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Tuesday, February 11, 2014
BUSINESS MEETING
starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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On the Cover: Photo – DCTRA cars at Monti's (photo by Beth Horton)

Prez Sez – February 2014

John Nuss

Prez Sez

Thanks to all who attended the January meeting at Monti's. Now that we know the Marathon did not really affect entry from the south, maybe we could return.

Thanks to Ron Gurnee for his work with Monti's. By now we have a better idea of membership- big thanks to Pete and Bev for their work.

Remember February we're planning a day trip to Oracle- great drive in the hills south of Superior. John Horton suggested some time in the garage/ shop in early March. The Highland Games also in March, affords an opportunity to show the Triumphs and get a year's supply of bagpipes and haggis in one weekend.

Join the fun. Drive your Triumph.

John

EDITOR'S DESK

GEORGE MONTGOMERY

This is the first newsletter that I've done by myself. Bev did a good job training me as it seems easy to put together this time. My only fear is that I'm going to forget something. That I'm not going to change something in last month's newsletter to what it should be for the current month or misspell a word or two. Thank God for Word's spell check. There is a lot of material that goes into this newsletter. However I feel quite confident that you readers will let me know what I have missed. I'll get better as the year goes through.

This letter is first composed in Word, then converted and published as a PDF file. To much detail? It is a single column per page rather than the two column as Dave had started. I am not sure whether I will keep it like this (easier) or change to what Dave had (more professional but more difficult). I'll investigate that after tax season. Thus far I can keep up with it and you'll have your newsletter timely to read before the meeting and the monthly

events. There are some items in the newsletter that could be changed, improved or corrected but I don't have the time to fix them now. See whether you can find them. I'm looking forward to this year. Bev has a good start on the membership list. If you have not paid your 2014 dues and are not current, it behooves you to do so. There is a lot of camaraderie to be had with the friends that we have here. Many of the members have helpful information to help you keep your little jewel running, That's what their for isn't it. Even is you can't make the meetings because of distance or timing, any of us are as close as your keyboard for any questions of problems. John Nuss will do a good year as president again, Matt Reynolds as V. President and we have a new and promising Secretary, Jody Kerr. Good luck Jody.

George M.

Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds

DCTRA Events February 2014

February 1st-AAHC-No Toll Roads Car Show-Sanderson Ford

February 1st-Motoring Thru Time-Heritage Square

February 2nd-JAVA Cruise-Dutch Bros-Greenfield Rd. Mesa

February 11th-DCTRA Meeting

February 16th-British Breakfast Run-32nd St. & Shea

February 23rd DCTRA day trip to Oracle

Mar 23rd - 2014 British Wheels at the Highland Games British Car Show

Minutes



DCTRA Meeting Minutes – JANUARY 19, 2014

People arrived around 11:30 a.m. at **MONTI'S LA CASA VIEJA RESTAURANT** at 100 South Mill Avenue in Tempe on Sunday, January 19, 2014. Lunch was served at noon, and **President John Nuss** opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

40 people attended:

Jim Bauder	Deb & Stu Lasswell – drove a TR
Dennis Barnes	Patrick McDermott
Clebe Best – drove a TR	Bob & Louise McIlravy – drove a TR
Pete Bowen	George & Charisse Montgomery
Ron Cole – drove a TR?	Dave & Denine Muré – drove a TR
George & Chris Durkin – drove a TR	Linda Nicholson
Al & Sheri Elisco – drove a TR	John & Kathy Nuss – drove a TR
Dave Fore – drove a TR?	Pete & Bev Peterson – drove a TR
David Frisby	John Reynolds – drove a TR
Gene Glenn & Barbara Conklin	Ken Schmidt & Deborah Cooke
Ron Gurnee – drove a TR	Rick Storey
John & Beth Horton – drove a TR	Marie Thompson – drove a TR
Ed & Peggy Jacobs – drove a TR	John & Lila Truttman – drove a TR
Betsy Kavash	

16 - TRIUMPHS WERE DRIVEN TO THE MEETING!

VISITORS: There were no visitors. New members **Ed & Peggy Jacobs** and **Dave Frisby**, introduced themselves.

