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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETING:

FEBRUARY 9 - 7:00 PM

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Highland Games

February 26-27, 2005

Mesa Community College

Wheels of Britain

March 13th

Heritage Square



DCTRA Christmas Party

By Pam Rineholt



Tom Pennell, John Nuss, Deta Hampsh, and Kathy Nuss participate in the Christmas Carol sing-along.

The DCTRA Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 11th at the home of Armand and Ann LaCasse. It was a fine warm fall evening and a good number of members and guests turned out to enjoy the annual event, including club founders Tom and Grace Pennell down from Show Low.

A delicious ham was provided by the club, and John Horton cooked his famous Steak and Kidney Pie. In addition, Ann provided her yummy hot spiced cider and everyone brought a dish to share. Some of us would have been happy to make a meal of the wonderful appetizers, which included Deta Hampsh's popular dove hors d'oeuvres and a tasty and beautiful cheese tree created by Beth Horton.

The usual raucous white elephant gift exchange was preceded by a good deal of chatting and a sing-along at the piano. It was a great evening in fine company.



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

Dues are \$18.00 per year

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THE PREZ SEZ

It is driving season once again! From just about now until the end of April there are so many car events that one cannot attend them all.



Auctions, races, shows, rallies, and drives, it's all for you.

On the down side... This time of year means the legislature is in session. Fortunately for us, John Horton, along with the Hobby Counsel, has been looking after our interests. On the last breakfast drive John reported on the current bills. The emission bill looks like it might pass, but the cruising bill is back again. So continue to communicate with you representatives at the capitol. Let them know you approve of their actions. And of course, thank John for his steadfast work there as well.

Welcome Pam Rineholt home after a time back east. I know that Clay and Pam have had some difficult decisions during the last few months. It is good to have Pam home.

Since this is the last "Prez Sez" column for me, I wish the best for the incoming officers and heartily thank the folks who served during the last year. Thanks to Rich we had some fun events and some one to preside at the meetings. The good news is I maintained my grade point average, the sad news is I missed the meetings. Thanks again all.

Before I forget, my second-to-last official duty was to send the Gold Rush Days parade entry form to the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce. The club will be in the parade and also make plans to have lunch in Wickenburg after the parade. The last time we attended the event there was a special event for vintage/ classic cars. The parade is Saturday February 12 at 10:00 AM.

John C. Nuss

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

No meeting was held in December.

Deta



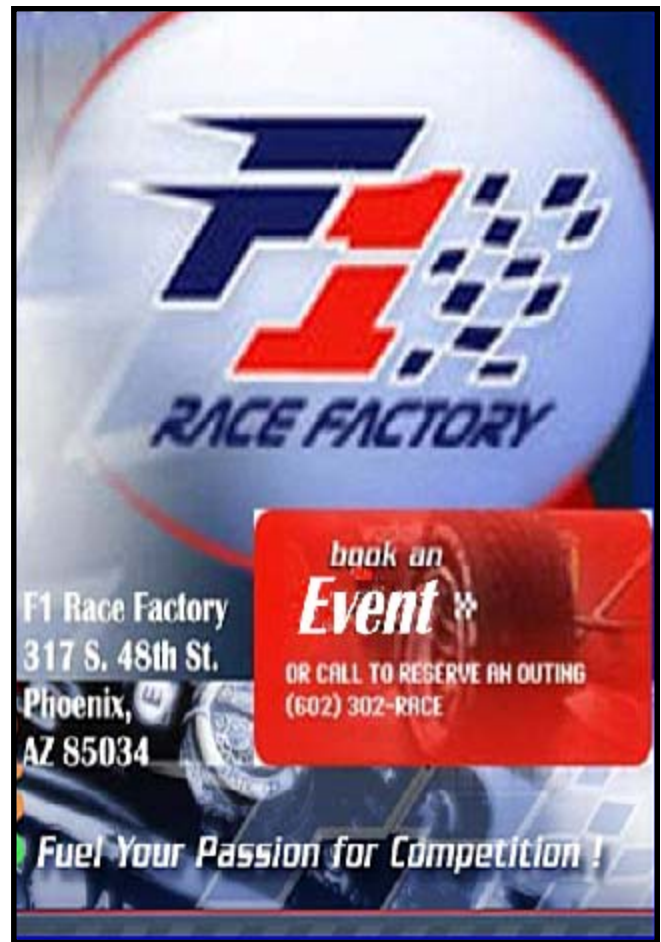
MORE PHOTOS OF THE DCTRA CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our
Hostess
Ann
LaCasse



Grace Pennell and Deta Hampsh
show us their holiday spirit.



