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A Francorchamp Triumph

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

August 14, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Prez Sez – August 2018

John Nuss, President

The Presidents' Meeting went well with reasonable discussion. Those present believe we came up with a good solution in light of the ability of the various clubs to participate. Triumphest will be in Sacramento in 2018 and return to Santa Maria in 2019. There will be no Triumphest in 2020; DCTRA will host the 2021 event. Since there are three clubs participating, the San Diego group unable to host, alternate years seemed the best choice.

It does give us a bit more time to organize. At our last meeting a concern about Flagstaff being the 'host' city was mentioned. I note that attendance at the Mini Meet West dropped a bit when the event was moved to Prescott from Flagstaff. Most of us agree that Laughlin, the casinos may not be the best venue. Remember, in planning for Triumphest 2012, Phoenix was suggested but the committee was not sure people would want to come to Phoenix in September or October, due to the perceived heat penalty, and other concerns. Still there are other places the committee may want to consider. The good news, for now, is we have a bit more to plan.

Automotively (the computer doesn't realize that is a word) in the Nuss household, Trevor is back on the road – overdrive working, all LEDs installed and working, and interior stuff re-installed. I finally got caught up on other jobs and Saturday afternoon got the head off Tilly's engine and will get it to the machine shop. Most of the LEDs are installed; I'm waiting for the delivery from SpitBits so I can add a new taillight assembly. I figure Tilly will be ready for Triumphest 2019. Hattie the Herald is running smoothly. If it would cool a bit, I could take advantage of having two operating Triumphs. Where I live the it is over 90 degrees by seven in the morning.

However you can, drive those Triumphs.

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

A couple of months ago when John and Matt Reynolds were at the TRA National meet in North Carolina they met with our former Club member and president, Stu Lasswell. Stu sent me some photos of their meeting as well as a photo of a rare edition of an early TR2, a Francorchamp. I did a Google search and found the information included on pg.7 in this issue It looks like a unique and interesting Triumph, a beautiful coupe with a very photogenic handmade roof line.

I have been in Atlanta, GA this past week visiting my daughter and her family. I tried to find a local Triumph of any model to include on this month's cover, but I had to settle for the Francorchamp. Not a bad substitution, though. Triumphs in Georgia summers, much like Arizona, are apparently kept in garages, until an early morning or evening event or out driven for a weekend breakfast. Exceedingly hard to find. I thought that I saw one while sitting on an upstairs patio at a small village bar and grill. Just saw the tail end. Maybe a Jade green TR6. But it was out of sight by the time I got to the bannister. Sigh.

We don't have a member profile for the Meet Our Members column this month. I would like to keep this feature going. I find it an interesting way to learn about our membership. We do have some very interesting members who have a varied background; not just with Triumphs but with other sports cars, hot rods and other vehicles. It is a great way become acquainted with our new members and for

the new members to become acquainted with the rest of us. We are mostly a social club with a side interest in Triumphs.

Our next business meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14th. I sorry that I had to miss last month, but my annual trip to Atlanta, GA to visit my daughter and her family takes precedence. I hope to see you on the 14th. (Unless you are going to see your daughter.)

George

August 2018 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller
Membership Report August 2018

At the time of this writing, Memberships total 102 with 156 Members, no change since last month. However we did receive one online application. I am currently trying to verify dues payment and hope to have an update at the August 14 meeting.

Two more club patches were sold at the July meeting, these are going fast, get yours soon. Only \$5 each.

Look for a possible change coming to the Membership Application. I'd like to add some verbiage like "Name badges will be available for pickup at the monthly business meeting after they are produced by our vendor", or something similar. This pertains more to new members than current members. I am open to suggestions and/or comments.

Have a question or concern about your DCTRA Membership? Let me hear them.

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Application form on page 16

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Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America July 2018 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The July 10, 2018 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Nuss.

Members Present: Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, George & Chris Durkin, Ronald Gurnee, John & Beth Horton, Betsy Kavash, Armand LaCasse, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller, John & Kathy Nuss, Mark Peters, Pete Peterson, John Reynolds, Pamela Rineholt, and Marie Thompson. No one was crazy/obsessed enough to bring their Triumph out in the stormy heat!

