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The Desert Centre - Triumph Register of America
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The History of DCTRA

Matt's Restored 1970 TR6

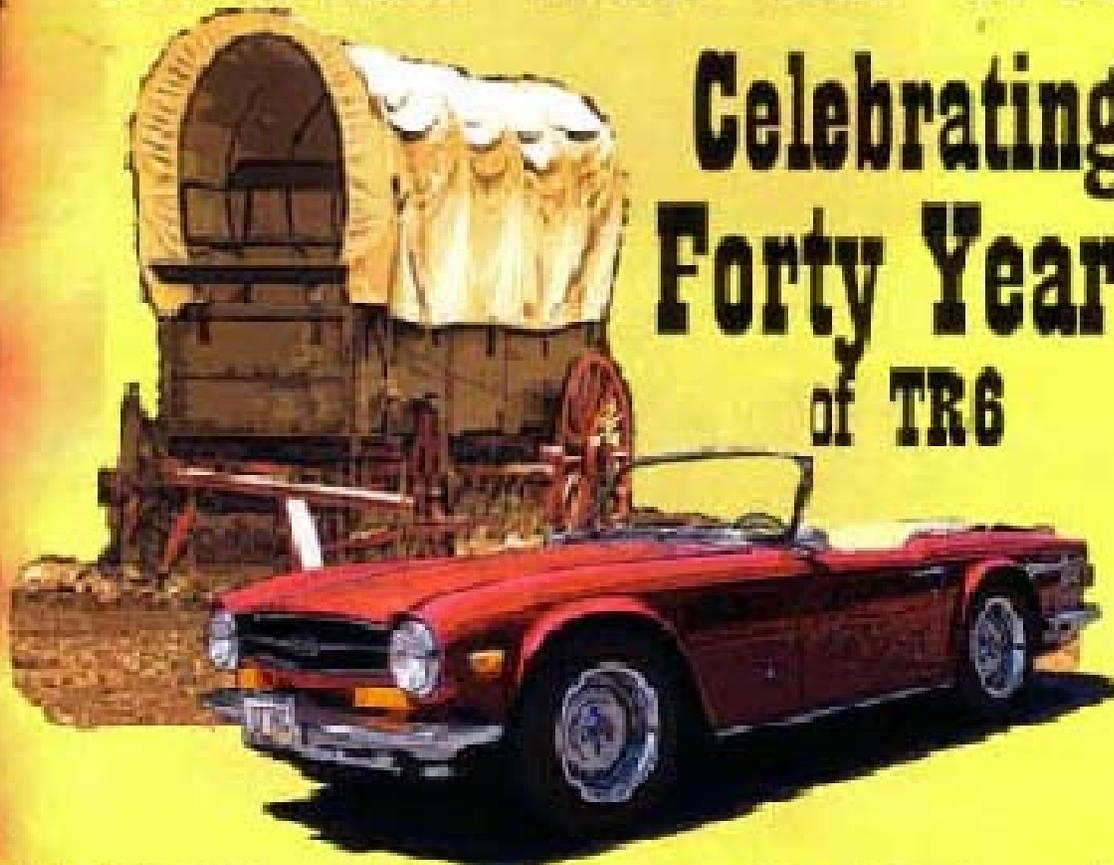
DCTRA Run to the Ranch



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6s That Won the West

Celebrating
Forty Years
of TR6



2009 All Triumph Drive-In

August 7-9, 2009

Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, OR

Hosted by Portland Triumph Owners Association

CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, AUG 8TH

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GOODYEAR AUTOFEST CHARITY SHOW And FOOD DRIVE

Hosted by: **THE PEBBLECREEK CLASSIC CAR CLUB**



Sunday, October 11, 2009

AT

THE GOODYEAR BALLPARK & RECREATIONAL CENTER

1933 So. Ballpark Way (off of Estrella Parkway)

Goodyear, AZ

RAFFLES

DOOR PRIZES

REGISTRATION 8AM - 10:30 AM SHOW HOURS 10AM - 3PM
PRE-REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 15, 2008= \$20.00 (AFTER SEPT 15th= \$25.00)
We are asking each car to bring two canned items as a donation

FIRST 125 REGISTERED GUARANTEED A DASH PLAQUE
JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 11:30AM. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT 2:30PM

