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NEXT CLUB MEETING

February 13, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

650 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ 85281

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Cover: A beautiful array of TRs at one of our many trips. Photo by George Montgomery

Prez Sez – February 2018

John Nuss, President

I don't know about you, but when the government started interfering with automotive design, I was irritated to say the least. Side marker lights, those ugly bumpers, smog controls, seat belts, airbags, all those things just added weight and diminished power, thereby impacting fuel economy, handling and overall performance. Now I'm not so sure it was all bad. Kathy and I walked away from an accident that earlier in our driving careers would have resulted in blood, probably lots, and life threatening injuries. Instead we opened the doors, pushed the spent airbags out of the way, said a few expletives.

A few bruises, bent eyeglass frames and a burn from the airbag. The damage that one could see was limited to the windshield, the left front fender and the front of the truck. I'm certain there is internal damage – suspension pieces, and frame damage. Fortunately, the driver of the other car was at the side of the road – not in the car.

Some observations:

1. Had this happened while driving the Spitfire, there would have been blood, most likely serious injury. The repair part might be a bit different- I've got a frame, NOS suspension pieces, several doors and bonnets. And maybe after months of work, the car would be on the road again. Then again, at the speed we were traveling there would be even more damage to the Spitfire.
2. The response of DPS was quick and efficient and, in a relatively short time, we were at the car rental place. No citation was issued.
3. Things can happen rather quickly – be mindful of distractions.
4. We were sort of “gun shy” for several days after the accident – hyper-observant.
5. This is no way to get a new vehicle.

The calendar is filling up for the good driving weather, a trip to Davis- Monthon, (thanks to Craig), Payson (thank-you John), the Highland Games, and the BEAR in April. Plenty of opportunities to Drive the Triumphs.

John

Our Webmaster



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EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I want to thank Mike Bulfer for searching out and finding a new location for our Election Brunch. It looked like a new and different place. I want to thank John and Kathy Nuss for making the arrangements. However, it was not to be. It was a sports grill and it was the day of playoffs of the NFL conference teams to determine who plays in the Super Bowl. The worst of this occurrence was that I did not get to see my DCTRA family for a whole month. I know, I'll live and even maybe be happy again someday. Life goes on, doesn't it.

Thanks for Dave Riddle, our Webmaster, for setting up an online voting system so we could still get our official votes submitted by the end of the month of January and have a new slate of officers elected to be announced and installed at our February meeting. Check out page for your new officers.

I want to thank Clebe Best (past VP), Pam Rineholt (past Secretary) and Kathy Nuss (past Treasurer) for their dedication to the duties of their office and the time commitment that it demands. Thanks, guys. (and girls). Without Triumphest and the club treasurer to deal with, I don't know what Kathy's going to do. Take a vacation Kathy. You deserve it. Good job. All of you.

Thanks to John Horton (incoming VP), Armand LaCasse (incoming Treasure) and Mary White (incoming Secretary) for accepting the nomination and election to your respective offices. I feel this is going to be a good year. BTW, Happy Groundhog Day tomorrow.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on February 13th.

George

February 2018 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller
Membership Report February 2018

Current Memberships are 106 with 158 Members. As a reminder, all Memberships expire at the end of the year. Not everyone's Membership has expired this year due to multi-year enrollment. I have received a few renewals in the mail but there are still many outstanding.

If you know your Membership has expired you may pay your dues in person, by mail or PayPal. Membership renewal rates are \$20 for one year, \$37 for two years and \$55 for three years. If you are concerned about your Membership expiration or have forgotten when it expires, please let me know and I will get an answer for you.

Marv Miller
Membership Chair
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Application form on page 13

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February 13, 2018

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Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes (in leu of)

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America January 2018 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

Editor's Note: *A reservation for our Election Brunch venue was not reserved. With only a 36-hour notice, John and Kathy Nuss offered their home for a substitute location. A quorum was not present for an official meeting, so minutes were kept. The following in John's report of the event.*

We enjoyed food and conversation yesterday. We agreed that it is not possible to get a venue and regroup for a meeting next week. The thought is to keep the web election open until January 31 and announce and install officers at the February meeting. Not the best but, it will do. An idea was put forth for next year to have the meeting in a park, for example, and have one or two food trucks provide the brunch.

Other subjects included getting membership list to club members. Realizing that for privacy is a concern any one can choose not to have phone number, email not listed. It was suggested to include the member's name, phone number and email and Triumphs owned.

Perhaps a membership questionnaire might help people in planning activities. Perhaps the membership is not interested in a rally, car show. What can we do to encourage more to attend activities? Most agreed that the recent drives to Prescott have been good and the ones planned are good things to do. One of the members that is not retired said not to forget the non-retired members.

The matter of business cards was mentioned. There were cards in the past and maybe it is time to order more.

A question came up about the club meeting monthly, but all agreed there is a social aspect that would not work if the club met alternate months. Beside we might have trouble remembering whether the month was on or off.

It was decided both at the unofficial meeting last Sunday and after communication with current and incoming officers to keep the election open until January 31 and install the officers at the February meeting.

