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A beautiful 1957 TR3

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

December 10, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Meet us for dinner / social @ 6: p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Prez Sez – December 2019

John Nuss, President

Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays. It is a time for merriment, food, gazing at Christmas lights, enjoying friends, driving the Triumph. Of course that goes for the rest of the year, too. Except for the Christmas lights thing.

I wrote about whittling down my collection of car stuff a few months ago. The TR8 wheels and tires are gone, but the Renault and Taxi remain along with the Spitfire carpet set... Maybe I wasn't so serious?

I won't be able to attend the Christmas Party at Pete and Bev's place on December 14, we have a series of concerts to perform. I miss that because they always provide a great place for a party. I just know I could unload the carpet set there as a wonderful gift to someone.

Some club matters to consider: The office of vice-president is open. John Horton has served two consecutive years in that office. I remember joining the club in the early nineties and John, Beth, Bev, Deta and Roger G. were the reigning officers. It seemed as if these folks took turns in various offices – president, vice-president secretary and treasurer. John has been active for years and I agree that it may be time to relax and just “show up” for the meetings and activities. In like manner, I have been an officer for a number of years, and I would like for others to have the opportunity to lead the club. So search your schedule and your heart and share in the official life off the club.

In the meantime drive those Triumphs.

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

Six years ago, our member, Jim Bauder, sent me a photo and story that was in the July 2013 issue of Classic Motorsports Magazine about a TR3 that sold at auction for \$55,000. He quoted the description said it was “a remarkable restoration and possibly the best example in the world” ... At the time I thought what a beautiful cover shot for our newsletter. I kept it. Here it is Thanks, Jim.

Last month, November marked the 20th year since I joined the Desert Center Triumph Register of America. It has been a wonderful 20 years. I have met many interesting members with beautiful cars, well-kept and modified with in the keeping of the British sports car concept. At least to the objectives that I subscribe to. I have participated in many of the activities, events, Triumphest and other road trips. Even though I have owned 5 different Triumph in the course of 53 years, I have learned a lot from our members and have had a lot of assistance from our members. Thanks to all of you for your friendship and help.

During the past 20 years, I have served as president, treasure, membership chair and now the newsletter editor. All were new positions for me but with help from members I learned each position. Many of our officers in the past and present have held these positions for several terms and some at various times. They need a break. We need some new people to

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step up and serve. We have had several new members join in the past couple of years. I have tried to meet and talk with each of these people. Any one of them could serve a great officer on these offices. How 'bout it? My I nominate you for an office at our December meeting on Dec. 10th?

George

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2019:

Dec 7th – Cars and Coffee Anthem

Dec 10th – DCTRA Business Meeting

Dec 14th – DCTRA Christmas Party at Pete and Bev Peterson's

Dec 15th – Phoenix Art Museum (Legends of Speed)

Dec 21st – AZ Mini Christmas Light Tour

Jan 12th – Election Brunch at Spoke & Wheel (on North Central @ 11am

Feb 8th – Automotive Recreation Club of Sun City West – show & swap meet.

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.

Q: *What car company was originally known as Swallow*

Sidecars (aka SS)?

(Don't Peek)

A: *Jaguar, which was an SS model first in 1935, and ultimately the whole company by 1945.*

December 2019 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

As announced at the November business meeting, Craig Kastoll from Mesa has joined the club with his 1968 TR250 which sports a surrey top. Welcome to the DCTRA Craig!

This newest member brings the club totals to 104 Memberships with 154 Members.

As the end of the year approaches, it's once again time to put out the reminder that Memberships expire December 31. Renewal season should be very active this year as a quick count of upcoming expirations shows 60+ Memberships will expire. If you have forgotten when yours expires, let me know and I will gladly look it up. Email reminders will commence in early January.

Happy Holidays to all and I hope your cars are running well.

Marv Miller
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Application form on page 15

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Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America

November 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of The DCTRA was called to order @ 7:07 p.m. by John Nuss, President, @ Denny's Restaurant on Scottsdale Rd.

Members present : Jim Bauder, Cal Busenitz, Ron Cole, Bob Duffy, George and Chris Durkin, Anthony Dymond, Greg Freeman, Ron Gurnee, John Horton, Betsy Kavash, Craig Kenyon, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Randy Koontz and Annette Cordova, Armand LaCasse who drove his GT6, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller, George Montgomery drove his TR6, Kathy and John Nuss who drove their Spitfire, Pete Peterson, John Reynolds who drove his TR6, Pam Reynolds, Marie Thompson.

We had two guests from The Triumph Travelers Club - Doug and Diane Gold.

Minutes: Last month's Minutes were approved as they appear in The Newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Armand LaCasse reported only a few expenses and no income this past month.

Membership: Marv Miller reporting 2 new members: Bob Coady from Goodyear and Greg Kastoll. Greg was a visitor at last month's meeting and has since joined. We had 26 members in attendance this evening and 2 guests.

