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NEXT CLUB MEETING

February 13, 2024 Business meeting @ 7pm

Denny's Restaurant

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Cover: Patti Miller's photo of a Cambri, CA tour.

Prez Sez – February 2024

John Heisser, President

The theme for this column is "How times have changed!"

I watched a couple of car related movies this month. First I saw "Ferrari" in a theater, the story takes place in 1957, when the Ferrari company was facing bankruptcy and what Enzo Ferrari and his wife plan on how to save it. One of the many things I found interesting was the way they raced cars back in the day and the lack of safety for all concerned. Of course, this was 1957 when seat belts were not standard equipment in American cars. Then I watched "Grand Turismo" on Netflix also based on a true story and the technology featured in that movie is amazing.

I look at how much DCTRA and the LBC community has change since 2007 when I first joined the club. Almost every month there was a breakfast run. Pancakes in the Park was a spring time gathering, The Highland Games, and Wheels of Britain were held in Central Phoenix. Also, the BEAT tour weekend took place every spring. Triumphest and the British Vintage Voyage were every fall. Fortunately, Pancakes in the Park and the British Vintage Voyage continue today on a bit smaller scale. The Highland Games also continues but takes place in Gilbert a really long drive if you live in the west valley. A few of our long time members have lamented those times. I must say I really miss the BEAT tour, because to me it was an event, one that I looked forward to each year. After I got all my income tax items sent off to an accountant. I would spend a few Saturdays checking and preparing my car for the weekend after April 15th. When that weekend was over it was like the day after Christmas when I was a kid. So, what happen? I'm not really sure, could be because of Covid 19 and the lost year and a half of 2020/21, or club members getting older, many of us retired now traveling more or some passing the care of their cars on to other caretakers. But I am an optimist a glass half full kind of person. As I mentioned we still have Pancakes in the Park, The Highland Games and the British Vintage Voyage. British Wheels the Green just had its 5th show and it's a great event. This last year I have discovered car shows that are not British cars only, but have a variety of cars. I really enjoy talking with people that remember Triumphs from back in the day or younger people that have never seen a Triumph. When someone passes on their Triumph it's an opportunity for new members to join DCTRA which by the way has more members now than when I joined. There are members that plan some extended drives that are a lot of fun and since many of us are retired can take place during the week when there is less traffic on the back roads. So times have changed, are they better or worse? That depends on your perspective, I just think times are different. But one thing still remains the same for me I love driving my LBC on the open road on a sunny day, there's nothing quite like it!

The subject of Denny's as a meeting place has come up a few times in the last year. I have heard both pros and cons. Several people really enjoyed having our annual election brunch at The Phoenix City Grill and would like to have our meetings there. What they don't realize is the club had to guarantee at least \$650.00 in sales which did not included sales of beer, cocktails, wine and a 20% gratuity for the use of the room. So here is what I propose, if YOU really want to move from Denny's find a place that does not require guarantee sales, will do individual checks, and is in the area of Tempe/Scottsdale/East Phoenix, make and get the arrangements in writing and present in to the club at a membership meeting and the membership can vote on it.

Thanks for listening, have a great month hope to see you soon. John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

A question has come up (again) about our meeting at the current Denny's. As a restaurant I think it's good. The food is good, not excellent but good. Service during the meeting is excellent. The main benefit of that Denny's is it's central location. It is centrally located for most of our members. The folks in Buckeye do have a lengthy drive but so do the folks in Apache Junction and all parts in between. It's the same for members in Carefree and Queen Creek. Is our Phoenix Valley too large? How else can we shrink it, except to adjust our thinking as to what is a lengthy drive? What I dislike most about it is when they don't have "our" room reserved for us and allow an assemblage of clowns and magicians of eight to have that room. That really irritates me.

Don't forget about David Ker's Round Up at Tin Lizzie Ranch coming up on February 10th. I did not get to make the event last year, but heard good reports about it. I understand it was a very interesting and eclectic event. Not all Triumphs, but if you're a car person, most Triumph folks are, there is a lot to see. I'm looking forward to it. And, don't forget it is on Drive Your Triumph Day, too.

I think it's time to start planning when and where we'll meet for our "drive to the Copperstate 1000 send off" breakfast. This is an annual event we've had for several years and is one of my favorite. The display inside the Diablo Stadium of the cars making the tour is terrific. There are interesting cars there: antiques from the Brass Era, exotic Europeans and classic rides from the '50s and the Carrera Pan-American race survivors. But myi favorite is the display of cars out in the parking lots: all sorts of LBC, hot rods, quaint cars of unusual design and appeal.

