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1934 Triumph Gloria Vitesse

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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

April 9, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 pm

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meet us for dinner / social @ 6. p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

## Prez Sez – April 2019

John Nuss, President

At last Spring has sprung. After the long period of cold and clouds, I knew the grass, flowers, leaves, and weeds would burst forth. At the Nuss household the season for concerts and rehearsals has ended. A successful season on all fronts, I'll say. But it is good to be able to stay with a task for most of the day rather than just a morning. The travel season will begin for us soon. The youngest son is marrying a longtime friend in April making a trip to Washington necessary. In May, Kathy and I are going to Europe with the Heidelberg University choir and alumni. Wouldn't you know, each trip leaves on the day of the DCTRA meeting. So, if Vice-president Horton is unable to conduct a meeting it falls to Mary or Armand...

Kathy and I were able to drive cars for the Mecum auction. A really neat experience – got the hat but they ran out of t shirts. But the day was well spent. I drove a 1967 Camaro from the staging area to the line to go across the auction block. The thought occurred to me with the power of that big V8 engine, if my foot slipped off of the clutch pedal, I could do some serious damage to the cars in front. If my foot slipped of the clutch pedal of a Spitfire it would stall. I was sort of surprised that some of the cars were just used cars - a Jeep Grand Cherokee for example. Others were interesting, a 1957 Chevy pick-up, a 1971 Fiat 500, a 1959 Mercedes 190SL. Kathy's favorite was a 1957 Lincoln convertible. We needed to return to our side of town, so we didn't get a chance to wander through cars set aside for the Saturday and Sunday auction which were most likely the primo examples. I learned something about some the buyers, too. Some guys came over and acknowledged my presence in the car; a greeting then a question or two. While sitting in the staging area to drive across the auction block, I was sitting with my arm on the sill. A guy opened the door, I nearly fell out, looked around tried to close the door and went on. I guess I'm used the British car scene where people are generally polite and eager to talk about the car. I think I would do it again.

In the meantime, drive your Triumph

John

## EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

The cover photo on this month's issue is a 1934 Triumph Gloria Vitesse. It is said to be a very rare sporting saloon. It was listed for sale on e.Bay.com.uk. some months ago. The current bid at that time was £17,250.00. It was in York, UK. If you would like to go have a look at it. It's a very pretty car. May be sold now though.

I have been writing a lot lately on One Drive and found that writing directly to One Drive uses a lot of data space. Thus, I have exceeded the maximum limit of 4G speed. Now I'm put in the penalty box of 3G speed. It is slow and I am at the bottom of the access list when the internet is crowded. I need to write on my computer then save to One Drive.

I don't have a member profile this month for the Meet Our Members column. I've had 3-4 members that have promised me something. I suppose they are working on their car or some other endeavor of equal importance. I keep hoping.

Our April meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Will we see you there?

George

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# Calendar of Events

## DCTRA & British Auto Events 2018:

**April 9, 2019** – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7 pm (6 pm for dinner and social)

### Regular Occurrence Events

Hunts Donuts – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday University and the Loop 101  
Cruz'n at Phil's -(every Sunday) Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ  
Cars N Coffee – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd  
Cars N Coffee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, Alpion's at Troon  
Cars N Coffee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum  
Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

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## March 2019 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

The membership renewal drive has been a success. All members whose annual membership expired at the end of 2018 have been made aware, either by email, telephone or both. At this point I have to assume any member who does not renew has chosen to do so. Any member who has not renewed by the April 9 business Meeting will be removed from the active Membership Roster and the Club email ListServ in mid-April. You will receive an email notification. If you find this has happened to you and you wish to return, your Membership can be reactivated by reapplying with annual dues payment. As a reminder, annual dues are \$20, \$37, or \$55 for 1, 2, or 3 years membership, respectively.

With all that being said, our current Membership total is 109 with 165 members. We will be losing a few after the April adjustment as some have indicated they will not be renewing for various reasons. I'd like to state again that anyone is welcome back whenever they feel the time is right. Thank you.