Minutes: Last month's Minutes were corrected to say that John Reynolds visited Nashville, not Memphis, TN, and, otherwise, approved as they appeared in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse reported that the IRS sent a letter and the check cleared for establishing the Club's Not-for-profit Status as a social organization 501c7. Money was deposited in the Triumphfest account. Last month, \$112 was received for membership as well as some for regalia. The report was accepted.

Membership: Marv Miller reported no change in attendance since last meeting. Marv stated we had 18 members present and one visitor, Gene Glenn. We have 102 memberships and 156 members.

Newsletter: George Montgomery was absent due to oral surgery.

Events: John Horton passed around a list of events from July 14th through the end of November. He will organize some breakfasts during hot weather. Triumphfest will be in Sacramento in September. British Vintage Voyage will be October 6th-7th "up north."

John Reynolds reported there were 82 vehicles at the Triumph Register of America National Meet held at the lodge and resort on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Blowing Rock, NC. He brought greetings from Stu and Deb Lasswell. TRA will be in Georgia next year. VTR will be in Austin, Texas next year.

Technical: Armand had nothing to report. John Horton announced a tech session will be held at his house to work on the TR6; new parts to make give the TR8 a completely aluminum cooling system are on order. John Horton asked for opinions on the value of a 1980 TR8, as there is one for sale in Kentucky for \$3800.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

A discussion was held regarding the schedule for future Triumphfest events. DCTRA is scheduled to host the 2020 event. There is concern that is too soon after hosting the event in 2017, and the question arose as to why we are up next rather than the third remaining club since the Triumph Travelers are hosting this year and no event is scheduled for 2019. President John Nuss will contact

the other presidents to clarify the rotation. Current clubs involved include DCTRA, Triumph Travelers of northern California, and a combined club in the Los Angeles area; the San Diego club will not host but will help others as requested. It was also suggested DCTRA request help from the Triumph-owning members of the Tucson British Registry.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Rineholt
for Mary A. White, Secretary

Calendar of Events

Well 110 degrees, no clubs are showing any runs or shows. Would anyone want to appear at any restaurant in any car for a quick breakfast????

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2017:

Aug. 5-6, 2018 - Watson Lake Prescott car show TBD

August 11, 2018 - Jaguar club Breakfast run to 5&CDiner 5220 N. 16th Street 09:00

August 14, 2018 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

September. 1, 2018 – Mesa Marketplace Car Show

September - MGT going to Hall of Flame Museum. No other details yet.

September 8, 2018 - Jaguar club breakfast at Luci's 09:00 7100 N 12th Street

September 11, 2018 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

September 19, 2018 - breakfast run. I will determine the place this month.

Sept 22-23, 2018 - MG, run to the pines. TBD

Sept. 27-30, 2018 – Triumphfest 2018; Sacramento, CA

Oct. 5 & 6, 2018 – British Vintage Voyage -??

Nov 4, 2018 - MG Club Wheels on The Green TBD

Nov 22, 2018 - Thanksgiving Day Parade @ Fountain Hills?????

Dec 22, 2018 – Christmas Light Tour

Regular Occurrence Events

Hunts Donuts – 3rd Thursday University and the Loop 101

Cruz'n at Phil's -(every Sunday) Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ

Cars N Coffee – 1st Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd

Cars N Coffee – 2nd Saturday of the month, Alpino's at Troon

Cars N Coffee – 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum

Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

Francorchamp Triumph TR2/3/3A

Article and photos from the Internet

This is an ultra-rare Belgian built Tr 2 Francorchamp coupé. The cars were built in an old Imperia factory at Nessonvaux in Belgium. It was designed of Impéria's own designer Franz Pardon. Only 22 Francorchamp coupés were ever built between the years 1954-1955. And only 3 are believed to have been long door version. It was a more luxury version of the normal TR, with different door and rolling up windows instead of the plastic side screens. The fixed coupé had a special plexiglass sunroof that could be tilted open. It was the predecessor of targa and panoramic roof models.