Don't forget tomorrow, February 2nd, is Groundhog Day. Be sure you have your flags and banners hung up for display. If you have celebratory parties organized already planned, fine. If not, it's not too late. Just be sure to have plenty of snacks and cold drinks ready.

Tuesday, February 13th, will be our monthly meeting. I hope you're all there. I missed the last meeting, so it has been two months since I got to see you.

George

February 2024 Membership Report:

Our new membership chairman was out of town on a business trip amd was unable to provide us with a report this month. (Editor)

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DCTRA EVENTS

DCTRA Events December

Feb 10th – Dave Ker's Roundup at Tin Lizzie Ranch

Feb 11th -- Pancakes-in-the-Park -hosted by the AZ Mini Owners club

Feb 13th -- DCTRA February Meeting – Denny's Scottsdale

Feb 18th – Concours in the Hills – Fountain Hills – Refer to website for details

Mar 2nd & 3rd Highland Games

Mar14th -- DCTRA March Meeting – Denny's Scottsdale

Apr 7th – Copperstate 1000 send off – Tempe Diablo Stadium

Apr13th – Triumph/MG Centennial Celebration Drive

Regular Occurrence Events

Second Saturday each month, October through April: Cars and Coffee 8:00 to 10:00am The Shoppes at Casa Paloma, 7131 W. Ray Road Chandler 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

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

February 13, 2024, in-person, a Zoom link will be sent out.

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America December DCTRA Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2024

The Annual Election Brunch was held @ Phoenix City Grille, N. 16th St, Phoenix. A brief meeting followed, called to order by John Heisser, President @ 1:13 p.m.

Attendees: John Heisser who drove his TR8, Peggy Melody, Mary White, Chuck Kerzan, Roger Prior, Kate Kelsey, Armand LaCasse who drove his GT6, Liz Miles, David Mulvilhill who drove his TR6, Mark Kramoltz, Denise Benning, Jeff Van Skike who drove his TR6, Dale Coffield, John Nuss, Kathy Nuss, Michael Bulfer, Bonnie Bulfer, Deborah O'Brien, Dave Fore, Ainsley Fore, John Reynolds who drove his TR6, Cal Busenitz, Pete Peterson, Bev Peterson, Bob Mazer, Ron Cole, Randy Koontz, Annette Cordova, Mark Weinberg, Pam Weinberg, Marv Miller, Scott Porter, Bob Hoernlein, Eileen Hoernlein.

Events: The Concourse D'Elegance will be held January 20 -22. February 10 our own David Ker will host his Roundup @ Tin Lizzy Ranch, Lower Buckeye Rd.

Treasurer's report: Only income from new membership dues. Expenditures this month for our yearly Charitable Donations to Andre House, Hospice of the Valley, and St. Mary's Food Bank. Armand reporting that he has received notes of thanks from each. Also, DCTRA will not be collecting existing membership dues for remainder of 2024.

Old Business: A discussion was held about our monthly meeting place at Denny's. No decision was made.

Triumphest: Ron Cole reports that arrangements have now been made w/ Little America, Flagstaff as our venue for our hosting Triumphest September 23 - 26, 2026.

Meeting concluded and adjourned w/ Champagne Toast.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary A White Secretary



Installation Brunch 2024

Article by George M Montgomery
Photos by John Reynolds, Mary White and Roger Prior

On January 14th the DCTRA held their annual Instalation Brunch. It has been called the Election Brunch in the past when we held the election of officers for the coming year. However all elected officers acquiesce to remain in office for one more year, hence the name change.



The event is held at various restaurants in the Phoenix Valley. This year it was at the Phoenix City Grille, an establishment that has had held an excellent reputation for fine food and services. I did not get to attend because of a bout with bronchitis that I did not want to share. I did not receive any story of how the food was but I receive a lot of photos.





It appears there were only three TRs driven there: Heisser's, Reynold's and LaCasse's.

Installation Brunch 2024 (cont)













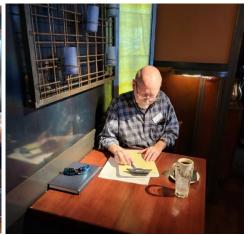
Installation Brunch 2024 (cont)















Our president, John Heisser, gives his address.

Our host, Ron Cole, gives us a welcome.

British Wheels at the Highland Games British Car Show



Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 in conjunction with the 59th Annual Scottish Games at Gilbert Regional Park, 3005 East Queen Creek Rd.

This Event will be held rain or shine

This Event is an Open Display for All British Built Vehicles - from Show Vehicles to Daily Drivers.

All British built vehicles are invited by the Caledonian Society to come & display their vehicles on Saturday 2nd. Each vehicle will get FREE entry for two people, any more & you will be asked to pay \$15.00 per person when purchased in advance.

