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## COMING EVENTS

**CLUB MEETING:  
AUGUST 8TH - 7:00 PM**

**EL ZARIBAH SHRINE  
552 NORTH 40TH ST.  
PHOENIX, AZ**

**COME EARLY-  
HAVE DINNER-  
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## The Prez Sez

Man, has it ever been HOT!!! It certainly makes it hard to go out and enjoy your old British car when there is no time of day or night that the temperature drops below the mid-90s. It's especially hard for me, because I DO try to drive my old TR when I can. This is partly (well, mostly) because I enjoy driving it, but also because I feel compelled by a certain sense of duty. Misguided though I might be, I feel that if we don't expose the general public, and especially the youth, to the cars that we love, the appreciation for these cars way die out with us. Even a dozen years ago I recall being asked what kind of car it was (I was in my MG at the time) and after telling him being asked, "Who makes MG?" No doubt many of you have had similiar experiences with your British car (try explaining the Stirling to someone)!

I imagine most of you can clearly remember your first experience driving or riding in a sports car... maybe it was even a Triumph. That experience may be the reason you own one now. For many of the young people today the words "sports car" means something like a Subaru WRX, a Mustang, or Corvette. Maybe some will know the Miata or Honda S 2000, or think of the mega-buck European exotics like Ferrari and Porsche. All nice cars, each embodying at least some "sporty" aspects relative to their more mundane counterparts on the road. All very competent. In fact, maybe too competent. Each will get you to your destination quickly and efficiently, with little fuss, but to truly enjoy their "sportiness" you quickly run the risk of losing your license! They need to be "pushed" to truly be enjoyed. Otherwise, they coddle you and insulate you from the driving experience just like the sedate "grocery-getters" all around you. (Cont.)



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Meetings are held on the  
Second Tuesday of each month.

Dues are \$18.00 per year.

For membership information,  
contact Marty Clark at 480-962-7848.

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newsletter submissions. We welcome all TR stories,  
articles, and photos. Best Regards and thank you to  
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nix Flower Shop, Dave Riddle, The Roadster Factory,  
Arthur Wallis, and anyone else we missed.

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Which brings us back around to our  
Triumphs. We need to push them a bit just  
to keep up with the freeway traffic. We can  
enjoy driving them hard, and probably not  
have anyone around us realize that we  
were trying to out drag or out corner their  
modern vehicle! They might not even hear  
our skinny little tires squealing from within  
their tinted, temperature-controlled  
isolation booths on wheels! It makes  
everyday driving fun... because you are  
one with your surroundings and with the car  
itself. Driving a Triumph demands  
involvement, and an open sportscar  
exposes us to the world around us. This  
includes the desert heat and dust and air  
pollution, sure, but also to the landscape,  
the sounds, the smells, the sight of birds  
overhead! We put up with our old  
Triumph's flaws because we can  
appreciate it's splendors.

These are the splendors of our  
beloved Triumphs that we need to impart  
to today's youth. As the weather cools,  
consider taking the Triumph out to a  
nearby Cruise Night. I let (even encourage)  
kids to sit in the car, taking the steering  
wheel in hand. Talk to them about the car. If  
the situation permits, give people rides in  
your Triumph. Remember your first ride in  
a Triumph? THAT'S the kind of memory  
that will keep our hobby alive for  
generations to come.

**Stu Lasswell**

## NAME TAGS

DCTRA has placed an order on behalf of a club members for the much admired and coveted DCTRA official name badges. These have a lazer-engraved club logo on them, as well as magnetic attachment plates, so as not to require the piercing of your favorite shirts in order to be worn.

The cost is \$4.50 each (exactly what they cost the club) which will be expected upon receipt of said item. Please let **Stu** know if you wish to place an order - debnstu2@yahoo.com

## MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

Stu opened the meeting with 24 members in attendance at the Imperial Gardens Restaurant. The minutes were approved as printed. Our treasurer reported that we have money!

Events Chair, Dave Riddle, reported on the successful Movie Nite Out and on upcoming events. Look for details in the latest newsletters.

