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One of my favorite TR6s

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

December 11, 2018 BUSINESS MEETING Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Cover: Marie Thompson's beautiful TR6 on a Rt 66 drive.

Prez Sez – December 2018

John Nuss, President

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Prosperous New Year to you and your household. T'is the season to be busy and joyful.

The other day I had some dental work done and watched the technician adjust the new crown. Using and abrasive wheel she was smoothing a part the was in the way of proper fitment. She put the crown in, used the paper to check the bite, the ground some material away, tested the fit ground some material and "rinse and repeat." Watching the process started my thinking about our cars, restoration and maintenance. My question was, "When is it 'good enough'?" Further, "When is it time to step away for a while?" I realize the dental technician does not have the luxury of taking a break; the guy in the chair has other things to do, and even a little too much material on the crown can cause discomfort, maybe even pain. And take away too much throw it away and start over. But regarding our Triumphs, most of the time a few more days or weeks will not hurt, we have other vehicles. Of course safety is important - best not do any short cuts there – brakes need to function properly each and every time.

Yet I've noticed doing body work, I fretted over every perceived low spot or raised area. I think the door panel is ready for color coat. Now I fret because I can't see or feel any flaws. I put off the color until the next day or so. Returning, I look at the formerly flawless panel and there is a gouge that I didn't see the last time I looked at the panel. Yet another session of worrying and sanding.

Then there was the time I finally got the panel primed and ready and sprayed the color coat. I knew with absolute certainty that just one more pass and the panel would be perfect. You guessed it – huge paint sag. So again the question... "When is it good enough?"

I think Tilly should be out of the shop in time for the DCTRA Christmas party December 2nd. See you there or at the December meeting. Remember the AMO's Christmas Lights Rally on December 22.

Remember to add the January Brunch to your calendar. In the meantime, drive those Triumphs!

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I need some articles for the Meet Our Members again. We have some new members who have had cars for a long time or have new acquisitions that the rest of us would like to know about or to learn about their cars. I would like a short article or as long as you would like, to tell your story. Some have been carried over for three months. Tell us how and when you got started getting interested in sports cars and or Triumphs. When you acquired your present Triumph or what kind you're looking for if you don't have one now. Send me your story in an email attachment with photos of the cars and a head shot or you and your significant other if you would like. Look at some of our prior issues for an example.

The AZ Mini club has again sent out an invitation to us to attend their Christmas Light Tour. This is a fun event with excellent food at the end at Shirley's "barn". The listing on our Events and Activities column in this issue shows the start / meeting place was to be announced. It has been finalized now and listed on pg. 8 in this issue. Be sure to RSVP. They will need an expected head count. Thanks for the invite, Shirley.

I have heard that the Las Cruces British Car Club has been dissolved. There are a few loosely organized enthusiasts in the area. It is not known at this time whether they will be keeping the All

British Car Day event in La Mesa, NM going or not. For those who have attended in the past and interested in attending again next spring stay tuned.

Be sure to read Rye Livingston's letter on page 9 about Drive Your Triumph Day next February 2nd. I think it would be great the see the streets of the Phoenix Valley flooded with Triumphs. Or at least as many as we can get out. It's a Sunday so you shouldn't have any excuse not to. Unless you little darling is laid up in your shop or garage.

Don't forget about our Christmas Party at Ron Cole's home. It is being hosted by Ron and Julian Anderson. You don't have to bring a pot luck dish this year. Dinner is being prepared by our hosts. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to whatever will be served.

I hope to see you at our business meeting on December 11th.

George

December 2018 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller Membership Report December 2018

Announced at the November business meeting, we have a returning member, Chris Mullen and his 1976 Spitfire from Cottonwood. Also announced was new member Ron Campbell and his GT6. Welcome to the Club, we all look forward to getting to know you and your cars. These two additions bring the Club Membership total to 108 with 162 Members.

As cooler weather is in the air and seasonal Holidays approach, I am once again reminded of the most glorious time of the year. Ah, that time when old Memberships expire and new ones begin, it is the yearly DCTRA Membership renewal season. Let us all be thankful for the Club that encourages us to enjoy each other's company and our Little British Triumph automobiles.

