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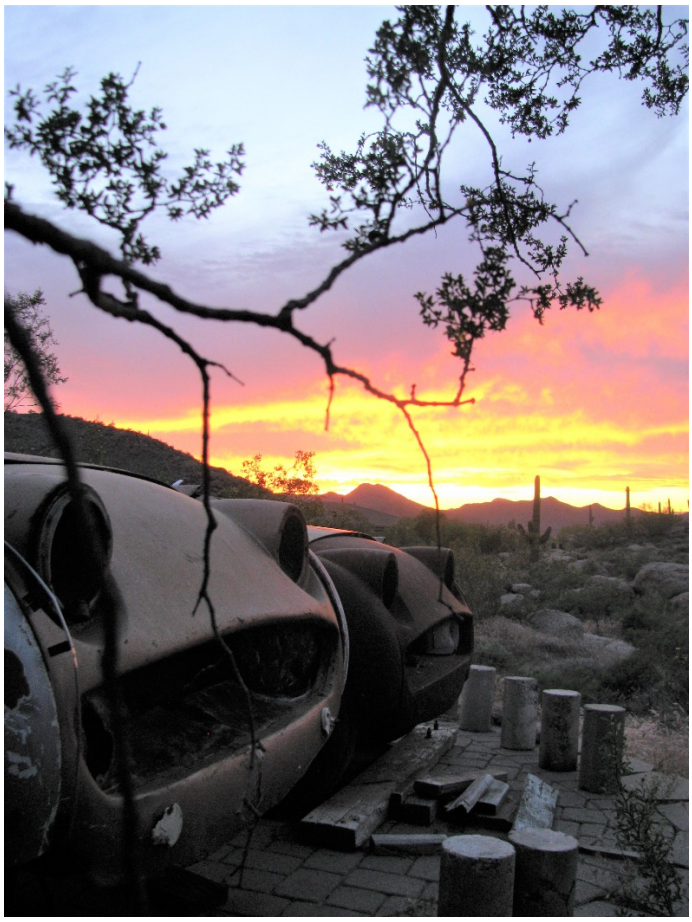

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

July 14, 2020

→ Meeting To Be Zoomed ←

~~Meet us for dinner / social @ 6: p.m.~~

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Cover: Sunset view at Peterson's home. Photo by Bev Peterson

Prez Sez – July 2020

John Heisser, President

Another month has come and gone with this Covid-19 pandemic being the new reality, although we haven't been able to have monthly membership meetings, thanks to the internet and the DCTRA general email we have been kept up to date about club members, their cars and projects.

As most of you know Gene Glen passed away, Armand wrote a nice article about him including a story explaining Gene's wit and humor. Most all the comments I read about Gene contained "He was character", all of us who knew him a have funny story or stories about Gene. Armand's article reminded me of an exchange I had with Gene, he was expounding the virtues of the Ford alternator virus the GM one most people use as an upgrade. He told me "This thing puts out a 110 amps!" I told him I did not need one, he asked why? I answered, "If my battery is low, I'll just park next to you because that alternator is putting out enough amperage for two Triumphs. I figured I had gotten him good. But he came back with "Son, it don't work that way". There have been a few other people that have died since I became a member in 2007, Jim Hughes, Linda Nicolson, and Vergil Cole come to mind. Jim was very passionate about Triumphs he had a beautifully restored white TR3 which he worked on for several years. Linda was part of the Triumphest 2012 committee, had a really nice mostly original TR4 and participated in many DCTRA and British car events. She was one of the sweetest people you could ever meet. Vergil Cole was a long time DCTRA member, he told me he bought his TR250 when it was just a year old. He maintained that car until the day he sold it. He was a real gentleman, someone that you were always happy to see. I was reminded of these individuals when one of our newer members suggested having a memorial drive after seeing all the comments about Gene. When John Nuss and I spoke on the phone a few days later we both agreed a memorial drive is a great idea, so hopefully when things settle down we will be able to plan something. A memorial drive would be to remember all DCTRA members that have passed away, many I never had the pleasure of meeting that without them there would probably never have been a DCTRA or it would not be the fine organization it has been for many years.

