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#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

July 11, 2017 **BUSINESS MEETING** Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

# Denney's Restaurant

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Cover: Craig Kenyon's TR6 PI Engine. Photo by Craig Kenyon's post on FB/TR6 Group

# Prez Sez – July 2017

John Nuss, President

Boy, time flies. Seems just last month I was writing a Prez Sez. After the June meeting, Kathy and I left for our annual trip to Ohio. We intended to trailer Trevor the Spitfire to Ohio to show the car, and drive the Mid-Ohio Sportscar Course. It didn't turn out that way - no car and no race watching. Maybe next year. Oh well, we got to spend time with family and friends.

I attended a few lectures regarding John Steinbeck. I wondered why I had an affinity for Steinbeck's writing. I discovered that he was a fisherman and used his time fishing to work out problems in his writing. He said that sometimes it is a good idea to leave the bait off the hook so the fish won't disturb your thinking. Another bit of interest is that the earliest book on fishing was published in 1497. The Isaak Walton fishing book has never been out of print since first published in 1653.

Triumphest seems to be moving along; looks like another banner event. Remember to respond to Bev Peterson for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. Maybe it's time for the club to plan something for August and September.

Until next time, drive the Triumphs!

John

### **EDITOR'S DESK**

George M Montgomery, Editor

I found the photo for this month's cover on a Facebook group for TR6's. There was a posting by our own Craig Kenyon about his TR6, the fuel injected engine (PI for our British friends) and a lot of comments. Knowing Craig wants more exposure for his engine, I selected it for our cover. It is a beautiful engine, all clean, neat, orderly, just as all our engines should be. Yours is isn't it? Some of us have better skills at accomplishing that goal. The entire car: body exterior and interior, wiring, upholstery, etc. is pristine. I like to study his car when he brings it to the meetings. I get so many ideas for upgrading my own TR6. He has modified many things on the car to improve its handling, performance, efficiency, lighting (for safety and visibility) etc. Craig, I didn't mean to gush over your car so much, but it is something to be proud of. And, he does it all himself. My hero; at least for this month.

Several months ago, Jim Bauder sent me copies of newspaper clippings from a local paper circa mid-1960's, while he was in the US Navy stationed in Tennessee. I thought they were interesting, particularly since I knew the subject racer so well. The quality of the clippings wasn't so good, but they're some 50 years old. I don't know whether you can read them well enough, but they're worth the try. Thanks, Jim.

At our next meeting, Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, I may have my grandson, Gryphon Klepper, with me. He arrives that date from Atlanta, GA for a week with us. He's 12 years old and a delightful kid. I'd like for you to meet him. Some of you already have. Drive your Triumphs, especially the green ones. They're his favorite.

See you there.

George

# **July 2017 Membership Report:**

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

We have had some interest in the club, generated through the website. At this time, there have been no changes to the roster since the last business meeting. As reported, the membership count is 99, with 149 members.

And, as always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DCTRA Membership Chair Marvin Miller (602)380-5564 miller2993@cox.net

#### **Application form on page 15**

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#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

July 11, 2017
Business Meeting
Starts at 7:00PM

Denney's Restaurant 650 Scottsdale Road, Tempe 85281

# Our Webmaster





#### **Minutes**

#### Desert Centre Triumph Register of America June 2017 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The June 2017 meeting of the Desert Center Triumph Register of America was called to order by the president, John Nuss, at 7:00 pm at Denny's Restaurant, Loop 202 & Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

**Members present** were Jim Bauder, Mike Blachut, Pete Bowen, Chris & Anne Marie Hansel, Phil Couture, Mark Crashell with a TR6, Henry Davitt with a Spitfire, George & Chris Durkin, Bob Holt, John Horton with a TR8, Craig Kenyon with a TR6, Chuck Kerzan & Mary White, Armand LaCasse with a GT6, Bob Mazer, Marvin Miller with a TR6, George Montgomery with a TR6, John & Kathy Nuss, Mark Peters with a TR4, John Reynolds with a TR6, Matt Reynolds, Pamela Rineholt, Bo Shaw with a TR3, Roy Stoney. No new members or visitors were present.

John Nuss brought Kroil, aerosol - \$10, non-aerosol - \$8, and passed around a mystery part with a prize for the best guess.

The minutes of the May 2017 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was accepted.

Membership: Chairperson Marvin Miller reported that 99 paid memberships with 149 members.