As a reminder to everyone, Annual Memberships expire December 31. Renewals may be made in person, by mail, or PayPal via the website at www.DCTRA.org. If you have any questions regarding your current expiration year, or any other membership concern, please do not hesitate to ask.

See you at the December 11th business meeting

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Application form on page 15

NEXT CLUB MEETING

December 11, 2018

Dinner & Social Hour Starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ



was passed unanimously.

Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America November 2018 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The November 13, 2018 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order at 7:05 pm by President John Nuss.

Members Present: Dennis Barnes, driving a TR6, Jim Bauder, Clebe Best, driving a TR6, Cal Busenitz, Ron Cole, Philip Couture, George & Chris Durkin, driving a TR6, Dave Frisbee, Ronald Gurnee, Chuck Kerzan, Armand LaCasse, driving a GT6, Bob Mazer, Marvin Miller, driving a TR6, George Montgomery, Dave & Denine Mure, driving a TR6, John & Kathy Nuss, Pete & Bev Peterson, John Reynolds, Pamela Rineholt, and Marie Thompson. Visitors were Gene Glenn and Bob Jarrow, Chuck Kerzan's brother who is a professional car builder from Pennsylvania.

Minutes: Last month's Minutes approved as they appeared in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse reported that the Club has money and we received a letter of thanks from Andre House. The report was accepted.

Membership: Marv Miller reported we have added two members, Chris Mullen, who has a 1976 Spitfire and is a former member, and Ron Campbell, who has a GT6 and is also in the MG club. Roger Prior of Sun City called the previous night but did not come to the meeting. Marv stated we had 26 members present. We have 108 memberships and 162 members.

Newsletter: George Montgomery stated he had nothing new to report.

Events: John Horton sent out an email that day stating he will not be able to continue to serve as Vice President. Coming events include the Mini Club Christmas Lights Rally on December 22nd, a car show at Desert Hills in Carefree 8 am -10 am on Saturday, a Pie & Wine Journey on November 28-29. Clebe asked for other opinions of British Wheels on the Green, and stated he thought it went well.

The DCTRA Christmas Party is being hosted by Ron Cole & Julian Anderson at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 2nd, location to be sent out through the club email. This will not be a potluck, and the wives will not be pleased if we bring food! The usual gift exchange will be held, gifts should be in the \$15 range, and can be either humorous or serious.

Technical: Armand said the GT6 ran tonight and his family had a wedding over the weekend. Kathy Nuss's car should be running by the weekend. Bev has retired and Pete Peterson is building a garage to work on his many projects and/or to get out of the house now that Bev is home! **Old Business:** A discussion was held regarding yearly Charity donations. Armand reported that last year \$250 was given to each of three charities: Andre House, Hospice of the Valley, and St. Vincent de Paul. It was stated that there had been a motion on the floor the previous meeting, but that it had not come to a vote. Following more discussion, Armand LaCasse made and amended a motion that DCTRA donate \$400 to each of the following charities this year: Andre House, Hospice of the Valley, St. Vincent de Paul, and Sojourner Center. That amended motion was seconded by Kathy Nuss and

New Business: Regarding nomination of officers for 2019, John Horton withdrew his name from consideration as Vice President; Armand LaCasse indicated he is willing to continue to serve as Treasurer. Further nominations may be brought forward at the December meeting.

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2018:

December 2nd -January 9th - Christmas Lights in Glendale

December 2, 2018 – DCTRA Christmas Party – Ron Cole's house. Details in this newsletter.

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

December 22, 2018 – Christmas Light Tour (See page 8 for more info.)

January 6, 2019 - Election Brunch; Spoke & Wheel; 8500 N Central Av; Phoenix

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, Alpio's at Troon Cars N Coffee – 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum

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

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DCTRA Christmas Party

The Andersons and the Coles are hosting the DCTRA Christmas party on Sunday December 2nd at:

The Coles
8230 East Del Cadena Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85258
We are in McCormick Ranch west of Hyden Rd and south of Via Linda

Plan on arriving around 4 pm for beverages and nibbles followed by dinner at 5pm.

Food will be provided so only bring something if you have a dietary need.