The Triumphest 2021 committee has been meeting every few weeks via Zoom. Things are moving along really well under the leadership of Ron Cole, and with members with lots of experience like Kathy & John Nuss and John Reynolds they have attended or been apart so many Triumph or British car events it amazing. Chuck Kerzan came up with a really nice Logo and he and Mary White have resumed their roles for coordinating the Hospitality Party and the Banquet. Mike Blachut has recently join the team and has been a big help with updating our sponsorship form. We are looking for someone to be the Master of Ceremony for Triumphest 2021. This is usually the job for the Triumphest committee chair or the club president. Ron will have a lot to do during this event and if it were held today I would be next in line. If you haven't noticed public speaking is not my forte! So if you like speaking in front of a 100+ strangers this job is for you! Seriously, if anyone is interested please contact Ron Cole or me. Also as the time gets closer, we will be asking for casual volunteers that can jump in and help with last minute things that come up and / or to help support the various actives. As always be safe and well. Thanks, John

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EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

The technical column this month is from our DCTRA Bulletin Board (BB). Often our members will have a question or a problem while working on their metallic mistress. These members will pose these questions or problems on the BB. Other members will, in turn, answer the question or offer suggestions for the correct procedure. Sometimes several will comment giving varied procedures that the original poster can read, decipher and chose the one that best fits his car and/ or for his intended use. This technical responding is one of the greatest assets of our club. We have several engineers, mechanics and skilled craftsmen within our membership. Thanks to all of you for the generosity of your experience and knowledge.

If you are not registered on our BB, send an email to our webmaster, Dave Riddle, at Dave@Microworks.net. He will send you a link to get set up for it. It is an invaluable resource for working on our cars while we are sequestered at our homes.

Ron Gurnee and I have a room reserved for San Diego at Triumphest 2020 and our Triumphest registration has been sent in. The hotel was closed back in March because of the lockdown for the Covid 10 virus. When the California governor opened the state for partial business, the Triumphest registrar notified us about mid-May that the hotel was now re-opened and Triumphest registration approved and was going to be held as planned. We got online and made our registration before the discounted rate expired on May 30.

I hope to see you two weeks from today on July 14th as we Zoom for another meeting.

George

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July 2020 Membership Report:

Let's all welcome new member Vince Vincent and his 1974.5 TR6. Vince and his car hail from Chandler and have already been on an informal run.

This latest addition brings the club membership to 98 with 141 members.

Six new member packets with name badges were mailed to our new members who have joined within the last several months. Thank you all for your patience in getting these to you. We look forward to the day when you may proudly wear your DCTRA name badge to the monthly business meeting for personal introductions.

Marv Miller
Membership
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Application form on page 14

Minutes

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June 9, 2020 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The June 9, 2020 monthly meeting of DCTRA was conducted on Zoom, hosted by John & Kathy Nuss and called to order by President John Heisser @ 7:11 p.m.

Members present: Ron Gurnee, George Montgomery, Marv Miller, John & Kathy Nuss, John Heisser, Jim Bauder, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand LaCasse, John Reynolds.

Minutes: Last month's minutes approved as they appeared in The Newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Armand LaCasse reporting Triumphest expenditures and Appropriations filing.

Membership: The Club acknowledges the passing of long time member Gene Glenn. There is possibility of a memorial run to be held in the fall and DCTRA could possibly combine a Memorial Run with that.

Technical: John Reynolds recommending Griot's Dry Leather Cleaner. Chuck Kerzan discussed installing overflow bottle in his TR3. Armand took us, in real time, to his garage to show recommendation as to where to install.

Old Business: None

New Business: A Triumphest Committee Mtg. was held earlier this afternoon on Zoom.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary A. White, Secretary

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Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2020:

July 14th-DCTRA Business Meeting May **Meeting to be Zoomed**
Aug 31-Sept 4 – VTR 2020 Galena, ILL.
Sep 10-12, 2020 -- Triumphest San Diego, CA

Regular Occurrence Events **ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELED**
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
Cars N Coffee – 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum
Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

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Many meetings, shows, and other events have been canceled because of this Corona virus pandemic unless changed by further notice. Watch our DCTRA Bulletin Board.