Marv Miller  
Membership  
[miller2993@cox.net](mailto:miller2993@cox.net)  
(602) 380-5564

**Application form on page 12**

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

April 9, 2019

Dinner & Social Hour @ 6:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.  
Denney's Restaurant  
3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ



## Minutes

# Desert Centre Triumph Register of America February 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The March meeting of The DCTRA was called to order @ 7:00 pm @ Denny's Restaurant, Scottsdale Rd. by John Horton Vice President in the absence of John Nuss.

**Members present:** Pete Bowen, Michael Bulfer, George Durkin, William Graham, Ron Gurnee, John Heisser, John Horton, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John Reynolds, Dave Riddle, Scott & Bonnie Grainger who drove their Spitfire.

**Minutes:** Approved as they appear in Newsletter.

**Membership:** Marv Miller reported that we have 108 memberships and 162 members. Marv reminding that Renewals are now due and 25 memberships are about to expire. He has been trying to contact these members. John Heisser volunteered to make these phone calls. Marv will put another notice in The Newsletter. The Final Deadline for Membership Renewals will be next month's meeting April 9. Dave Riddle introduced our new members Scott and Bonnie Grainger who own a '72 Spitfire.

He also owns a '28 and a '46 Studebaker and a '51 Studebaker truck as well as a '67 Kaiser CJ5. But the Spitfire is Bonnie's!!!

**Events:** John & Beth Horton are arranging a Breakfast Run March 24th. John is suggesting for April either lunch at The Georgian Dragon or a visit to The Pima Air Museum. Dave Riddle will arrange a Track Day for May 18th @ the East Track @ Wild Horse Pass. John suggesting meeting @ Organ Stop Pizza in June. John offering a Shop Day the last weekend of August at his house prior to Triumphest September 14 -15. Dave Riddle suggesting a Track Day in October @ Arizona Motorsport Park.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Scott Grainger is looking to upgrade the transmission in the Spitfire. And was needing some help after the meeting to unseize his front brake.

John Horton called for motion to adjourn @ 7:30 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted,  
Mary A. White, Secretary

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# Breakfast Run to Candy's Kitchen

Photos by John Horton

Approximately 30 people showed up on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> in 25 cars. The mostly LBCs included an assortment of Triumphs, Jaguars, Minis (classic and new) and a couple of pickups. John led us on a nice drive through an interesting neighborhood with fun streets to drive on.

We have been to this restaurant for breakfast. The food is very good. The restaurant is a popular place to go and when we get our crowd in there it requires a long wait for our orders. But we go on these drives for the camaraderie, don't we? I met some new people at our table and had stimulating conversations. Watch for the next one.



Good food and interesting conversations.

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# Technical Corner

By DCTRA Members

Editor's note: This is a question a DCTRA member posed on our DCTRA BB and a solution proposed by a Club member in a previous month. If you are not a member set up to access the bulletin board, contact Dave Riddle at: [Dave@microworks.net](mailto:Dave@microworks.net).

**Sent:** November 30, 2012 10:48 AM

**To:** [members@dctra.org](mailto:members@dctra.org)

**Subject:** [DCTRA] TR-6 question about replacing clutch master cylinder

Hello everyone!

I have a leaky clutch master cylinder. I have a full replacement cylinder ready to go back in. It's been decades since I've done this. The one thing I do remember is to put a block of wood under the clutch pedal when doing the final bleeding, but I can't recall how to "bench bleed" the master cylinder. Is there anything else that I should do "while I'm at it" under the hood?

Any tips and how-to's would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you in advance!

DCTRA Inquirer

Hello,

I have not heard of the need for a 'wooden block'. What I have always done is open the repair manual and follow the instructions!

Basically, drain the system through the slave cylinder bleeder screw (just remove it), take the old parts out/off, install the new parts, fill the master cylinder with DOT4 or in my car, DOT5 hydraulic fluid, bleed the system with the help of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, lastly test drive the car and if all is OK, have a beer! If there are issues or problems, you can give me or some other club member a call!

