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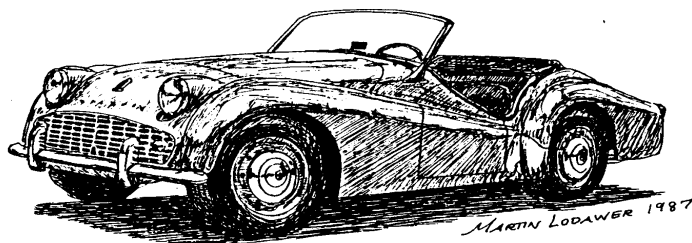
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Dues are \$18.00 per year

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## COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 15

WICKENBURG GOLDRUSH DAYS PARADE

Be in staging area by 9 AM

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FEBRUARY 15

SPORTSCARS ON THE GREEN

Julio G's Restaurant

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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

Our annual Champagne Brunch was held at the Landmark, Mesa with about 40 people attending. The meeting opened at 12:35 PM by John Horton. The Secretary report was accepted as printed. The Treasurer reported we are still doing great and now have a CD set aside for the next time we host Triumphest. The Newsletter Editor said he'd appreciate articles from the members to round out the newsletter. Fran Wickenhauser asked about the use of color pictures. It was noted that color pictures would be in color on the internet, but would be black and white in the printed version. John Horton reported the BEAT will take place as planned and we should be hearing from Mike and Janice Goodwin soon. Recognition was given to a number of people for all the work done on Triumphest and throughout the year.

A 70 minute video on Triumphs is available from VTR Register for \$30. Motion was made and passed to purchase a copy. John noted a product that breaks rust loose was available and was ordered in some quantity for those wanting it; available next meeting.

Fran Wickenhauser asked about a new noise in his transmission and several possibilities were advanced from the members. Later in the parking lot, it was discovered he had no fluid in his clutch master cylinder.

Dave Riddle gave a couple of interesting tales of his experiences teaching race driving.

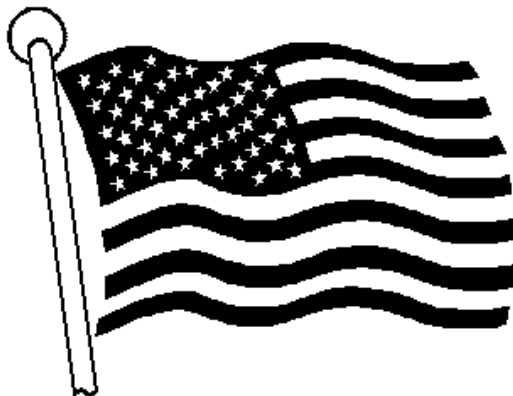
Wheels of Britain comes up in March, and Wickenburg Gold rush Days is Feb 15. Several members will be participating in the parade again this year.

More incorporation research has been done. After much discussion, motion was made to review the bylaws and adopt incorporation. The motion was passed unanimously. Jim Bartels will lead the committee to review the bylaws and adopt incorporation. A fun raffle was held and John Horton stated that this would be a monthly event.

The slate of officers was read and unanimously accepted. President: John Horton. Vice President: Richard Aubert. Secretary: Deta Hampsch. Treasurer: Jim Bartels.

A discussion was held as to the location of our monthly meetings. Richard Aubert is to form a small committee to find a new place to meet. Results will be presented at the Feb. meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Deta Hampsch



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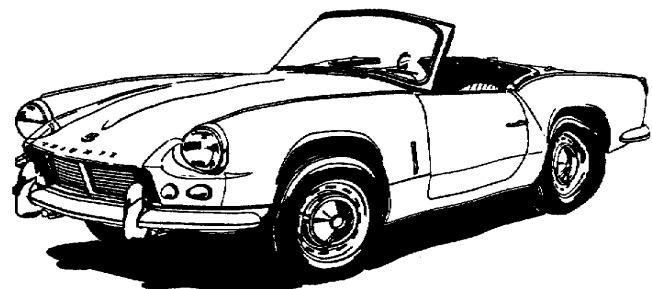
This year is off to a good start. The elections are over, and we're off and running. Our inventive treasurer Jim Bartels checked with the State and found he could with minimum effort reinstate the corporation status. He did this and paid the back fees and as such we are incorporated. That is now over.

