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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

DENNEY'S RESTAURANT

650 N Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ 85281

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On the Cover: Editor, George Montgomery in OKC sitting on his son's Harley Davidson

Prez Sez – July 2015

Stu Lasswell, President

My, what a strange month it's been! First, we had a couple of pleasantly cool weeks, and even a couple of decent rainfalls... very unusual for June. But the last couple of weeks have been brutal! Even I, die-hard TR driver that I am, haven't bothered to get the TR3 out at all the last couple of weeks. When it's over 110 degrees, it's just not very enjoyable to drive around in an open car. It's not very kind to the car as well, as our Triumph's cooling systems were never designed to cope with those temperatures. I find that even without traffic, on the open road, my TR3 runs pretty warm when it's over, say, 105 degrees. Not "scary" hot, really, but "nervous" hot, and a couple of long red lights are enough to push temps into the "concerned" range.

It looks like I won't be driving the Triumph much in July, either, but that's mostly because I'll be on vacation for the first couple of weeks, taking a road trip (in the MINI) up to the Seattle, WA area. I'll be missing my Triumph, of course, but definitely not missing the valley weather! Unfortunately I'll be missing some great Club "non-driving" summer activities, beginning with the Petersons' famous 3rd of July fireworks party! They always host a great event, and I'm sorry we'll be missing out. I'll be missing the meeting as well, but I know that VP Matt Reynolds will be up to the task... I don't set the bar very high, after all! I'm pretty sure we'll be around for the Pool Party at the LaCasse's house.

Speaking of up-coming events, let's not forget Triumphest! It's not too late to get in on the discounted room rates (I think) and not too early to get registered for the event. San Diego isn't a long drive, and always a great place to be in the fall (or anytime, really)!

In many ways summer here in Arizona is like winter in the rest of the country. In the north and east U.S. they put their Triumphs away or start the big, involved maintenance jobs when the first snowflakes fall. Here, the first signs of the big HEAT and we do the same. Rest assured, this won't last, and fall will be here before you know it, so let's get those chores done, the cars all cleaned and polished, and be ready to show them off when the heat breaks!

Stu Lasswell

DCTRA Spark Plug Award

By John Nuss

This is a monthly reminder of Spark Plug points earned. It appears that attending the meeting WITH your Triumph helps earn points. Furthermore, planning and writing about the event gets points, too. At this point there are many people with quite a few points. So drive the Triumph, take pictures and write a paragraph or two.

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I just completed a 2 week trip of 2,320 miles from Mesa, AZ through Texas, Oklahoma and back to AZ. There was a lot of planning required, once I got committed to the trip to work in clients, a planned high school reunion, meeting with my daughter to obtain my grandson and drive back before a scheduled plane flight. It is nice to be back home, prop my feet up and rest for a while.

Pete and Bev Peterson are hosting their annual 3rd of July Fireworks Party again. The announcement is presented again on page 14 of this newsletter. Look for it and RSVP **today**. If you have never attended one of these parties, it is a must experience. At least once. I try every year. The food is great, the fireworks are terrific and the host and hostess are most gracious and welcoming.

Mike Blachut submitted an article about our newest member, Linda Hall. She bought Tom Pennell's TR3. She probably won't get to attend a club meeting, she lives in Lynchburg, Virginia, but she might come to visit someday. Make her feel welcome.

The "Meet Our Members" column this month was first published in 2010 but was listed as my story. George Durkin wrote the story but when I submitted it to the newsletter editor at the time, he thought that it was my story about me. This should set the record straight. I hope to see you at the next meeting on July 14th.

George

Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds, V. Pres & Events Chairman

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2015

July 3rd _ Peterson's 3rd of July Fireworks Party

July 14th – DCTRA Business Meeting

July 25th – Swim In Movie – at LaCasse (The Italian Job)

On-going events:

Saturday Night cruise @ Kmart, Power Rd & Hampton.
Scottsdale Pavilions Saturday evening car show

NEXT CLUB MEETING

(Second Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Business Meeting

Denny's Restaurant; 650 N Scottsdale Rd; Tempe, AZ 85281

Starts at 7:00 PM

Come at 6:00 PM to eat and socialize

July 2015 Membership Report:

We have reinstated an old member this month. Carl Butler has renewed his membership. That puts our current membership at 161 persons from 104 paid memberships. Remember to always wear your name tag because you never know when another drawing might occur.