Good luck,

DCTRA Respondent

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# CLASSIFIED ADS:

## 1971 TR6 Available for Purchase:



This car was restored by British Car Service prior to being purchased by the current owner in 2004. After purchase, boot liners, interior carpets,

seat upholstery, convertible top, wood instrument panel, belts, and hoses were replaced, and the car was painted, among other things. Subsequently, work has been done on wiring, the odometer has been replaced, etc. Lucas battery, trim grille, and other regalia. **Sold** by Triumph in 2004, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. It won First Place for Triumph TR6 at Wheels of Britain 2005, Phoenix, Arizona. Letter of valuation set value at \$17,000 in 2004. Asking \$17,000 within DCTRA (non- DCTRA: \$18,500). Contact Pam at [pueblodesign@gmail.com](mailto:pueblodesign@gmail.com) for more photos, questions, etc.

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### FOR SALE:

Top for TR3

White on top is where I started to sand. The top hasn't been repaired. I'll take ~~\$350~~ for it the way it sits.

**Now Reduced to \$100**



Mark Sapp (602) 625-8491

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**FOR SALE:**

4" simple vice - \$5; 1,500 pound ATV hydraulic lift - \$50; Spare tire 185SR15 redline tire  
- FREE

John Horton - [triumphshoppe@gmail.com](mailto:triumphshoppe@gmail.com), 602-705-8678 0618

**CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)**

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**Wanted:**

Wanted TR250 or TR6 (no 3 / Very Good) condition that is looking for a good home, garage kept and will be well fed. You can reach me at [timothyemaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:timothyemaxwell@gmail.com)  
Tim Maxwell, Texas Triumph Register Member, TTR Houston, TX  
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**FOR SALE:**

1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration ~74,000 miles, but only 1000 since restored, Original Java green with black interior Many upgrades, too many to list here. Webbers and Overdrive. Leather seats Car is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area Asking: ~~\$29,500.00~~ Reduced to \$26,000

Contact me for other questions:  
Jack Morris  
(C) 817.401.2549  
jack@ppitx.com

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**FOR SALE:**

Triumph seat covers

Hi. My husband and I used to be members of the club many, many years ago but my husband always had health issues so we were unable to participate. We used to have a beautiful burgundy 1974 Triumph Spitfire. The car found a new home but we found out later that we still had 2 black front seat covers in black with a white Triumph logo. I am writing in the event that anyone in the club would be interested in purchasing them. I would sell them, for \$50. They were never used and are in perfect condition. My cell is 602-740-1088. Thank you.  
Jill Burns, [wburns@strategz.com](mailto:wburns@strategz.com)

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## CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

### FOR SALE:

1966 Spitfire Mk II, Great body, runs good, clean title, needs bushings in transmission replaced. I have poor health, need to be sold \$6,000 obo.



Harold Berger, Phone (513)-594-9235  
bsberger@cox.net  
10443 W. Roundelay Circle; Sun City, AZ85351

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### FOR SALE:

TR6 Falcon Exhaust System \$575.00. This is a complete system unused from the UK. It comes complete with new pipe brackets, mounting plates and manifold gaskets.



TR6 Roll Cage. \$475.00. I cleaned it up. Sanded it down to remove paint. And applied 2 coats of grey primer. I was going to spray paint it black, but it's ready for someone to choose their color.



Please contact me either on email at:  
john.carroll@wbhsi.net  
or text at [480 622 8502](tel:4806228502)  
John Carroll.

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**Notice:**

If we run an ad here for you and you sell the item, please **let us know when it has been sold** or at least no longer for sale. I'm sure that you don't want potential customers to keep calling you but if you don't let us know... we won't know. Don't just telephone but send an email so we'll have a record of it.

