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Two old buddies meet again!

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

July 10, 2018 BUSINESS MEETING Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Cover: Matt Reynolds drove his TR3 to meet Stu Lasswell's TR3.

Prez Sez – July 2018

John Nuss, President

Greetings from Lakeside, Ohio at "Chautauqua" located on Ohio's North Shore (also known as Lake Erie). Several years ago I taught at the local high school. I've spent more time here in the last five years or so than I did when I lived in the area. The town is a gated community established in 1873. There is an orchestra in residence, historic late nineteenth century buildings, and lectures regarding spiritual growth, black holes and the opioid epidemic. Understand, there is still the lake shore and all that offers, first run movies, new and vintage popular music groups performing several times a week. Oh, and just up the street is Cedar Point, an amusement park with too many roller coasters to ride in one day.

I also visited my alma mater, Heidelberg University, for the Medallion Year Reunion. Fifty years; man, those returning graduates looked old!

It is getting to be time to begin thinking about Triumphest, both the one in September and the one we sponsor in in 2020, I believe. The presidents of the remaining four Triumph clubs agreed to hold Triumphest in alternate years rather than annually. I think we have a sort of committee to help set up Triumphest for that time, but there is no "Triumphest" planning committee yet.

ln	the	meantime,	drive	those	Triumphs.

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

News Flash! In case you have not been watching the news or reading comments on our DCTRA BBB, Pete and Bev Peterson's July 3rd party has been canceled. :(The City of Carefree felt the area surrounding Harold's Saloon was too dry for a fireworks display and denied their permit. Thus, the Peterson's party (for us to watch the fireworks display) was canceled. They are continuing to enjoy Bev's recent retirement and tour various places for another week or so. Have a nice trip guys; you deserve it. We have enjoyed your "3rd of July" Party many years in the past, but it was not to happen this year. You get a rest this time. Maybe some other year?

A couple of our former (and maybe still) members got to meet in North Carolina last week. John Reynolds drove to Memphis, TN to see his son, Matt. They then drove Matt's red TR3 to NC for the Triumph Register of America (TRA). There they met with former president Stu Lasswell. Stu sent me a photo included on the cover of this newsletter.

Mike Bulfer has sent two segments about his Triumph Sport 6 as its transition to its current status. Segment three was to be received for this July, however he just took on a new job and has moved his home. Too much on his plate for now. I have included a story sent me by Marlene Cole about her late husband and our long time member, Virgil. I knew Virgil, but

after reading her story about him, I'm afraid I didn't get to know him well enough. It is sad that sometimes that we don't take the time to get really acquainted with our friends until it is too late. RIP Virgil.

George

July 2018 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller Membership Report July 2018

We added two new Members in the month of June; Chris & Dawn Connelly have joined us with their 1977 Spitfire RHD. Let's all welcome them into the club, and I'm sure we all look forward to getting to know them & their car better. This addition brings Memberships to 102 with 156 Members. The June meeting attendance was 23.

There will be Club patches available for \$5 each at the next meeting. These nicely embroidered patches measure 4 1/2" diameter and feature the club logo. Thanks to Chuck Kerzan for making these available. Proceeds go to the club Treasury.

As a reminder, we have Club logo license plate frames, grille badges, and lapel pins available too. Frames (black or metallic) are \$15, grille badges are \$25, and lapel pins are \$5. All of these are very nice quality and look good in person.

As always, if you have a question or concern about your DCTRA Membership, please let me know and I will get an answer for you.

Marv Miller Membership miller2993@cox.net (602) 380-5564

Application form on page 19

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July 10, 2018
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Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant 3315 Scottsdale Road: Tempe, AZ



Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America June 2018 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The June 12, 2018 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order @ 7:05 pm by President John Nuss.

Members Present: 23 present and no guests or visitors. Julian Anderson, Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, Cal Busenitz, Chris & Dawn Connelly, Rick Hartmann, Bob Holt, John & Beth Horton, Betsy Kavash, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand LaCasse, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John & Kathy Nuss, Mark Peters, Ron Price, Marie Thompson, and John Reynolds drove his TR6.

Minutes: Last month's Minutes were approved as they appeared in The Newsletter. Thank you to John Nuss for filling in as Acting Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse reported that, with George Montgomery's help, the application was submitted to The IRS for The Club's Not-for-profit Status as a social organization 501c7. Application included the \$600.00 filing fee. Armand also reported there was more in The Triumphest acct. than originally thought plus a profit from the event itself so he has transfer surplus to General Acct.

Membership: Marv Miller introduced our 2 newest members in attendance: Chris & Dawn Connelly. Marv also reminding that a few Club patches still available for sale. \$ 5 -

Newsletter: George Montgomery would like more technical articals submitted. He's also asking anyone who has placed an ad in our newsletter to either let him know whether the item has been sold or the listing will be deleted.

