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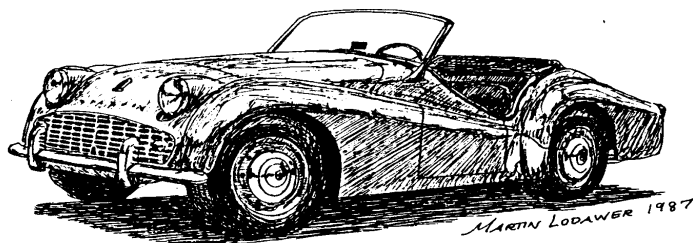
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COMING EVENTS

JULY 19 or JULY 28
LUNCH AT THE BRITISH OPEN
AND GO-CART RACING
12:00 NOON LUNCH
RACING AT 3:00 PM

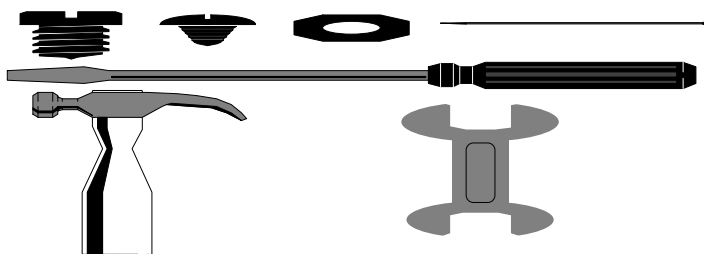
OTHER EVENTS

JULY 20
ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN
HOSTED BY THE MINI CLUB
32nd Street & Shea Blvd
7:00 AM

THE PREZ SEZ

Hello! John asked me to let all of you know that his knee surgery is over, and everything's fine. He'll be crawling under cars soon. Thanks for all of you for putting up with a grouchy President with a cane! Have fun at the lake.

Regards to all, Beth



MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

Twenty-seven (27) were present at our June meeting, although there is a rumor that not everyone signed in.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed and the treasurer reported that our financial situation is a good one.

President John Horton presided over the meeting, although with a little dependence on his cane. John was going to the hospital the next week for surgery.

Rich Aubert, activities chair, discussed the upcoming run to Tortilla Flat for lunch and then a trip on the Dolly Steamboat at Canyon Lake. Everyone who would be attending must contact Rich to make reservations.

Rich discussed the welcome packet for new members. Current members should request a packet from Rich.

Under future business, the new computer is on its way for Tom Pennell to use.

Several new renewals and memberships were added to the roster.

Unfortunately, Dave Reynolds will be leaving us at the end of the summer. He will be moving north. Dave had back surgery on 6/9 and is still recovering, and he will be leaving town in early August. Consequently, a new newsletter editor, Clay Rineholt from Apache Junction was nominated. Clay, a one time newspaper editor, will be helping Tom Pennell put out the July - forward issues of the Trumpeter.

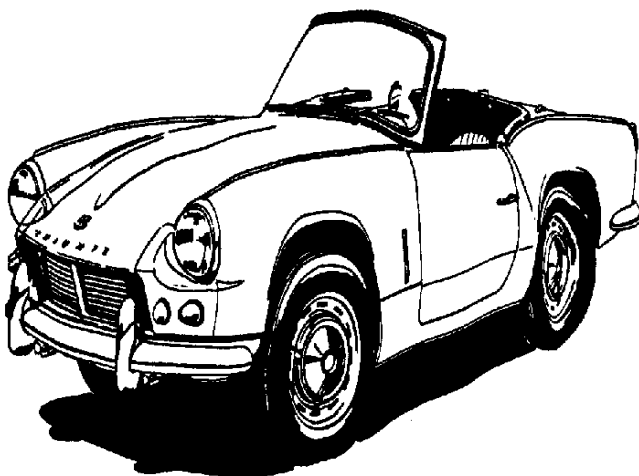
As a committee report, Jim Bartel would like everyone to know that there are currently only nine grille badges left. Compared to most, our club badge, bright yellow and shiney brass, is the top of the line. Although the club does have the original mold, don't miss a chance to add one to your grille before the last of this batch is sold.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a drawing was held for some rather nice TR parts and automobilia.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deta Hampsch, Secretary.



HISTORY LESSON

Most people know of Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) as the artist who cut his ear off after having an argument with Gauguin, a fellow artist. Or they know of his lack of success at his chosen profession. He was only able to sell one painting and was supported by his younger brother until his death. Many know of his severe bouts with mental illness, culminating in a depression that led him to take his own life.