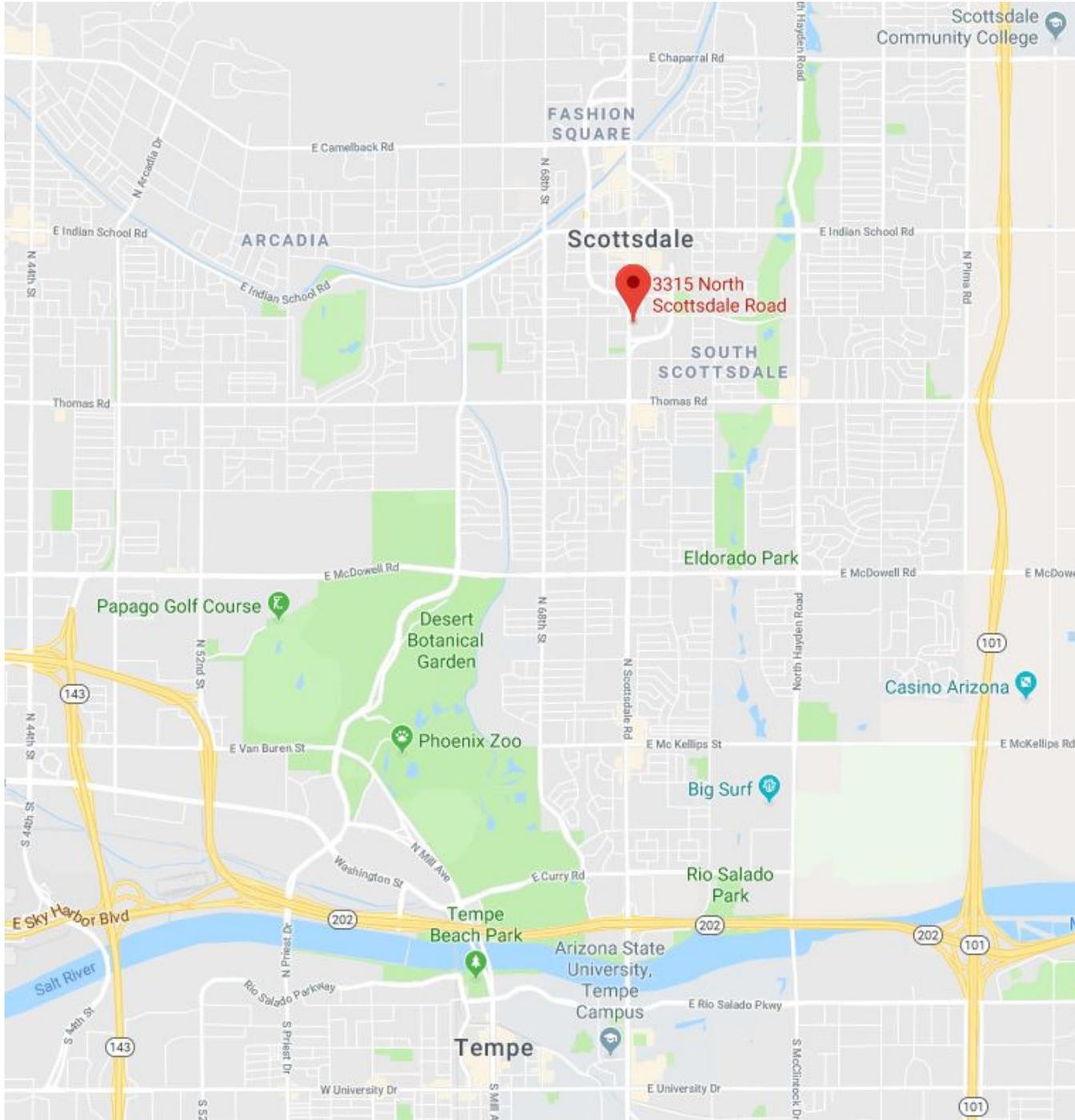
Thanks, Editor.