**Newsletter:** George is looking for more member profiles and trip stories.

<u>Tech</u>: Craig showed a wheel alignment tool. John Horton warned us to stay away from Dick's Speedo Tach, as they never return parts. There was a question about recommended mechanics, and it was pointed out that a list is included in our membership packet. John Nuss's car was leaking, got fixed, started having electrical problems; won't be able to drive it to Ohio – maybe next year.

<u>Triumphest</u>: Thirty-five registrations are in; most including meal reservations. Kathy pointed out that we are responsible for a given number of meals, and encourages all who attend the event to also attend the Awards Dinner. More rooms have been added, so we are encouraged to get our registrations in soon. Volunteers are needed as indicated on the chart in the newsletter. There are 20 committees, also on a chart in the newsletter. There will be a Triumphest meeting at 1 pm this Saturday at Armand's house in Scottsdale (call Armand for directions). Chris Hansel described two Scenic Drives in the Sedona area that will be included in the Triumphest Program. Chris also said new unwanted parts would be welcome for them to use in the raffles.

**Events**: Chuck asked for advice on finding Triumph-interesting places to visit in the UK when he goes to visit at the end of the month.

<u>Old Business</u>: There will be a discussion of the future of Triumphest given the merger of two California clubs.

<u>New Business</u>: Armand brought our invitation from Pete Peterson to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July party at their house in Carefree. Bev will be sending out more information.

John Horton brought a variety of Triumphest mugs, which will be raffled at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Rineholt, Secretary

### Calendar of Events

#### **By Clebe Best**

Editor's note: If you have had a favorite event or activity (ice-cream run, a drive for breakfast or dinner, a Hare and Hound Rallye, etc.) in the past that is not on the calendar let Clebe know and that you will help him to organize it and help put it on. I'm sure that he would appreciate your assistance.

#### **DCTRA & British Auto Events 2017:**

**July 3, 2017** – Pete & Bev Peterson's July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks Party (more info on page 7)

July 11, 2017 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

**September 2, 2017** – Charity Car Show @ Mesa Marketplace (to benefit AZ Humane Society)

September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Triumphest 2017, Flagstaff, AZ.

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017: The British Wheels on the Green; at Peoria Centennial Plaza; AZMB club

March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Highland Games @ Steele Park, PHX.

#### On-going events:

Cruz'n at Phil's - Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ (every Sunday)
Cars N Coffee – Show & Tel Coffee Shop Cave Creek, AZ (every Saturday)
Saturday Night cruise @ Kmart, Power Rd & Hampton.
Scottsdale Pavilions Saturday evening car show 101 & Indian Bend.
Impala Bob's Falcon Warbirds Breakfast Cruise – every third Saturday
Car Corral - 4th Sat. of every month. Buy or sell a car in a relaxed atmosphere. Cave Creek & Pima

# **Triumphest Auction Request**

#### Dear members:

I would like you to consider making a donation to this years auction. As you know John and Kathy Nuss are collecting items for the auction at their house in Apache Junction. My wife Anne Marie and I will be running the auction at the show. Please continue to send in your car and Triumph related items to the Nuss's.

Here is a short rundown on the type of items we are looking for. 1. Good used hard to get Triumph parts. 2. New Triumph parts. 3. Good used Triumph art or items related to automobilia 4. Items of art related to Arizona. 5. Other items of art such as jewelry. 6. Tools related to car repair. 7. Any car related reading material, or factory brochures.

Thanks, we will be donating some TR7 and TR6 stuff that I purchased thinking I would do another project, which most likely will never happen. I will put an estimated value on my items and I encourage everyone to do the same. If you have any questions please email me at <a href="mailto:longsail7@yahoo.com">longsail7@yahoo.com</a>, remember proceeds from the auction will help pay for the show!

#### Chris Hansel

# YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL 3<sup>RD</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS PARTY! YES – THE 3<sup>RD</sup>! NOT THE 4<sup>TH</sup>!



**Harold's Saloon** in Cave Creek puts on a fireworks show on **JULY 3**<sup>RD</sup> We have a good view from our patio – so come and enjoy the event!