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Technical Note

Removal of Float Chamber Plug

Messages from the DCTRA BB

On Jan 22, 2018, at 10:34 AM, "xxxxxxxxx@cox.net" wrote:

I want to remove the brass plug from the float chamber of the 175CD-2SE carburetors on my 1970 TR6. This face of this plug on these carburetors is slotted, so that, according to several references I've found, it can be removed by a screwdriver (later models of the carburetor are fitted with a plug that is just pried out). The slot is 1/16" wide and extends across the 3/4" face of the plug. The plugs on both my carburetors are seated tightly, and I don't have a screwdriver with a blade thick enough and wide enough to supply the leverage. Never seen one, in fact. I want to remove the brass plugs without marring them. It's a tight space that I'd be working in, if I don't remove the carburetors to get access, and, of course, I'd be working upside down. The working space available would make it difficult to use channel locks. Is there a tool for this? Anyone have other ideas? I'd appreciate any input.

Ron

On Tue 1/23/2018 4:01 PM

Hi Ron, I had a similar issue with the slotted screws that are on the windshield Stanchions that attach the windshield frame to the cars scuttle on my 60 TR 3 A. I made a tool that fit this application, by using a small piece of steel of the correct thickness and then welding on a bolt as an extension so it could easily be turned. If you do not find a tool to do this, I would be glad to make you something that would meet your needs. Just let me know. I would be glad to help you out. Cheers, Bob Holt

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Meeting at Denney's
Meeting Canceled

NEXT CLUB MEETING
July 14, 2020
Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.
A Zooming address will be sent out.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

Retired auto body man looking to find 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 obo cash

Mike Lesniak
1701 S Yellow Brick Rd
Chino Valley AZ 86323
928-710-4259

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

David Faulkner - 480-656-4366
rottendave@cox.net 12-19

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE:

TR6 Roll Cage. $475.00. I cleaned it up. Sanded it down to remove paint. And applied 2 coats of grey primer. I was going to spray paint it black, but it's ready for someone to choose their color.

Please contact me either on email at:
john.carroll@wbhsi.net
or text at 480 622 8502
John Carroll. 03.2019

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FOR SALE:

This car is listed on Hemmings: https://www.hemmings.com/classifieds/cars-for-sale/triumph/tr4a/2398372.html

Besides the details in the listing, The car comes with hundreds of new spare parts, tools and workshop and restoration manuals, worth over $2000. The restoration was professionally done in 1992 by Triumphs Only of San Jose for the previous owner who wanted a reliable driver. It is not a concours, numbers-matching car but is very authentic and in excellent condition. The original chassis and body were in great shape but the engine was not. A 1964 TR4 engine was rebuilt to TR4A specs with Stromberg carbs, etc. and an electric overdrive and wire wheels were added. The car was originally white but the previous owner wanted red.

sold

I have maintained it well for almost 25 years, driving fewer than 500 miles per year. It has always been garaged and never gotten wet!

I live in far north Scottsdale, near Carefree. I invite any interested DCTRA members to come and take it for a spin.

Dave Twyver
480-625-0043
david@twyver.com 6-20

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE: ***Surplus Triumph Stuff***

TR Generator - rebuilt by Lucas (New in Box) — $250
(Moss #540-200 @$410)

Pair of rebuilt Zenith Stromberg CD175 Carbs (unused) — $400

Sold

Original Triumph AM Radio (working!) — $200

Classic Fortnum & Mason Picnic Basket — $500 Sold

Pendleton Picnic Rug — $100

Contact Dave Twyver
dave@twyver.com
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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

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~~ Reduced to $25,000

Contact me for other questions:
Jack Morris
(C) 817.401.2549
jack@ppitx.com 8-2019