Our sympathy goes out to Pam Rhinehart on the loss of her husband, Clay. He will be missed by us all. DCTRA will plan an event in his memory. Clay was active in the "arts" and one suggestion was a dinner theatre night.

Another upcoming event will be a Bar B Q & swim party at Deta's home sometime in August. Look for details on line.

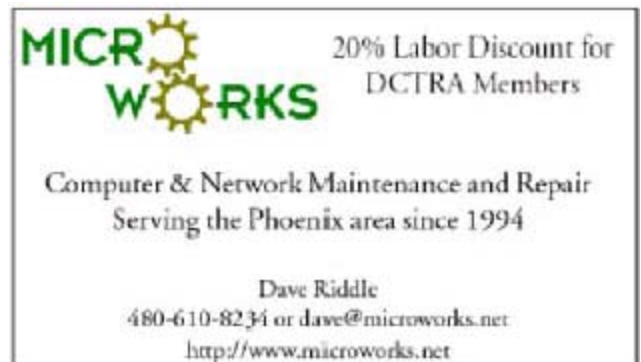
Marty Clark reported on behalf of Kiwe the

status of Triumphest 2007. The date, location and hotel have been decided. Triumphest 2007 will be held in Laughlan on October 19, 20 & 21 , 2007 at the River Palms.

Marty also informed us that the new membership list is now on the website. There was discussion once again on putting together a new member's packet. No decision was made.

A variety of subjects were discussed during tec-talk. Problems were presented & most were resolved.. Meeting adjourned 7:45PM.

~ Happy Motoring ~ **Deta Hampsch**



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### Member's Information:

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Automobile Information:

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Length of Membership Requested (New Memberships are prorated at \$1.50 per Month):

☐ ONE year \$18.00

☐ TWO Years \$34.00

☐ THREE Years \$50.00

Newsletter: I would like to receive the newsletter via: ☐ E-Mail ☐ US Mail

Comments/Suggestions:

Form may be returned to John Reynolds,  
Treasurer, 806 E. Campus, Tempe, AZ 85282



# Calendar of Events

## **SATURDAY - August 5th**

### **Work Party - 9:00 a.m.**

Meet this Saturday morning to complete project. Cool drinks & cooling fans provided. John Horton has the gaskets to complete Deta's car. Plan to stay for the photo session.

### **August 5th & 6th**

#### **Prescott Swap Meet**

Go Saturday only for \$15 or Sunday only for \$10. No pre-registration. Gates open at Watson Lake at 5:30 am. All vehicles welcome. More info available from [ware@cablone.net](mailto:ware@cablone.net) or [mummert@commspeed.net](mailto:mummert@commspeed.net)

### **August 5th & 6th**

#### **Prescott Car Show at Watson Lake**

The Prescott Car Show is limited to pre 1981 cars of **any make or country**. Sign-in time is 7:30 a.m. unless you're a true early bird.

### **August 5th & 6th**

#### **1st Saturday British Car Night**

The first Saturday (of the month) British Car night at the K Mart on Power & Hampton will be this weekend. if the weather forecast is good we hope to see you there. 6:00 pm is early enough this time of the year.

### **August 13th**

#### **Breakfast Run**

Meet at 7AM at 32nd Street & Shea, depart at 7:30AM. The location is in the N.West Valley, easy access to freeway for quick trip home in the heat!

### **September 16th - 17th — 23rd Annual**

#### **Colorado English Motoring Conclave,**

Arvada, Colorado. The Ride the Rockies Tour and Conclave car show are not to be missed. On Saturday, tour Colorado during the fall—blue skies, warm days, and golden aspen covering the mountainsides. At the Sunday Conclave, you can vote by marque for the best

of the 600 British cars, trucks, and motorcycles, spread across the green lawn of the park, while picnicking in the shade of century-old cottonwood trees and listening to a Highland pipe band. Web address: [www.ColoradoConclave.com](http://www.ColoradoConclave.com).