WHERE: Pete & Bev Peterson's house & patio

37488 N Piedra Grande Drive, Carefree 85377

WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017

**7:00 p.m.** We'll eat about 7:30, visit, and then watch the show. **FIREWORKS START AROUND 9:00** (or whenever it's dark enough)

**WE WILL PROVIDE** hotdogs & brats, baked beans, water & soft drinks. If you like, **YOU CAN BRING** a potluck dish.

**BYOB** and you may also want to bring a folding chair and a flashlight.

It will be HOT outside - we don't have a pool –

so dress casual to be COOL

# **WARNING - NO SMOKING ALLOWED INSIDE OR OUT!**

to coordinate the potluck dishes and get an estimate for the hotdogs & brats:

# PLEASE RSVP to BEV by SATURDAY - 7/1/17

PHONE: 480-488-4872 (leave message – no texts, please)

Bev's CEL: 480-828-6008

EMAIL: <a href="mailto:bev@carefree.org">bev@carefree.org</a> OR

packratpete@gmail.com

We will email directions & a map to those who request it



ON THE GRID—Twenty sports cars wait on the starting grid for the green flag in Sunday's sports car races at Halls, Tennessee, staged by L'Auto Petit. At the left is the Jaguar XKE which hit speeds of up to 140 miles an hour over the three mile course.

# Jim Bauder

# Racing Days -Years ago in Tennessee Hitting close to 140 miles per These clippings were from when I was in the Navy and stationed in Memphis, TN I had the opportunity to enter 15 lapper.

two "Black Flag' sports car races, these types of races were held all over the southeast, they were run with no insurance and no (few!) spectators. They were run under SCCCA competition rules, but with no 'official' SCAA sanctions. However, they were great fun!! I drove my first sports car, an MG TF I500 in two of them and the next year I had purchased an early small mouth '58 BRG TR3. I drove the car back to So. California in order to visit my family for Christmas. After which I race prepared the car in the Base Hobby Shop Garage and then drove it in the SCCA Driver's School that our base sports car club, the local SCCA club and a short lived special club formed specifically to get the driver's school insured, put on. I would have liked to continue racing, however, I almost went through a complete set of tires in the two races and the practice runs during the school. That was just too high a cost for this sailor! 1 was very lucky, in that both cars did very well with very few issues during these full race events!

**XKE** Wins Going Away At 140 mp

Sebring driver Don Horn left the rest of the field in the dust at the sports car races held at Halls by the L'Auto Petit last

hour on the backstretch, the XKE lapped virtually the entire field over the three mile course in both of the 10 lan races as well as the

Only two cars were given much of a chance of providing any competition to the powerful British car. The first Lotus threw a rod 100 yards from the start of the first race and the second Lotus, driven by Phil Herold, went out in the first lap of the second race with a broken gear box, leaving the field wide open for the XKE.

Although final results had not been computed by Tuesday, Navy Memphis drivers made good showings in class competition. Entering from L'Auto Petit were Jim Bauder in an MG-TF, Sam Evans in an Austin-Healy Sprite, Jack Phillips and Ralph Preston in Anglias, and Ken and Nancy Yeager in a TR-3.

Mishaps were few. Yeager was shifting the last three laps of the first race without a clutch and Horn finished the last lap of the second race without any brakes on the XKE.

A crowd of 500, the majority from Navy Memphis, braved chilly winds to see the races, staged by L'Auto Petit in conjunction with two other Mid-South sports car

# Jim Bauder Racing Days: cont.

- AIR STATION.

# Sports Car Races Set Sunday

Nearly 30 sports cars will take the green flag beginning at 1230 Sunday afternoon in what promises to be the biggest day in Mid-South sports car racing history at the Halls Sports Car Races.

L'Auto Petit officials for the races announced this week that the first race of the day, a Ladies' Special, will get the flag at 1230 for a five lap race over the three mile circuit.

But cars and drivers will start pouring into Halls, 40 miles north of Millington on highway 51N, in the early hours with the inspectors giving the cars a thorough technical inspection at 0800. Practice runs are scheduled to begin at 0900, lasting until 1145 when the course will be closed for last minute pre-race preparations. (Like Lunch)

there will be two 10 lap events a 1300 and 1345 with the big race of the day, a 15 lap event, schedules for 1500.

Staged by the Navy Memphis sports car club with the Mid-South SCCA and Auto-Sport, it may be the beginning of big time sports car racing in the Mid-South. If present plans materialize, several races will be held on the old Air Corps base next spring and summer.

Drivers may still enter the race by registering at the course. A roll bar is required on all roadsters, but not on sedans. Cars must be equipped with seat belts and the drivers must wear approved crash helmets (hard hats).

Advanced tickets for one dollar will go off sale tonight. Regular admission charge at the gate will be a dollar-fifty. Personnel who have a transportation problem can catch a bus to the course gate at the corner of Navy Road and highway 51N at 0755 and 1055 Sunday morning.