Events: John Horton reported that British Wheels on the Green held Nov. 3 was a very nice event. This coming Saturday Nov. 16 is the ride to Payson to Mike's Fish & Chips.

Dec. 14 is The Club's Christmas Party at Pete and Debbie Bowen's.

Dec. 15 is The Legends of Speed at The Phoenix Art Museum.

Jan. 12 is our Election of Officers Brunch at The Spoke and Wheel Restaurant in Phoenix.

Technical: Craig Kenyon discussed radiator parts and difficulty with aluminum radiators.

John Nuss had stories about their Spitfire. And Jim Bauder highly recommending the exhibit The Legends of Speed.

Old Business: John Reynolds reported that The VTR asked him to again raise the possibility of combining with them for Triumphfest 2021. John Nuss asked for a vote on this as

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we have previously voted against this. The previous vote stands.

Prior to this evening's meeting, The Committee for Triumphest 2021 met. Ron Cole presented an outline of issues discussed including the approval of the venue Little America in Flagstaff. The date is October 14 - 15 - 16, 2021.

New Business: Our Charitable Giving for this Christmas season was raised by John Nuss. Last year we donated to 4 charities: Andre House, St Vincent DePaul, Sojourner's Center, and Hospice of The Valley. Chuck Kerzan suggested adding a donation this year to U.S. Vets on Grand Ave. John asked for vote and the suggestion was approved.

John Nuss again raised the subject of needing a nomination for Club President as he wishes to step down.

A motion to adjourn made @ 7:43 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Mary A. White, Secretary

Why Some Men Have a Dog and No Wife:



1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.



2. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.

Meet our Members

Story and photos by Cal Busenitz

Cal grew up on a farm outside Wichita, KS. His interest in cars began when he was seven years old reading Hot Rod Magazine. His first car was a 1952 Chevy that was eventually traded for a 1955 Chevy. When he was released from the USAF, he bought a '69 Triumph Spitfire. He joined SCCA and entered the car in autocross events and just daily use. It was the love of his life. With marriage and three kids life got in the way and the Spitfire was sold.



When he retired and living in Sun City West, AZ he decided to look for another Triumph. He found a 1977 Spitfire on eBay in Walport, OR. After some research and talking with the owner, he purchased the car and had it shipped to Sun City West. It was purchased sight unseen other than pictures. When it arrived, it was just what he anticipated.



He dove in drove into his garage and started the disassembly and sanding. After 2 years getting rid of all the rust and small dents, it started coming together. He lives in Sun City West and they have a superb auto restoration club with a paint booth, the Automotive Restoration Club.



All that he needs to do now is put the finishing touches on the Spitfire: Work on top frame, trim on rear fenders, transmission first and reverse gears, radio and speakers, windshield trim and wet sand and polish.

Payson Road Trip

Story by John Horton. Photos by John Nuss & John Nuss

On Saturday Nov. 16th the club set up a drive to Payson for lunch. John Nuss kindly set it up. We, (John and Kathy, Beth & I) did a quick test run there earlier to make sure everything worked. We had lunch at Mike's fish & chips to check the restaurant.

On Saturday the club met at Wendy's in Fountain hills along with 50 Jeeps, who went elsewhere for their run. I was pleased to have Ellah Horton, my granddaughter, along for the run in the TR6. 5 cars left at 10:20, 4 TR6's and a Spitfire, and drove up the hills to Payson, then around the airport, back down the west side of town thru places I have never seen and to the restaurant, where we met others that came in from Prescott and elsewhere, one in a TR3. 12 people in all had a good fish & chips lunch.

Ellah is not big on fish, so she enjoyed a cheeseburger and chips. There's a big menu. We drove around town, then a scenic drive down to Fountain Hills and on to home. It was fun spending some grandad time with Ellah. The TR6 went great and purred all along the route. Here's hoping everyone else enjoyed the outing. Thanks to John & Kathy for planning the route.

John Horton



Payson Road Trip (cont)



QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?



DCTRA - CHRISTMAS PARTY!

WHERE: Pete & Bev Peterson's house
Carefree, Arizona

WHEN: SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2019
4:30 p.m.

WE will provide the entrée (ham) & non-alcoholic drinks (water/tea/coffee)
YOU can bring a potluck dish and **BYOB**.

We will also hold the traditional ***White Elephant*** gift exchange.
Each participant should bring one wrapped gift - approximate value - \$15

PLEASE RSVP

(tell us what you will bring for the potluck so we can coordinate dishes)

PHONE: 480-488-4872 (leave a message)

BEV's CEL: 480-828-6008 DO NOT TEXT

EMAIL: carefreebev@gmail.com

Directions & a map will be emailed to those who request it.



CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

1964 TR4A \$25,000 OBO. Completely original, 65,000. Engine never rebuilt, original SU carburetors and 4 speed transmission. Located in Sun City Grand
Call Rod Arnold – 480-370-1065
10-19



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:

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

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FOR SALE:

For sale one axle trailer, new aluminum runners, ramps and a 2,500 pound electric wrench, Asking \$750.00.
John Horton - 602-705-8678
triumphshoppe@gmail.com, 12-19



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 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. 03.2019



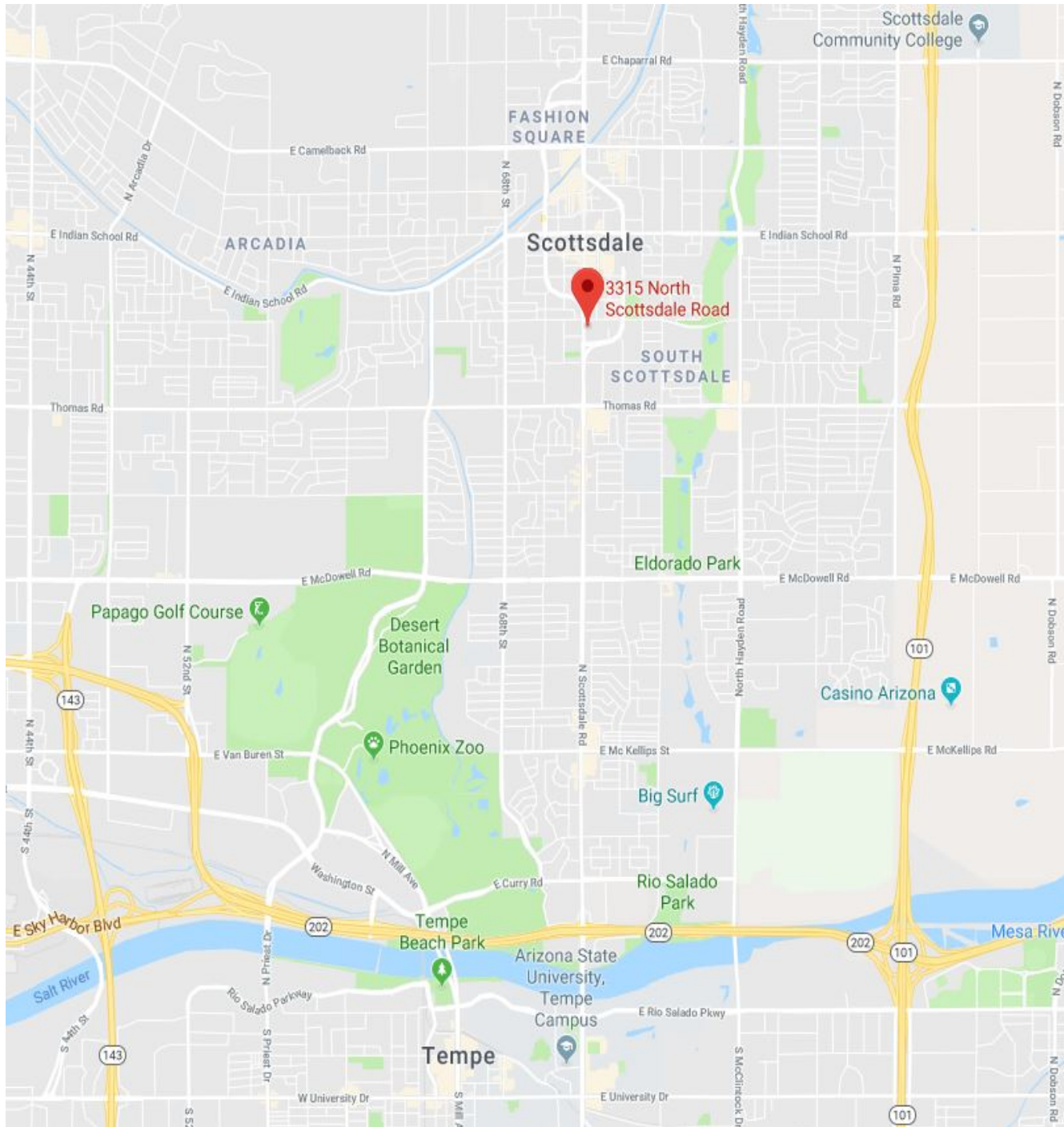
1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration
~74,000 miles, but only 1000 since restored, Original Java green with black interior
Many upgrades, too many to list here. Webbers and Overdrive. Leather seats
Car is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area Asking: ~~\$29,500.00~~ Reduced to \$25,000

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

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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:

Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America
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
British Wire Wheel	www.britishwirewheel.com
Save Our Cars	www.saveourcars.org
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
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	www.vsgcc.ca
Moss Motors	www.mossmotors.com
Small auction and forum	www.britishcarauction.com
Classic Autosport Magazine	www.classicautosport.net
International Spitfire Database	www.members.cox.net/spitlist
British Motor Club of Utah	www.britishmotorclub.org
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