What most people don't know is the fascinating family that Van Gogh came from. After much careful research, it has been discovered that the artist had many famous relatives. Among them were:

His dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh

The brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store: Stopn Gogh

The brother who bleached his clothes white: Hue Gogh

The cousin from Illinois: Chica Gogh

His magician uncle: Wherediddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin: Amee Gogh

The Mexican cousin's American half brother: Grin Gogh

The nephew who drove a stagecoach: Wellsfar Gogh

The constipated uncle: Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt: Tan Gogh

The bird lover uncle: Flamin Gogh

His nephew psychoanalyst: E Gogh

The fruit-loving cousin: Man Gogh

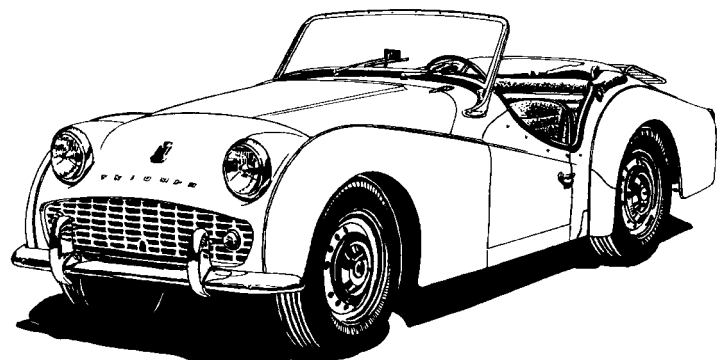
An aunt who taught positive thinking: Wayto Gogh

The little bouncy nephew: Poe Gogh

A sister who loved disco: Go Gogh

His Italian uncle: Day Gogh

And his niece who travels the country in a van: Winnie Bay Gogh



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

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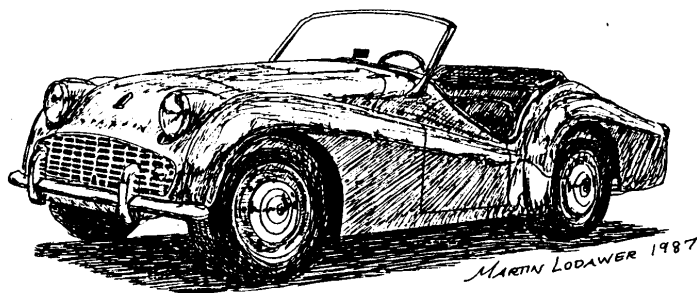
Trumpeter Classic-fied ads are free to members and will run for three issues, unless extended by the advertiser. (That's why you see a date at the end of each ad). If you sell your item, let us know and we will remove the ad from the next issue. Otherwise, it will automatically disappear after the third consecutive printing.

FOR SALE = '79 TR7 - rebuilt engine, hi compression, Isky cam, light flywheel. AC/AM/FM/CD. Two tops, ground effects. \$6950. Call Paul Patrick at 480-830-8770 (06/03)

FOR SALE = TR8. No further information was received. e-mail Ken Young at: ken@youngmailbox.com (06/03)

FOR SALE = TR4 Parts: 2 Dayton Wheels with tires, a fiberglass top, a trunk lid, a luggage rack with ski conversion, a hi torque starter, generator and sundries in a box. Call Bill Bowdish (602) 363-7763. (07/03)

WANTED = A few good tools to finish that tool kit. Need: One Plug spanner (black box tube, 6" long), One in. AF box (tube) spanner, One Tommy Bar (8 in. long for removing hub caps) and a helicopter feeler gauge. e-mail Clay at pueblodesign@mchsi.com (07/03)



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***Friday Nights 4 to 9 PM at the Five and Diner in the Arizona Mills shopping center, Baseline & Priest.

***Saturday Nights at 5:30pm - Cruise-In at US60 & Power Rd. in Mesa (Its really on Hampton, just east of Wendys) On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

***Sunday Nights at 5:00pm at Famous Sam's in Apache Junction.

July 4 - Chandler Lions Club 4th of July Celebration in Tumblewood Park. British cars are invited for a \$10 entry fee. Every car will get a gift and free food and drink. Contact Steve at 480-354-8503 for details, times, etc. Remember the fireworks!

July 13, 2003 - POMONA 2003 SWAP MEET! West Coasts Largest Car Show and Swap Meet. Adm. \$8.00 - Children under 12 Free. (714)

538-7092. Rain or Shine.

July 21-25 - Long Beach, Pre-56 Rally, Tour and Flea Market sponsored by the Vintage MG Club of Southern California at the Queen Mary.