John Nuss

Calendar of Events

Editor's note: If you have had a favorite event or activity (ice-cream run, a drive for breakfast or dinner, a Hare and Hound Rallye, etc.) in the past that is not on the calendar let the Activity Chairman know and that you will help him to organize it and help put it on. I'm sure that he would appreciate your assistance.

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2017:

February 10, 2018 – Concours in the Hills – Fountain Hills, 10am-3pm. For more information and to register, go to www.concoursinthehills.org

February 11, 2018 - Pancakes-In-The-Park Rallye, AZ Mini Owners. Meet at 8sm 32nd St & Shea

February 13, 2018 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

February 16, 2018 – Horton's Payson Lunch Run Meet at Wendy's Shea Blvd @ 9:15am.

February 24, 2018 – Foothills Animal Rescue FAR Out Car Show, Scottsdale, 9am-Noon. For more information and to register, go to www.foothillsanimal.org

March 3rd & 4th, 2018 – Highland Games @ Steele Park, PHX. Register by **Feb 19th**

Mar 10 – 8th Annual Southwest Regional Car Show, 10am-3pm at Desert Ridge Marketplace. For more information and to register, go to: www.covenanthotrod.com

Apr 21-22 – BEAR Run sponsored by the JCCA. This will be similar to the BEAT Tour. For more information and registration, go to: www.jcca.club

April 28th & 29th, 2018 – British Car Days, La Mesilla, NM Brit. Motor Car Club of NM (not firm yet)

Regular Occurrence Events

Cruz'n at Phil's - Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ (every Sunday)

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.



Horton's Payson Lunch Run

We meet at the Wendy's on the north side of Shae Blvd. 2 blocks west of the beeline, on **Friday, February 16th** drive thru Payson to the Natural Bridge monument spend an hour, then to the Buffalo Grill for lunch. Lots of good food, reasonable prices. and loads of local western atmosphere. They will make sure we have seating together. We plan to gather at 09:15am and leave at 09:30 drive to Natural bridge spend an hour there then back to Payson to the Buffalo bar & grill for lunch arriving at 12:15.

Let me know if this works for y'all and I will make the arrangements



From Our Members

By Jeff Fairman

These are photos from the Morenci hill climb, a solo event sponsored by AZRA, held in eastern AZ in the 60's and 70's. These are from the early to mid-70's. The cars are not mine, I was merely a spectator. Some of the old time Triumph guys might recognize the cars or even know the drivers. The photos are converted slides and may not be high enough quality for the newsletter, but I am sending them for you to judge. I have also attached one of me in the mid-70's with my Jasmine TR250 at Phoenix International Raceway when the SCCA slalom events were held there.



By Jeff Fairman



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.

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 \$300



Mark Sapp (602) 625-8491

FOR SALE:

Gene Walenty of Glendale, AZ has 3 TR-7s for sale; 2 coupes and 1 roadster.
623-931-9159 or 623-247-0355

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

TR7 top, fiberglass, appears to be in good condition and some assorted TR7 parts- including a set of TR7 carbs. The owner is a former club member, also selling the Renown. One hundred dollars takes all the TR7 parts. The same person is helping the widow so call Don Johnson 602-931-2859.



FOR SALE:

1962 TR3. 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. The car is being sold by the owner's son-in-law and daughter. Call Mike West 480- 325-3246.



FOR SALE:

Selling a brand new Mohair top (twillfast, see haartz.com) with zip out window in black. From Rimmer Bros and comes already attached to rear metal bar. Better grade top than the Moss stayfast, It has a very nice inner surface in tan and the outer fabric looks and feels much nicer. Unfortunately, it is incompatible with my custom designed hood cover/tonneau system I made, which I have over 300 hours in making. \$475. Never installed, much cheaper than the Moss top and discount off Rimmer price, and no shipping costs! First text gets it.

480-706-4644

Craig Kenyon

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

Beautiful, shiny black 1952 Triumph Renown; right hand drive, three speed transmission. The interior is tan with refinished wood on the dash and window surrounds. It appears to be an Arizona car with no rust on the undercarriage, no evidence of severe fluid leaks on the car or the floor of the garage. There are some bubbles in the paint on the left hand rear door, and the chrome is not perfect in that same area. The car started and drove smoothly around the neighborhood. The brakes, being drum brakes, took more effort than one might be used to, but seemed appropriate for the year of the car. The owner believes the the condition and rarity of the Renown makes her price \$19,500.

The car is being sold by a family friend, Don Johnson 602-931-2959, in Arizona



CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

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Craig Kenyon

FOR SALE:

I bought a car with two sets of wheels and tires, and would like to pass on this set of vintage KN wheels with Dunlop SP Sport A2 tires. The wheels seem to be in as-new condition and have the classic olive branch Triumph logo. The Dunlop's are 195/65R15's with more than 3/16 tread left. The wheels/tires are in Sedona. \$799 for all. Please ask if any questions. 928-284-1646 or 135krpm@q.com.