CLASSES

A) STREET ROD ROADS	PRE '50	N) MUSCLE CAR	'70 -'80
B) STREET ROD COUPE	PRE '50	O) MODIFIED CAR	PRE '50
C) T BUCKETS	ALL	P) MODIFIED CAR	'50 -'59
D) ORIGINAL CAR	PRE '50	Q) MODIFIED CAR	'60 -'69
E) ORIGINAL CAR	'50 -'59	R) MODIFIED CAR	'70 -'79
F) ORIGINAL CAR	'60 -'69	S) MODIFIED CAR	'80 -'89
G) ORIGINAL CAR	'70 -'79	T) MODIFIED CAR	'90 +
H) ORIGINAL CAR	'80 -'99	U) MODIFIED TRUCK	'50 -'59
I) ORIGINAL CAR	'00 +	V) MODIFIED TRUCK	'60 -'69
J) ORIGINAL TRUCK	PRE '50	W) MODIFIED TRUCK	'70 -'80
K) ORIGINAL TRUCK	'50 -'69	X) SPORTS CAR	ALL YEARS
L) ORIGINAL TRUCK	'70 +	Y) IMPORTS	PRE '70
M) MUSCLE CAR	'60 -'69	Z) IMPORTS	'70 +
AA) SPECIALTY RACE	ALL YEARS	BB) MODIFIED TRUCK	PRE '50

Additional Trophies for: BEST OF SHOW, BEST PAINT, BEST INTERIOR, BEST ENGINE & MAYOR'S CHOICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHARLIE 623-535-9240 or TONY 623-535-3851

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ STATE _____

YEAR _____ MAKE & MODEL _____ CLASS ENTRY _____

Please make checks payable to PCCCC and mail registration forms to: **Charlie Miller**
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On the Cover: Matt Reynolds 1970 TR6

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

June 9, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

JB's Restaurant

32nd Street & Indian School

Come Early to Socialize and Network
with other Members

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One Year placement in the newsletter and a link on the
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1/4 PAGE: \$35.00 BUSINESS CARD: \$25.00

EDITORS DESK

Greetings from the Newsletter Editor. I hope you like the redesigned layout.

You will notice on the Table of Contents on the opposite page (if you are printing this duplex) that I have broken the issue out into three sections: "Regulars", "Features" and "Information".



"Regulars" will be the items that are in every issue (or should be in every issue).

"Features" will be items contibuted by members. Tech Articles, Stories, Pictures, Funnies, Cartoons, etc...

"Information" will be those items that deal with using the Club's resources: Offices, Membership, the Website, etc...

One of the main and most noticable changes to the newsletter is the front cover. I would REALLY like to feature a different member's car or a recent Club Event on the cover. You may notice that a typical photo taken with your camera is "landscape" meaning that it is longer across then it is tall. The newsletter is "protrait" meaning that it is longer vertically than it is across. When you take a photo for the cover please think about that. Either hold the camera on it's side to take the photo in that orientation or stand far enough back from your car or the subject of the photo to allow for plenty of "headroom" so that when the image is cropped to fit on the cover it makes for a pleasing image.

You will also notice that starting with this issue and continuing as long as we have the content (thanks to Jim Bauder!) we will be including some old Burma Shave signs along the bottom of

of the pages. Hope you enjoy these "blasts from the past".

The "Calender of Events" and "Cruise Nights" section is also greatly expanded.

Also, there is less advertising in this issue than we have had in the past. That is because only those vendors that renewed their advertising (from TFest '07) are included.

It was mentioned at the last Club Meeting that it would be helpful if the advertising rates were included in the newsletter. Check the bottom of the opposite page and you will find them listed.

Any suggestions or articles submissions are ALWAYS welcomed...

Dave Riddle
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

Membership

Contact Marty Clark at 480-962-7848 for membership information. Dues are \$18.00 per year

Update Your Triumph Membership

Marty has posted the updated membership list on our DCTRA.org website (see files section). It's updated through the January '08 Brunch meeting. He is still accepting digital pictures of your car(s) to include on this list. Club members voted to remove unpaid listings, so these will no longer receive club emails. If you would like your membership to be renewed, bring your payment to an event, meeting or mail a check (made out to DCTRA) to our Treasurer, John Reynolds, 806 E. Campus, Tempe, AZ 85282.



The Prez Sez



The weather is heating up for sure so drive your Triumph as much as you can, while you can. One of the days last week it was cloudy and not quite so hot, I thought I would take a chance and drive with the top down to work, the top's never been up as far as I know, so why start now? Sure enough, I was almost all the way to

work and it started to sprinkle. Now what? Live with it I said, its only rain! Thank goodness it stopped about a mile down the road so it would have been a wasted effort to put the top up anyway.

Thanks to John Horton for keeping everyone abreast to the latest shenanigans that the legislature is trying to pull by trying to disguise the bill on the scrapping of older cars. They must think car enthusiasts are not very bright when in fact we could probably enlighten them about how "terrific" classic cars are. Keep the e-mails coming and like John suggested, call, write, e-mail or whatever it takes to let your legislature know that classic cars are just that," classic", part of our heritage, not just a piece of junk to be discarded because its old.

We welcome back John Mosher's car (and him also) even if he is part of the "theme". It just means the rest of us better get going so other models get represented!! I'm working on getting mine "spit polished" (no pun intended) so I can fit in with the other Triumphs that look so great.

