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COMING EVENTS

**ELECTION BRUNCH:
JANUARY 15TH - 11:00 AM
LANDMARK RESTAURANT
809 W. MAIN ST., MESA**

**Breakfast Run
January 15th**

**HIGHLAND GAMES
February 25th-26th**

**WHEELS OF BRITAIN
March 12th**



Christmas Party



Marty Clark and his lovely wife were pleased to host the 2005 DCTRA Christmas Party in their home on December 16th. As usual, there was plenty of delicious food for all who attended, and the "white elephant" gift exchange was fun for all. Marty was mystified by the length of time a set of British mugs was held by the same chap. The photos, courtesy of Marty Clark and Marlene Cole tell the story!



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Dues are \$18.00 per year.

For membership information,
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Wallis, and anyone else we missed.

THE PREZ SEZ



Alas, fellow Triumph enthusiasts, the new year is upon us! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. Although it can be said that we really could use some rain, I can say that I have really enjoyed the crisp, dry weather we have been getting so far this winter... of course, I work outside, so pardon my bias. It has meant that the weather has been great for getting the old TR out for the occasional workout without fear of precipitation spoiling the drive. It would have spoiled mine more than most, as not having the windshield on the car means that having the top and side-curtains in the trunk is kind of pointless!

Actually, this past month has allowed me very little time for the casual outings... I have really been putting in a lot of hours at work. I was even out on the Sunday before Christmas, delivering parcels. Having only three days off in the whole month of December left me little time to shop for presents, yet I did get to participate in most of the month's Club activities. The DCTRA Christmas Dinner was a fun evening, and our hosts this year made us feel very welcome. The "white elephant" gift exchange was, well, interesting. The very next night was the Mini Club's Christmas Lights Tour, which led us through a large part of the East Valley, ending up as usual at the Blahak's home. Most of the crowd made it to the end, but fellow Club members Debra Cook and Mike Long (and family) were nowhere to be seen at the final stop. I trust they all made it home! The next night, Sunday, was the run up to Globe to see the luminaria at the Indian ruins. It was quite a sight, and is a one night a year event. I must say, Philip Blahak can get his little (real) Mini scooting through those mountain curves. I doubt I could have kept up in the TR3, but Debbie would not have allowed me to try either

(Prez Sez, continued on page 3.)

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

Stu opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with 15 present at El Zaribah. We had a new member, Mike Long, who has a red '74 Spitfire. Stu introduced Steve Carol from the Shriners, who was there to receive our donation of \$500 to the Shriners Children's Hospital. He gave highlights of the hospital, and encouraged us to visit if we get the chance.

Minutes were accepted as printed. The treasurer reported "We have money." Upcoming activities will be the Christmas party this Friday, and the Christmas lights tour on Saturday. John Horton will check into having our champagne brunch in January at the Territorial House, where we had it last year. The salad buffet is not to be believed! There will be a tech session on January 7th at Jim Bauder's house to put the engine back in his TR. Dave Riddle will have an extensive list of activities elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are working on getting a list of who to mail newsletters to. If you would like to receive a mailed copy, please let us know.

Dues will be due again in January, \$18 for the year. The floor was opened for additional nominations for the upcoming slate of officers. No new nominations were added.

John Horton reported on the AAHC, and stated there were no negative comments at the open meetings which had been held. This Friday, a report should be out on the results of the open meetings. All are hoping to have the emissions exemption bill implemented in about one year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Deta



(Prez Sez, continued from page 2.)

way! My new MINI got quite a workout, however.

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My only chance to drive my TR3 this past month has been the commute to work, a pleasure only when attempted on Saturdays due to traffic. I suppose only I could refer to driving a heater-less, muffler-less, windshield-less old TR at 6:30 am in the dead of winter (even in AZ) as a pleasure. I think it's sort of the automotive equivalent of the proverbial "hair shirt" of yore... the pain is a large part of the pleasure! I usually tell myself that it will all be worth it on the trip home, but the last few weeks the run home has been in the dark as well.

Today (New Years Day) I actually broke down and put the windshield back on. I suspect that it is the only way I will get Debbie back in the car before spring... I'm holding off on using the side-curtains, though. I also have a nice near-new Monza muffler for it (thanks to Gene Glenn) but have yet to install it. Then the old beast will be almost civilized! I am still not ready to accept Bill Close's offer of an original TR3 heater, however...that would be one step too far!!! Happy Motoring.

CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS

Legend of Billy

By John Nuss

A stranger came to Santa Fe, New Mexico several years before the turn of the twentieth century when the Loretto Chapel was in need of some stairs. Apparently the chapel was very poor and could not afford to complete the building. That stranger passing through town volunteered to build the stairway. An outstanding work by a master carpenter, there were interlocking pieces of wood with no visible means of support. Days later, the staircase complete, the carpenter disappeared without accepting payment, the thanks of the congregation, or leaving a silver bullet. He was never seen again. In telling the story at the chapel there are those that insist the carpenter was the Master Carpenter, Saint Joseph. The story of the restoration of Trevor, our 1964 Spitfire has some similarities.



