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Rare 1948 Triumph Roadster Shooting Brake

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

January 15, 2023
Meet us for **Election Brunch**
Business meeting @ 7pm
George and Dragon Pub
4240 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ

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Prez Sez – January 2023

John Heisser, President

I am sure as with most of you it has been a busy Holiday Season a lot of parties, food, drink and visiting with family, extended family, friends old and new. Starting with the DCTRA Christmas party, a special thank you to Lyman Scherer and his wife Tonya for providing such a wonderful venue and being such gracious hosts! I though last year's venue would be hard to beat, this year's with all the beautiful, restored cars many of them very rare, well if you missed it you REALLY missed it! Anyone have a connection with Jay Leno?

Welcome to Roger Prior as our new Vice President, at December membership meeting Roger was nominated for V P; John Nuss resigned as VP so Roger became VP. Roger has been a member for a few years and is very enthusiastic about his TR6 and the club. Roger lives about a mile from me and we have helped each other with our cars over the past few years, he is quick to lend a helping hand, and I'm sure he will be an excellent Vice President.

As for our outgoing Vice President John Nuss what can I say, he and Kathy are long time members, they have been involved in most all club activities and events over several years. John has served as President and Vice President; he has willingly stepped up to fill positions when no one else would! So, John enjoy your no responsibility member status you really deserve it!

Is the service manual always correct? Not always! Let me explain, driving my TR8 during the colder weather, I experienced hard shifting of the transmission especially from first to second gear. As the car warmed up shifting became easier, I have had this problem before years ago, the solution was to use ATF, (automatic transmission fluid) rather than the much thicker 85-90 gear box oil. I was able to confirm this solution when referencing the Rimmer Brothers parts catalog under transmission lubricants. For 5 speed transmissions they list ATF as the lubricant. The service manual listed the 85-90 gear oil as the recommended lubricant for manual transmissions. I suspect the extra pressure I had to apply when shifting while the car was cold may have caused the plastic bushing to fail at the base of the shift lever. After replacing the broken bushing, I drained the heavier gear oil and replaced it with ATF. I have only driven the car once since completing the repair, but it shifted very smoothly even when cold.

That's it for this month hope you all had a nice holiday season! I am starting the New Year off with a drivable Triumph! Does it get any better than that!

Thx, John



EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

This will be the last column I'll write this year. It's hard to believe that the year 2022 is over. The years seem to really fly by anymore.

I did not receive a technical article this month, but the last part of John Heisser's Prez Sez column will suffice. I think he could fulfill that position very well, but he feels almost overwhelmed with writing the Prez Sez column each month. I don't blame him. I understand.

I like to thank Carl Miller for taking photos at the Christmas party and sending them to me. He did a very professional selection of photos and their composition. I also want to thank John Carroll for his article and photos of the impromptu trip to Tucson for a chance to see an Italia. It was a lucky opportunity for those who had the chance to go.

Another Christmas has come and gone. I hope Santa was as good to you as he was to me. I got a new supply of sox and underwear to replace what was lost in the laundry, an annual event. I got an atomic clock that displays not only the time, and date, but the air pressure (indoor/outdoor), the in/out temperature, in/out humidity and the phase of the moon. It's almost a complete weather station. Now I just need to learn to read it.

I also received a 1.75L of Captain Morgan's and two calendars. One calendar I get each year from a close friend. She prepares and prints herself. It has photos of each us taken during the year and reminder dates of my family's birthdays and anniversaries and the number of such. She has been making these calendars on her computer for over 25 years and I would be lost as to whose birthday is coming up and the ages of my grandkids.

The second calendar is sent by my daughter. It only has pictures of my grandkids, but they're taken in the past year, so I get a record of how fast they grow. This calendar hangs on the wall beside my lavatory. I keep my appointments marked on there, so each morning, as I shave, I can see what is coming up.

I hope your Christmas was as fulfilling materially and meaningfully as mine. But even more I hope to see you January 15th at our Election Brunch at the George and Dragon Pub; 4240 N Central; Phoenix, AZ. Remember this is being held in place of our normal monthly meeting at Denny's. Don't go to Denny's, ok? I'll see you at the George and Dragon.

George



January 2023 Membership Report:

Joining the club in December is new member Scott Bizar of Gilbert. Scott brings an array of Triumphs including a 1965 TR4A, a 1976 TR6, and a 1979 TR7. Welcome to the club, Scott. Looking at our membership list now shows 138 memberships with 191 members.