JUST A BIT TIGHT—Two Navy Memphis sports car drivers battle it out while going around a turn at the Halls sports car races Sunday. Leading in an MG-TF is Jim Bauder with Sam Evans in a Sprite pushing him all the way

Evans in a Sprite pushing him all the way.

Sam was a bit hat, had to Broke here badly - we had guit a hough over this -

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No doubt all eyes will be cast toward the fabulous Jaguar XKE at Sunday's Halls Sports Car Races sponsored by L'Auto Petit SCC and two other Mid-South sports car clubs. This is the same car that ran away with LAP's Asphalt Jungle Auto-Cross this summer and is one of the four in the United States at this time. It's really a fantastic machine with more power than most drivers could cope with (the speedometer reads 160 mph). They have some other nice "little" cars such as the Lotus, the Alfa, the Elva, the Allard and the AC Bristol. Should be a good day's entertainment for a buck.

# **TRIUMPHEST-2017**

Flagstaff Arizona September 21st to 24th



# LET'S GO TO THE TRIUMPHEST



The next Triumphest Planning meeting will be Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1pm in Armand's garage.

# Only 79 days to go

(From July 1st)

Volunteers met for the third planning meeting at Armand's garage on Saturday June 17th to work on the upcoming event. We are expecting approx. 125 cars to arrive at the Little America Hotel in Flagstaff on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, this would translate to approx. 250 to 300 participants.

The entire planning is divided among 20 committees with 14 Committee-chair-people, (some are doubled-up). We estimate it will take 30 to 50 volunteers from our club to work with the committees to make things run smoothly for the 3-day event. If each volunteer from our club worked one shift per day it would make things operate smoothly and the volunteer could also enjoy the Triumphest as well. Sign-up as a volunteer at the next DCTRA club meeting Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>.... pick your favorite committee and enjoy contributing time with friends.

Call Armand at (602) 904-1937 for directions to his cool garage.

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# Paraprosdokians - Figures of Speech

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify: I put 'DOCTOR'.

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# Triumphest 2017 – Schedule of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday		
Registration	Hallway outside Flagstaff rm.	12 noon – 5pm
Dinner Cruise	Sign-up at Registration	6pm departure
Car Wash	Lodge-4 Parking Lot	All Day
Scenic Drives	Self-Guided	Anytime
Walking Rallye	Hotel Lobby start	Anytime
Raffles and ticket sales	Flagstaff Room & Around Hotel	All Day
Vendor Exhibits	Flagstaff Room	2pm – 6pm
Regalia	Flagstaff Room	12 noon – 5pm
<u>Friday</u>		
Registration	Hallway outside flagstaff Rm.	8am – 5pm
Autocross	East Parking Lot	8am – 4pm
Funkhana	Lodge-4 Parking Lot	12 noon – 3pm
Tech Session	Ponderosa Room	3pm – 4:30pm
Hospitality Party (cash bar)	Grand Ballroom	7pm – 10pm
Vendor Exhibits	Flagstaff Room	8am – 5pm
Car Wash	Lodge-4 Parking Lot	All Day
Photo, Craft, Model Exhibits	Flagstaff Room	8am – 5pm
Scenic Drives	Self-Guided	Anytime
Walking Rallye	Hotel Lobby Start	Anytime
Raffles & Ticket Sales	Flagstaff Room & Around Hotel	
<u>Saturday</u>		
Funcours	Lodge-4 Parking Lot	8am – 11am
Driving Rallye	Start @ Lodge-4 Parking Lot	12pm– Answers by 4pm
Presidents meeting	Ponderosa Room	5pm – 6pm
Happy Hour (cash bar)	Grand Ballroom	6pm – 7pm
Banquet & Awards	Grand Ballroom	7pm – 7pm – 10pm
Car Wash	Lodge-4 Parking Lot	All Day
Scenic Drives	Self-Guided	Anytime
Walking Rallye	Hotel Lobby Start	Anytime
Vendor Exhibits	Flagstaff Room	9am – 5pm
Information	Phone Contact	Anytime
Photo, Model, Craft Exhibits	Flagstaff Room	9am - noon
<u>Sunday</u>		
Pick-up Prizes	Flagstaff Room	8am – 10am
Schmooze &Farewell		

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# **CLASSIFIED ADS:**

#### 1971 TR6 Available for Purchase:



This car was restored by British Car Service prior to being purchased by the current owner in 2004. After purchase, boot liners, interior

carpets, seat upholstery, convertible top, wood instrument panel, belts and hoses were replaced, and the car was painted, among other things. Subsequently, work has been done on wiring, odometer has been replaced, etc. Included are a hardtop,

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. It won a Gold trophy at Triumphest 2004, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. It won First Place for Triumph TR6 at Wheels of Britain 2005, Phoenix, Arizona. Letter of valuation set value at \$17,000 in 2004. Asking \$20,000 within DCTRA (non- DCTRA: \$22,500). Contact Pam at <a href="mailto:pueblodesign@gmail.com">pueblodesign@gmail.com</a> for more photos, questions, etc.