### **October 14 & 15th**

#### **Vintage Voyage**

8th British Vintage Voyage, - This charity run will visit an Arizona winery. Plan to go north to Chino Valley and visit Granite Creek Vinyards.

### **October 19th - 22nd, 2006**

#### **Triumphest 2006**

Hosted by the TRSC (Triumph Register of Southern California)

Presenting the 25th anniversary of the largest West Coast gathering of Triumph automobiles.

Held at the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley Marriott, Buellton, Ca.

<http://www.socaltriumphs.org>

### **October 29th**

#### **All British Car Day**

Hosted by the MG Club

### **April 21, 2007**

#### **10th Annual BEAT**

### **October 18th - 21st, 2007**

#### **Triumphest 2007**

Hosted by DCTRA

6-9 PM. 623-936-6587

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Cont.)

## FRIDAY EVENINGS

- Alma School & Warner, Chandler.
- Lindsay & Warner (on the east side of the Albertson's Parking lot), Gilbert, 5-? PM depending on the weather.
- Hills The last Wednesday night cruise at Gilbert Town Square will be moving to the new shopping center on Val Vista at Baseline in Mesa on February 22nd.
- Hills, 43rd Street & Union Hills, Phoenix

## SATURDAY EVENINGS

- Wendy's, Superstition Springs Mall, Power & Hampton, East Mesa, 4-? PM depending on the weather. First Saturday of every month is for British cars. If you are coming let me know so we can hold spaces and all park together. shirley@nis4u.com or 480-985-2531
- The Pavilions (McDonalds), Indian Bend Rd. between Pima Freeway and Pima Road, Scottsdale. 4-10 PM. 602-443-0800
- Chuy's, Arizona Avenue & Warner
- Dairy Queen, 108th Avenue & Grand, Sun City. 4-8 PM. 623-977-3303
- 5 and Diner, 906 N. 56th Street, I-10 & Ray, Chandler. 5-9 PM. 480-753-1114
- Shoney's, 59th Street & Bell, Phoenix. 602-948-0719, 623-561-1971
- Sonic, 33rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road.



Drawing by Paul Metcalf

# A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

In memory of my Dad, I pulled out pictures and documents to review yesterday. The documents found showed that I purchased my 1966 TR4A on November 24, 1970 for \$1,400 ~ my Dad co-signed for me. I still have the cancelled bank note stamped ***(PAID) date: November 24, 1972.***

I drove the car to college for two years, then it made the trip in 1974 from Cottage Grove, Oregon to Edgewood, Washington where it was driven to work for 14 years. When the odometer turned over 100,000 miles I parked it. Since then, it's been driven very little, stored in garages and coddled.

I'm amazed that this Triumph has not sustained "move" damage or rust as it's been moved to seven states and ten cities. So far, so good! Now it's time to get it back on the road. The oil is black and the points are gross. A few months ago I took it to a local oil change place, but decided against that. When exiting that business I goofed and literally "skied" over a parking concrete stop. Yup! Needs alignment, balancing and muffler work; also broke the concrete stop in three pieces.

Good News! Our Prez told me about Paul MacAfee who works on Triumphs in his garage. Boy, I was grateful to hear this. Paul called me (8/2/06) to say he had room to squeeze my car in while working on another - a TR3 who broke away from his tow bar and hit a wall (ouch!).

My car actually made the drive from Higley Rd. to McClintock today! I hope to be joining you in car events by September.

**DebGrace**

## POOR LITTLE TR3

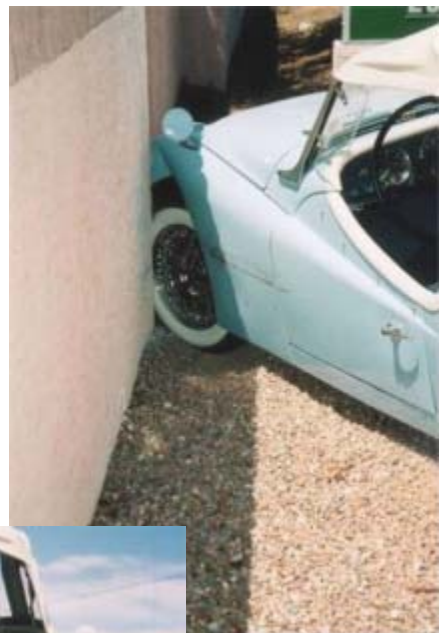
Hello Deb,

I left you a phone message yesterday. I had a very strange car week and to make a long story short, I can get your TR4A in any time. You are next in line.