I hope everyone is taking the time to keep up with the latest news from Jim Bauder, what an exciting trip, maybe more exciting in some ways than they had planned on. We are grateful no one was injured in the latest incident and wish them God Speed for the remaining miles. How wonderful to be part of group of Triumph enthu-

siasts from all over the country (and Canada), people helping people even in these tough economic times, what a great land we live in.

A huge THANKS to Dave Riddle for all the work, time, energy and enthusiasm he puts into our newsletter, our website and the vendor list, just to name a few. He keeps us up to date with the latest technology on our website so we look like the professional club that we are. Our members are amongst the most knowledgeable and resourceful people along with just plain being helpful and excited about their cars. Everyone should be taking advantage of the wealth of knowledge and generosity this group has to offer. Just speak up about any concerns and I'm sure there is someone who will have an idea on how to solve it. I am very proud to be a member as well as Prez of this club, I can't think of a nicer crowd (maybe a little quirky) that I would want to be associated with.

Until the next meeting, happy motoring.

Kathy

Minutes of the May Meeting

President Kathy Slabaugh opened the meeting at 7:10pm at JB's Restaurant.

The sign-in sheet showed 30 people in attendance

Jim Hughes	Ron Price
Jim Bauder (TR)	Marty Clark
Ron Gurnee	Bill Pettingell (TR)
Roy Stoney	Bill Close
Deta Hampsch	Virgil & Marlene Cole
Leon Loftin	Gene Glenn
Richard Walters	Julius Walters
John Reynolds (TR)	Matt Reynolds (TR)
Dave Riddle	Timothy Titus
Linda Nicholson	George & Chris Durkin
Kathy Nuss (TR)	Marie Thompson
Craig Kenyon (TR)	Kathy & Court Slabaugh
Stu Lasswell (TR)	Armand LaCasse (TR)
Pete Peterson	

We welcomed new member Richard Walters (Spitfire) and visitor Ed Mell who bought Bill Close's TR4.

Secretary: Minutes of previous meeting were approved

Treasurer: We have money

Membership: We have 118 members on the roster. 50 of these members are not current on dues

Newsletter: Dave asked for people to submit articles

AAHC: Jim Bauder reported on Meeting at Mel Martin's Auto Museum. He said Mel has an incredible collection.

Events:

- May 16-17 Prescott Highland Games
- May 23-24 Navajo Overnighter with a stop at the Petrified Forest
- June 14th Breakfast Run. Meet

at Shea Blvd and 32nd Street (NW Corner) at 7:30am

- Watch for details on Mesa Market Place Car Show and the...
- Three Flats Rally

Technical: - There was discussion of mechanical fuel pumps v. electric after Gene Glenn mentioned losing the pin that holds the lever on mechanical fuel pump. This happened on the BEAT and he thanked Bill Close, Ron Gurnee, Steve Thompson, Jim Andres, John Reynolds and Richard Kotsyba for their assistance

- Stu Lasswell has installed a new drive shaft made by Bill Close for TR3's with Bill's Toyota 5 speed conversion. He says it cuts down on vibration at higher speeds.

Julius Walters has sold his TR4 and has tools for sale. Lathe, Band saw and hand tools

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Bev (submitted by Pete in place of Bev)



DCTRA History

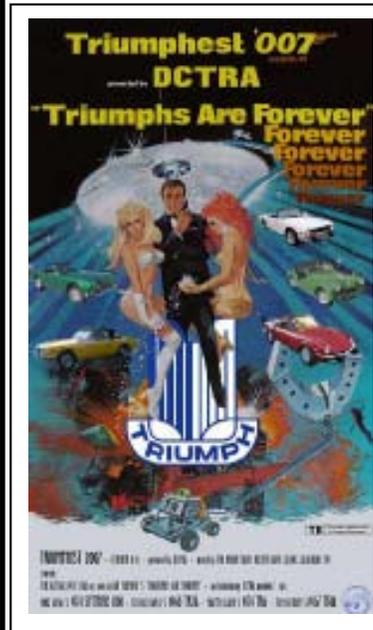
“The Birth of D.C.T.R.A.”

Have you ever wondered how your Club got started, how all these fine people came together in a organization centered around (of all things) an out-of-production British car marque? Since we're sure that this question has been burning to the minds of all the newcomers, we will attempt to explain. first, you should know a little history of the National Organization, the Triumph Register of America. About ten years ago, a group of TR2 and TR3 owners in central Ohio got together and formed a small club. Their intent was to take advantage of each other's specialities in keeping their aging sports cars on the road. They learned of the existence of the Triumph Sports Owner's Association (T.S.O.A.) in England and began to correspond with that group. The idea of TRA grew of this, and to it was. TRA became then “The only National Organization dedicated to the TR2 and TR3” and as it was stated: “Formed to preserve the marque - TR2 and TR3”. Little did they know that the Triumph marque itself would require preservation in the fairly near future. After all. the TR6 was the current Triumph sports car and Triumph looked healthy as a company.