Normally at this time, as the calendar year rolls over, would be full-tilt membership dues renewal roundup. As announced in the December newsletter, our club leaders have graciously offered all current members in good standing a free year of club dues. As a result, you will not be receiving annual dues payment reminders from me. Thanks again to the success and hard work of our Triumphest volunteers!

If anyone is curious about your current membership expiration date, contact me and I'll look it up. In early January, I will push all expiration dates out by one year; 2022 expiry moves to 2023, '23 to '24, etc.

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Application form on page 20

Horton's Recipes

Submitted by John Horton

TEDDY SOUP

2 medium potatoes peeled and chopped
1 medium leek peeled sliced and washed
1 oz butter, 1 pint chicken stock
½ pint cream 1 tsp allspice,
1 tsp S&P

TEDDY is a Devon term for potatoes. Melt butter in a large saucepan put in vegetables cover and sweat for 10 minutes, on LOW. do not brown, add the stock, simmer till all are very soft, blend till soft adjust seasoning. Serve warm with a little parsley.

DCTRA EVENTS

DCTRA Events January to March

Jan. 15, 2023 The renown DCTRA January Brunch. Good food, Triumphs stories and the installation of DCTRA officers for the coming year. George and Dragon 4240 N. Central Ave. Phoenix

Jan. 22,2023 Arizona Concours d'Elegance < arizonaconcours.com > benefiting the Scottsdale Center of the Performing Arts. Located in Old Town Scottsdale - Scottsdale Civic Center. To volunteer to work:

< astanford@arizonaconcours.com >

February 4, 2023 Concours in the Hills, Fountain Hills Register at <https://phoenixchildrensfoundation.org/signature/concours/>

Possible track event through NASA end of January

February 10, 2023 Friday Drive Your Triumph Day

Feb. 12, 2023 Pancakes in the Park AMO sponsored.

February 25, Saturday 2023 Tin Lizzie Ranch Buckeye, AZ

Parts and tool sale with MG Club location and date TBD.

March 4 & 5 2023 Saturday & Sunday Highland Games - Imagine, a year's supply of bagpipes in one weekend.

March 26, 2023 Sunday Triumphs to Atessa race course. Possibility of parade laps.

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

Regular Occurrence Events

Status of All Events Are Unknown Presently

Some have restarted some have not Check and verify whether it open or not.

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

January 15, 2023, in-person a Zoom link will be sent out also.



Desert Centre Triumph Register of America DCTRA Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2022

The December 2022 meeting of the Desert Center Triumph Register of America (DCTRA) was called to order at 7:06PM by President John Heisser, at the Denny's Restaurant 3315 N. Scottsdale Road

Present: Jim Bauder, Tony Chapman (TR4), Ron Cole, Michael Devine, Ron Gurnee, John Heisser, Armand LaCasse, Bob Mazer, Carl and Patti Miller (ZOOM), Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John and Kathy Nuss, Pete Peterson, Roger Prior, and Dave Riddle.

Minutes: were approved as appearing in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Armand presented the Income \$124, and expenses about \$200 for entertainment from the Garage Tour. Armand assured that the Club is solvent. The report was approved and accepted.

Membership: reported that John Horton and Chuck Kerzan has been in the hospital recently. John fell and fractured a vertebrae and is still in the hospital. Members signed a card wishing him well. Chuck was in the ER due to chest pain, though no cardiac diagnosis followed. The doctors considered kidney concerns. (Update: Chuck returned home – still no diagnosis – pain meds prescribed.) Membership chair, Marv Miller, reported a new member joined last month, Ed Russell from Glendale owning a 1957 TR3. There are now 137 memberships and 190 individual members.

Newsletter: editor George Montgomery said he was pleased with all the photos, "Keep it up!" he stated.

Events: John Nuss reported successful events and has more scheduled. He announced the Christmas Lights Rally on Saturday December 17. The January Brunch will again be at the George and Dragon on Central Avenue in Phoenix on January 15, 2023. We intend to meet at 11:00am. A list is in the December Triumph Trumpeter.

Tech report: Armand presented a short report on the intricacies of the TR3 overdrive switch.

Roger Prior said he replaced the TR6 canister oil filter with the cartridge filter. He reminded those intending to do the same, there were two rubber washer that need great care when installing. A discussion followed and most members agreed that 20/50 motor oil is a good choice.

Another Complimentary Additional Year of Membership!