Members Tom Nicoud and Art Wallis
enjoy the delicious appetizers.

Amanda
LaCasse
presides
over the
appetizer
table



TECH TALK

Harmony Humility

By Tom Nicoud

It was a hot June day and it was suddenly quieter than it had been. The normal sounds of a TR6 slowly ticking over were no more. Happily, the sounds of the other club Triumphs, waiting to cruise through a twisting downhill run (near Harmony, MN) didn't miss a beat. And, as is always the case, there were many members willing to help solve the mystery of the most recently recalcitrant TR6.



Cranking, cranking with choke, cranking with throttle open, and cranking with the usual variations of throttle and choke produced nothing but starter noise. Carburetors, manifold, fuel pump and fuel line were iced down. Nothing. During cranking, the high-tension lead from the coil produced plenty of spark when placed near engine ground. A puzzle.

Surely a two-mile coast downhill would persuade life to return. It didn't.



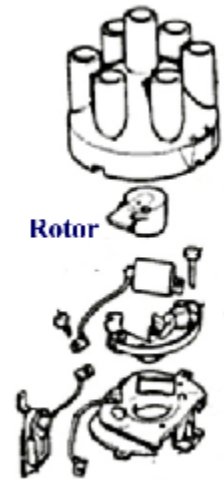
Open the hood again. Check spark from coil lead - OK. Replace points and capacitor - just in case. No change. Pull spark plugs, check, and dry. No difference.

Replace distributor cap. Nada. Pull spark plug wire and check for spark to ground. Pulled another. Same result.

Now the diagnosticians among you would say of course - especially with only one ignition component not replaced in this troubleshooting

drill - that the obvious problem was the rotor. In fact, it was!

The Bakelite insulation of the rotor had broken down - developed low resistance - inside the body of the rotor between the top of the distributor shaft opening and the metal surface of the rotor. Given the knowledge that it had failed only careful inspection of the rotor yielded a pinpoint burn spot inside the distributor shaft hole.



This type of failure was a first for me. From comments received, it was for others too.

Lessons learned:

- 1.) Check for spark at the plugs as well as at the coil.
- 2.) Carry a spare — it's small and cheap.

JIM MEDLAND, President
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A FEW IDEAS FOR WRITING ABOUT YOUR TRIUMPH FOR **“Club Members and Their Cars” in TRiumph TRumpeter**

The following list contains just a few ideas that you may want to include in your article about your Triumph. It is designed to assist the person who may have a case of writer's block, or who may be shy about writing. It is in no way intended to limit or define what should be included in any given article, nor how the article should be written. Some things you may want to consider including in your article are:

- Your name(s). (Definitely include this one!)
- Be sure to include a photo of your Triumph or arrange for the editor to take one. You should be in the photo as well. (Definitely include this one, also!)
- What model Triumph(s) do you own?
- Was this your first Triumph?
- What condition is your Triumph in?
- How did you acquire your Triumph?
- How did you become interested in little British cars/ Triumphs?
- Is this your only British car? What others do you have?
- What makes this car special, at least to you?
- In what events has your Triumph participated and/or received awards?
- Tell some interesting and/or funny anecdotes.
- Uff-dahs (bad luck tales) are always interesting for others to read.
- What plans do you have for your Triumph?
- Why do you like being a member of DCTRA?
- What is good about owning your Triumph?
- What technical information would you like to share about your Triumph?
- What else do you have to say about your Triumph?

If you enjoy writing, put the article together as you like. If you prefer not to write the article, just submit whatever information you care to share, and the editor will put the article together for you. Let the editor know ahead of time what month you will be submitting your article, the column will be reserved for you, or another month will be chosen if that one is already scheduled.