At any rate, the TR owners began to join

and support the TRA from all over the country. This made formation of local “Centres” necessary to provide forums for discussion and activities on a local basis. The first such “Centre” was C.C.C.T.R.A. (Central Ohio Centre - Triumph Register of America). The principals in COCTRA were the same individuals who started the first club. As the number of “Centres” grew, it became evident that some sort of annual get-together would be needed to bring all the centres together (mostly for a party) and create some synergy among the individual centres. The first TRA National Convention was then scheduled and came off very well. There has been a TRA National Convention every year since then, hosted by one of the Centres in the East. Each National has been bigger and better then the one before, and in 1984 the convention entertained 400 people and showed 125 cars.

You should remember that the TRA National is really only two people - a President and a Newsletter Editor. Each of these people is also a member in good standing of a local centre. The message here is that the local centre is what TRA is all about. Now, what about YOUR local centre? I bought a 1958 TR3A in 1959 and was introduced to the world of Sports Cars be a friend who owned (please don't hold this against him, he really is a nice person) a Porsche. He showed me the S.C.C.A. and a local club called S.S.C.C. I raced, slalomed, gymkhana'd, rallied and concoursed for the next 3 years with my TR and then fell for an Italian beauty called “Alfa Romeo Guilietta Sprint Coupe”. I couldn't resist the charm of this fire-engine red conveyance, so my TR went to the used-car lot of the local Alfa Romeo dealer never to be seen or heard from again. I won't dwell on my experiences with the Alfa, just to say that the car put me in a financial hole I didn't get out of until 1975. Many other vehicles intervened, but in 1977 I bought a basket-case '59 TR3A for \$150.00 with the intention of doing a complete restoration. I was living in Birmingham, Alabama at the time and there was no local centre for TRA. After joining TRA, Gracie and I went tot he 1978 TRA National Convention in Burr Oak, Ohio. We were so impressed by the organization and the people that we decided



Triumphfest 2007
DCTRA
"Triumphs Are Forever"
Forever
Forever
Forever

We still have copies of the Triumphfest 2007 Event Poster. Don't have one hanging in your garage? Get one! Free to a good home (or garage!) Contact Dave Riddle at 480-610-8234 or via email: dave@micro-works.net to arrange to get one at a Club Meeting

to start a local centre in Birmingham. Fate held other cards, however, and in mid 1979 my employer went bankrupt. The TR's (by now I had acquired a 1961 example which ran) would have to wait until I could secure gainful employment. The search was successful in Phoenix so we moved here still holding the idea of starting a local TRA centre. After settling in (and buying yet another TR) we decided to forge ahead. We posted signs at all English car places and the foreign parts houses, placed flyers on every TR3 we saw, watched the newspapers for TR's for sale, and ran ads announcing the formation of a new club for TR owners.

The first meeting was held in November of 1980 at my home on 28th Way. In attendance were John Gallen, Vernon Zigler, Vicki Burke, Fred McArthur, and a couple of others whose names escape me. The name "Desert Centre - Triumph Register of America" was selected at that meeting, and the format and frequency of the newsletter was established. John Gallen took on the Editor's post and Vicki Burke became the first Secretary-Treasurer. The dubious honor of the office of President fell to yours truly (I think because nobody wanted it).

From those humble beginnings has grown a strong, cohesive group of Triumph motorcar owners who enjoy each others company, swap secrets and skills, and are ACTIVELY "preserving the marque - TRIUMPH". I wish to thank each and every one of your for your dedication and hard work, and I'm positive that DCTRA is here to stay.

Tom Pennell, DCTRA Founder



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My Car...

Matt Reynold's 1970 TR6

As many of you know, I have been around the Triumph club since I was about five years old. I have always loved everything Triumph and enjoyed every minute of club events with my dad and his TR6. Well, finally for my 17th birthday, I got my own! My dad and I brought home a 1970 TR6 that had been sitting on the side of a house



in Tempe for about 15 years. The car was infested with spiders and the hood was stuck but it had no rust! The previous owner had parked it with a hardtop on it which saved the car. After a few cans of Raid we were able to start taking it apart.

I spent the weekends taking parts off and throwing them aside, not thinking about ever needing to remember how they went back on.

After about a month, parts filled up the garage and we weren't even halfway done taking it apart. For the most part, parts seemed to fly

off of the car. There were a few difficulties that we had like taking out the windshield frame. It had welded itself in after being in there 30+ years. My dad and I tried everything from a gallon of Kroil to heat and finally we needed to cut the brackets off with a dremel.