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TECH THOUGHTS IN DESERT

The monthly Triumph Club outing to Canyon Lake was a great deal of fun and everyone enjoyed himself or herself to the fullest. And although you might expect one or two brave souls to venture forth in their finely tuned TRs, on the treacherous mountain track to the lake, cooler heads prevailed in the 113 degree weather, and everyone took the leisurely drive in air conditioned comfort. I am sure we all understand that for the Desert Southwest that for most, the TR time of year is fall, winter, spring, unless you are in the high country. In addition to just plain hot weather there is a cooling system design in our collective cars that may contribute to our heating problems if we do not use the proper part. Triumph TR2 through 4A engines use a skirted thermostat. This skirt or cylinder moves when the thermostat opens and closes. This moving cylinder or "skirt" regulates the flow of coolant through your engine and radiator cooling system.

The thermostat housing has an opening, which leads to the bypass hose. The thermostat skirt blocks the bypass opening when the engine is at normal operating temperature and unblocks it when the engine is cold and the thermostat is closed. When the thermostat opens the skirt moves to close off the bypass, which forces the coolant to go through the radiator.

The bypass hose forms a passage that allows the water pump to circulate coolant within the engine while the thermostat is closed. This circulation of coolant inside the engine while the thermostat is closed insures that there is an even distribution of temperature throughout the engine.

If a regular skirtless thermostat were used with no modifications to the bypass, everything would work the same before the thermostat opens insuring an even distribution of internal temperatures though out the engine. But when the thermostat opens the bypass remains open. Half of the coolant would flow through the radiator and half through the bypass. This will lead to overheating.

If a skirtless thermostat is used and the bypass blocked off there is very little coolant flow through the engine until the thermostat opens. Since heat cannot be transferred away from the cylinders, hot spots develop. These can be hot enough to cause boiling of the coolant into steam. Then hot steam forces the thermostat to open immediately, allowing the steam to pass into the cold coolant of the upper hose where it condenses.

The now wide-open thermostat allows cold coolant in the radiator to be pumped into the engine with rapid cooling of the head and block. This commonly causes a cracked head. The temperature gauge sender is located at the front of the engine in the thermostat housing. If most of the water bypasses the radiator, temperatures at the rear of the head can be higher than your temperature gauge indicates.

Skirted Triumph thermostats are not too difficult to find. Give yourself some inexpensive insurance against overheating and check your thermostat. Companies like Moss Motors manufacture thermostats from high-grade stain-

less steel and copper, that lock open during overheating for added safety. 180 degrees .

August promises to be even hotter. Perhaps we should talk about fans that may be set up to run in either "pusher" (in front of the radiator) or "puller" (behind the radiator) configuration.

June 14th ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The very definition of summertime: friends gathered 'round a pool, spooning up ice cream. Twelve persons met at Armand & Ann LaCasse's home for the June social event. The evening weather was just right for jumping in their pretty pool or just exchanging news in chairs around the perimeter. We had fun admiring the pool's fountain and colored lights while playing lazy basketball in the water.

After a tour of the garage, the Auberts hauled in a cooler filled with a variety of ice creams, which we topped with all manner of goodies brought by the participants. So many choices required at least a second bowl full. The people's choice of toppings was Deta's nectarines soaked in brandy.

Present were: Armand, Ann, & Amanda LaCasse, Rich & Diane Aubert, Ron & Elaine Gurnee, John & Beth Horton, Deta Hampsch, and Julius & Marie Walters.

Beth Horton

SILICONE GASKETS

Justin Wagner sends us an update about his silicone valve cover gasket. "The gaskets NO LONGER REQUIRE pre-conditioning in your home oven... I purchased a commercial oven last year and since then, I precondition all the gaskets before they are shipped. (This should make a lot of spouses, that love their kitchens, quite happy.)" - Justin

(ED. Note: Silicone valve cover gaskets fit TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, TR4, 4, TR 2000 Roadster/Renown, Doretto, Italia, Franchorchamps, and Standard Vanguard. If you know your car has a 4-cylinder Vanguard engine motor, such as found in the early TRs, and your valve cover is stock, this gasket should work. The gasket will NOT work with aftermarket Aluminum valve covers. The TR6 gasket is due in July.)



DOLLY STEAMBOAT TRIP

Twenty of us hardy Triumph owners met in Apache Junction on Saturday morning, June 28th and bravely set out in a convoy to Tortilla Flats ! in our American air-conditioned cars! (What, you think we're nuts? It was 100 degrees out there!) Driving the winding roads to Tortilla flats through the Superstition Mountains and past Canyon Lake was a breathtaking, awesome sight. Of particular interest were several one-lane bridges we had to cross.