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WHEELS OF BRITAIN 2005

Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Heritage Square, 6th and Monroe Streets, Phoenix, AZ

(Please Print Clearly)

Name (of owner) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Marque _____ Series _____ Year _____

British Car/Motorcycle Club Affiliation _____

I agree to hold the British Motor Enthusiasts, Inc. and the City of Phoenix harmless while traveling to, during and from the event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Pre-registration:

- \$20 per first vehicle
- \$15 per second vehicle
- more than 2 vehicles – contact registrar at (480) 983-3945

Make Checks payable to:

British Motor Enthusiasts

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Day-of-Show registration:

- \$25. per vehicle

Number of Vehicles Registered _____

Pre-Registrations Must Be Postmarked by February 25, 2005

Mail with your remittance to:

BME

2325 S. Gold Ore Court

Apache Junction, AZ 85219

Please check if this vehicle was in the Masters' Class of either the 2003 or 2004 Wheels of Britain event. ☐

The British Motor Enthusiasts host the annual Wheels of Britain event. Throughout the remainder of the year, the BME provides information about monthly inter-club breakfast drives that are hosted by the BME and local British car clubs. Email notification of local and regional events, which may be of interest for owners of British vehicles is also provided.

If you are interested in receiving information about the monthly breakfast drives and other local and regional events, let us know by checking the following box ☐

Do you have an email address? Let us know and we will add you to our email list. Please note that the BME does not share address information with other organizations.

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Contacts:

General Information: Shirley (480) 905-2531
Marie (602) 971-7807

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The Caledonian Society of Arizona Highland Games

February 26 & 27, 2005 at Mesa Community College, Dobson and Southern Roads, Mesa AZ.

(Please Print Clearly)

Name (of owner) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Marque _____ Series _____ Year _____

E-mail _____

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BME, Highland Games
7146 E. Arcadia Cir.
Mesa, AZ 85208



January

Hi everyone,

As an update of what is happening locally for those of you without internet access...

Tue 11th **VHVC Club meeting** - At the Riverside Centre, Newport from 8pm

Sun 16th **VHVC Afternoon Tea Run** - Meeting at Butterfly World, Wootton 2pm for 2.30pm start. *Please check your magazine to confirm date has not been changed.*

Mon 17th **IW Triumph Club meeting** - All Triumph owners / enthusiasts welcome, the *free* club catering for all clubs! At the Woodman Arms, Wootton from 8pm

Angela & Graham
Isle of Wight Triumph Club

Welcome to a Quick Tour of The Isle of Wight

The Isle of Wight (henceforth referred to as "the Island") is approximately 23 miles East to West, and 13 miles North to South, being about 150 square miles in area. It can be reached by any of 3 car ferry routes (Lymington - Yarmouth, Southampton - Cowes, Portsmouth - Fishbourne), a passenger only catamaran (Portsmouth - Ryde), or passenger only hovercraft (Southsea - Ryde). The catamaran service has replaced the old steamers, which used to run from Portsmouth to Ryde (and back). Summer Saturdays, not so many years ago, would see Ryde's long pier packed with visitors, returning home after their holiday. Nowadays, it is the car ferry which is packed. (You have to be pretty patient to drive on the Island during the holiday season).

There are many attractions on the Island, not the least of which, is a choice of commercialised or non-commercialised beaches. Generally, the

East Wight is the commercial, and the West Wight, the non-commercial. Boating is a very popular pastime, with one of the World's premier regattas being Cowes Week, at the beginning of August.

One of the newest attractions is the Dinosaur Museum on Sandown front, a couple of minutes walk from the Tiger and Big Cat Sanctuary (known affectionately as Sandown Zoo). The Museum opened in August 2001 and contains many fine exhibits. It was seen on southern television and showed a young boy dressed as a dinosaur. The presenter asked him what sort of dinosaur he was. The reply? "A baby green one".