Events: John Horton will be attending The Penske Car Show Saturday June 23. John listed other shows for July & August and a reminder of September 1st show by The Mini Club benefitting The Humane Society.

There were no **Technical** questions raised and no **Old Business**.

New Business: John Reynolds announced that he will be attending The Triumph Regional Convention in North Carolina with his son, Matt. Armand discussed details of upcoming Annual July 4th party at Pete & Bev Peterson's home held July 3rd. Contact Armand with any questions.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:40.

Minutes Respectively Submitted Mary A. White Secretary

Calendar of Events

Well 110 degrees, No clubs are showing any runs or shows. Would anyone want to appear at any restaurant in any car for a quick breakfast????

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2017:

July 8, 2018 - 10am - Brunch at the "Duce" 525 S Central; PHX MG Club

July 10, 2018 - DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

July 16, 2018 – Karz & Koffee; Press Coffee; Chandler

Aug. 5-6, 2018 - Watson Lake Prescott car show TBD

Sept. 1, 2018 – Mesa Marketplace Car Show

Sept 22-23, 2018 - MG, run to the pines. TBD

Sept. 27-30, 2018 – Triumphest 2018; Sacramento, CA

Oct. 5, 2018 – British Vintage Voyage -??

Nov 4, 2018 - MG Club Wheels on The Green TBD

Nov 22, 2018 - Thanksgiving Day Parade @ Fountain Hills?????

Regular Occurrence Events

Hunts Donuts – 3rd Thursday University and the 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

Cars N Coffee – 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum

Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

Our Web Master



Penske Racing Museum

Article and photos by John Horton and George Montgomery (Photo editing by Charisse Montgomery)

On June 14th stalwart Triumph owners visited the Penske museum. The day started out cloudy but as I drove along the 101 to Scottsdale (with the top down) I noticed a couple of drops on the windscreen. By the time I got to the museum, it was beginning to rain. I had help putting the top up and we went in.

I was really amazed by the race cars. After seeing them on the tube and now actually seeing these monsters in them flesh... they are BIG. Easily as big as my Toyota sedan.





The Penske Racing Museum

Horton's TR8 at the museum

The museum people put out coffee and drinks for all and we enjoyed them, after some time the group decided to visit the Village inn just south of Penske's for a good breakfast. I think everyone had a good morning. During the hot weather we should be encouraged to go places driving our air cooled cars, So I will set up a couple of runs.



Members discussing their racing war stories



Display of cars



More war stories

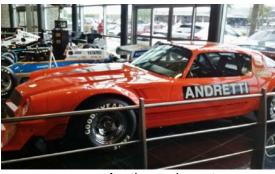


More cars

Penske Racing Museum: cont.



A different racing category



Another racing category



Bill Graham admiring the beautiful Lola



Ron Gurnee and Armand discussing something



Two Indy Pace Cars



One of the exotic race engines





The eagles gather for the after event breakfast at a Village Inn for further discussions

Meet Our Members

Article & Photos by Marlene Cole

Virgil Cole passed away
January 5, 2018 from a heart attack. He was 85
years old. There was no warning or
illness. His interment is at the local Veterans
Cemetery. He is survived by me, Marlene, his
step-children and their families. We were
married about 40 years.



Early Life

Virgil spent a most of his adulthood in and around cars. But he never wrote anything down relating to that time period. I found one or two photos with him standing by part of a car. I believe he had a Studebaker car and a Studebaker pickup. He also mentioned that he had a Mustang. He had two different Triumph cars before I knew him.





I think he may have done a little bit of racing which was probably in the Florence Coolidge area. He did not discuss any details.

Virgil saved certificates for completing training for the Chevrolet Motor Division. He had a letter from Sizer Chevrolet Company in Coolidge, Arizona dated April 8, 1953. It states: "We are attaching your diploma covering your successful completion of the three (3) Day Basic Parts School

Meet Our Members (cont.)

held here in El Paso, Texas", signed by J. T. Jones, Jr., Zone P&A Manager. The certificate says he successfully completed the 1953 Basic Training Course for Dealers Parts and Accessories Sales Personnel, etc., Chevrolet Motor Division, etc. I don't recall his mentioning this training. Then he has

certificates for successfully completing the Sales Training Course in 1954. One indicates: Dealers' Wholesale Parts Personnel and the other states Dealers' Parts and Accessories Sales Personnel.

A letter I found dated April 21, 1959 is from Sizer Chevrolet Company in Coolidge, Arizona. Parts of the letter: "Mr. Virgil Cole was employed at our firm for five years in our parts department. I personally found him very reliable, honest, sober and capable of responsibility. ... In the five years he was with us he became one of our finest parts personnel."