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

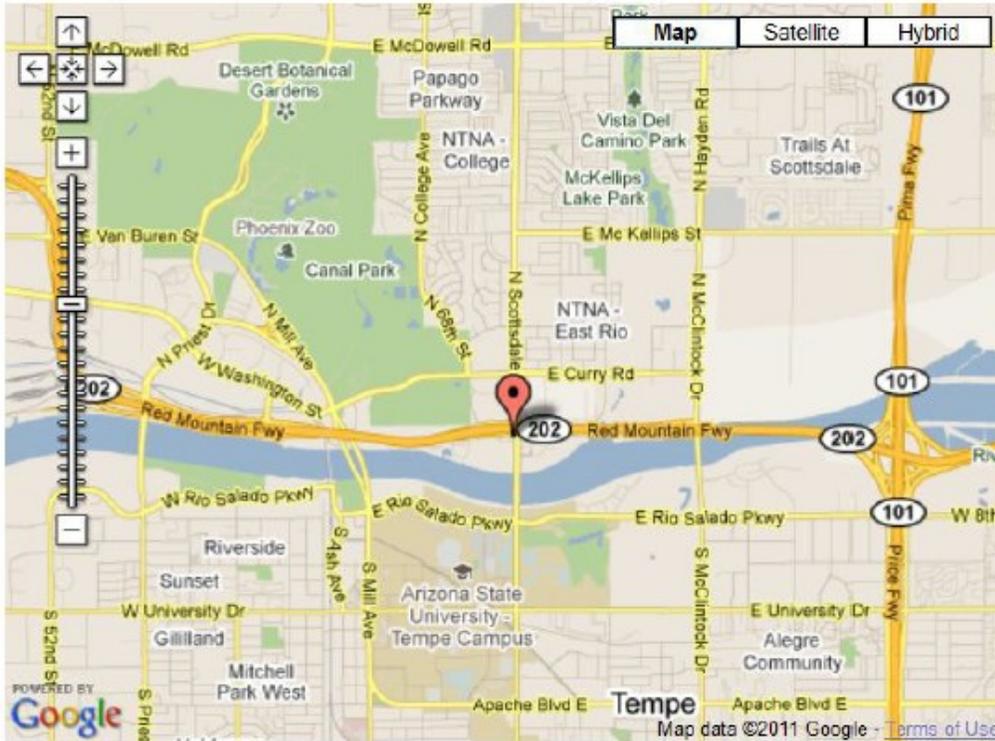
TREASURER: **John Reynolds** reported on the club's financial status and reported that he received "Thank You" notes from the charities that we contributed to at Christmas.

MEMBERSHIP: **Bev Peterson** reported on membership and asked everyone to update their dues as soon as possible and give her any corrections/additions for the membership list.

NEWSLETTER: **George Montgomery** said he is looking forward to doing the newsletter and reminded everyone to submit articles, ads, etc. in a timely manner, as he will be publishing the newsletter on the first of each month.

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Come at 6:00 to eat and socialize.

Note that regular Meeting locations are on the second Tuesday of the Month:



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Bo Shaw's Restoration Journal

This is the sixth and seventh of a series of 16 articles written by DCTRA member Bo Shaw about his experiences restoring his 1958 TR3A. Each month we will publish another article (or two if they are short) so you can see what it's like to spend a year or more recording your progress on a major project's ups and down's and the final TRIUMPHant result.

TR3A Activity – November 2011

The past month was still one of working on the Triumph details with slow progress. Some more work was done on the HS6 carburetors: Adjusting the float bowl angles, installing new jets, and converting the carburetors from a floating needle to a fixed needle configuration. (Which was a good thing since we discovered that each of the two HS6's had

a different needle installed.) The heater hose to the passenger compartment was rerouted as mentioned in the last report.

The new front brake discs from TRF arrived in September and have since been fitted to the car. (See picture.) They fit with no interference problems. My thanks again to Albert Runyon at TRF for his tireless follow up on this.