Billy showed up at a meeting of a group of friends, a support group. He was a “buyer and seller” of antiques and assorted goods. He had experience in auto body repair, appliance repair, and ornamental ponds. Billy was a short banty rooster kind of guy: not much more than five feet-two, feisty, formerly muscular, puffed up, and at the same time generous, kind, and a defender of the down and out.

Billy started staying in our spare room one day each week the summer of 1997. During the fall he spent more time with us. It was cool having another person around to share in the cooking

and cleaning chores and swap stories.

We returned from the 1997 Triumphetst eager to restore the Spitfire... Ken Schmidt’s famous, “Only ten bolts and body comes off!” Billy began to work his magic. One night he took a really big hammer and a tire iron and started to beat the left rear quarter panel just above the wheel opening. Amazingly the metal just about snapped back to the proper form. I think it was intimidated by Billy’s hammer swings! The right rear was not quite so cooperative but received the same treatment. Then the hard work began with Billy standing ten feet behind the car and studying the quarter panels, mixing body putty, applying it thickly, and then stepping to the back of the car once again. He never said a word but turned on the air sander and proceeded to sand off most of the putty. Once again to the back of the car and apply more bondo, sand it off and stare at the car. Even more bondo, more sanding, and more staring until the quarter panels were complete. He told us he was going to the massive Quartzite Rock and Gem show and he would return at Christmas. He never returned. We saw him in May and he was able to do some primer work on the car, but then he was gone forever. Sort of like the carpenter in New Mexico... he did a masterful job and was gone, never to be seen again.

Ken, Deborah, and Kathy sure encouraged me to tackle the car. But the work that Billy did was the real impetus to get going. After all, what could I do with the fenders ratty from the mallet swing Billy had inflicted?

I don’t believe the Master Carpenter of Santa Fe’s life ended this way, but I learned that Billy, while traveling in Louisiana, had been shot by a jealous husband.


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CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

As we have done for the past few years we will hold our January Meeting for the Election of new officers at the Landmark Restaurant with a start time of 11 am on Sunday morning, January 15th. <www.landmarkrestaurant.com>



Please RSVP to Dave Riddle,
dave@microworks.net,
with your meal selection and the

number of people that will be attending with you no later than January 10th.

By tradition the Club will be providing Champagne. This brunch, as always, will constitute our January meeting and election of officers for the 2006 year. The Landmark's address is 809 W. Main St, Mesa. That's the southwest corner of Extension and Main Street. Extension runs North and South and is the half mile point east of Alma School Road and west of Country Club Dr. The Landmark's phone number is 480-962-4652.

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(Christmas Party, continued from page 1.)



50th Wedding Anniversary

DCTRA members, Bob and Dorothy Hohanshelt of Scottsdale celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 30th with a family dinner and a trip to Karchner Caverns. Bob and Dorothy were married in Anaheim, California. They have lived in Scottsdale since 1973. Bob was an engineer for Motorola, and Dorothy was a homemaker until their retirement in 1995. Bob Hohanshelt has owned his immaculate TR2 since it was new. It was the centerpiece of our Triumphest in Laughlin in 2002, and is reputed to be the oldest running TR in the USA.

Article courtesy of Marlene Cole and Beth Horton.

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The trip to Globe...

By John Nuss

Luminarias are indeed just bags of sand with candles in them. But at the archeological park in Globe they provide quite a site. Sunday, the week before Christmas, members of the Mini Club and DCTRA met at the corner of Power and Baseline, just as the sun was setting and motored to the Native American ruins. Kathy and I drove a brand X but there were several Minis, MINIs, and other brand Xs. Interestingly, DCTRA was represented by six members, but



no one was driving a Triumph! It seemed too cold to drive the Spitfire with the top down and it was too late to put it up. As nearly everyone knows, the only way to erect the top is to install it on the hottest day of the year. (Maybe we're getting old?)

The luminarias were placed on the walls of the buildings and some sidewalks. The trouble was, in the dark, no one could tell the difference between walls and walkways. It was sort of like the Hall of Mirrors. After viewing the luminarias and drinking some hot chocolate we headed down to a restaurant featuring Chinese cuisine. The food was good; the company and conversation terrific.

Most everyone agreed that the archeological site would make a good outing for the Triumph Club during warmer weather and daylight hours.



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January

Hi everyone,

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

Tue 10th **VHVC Club meeting** - At the Riverside Centre, Newport from 8pm

Mon 16th **IW Triumph Club meeting** - All

Triumph owners / enthusiasts welcome, the *free* club catering for all clubs! At the Woodman Arms, Wootton from 8pm

Sun 22nd **VHVC Afternoon Tea Run** - Meeting at Butterfly World at 2pm for a 2.30pm departure. All Classics welcome.

Hope to see you all soon!