At one time I know that Virgil worked for Rudolph Chevrolet and he worked in a radiator shop. He was employed by Courtesy Chevrolet, Mecham Pontiac, back to Courtesy and finally at Ray Korte when he retired.

Triumph Car Traveling

His 1968 Triumph 250 was purchased before I knew him as he got it in 1969. tried to list various trips we made over the years with the Triumph. 1977: We took the TR to San Jose, San Francisco, Wine Country and Vancouver. I remember that we drove down that special hill in San Francisco that is all curvy.





1984: We went to an evening concert of The Chieftains Irish group at the Sundome in Sun City and had our Triumph in the parking lot. When we came out of the show, there was a note about the Triumph Organization put there by Pete and Bev Peterson. We tried to find the meeting place soon after and finally connected with the organization. We have been members ever since.

Meet Our Members (cont.)





We may have made trips taking the Triumph without my making a note of which vehicle we took. Or I may not have a record of a trip at all.

But this is what I could find: We drove the Triumph to Palm Springs in October of 1985. (I was coming down with cancer.) Next was 1987 to Las Vegas. (We normally extended our trips with sightseeing.) In May 1988 it was to Tucson. 1989: Lake Arrowhead but I'm not sure if we drove the TR. 1990: Triumph Fun Run on Rt. 66. 1991: Lake Havasu City (I have a large framed photo of all the vehicles). 1994: San Diego. 1996: Big Bear Lake, California. 1998: British-Euro TR Drive to Flagstaff. 2000: San Diego. 2002: Triumphs in Sedona parade. Oct. 17-19: TR fest at River Palms in Laughlin. 2007: Oct. 11-14: Laughlin. 2008: Voyage to Tucson, Tombstone, Benson and St. David. 2011: Oct. 22-23, British car run. We went to the gathering in Flagstaff a few years ago. Enjoyed breakfast runs and attended many monthly meetings. Triumph parties were great. And we made wonderful friends.

Virgil decided, a few years ago, that he could no longer maintain the TR so we sold it when we got a good offer.

He could identify practically any old car we would see as we were driving around town. He was a fan of NASCAR.

Besides his interest in vehicles, he was involved in many other things. He did silver work, leather work, could do wood work, played terrific music on a chromatic harmonica, was a great singer. He/we belonged to many music organizations, and a Civil War round table. (He won a couple of contests for his harmonica ability.) Both of us played in a band for square dances for years, participated in many music festivals, and for the past 17 years we also played music in assisted living homes and complexes. From time to time we did some ballroom dancing.

Technical Idea

Specialty tools for club use?

Someone has posed an idea of DCTRA club set of specialty tools to be shared amongst Club members. Problems to be resolved is: 1. Where to keep, storage? 2. How to transport and when?

Does anyone in the club have a tester like this? If not would like to build one so that the Club can use it as needed. Everything is adjustable on this stand to use with many different gearboxes. I power it with a 3 phase 1.5hp motor through a VFD so I can adjust the speed from a crawl to about 60 mph.

Other tool wish items would be: Powder Coating Machine to remove rust from nuts and bolts Bead blaster Club could pay for these things??

Just an idea.



Editor

Q: Who is responsible for the blue and white paint scheme on the Shelby Cobra?

A: Dan Gerber, who raced in the SCAN series, of the early sixties.



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.

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 \$17,000 within DCTRA (non- DCTRA: \$18,500). Contact Pam at pueblodesign@gmail.com 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 \$100







Mark Sapp (602) 625-8491

FOR SALE:

4" simple vice - \$5; 1,500 pound ATV hydraulic lift - \$50; Spare tire 185SR15 redline tire - FREE

I am selling 6'5" by 12 feet two wheel trailer for my daughter. it cost almost \$2,000 She wants \$1,500.

John Horton - triumphshoppe@gmail.com, 602-705-8678

FOR SALE:

TR7 top, fiberglass, appears to be in good condition and some assorted TR7 parts- including a set of TR7 carbs. The owner is a former club member, also selling the Renown. One hundred dollars takes all the TR7 parts. The same person is helping the widow so call Don Johnson 602-931-2859.



FOR SALE:

1959 TR3A. A restoration, but a few years old. The gentleman that restored is willing to part with it. It started easily and drove around the neighborhood. The underside is clean, no rust and no oil or grease visible. Comes with a lot of extra parts. The car is being sold by the owner's son-in-law and daughter; Mesa, AZ. \$20,000. Call Mike West 480-325-3246.









