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A pair of racing TR3s

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

July 12, 2022

Meet us for dinner/social @ 6pm

Business meeting @ 7pm

Denny's Restaurant

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Prez Sez – July 2022

John Heisser, President

When all of you are reading this I'll be on vacation in Ohio, my family has for many years now scheduled a large family reunion on either Saturday or Sunday during the 4th of July weekend, I have attended for several years now and hope to never miss it. So when Dave Riddle said he was going to be racing in the Kastner Cup which is being held in Pittsburgh I was hoping I could make it over there but it's scheduled for July 15th thru 17th and I will be back in Arizona by then. I'm hoping that Dave will write an article for this newsletter about his experience etc. Most of us know that Dave is a high performance driving instructor, but from what I understand John Horton also raced cars back in the day. Recently Jim Bauder mentioned that he attended SCCA classes and was licensed to participate in SCCA events when he was a young man in the Navy. As for myself I did some Drag racing when I was in my 20's, first with my very stock 1970 Plymouth Duster 340, then with a 1966 Plymouth Satellite that I restored and modified the engine. I was not very successful though, because I was too afraid of damaging the car after all the time, money and work I put into it. After a few disappointing practice runs, which the car should have been quicker and faster, a friend and fellow racer got in that car "drove it like he stole it" he went 5 MPH faster and dropped almost a half second of the elapsed time for the ¼ mile. I discovered that I prefer to work on cars rather than racing them, so I never raced the car again, instead enjoyed driving a really nice street car. If any of you have similar experience I and I'm sure most of our members would be interested in hearing about them.

We have had several new members join the club recently, just to name a few, Eddie Ochoa I believe he is waiting for his TR6 to arrive, Oli Strimelle if I remember he has a TR3. At our last meeting two new members attended for the first time Dave Ker recently bought a TR3 and is the proud "caretaker" of several collectible cars and Peter Sharp who recent inherited his father's very nice original 1976 TR6. Hopefully they will write a "New Members article" telling us about themselves and how they became interested in British cars.

The VEREP car show is in Prescott is July 9th contact Paul Jordan (928 848-4490) for more information. If you can't enter your car why not attend? I would be going but I will be traveling that day returning from my vacation. Remember Prescott is about 10 degrees cooler than the "Valley of the Sun" this time of year!

Progress on my TR8; I am slowly putting back everything I removed to paint the engine compartment. Several clichés come to mind when I consider the point I'm at with this project, "Why is there enough time to do job correctly the second time when there wasn't enough the first time?" "Repair Creep" or "There is a silver lining to every cloud" I about 70% satisfied with the way the engine compartment came out, the paint is a perfect match but the prep work could have been a little better. I have cleaned, re-lubricated, and rebuilt several components.

The last several days I have been thinking I should have just cleaned the engine compartment, put the engine and transmission back in, I would have saved a lot of time and expense, and could have been driving and enjoying the car for several months now.

My goal all along has been not to restore this car but to make it a dependable driver. But yesterday when I was cleaning the right front wheel brake line before re-installing it I noticed that a part of the tube had been rubbing against a body panel creating a very thin spot

about an inch long (see photo). This section of tubing was about to fail which would cause the front brakes to fail! So that is the “silver lining”.



I'm glad that I did all this extra work, if I hadn't at best I would be broken down on the side of the road, probably on my way to Triumphfest. Or worst case scenario would have caused an accident! I'll be sure to bring this section of tube to the next meeting for a tech show and tell. That's it for this month, hope to see you all at the next meeting, stay cool! Thx, John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

Last month I drove 2200 miles roundtrip to Altus, OK (for a high school reunion); Burleson, TX (to visit a college buddy) and OKC, OK (for my sister's 60th anniversary). In contemplating this trip last spring, I thought what a great trip to take in Jack (my TR6). After thinking about the heat, though, I had second thoughts. During my forty years of driving Triumphs, that has never been a deterrent. I remember several trips from Oklahoma City, caravanning down to Dallas for some Triumph meeting. The sun would bear down in a July 100* heat. I usually stripped off my T-shirt, slathered suntan lotion over my body and for a two-hour drive pretended I was lying on a beach in Cancun, MX.

Ah, I was much younger back then. Now It's not just the heat that gets me, it's doubling up my old body to get in and out of the TR6. Thirty years of those forty were in a Spitfire. Now I have a big TR6. Let me tell you, the larger size isn't that much different.

I drove, instead my new Subaru Crosstrek. It was quiet, air-conditioned, quite peppy and handles on back twisty roads almost like the TR6. Did I mention the satellite radio with four speakers? I didn't have to crawl out of it once. I may be ruined.