With that, the existing bylaws are already in place. There is no immediate rush to create a new set of bylaws. We do have insurance coverage for us in the future. This was a sticky issue and is now put to bed.

Along with the nice weather, there are lots of car events to attend. A list is elsewhere in this issue. Let's get out and show. One thing to consider is the breakfast run held each month. This is a loosely knit group of owners that get out on Sunday Morning to meet at 32nd & Shea blvd and rally to somewhere to eat breakfast. They are an excellent group and we get different people each time. Join in and eat with us. I'm trying to get a local mechanic to attend the next meeting to talk about sealing up a motor as it is rebuilt. As all English cars tend to mark their place, we probably would find this helpful.

Remember, we are considering a look at different digs to have our meeting at, Sooo, check out places you might want to have us meet at and bring the info to the next meeting at Manuel's.

Cheerio, John Horton



## JANUARY BREAKFAST RUN

As we headed out for the breakfast run, a sign said "It's Never Too Late to Have a Happy Childhood", a perfect theme for our events. The January 26th Run was sponsored by the London Vintage Taxi Association, represented by Kathy and John Nuss. Hiram, their taxi, displayed a plaque showing its status as the best Euro car at the AJ-ROTC car show on Saturday. With a snazzy new design, the Blahak's Wheels of Britain shirts were selling briskly from the back of their Mini.

We took off at 8AM on this bright, chilly morning, but the route quickly took a detour as the Triumph group stopped to check out a Spitfire at a garage sale. This time, the flock headed west. After a good run, nearly 40 people crowded into the Village Inn at 59th and Thunderbird. Thanks to the Nuss' for a fine job. Triumph drivers attending were Auberts, Bernsteins, Hortons, and Nuss.

Next month's Run will be sponsored by the Lotus Club. DCTRA's turn comes in May, so be ready.

Beth Horton

## EDITOR AT PLAY

We foreign car drivers used to wave to each other as a congratulation for not driving Detroit iron. A unwritten social order developed, governing who waves first, assuming simultaneous recognition. An example of a governing factors: **SPEED:** MGs had to wave first to Jags. Generally, any six waved last, any four should wave first. A updated version is presented here. To begin with, since I'm writing this, Triumphs generally need only return waves from other marques. Additional guides would be such as **CONDITIONS:** Poor buggers driving in bad weather with side curtains deserve first wave from all but the rarest, such as Morgan three wheelers. **COURTESY:** Don't give or return one finger salutes, whistles or cat calls. Except from trucks, SUV's, and cars from the far east. **BREEDING:** Rare British marques like Jensen Healeys get a first wave, if you know them. Should you be honored to encounter a Blower Bentley, pull over, stop, get out, stand at attention, and salute. If that's you in the Bentley, wave with a motion like unscrewing a light bulb and smile tolerantly. **SEX:** Your hormones may dictate a first wave to members of the opposite sex. **LOOKS:** You needn't wave at any car shaped like a jelly bean. See also breeding.

This protocol may add enjoyment and order but it needs refining. I'm working on a point system to keep those gregarious among us from falling prey to premature congratulations.

Dave Reynolds



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\*\*\*Friday Nights 4 to 9 PM at the Five and Diner in the Arizona Mills shopping center, Baseline & Priest.

