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MEETING: JANUARY 12 @ 11:00 AM LANDMARKRESTAURANT 801 WEST MAIN, MESA ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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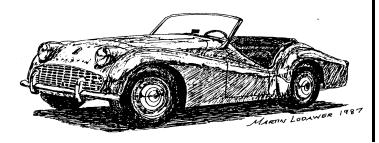
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY12

DCTRA ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH 11:00 A.M.

See announcement below

FEBRUARY15 WICKENBURG GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE

Be in staging area by 9 AM
A fun, easy event - driving in parade
Plan to lunch afterward

Confirm to John Horton 602-863-1399

PARTY TIME

DCTRA'S Champagne Brunch lives again! After looking like it wasn't going to happen, we finally have a place, The Landmark Restaurant, 801 West Main, Mesa AZ. It's January 12th at 11AM and the cost is \$20 per person. Select from a 10-Ounce prime rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon, or salad bar. If you aren't familiar with this place, come hungry; the food is great and the salad bar is "legendary". You can get quail eggs if you want them! Location: at the corner of Main Street and Extension, between Alma School and County Club. We need to have thirty people, so if you haven't already done so, you need to let John Horton know if you're going and your menu choice.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting was led by Jim Bartels in absence of VP. 20 present. Welcomed new member Bruce Gordon who has a '62 TR-3B.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We're still in the black. Project car share payments have been made.

BUSINESS: We still need a newsletter editor. Dave Reynolds accepted the "opportunity". The Christmas party was enjoyed by about 30 members and guests. A great event and thanks to the Truttmans for the first class hospitality and surroundings. A place for the annual "changing of the guard party" meeting / brunch is still needed.

Tech Report: John Reynolds reported on converting his TR to the 5 speed Toyota transmission. Clutch and flywheel modifications were required as expected, and the project resulted in a delight to drive. There is discrepancy of the speedometer reading, and several suggestions were discussed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: There are 32 attendees who have not paid their dues for this year. This was described as (translation) "fertilizer" considering the individual amount. (Ed: The 3-year membership costs less per year and beats forgetting every year.)

MORE BUSINESS: The matter of club incorporation and insurance was discussed. We have some insurance coverage under the umbrella of VTR. Our lack of incorporation was expressed by some as an invitation to law-suit and a financial jeopardy for individual members. A call for action was modified to a call to have incorporation discussion on the agenda for next meeting when hopefully a full slate of operating officers and a will be present to manage the actions needed. John Truttman will contact a lawyer to help research the details in the meantime. A motion was made and unanimously carried to set aside money from the raffle car in a CD as seed money for our next turn as sponsors of Triumphest.

Officer nominees for 2003 were reconfirmed: President: John Horton and John Truttman.

Vice President: Rich Aubert Treasurer: Jim Bartels

Secretary: Deta Hampsch.

Dave Reynolds gave a BEAT report per instructions from previous meeting; The name BEAT (and variations) are not registered with the Secretary of State or Corporation Commission as trademarks or corporate names. Janice and Mike Goodwin have been in regular contact with Roni and have the plans well under way. The event is scheduled for 4/26 and 4/27, 2003, and the route is the same. We will park Wickenburg style in Prescott near Whiskey Row.

Several new restaurants are lined up. More to come; plan on going on this premiere event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Deta Hampsch, Secretary

THE VICE PREZ SEZ:

Here we are in the New Year. I wonder what happened to 2002. It was a blur. Many things have transpired, some good and some not so. Beth and I wish all a Happy New Year: Live long and prosper!

We are facing some interesting challenges that will shape our club and possibly change the way things are being done. This is neither good nor bad; these are the winds of change that blow continually.

We will decide the issues of incorporation, by laws, and election of officers. Before the day of the brunch, we will have visited an attorney and have the correct information on the incorporation issue. With this, we can make an informed decision. All members will be given a chance to vote on this. Although the club has not lost momentum, I feel we need a goal to work toward again; this is the glue that binds friends together. We need to look for another project to do.

Our club is set for the Wickenburg parade. The last year's run was fun, well attended, and the drive up and back a good time. I for one will try to stay around Wickenburg and visit some of the shops and displays. We might try for some type of drill tricks during the parade. We need to address the meeting place question. Any suggestions on a new and quieter place, or one with a meeting room, would also be reviewed. Bring suggestions to the next meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and on events coming up.

Cheerio, John Horton



NEW EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is my opportunity to say thanks to the outgoing club officers for a great job. I hope my joining up with Tom Pennell can continue the quality of newsletters that DCTRA is known for. We've always had good input from the members and please feel free to send things my way for inclusion. Note my e-mail address on the masthead.

My editorial is short. I'm here because I like to visit and play cars with nice Triumph people. If incorporation is needed to keep those people and me safe and having fun, I'll vote on it. It would be truly regrettable if the process were to become excited and adversarial, a discourtesy to those who must vote their intellectual best. Join me as I promise to keep my cool.

Dave Reynolds

RACING REPORT

Web site addresses for local racing organizations

Sports Car Club of America

http://www.az-region-scca.org/

Sports Car Club of America (Solo2)

http://www.azsolo2.com

Arizona Sports Racing Association

http://www.azsportsracing.org

National Auto Sport Association

http://www.nasa-az.com/

2003 Schedules to be posted here

THE ASRA 2003 SCHEDULE HAS NOT BEEN POSTED TO THE WEBSITE

IT MAY INCLUDE SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY!!!

That's Right Folks. You asked for it, so in 2003, we might be at PIR!!!

Events and Registration details will be announced shortly.

Dave Riddle





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FOR SALE FROM MIKE BAYNE

TRIUMPHEST REGALIA CLOSEOUT

Fortunately, we had very few unsold items left over from Triumphest this year, and what we do have is available to members at unbelievable year end close out prices. NOT AVAILABLE IN STORES!! Factory direct savings. Here's a list of the few remaining items: Let me know if you're interested; I'll bring them to the next meeting: 1 XL white sweatshirt, 1 large polo shirt, 1 large Tee shirt, 1 XXL denim shirt, 2 medium zip pullovers, 2 stainless travel mugs. First come, first served; contact me at (602) 938-1282 or mkbayne@msn.com.

Mike Bayne

AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

***Friday Nights at 5:30pm - McQueen & Warner (McQueen is Mesa Drive north of Baseline) on the northeast corner in the parking lot of a vacant ABCO grocery store.

***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.

January 10-12 - Kruse Auction, Rawhide, Scottsdale. See www.kruseinternational.com

January 15-19 - Barret-Jackson Auction - Westworld. See www.barrettjackson.com

January 17 - RM Auctions sale - AZ Biltmore, Phoenix. See www.rmauctions.com

January 17-18 - Russo & Steele Auction, Scottsdale. See www.russoandsteele.com

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

March 9 - Wheels of Britain show - Heritage Square, Phoenix. Hosted by British Motoring Enthusiasts. Entry forms to come in future newsletter.

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

For Sale - Spitfire MK1 - Frame-up restoration started 3 years ago. Frame and running gear complete. Still need to do engine, transmission, body and interior. Seats reupholstered, ready to install. Floorboards renewed, body in very good condition, will need minimum work before re-spray. New top, many other new parts. No time to finish. No reasonable offer refused. Call Tom Pennell 928-537-3355. (12/02)

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