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Photo by George Montogmery: Bob Holt's TR3 under restoration

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

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One Year placement in the newsletter **AND** a link on the <u>www.dctra.org</u> **website**:

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Cover: This photo was taken several years ago-

Prez Sez-July 2025

From the Desk of Roger Prior August 2025

As DCTRA makes it through another summer, remaining cool, hydrated and what else . . . spending time with our favorite **Triumphs** ① . . . what else? Speaking for myself the HFT battery tender is maintaining a healthy voltage. My Sun City garage is not climate controlled and can get pretty warm. Am sure many of you can relate.

Wanted to lead off with a **general housekeeping** note to DCTRA from myself. To review in brief last month (Saturday morning July 5) several of the club members received the same bogus email from me, basically requesting 'this, that and the other' of the recipients. My proper email was not used (red flag #1). Thank those of you who upon receipt of the emails immediately contacted me - by text - about the occurrence. When I read, I could sure tell they were not written by me, i.e., but to those unsuspecting might have seemed like they were legitimate. Please rest assured I will never contact DCTRA members with unusual requests. It turns out that this sort of 'spear phishing' has occurred with at least one of our fellow Triumph clubs in California, so as the expression goes 'join the club'. Again, wanted to underscoring importance of the basics. **In General** - Try to resist the temptation to open any suspicious emails. OK will get off the 'speakers corner box'. Have been to London once but did not visit Speakers' Corner.

An extra special aspect of **Triumphest '25** is the 70th Anniversary of the TR3, of which DCTRA members have wonderful examples. Many have fond memories of how the first sight of a TR3 influenced them/us in untold ways. It seems like everyone has a special **TR3** story to tell and that makes it fun listening. Some stories are amazingly similar however; some remembrances are pretty unique.

Noted British writer Sir Ian Fleming really moved the TR3 ("...dove-grey Triumph TR3 convertible with its hood down") up a few notches in his 1959 novel 'Goldfinger' (Fleming, 1959), the seventh in the series of James Bond thrillers. One of the fast-paced dramas in the novel begins as Mr. Bond attaches a tracking device onto Goldfinger's Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, and then follows the Silver Ghost through portions of Europe, only to discover the driver of the 'dove-grey TR3' is also following the Silver Ghost – but why? – one of the novel's mystery's. Moviegoers (release date 12/22/64 USA) remember the cinematic drama unfolding between the Aston Martin DB5, R-R and a Ford Mustang through Switzerland's Furka Pass. Is too bad the TR3 was replaced by the Ford Mustang in the movie. The 'dove-grey TR3' is referred to 13 times in the novel. Will let you re-read 'Goldfinger' to find out why the driver of the TR3 is also following the Silver Ghost. I would like to believe that the Fleming novel helped bolster demand for the TR3 to some extent.

Bonus this month:

A **Prize** will be awarded at a future monthly DCTRA meeting if the following **BONUS** question is answered correctly. **RULES**: The correct answer must be received during the month of August 2025. All answers must be sent to my correct email, for date of receipt verification purposes, no voice mail is allowed due to my hearing issues[©]. You do not have to

attend the monthly DCTRA meeting/or be present to receive the prize. If the winner does not regularly attend DCTRA meetings – the prize will be mailed to you. The winner or winner's name (s) will be announced during the September DCTRA meeting. If more than one person has the correct answer, the winners will all receive the same prize. Am sure all printings will be the same but my copy of 'Goldfinger' is a well-read 1959 paperback, Twenty-Seventh Printing. **The BONUS question**: One Ford automobile is mentioned in the novel 'Goldfinger' – can you name the model?

Perhaps I ought to close out this month, with a tip of my black felt Bowler to the TR3. Keep driving your favorite Triumph as often as you can.

Roger				
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EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery August 2025

I didn't receive some of the material for this month's issue of the TRiumph TRumpeter until the 30th and some on the 31st. I try to send the completed newsletter to Dave on the evening of the 31 so he can publish it on the website by the 1st of each month. When I accepted this position of newsletter editor I made a commitment to have it out by the 1st so you would have plenty of time (two weeks) to read it, especially the prior month's minutes, to be voted on at the next meeting. This saves so much meeting time when we don't have to have the secretary read them.