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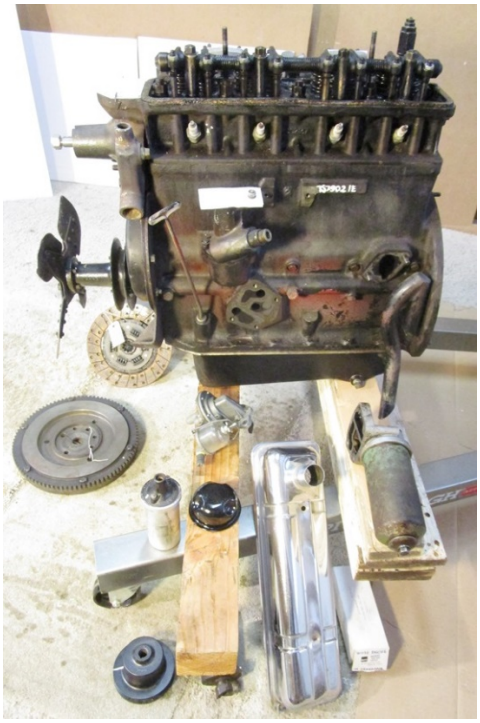
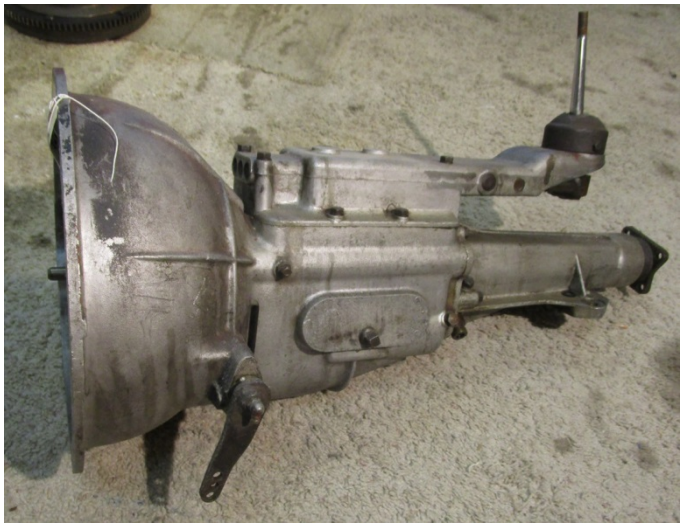
FOR SALE:

Engine has 83,000 miles and was running when removed.
Transmission runs good.

Email Mike Blachut: mblachut@yahoo.com and make offer





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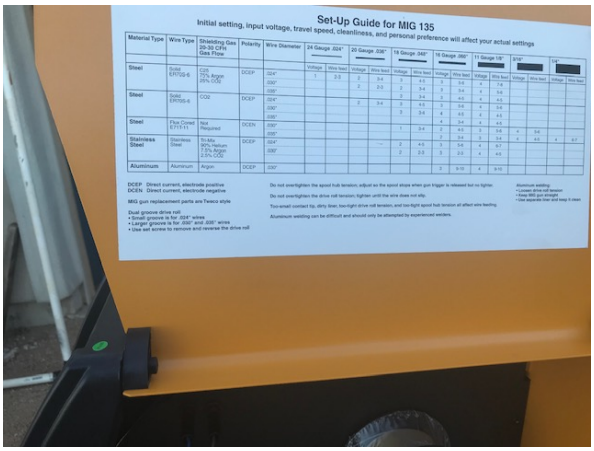
CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE:

I want to give members in the club, first option on a BRAND NEW northern tool 135 Mig welder, before I put it on Craigs List. Lincoln SP125 Deluxe Mig welder, which has served me well, that I like very much. Therefore the opportunity to present this for sale. It is BRAND NEW and has never been used. Just the welder and attachments sells for about $340. I will throw in a welding cart and a set of welding gloves. It has a set of regulators to attach a gas cylinder for Mig gas (Argon/CO2. The only issue is one of the protective clear lenses is missing on one of the pressure gauges for the Mig gas. A few pictures attached. I feel a fair price is $250.