NEW MEMBERS:

For membership information, contact: Dave Freet at 480-706-4943 (home) or 602-881-1860 (cell) or email: fxstsaz99@cox.net

David Freet
DCTRA Membership Chairperson
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Application form on page 22

Our Webmaster.





Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America June 2015 DCTRA MEETING

DCTRA Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2015

President Stu Lasswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 670 N. Scottsdale Rd. Tempe, AZ

ATTENDEES: 33 members and 0 visitors were in attendance. 6 TRs were driven to the meeting.

Members:

Jim Bauder	Ed & Peggy Jacobs
Michael Blachut	Betsy Kavash
Pete Bowen	Craig Kenyon (drove a 76 TR6)
Bill Close	Chuck Kerzan
Virgil & Marlene Cole	Armand LaCasse
Michael & Jackalyn Devine	Stu and Deb Lasswell (drove a TR3)
Dave Freet (drove a 1970 TR6)	Dave & Denine Muré
Riley Gay (drove a 1972 TR6)	Matt Reynolds (drove a TR3)
Gene Glenn	Mark Sapp (drove a TR3)
Ron Gurnee	Roy Stoney
Deta Hampsch and Leon Loftin	Rick Story
John & Cheri Heisser	Marie Thompson
John & Beth Horton	

VISITORS:

No visitors. Stu welcomed the newer members and members that have not been to the meetings for a while.

INTRODUCTIONS/ NEW MEMBERS:

Stu opened the meeting and welcomed all to the DCTRA meeting. He asked if anyone here is new or hasn't been here for a while to introduce themselves. Riley Gay, from Mesa, said he was a new member and that he has a 1972 Triumph. He got it in January and he is working on it. He also said that in the 1970's he owned a '65 Spitfire.

NEWSLETTER

The Triumph Trumpeter Newsletter was sent in a timely manner. In George Montgomery's absence Stu made a pitch for articles and pictures to be sent to George. Don't hesitate to send picture of your car to for potential selection for the cover. Bo Shaw's TR3 was featured last month. Nice!

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MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING:

In conjunction with discussion of the newsletter and potential changes to the minutes John and Beth mentioned the AAHC representative has Joe Minnick and that John Horton was filling in as the representative for the West Side meetings. The appointees currently listed are Jim Bauder and Joe Minnick for the East side and West side AAHC meetings, respectively. There are no more AAHC meetings until the fall and the Board will review and amend the representatives before the next AAHC meeting. There were comments on the minutes published last month in the Triumph Trumpeter Newsletter which were then moved and approved as written.

TREASURER

Kathy Nuss was unable to attend tonight but sent her report in advance to the Secretary who read it to the membership.

Special Thanks

The DCTRA made a donation to the cancer society in memory of Linda Nicholson. Rick Story gave a heartfelt thanks to the Club for its donation in Linda's honor.

MEMBERSHIP

Dave Freet, Membership Chair, said we have two new members this month making our current membership total 160 people, comprised of 103 paid-up members. One of the new members is Linda Hall from Virginia who bought Tom Pennell's car. She is trying to recreate the car's history and is seeking any information someone may have on the car.

You may have noticed an emphasis to keep track of members who wear their name-badge at meetings. The Board is encouraging all members to proudly wear their name-badge at meeting and at other DCTRA events. Tonight, 13 out of 33 members wore their name badge. Thank you so much. Name tags help the new members (and me) know who you are and help with introductions. Please keep your name badge handy and wear it to the meeting. We did not have a special raffle this month but who knows for next month. You may be surprised. Please wear your badge for a chance to be recognized.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Matt Reynolds reported our two events for next month.

Upcoming DCTRA events:

- July 3, 2015 (Friday) Potluck and Fireworks display hosted by Bev and Pete Peterson, 7PM, RSVP by July 1st. Look for details in newsletter.
- July 25 (Saturday) - "Swim-In" movie night at Armand and Ann's house. 6PM. Bring your suit. 6:30 dinner, 8PM movie (The original "Italian Job") that you can enjoy watching from the pool (heated).

ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (A.A.H.C):

The next public meeting will be the 1st Tuesday in September, 7:00pm, location TBD. See AAHC website at this link: <http://www.arizonaautomobilehobbyistcouncil.com/>

TECHNICAL

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Armand told some stories but nothing official. Ron Gurnee reported that using (soft) strip of Velcro between the convertible top and the top of the windshield works great to stop the wind from coming in where the top meets the windshield.

OLD BUSINESS

If going to Triumphfest in October, please register. The host club asked the various clubs to please sign up as early as you can.

50/50: Held after the conclusion of the business meeting. We will continue this in our future meetings. Thanks for everyone who participated and best of luck next time!

NEW BUSINESS

John Horton offered the use of his garage to anyone going to Triumphfest to check out your car. Thanks John!

Bill Close is doing a TR3 restoration and says "Strip Your Ride" does a wonderful job of sandblasting parts. It is located at 202 and Country Club in Mesa.

Announcements

No new announcements. Reminder that Club members may advertise for free in the Triumph Trumpeter – DCTRA's newsletter -- keep that in mind if you have something to sell. Non-members pay a fee.

Regalia:

We have Club Gear for sale that include Tee shirts, polo or twill shirts and items showing our official logo -- grille badges, lapel pins, and license plate frames. Please support the Club. To order, contact the Club Secretary or see Betsy during the meeting.

AJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded; with no objection the meeting ended at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Kavash
DCTRA Secretary

Texas – Oklahoma Road Trip

Story and photos by George Montgomery

Early last spring I started plans for a road trip in the TR6 with my 10 year old grandson, Gryphon. At the end of May I would drive through several cities in Texas and Oklahoma for business meetings with some long time tax clients. I would end up in Oklahoma City at my sister's where I would meet my daughter, Jennifer and grandson, Gryphon. He and I would come back together to Mesa.

Although I enjoy driving with the top down, the summer sun dictated putting the top up and zipping out the back window. This was to be a leisurely drive, mostly on back roads, but got filled up with long overdue meetings and a deadline of returning in time to make the plane flight for Gryphon back to Orlando. Thus, I drove I-10 most of the way there. Not twisty, winding but still scenic when going through some of the mountains mostly in Eastern AZ and West Texas. I am continually pleased with how well this TR6 runs. After 30+ years driving a Spitfire, even though slightly modified for performance, it doesn't compare in smoothness and torque as this '6. It would climb through mountains without downshifting. While I'm not interested high speed touring, preferring to cruise at about 65-70 mph. I did get behind schedule on a Sunday morning intending to have lunch with a friend in Kerrville, Texas. My speed slowly began to creep up. In West Texas the interstate speed limit is 80 mph. My speedometer is not accurate and fluctuates wildly at the higher speeds. So, I've become accustomed to watching the tachometer. With the Toyota transmission and the taller tires (Yokohama P205/70R-15) at 2,500 rpm I'm doing about 65 mph. At 3,000 rpm I'm doing about 70 mph. While not frequenting the higher speeds, at 3,500 I thought I should be doing 75 mph and at 4,000 – 80 mph. Imagine my surprise when a county official clocked me and gave me a warning for doing 91 mph. It felt like I had sped up from 70 mph to 75. I like this car. Was still late for my luncheon.

Monday morning, when preparing to leave for breakfast, I could not get the car into reverse gear. I pumped the clutch and tried all other gears, grinding in each one. After a phone discussion with Bill Close, we decided the most expedient solution was just to replace the slave cylinder. Kerrville is only an hour's drive north of San Antonio, TX. Rather than order the cylinder and have it overnighted, my friend and I drove to San Antonio found the part at a Car Quest Auto Parts, had a nice lunch and returned in time to install it before dark.

The rest of the trip was rather non-eventful concerning the car. I met with about 45 of my high school alumni at the Bricktown area of Oklahoma City.



Altus, OK High School Bulldog mascot

Texas – Oklahoma Road Trip (cont)

While there we visited a Dale Chihuly glass art exhibit and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.



