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NEXT CLUB 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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Cover: Paul Jordan on a RT66 Drive. Photo by Denine Mure'.

Prez Sez – February 2020

John Heisser, President

I haven't been president of any club since I was about ten years old, when I was president of the Fess & Longview Avenues Kids Club. The membership consisted of about 5 members it lasted just a few days and dissolved due to lack of interest after all playing was just more fun than having meetings. Since this club has been in existence for a number of years, I'm sure I won't mess it up to badly, especially with the knowledge and advice available to me from past presidents, other officers and long-time club members. When John Nuss called me a few weeks ago and asked if I would consider being nominated for president I thought I have been a member of this club for 11 + years and have only volunteered a few times at club events, so maybe it's time to step up and give back to this club I have enjoyed being a part of for so many years. There have been four presidents of this club since I have been a member, Stu Laswell, John Horton, George Montgomery and John Nuss all have served multiple times and have also served the club in other capacities as well. There are other club members who have volunteered to run the website, edit the newsletter, organized events, breakfast runs, day and over-night trips, tech sessions, etc. The reason I mentioned all of these people is that there will be several volunteer opportunities for club members over next few years, especially with our club hosting Triumphest 2021. So please consider volunteering your time and talents when these opportunities arise. Let's not only keep those Triumphs running, let's keep the club running as well.

On somewhat of a sad note, during the election brunch and meeting two long time members made announcements, John Horton said he was "retiring" from any official club activities but will stay an active member, John thank you for your many years of service to the club. Jim Bauder said that he was not renewing his club membership and was stepping away from the club. Jim, I and many other club members have had many nice conversations with you over the years you will truly be missed.

I'm not sure if everyone knows, but I was Triumph-less for about a year, had some spare time available so started looking for another car. About 2 months ago, I located a TR8 in Huntington Beach California, I contacted the seller who was the brother in law of the original owner. After a few phone conversations we made arrangements to meet, so I could look the car over and have a test drive. I flew over on a Friday morning, after inspecting and test drove the car I decided to buy it. After completing the paperwork and repairing the brake lights I headed home driving my new Triumph. To make a long story short, the 385 mile drive was uneventful for 375 miles the last 10 of the trip home was on the back of a tow truck. So much for that spare time I mentioned, I'm now starting my 3rd chapter of Triumph ownership let the adventure begin! Thanks,

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I was pleased to hear that John Heisser decided to throw his hat in the ring for the much coveted position of president for this coming year. He won by a landslide. Congratulations, John.

I've visited and talked with him many times in the past. I feel he is going to do a great job. I just wish he'd bring his new TR8 to a meeting. He's afraid that it won't be pretty enough yet. After seeing his TR6 he may think we expect that same quality. I understand perfection,

but I want to watch it blossom from the "just bought it" stage to the "WoW!" stage. Like watching a rose bud blossom. Anyway, we're happy for you, John.

With some of our new members that have joined lately, we have learned of a couple events that might be interesting. One is the Automotive Restoration Club of Sun City West. I know of two of our club members that are members there. It is a community based car club for all makes. The ARCSCW has a workshop complete with tools, equipment, workspace and a number of people who can give skilled help on your vehicle. Sounds like a good reason to move there just for that.

The second event is the Carefree Classic Wheels and Wings Show. I don't any thing about it. Their event, however, is the same weekend as the Highland Games British Car Show. I'm anxious for our meeting this month. I want to see what our new president has to say. Don't forget about the Drive you Triumph Day coming up February 10th.

George

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2019:

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

Feb 10th – Drive Your Triumph Day (see info elsewhere in the N/L)

Feb 11th-DCTRA Business Meeting

Mar 7th -- Highland Games British Car Show (Registration deadline Feb 28th)

March 7th-Carefree Classic Wheels and Wings Show

Aug 31-Sept 4 - VTR 2020 Galena, ILL.

Sep 10-12, 2020 -- Triumphest San Diego, CA

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.