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**DCTRA Club Meeting Location:**

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

At: **Denney's Restaurant**  
**3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ**



## ***DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION***

**PLEASE PRINT** and return completed form with the correct amount of dues to:

DCTRA  
Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson  
780 W. Coolidge St. Phoenix, AZ 85013

Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

**NEW MEMBER:**

**RENEWING MEMBER:**

**MEMBER INFO (please print):**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Cell

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classic Vehicles Owned:**

Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #

**Each household membership includes one name badge. Additional name badges are available at the cost of \$6.00 each.**

Name wanted on badge(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want added to the Membership Contact list YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

How are you paying your dues: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ PAYPAL \_\_\_\_\_ (add \$2.00 process fee)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If a new member is joining between January 1 and September 30- One-year dues are \$20.00, two-year dues are \$37.00 and three-year dues are \$55.00. If a new member is joining between October 1 and December 31- One-year dues are \$25.00, two-year dues are \$42.00, and three-year dues are \$60.00. This allows everyone's dues to become payable on January 1 of the appropriate year.

## Regalia

We also have Grill badges (\$25.00 each), Lapel pins (\$5.00 each) and License plate frames (15.00 each) available for purchase.



Grille badge (3 inch diameter)



Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)

Membership fee	_____
Name tags @ \$6.00 each	_____
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each	_____
Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each	_____
Total enclosed	_____

Additional Space for more information:

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# Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America  
[www.dctra.org](http://www.dctra.org)

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	<a href="http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph">http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph</a>
Portland Triumph Owners Association	<a href="http://www.portlandtriumph.org">www.portlandtriumph.org</a>
Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)	<a href="http://www.tyee.triumph.org">www.tyee.triumph.org</a>
British Columbia Triumph Registry	<a href="http://www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry">www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry</a>
All British Field Meet (Portland)	<a href="http://www.abfm-pdx.com">www.abfm-pdx.com</a>
Vintage Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.vtr.org">www.vtr.org</a> AND <a href="http://www.vtr2007.com">www.vtr2007.com</a>
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	<a href="http://www.t2000register.org.uk">www.t2000register.org.uk</a>
Rimmer Bros	<a href="http://www.rimmerbros.co.uk">www.rimmerbros.co.uk</a>
Stag Owners Club	<a href="http://www.stag.org.uk">www.stag.org.uk</a>
TR Sports 6 Club	<a href="http://www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm">www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm</a>
British Auto Works (OR)	<a href="http://www.britishautoworks.com">www.britishautoworks.com</a>
British Wire Wheel	<a href="http://www.britishwirewheel.com">www.britishwirewheel.com</a>
Save Our Cars	<a href="http://www.saveourcars.org">www.saveourcars.org</a>
British Car Forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarforum.com">www.britishcarforum.com</a>
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.triumphtravelers.org">www.triumphtravelers.org</a>
Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	<a href="http://www.sctoa.org">www.sctoa.org</a>
British Motor Heritage Group	<a href="http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk">www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk</a>
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	<a href="http://www.6-pack.org">www.6-pack.org</a>
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	<a href="http://www.obcc.ca">www.obcc.ca</a>
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	<a href="http://www.vsgcc.ca">www.vsgcc.ca</a>
Moss Motors	<a href="http://www.mossmotors.com">www.mossmotors.com</a>
Small auction and forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarauction.com">www.britishcarauction.com</a>
Classic Autosport Magazine	<a href="http://www.classicautosport.net">www.classicautosport.net</a>
International Spitfire Database	<a href="http://www.members.cox.net/spitlist">www.members.cox.net/spitlist</a>
British Motor Club of Utah	<a href="http://www.britishmotorclub.org">www.britishmotorclub.org</a>
Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally)	<a href="http://www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com">www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com</a>
Victoria British	<a href="http://www.victoriabritish.com">www.victoriabritish.com</a>
Triumph Register of Southern California	<a href="http://www.socaltriumphs.org">www.socaltriumphs.org</a>
Hill Country Triumph Club	<a href="http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org">www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org</a>
Tucson British Car Register	<a href="http://www.tucsonbritish.com">www.tucsonbritish.com</a>
Central Coast British Car Club	<a href="http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com">www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com</a>
Texas Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.texastriumphregister.org">www.texastriumphregister.org</a>
Delta Motorsports	<a href="http://www.deltamotorsports.com">www.deltamotorsports.com</a>
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	<a href="http://www.englishbawbsclassics.com">www.englishbawbsclassics.com</a>