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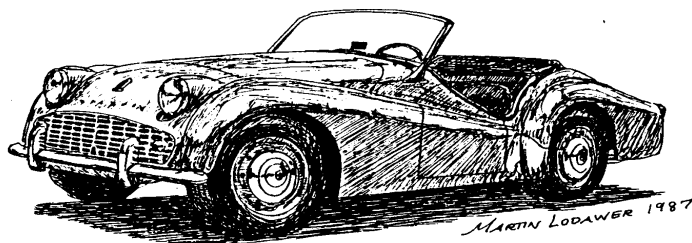
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

For membership information, contact Ron Gurnee at 480-816-0836

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 14

POOL PARTY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Armand & Anne LaCasse's home

202 East Harmont

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Bring your TR and you can park on the grass!

OTHER EVENTS

JUNE 14

CLASSICS AT THE COLLEGE CAR SHOW

PRESCOTT

10 AM - 3 PM

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LATE BREAKING NEWS

Remembering Roger and Roni.

I'm sad to report that our friend Roni Guzowski passed away quickly Saturday, May 31, 2003 while on dialysis after a bout with pneumonia and organ failures. We'll all remember her cheerful participation in the times and activities we were blessed with her presence. There was no service, and her cremains will be placed with Roger's in the local military cemetery. At press time their dog, Benji needs a home.

Minutes of the May Meeting:

26 were present at our May meeting. We had two new members: J. P. Mullin and Gene Glenn. The Secretary report was accepted as printed. The treasurer reported we are flush; everything is looking good.

President John Horton then turned the meeting over to RNR Performance Engines. They are a machine shop for high performance parts. They have the ability to weld aluminum and they specialize in doing work on old and odd motors. The shop is located at 2250 W. Shangri-La (between Peoria and Cactus on 23rd Avenue.)

Rich Aubert, activities Chair, handed out lists of possible events, on which we checked off events of interest. Rich will be getting back to us on the decisions. The BEAT was a great success enjoyed by about 150 entries.

John announced that Ron Gurnee is co-chair for membership. He also mentioned that Kroil, a rust buster, will be available at the next meeting at \$5 a can. Please let him know how many cans you need.

Delta Motorsports has moved (see article elsewhere Ed.)to 9th Avenue and Hatcher.

Rich announced that the club will be putting together a welcome packet for new members with loads of information and news (about DCTRA and it's members). If any older members wish to receive the packet, please call Rich and let him know. He also announced that Ed Paul who ran a Triumph dealership in Connecticut will be the speaker next month.

Dave Riddle gave Rich Aubert a nice DCTRA banner for club use and two gift subscriptions, six months each, to Classic Autosports Magazine for the raffle.

New Business: We will be buying a computer for publishing the newsletter for Tom Pennell to use. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Stew volunteered to be the rep for VTR. John Horton will be the rep for AAHC. The club will pay \$45 yearly fee or offer free hosting of their web site.

May 24 will be the tech session at John Horton's place at 8 AM.

A request was made once again for articles from members for the newsletter. (Note from the secretary: has Miss Winifred passed away? I personally miss hearing from her!)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

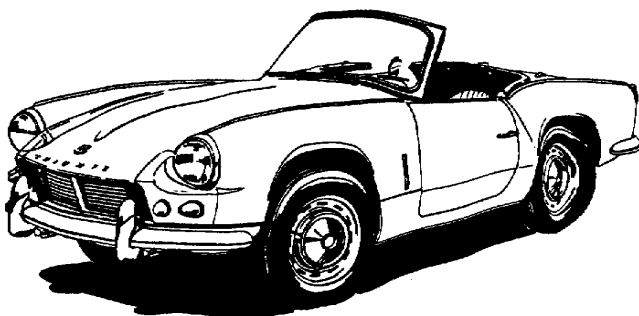
Respectfully, Deta Hampsch, Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

Triumph registration forms will be available at the next meeting. Register before July 15 and you might win a free night's lodging.