Carisbrooke Castle is a popular tourist attraction as well as being a venue for field trips for local schools (there are five High Schools on the Island). Others attractions - Osborne House (the home of Queen Victoria), The Needles Pleasure Park, Flamingo Park, Brading Wax Museum, Blackgang Chine Theme Park, Glory Art Glass (see it being made), Ice Rink, Ten-pin Bowling, various assorted mills, parks, downland walks, loads of pubs and many good eating places, Chinese, Indian, Italian, French and even English.

Take a stroll through the forest from Strawberry Lane and visit The LongStone, another of the Island's historical spots. Not forgetting, of course, the Island's Steam Railway. The Thomson Local says "Take a nostalgic trip into the age of steam and journey on a 10-mile round trip. Victorian and Edwardian carriages are hauled by their contemporary locomotives. There is also a museum of Island rail history. Frequent departures leave from Wootton, Havenstreet and Smallbrook.

Calendar of Events

February 5th — Mesquite High School in Gilbert. Car Show organized by the Student Council. 480-623-4750

February 5th — MDA Classic Car Show This unjudged car show on Saturday, February 5, 2005 is a chance for car enthusiasts to share their passion. The day features fun for the whole family, a raffle, and beautiful cars! To register your classic car, call Laura at (480) 753-9084, E-mail: Phoenixwestdistrict@mdausa.org, FAX: 480-753-9082. Registration is \$20 and includes an event T-shirt, raffle ticket and more.

February 5th — 5th Annual JROTC car & bike show at Apache Junct. High School. Call Ed at 480-983-4010

February 5th — Open Car Show at Peoria Sports Complex. Call Paul 623-536-5757

February 5th — 7th Annual Rock & Roll Classic Car Show. Call Kenny 800-969-5464

February 6th — AMO hosts a visit to the Mystery Castle at South Mountain. Call Philip 480-985-2531.

February 12th — Subzero Car Show at Peoria Sports Complex to support the Fire Dept. Info from Mark 623-451-0221

February 12th — 2nd Annual Classic Car & Hot Rod show in downtown Chandler. (pre 1980) Call Jerry 480-460-7798

February 12th — Palm Creek Car Show in Casa Grande. Call Carolyn 520-876-8980

February 13th — Over the Hill Gang Poker Run. Starting from 5 & Diner at Scottsdale Pavilions. 602-944-6630

February 20th — AZ Auto Hobbyist Council United we Drive Car Show at Sanderson Ford. Dan 623-435-8961

February 26th & 27th — Highland Games & British Car Display at MCC. Registration form on page 7.

March 13th. Wheels of Britain at Heritage Square. Registration form on page 6.

June 23rd - 26th — The 2005 TRA – Bigger, Better, and Uncut NEVER BEFORE has the TRA been held west of the Mississippi River, and NEVER BEFORE has there been a participants' choice show at the TRA with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for all classes of cars entered. The 2005 annual TRA national convention will be held in Branson, MO, from Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2005, and is being sponsored by the Texas Triumph Register of Houston, TX. For those of you who have never been, or feel that it's been too long of a drive, now's your opportunity to attend. And because of the expansion of the participant's choice show, this is an event for ALL Triumph owners, not just TR2, TR3, and TR4 owners. We're planning many events, drives, shows, and on-your-own options for everyone's interests, including: The traditional TRA concours show for TR2's through TR4A's; a complete participant's choice show for all Triumphs with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place; awards for all registered classes of competition; a paddlewheel riverboat ride, dinner, and show; a welcome dinner and events; an awards banquet with door prizes; the many shows, dining, attractions, and shopping of Branson, MO; a poker run and rally; an autorama; a funkana; a winery drive and tour; a breakfast run and rally; the beautiful weather of Branson, MO in late June. We have chosen a host hotel in Branson and have already negotiated an unbelievable price of \$40 per night with them for all TRA attendees. The actual schedule, costs, and details will be provided soon, but it's time to start planning this event, so put it on your calendars for Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2005. Branson, MO is a vacation destination for the whole family, so start making your plans now! We look forward to seeing many new faces and many new cars that will take advantage of this location and expanded events. Texas Triumph Register, P.O. Box 40847, Houston, TX 77240-0847.