I also refurbished the distributor and with the help of West and Roy it is now installed. Prior to installation we used the distributor drive shaft to run the oil pump and see if the oil (Valvoline 20W-50 Racing Oil with additional ZDDP added) was getting to the places it needed to. It was, plus several other places besides, and we spent some time running down and fixing oil leaks, mostly because I had not tighten bolts down hard enough.



Distributor

Maybe the next report will chronicle the first engine run, but the holidays are coming and I still have to get the choke and vacuum advance lines installed, both of which changed with the conversion to the TR4 carb/intake setup. Other than that, it is ready to go. I hope.

TR3A Activity – December 2011

The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain

--From "**To a Mouse, on Turning Her Up in Her Nest with the Plough**"
(a Scots poem by Robert Burns)

Well, I performed my electric circuit checks. Found two shorts, one in the circuit for the brake lights and the other in the circuit for the heater fan motor. The first one was a dumb mistake on my part. The second occurred because the mounting bracket for the fuel gauge got canted over somehow so that it touched one of the fuel gauge's terminals. (For some reason, the hot wire for the heater fan motor makes an intermediate stop at the fuel gauge.) Anyway, after two blown fuses I was able to check that the radiator cooling fan, the windshield wiper motor, and the heater fan motor ran. Except that when I turned the heater fan motor on: BRAAANNGGGG! Cycled power to the heater fan: BRRAAAANNGGGGGGGG!

Hmm. Something obviously not right here. Crawl under the dash, open the heater flaps, turn on the heater motor again. BRRRRRRRAAAAAANNNNNNNGGGGGGGG! What's even more wondrous is that all this noise is emanating from the heater and I can see that the fan blades are not even turning. Turn on heater fan motor again. Oh. Motor shaft is turning but the fan blades are not. How the !#^&&***!! did that happen? Decision time. Do I live with it (and shiver), put off fixing it (if I can fix it) until sometime in my eighth decade, or fix it now? Since I had paid over \$300 to have the fan motor rebuilt, the car was halfway apart anyway, and the engine had not been run so there should be no coolant in the heater, I decided to fix it now. Taking the heater out was easier than I expected, and there was no coolant (although I did partly drain the radiator as a precaution.) Breaking down the heater was easy, too, since I had done it before. Turns out the fan is attached to the motor with a compression fitting that did not compress very well. Also, the motor shaft was keyed, so the motor, the fan, or both were not original. I made a shim for the motor shaft that provided a tighter fit for the fan on the motor shaft and tightened it as hard as possible. Reassembled the heater and re-installed it in the car. Turned it on. BRRRRR! Sometimes things do go right, but I think that I will minimize the use of the heater fan from now on.



Sometimes things go right, but not in the case of my initial engine start. The big day was on 01 December and all was in readiness, or so I thought. West and Roy were there to help out, and, after setting the initial timing and making sure the carburetor float bowls had fuel, we energized the system and pushed the starter button. (Reminds me of Jack Lemmon's line to Peter Falk from the movie *"The Great Race"*: "Push the button, Max!" Max does, with disastrous results. Great movie, you should see it if you have not already.) Well, anyway, we pushed the starter button with results almost as disastrous as the movie's. (At least the garage did not fall on top of us.) For about two seconds there a loud rattling sound and then the floor was covered with coolant. The source of the coolant was soon determined when I found the soft plug from the back of the head lying on the floor. I had probably not set the plug hard enough when installing it, but am gathering technical advice to confirm how this plug should be installed. In any case, the engine head will have to be removed or the engine dropped in order to replace it. Neither or which I am particularly looking forward to. After some investigation, it was determined that the rattle was from a loose washer interfering with the vanes on the alternator as it turned, easily fixable. Additional troubleshooting also revealed a weak ground between the battery ground and the engine that I have since corrected. (That will teach me to paint the steering column support bracket!)

Hopefully, this next month will be better.

Expired Memberships

Bev Peterson, DCTRA Membership Chair, sent me this list tonight of all members who have not renewed their memberships for this year, 2014. If you have not submitted your dues for this year or think that you have but your name is still on this list, please contact Bev at **480-488-4872** or email: packratpete@gmail.com or bev@carefree.org.

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YES

NO

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