February 2020 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

We have two new members and one returning member to announce this month. Brandon McClendon from Phoenix has joined with his 1973 TR6 which he retrieved from the Austin, TX area. Les Hardie of Carefree has also joined with his lovely 1959 TR3A. And former member Paul Dorman from Tempe has returned with his 1977 TR7. Let's all welcome these latest additions to the club and hope they enjoy their stay.

Along with these latest adds to the club, there are also some takeaways. Jim Bauder announced he will not be renewing his membership but may still come to visit occasionally at the meetings. Al Elisco also informed me he will not be renewing.

The annual Membership renewal drive is in full-swing. Thanks to all the many members who have renewed at the election brunch, through the website via PayPal, and the US mail. There are still several who have yet to renew, and reminder emails will be sent in mid-February. If you have forgotten what year your membership expires, feel free to contact me and I'll look it up.

Also in mid-February, a new Club Roster will be distributed. I have your contact information, but if you have recently changed address, other information, Triumphs, or wish certain info to be withheld, please contact me for records updating prior to distribution. Name, address, telephone, email, and Triumphs owned will be included in the roster.

I'll be seeing you at the February 11th business meeting.

Marv Miller Membership miller2993@cox.net (602) 380-5564

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America February 2020 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The January 12, 2020 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order by exiting President John Nuss @ 12:25 p.m. @ The Spoke & Wheel Restaurant N. Central Ave. Phoenix. This was the club's Annual Election Brunch @ 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Julian & Kerry Anderson, Dennis Barnes who drove his TR6, Jim Bauder, Ron Cole, Paul Dorman who drove his TR7, George & Chris Durkin who drove their TR6, Ron Gurnee, Les Hardie who drove his TR3, John Heisser, John & Beth Horton who drove their TR6, Betsy Kavash, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Randy Koontz & Annette Cordova, Armand Lacasse who drove his GT6, August Lopez, Bob Mazer who drove his TR250, Brandon McClendon who drove his TR6, Marv Miller who drove his TR6, George & Charisse Montgomery, John & Kathy Nuss who drove their Spitfire, Pete & Bev Peterson who drove their TR6, John Reynolds, Ken Schmidt & Deborah Cooke, and Marie Thompson.

We had several visitors. 2 new members: Les Hardie (a neighbor of Pete Peterson) and Brandon McClendon. We also welcomed a returning member: Paul Dorman. And

Rebecca Martinez was a guest of Dennis Barnes.

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

Treasurer report: Motion was approved to accept last month's Treasurer's report.

Membership: Marv Miller introduced our two new members and our one returning member and notified us that Dave Freed has asked to drop his membership. To date, we have 105 memberships and 155 members.

Events: As John Horton is relinquishing his duties as Vice President, John Nuss announced the upcoming Car Show @ Gilbert High School and the MG Car Club Show. John also reminding us re The Highland Games held March 7 - 8. Les Hardie handed out flyers for The Carefree Classic Wheels and Wings Show March 7 held @ SkyRanch Airport in Carefree.

Old Business: Many Thanks and a round of applause to Pete and Bev Peterson for hosting yet another successful and enjoyable Christmas Party last month.

New Business: Ron Cole told us that The Club now has a signed contract w/ Little America, Flagstaff for our Triumphest October 14 -15 -16, 2021. The San Diego Club is holding this year's Triumphest September 11 - 12.

Jim Bauder asked for a few minutes to inform us that he will not be renewing his membership. He has been a member since 1992.

John Nuss presented The Slate of Officers for 2020:

John Heisser - President, John Nuss - Vice President, Armand LaCasse - Treasurer, Mary White - Secretary.

12:45 p.m. This slate of Officers for 2020 was approved.

12:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:

Respectfully Submitted, Mary A. White, Secretary

Our Web Master



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Election Brunch

Story by Editor. Photos by Charisse Montgomery

On January 12th, we held our Election Brunch at the Spoke N Wheel. They have very good food and excellent service. Thirty four people attended.