I have a great customer who owns a 1959 TR3-A who was towing his car over to my shop yesterday. He had a tow bar that attached to the back of his regular car so he could tow his TR3-A around town. The tow bar broke at the corner of Elliot and McClintock, and the poor little TR3 went flying into a brick wall in front of a gas station. Fortunately no one was injured. See exciting pictures.

Give me a call at your convenience and we can schedule an appointment for an oil change and inspection.

Best Regards, Paul McAfee  
480-839-2908



## WEBSITE REVAMP

This new format will include a calendar, count down the days until the next event., have an area for exchanging information, plus other features. It's in the works.

## CLASSIC-FIED ADS

Trumpeter Classic-fied ads are free to members and will run for three issues, unless extended by the advertiser. (That's why you see a date at the end of each ad). If you sell your item, let us know and we will remove the ad from the next issue. Otherwise, it will automatically disappear after the third consecutive printing.

SERVICE: I am willing to put together an Excel worksheet of all the odd tools people have that they are willing to lend out. Please email me at: kenyonsmiracle@juno.com with tool, contact information and rules of engagement for use. Craig (02/06)

For Sale: 1960 Triumph TR3-A. Serious body rust. Floors are gone. Lots of good parts. Temperature, Fuel, and AMP gauges rebuilt this month at MO-MA in Albuquerque, NM. New tires. Most parts rebuilt in very good condition. Ran last year. Call Dan at 480-634-5542 (08/06)

FOR SALE: I have completed a deal for a Bridgeport mill. I need to sell the Enco mill. It comes with some collets and cutters, The vise is not included. They are available on Ebay for less than \$100.00. I need \$1,000 for it. It is in excellent working condition. It is not too heavy and can moved on a car trailer. John Horton (602) 843-1399 (07/06)

## TRIUMPHEST 2006 FILLING UP

The contact person at the Santa Ynez Marriott has informed us that the hotel is almost half full for the event at this point. If you haven't already, be sure to make your reservations soon so you'll have a room!

Hotel and event info can be found at [www.triumphfest2006.com](http://www.triumphfest2006.com) This site has all the info. you need to register for Triumphfest 2006!

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact the Triumphfest Registrar, David Patience at [triumphfest2006@adelphia.net](mailto:triumphfest2006@adelphia.net)

Look for updates in the "What's New" section of the Triumphfest 2006 web site.



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# TRIUMPH 2006



Presenting the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the largest west coast gathering of Triumph automobiles.

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006  
Held at the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley Marriott, Buellton, Ca.



25 years ago 10 TR3A's, 7 from the Desert Center Triumph Register of America ([DCTRA](#)), and 3 from the Triumph Register of Southern California ([TRSC](#)) met in Lake Havasu for the first Triumphest. This event has grown to include approximately 175 cars from five Western US Triumph clubs.

We welcome Triumph enthusiasts and car buffs to join the Triumph Register of Southern California October 20<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 as they present the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Triumphest to be held at the [Santa Ynez Valley Marriott](#), 555 McMurray Rd, Buellton, Ca. 93427 (See the Triumphest 2006 discount rate information below.)