I was quite disappointed that the Zoom connection couldn't be hooked up for last month's meeting. I was so looking forward to sitting at my friends' house in Burleson, TX and having them join me at our meeting. He had a Spitfire at one time. He stripped it down and restored it. They wanted to join our meeting as well. Instead, we played dominoes. Sigh.

John Nuss sent me an excellent technical article about trouble shooting taillights, clutch pedal, and radiator. He even included some helpful photographs. Thanks, John, I appreciate the help.

Dave Riddle sent me a photograph and a short article about the Baja TR3 he has signed up to race. You can read more about on page 16. Maybe he'll send more articles and photos. It could be a monthly feature. Huh, Dave.

I'm looking forward to being at the meeting this month on July 12th. I miss seeing you guys. Will you be there?

George

DCTRA EVENTS

Here are some opportunities to show off your Triumph while driving some miles, sharing stories, and visiting some really interesting places. Yes, it is warm (hot) and maybe a bit taxing for our LBCs, but as Shirley Blahak has said, "Your presence is more important than the car you drive."

July 9 VAREP Car Show Prescott register online

July 12 DCTRA monthly meeting

July 23 Hall of Flame Museum Phoenix, AZ

August 9 DCTRA monthly meeting

August 27 Dwarf Car Museum Maricopa, AZ

September 8 – 11 Triumphest Dana Resort San Diego, CA Register online

September 13 DCTRA monthly meeting

September 17 British Vintage Voyage

September 23 – 25 Run to the Pines, Pinetop / Lakeside

October 11 DCTRA monthly meeting

October 30 British Wheels on the Green

Events to consider:

Castle Rally Christmas party Shop Rally Yard Sale Rally Indian Bend / MacDonald's
Cruise-in

Regular Occurrence Events

Status of All Events Are Unknown Presently

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

Hunts Donuts – 3rd Thursday University and the Loop 101

Cruz'n at Phil's - (every Sunday) Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ

Cars N Coffee – 1st Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd

Cars N Coffee – 2nd Saturday of the month, Alpio's at Troon

NEXT CLUB MEETING

July 12, 2022, in-person a Zoom link will be sent out also.

July 2022 Membership Report:

Visiting the June business meeting and joining the club is new member David Ker from Buckeye with his 1962 TR3. David is very familiar with old cars, owning a 1936 Cord, a 1909 Model T, and several others. This is his first old Triumph and he is anxious to learn more about it. Welcome to the club David.

One member asked to be removed from our membership list as he is "downsizing", presumably sold his Triumph.

Adding one and subtracting one to our membership list now shows 129 with 182 members.

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America DCTRA Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022

The June meeting of DCTRA was held @ Denny's Restaurant, Scottsdale Rd. The meeting was called to order @ 7:02 p.m. by John Heisser, President.

Members present: Jim Bauder, George & Chris Durkin, John Heisser, John Horton, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Marv Miller, Eddie Ochoa, Scott Porter, Tim Reiling, John Reynolds, Oli Strimelle. Zoom was not available this evening.

Our two new members were present this evening: David Ker of Buckeye, Az. David is proud owner of newly acquired '62 Buttercup Yellow TR3. We also welcome Peter Sharp who owns a '76 TR6.

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

Treasurer's report: Armand LaCasse could not attend meeting this evening & has emailed his report. The Club's income consisted of the two new memberships, a donation, and the sale of an excess Triumphest raffle item. The only monthly expense was postage.

Membership: Marv Miller introduced our 2 new members. Also reported a member who's had to withdraw his membership.

Newsletter: In George Montgomery's absence, John Heisser reports that George needs articles for The Newsletter.

Events: In John Nuss's absence, John Heisser reports several events yet to be determined : "The Hall of Flames" and Miniatures in Maricopa. Jim Bauder reported The All Triumph Drive- In will be held in Olympia, Washington July 18.

Technical: John Heisser is working on his TR8 and Chuck Kerzan completed work replacing water pump in his '59 TR3.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary A White Secretary

Technical Corner

Story and photos by John Nuss

“Saturday morning with Armand.” That sounds like one those Saturday morning TV shows from the distant past. Actually, it was sort of that... I did a lot of watching, learned a bit, gathered, and held tools and light, got to use some of the tools and when I left, Kathy’s Spitfire had operating taillights and the smoke stayed in. That does remind me of the Fifties TV show “Mr. Wizard.”

We discovered that I had two new taillights with dead shorts. There are photos but I’m not sure how well they show the problem. Twice I had to replace the wiring harness, the last time I just added some red wire (and a fuse) running beside the rest of the wires. Photo 1 shows the place where the short occurred, photo 2 shows the repair – some rubber insulation between the positive input and the ground.



