did not make their case because they could not get around the unintended consequences of the assembling and only 20 people in one area. They did not even know how many clubs or cars that could be marshaled for an outing. The vote was 6-0 against the bill. I think the city will try again to slip this through.

The B.E.A.T. trip is the 25 & 26th of April. I cannot be there due to other activities. No breakfast run also. We are hosting the breakfast run in May. I think we should all turn out for that. It is very laid back and usually fun.

We are again meeting at the old Hunan restaurant, now the Imperial Gardens. The place is excellent and food buffet is very large. We have a nice large room to ourselves. It was nice to see some of the older members show up. Hope to see more in April.

Cheerio, John Horton

## TECHNICAL TALK

Installing Pertronix Ignition:

I've found a source of the Pertronix modules at a reasonable price. This last weekend I installed mine on the TR6. It is really a simple job and easy to do. The mechanical part took about 20 minutes. It just dropped in as the instructions said. I found only one thing that might be of concern. On the 4 and 6 cylinder engines it is necessary to limit the current to the coil; via use of a resistor if measurements show high current. The instructions show using a coil with a resistor or an internal resistor coil. The amperage should be less than 8 amps draw.

To get this, measure the voltage at the coil with the ignition on. Then turn off the switch and disconnect the wires and measure the resistance across the plus and negative terminals. (The primary.) Divide the voltage by the resistance. The result is the amperage. In my case the voltage was 12 volts and the resistance was 1.7 ohms. 12 divided by 1.7 equaled 7.06 amps. Under the 8 amp limit. You can add a 1.5 ohm resistor from the parts store if necessary. The change in starting and acceleration was surprising. By the way, don't forget to put the rotor back on the distributor shaft, cars don't start well without it.

Cheerio, John Horton

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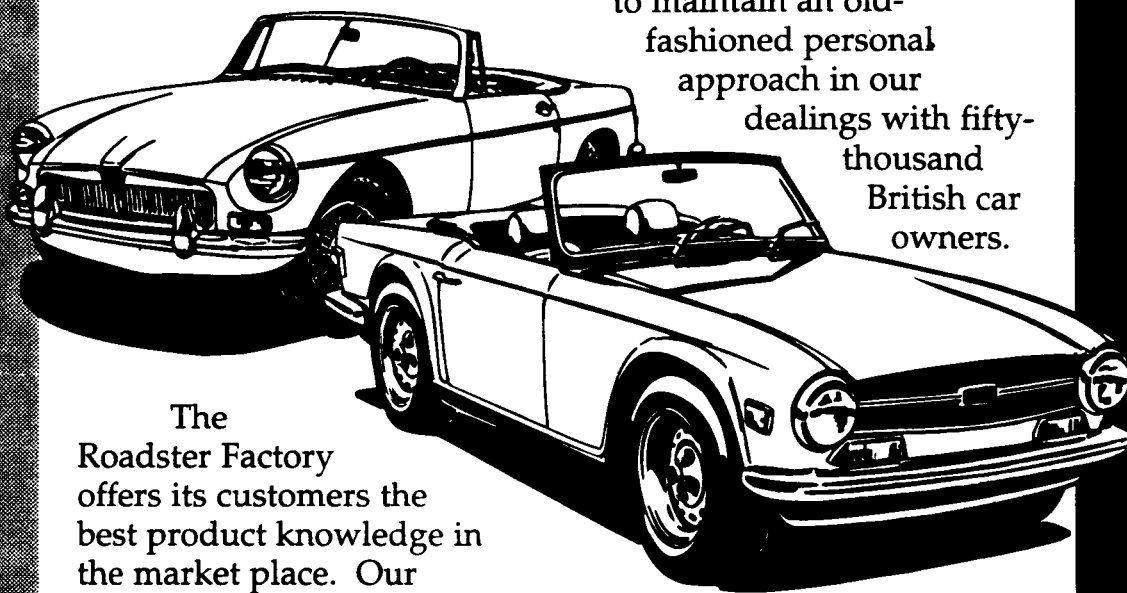
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