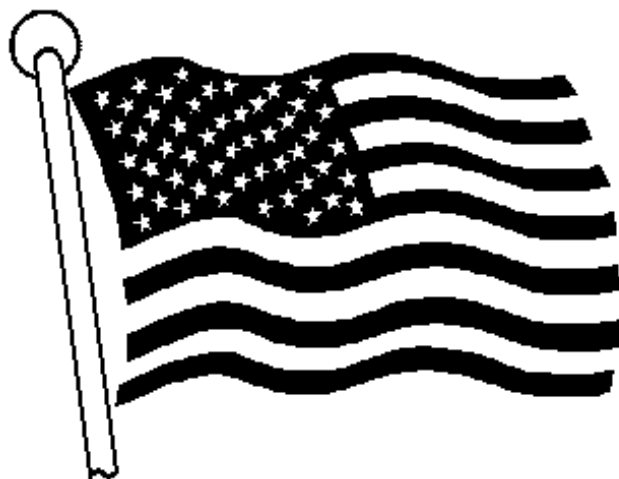
The 10-mile ride, at an average speed of about 25 miles per hour, took about 30 minutes. We ate a leisurely, two-hour lunch in the rustic Tortilla Flats restaurant with walls and ceiling lined with dollar bills from years of tourists and customers leaving their mark. We had enough time to scout out the few souvenir shops that were there, and some of us purchased "memorabilia".

Then we piled back into our American cars and rode back up the mountains to the Laguna of Canyon Lake. In the Lakeside Restaurant we had ice cream and water to cool off first, then took the leisurely, picturesque cruise for about 1-1/2 hours on Canyon Lake on the Dolly Steamboat. The boat is a paddle-wheeler run on diesel fuel that was built in 1983 with a capacity of 155 passengers. It has an upper and lower deck, both covered, and chairs and tables that you sit at while cruising. Snacks are available on board, especially bottled water.

As we cruised the Lake, we admired the "Junior Grand Canyon" ! and were jealous of all the boaters, jet skiers, and water skiers zooming past us. The Lake sure looked inviting! While the air temperature was probably about 110 degrees, a breeze off the lake kept us from heat stroke. Our captain narrated details of the flora, fauna, and wildlife of the lower Sonoran desert and recounted some of the legends and lore of the Superstition Mountains. We heard about and rode past the Mormon Flat Dam, built from 1923 to 1925. And of course we were having fun being with our Triumph group. This would be a wonderful thing to do when it's even a little bit cooler!

Diane Aubert

(Editor's Note: If you could get the forest service to seal this road to the lakes for a few hours it would make howling good run with finger nails in the grab bar.)



JUNE BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

It appears that the DCTRA was sleeping in on June 22nd. We had about 30 people and a nice flock of cars for the British Breakfast Run, but only one Triumph, John's TR8. The center of attention was Phil Blahak's new toy, a radio controlled Mini about 1' long, with flashy custom decals and a Union Jack on the top.

Mark and Andrea Stephenson of the Jaguar Club set up a 35.3 mile run around the hills and mountains of Phoenix and Glendale, usually right along the edges of the city. They also managed to find some interesting roads in the center of town. We never knew these roads existed. These are the surprises that keep the runs interesting. We ended up at the Deer Valley Airport for breakfast, driving in from the North to take advantage of a couple of roundabouts. After the raffle came announcements: the next Breakfast Run is July 20, sponsored by the Mini Club. The Mini Club informed us that the greatest need of the charity organization that would benefit from the Run, The Child Crisis Center, is diapers. So, during August's First Saturday gathering of British Cars at Power Road and Hampton, the game will be to fill Nuss' Austin taxi to the brim with diapers! Those who can't attend but would like to participate can bring diapers to July's Breakfast Run. Best of all, weather was lovely, and we were home by 10 AM.

Beth

ADVERTISING RATES

From time to time, we are asked about our rates to advertise in the TRIumph TRumpeter. The newsletter has a monthly circulation of about 170-200, with distribution to individuals, businesses and other clubs in several states. The following schedule details the rates:

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Triumphest '03

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The annual West Coast gathering of Triumphs and their owners will be held at the famous Mission Inn in Riverside, California from October 15 through 18, 2003.

"Triumphs on a Mission" is this year's theme, and SCTOA promises many fun activities including: Friday night hospitality party, autocross, dyno test, funcoors, fun rallye, funkhana, guest speaker, model and photo contests, a wedding rallye and an awards banquet.