Eric Hoover in Santa Fe, NM is looking to caravan with another Triumph to the National VTR convention at the Roadster Factory in August. Call him at 505-466-3310 or e-mail ericjhoover@earthlink.net

The DCTRA Project Car has been sold by the guy who won it. The new owner is Ralph Kuzmic in California. If you want to say "hi", e-mail him at lakuzz@earthlink.net.



AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

***Friday Nights at 5:30pm - McQueen & Warner (McQueen is Mesa Drive north of Baseline) on the northeast corner in the parking lot of a vacant ABCO grocery store.

***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)

***Saturday Nights at 63rd Avenue & Bell - ????? (someone check this out for us, please?)

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

June 14 - Annual Classics at the College Car Show. Yavapai Community College, Prescott. On Sheldon near highway 69. Show 10AM to 3 PM, swap meet 8 AM to 3 PM. Car Corral: \$10 (might mean parking). Call Bob / Paty Janis at 928-775-2503.

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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)

THE PREZ SEZ

An era has passed with the recent death of Roger Guzowski, and Roni Guzowski passed away on May 31st. We will miss them.

Hot weather is upon us and events need to be the cooler types. Armand LaCasse has kindly agreed to a pool party and ice cream social. Date will be the 14th at Armand's. More about that on the web.

The tech sessions will be complete by now with the engine of Rich Aubert complete and being installed in his Spitfire. One other note: Dave Reynolds has announced a move to Colorado and cannot continue as newsletter editor. We will need another person to assume these duties.

Cheerio, John Horton



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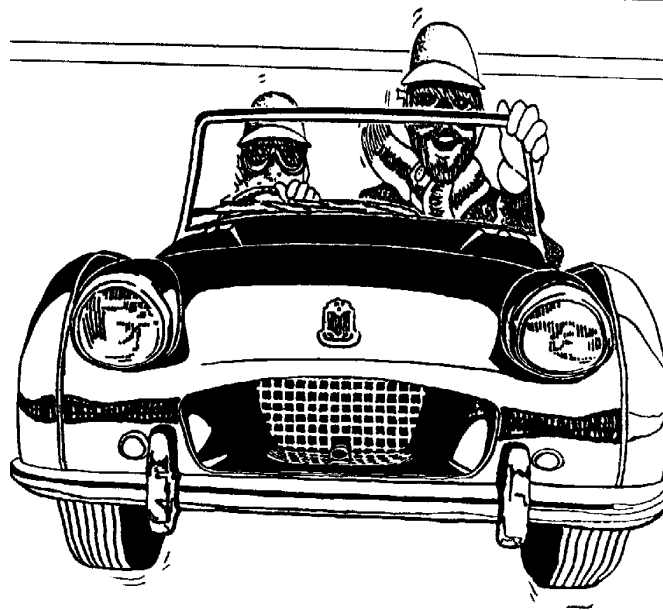
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DELTA MOTORSPORTS IS MOVING

Effective June 1, 2003, Delta will be in their new, larger quarters at: 9211 N 9th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85021

They will also have an entrance off the south side of Hatcher at about 8th Avenue. Look for the sign. They're looking forward to seeing all their friends and customers at the new location. The Phone is still (602) 265-8026, fax (602) 971-8609, email delta-ms@earthlink.net



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TECH SESSION AT JOHN'S GARAGE

1500 Spitfire Engine Rebuild

On Saturday, May 24th, I arrived a little after 8:00 a.m. and was told that, if I had been any later, they would have started on a TR7! We had about 12 members in attendance, and all would agree they came away with a better understanding of how to assemble an engine.

John Horton and crew got the block and we put it on the bench. Then we placed the crank into the block. Next, we used "plastigauge" to check the tolerances on each of the main bearings. Starting off looking like a piece of fishing line, plastigauge is placed on the bearing surface and then the bearing is torqued. The bearing is then removed, along with the plastic gauge. The plastic gauge is flattened to the same dimension as the space between the bearing housing and the bearing, providing a method of measuring the tolerance. By measuring the flattened plastic gauge, you can measure the distance very accurately with a set of calipers.



As you can see in the above picture, this is the block with the crankshaft and main bearings installed.