Powertrain: 1991 cc , Inline-4 , twin SU carburetors , 90 hp / 4800 rpm , 4-speed manual

Dimensions: Length 3835 mm , Width 1397 mm , Height 1270 mm , Weight 947 kg

Performance: Top speed 160 km/h , 0-100 km/h 12 sec





Technical Idea

1960 Triumph TR3A Seat Restoration

By Bob Holt, Photos by Bob Holt

It was amazing to me, after I had purchased my 1960 Triumph TR3A in the summer of 1969, just how much this car had succumbed to abuse or neglect, in the 9 years that it was in someone else's possession. The original red interior and carpeting was extremely worn, especially the seats. The following year, I had new black vinyl upholstery installed on the seats. I lived with the torn and worn carpeting and vinyl trim, always knowing that it would get upgraded someday

It was due to concerns from my wife, Mary, about safety and the necessity of putting in seatbelts, for her and especially children, that I added the following stiffeners to the seat frame sheet metal to give it greater strength than what the factory had designed back in the day. Secondary to that, was finding cracks in the sheet metal, where the seats were mounted on the rails. This was a big concern to me, as you will see in the pictures. The seats could have very easily pulled away from the seat rails, in the event of an accident. Along with this was finding out how much the seat backs had twisted over those years.

To remove the rust from the seat frames and the springs, I used an electrolysis process, powered by a 12 V battery charger. A tub was filled with water and Arm & Hammer laundry washing soda acting as the electrolyte. The negative lead was attached to the seat frame or spring assembly and the positive lead was attached to the metal sacrificial rods. After these were cleaned of rust, the bare metal was then ready for the finishing process.

I purchased ¼" diameter rod and 1/8" X 1" flat stock in 4 ft lengths from Home Depot. After I had reformed the seat backs, so they were symmetrical, and straightened the seat bottoms, I bent these and welded them into position, to hold the seat frames in their proper position and to give them additional strength and to ensure they would be rigidly attached to the seat rails. My next step is to decide on whether to have a professional installation of the red leather upholstery (original factory color), or to tackle the job myself.



In the beginning



rusty seat back

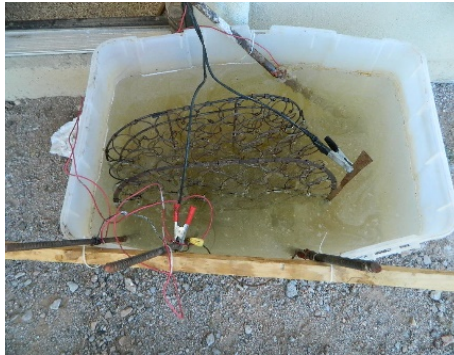


cracked seat

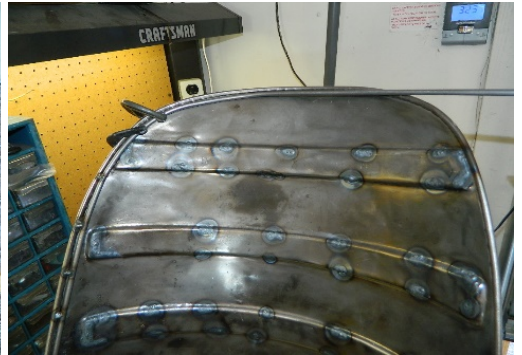
Technical Idea (cont)



Seat rails



electrolysis process



clean seat back



Welded and supported seat backs



welded and supported seats



completed and painted

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Breakfast at Duck & Decanter

Story and photo by Pam Rineholt

Five intrepid souls showed up at the Duck and Decanter on 16th St. and Camelback at 9 AM on Thursday, July 19th. There were four DCTRA club members and one guest. John and Beth Horton, Ron Gurnee, Pam Rineholt and her cousin, Janet Navarre, all enjoyed a tasty breakfast and good company. Everyone chose a different item from the menu and everyone claimed their food was delicious. The Duck and Decanter staff were very helpful and friendly. We also enjoyed exploring the nooks and crannies of the restaurant and checking out all the delightful and interesting objects for sale. After discussing cars, places of origin, and a variety of other topics, we all went our separate ways, having enjoyed a pleasant interlude on a hot weekday morning. Kudos to John for having organized such a brilliant get away.