A few months went by and we found out just how much space a car takes up when it has been disassembled. After the car had been taken apart we found out that we needed a couple of fenders, a hood and a trunk lid. Luckily we had been prepared and bought a donor car, a TR6 from Germany which was in pretty good shape. I also needed to replace my rocker panel which the previous owner had caved in on a curb. So, the first step of putting my car back together was welding the new rocker panel in place. Then it looked to be a sad excuse for a car as it was towed to get blasted and painted. For two months I was without my car. It felt weird not having anything to do on the weekends.

The car wasn't completely gone because you still couldn't walk through the garage without tripping over parts.

Finally after two months we towed the car back and it looked so good I was afraid to touch

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Classified

TRIUMPH / TOYOTA TRANSMISSION ADAP-TORS

Put a Toyota 5 Speed into your TR-3 or TR-4, Transmission adaptor uses stock Triumph hydraulic clutch set up. Adaptor Kit, with instruction, pictures \$500.00, Bill Close (602-524-5351) <http://www.eaglegatellc.com>

Mechanic/Painter

Mechanical, paint & body for over 30 years. We would like to see if anyone needs any work done. I've owned a TR6 since 1975 and has redone just about every part of it. Works on all types of vehicles. Very reasonable.

Patrick O'Connell 602-569-0656

TR6 complete engine/parts for sale

Variety of used TR6 parts and complete 1970 engine on stand for sale. Also an aftermarket TR6 Hardtop. Will sell all for \$1250. Please forward to all who may be interested.

Contact Rick 520-780-1948
rschuarizona@yahoo.com

GT6 Engine

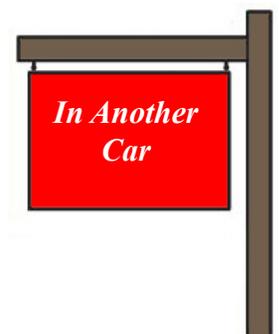
1968 GT-6 engine complete bought from wrecking yard in Flagstaff \$250.00 Scottsdale 602-377-8559

Note: Classified ad's are always free to DCTRA Members

Recommended Vendors

A "Vendors" menu option has been added to the website. Selecting that menu option will show you a listing of vendors (services, parts, repair, etc...) that DCTRA members have had experience with and are recommending to other members.

If you have a Vendor to recommend you will notice at the bottom of the list that a form has been provided for you to fill out. When we receive your completed form we will add your recommended vendor to the list.



Calendar of Events

For more information or to sign up for an event, visit the DC TRA web site events page (www.dctra.org). Also, check the link to "Arizona Car Shows" on the dctra.org website. Some events are listed without dates as they are not known at this time but are shown in their "historical" time frames.

To add or host an event, contact Kathy Nuss, VP and Activities 480-983-3945 / jknuss@juno.com

June 2009

- 5-7 - Show Low Days Car show
- 6 - Tucson Grand Slam Car Show
- 6 - Prescott 20th Custom Comp & Cruise
- 9 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 12-13 Flagstaff 7th Summit Car Show
- 13 - NASA Track Event @ Firebird East
- 14 - Breakfast Run
- 20 - 9th Classics @ Prescott Car Show

July 2009

- 4 - Show Low 4th of July Car Show
- 14 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run

August 2009

- ?? - Prescott Antique Auto Club
- 8 - NASA Track Event @ Firebird West
- 11 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 15 - Alpine Blast from the Past
- 14-16 Southwest Karters @ Sandia
- ?? - Breakfast Run

September 2009

- 8 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 11-13 Flagstaff Route 66 Days Car Show
- 12 - NASA Track Event @ PIR
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- ?? - Vintage Voyage
- 26-27 SCCA @ PIR
- 27 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird West
- 30-Oct 4 - Triumphest / VTR National in San Luis Obispo, CA

October 2009

- 30-Oct 4 - Triumphest / VTR National in San Luis Obispo, CA
- 3 - NASA Track Event @ PIR
- 10 - Sierra Vista Cars in the Park

- 11 - Goodyear Autofest Charity Show
- 13 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 17 - Tucson Classics Car Show
- 18 - Tempe Car & Bike Show
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- 24-25 - Historic Sports Racing @ PIR
- 24-25 - Vintage Voyage
- 25 - Peroia Fire It Up Car Show

November 2009

- 1 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird East
- 7-8 SCCA @ PIR
- 10 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- 14 - Tucson Cops & Rodders Car Show
- 28 - NASA Track Event @ PIR
- 29 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird Main

December 2009

- 5-6 SCCA @ PIR w/ Vintage class
- 8 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 12 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird Main
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- ?? - Christmas Lights Tour
- ?? - DCTRA Christmas Party

January 2010

- ?? - DCTRA Election Brunch
- ?? - Breakfast Run

February 2010

- 9 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- ?? - Wickenburg Goldrush Days
- ?? - Phoenix Highland Games

March 2010

- 9 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Wheels of Britain
- ?? - Breakfast Run

April 2010

- ?? - Prescott Unique Little Car Meet
- ?? - Copperstate 1000
- 13 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- 17-18 - BEAT Rally