We'll also have coffee, iced tea, water and soft drinks. If you would like another beverage, feel free to bring it along.

In keeping with tradition, if you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped present in the \$15 range (as Armand mentioned, \$15 plus or minus \$14.95 is acceptable).

Please RSVP by Friday November 23rd to ronlewiscole@gmail.com and include information about a spouse or friend joining you.

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.

Question: Re Electric Fan for TR-6

Hi everyone!

I'm sure this topic has been covered ad nauseam but I am considering an electric fan for my 1971 TR-6. Moss and Rimmer both sell the kits. Looking for advice on if it a good idea (first) and if it is, which fan kit seems to be the best one around. I have a new stock radiator not an aluminum one.

Regards, Grant Holzworth

Grant.

Mechanical fans run all the time and cost about 15HP!

If you fit it as a pusher fan on the front side ---it may come on more due to the air flow restriction to the radiator.

Technical Corner (cont.)

Remember an electric fan will pull about 15 amps. Make sure you have the relay kit with the fan kit you buy.

I have also added Bright front lights to my TR6 so I did a load analysis on the system per the attached. I think Triumph cheated us on the size of the Lucas alternators they supplied as they only go up to 36 amps.

My next stop is a Delco 10SI. They put out anywhere up to 120amps depending on the size, and cost about \$50 at any parts store. It also gets rid of another piece of unreliable Lucas equipment. George Durkin

Alternator Requirements

Factory Equipped	Amps	Newer Additions	Amps
Head lights High Beam	9	Halogen Lights	12
Brake Stop Lights	5		5
Tail Lights	1.2		1.2
Marker Lights/Side Lights	4		4
Back Up Lights	4		4
Turn Signal Lights	4.2		4.2
Hazard Signal Lights	8.2		8.2
Plate Lights	1.2		1.2
Instrument lights	1		1
Ignition	4.2		4.2
Wipers	6.1		6.1
Field Current Generator	3		3
Am/F/M Radio	1	Radio with CD player/speakers	5
Heater Defrost Fan High	14		14
		Cigarette lighter/Aux power port	6.5
		GPS	14
		Electric Fuel pump	3
		Electric Fan	16
Totals	66.1		112.6

Christmas Light Tour

The Arizona Mini Owners club have invited us to their annual Christmas Light Tour on **December 22**nd, **2018**, to view highly lighted and decorated neighborhoods in the East Valley. The tour will end at Shirley Blahak's barn as they usually do. They will be serving drinks, chili, meat balls, and various traditional snacks. Entry is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the United Food Bank. They will start at the Fry's grocery store on the corner 3616 East Ray Rd in Phoenix at **5:30pm**. Please RSVP to azminiowners@gmail.com or phone 480-985-2531 so they can have enough instructions printed & food prepared.

Drive Your Triumph Day Feb 10th, 2019.

Dear Fellow Triumph Owner,

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It's time to make plans for Drive Your Triumph Day, February 10, 2019.

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, which is celebrating our 60th anniversary.

As you may remember a few years ago, I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after the war and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today.

The first year about half a dozen members participated, and it's been building momentum every year since. Last year I received about 250 photos from all over the world: Scotland, Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and of course all over the USA. I'm hoping to double that number this year!

The concept is straightforward. On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Take a scenic drive on a country road or out to lunch, to the market, to work, where ever. Go for a drive alone or in a big group from your local Triumph Club. Take your spouse, buddy, child, grandchild or your dog; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner if possible, ideally in front a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it anyway.

Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com

This year February 10th falls on a Sunday, so let's make this a big worldwide event with club drives and lots of photos. Remember, it's a new photo taken on February 10th, 2019.

Please feel free to send this on to other Triumph Clubs you may know of, and your club Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Last year a few Standard Clubs joined in too, which is all good.

Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your members and friends to Drive Their Triumphs on February 10th.

Regards, Rye				
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Meet our Members

George M Montgomery



Do you know a club member who we should all know about? Suggest a name and win a free copy of this newsletter. (I have a very low budget.)

I am out of member profiles. Send me a story of how you got started or interested in Triumphs or in sports cars or how you acquired your latest pride and joy.