There are times when I have held publishing the n/I when there was an event that happened on the last or next to the last day of the month. I felt it was important for the organizer of that activity have time to get their article written and photos organized.

There has been a couple of times in the past ten years that I was in the hospital or was otherwise involved and could not work on the newsletter.

But there have been too many times that most of the material wasn't received until late and I had to stay up late (1 or 2 pm) on too many nights. I'm getting too old for that. The problem is not having enough time to get the material you have sent me sized and formatted and inserted in its proper place. Getting the material pasted in place is only part of the work. It takes as much time to edit the material afterwards. It takes me anywhere from 48 to 36 hours to get this done, and I start on it as soon as the meeting is over.

I would like to have your material sent to me by the 20th or 25th of the month, please, unless you're reporting on an event held late in the month. I'd hate to get fired from this job. I enjoy it too much.

It is good to see Bob Holt attending our meetings again and that his health has improved to the point where he can work on his TR3 again. I chose a photo of Babe that I took several years ago, for the cover this month. I believe he is about to have it back on the road again.

It's going to be fun to see how our president, Roger, is going to turn out with his Bonus Game. I am anxious to find out the answer at our meeting.

I hope to see you at the meeting. George

DCTRA Events August and Beyond

Tuesday 12th – DCTRA Aug. Monthly Meeting - Denny's 3315 N. Scottsdale Road - Time 6 p.m. Socializing/dinner & 7 p.m. Reg. Business Mtg then adjourn to parking lot for the famed Triumph car review - and more socializing

British Wheel on the Green Pre-Event planning committee Saturday August 2nd

Aug Cars N Coffee locations around East/West valley and North. Check local event calendas.

Note: Members ongoing Breakfast meets in East Valley and West Valley. Contact John Carroll for details. 480-622-8502.

Note: Check DCTRA Facebook Page for additional drives and gatherings throughout each month.

August and beyond - Stay Tuned - but have the advance word that the **Annual Highland Games** *will not* occur in '25. Will have more info on this ASAP.

Regular Occurrence Events

Second Saturday each month, October through April: Cars and Coffee 8:00 to 10:00am

The Shoppes at Casa Paloma, 7131 W. Ray Road Chandler

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, Alpio's at Troon

NEXT CLUB MEETING: August 12, 2025 - a Zoom link may be sent out.





Desert Centre Triumph Register of America Business Meeting

July 8, 2025 DCTRA MINUTES

The regular July meeting of the Desert Center Triumph register of America was called to order at 7:03PM by President Roger Prior at the usual location, Denny's Restaurant 3315 N. Scottsdale Road.

Present were: Jon Berges, John Carroll, Ron Gurnee, Armand LaCasse, Bob Mazer, Geroge Montgomery, John and Kathy Nuss, Pete Peterson, Scott Porter, Roger Prior. Members Zooming: Deborah Cooke, Carl and Patti Miller, and Jeff van Skike.

The minutes: as they appeared in the Newsletter were approved unanimously without changes or additions.

The Treasurer's report: was accepted without dissent.

Membership: Scott Porter reported 159 members with the addition of three new people: Clebe Best, Anthony and Lura Dymond.

Newsletter: George Montgomery was lauded for another great newsletter.

Events Chair: and Vice-president John Carroll reported the tri-fold flyers for distribution at October's Triumphest are printed and offered copies to members for immediate distribution.

Possible future events:

Commemorative Air Force event in November, drive to Alpine, AZ, drive to Titan Museum in Green Valley, visit Pima Air Museum and Mount Lemmon.

John suggested changing the meeting site which may give more visibility to the club. He also is working to have some tee shirts printed showing "Triumph" printed using the periodic table.

Under "events," Pete Peterson talked about driving to Triumphest 2025 in Buellton using non-Interstate roads. It includes an overnight stay in Victorville or Palmdale.

Technical: Armand LaCasse, presented information regarding engine flywheel weight. Then a discussion of flywheel weight and engine performance followed as well as conversation about engine rebuilding.