If the speed of light is 983,571,088 ft/sec
what is the speed of dark?

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, odometer has been replaced, etc.

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. - It won a Gold trophy at Triumphfest 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 for more photos, questions, etc.

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

FOR SALE:

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

I am selling 6'5" by 12 feet two wheel trailer for my daughter. it cost almost \$2,000 She wants \$1,500.

John Horton - triumphshoppe@gmail.com, 602-705-8678

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

TR7 top, fiberglass, appears to be in good condition and some assorted TR7 parts- including a set of TR7 carbs. The owner is a former club member, also selling the Renown. One hundred dollars takes all the TR7 parts. The same person is helping the widow so call Don Johnson 602-931-2859.



FOR SALE:

1959 TR3A. A restoration, but a few years old. The gentleman that restored is willing to part with it. It started easily and drove around the neighborhood. The underside is clean, no rust and no oil or grease visible. Comes with a lot of extra parts. The car is being sold by the owner's son-in-law and daughter; Mesa, AZ. \$20,000. Call Mike West 480-325-3246.



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

Tim Maxwell, Texas Triumph Register Member, TTR Houston, TX

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

Beautiful, shiny black 1952 Triumph Renown; right hand drive, three speed transmission. The interior is tan with refinished wood on the dash and window surrounds. It appears to be an Arizona car with no rust on the undercarriage, no evidence of severe fluid leaks on the car or the floor of the garage. There are some bubbles in the paint on the left hand rear door, and the chrome is not perfect in that same area. The car started and drove smoothly around the neighborhood. The brakes, being drum brakes, took more effort than one might be used to, but seemed appropriate for the year of the car. The owner believes the condition and rarity of the Renown makes her price \$19,500.

The car is being sold by a family friend, Don Johnson 602-931-2959, in Arizona



CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

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
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KvBZHnD8FxZiFHXiUU7_O9_1k_HIkLhN?usp=sharing

Contact me for other questions:

Jack Morris
(C) 817.401.2549
jack@ppitx.com

FOR SALE:

My father in-law has a TR4, 1965, in need of restoration. We have an interest in selling the car. I wasn't sure how to approach getting it sold so I thought I would inquire with you, your organization, as to what options I might have. I live in the Phoenix area. I see you have a meeting coming up on March 13th at Denny's.
Robert Brown <Rob.50statesrealty@gmail.com>

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Thanks, Editor.

A detailed map of Scottsdale, Arizona, and its surrounding areas. The map shows the city of Scottsdale in the center, with Arcadia to the northwest and Fashion Square to the north. A red pin marks the location of 3315 North Scottsdale Road. Other labeled areas include South Scottsdale, Eldorado Park, and Tempe. Key landmarks and parks shown are the Phoenix Zoo, Desert Botanical Garden, Papago Golf Course, Big Surf, Rio Salado Park, and Tempe Beach Park. Major roads like E Indian School Rd, E Camelback Rd, E McDowell Rd, and E University Dr are visible. The Salt River and Mesa River are also depicted. The map includes a grid of streets and various icons for points of interest.



DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson
780 W. Coolidge St. Phoenix, AZ 85013
Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

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NEW MEMBER:

☐

RENEWING MEMBER:

MEMBER INFO (please print):

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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:

Websites

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www.dctra.org

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph
Portland Triumph Owners Association	www.portlandtriumph.org
Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)	www.tyee.triumph.org
British Columbia Triumph Registry	www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry
All British Field Meet (Portland)	www.abfm-pdx.com
Vintage Triumph Register	www.vtr.org AND www.vtr2007.com
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	www.t2000register.org.uk
Rimmer Bros	www.rimmerbros.co.uk
Stag Owners Club	www.stag.org.uk
TR Sports 6 Club	www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm
British Auto Works (OR)	www.britishautoworks.com
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British Car Forum	www.britishcarforum.com
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club	www.triumphtravelers.org
Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	www.sctoa.org
British Motor Heritage Group	www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	www.6-pack.org
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	www.obcc.ca
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