By Armand LaCasse, Treasurer

DCTRA has had another great year! We are financially sound thanks largely to last year's Triumphest surplus and all of the members who made this event such a 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 John Nuss, 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 2023.**
- **Every member as of December 31, 2022, will have one year of membership added to their membership expiration date.**

If your membership would have expired in 2023, now it will expire in 2024. 2024 membership expirations move to 2025. And 2025 membership expirations move to 2026.

How much will this cost? Our typical membership dues income average is \$1800 per year. A one-year membership renewal extension is estimated to be a loss of \$1600 in membership renewal income in 2023 since some members do not renew. We expect some new members will join during the 2023 year and the usual membership renewal periods would apply.

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

Armand
DCTRA Treasure

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DCTRA Christmas Party 2022

Photos by Carl Miller

Thanks to the generosity of Lyman Scherer and his wife Tonya, we had a beautiful venue for our Christmas party this year. Lyman has a classic auto restoration shop and museum. It is a truly beautiful place. He has numerous cars of various genre.: antique, to muscle cars. Here is a sample of the vehicles, some of the festive attendees.



A beautiful show room



Many car of a varied genre



A \$5 million Delahaye – rear



The Delahaye - front

DCTRA Christmas Party 2022 (cont)



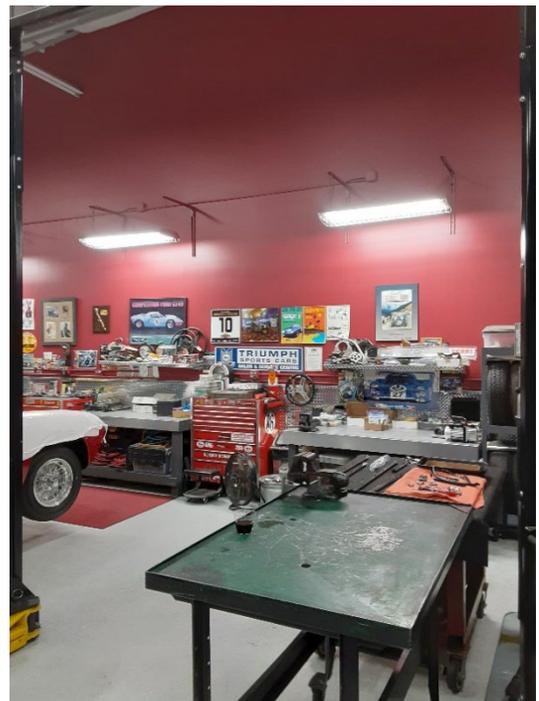
A pretty car



A pretty car and a pretty lady



This is a working shop



Under that fender cover is a Ferrari

DCTRA Christmas Party 2022 (cont)



People enjoying themselves



More people enjoying themselves



Even more people enjoying themselves



Every one is having fun

DCTRA Christmas Party 2022 (cont)



Bev Peterson almost got covered



Look in the back and you can see the Ferrari



Rick and Linda Hartman and Tanya Scherer



George, Jackalyn, Mike and John

DCTRA Christmas Party 2022 (cont)



A lovely couple



It's an MG saloon



Our whole gang

Tucson Trip

Story and photos by John Carroll

After a short notice, on December 27th, I, John Carroll, Craig Kenyon, Tony Chapman, Lloyd Briggs and a guest from Alaska who owns a few British cars met at a Basha's Grocery parking lot in Sun Lakes, at 8am then drove to Tucson to view an Italia and other British cars. It was a brilliant day and we were welcomed by Karl and members of the Tucson Car Club. The owner Ben was a perfect host and showed us his other cars, which are some amazing classics themselves. I took along a friend who's building a TR6 and a couple of other members.

The drive was chilly, but I was determined not to put the roof up. We suffered a little cold wind but at least we're not in Buffalo. I feel for those poor folks.

Ben's home is at the base of the Catalina Mountains in a beautiful spot. The Italia didn't disappoint. It's a beautiful design and looks so elegant and a classic 1960 car that it is. It's #52 of only 330 cars ever built. It's a stunning example, and to be fair, Ben drives this car frequently when he can.

We spent close to 2 hours chatting and viewing his car collection. It's a very enviable classic car collection too. Aston Martin, AC Ace, multiple Lotus Caterham 7s, original Mini Cooper S. Lotus Coupe. Austin Healy, and a Jaguar XKE.