Isle of Wight Triumph Club

Isle of Wight Picture Gallery



Brook Church



Brighstone - Tea Garden



Yarmouth Ferry



Calbourne Mill

Calendar of Events

January 7th — K-Mart Cruise Night at Power & Hampton in Mesa. The first Saturday is when we try and get as many British cars there as possible. By then the Christmas tree lot should be gone and we can have our usual spot back again! Either email Shirley@nis4u.com or call 480-985-2531 and we will try and hold a space for you till 6 pm at least. Shirley, British Motor Enthusiasts

January 8th — Fourth Annual Landmark Rally organized by the Arizona Mini Owners, everyone welcome. Meet at the 5 & Diner at Arizona Mills to leave at 2 p.m. If you want to eat there first please allow yourself extra time. There is a different twist planned for this year!! Either email Shirley@nis4u.com or call 480-985-2531. Shirley, British Motor Enthusiasts

January 15th — DCTRA Champagne Brunch, Meeting & Election, January Meeting for the Election of new officers at the Landmark Restaurant with a start time of 11 am on Sunday morning, January 15th. Landmark's address is 809 W. Main St, Mesa. That's the southwest corner of Extension and Main Street. Extension runs North and South and is the half mile point east of Alma School Road and west of Country Club Dr. Landmark's phone number is 480-962-4652. Dave Riddle, 480-610-8232

January 15th — January Breakfast Run, Craig Kenyon (JCCA) will be doing the January breakfast run from 32nd Street & Shea on January 15th at the normal starting time (7:30 to leave at 8:00). This will be the normal monthly drive. He will be going back to the Superstition Springs location as the destination. Although it was also the destination in October, January will be a three month time difference from October. Shirley, British Motor Enthusiasts

January 21st — Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts are holding their annual car show at the Tubac Golf Resort on January 21st. Full details and entry form available on their website, www.carnuts.org. Please be aware they will not accept day of show entries, you must sign up in advance. This is a big show in aid of the local High School. Shirley, British Motor Enthusiasts

January 28th — Kruse Auction We have been invited by the Kruse Auction people to display Triumphs at the Auction on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the PIR site. We can have FREE tickets for our participation. I will not be in town then, but maybe someone else is willing to head that up. Last year we attended with about six or seven cars. The AMO was there as well, representing the British cars. There are other clubs present as well. John Nuss

February 25th & 26th —2006 Highland Games at Mesa Community College and all the British car owners are invited to display their LBC's. Registration form on page 10 in this issue. Shirley, British Motor Enthusiasts

March 12th — Wheels of Britain, Heritage Square, Phoenix

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.
- Hills, 43rd Street & Union Hills, Phoenix

SATURDAY EVENINGS:

- Wendy's, Superstition Springs Mall, Power & Hampton, East Mesa, 4-? 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. between 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
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- Sonic, 33rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. 6-9 PM. 623-936-6587

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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.

SERVICE = If anyone in the club is looking for photographs, I can do them at a discounted rate for members. I can shoot both film and high-end digital and I also have a wide-format digital printer, so I do most of the work myself. Rick Hill, Goodyear <f64usa@yahoo.com> (01/06)

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From Auto Sport Review July 1952

Article courtesy of Jim Bauder.



HIGHWAY HUMOR

Top Female Drivers . . . caught on camera



Photo courtesy of John Horton.

December 2005

Dear British Car Owner,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Caledonian Society of Arizona, inviting you to display your car at the Highland Games in February.

As in the past nine years the Games will be held at Mesa Community College the last weekend in February, 25th & 26th 2006.

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 8:00am and must remain in place until the close at 4:00pm.

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 attached registration form ASAP so that the Games Committee can allocate us sufficient space!

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



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The Caledonian Society of Arizona Highland Games

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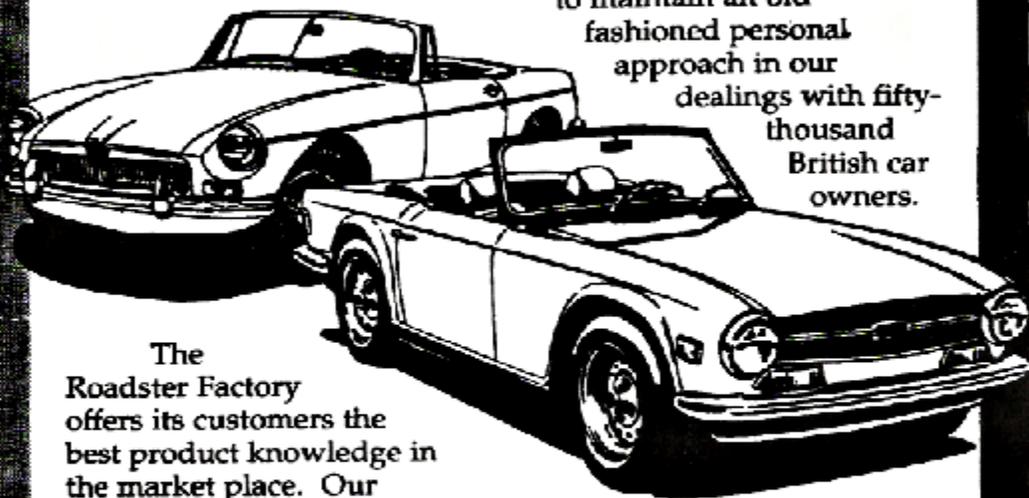
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