I sent out 5 requests for a profile from specific members but got no response. Even if I haven't contacted you could send me an article and photos. We have several new members with new acquisitions. I need your help.

Our Web Master



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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, odometer has been replaced, etc.

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. It won a Gold trophy at Triumphest 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.

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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

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 - <u>triumphshoppe@gmail.com</u>, 602-705-8678

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

For Free:

When I bought the TR250, it came with a full set (5) of stock wheels with Michelin X tires, undoubtedly the original wheels, and maybe the tires too! The wheels on the car were nice looking 'mags' with very worn radials. I replaced the tires on the car but I kept the wheels with their old and worn Micheline tires. When I sold the car the new owner did not want the wheels nor the old tires, so just kept them on the side of the house until just a few months ago. I replaced the tires on Alice's Subaru and as part of the deal had the tire seller break down the old TR250 wheels, recycle the tires and the two bent wheels. I kept the best three wheels to offer to anyone in the club that might need a wheel or wheels! If you are interested please give me a call or email and maybe we can get together...

Jim Bauder 480-309-9525

1218

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.





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

0818

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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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:

Triumph seat covers

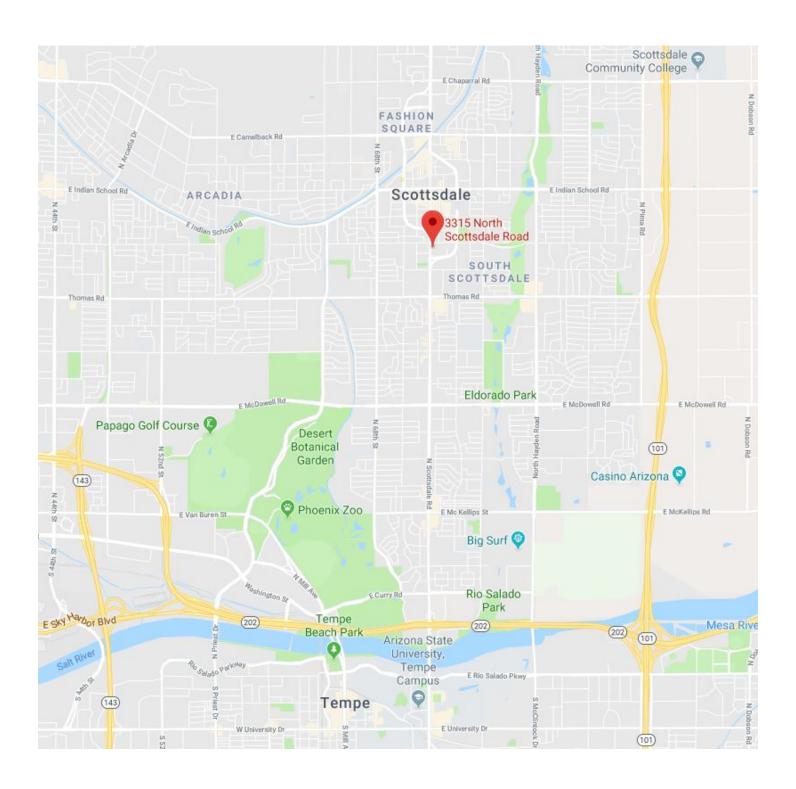
Hi. My husband and i used to be members of the club many, many years ago but my husband always had health issues so we were unable to participate. We used to have a beautiful burgundy 1974 Triumph Spitfire. The car found a new home but we found out later that we still had 2 black front seat covers in 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 the, for \$50. They were never used and are in perfect condition. My cell is 602-740-1088. Thank you. Jill Burns, wburns@strategz.com

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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.

DCTRA Club Meeting Location:





PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with 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

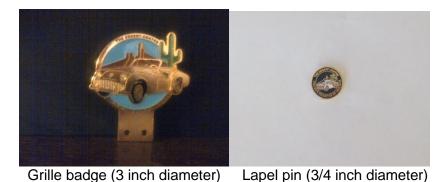
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PLEASE NOTE:

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.



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

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

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

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club

Southern California Triumph Owners Assn.

British Motor Heritage Group

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Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)

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