Photo 1



Photo 2

We, Armand and I, repaired the clutch pedal, sort of. My Spitfire has a clutch issue that appeared as I was driving home from the Highland Games. I could shift to first or reverse with a grind, but shifts to second, third and fourth worked without added sound effect. Once rolling the shifts seemed to work well. Always do the simple things first, so before removing the transmission, we attempted to eliminate the free play with the pedal and master cylinder. Material was welded to the hole then re-drilled to match the plunger for the master cylinder and a new clevis pin. Our thought was a bit of wear in that area could affect the amount of movement in the clutch release.

The third item was straightening the vanes in the radiator. Driving to the May DCTRA meeting, Kathy and I watched the temperature needle move into the “hot” zone as we waited for the traffic lights to change. Once moving, the needle moved back to the “Normal” zone. Driving home, when it was cooler, there was no change in the temperature. On the morning that I drove to Scottsdale, there was little change in the temperature; the needle moving from

Technical Corner (cont.)



one side of the N to the other, but no higher. Taking a closer look at the radiator, there was a good bit of damage to the vanes – over the years there were quite a few rows where the thin metal was pushed down – no air flow. Never fear, Mr. Wizard, I mean Armand, built a tool to solve that problem, too I haven't completed that task yet; there are a

Photo 3

bunch of places that need attention. My neighbor suggested I re-core the radiator, but a shop in Mesa would need three hundred to one thousand dollars to do the job. Several of the mail order places will sell a new one for about \$250. I'll consider that if I tire of poking the new tool through the radiator. Regarding the Spitfire clutch, I'm thinking I'll change washers in the cylinders. The repair kits are not terribly expensive – if that works I won't have to pull the transmission. Since I have stainless steel hose connecting the master and slave cylinders, I wonder if I can pull out both cylinders and connect them and bleed the system, then install the cylinders on the car.

John

Horton's Recipes

Submitted by John Horton

Casserole Of Lamb Chops.

8 Lamb Chops,	3 Medium Onions Sliced
1 Pint Beef Stock	Seasoned Flour
1 ½ Lb. Potatoes Peeled and Sliced	4 Carrots Sliced
1 Tsp Salt & Pepper	

Oven to 325, rinse and dry chops, dust with flour, in a casserole dish arrange layers of potatoes, onions, carrots. In a separate pan boil stock, pour into casserole til halfway up to top, arrange chops, simmer for 2 hours, add stock if necessary. Serve with green vegetables.

Baja TR3 Adventures

Article by Dave Riddle

This past weekend we took the BajaTR3 out to Wild Horse Pass's West Track for an early morning event with NASA AZ for a final shakedown before it gets loaded in the Trailer for the Kastner Cup Race during the Pittsburgh Vintage GrandPrix. Photo taken while Lyman Scherer was driving in the early morning. He got some lap times down into the 1:21 range during the first two sessions. I took it out in the last session and got it down to the 1:17s





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JULY 9, 2022**

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Rafter 11- PV, Entertainment District
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Mike Lesniak
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For sale: Clutch Master Cylinder – new
For '63-'80 Spitfire \$30

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

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For sale: or Trade

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

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

Thanks,

Ray Gauthier
Sent from iPhone
503-260-4137

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont.)

FOR SALE: Spitfire

Former member Cliff Philpot has two Triumphs for sale. A 1974 Spitfire 1500



Cliff is in his 90s and wants to sell both cars. Make him an offer.
Prospective buyers may contact Jan at 623-810-5511 9-21

FOR SALE:

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



Wanted:

My '63 TR4 was damaged in an accident in a local audio shop. It needs a replacement bonnet (long power bulge). Does anyone have an original piece in good condition, or know of where to find one?

Thank you!