John Cahill; Sedona, AZ



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

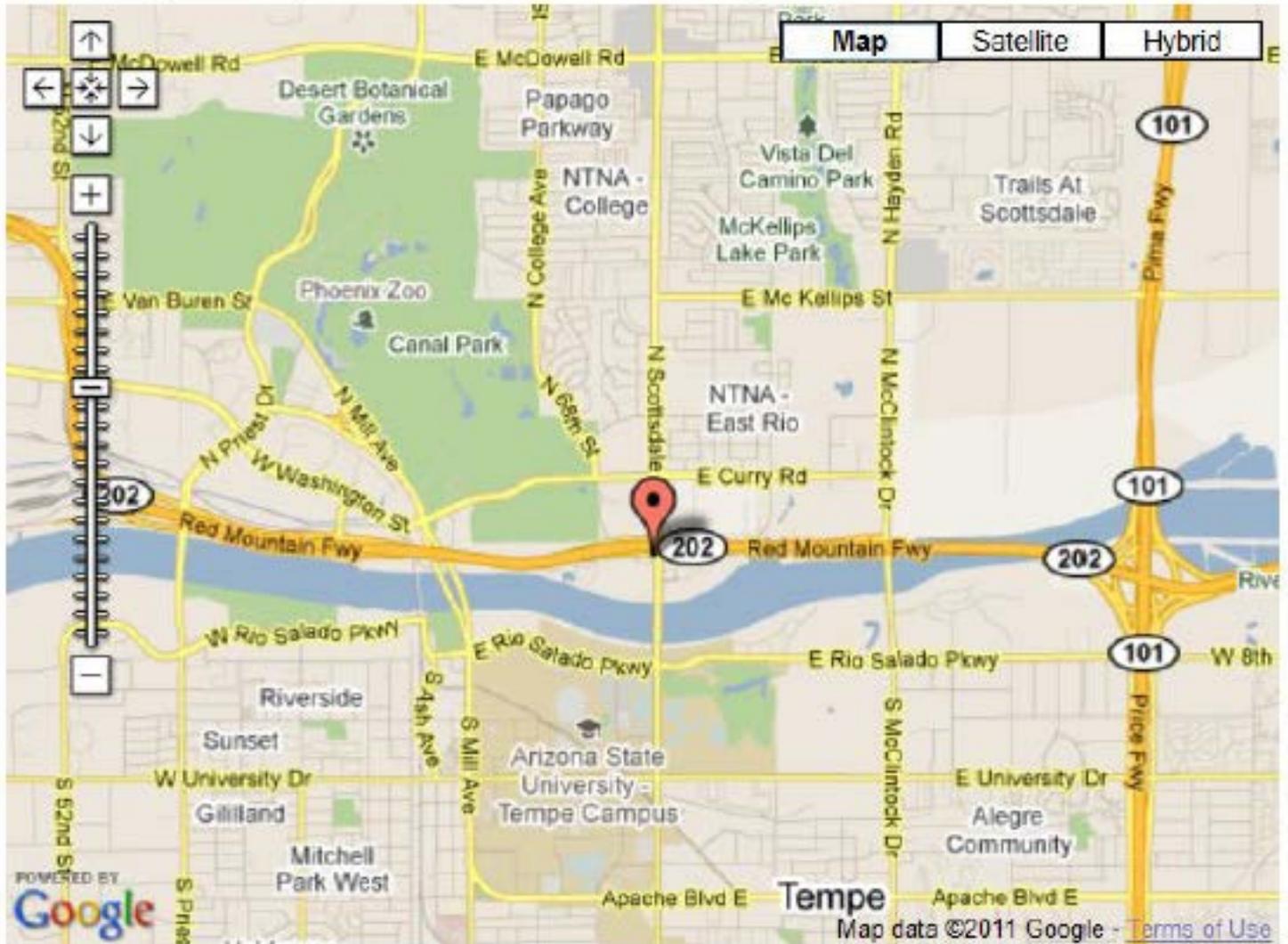
Tim Maxwell, Texas Triumph Register Member, TTR Houston, TX

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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:

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



Denny's Restaurant
650 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85281



DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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 _____

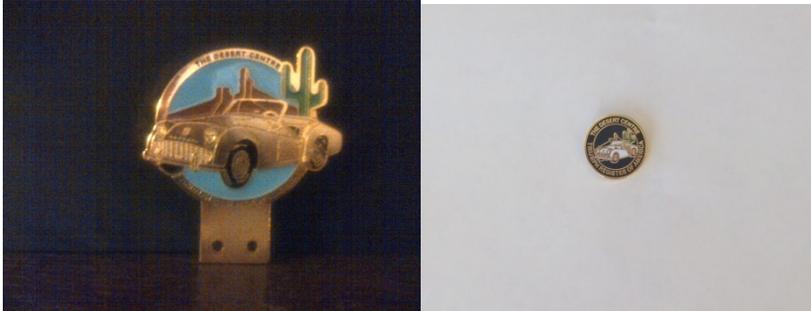
How are you paying your dues: CHECK _____ CASH _____ PAYPAL _____ (add \$2.00 process fee)

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 _____

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Websites

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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
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Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	www.sctoa.org
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