Gates open @ 7:00am and close @ 9:00am. All vehicles should be in place by 9:00am sharp when the gates open to the public. Due to heavy pedestrian traffic @ Gilbert Regional Park, the Town of Gilbert requests that vehicles remain on display until the gates close to the public.

REGISTRATION

<u>Registration:</u> \$30.00 for the first vehicle (includes two passes), \$20.00 each additional vehicle to the same owner (includes one pass), into the Highland Games. Extra passes can be purchased at a discounted price (but must be done in advance).

Registrations are limited to the first 125 registrations received or as space allows!

Please complete one registration form for each vehicle entered. Registrations must be post-marked by Friday, February 16th, 2024 and will determine vehicle classes and awards.

There will be NO day of show registrations

AWARDS: - Presented at 3:00pm

- * Vehicle classes & Trophies will be based upon number of registrations post-marked by February 16, 2024.
- * Best of Show Best of Show with be determined by a committee of fellow British Vehicle Owners.
- * President's Choice & Chairman's Choice Both the President of the Caledonian Society & the Games Chairman will choose the cars they like the best.
- *Visitor's Choice The vehicle that the General public votes the best.

JUDGING - is by popular vote of the entrants with the exception of the Best of Show, and the 3 "Choice's" All decisions by the Organizers are final.

Dash Plaques: will be provided to all registrants.

Vehicle's MUST be driven onto the field under their own power.

Registration Acknowledgement: An e-mail will be sent to acknowledge receipt of your registration

Registrants will receive a e-mail with a map & gate pass approximately one week prior to the event.

Forgotten maps & gate passes cannot be replaced. At this time any extra passes will be sent out.

Please bring the gate pass to the event. Passes cannot be duplicated at the gate!

For information about the Highland Games-British Car Display & Show call Phil or Shirley @ (480) 985-2531 or e-mail- britishcarsatphyscottishgames@gmail.com

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Another Complimentary Additional Year of Membership!

By Armand LaCasse, Treasurer

DCTRA has had another great year! We are financially sound thanks largely to hosting Triumphest and all of the members who made this event a financial success. We again want to thank our members for their efforts and share our club's success.

The DCTRA Executive Leadership Team decided to provide another complimentary year of membership. President John Heisser, Vice President Roger Prior, Secretary Mary White, and Treasurer Armand LaCasse agreed we can easily afford to do this again thanks to Triumphest 2021.

The details are:

- DCTRA will not collect any membership renewal dues in 2024.
- Every member as of December 31, 2023 will have one year of membership added to their membership expiration date.

If your membership would have expired in 2024, now it will expire in 2025. 2025 membership expirations move to 2026. And 2026 membership expirations move to 2027.

Armand			

Please ask one of the officers if you have any questions.

Our Web Master



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Drive Your Triumph Day Saturday, February 10, 2024

Dear Triumph Enthusiast,

Drive Your Triumph Day is just around the corner on Saturday, February 10, 2024. I'm Rye Livingston, a proud member of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club located in Northern California, and I wanted to extend an invitation to all Triumph and Standard owners worldwide to join us in commemorating Sir John Black's Birthday. This visionary individual orchestrated Standard's acquisition of Triumph post-World War II, paving the way for the incredible cars we cherish today.

Since its inception in 2016, Drive Your Triumph Day has gained remarkable traction. I've received hundreds of photos from participants across the globe: England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and the USA. With this year's event falling on a Saturday, I'm hopeful that we'll have even more participants!

Participating is easy – on February 10th, take your Triumph or Standard out for a spin. Whether it's a solo drive on a scenic country road, a leisurely outing to lunch, or a commute to work, seize the moment. Bring along your spouse, friend, child, grandchild, or even your furry companion, and take a photo. The focus should be on the car, ideally with the owner or passenger situated against a cool backdrop, landmark, scenic vista, or even in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Embrace creativity and have fun with it!

Once you've captured the moment, email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, accompanied with some basic details: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter and website, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day Facebook page.

Feel free to spread the word by forwarding this invitation to other Triumph and Standard Owners and Clubs you may know of. Don't forget to reach out to your club's Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your members and friends to drive their Triumphs & Standards on February 10th.

Best Regards,
Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A
DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Do you have a Triumph or some Triumph parts to sell? This is the place for your ad. Are you looking for some unusual Triumph parts? You can place a want ad here. The DCTRA shares this newsletter with many other Triumph Clubs so your ad will have lots of exposure.

George M Montgomery editor: georgemonty32@gmail.com.

For sale:

I have a Triumph Windblocker for sale. It's a Moss item. It's in new condition. I'm asking \$100 for it.