Charisse took these photos of the restaurant. he arriving assemblage waiting for all the guests. There photos of the members having dinner and the handing off of the gavel and our officers as a group. The last photos are of the cars and memberes as they exited.















Election Brunch (cont.)













Bauder tells a funny during his farewell address

Election Brunch (cont.)

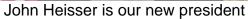














Treas LaCasse;Pres Heisser;VP Nuss;Secty White

Election Brunch (cont.)









NEXT CLUB MEETING

Dinner & Social Hour @ 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m. Denney's Restaurant 3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

See map on page 16.

Meet Our Members

Article & photos by Riley Gay

I remember an Austin Healy Mk II Sprite that my dad used solely to drive to and from work. I was 13 or 14 when he got it, and it seemed pretty exotic compared to the family station wagon. When I got my license I got to drive the Sprite on occasion, and I loved taking the top down and tooling around Southern California with the sun in my face and the wind in my hair. The thought of someday having my own sporty English auto stuck with me over the coming years.



Fast forward to 1971, and I was 20 and between cars (mostly American or German metal) and happened to stumble upon an Austin Mini that someone had brought down from Canada. And for the princely sum of \$150, I claimed it as my own! It wasn't particularly fancy, but I had my first British car and I loved it.

I took it with me when I entered the Army and was based at Ft. Ord near Monterey. Sadly, the engine died, and I had to abandon it when, two or three days later, I was transferred to Germany for the remainder of my hitch.



After returning to the States, and resuming my college education in Arizona, I found a running and rust-free Triumph Mk II Spitfire that was, frankly, on its last legs. But it was cheap, and I was convinced that I could bring it back from the brink. It was a project that was to consume several years, numerous visits to various junk yards, and many bruised and battered knuckles. Along the way, I somehow acquired a Mk III Spitfire as well. A junkyard donor car served as a parts source for both.

An airline career, a wife and growing family all created a need for more practical transportation. So the sports cars were out, and the sedans and minivans were in for the foreseeable future.

Meet Our Members (cont)

30 years later, kids grown and my career winding down, I found myself with time on my hands and thoughts of little British cars on my mind. A search through Craig's List turned up a 1972 TR6 close by. The paint and interior were good and it was Nevada-bought and Arizonaraised, so no sign of rust. I bought it before I realized that pretty much everything rubber on the car would have to be replaced and the engine needed some attention, as well. I was looking for a project, after all, and I certainly got one. That was 5



years ago, and most of the work is finished. But as just about anyone who's done it can tell you, restoring a classic British sports car is always going to be a work in progress.

And I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Drive Your Triumph Day

From: Rye Livingston < ryel@mac.com >

Subject: DYTD Monday, 2/10. Join us, or do your own drive and photo

Date: January 23, 2020 at 11:18:33 AM MST

TTSCC members and friends,

Have you made plans to drive your Triumph on Monday, February 10th, for Drive Your Triumph Day? If you can't join an organized drive, take it for a spin to work, grocery store, wherever, and snap a quick photo. Even if your car is in hibernation or restoration, take a photo of it in your garage. Send photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com

Better yet, join the drive I'm hosting which will be a fun drive in the Santa Cruz Mountains, ending at Burger in Santa Cruz which of course serves yummy burgers, along with salads, sandwiches and wood fired pizza, and of course for Roger, they have an extensive BEER selection!

We'll meet in Los Gatos behind Great Bear Coffee, 19 N Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos at 9:30, depart at 10am.

The route - take HWY 9 to Saratoga, then up HWY 9 up and over Saratoga Gap, heading down towards Big Basin. Part way down from the summit there is a big turnout and viewpoint, plus bathroom. It's not very far into the drive, but a great spot for a group photo and pit stop.