Bob and Mary Holt <marynbobh@yahoo.com>

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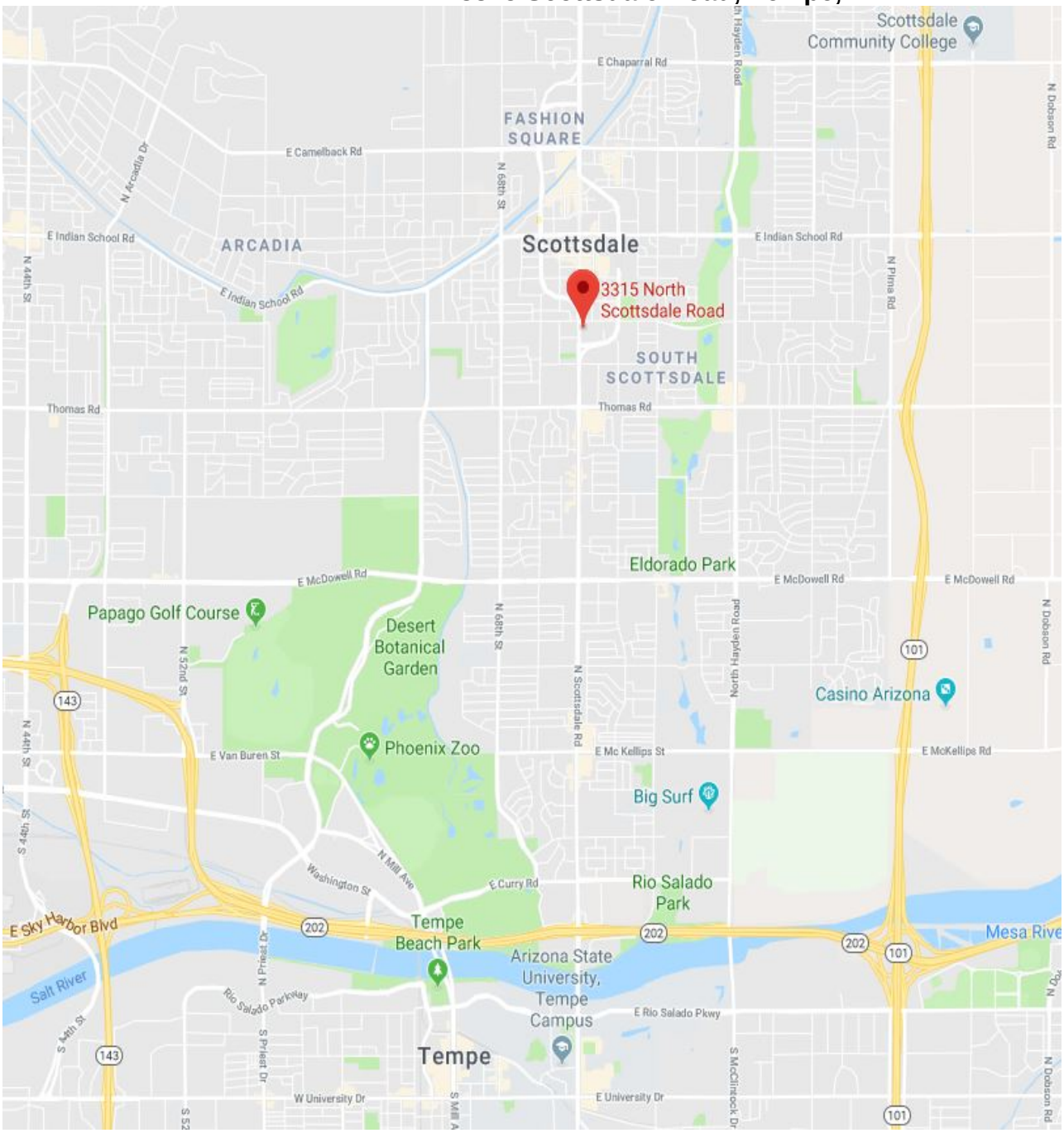
DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

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

At: **Denney's Restaurant**

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
780 W. Coolidge St. Phoenix, AZ 85013
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 #

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Year Model Commission #

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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)

Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)

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	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
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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
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Small auction and forum	www.britishcarauction.com
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International Spitfire Database	www.members.cox.net/spitlist
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