After an excellent lunch at Blanco Cocina, we had a lovely drive back in the sunshine and warm air. All in all it was a memorable day. To cap it off the two 6s purred along with zero issues. What a treat it was and attached are a few photos.

I want to thank our host Ben, who owned The Italia, and Karl Rettenmaier who set it up for us. Karl runs the British Car Club of Tucson.



The Italia



An elegant vehicle



An AC Ace



AC Ace interior

Tucson Trip (cont)



Many versions of Lotuses



A Lotus Europa



Lotus Eleven



A French Citrion?



Lotus Seven



Another view of Italia showing the TR3 engine

Winston Churchill loved parapodia's, figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected

-If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

~~Retired auto body man looking for 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 ebe cash~~

~~Mike Lesniak
1701 S Yellow
928-710-4259~~

Sold



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For sale: Clutch Master Cylinder – new
For '63-'80 Spitfire \$30

David Faulkner - 480-656-4366
rottendave@cox.net

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For sale: or Trade

I have a pair of TR6 black seats (high back) in good condition, which I would like to trade for a pair or TR4A or TR250 low back seats. Black and in good condition would be perfect, but I'm willing to rebuild/recover low back seats if I can find them.

If you don't want to trade please contact me if you are willing to sell.

Thanks,

Ray Gauthier
Sent from iPhone
503-260-4137

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont.)

FOR SALE: Spitfire

Former member Cliff Philpot has two Triumphs for sale. A 1974 Spitfire

1500



Cliff is in his 90s and wants to sell both cars. Make him an offer. Prospective buyers may contact Jan at 623-810-5511

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FOR SALE:

Frame off rebuild. Have all receipts from Moss Motors, British motor parts, British wiring, new suspension front to back. All new brakes and brake lines. New wiring harness front to back. New weber carburetor and aluminum intake. New header, New aluminum radiator, new alternator new windshield new tires, New paint too much to list. Owner passed away in February family wants to sell needs interior, needs instrument panel and a few more odds and ends. If you have any questions give me a call. Jeff Gardner 928-889-7131