Wanted:

Wanted TR250 or TR6 (no 3 / Very Good) condition that is looking for a good home, garage kept and will be well fed. You can reach me at timothyemaxwell@gmail.com

Tim Maxwell, Texas Triumph Register Member, TTR Houston, TX

FOR SALE:

Beautiful, shiny black 1952 Triumph Renown; right hand drive, three speed transmission. The interior is tan with refinished wood on the dash and window surrounds. It appears to be an Arizona car with no rust on the undercarriage, no evidence of severe fluid leaks on the car or the floor of the garage. There are some bubbles in the paint on the left hand rear door, and the chrome is not perfect in that same area. The car started and drove smoothly around the neighborhood. The brakes, being drum brakes, took more effort than one might be used to, but seemed appropriate for the year of the car. The owner believes the condition and rarity of the Renown makes her price \$19,500.

The car is being sold by a family friend, Don Johnson 602-931-2959, in Arizona













FOR SALE:

1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration ~74,000 miles, but only 1000 since restored, Original Java green with black interior Many upgrades, too many to list here. Webbers and Overdrive. Leather seats Car is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area Asking: \$29,500.00 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KvBZHnD8FxZiFHXiUU7_O9_1k_HlkLhN?usp=sharing

Contact me for other questions:

Jack Morris (C) 817.401.2549 jack@ppitx.com

FOR SALE:

My father in-law has a TR4, 1965, in need of restoration. We have an interest in selling the car. I wasn't sure how to approach getting it sold so I thought I would inquire with you, your organization, as to what options I might have. I live in the Phoenix area. I see you have a meeting coming up on March 13th at Denny's.

Robert Brown < Rob. 50 states realty @gmail.com

FOR SALE:

1972 Triumph GT6 Mk III. Much work has already been completed and a binder with receipts/data is included. Floors appear to have been replaced but the battery tray needs to be replaced--someone made it flat across the top instead of having it recessed a few inches as per original.

Have Florida title for the car. Looks as though the engine lower end was gone through. Cylinder head is merely sitting in place and should be inspected. Appears as though there are new front suspension bits, brake calipers, etc. All glass is included with the car.

Period-correct cast aluminum "turbine" wheels (4) go with the car and not the stock steel ones as depicted in some photos.

The price for the car is \$1,400.00. Car is in the Kemah, TX, area and was safely parked in Spring, TX, when Hurricane Harvey hit. This is not a flood car.









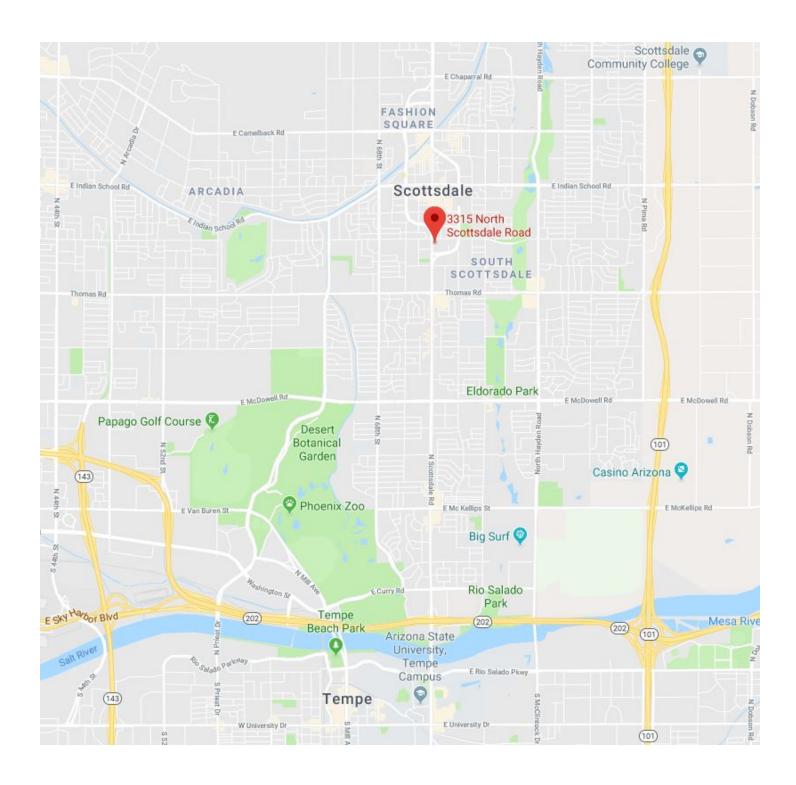


Thanks, Mike Hado, TTR Houston, for Steve Wirtes (713) 516-4978 steve65cobra@gmail.com

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DCTRA Club Meeting Location:





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

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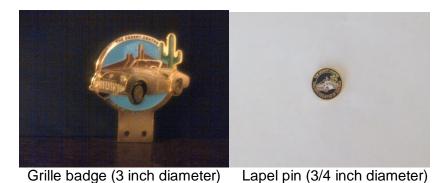
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PLEASE NOTE:

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.



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 Auto Works (OR) British Wire Wheel Save Our Cars

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Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club

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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

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Delta Motorsports C.A.R.S of Phoenix http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph

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