Business Meeting Minutes (cont)

Miscellaneous notes:

Bob Mazur and John Carroll shared information on cam shafts in their engine rebuilds.

Pete Peterson and Roger Prior shared notes on their sewing machine and upholstery interests.

Ron Gurnee said that Grundy Insurance was hacked and their online payment system was not working. The company said they expect the system to be returned to service in less than a week.

There was a reminder by Roger Prior to read emails and email addresses carefully. An email requesting assistance buying something made the DCTRA mail list. Roger does not need any gift cards.

Jon Berges shared his success story getting his TR6 running. Apparently, there was a problem with the rotor and distributor cap. After consulting with Mike at Delta Motorsports he was able to make the repair and is driving the car once again.

The meeting was adjourned to the parking lot at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted.

John C. Nuss secretary for one night,

August 2025 Membership Report:

No report this month.

As always, we continue to have several pieces of Triumph memorabilia available in our TR merchandise inventory: Grille Badges (\$25), License Plate frames, chrome or black, (\$15), TR Pins, three types, (\$10), and DCTRA Patches (\$5). Let me know, by email, if you need any of these items and I'll fulfill the orders from the Pacific Northwest over the summer.

Scott Porter Membership scottpor@hotmail.com (206) 999-9977 DCTRA application form on page 16

Usery Pass Drive

Article and photos by John Carroll

Not a major drive but something to do for the summer. 1hr drive along Usery Pass Rd near Saguaro Lake, and Bush highway with a stop at Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills. Didn't really plan it, just took advantage of the lovely weather this morning. A very pleasant drive.

Attendance from left to right:

The Aston Martin Vantage is mine. (John) Because of my recent knee surgery, I can't quite drive the TR6 yet, so I roughed it in the V8 Vantage.. $\stackrel{\hookrightarrow}{=}$

Michael Samuels and his 1963 TR4 that participated in the last two Copperstate Rallys.

Vince Vincent 1975 TR6

Mark Miller TR4

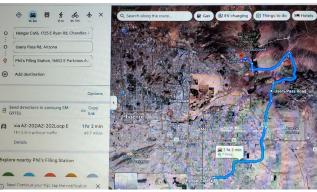
Craig Kenyon 1976 TR6

All are DCTRA members.









Thanks John.

Triumphest 2026

September 17-20, 2026 Little America Hotel Flagstaff, Arizona

Greetings DCTRA Members:

Our Triumphest volunteer team member, John Carroll, has completed and published our tri-fold promotional flyer that we will be using to generate early enthusiasm for Triumphest 2026. John will have some copies to hand out at our DCTRA meeting on August 12th.

We will also be including this promotional piece in the goodie bags for attendees at Triumphest 2025 this October in Buellton, CA. Additionally, our Southern California colleagues will be giving us some podium time at their Saturday night dinner to generate interest in Triumphest 2026.

Also, John has been working on some Triumphest logo'd T shirts that we will be using to promote our event in 2026. Aside from selling shirts and other items to attendees, those of us attending Triumphest 2025 in Buellton, can wear our new T shirts and talk up Flagstaff in 2026. Other items that we will have for sale will be decided upon in a few months.

Overall, we are still moving slowly on Triumphest 2026 but will rev up our efforts right after the 2025 event in California.

Please block your calendars for September 17-20, 2026, and plan to join us in Flagstaff, AZ for a fun filled gathering. Registration will open this coming October.

Best Regards, Ron Cole Triumphest 2026 Chairperson



BAOA Classic British Car Show / Rallye Announcement

by Randy Koontz

Event: 2025 Rio Grande Valley 35th Annual Regional Rendezvous

Sponsor: British Automobile Owners Association (BAOA), Albuquerque, NM

Dates: Friday, September 26, 2025, through Sunday morning, September 28, 2025

Location: Las Cruces, NM (with car event held in the historic Mesilla Plaza)

Web Link: https://baoa.clubexpress.com

I am a member of the BAOA and was very fortunate to have attended the 2022 Rendezvous event held in Taos, NM. The Rendezvous events are fun, and they provide a great opportunity to travel some of the beautiful backroads of New Mexico.