Dale Chihuly art exhibit at the Oklahoma Art Museum



End of the Trail at the Nat'l Cowboy & Western Museum

Gryphon and I left OKC on a Saturday morning. That afternoon we stopped in Tucumcari, NM to visit the Mesaland Dinosaur Museum. Friday morning's journey greeted us with cloudy skies and some light rain. Refreshing. Friday afternoon found us at the Petrified Forest outside Holbrook, AZ.



Jasper Forest at the Petrified Forest



A '30's Studebaker at Petrified Forest near Rt 66

Texas – Oklahoma Road Trip (cont)

Saturday morning as we left I-40 to head south on AZ Hwy 85, gotta have a fun road here, we stopped in Winslow, AZ to stand on “the corner”.



I'm not sure the 10 year old understood the significance but he thoroughly enjoyed the rest of the trip. It is his family that has my Carmine red Spitfire, Ruby. He used to set in the driver's seat in the garage, until it got surrounded with other neglected parts of their lives. With a couple more trips like this one and maybe I'll have a new LBC enthusiast in the family.

Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them.

1. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
2. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
3. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
4. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit... Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Linda Hall and Tom Pennell's 1961 TR3

By Mike Blachut



2014 photo of Tom Pennell's beautiful 1961 TR3



Young Linda Hall in the 60's with her 1959 TR3, the 60's were great.!

At the June DCTRA meeting Dave Freet, our Membership Chairman announced that we have a new member, Linda Hall of Lynchburg Virginia, she is curious about the history of Tom's car. If you can recall any memories about Tom's beautiful 1961 TR3, Linda Hall of Lynchburg Virginia would love to hear from you, her email is: Ragtop1@HUGHES.NET

Linda Hall is curious about the history of Tom's old TR3, and is hoping DCTRA club members can remember some stories about Tom's TR3. I suppose we are all curious about our own TR's and wonder if there are some great memories about our cars. Personally, I would like to know who the first owner of my 1961 TR3 was.

We know Tom Pennell was one of the founding members of our Desert Centre - Triumph Register of America and we know he liked to race his Spitfire. We heard that Tom brought his TR3 to Arizona from Alabama. But that still leaves us curious about many things.

Linda bought her first Triumph in 1963 when she graduated from High School in Lynchburg Virginia, it was a 1959 TR3. She purchased it from a local Pediatrician and drove it for 6 years, she sold it in 1969 when she got married. But, her love of Triumph TR3's never ended. In April of 2014 she saw an ad for a TR3 for sale in Williamsburg Virginia, (a mere 3 ½ hours from her home in Lynchburg). Linda drove to Williamsburg and bought Tom Pennell's old TR3. When she sat behind the wheel, she said, "I was suddenly taken back to the 60's".... And every time she drives it, she is transported back in time".... (sound familiar TR owners?). She drives it every chance she gets, when the weather is nice. Linda also owns a 2006 Jaguar XJ8 and a 2003 Ford Thunderbird, but she loves her TR3.

Tom Pennell/Linda Hall's Triumph is a 1961 Triumph TR3A, painted Signal Red, with light tan interior, black side curtains, tonneau and convertible top. Tom changed the steering wheel, added overdrive and an electric fan for the Radiator.

When Linda bought the car she found out that it been owned by a Tom Pennell in Phoenix, She located Tom Pennell Jr. who confirmed it had been his Dad's car. Tom Jr. said his Dad had restored

Linda Hall & Tom Pennell (cont)

the car in the 1970's. Tom Jr. also said his Mother, Gracie, was still living and had many stories about the car and its travels. (Gracie Pennell lives in Show-low Arizona).

Tom Pennell is the founder of our club, Tom wrote an article describing the history of our club and it is posted on our website: www.DCTRA.org/history

Meet Our Members

George & Chris Durkin

I was first introduced to Triumph cars in my first job after high school in England. I worked at a main Triumph dealership and grew to love Triumph roadsters. I obviously worked on other models but really enjoyed the old classic TR2/3/4 and 6's. They also brought out the first Spitfires in that era and I really liked the look of those. It was a few years later after various other jobs and graduating from University in Engineering that I was able to afford my own Triumph which was a used Triumph Spitfire 1963 Mk1. I enjoyed that car and I met my wife Chris when I had that car. Unfortunately, the weather in England finally took its toll and the car went to other pastures.