Among the many activities planned are:

- *A car show on the hotel grounds on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 8AM – 11AM, where you can see extraordinary Triumph cars ranging from cars that are ready to be restored, in original condition, to fully restored and everything in between.*
- *A hospitality party.*
- *Tours of Central Coast wineries.*
- *Road rallies.*
- *Imaginative car competitions.*
- *Guest speakers.*
- *Technical sessions.*
- *An awards banquet and more*

The special event room rate is \$109 per night when the DISCOUNT CODE “Triumphest Fall” is used when registering. Marriott’s Internet reservation system will not recognize the code word, so we recommend you call the hotel directly at 1 800 638 8882, or 805 688 1000 to make the reservation. The registration must be made on or before September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to receive the special event rates. The only code restriction is a 48 hour advance notice for cancellation, otherwise the first night was billed to the credit card.

Contact the TRSC Triumphest Registrar

David Patience at

[Triumphest2006@alephia.net](mailto:Triumphest2006@alephia.net)

<http://www.triumphest2006.com/DesktopDefault.aspx>

# BLASTS FROM THE PAST

by Dave Riddle

## ***Here is a “Blast from the Past”***

*- From the January 1983 issue of the Newsletter... excerpt from Triumph Workshop by Bob Schaller*

“...Since all the TR’s are old enough to buy beer and vote translates to the realization that the machines have outlived their “design life” by more than ten years. Many of the parts that lived well the first ten years, after the expiration of ten more, have developed ailments never anticipated by the car’s designers. They did not design the car to live forever nor could they have been expected to do so, especially since their objective was to produce a saleable product, at a definite price and on a very limited budget.

Today’s situation of hundreds of TR’s still alive and healthy shows how well Messes Belgrove, Richardson and the others achieved their goal. They did far better than they ever expected, or even intended. We owe them and their design team for all that we have today. They did one thing not often done today, they designed a “repairable” contraption. We don’t know if that was a design parameter or not, nor does it really matter now. But the fact that it turned out that way forms the base that all TR lovers build on.

**All we can say now is “Thanks, fellas!..”**

TR3 TR4 TR4A TR250

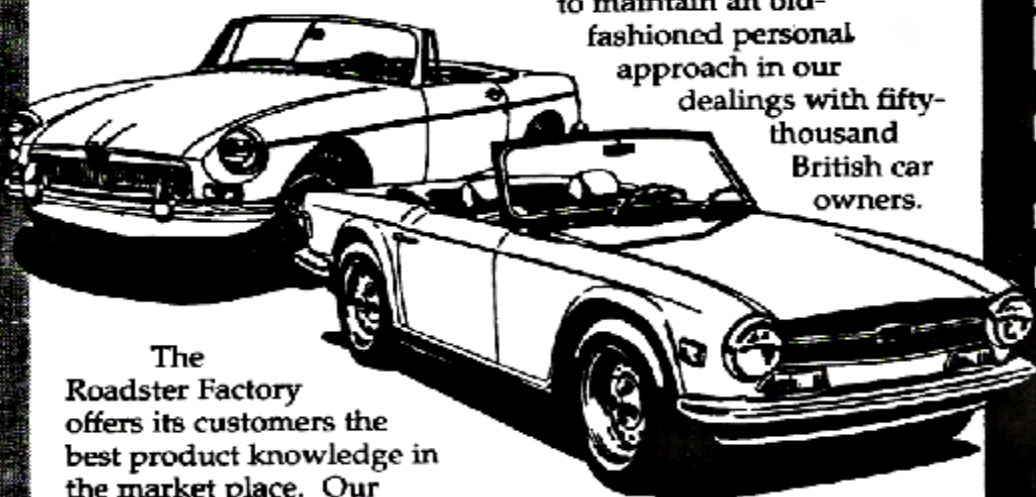
TR6 TR7 TR8

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to maintain an old-fashioned personal approach in our dealings with fifty-thousand British car owners.



The Roadster Factory offers its customers the best product knowledge in the market place. Our salespeople answer questions about parts, and they can do part number research. Our technical research representative knows most models well to the nut-and-bolt level, and he is an experienced mechanic and body man. Our Customer Service is helpful. Our shipping is fast, safe, and virtually error free. We ship most orders today, and we offer very inexpensive two-day and three-day delivery. Our business goal is simply to offer the best possible service to British car enthusiasts



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