FRIDAY EVENINGS:

- Alma School & Warner, Chandler.
- Lindsay & Warner (on the east side of the Albertson's Parking lot), Gilbert, 5-? PM depending on the weather.

(Calendar of Events, continued on page 10.)

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

Trumpeter Classic-fied ads are free to members and will run for three issues, unless extended by the advertiser. (That's why you see a date at the end of each ad). If you sell your item, let us know and we will remove the ad from the next issue. Otherwise, it will automatically disappear after the third consecutive printing.

FOR SALE = 1974 TR6 in good condition, Pimento w/black interior. Asking \$8,900. The car is located in the east valley. Ron Burke 480-380-0658 evenings (2/05)

(Calendar of Events, continued from page 9.)

- Hills, 43rd Street & Union Hills, Phoenix

SATURDAY EVENINGS:

- Wendy's, Superstition Springs Mall, Power & Hampton, East Mesa, 4-7 PM depending on the weather. First Saturday of every month is for British cars. If you are coming, let me know so we can hold spaces and all park together. shirley@nis4u.com or 480-985-2531 The Pavilions (McDonalds), Indian Bend Rd. at Pima Freeway and Pima Road, Scottsdale. 4-10 PM. 602-443-0800
- Chuy's, Arizona Avenue & Warner
- Dairy Queen, 108th Avenue & Grand, Sun City. 4-8 PM. 623-977-3303
- 5 and Diner, 906 N. 56th Street, I-10 & Ray, Chandler. 5-9 PM. 480-753-1114
- Shoney's, 59th Street & Bell, Phoenix. 602-948-0719, 623-561-1971
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All British cars are invited and the first 25 cars to register will receive a FREE ticket to the event. This is not a judged event but all registered cars will receive a souvenir dash plaque. We would like to have as many cars as possible for both the Saturday and Sunday, there will be security to leave your car overnight. However if you can only come on one or the other day we will be just as pleased to see you.

Please be aware that Mesa Community College Safety regulations require that all vehicles be in place when the gates open to the public at 8:00 am and must remain in place until the close at 4:00 pm.

Not only is this a really fun event but it is an excellent way to make your club's presence known to newcomers to the Valley. Please return the registration slip on page 7 ASAP so that the Games Committee can allocate us sufficient space! We will also issue you a parking pass to allow you access to the assigned area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 480-985-2531 or 480-924-2292.

Sincerely,
Philip Blahak, Car Display Chairman
7146 E. Arcadia Circle
Mesa, AZ 85208-1004

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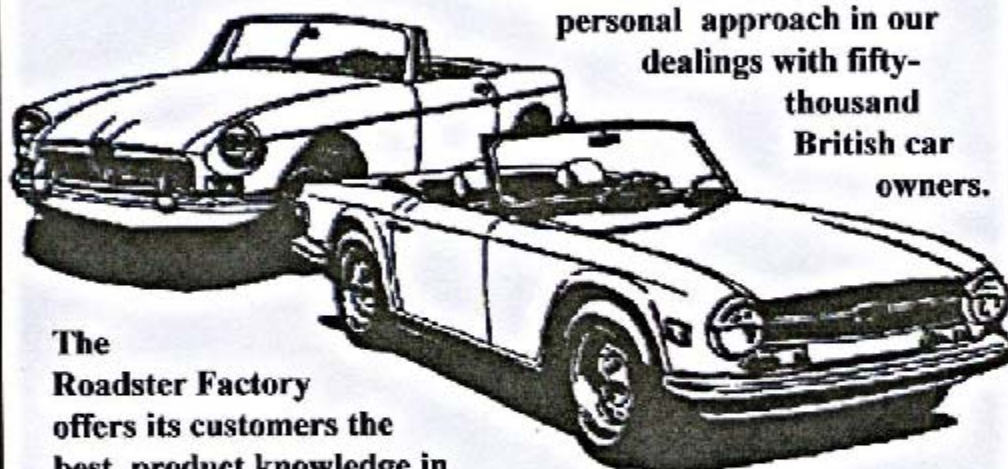
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