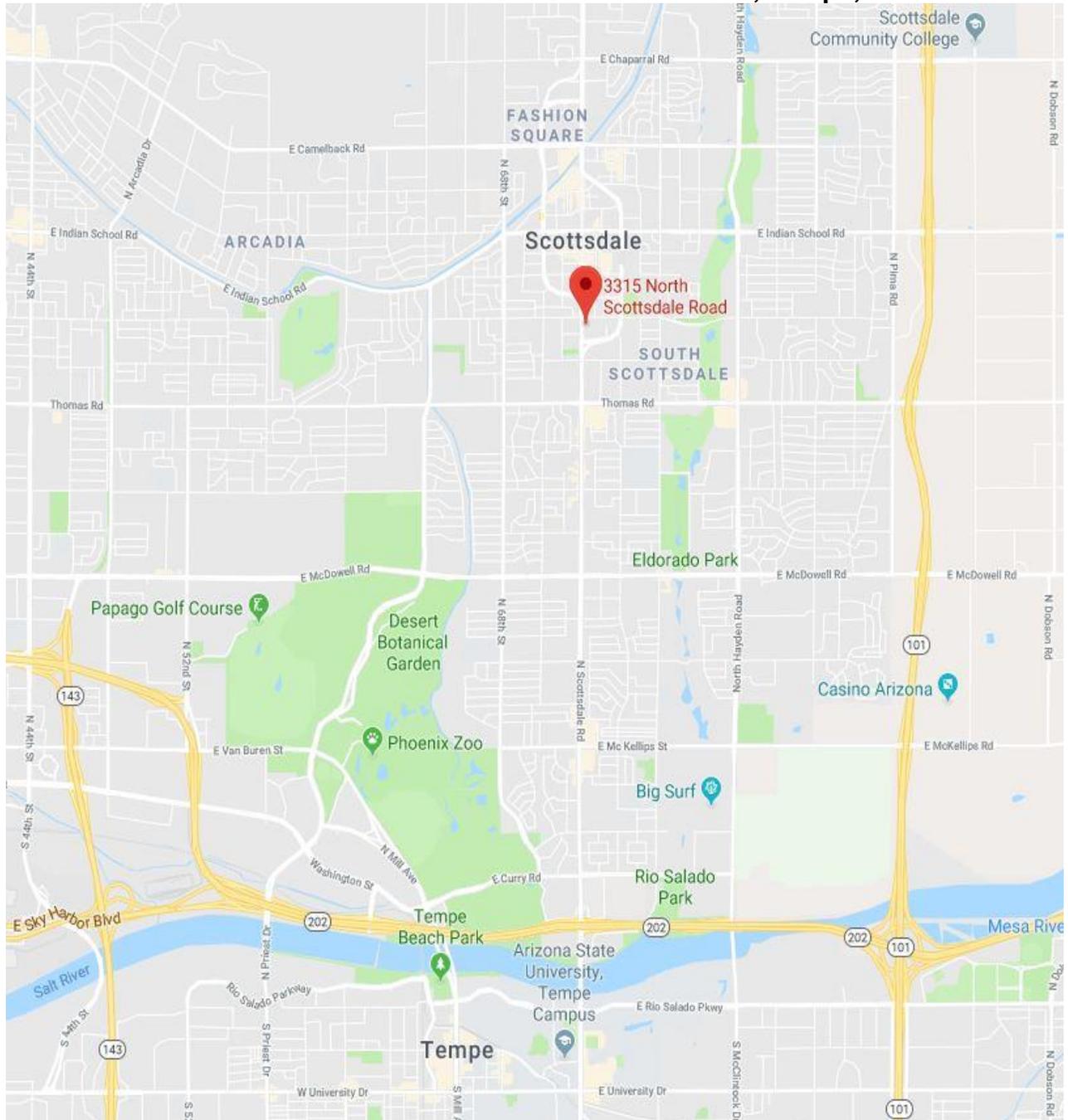
Michael Samuels, 305-213-8550
Paradise Valley

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
18811 N. Ginger Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375
Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

NEW MEMBER:

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MEMBER INFO (please print):

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home

Cell

Email Address: _____

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Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #

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Name wanted on badge(s): _____

Do you want added to the Membership Contact list YES _____ NO _____

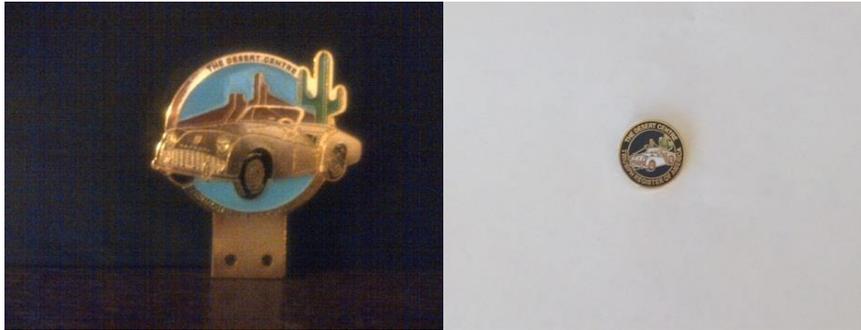
How are you paying your dues: CHECK _____ CASH _____ PAYPAL _____ (add \$2.00 process fee)

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

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Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	www.sctoa.org
British Motor Heritage Group	www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	www.6-pack.org
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	www.obcc.ca
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	www.vsgcc.ca
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