Per the BAOA website, the Rendezvous is "a weekend rally where we get together with both old and new friends for three days of dining and driving, sight-seeing, a car show, and overall British car camaraderie." BAOA membership is not required to attend this event.

The scenic southern New Mexico roads near Las Cruces make for very enjoyable drives. I know, as I have driven them with Las Cruces based British roadster colleagues a minimum of at least six times. Since Las Cruces has an elevation of almost 4,000 feet above sea level, the weather is generally cooler than the Phoenix area.

If you enjoy attending car shows with Rallye's, then I would encourage you to consider attending this event. If you're into trailering your car, then I-10 might be the best route. If you enjoy driving your car to events, then you might want to join a "potential" caravan that may take mountain roads to avoid I-10 as much as possible.

If you think that you might be interested, please visit the BAOA website noted above for pictures of past Rendezvous events. If you review the pics from the 2022 event in Taos, you might recognize at least two DCTRA member cars.

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As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that if walking is good for your health, the postman should be immortal.

10th Annual REV'D UP FOR AUTISM Car Show and Resource Fair

Saturday, December 6, 2025 – 10 AM – 3 PM

ALA Applied Technologies 7729 E Pecos Rd; Mesa, AZ 85212

\$25 Before November 14: includes event shirt and dash Plaque

\$30 After November 14: with no shirt

Join us for a day of cars and community, with all proceeds benefiting Pawsitive Friendships and supporting kids and Adults with special needs.

Sponsored by: Hope Academy for Autism

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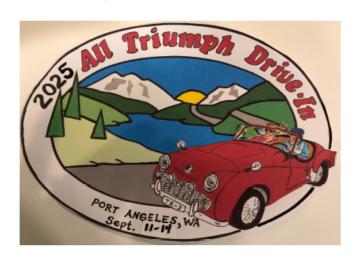
Questions? Call/Text (480)353-7833

Email CarShow@PawsitiveFriendships.org

Our Web Master



Tyee Triumph Club invites you to the 2025 ATDI September 11th-14th



Red Lion Hotel Port Angeles, WA
221 N Lincoln St, Port Angeles, WA
Please call the Hotel Directly at 360.452.9215 and press Option
"0" - then request the special rate for the "All Triumph Drive In"

Plan to arrive Thursday Sept 11th so you can do a cool drive on Friday to Lake Crescent, Hurricane Ridge or backroads of Sequim and attend the Meet and Greet on Friday night at The Roosevelt pub - with live music!



The Joy Bus Diner!

The Joy Bus is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to relieve the daily struggles of people with cancer by delivering a fresh and healthy meal with a friendly face. Their mission is to improve the lives of their patrons through good food and company. The Joy Bus eases the burden faced by cancer patients by providing healthy meals specified to meet their needs, delivered by volunteers who are often cancer survivors themselves. Learn more about this amazing organization at joybus.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

For sale:

TR2.

1979 TR7 'Orange' color that needs much work also he need to get rid of, 'needs garage space more than the car' - he said is 'complete' comes w/ 2 extra seats - but sounds like needs much attention.

Phil Lobeck Phone 928.210.2944

E mail is: pslobeck@gmail.com

Wanted:

Triumph tr7 5 speed driveshaft
Triumph tr7 5 speed brake drums, one or a pair.
David Faulkner home # 480-656-4366
rottendave@cox.net

Wanted: Hey everyone, I am looking for a left door latch assembly for the MKII I'm building.... Lou Figone 408-966-4175



6-24

1960 TR3

It's been covered for many years. Needs restoration. I was always intending to restore but got into sailing and never got back to it. Now I am 88 years old and Parkinson disease keeps me from getting to restore it now. Car is metallic red. Clyde Bauer 8527 E Vernon; Scottsdale, AZ. 480-949-9003 / 602-510-6413 (cell)

Free to any paid up DCTRA member:

I was cleaning out the garage and came across what appears to be a car bra for a TR6 earlier than my 1975 (perhaps a year where the front turn signals are above the bumper). If someone is

interested in it, please let me know.