#### FOR SALE:

Top for TR3

White on top is where I started to sand. The top hasn't been repaired. I'll take \$350 for it the way it sits.

Now Reduced to \$300







Mark Sapp (602) 625-8491

#### FOR SALE:

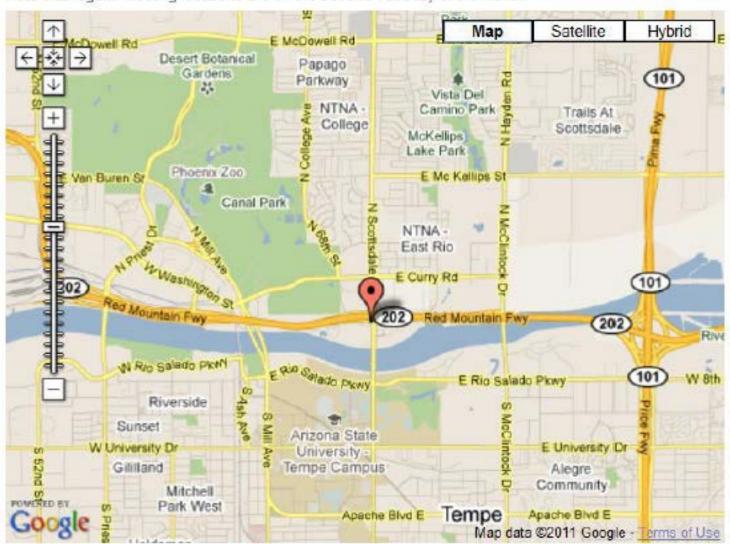
Gene Walentiny of Glendale, AZ has 3 TR-7s for sale; 2 coupes and 1 roadster. 623-931-9159 or 623-247-0355

#### Notice:

If we run an ad here for you and you sell the item, please **let us know when it has been sold** or at least no longer for sale. I'm sure that you don't want potential customers to keep calling you but if you don't let us know... we won't know. Don't just telephone but send an email so we'll have a record of it. Thanks, Editor.

# **DCTRA Club Meeting Location:**

Note that regular Meeting locations are on the second Tuesday of the Month:



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

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PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with correct amount of dues to:

**DCTRA** 

Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson 780 W. Coolidge St. Phoenix, AZ 85013 Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

	NEW MEMBER: INFO (please print):	
Name(s):		
Address:		
City:	State: _	Zip:
Phone: Home Email Address:	Cell	
Classic Vehicles Owned:		
Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #
		name badges are available at the
Do you want added to the Members	hip Contact list YES	NO
How are you paying your dues: CHE	CK CASH PAYPA	AL(add \$2.00 process fee)

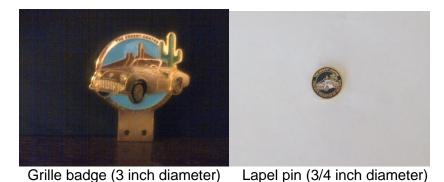
#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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.

We also have Grill badges (\$25.00 each), Lapel pins (\$5.00 each) and License plate frames

# Regalia

We also have Grill badges (\$25.00 each), Lapel pins (\$5.00 each) and License plate frames (15.00 each) available for purchase.



Membership fee
Name tags @ \$6.00 each
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each
Lapel pins @ \$5.00 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 Portland Triumph Owners Association

Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)

British Columbia Triumph Registry All British Field Meet (Portland)

Vintage Triumph Register

Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register

Rimmer Bros Stag Owners Club TR Sports 6 Club

British Car Forum

British Auto Works (OR) British Wire Wheel Save Our Cars

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club

Southern California Triumph Owners Assn.

British Motor Heritage Group

6-Pack -USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners

Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)

Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)

Moss Motors

Small auction and forum Classic Autosport Magazine International Spitfire Database British Motor Club of Utah

Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally) www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com

Victoria British

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