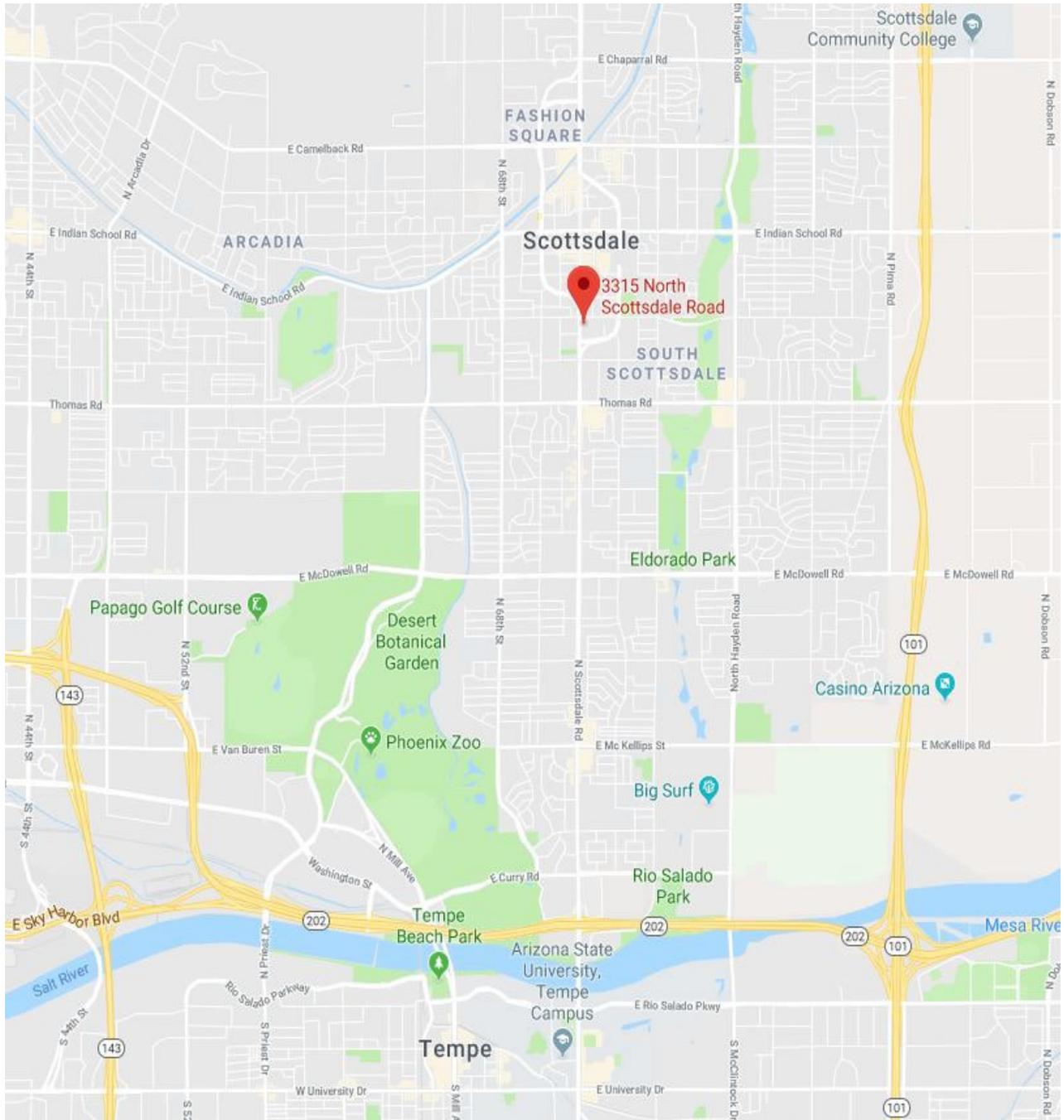


CTRA Club Meeting Location:

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

At: **Denney's Restaurant**

This month we'll be at **George & Dragon Pub for Election Brunch**
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
18811 N. Ginger Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375
Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

NEW MEMBER:

RENEWING MEMBER:

MEMBER INFO (please print):

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home

Cell

Email Address: _____

Classic Vehicles Owned:

Year	Model	Commission #

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:

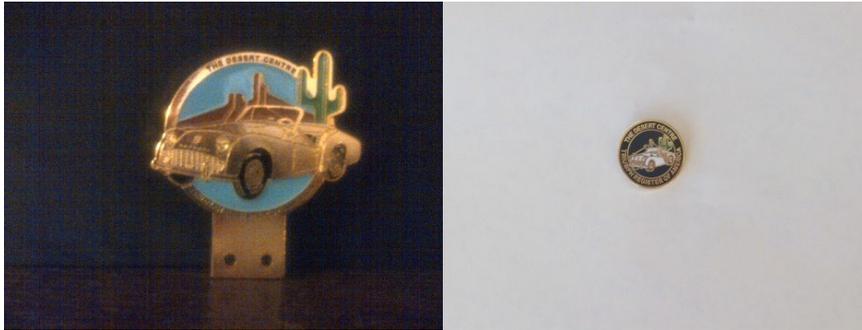
If a new member is joining between January 1 and September 30- One-year dues are \$20.00, two-year dues are \$37.00 and three-year dues are \$55.00. If a new member is joining between

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)
frame

Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)

Licenses plate

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	http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph
Portland Triumph Owners Association	www.portlandtriumph.org
Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)	www.tyee.triumph.org
British Columbia Triumph Registry	www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry
All British Field Meet (Portland)	www.abfm-pdx.com
Vintage Triumph Register	www.vtr.org AND www.vtr2007.com
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	www.t2000register.org.uk
Rimmer Bros	www.rimmerbros.co.uk
Stag Owners Club	www.stag.org.uk
TR Sports 6 Club	www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm
British Auto Works (OR)	www.britishautoworks.com
British Wire Wheel	www.britishwirewheel.com
Save Our Cars	www.saveourcars.org
British Car Forum	www.britishcarforum.com
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club	www.triumphtravelers.org
Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	www.sctoa.org
British Motor Heritage Group	www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	www.6-pack.org
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	www.obcc.ca
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	www.vsgcc.ca
Moss Motors	www.mossmotors.com
Small auction and forum	www.britishcarauction.com
Classic Autosport Magazine	www.classicautosport.net
International Spitfire Database	www.members.cox.net/spitlist
British Motor Club of Utah	www.britishmotorclub.org
Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally)	www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com
Victoria British	www.victoriabritish.com
Triumph Register of Southern California	www.socaltriumphs.org
Hill Country Triumph Club	www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org
Tucson British Car Register	www.tucsonbritish.com
Central Coast British Car Club	www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com
Texas Triumph Register	www.texastriumphregister.org
Delta Motorsports	www.deltamotorsports.com
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	www.englishbawbsclassics.com