Julian Anderson: julian@jajanderson.com (480) 577-4312 11-24

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

Help Wanted

Project Title – Master Technical Index (*Triumph Trumpeter*)

Description – Create a master index of technical articles that have been published in the DCTRA *Triumph Trumpeter* monthly newsletter from the beginning of recorded publication.

Seeking - DCTRA member with reasonable time to donate to this project. Has reliable internet access to the DCTRA website and able to search all previous monthly newsletters. Once the Index is created, will become an annual maintenance detail – for perhaps another club volunteer to assist with.

Will be working with MS Word and perhaps MS Excel. Roger will assist to get you 'on the road'.

Timeline for Completion – will depend on many factors. At the moment no target deadline.

Contact: Roger pls leave a voice mail ◎ 480-550-2906

DCTRA thanks you in advance.

Notice:

Do you have a Triumph or some Triumph parts to sell? **This is the place for your ad.** Are you looking for some unusual Triumph parts? **You can place a want ad here.** The DCTRA shares this newsletter with many other Triumph Clubs so your ad will have lots of exposure.

Have I placed an ad in this newsletter for you? Have you sold it or otherwise disposed of it? Please let me know so I can remove the ad.

Thank you,

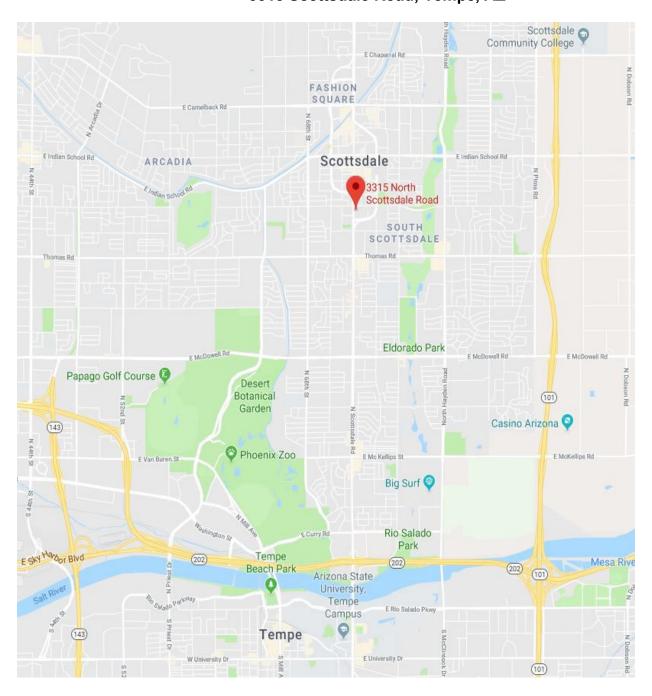
George M Montgomery, editor georgemonty32@gmail.com

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 APLICATION PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with the correct amount of dues to: DCTRA Scott Porter, Membership Chairperson PO Box 12100; Scottsdale, AZ 85267 206-999-9977 scottpor@hotmail.com NEW MEMBER: RENEWING MEMBER: MEMBER INFO (please print): Name(s): _____ **City:** _____ State: ____ Zip: ____ Home Phone: Cell Email Address: ______ Classic Vehicles Owned: Year Model Commission # Year Commission # Model 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)

Licenses plate frame

PAID:

Membership fee
Name tags @ \$6.00 each
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each
Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each
License plate frame @ \$15 each

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Additional Space for more information:

Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America www.dctra.org

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego Portland Triumph Owners Association

Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)

British Columbia Triumph Registry All British Field Meet (Portland)

Vintage Triumph Register

Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register

Rimmer Bros Stag Owners Club TR Sports 6 Club

British Auto Works (OR) British Wire Wheel Save Our Cars

British Car Forum

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club Southern California Triumph Owners Assn

British Motor Heritage Group

6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners

Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)

Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)

Moss Motors

Small auction and forum Classic Autosport Magazine International Spitfire Database British Motor Club of Utah

Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally) www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com

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