May 2010

- ?? - Prescott Highland Games
- 11 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run



Cruise Nights

Fridays:

Chandler - East Valley Cruise-In at Fulton Ranch Towne Center - S.W. corner of Arizona Ave. & Ocotillo Rd. - 6-9pm - Info: Stephanie 623.582.9599

Glendale - KOOL Radio Car Show 3rd Friday of Month at Sanderson Ford Lincoln Mercury (6400 N. 51st Ave) - 4pm-7pm - live music and great KOOL prizes - Info: Nick 602-488-8163

Mesa - Cruise Downtown Mesa 2nd Friday of Month (West Main Street from Country Club Drive to Center Street) hosted by Downtown Mesa Merchants Group - Come down, join the fun and show off your car!! It's FREE!! - Info: Sharon 480-890-2613 or Anita 480-924-7887

Mesa - Mesa First Car Show at Mesa First Assembly (1303 S Lindsay Rd) - Meets 1st Friday of every month beginning Jan. 2nd from 6-9pm - Live music, BBQ, soft drinks, huge parking area, great lighting - All vehicles welcome - Info: Greg 480-678-2209

Peoria - Friday Night Lights Car Show/Cruise In - 91st Ave just off Northern behind Auto Zone (8350 N. 91 Ave.) - 300 parking spaces - 100 to 200 cars attend weekly - 5:30pm -? - open to all cars, trucks, food, music, trophy for best car - Info: Bryn 480-229-2918

Phoenix - West Side Cruisin' - 35th Ave. & Northern - Info: 602-246-3906

Phoenix - Rod and Custom Cruise (SW corner of 59th Ave. and Beardsley), prizes, raffles, music, and clean fun - Info: 623 362-8282

Surprise - Fry's Marketplace parking lot (13982 W. Waddell Rd.) - 5-9pm - all makes and years - Corner of W. Waddell Rd. and Litchfield Rd., behind the Sonic Drive-In - Sonic, Fry's and Subway for food and beverages - Info: Larry 623-476-8098

Saturdays:

Chandler - Chandler Christian Church (1825 S. Alma School Rd.) - 1st Saturday of every month - Coffee and Donuts - Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles welcome - 9am-11am - Info: Tom Donahue (480) 510-3145

Glendale - Safeway - 83rd Ave. just off the 101 (west) 1/2 mile north of Union Hills - hundreds of parking spaces, plenty of light, permission from the Safeway Property management - food - Every Saturday night from 5pm-???

Laveen - Wienerschnitzel (5220 W. Baseline Rd.) from 5p-9p - Info: Shane 602-605-8101 or 949-433-1251

Mesa - Cruisin' on Main Street presented by Hot Rod Planet and Concerned Mesa Cruisers (Country Club to Mesa Dr.) - 6-10pm - Info: Lance 480-229-5691 - Mesa To be held the 4th Saturday of every month

Mesa - Power & Hampton on Saturday Evenings near Superstition Springs by K Mart

Peoria - Safeway Shopping Center - 20713 N. 83rd Ave. (83rd Ave. and Lake Pleasant Road) - 5-9pm - Everyone Welcome - Info: Gary 623-203-5752

Phoenix - Cruise-In at SO-CAL-AZ (3427 E. McDowell Rd.) - Second Saturday of month - 7-9am - coffee, donuts, car talk and a Small Swap - Drive your classic car or truck to qualify for swap space - No Trailers or Truck loads - Info: Don 602-275-7990

Scottsdale - McDonald's, Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, 4pm-10pm, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd. (Pima & Indian Bend Road)

Sundays:

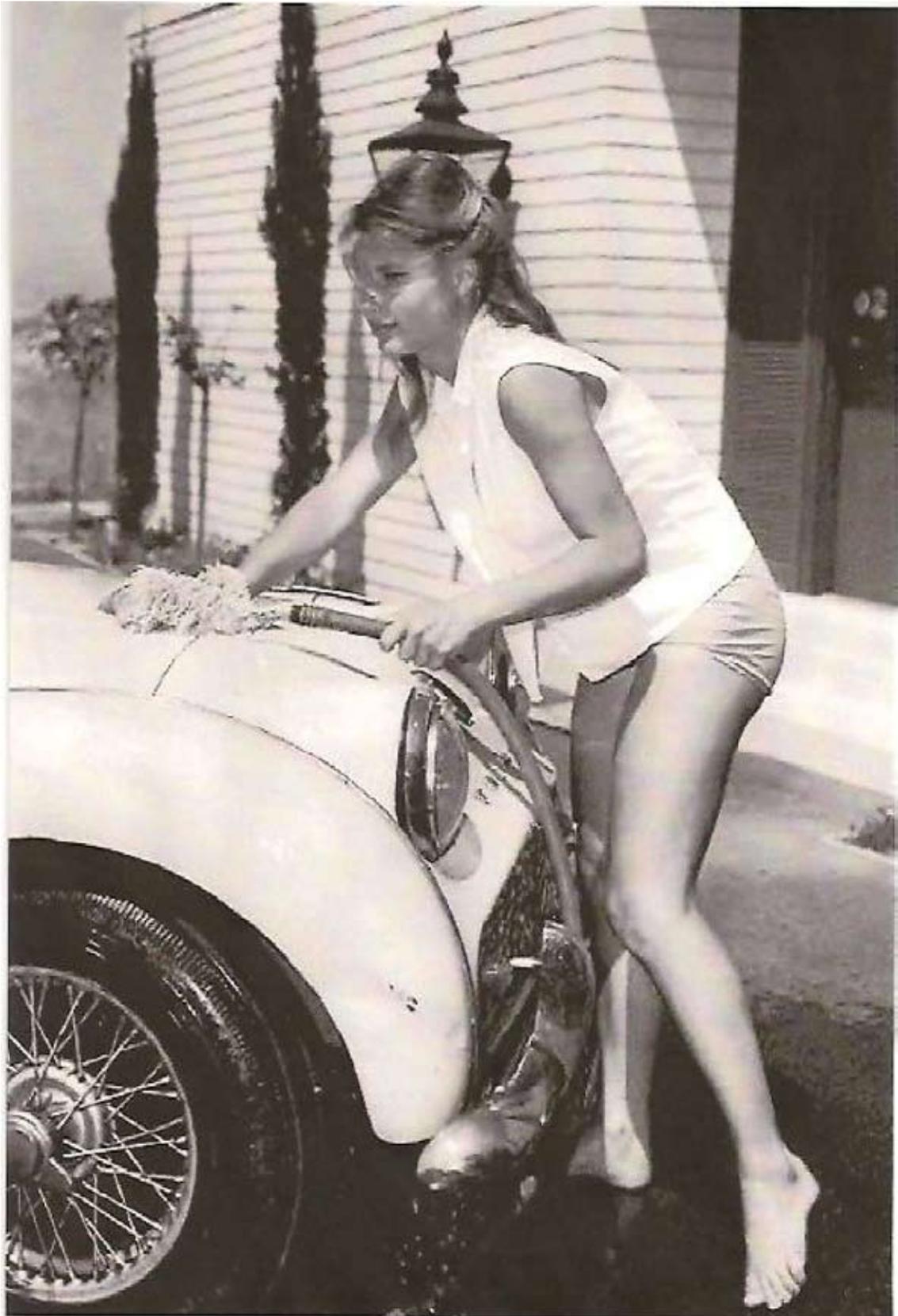
Chandler - Every Sunday morning at 7am at Starbucks in downtown Chandler ((1 San Marcos Place) just west of Arizona Ave, south of Chandler Blvd.) We're kinda hard to miss, just look for the Hot rods! Can I hear an AMEN? - Info: Craig Pike 480-220-6687

Fountain Hills - Fountain Hills Automobile Club Cruise-In at KFC & A&W RESTAURANT (16805 E. Shea Blvd.) (Target Center) - 1:00 PM - Open to all Antique, Classic & Special Interest Vehicles (No Shows during the summer)

Phoenix - Hotrod Jokers Cruise-In and Car Show - Ram-jets Speed Shop (13701 N. Cave Creek Rd.) - 1-4pm - free hot dogs and beverages - Info: Ron 602-574-4059

Scottsdale - Old Guys Hot Rods Hotrod Show at Handlebar J's (7116 E. Becker Lane) - 1st Sunday of Month - car show on the street in front Handle Bar J's patio, Live music - all years and makes welcome - Info: Mike 602-291-8374





Donna Michelle
Miss December 1963



it. We got home with the fenders and hood off of the car and realized that we had no place to keep them safe. So, to my mom's surprise they came in the house and were put in my room where they couldn't be scratched. Then, finally, assembly



began.

We rebuilt the suspension front and rear, replaced u-joints, differential bushings, and steering rack bushings, etc. With a little help from Gene, we got my engine in with my Toyota 5-speed. I got all my fenders on and then the hard part began. We had to rewire the car with Dan Masters wiring harness.

After a few months and countless arguments we were able to get through it and hook up the battery, only to find out that only a few things worked. After a few hours of sourcing possible problems we found that little kill switch we installed with the kit. We flipped it and it was like magic. Everything worked and worked well. The lights were bright and worked just as they should have. After some preparation we even got the engine

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Website Makeover

The DCTRA website gets a makeover!

The previous design was on-line for for two years. Time for an update. I had been working on a redesign on and off for a while but after getting a copy of the photo of Jim Bauder's restored TR250 I was inspired as to the color selection and other design accents.

Hope you like it.

This got me thinking that I would keep the design elements the same but just change the header photo and update the color scheme to match the photo.