It was many years and two countries later that I finally got back into owning a Triumph again. I was retiring from my Engineering career which involved design and development of Gas Turbine engines for Honeywell. Being a gearhead I wanted something to do and enjoy in retirement so I purchased, a 1966 MKII Spitfire from a friend at work, which had been his fathers. I restored the Spit and thoroughly enjoy riding around in this and went on the BEAT three times.

In one of the DCTRA meetings I was informed of a 1976 TR6, which I purchased and have now completed the restoration. This was the car I took on the BEAT this year and really enjoyed the larger engine and comfort. These restorations were in between the other usual restorations involving our house, and I think Chris has more plans on that side for me now the cars are in a state to drive.

The DCTRA has introduced me to many friends with the same love for Triumph cars that I have, and we all help each other out with our cars and knowledge.

George Durkin

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YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR
3RD OF JULY
FIREWORKS PARTY!



YES – the THIRD – NOT the FOURTH!

WHERE: PETE & BEV PETERSON'S
37488 N. PIEDRA GRANDE DRIVE, CAREFREE

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015
7:00 pm - FIREWORKS START AROUND 8:30 – 9:00

On JULY 3rd there is a fireworks display at Harold's Saloon in Cave Creek. We have a good view from our patio and would love to have you join us to watch the show.

WE will provide hotdogs & brats, baked beans, water and soft drinks.

YOU can bring a potluck dish (if you want to) and BYOB. You may also want to bring a folding chair.

It will be HOT outside - we don't have a pool – so dress casual to keep COOL

PLEASE RSVP BY 7/1/15

(tell us what you will bring for the potluck)

PHONE: 480-488-4872 (leave a message)

EMAIL: packratpete@gmail.com

Directions & a map will be emailed to those who request it.





TRIUMPH 2015 DEL MAR, CA

www.Triumphest2015.com

Join us October 8th - 11th, 2015 in beautiful Del Mar, California for the annual gathering of owners and enthusiasts of classic Triumph sports cars from across the Western United States. Located minutes from the ocean, fine dining, microbreweries, shopping, and just 20 miles north of San Diego, Del Mar offers an ideal jumping off point for all of your "top down" driving adventures.

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OCTOBER 8th
through
OCTOBER 11th,
2015

Registration and Hotel
Information
www.Triumphest2015.com

Events:
Autocross
Funcours
Driving Tours
Awards Banquet
Funkhana
Darts Tournament
Hospitality Party

Location

HILTON DEL MAR

15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del
Mar CA 92014
858-792-5200
Group Code: TSC
Discounted Room Rate:
\$139/night
Parking: \$5/day



Come ride along the Sea and Surf

Triumphest 2015 Registration Form

Please read and fill out this registration form and mail it with your check payable to TSCCSD to: TSCCSD, P.O. Box 178088, San Diego, CA 92117. If you have questions, visit our web site: www.triumphest2015.com. There you will find the Hilton Hotel registration links, schedule of events and this registration form in a PDF format, and view our the regalia offerings.

REGISTRATION

Full Name (First, Mi, Last)

Name as you want it to appear on your badge please print

Email address (all correspondence will be sent to this address)

Co-Entrant Name As it will appear on badge, Please Print

Street address

City, State, Zip, Country (if not USA)

Telephone Number (including area code)

Club Affiliations (if any)

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Car 1 Year / Model

Car 2 Year / model

Car 1 Exterior / Interior Color

Car 2 Exterior / Interior Color

Car 1 Commission Number

Car 2 Commission Number

EVENT FEES

REGISTRATION FEE (Until 8/15) @ \$95.00
REGISTRATION FEE (After 8/15) @ \$110.00
ADDITIONAL CAR @ \$25.00

AWARD BANQUET MEALS

STEAK @ \$49
STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST @ \$49
GRILLED SALMON @ \$49
VEGETARIAN @ \$49

CANCELLATION POLICY

Due to the nature of this event, certain commitments need to be made to secure venues and materials for the event. For this reason, the following cancellation policy will be used:

- There is no penalty for cancellations received on or before Aug 15, 2015. Triumphest will refund the full amount paid.
- A cancellation fee of \$50 will be applied to refunds for cancellations received between August 16, 2015 and September 28, 2015.
- A cancellation fee of \$75 refund will be issued for cancellations received between September 29th and October 7th, 2015.
- There will be no refund beginning October 8th, 2015

REGALIA POLICY

Pre-order deadline for Regalia items is August 30. All pre-order will be available for pick up at the event. Limited items may be available for purchase at the event. Orders taken at the event will be shipped to you after the event and include a set additional expense for mailing. There will be no cancellation on the order of regalia (Shirts, Hats, Badges, etc). These items may be shipped to your mailing address after the event at your expense. Best to have someone attending pick up your regalia items for you.

EVENTS

Following is a description of each of the events scheduled. Please indicate which event you expect to participate in by checking the box.

- ☐ **Hospitality party:** The official kick off to this year's event begins **Friday Night** with a **Sea and Surf Party** to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.
- ☐ **Autocross:** Participants compete, one car at a time, through a miniature road course marked with pylons. Fastest time wins. Cars will be classed by model (performance potential). Cars must pass safety checks; seat belts required. Helmets will be provided for those who do not have their own.
- ☐ **Awards Banquet:** Let us entertain you! For this year's banquet we are planning a fun-filled evening with good food from the Executive Chef at the Hilton Del Mar. So come, join the group for a Social Hour, enjoyable dinner and evening with fellow Triumph enthusiasts.
- ☐ **Funcours:** The purpose of this event is to have FUN while showing off your Triumph. All cars will be judged against a 100-point standard. Extra points will be given for your display.
- ☐ **Funkhana:** A fun opportunity to test your driving skill while your partner performs feats of dexterity.
- ☐ **Fun Rally:** Enjoy a 1&1/2 to 2 hour ride around beautiful San Diego County.
- ☐ **Model contest:** Awards will be given for the best model in each of four categories: Diorama, Kit-built, Scratch-built and Store-bought.
- ☐ **Photo contest:** The photo contest will offer awards for the best photograph in each of four categories: Spontaneous Photo-Artistic, Spontaneous Photo-Humorous, Staged Photo-Artistic, and Staged Photo-Humorous.
- ☐ **Walking Rally:** Learn interesting facts as you enjoy this festive jaunt around the hotel and grounds.
- ☐ **Tech Sessions:** Come and get mechanical tips and pointers or just soak up Triumph lore from our guest speakers.
- ☐ **Driving Tours:** Scenic driving tours at your convenience.
- ☐ **British Car Day October 11th, Reduced fee of \$20.00 for Triumphest entrants.**

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, October 8th, 2015

12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration/Information
2:00 pm Self-Guided Driving Tour
2:00 pm Walking Rally Open
2:00 pm Car Wash Open
2:00 pm Uffda Contest Open
5:00 pm Arranged, Tours of local attractions

Friday, October 9th, 2015

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration/Information
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Autocross
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Funkhana
All Day Car Wash
All Day Scenic Driving Tour
All Day Walking Rallye
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Tech Session
6:00 pm Hospitality Party – No Host Bar

Saturday, October 10th, 2015

8:00 am – 10:00 am Registration/Information
7:30 am – 8:00 am Funcours Judges Meeting
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Funcours
Due 11:00 am Walking Rally
Due 11:00 am Photo/Model Contest
Due 11:00 am Uffda Contest
12:00 pm Driving Rallye
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm President's Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktails
7:00 pm Awards Banquet
8:00 pm Awards Presentation

Sunday, October 11th, 2015

9:00 AM-3:00 PM San Diego British Car Day at North Embarcadero Marina Park

Terms and Conditions: Proof of car insurance is required to participate in moving events. Tech and safety inspections are required in order to participate in the Autocross. Any vehicle may be disqualified at the Technical Inspector's discretion for safety reasons. I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicles and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego (TSCCSD), from any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in this convention. I understand that TSCCSD reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless, dangerous, and/or unsafe behavior. I have read, understand and agree to the cancellation policy and to the terms and conditions above

Signature

Date

Please print this page, fill out, sign and mail it with your check to: TSCCSD, P.O. Box 178088, San Diego, CA 92117

Custom Fuel Tanks

Article and photos by Craig Kenyon

I was talking to Armand in the bar on Saturday after we both had run the BEAT up to Flagstaff. In the discussion it came to light that he didn't know I had a custom fuel tank in the TR6. When driving up to Flagstaff on the last DCTRA Triumphfest, I had fuel starvation issues in the corners. When I got home, I rerouted my fuel vents but made the situation worse. I looked all round for a aftermarket fuel tank that would meet my needs but there wasn't any nor was there any plans for one that didn't require body modifications.