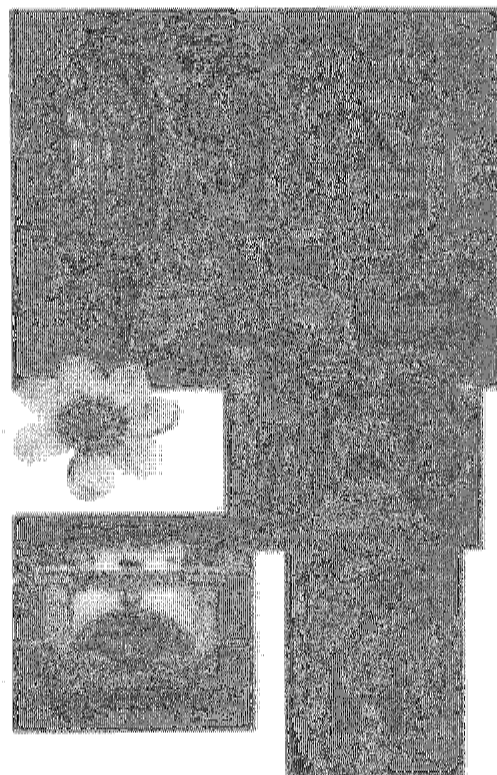
The Mission Inn, a National Historic Landmark Hotel, will play host to Triumphest 2003 and will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Participants will enjoy exploring this very impressive, architecturally and historically significant hotel. Adjacent to the Mission Inn is a pedestrian mall that has a unique selection of shops and restaurants that are fun to visit. Special arrangements have been made for street closures next to the Mission Inn for secure, Triumph only, parking.

So mark your calendars today. You don't want to be missin' the Mission!

For more information call:

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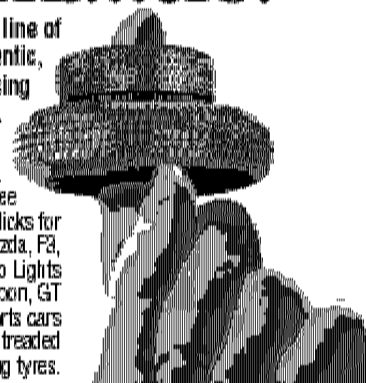
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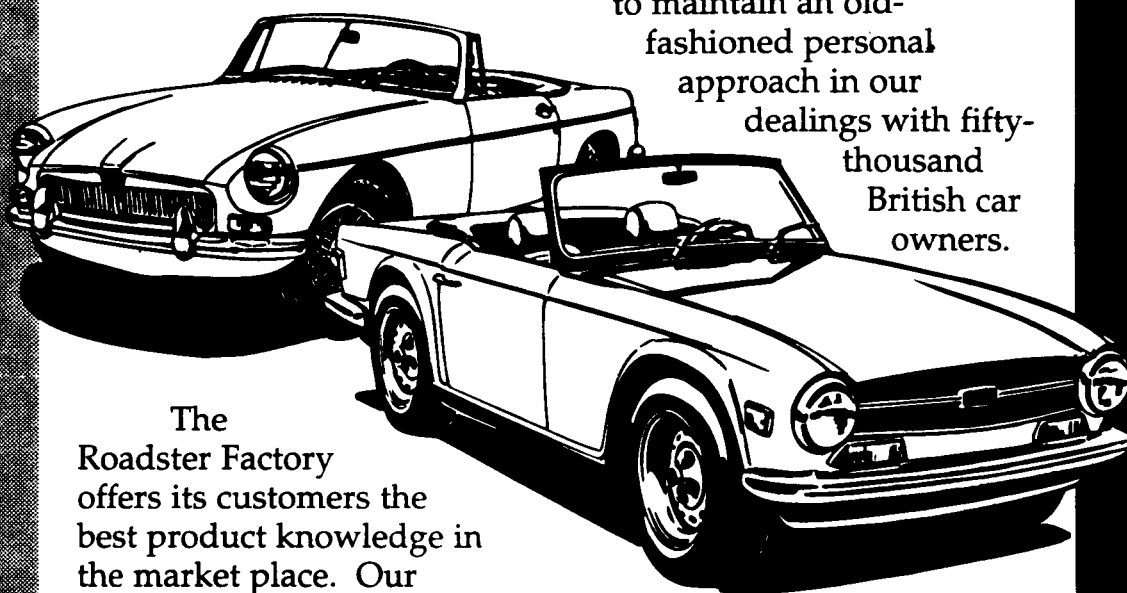
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