From there we'll proceed down HWY 9, then continue on 236 into Big Basin Park, looping back to HWY 9 in Boulder Creek to Ben Lomond to Felton. Right turn and up Felton Empire Road to the summit, then left turn on to Empire Grade down past UCSC into Santa Cruz. Before getting to lunch, we're going to make a loop down to Natural Bridges State Beach Vista Point. If we're lucky and not many cars in the parking lot, we'll have another sweet photo opportunity. Then down West Cliff Drive to BURGER on Mission Street https://www.burgerlovesbeer.com.

Even if your Triumph isn't running, join us in your back up car.

Sign up on the TTSCC calendar at http://www.triumphtravelers.org/Activites/actperp/activityList.php.

Regards,

Rye Livingston Activities Chairman Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club 1960 Triumph TR3A

PH: 530-FIND-RYE

Editor's Note: I don't think any of us have the time nor want to take the time to drive up to the Santa Cruz Mountains. But we could drive somewhere as a group, or individually to someplace and meet. Maybe this is something our new Events Chairman could handle? Or drive someplace on our own, like a recognizable place or a grocery store here in the valley. (Ha, I think I can hear those mag wheels spinning now.)

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









FOR SALE:

Retired auto body looking to find a buyer for a decent 73 tr6.anybody can contact me for more info Number 3 car, runs super high performance additions added, lots of extra parts including new top, pressure plate and clutch, door panels, service manuals, roll bar, leather seat covers and pads, and more. Call or text for more info. Pics are available. Asking \$8,700 obo cash

Mike Lesniak 1701 S Yellow Brick Rd Chino Valley AZ 86323 928-710-4259





CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

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

For sale: Clutch Master Cylinder – new

For '63-'80 Spitfire \$30

David Faulkner - 480-656-4366

rottendave@cox.net

12-19



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
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

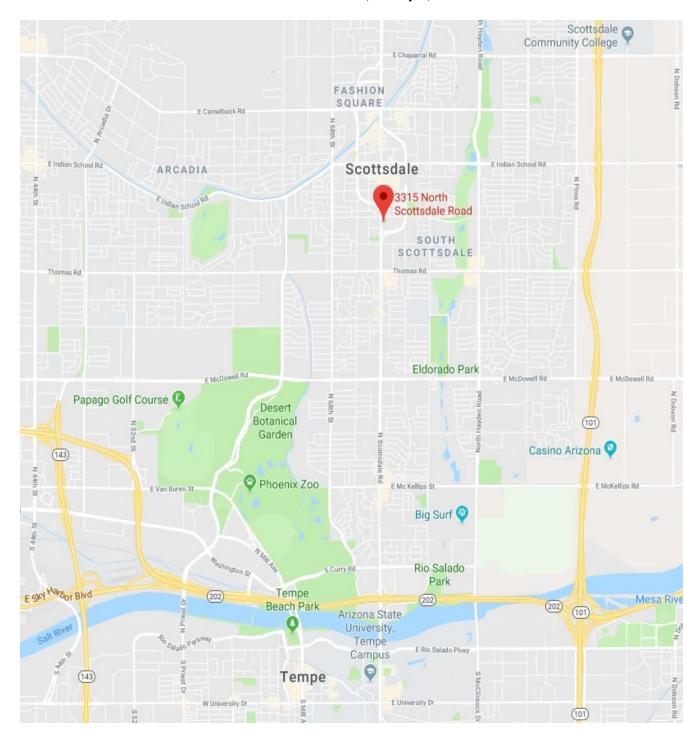
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DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

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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two-year dues are \$37.00 1 and December 31- On \$60.00. This allows ever	e-year dues are \$25.00), two-year dues	s are \$42.00, ar	nd three-year dues are

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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 inform	ation:

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Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego Portland Triumph Owners Association

Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)

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Rimmer Bros Stag Owners Club TR Sports 6 Club

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Southern California Triumph Owners Assn.

British Motor Heritage Group

6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners

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Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)

Moss Motors

Small auction and forum Classic Autosport Magazine International Spitfire Database British Motor Club of Utah

Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally) www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com

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