Rick Hartmann Cell 708-724-5238





5-23

Free:

John Truttman has a collection of shop manuals and competition manuals for various cars. He only want them to go to someone who wants to use them.

John Truttman: 480-695-2591, truttmani@gmail.com



4-23

FOR SALE:

I have 4 American Eagle 8 spoke
Aluminum wheels with TR6 Center
caps and new lug nuts--I had
these special made and drilled to the
correct bolt pattern 4x4.5—
Will require 6mm /1/4 inch spacer
for proper fit. 15 X 5.5
Asking 500.00 OBO
Walter A Roman
602-501-2040



CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont.)

FOR SALE:

1958 TR3A – project car, clear AZ title, \$1,400, needs a lot of work. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3640

1954 TR2 (Long Door) – project car, all correct sheet metal, clear AZ title, \$2,500 Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

1961 TR3A – project / parts car, no title \$500. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

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FOR SALE: After-market fiberglass hardtop for a TR3. WYSIWYG \$20 or best offer. PETE PETERSON 602-615-3640 carefreebev@gmail.com







10-23

Wanted:

Triumph tr7 5 speed driveshaft
Triumph tr7 5 speed brake drums, one or a pair.
David Faulkner home # 480-656-4366
rottendave@cox.net

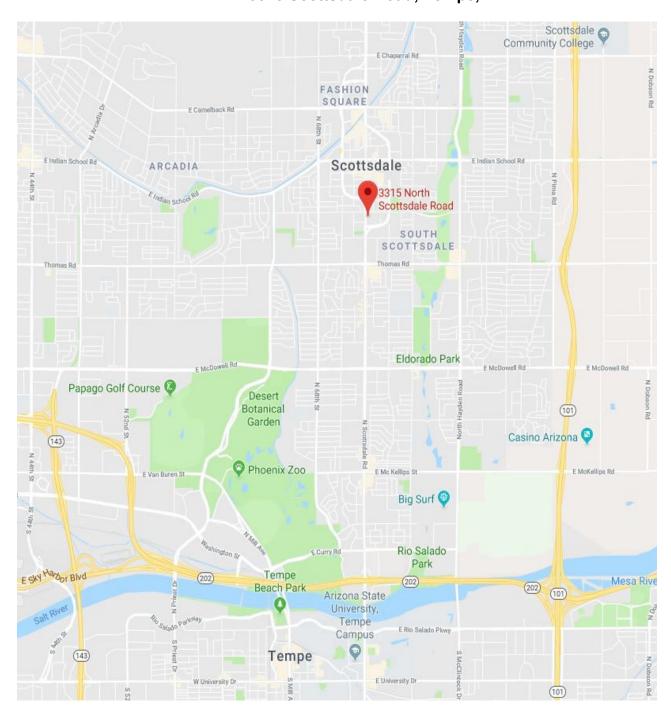


DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month at:

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ



DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APLICATION

PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with the correct amount of dues to: **DCTRA** Scott Porter, Membership Chairperson PO Box 12100; Scottsdale, AZ 85267 206-999-9977 scottpor@hotmail.com NEW MEMBER: RENEWING MEMBER: MEMBER INFO (please print): Name(s): _____ City: State: Zip: Home Cell Email Address: **Classic Vehicles Owned:** Year Commission # Model 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)

Licenses plate frame

Membership fee
Name tags @ \$6.00 each
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each
Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each
License plate frame @ \$15 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 Portland Triumph Owners Association

Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)

British Columbia Triumph Registry All British Field Meet (Portland)

Vintage Triumph Register

Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register

Rimmer Bros Stag Owners Club TR Sports 6 Club

British Auto Works (OR) British Wire Wheel

Save Our Cars British Car Forum

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club

Southern California Triumph Owners Assn

British Motor Heritage Group

6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners

Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)

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

Victoria British

Triumph Register of Southern California

Hill Country Triumph Club Tucson British Car Register Central Coast British Car Club

Texas Triumph Register

Delta Motorsports C.A.R.S of Phoenix http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph

www.portlandtriumph.org www.tyee.triumph.org

www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry

www.abfm-pdx.com

www.vtr.org AND www.vtr2007.com

www.t2000register.org.uk www.rimmerbros.co.uk

www.stag.org.uk

www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm www.britishautoworks.com www.britishwirewheel.com www.saveourcars.org www.britishcarforum.com www.triumphtravelers.org

www.sctoa.org

www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk

www.6-pack.org www.obcc.ca www.vsccc.ca

www.mossmotors.com www.britishcarauction.com www.classicautosport.net www.members.cox.net/spitlist www.britishmotorclub.org

www.victoriabritish.com www.socaltriumphs.org

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