The next step was to install the freeze plugs into the block. As shown in the picture below, when the freeze plug was removed, it gouged the machined surface. With his trusty Dremel tool, John cleaned the surface as much as possible, and a quick trip to the local auto store retrieved a tube of JB Weld, which was used to fill the void, thus allowing the freeze plug to be installed. A quick note on installing freeze plugs: As John pointed out, the best way is to use a socket slightly smaller than the interior of the freeze plug, and a socket extender in which a few taps with a heavy hammer will drive the freeze plug into the engine without deforming the plug.



At this point, I was sent off to the auto store again to retrieve gasket sealant so we could install the gasket on the oil seal, as shown in the following picture.



During the session, we heard a very annoying grinding, loud, vibrating sound from the corner of the garage. One of our members was doing his own thing and lightening his flywheel, which took most of the morning. We were almost deaf by lunch! As you can see in the picture below, no names are revealed.



Moving on, with the front and rear engine plates installed, it was time to mount the block to our engine stand and start with the piston and ring assemblies. As you can see in the following picture, the block is mounted and the packs of rings are laid out according to the first, second and oil control rings. After about another hour and a half, we had the pistons installed. At this point we broke for lunch.



Just so everyone understands, there were more than enough goodies to go around, as we used the trunk of John's race car as a buffet table.

Next Saturday (5-31-03) we are going to work on finishing the assembly of the engine in John's garage. Thanks to John Horton, we had a very productive and educational tech session..

Rich Aubert, engine owner, go-fer, and parts cleaner.

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FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 15TH

We reminded you here last month that Mother's day was coming, so in order to avoid any accusations of prejudice, we will remind you that June 15th (the third Sunday in June) is Father's Day. Dads are appreciative of little things like dinner at Outback, a set of mag wheels for the Jeep, or just a one-day excuse from the "honeydew" list.

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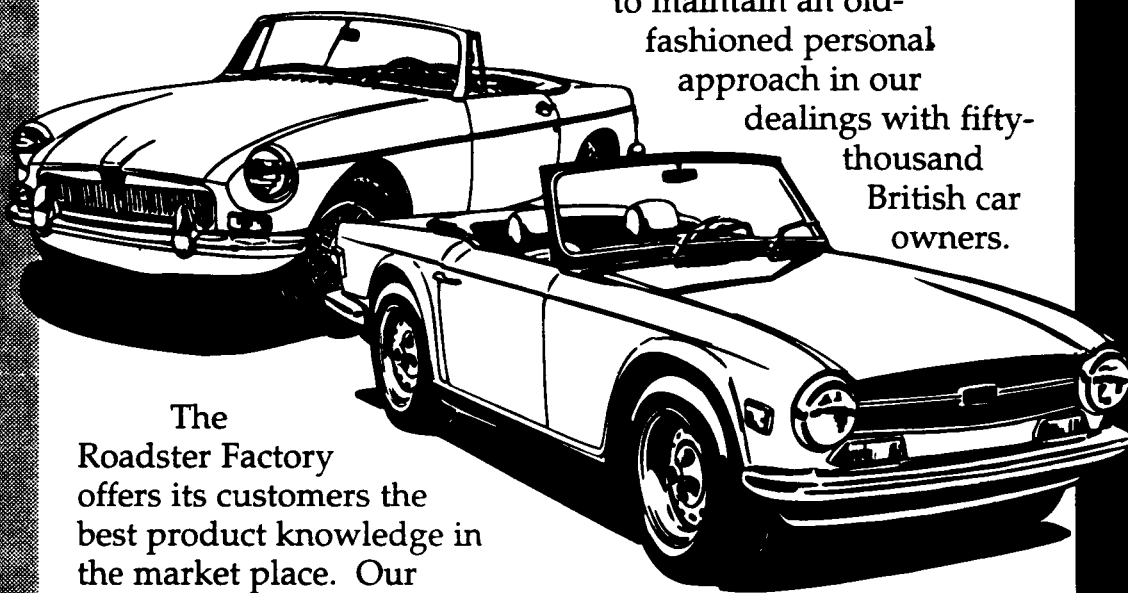
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