\*\*\*Saturday Nights at 5:30pm - Cruise-In at US60 & Power Rd. in Mesa (Its really on Hampton, just east of Wendys) On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

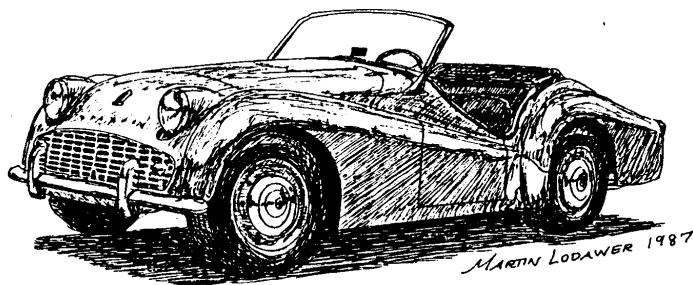
\*\*\*Sunday Nights at 5:00pm at Famous Sam's in Apache Junction.

February 15 - Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Parade. Cars to be in staging area by 9 AM.

February 15 - SPORTSCARS ON THE GREEN 2003 - on the lawn at Julio G's restaurant at 7633 E Indian School, Scottsdale. Sponsored by Porsche Club of America / Arizona Region, and they'd really like to have a lot of British cars. It's a wash-n-shine event with awards after lunch. Car placement at 9AM, \$20 first car, half price additional cars. Great food, a fun day. Details and info: Steve Axelson (480) 767-7176.

April 26 & 27: BEAT '03 Do your registration early, forms at the meeting or WWW.BEATAZ.COM. Important: get your room reserved at the Little America at Flagstaff, and mention the name BEAT or British Euro Auto Tour to get our rate of \$75 single or double, 10 more each additional person. (Sure, in my Spitfire). Their number is 1-800-352-4386.

March 9 - WHEELS OF BRITAIN 2003, Heritage Square (6th & Monroe, downtown.) A great walk around event, cars and motorcycles. They want show cars and daily drivers for display. \$15 and \$10 early registration for first and second cars displayed, \$20 and \$10 show day. Info: Marie (602) 971-7807 or Shirley (480) 985-2531



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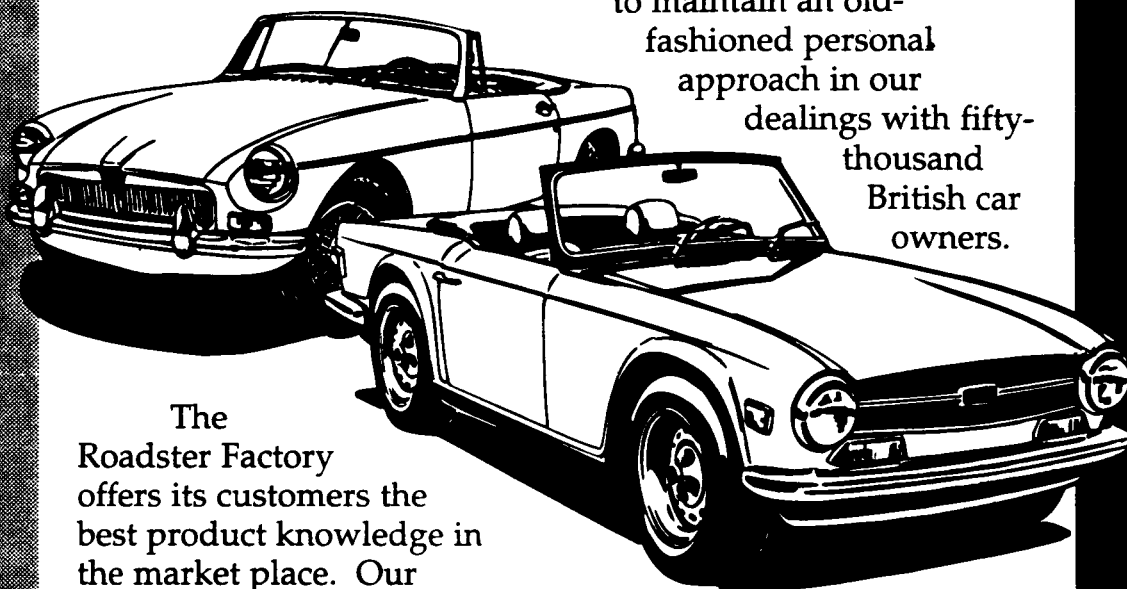
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