The design criteria for a new tank were stock fuel sending unit, stock fuel outlet location, no or minimal changes to the body tub, stock fuel neck, stock mounting locations, increased capacity, baffles to reduce slosh in corners, ability to fit a spare tire, clearance on my 6x9 speakers and no changes to my existing fuel injection lines. Armed with lots of foam core poster board and an X-Acto blade the design fun began. After several iterations, I built a Masonite board mock up. More design changes. With the final mock up in hand, I measured it to a 1/16" tolerance and drew up the plans.

The plans were posted on the 6-Pack website. A member changed the plans slightly (slightly shorter in height and a little wider in the bottom) and made arrangements for a company to fabricate them out of aluminum. Good tank. My tank is different in some respects to this tank. I have more capacity (14.5 vs under 14.0), don't have a trapped fuel issue because I draw fuel from the back of the tank, mine is set up better for fuel injection (whether port or Patton TBI) and the mounts are different. My mounts are made of a soft aluminum that will crack before the tank does, the other tank uses extruded L brackets for the mounts. Additionally, the side mounts on my car's body tub were not square to the tank, so a little give is good.

If you are in the position of replacing your fuel tank you have a few choices, an OEM replacement from the usual parts suppliers, an aluminum version of the same, a tank as described above (6-Pack Bob Tank) or consider something different. That is to have a steel one manufactured locally to the drawings that I still have. If you want to do that, drop me an email.



Tank fits with 1/4" on each side.



With mount, body flange is askew 3 degrees.



The only modification required, trimming of trunk panel attachment tab.

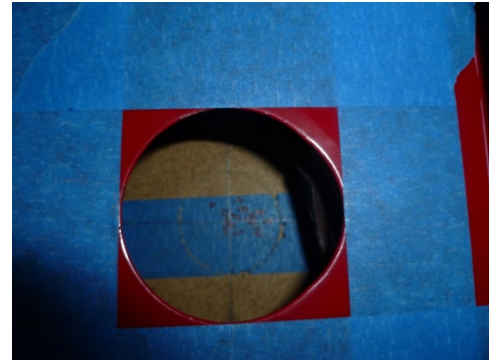
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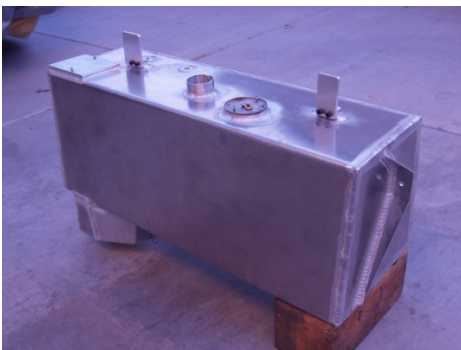
Closer view of trimming of tab.



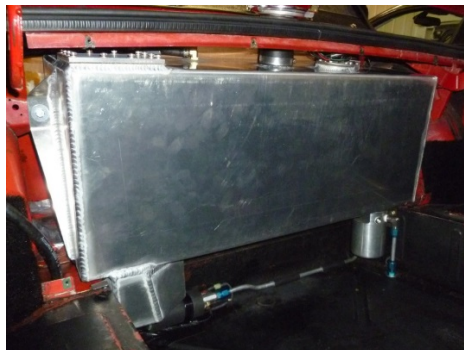
Upper tank mount.



Figuring out location and tilt of filler neck.



Finished tank.



Tank installed.



Spare tire (narrow width) just fits under the tank.

WISDOM FROM TRAINING MANUALS

'If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up to him.'

- Infantry Journal-

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Thanks. John Lindly

lindly1907@gmail.com

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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
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