Therefore... If you would like to see your car featured like Jim's please email me a nice high resolution photo of your car. Give me plenty of background room around the car (meaning: don't zoom in on your car and make sure the background is "pleasing" and complimentary to your car) so that I can better crop and position the car within the header area.

It's a great time of the year to have the car out so get the out to a park, etc... and take some new photos!

I also added a free "Classified Advertising" section. Give it a try!

DCTRA.ORG Email Account

Want to get a DCTRA email account (yourname@dctra.org)? Send an email to Dave@microworks.net and request one.



You can access the account via a web interface at <http://www.dctra.org:8383> or you can use a regular email client like Outlook, Eudora, etc... There is even built in support for syncing with Outlook and PDA phones (Windows Mobile, Blackberry, etc...)

The mail server is configured to provide stringent SPAM and Virus filtering so you can use the account with little fear of being bombarded with SPAM or getting a virus infected attachment.

Settings for your mail client: set both the POP3 and the SMTP Server to dctra.org.



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Funnies...

Q: Know why the British don't make computers?

A: They couldn't figure out how to make them leak oil!

Q: What do you call an MG with dual exhaust?

A: A Wheelbarrow!

Q: How do you double the value of a Triumph?

A: Fill it up with gas!

Q: What's the difference between a classic Jag owner and a classic Triumph owner?

A: The Jag owner washes his hands AFTER he's been for a pee, and the Triumph owner...

Q: What are the two questions you hear most from the passenger in your MGBGT?

A: 1. Is it HOT in here?

2. Do you smell gas?

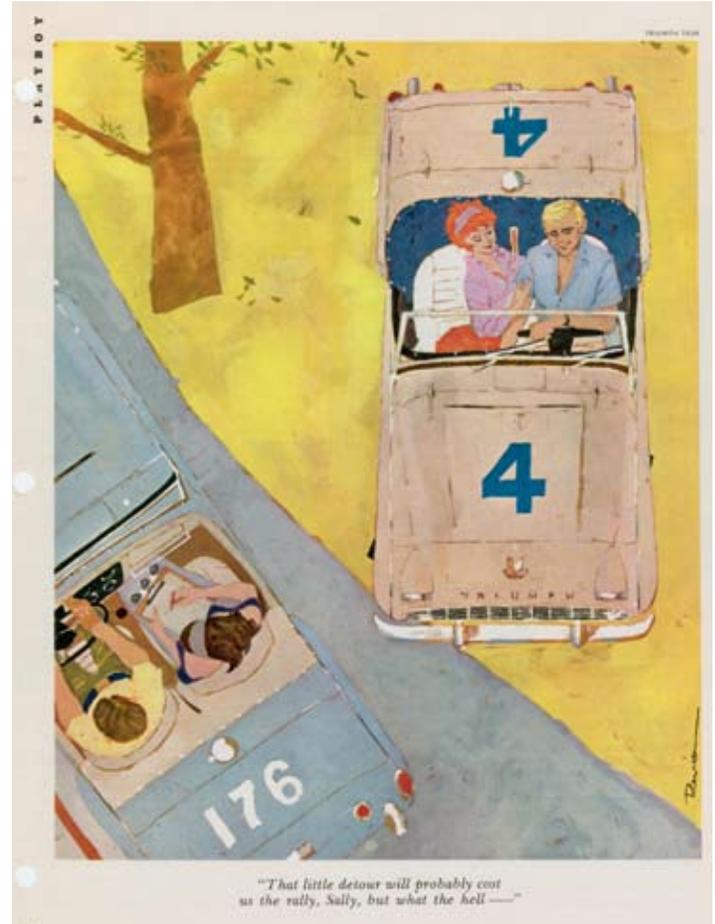
Little Billy and his Dad were down at the auto-cross watching the Spitfires zipping through the cones.

Little Billy looks up to his Dad and says, "Dad, when I grow up, I want to be a Spitfire driver."

His Dad looks down at him and says, "You can't do both, son."

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of owning a British car, but want to know

what it's like: Next big rainstorm, wait till dark, roll down all windows, leave off lights & heater & wipers and go for a drive. Stop at every intersection and throw out a twenty dollar bill. It's not exactly the same, but it's real close.



"That little detour will probably cost us the rally, Sally, but what the hell ----"

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Post Your TR Story to the Club's Website

All members that Register with the website (<http://www.dctra.org>) can post a profile and history of themselves and their car(s) along with a photo. Visit the site and on the membership page you can find a detailed step-by-step process (including pictures!) of how to do it.

http://www.dctra.org/files/How_to_post.pdf

Our Webmaster would be happy to post your info for you if the following seems too complicated. Just email him (dave@microworks.net) with the text you want and a picture if you have one.

Or...

You can follow the instructions below or go to http://www.dctra.org/files/How_to_post.pdf to open/download a PDF document that takes you through the process step-by-step with illustrations.

1. Login
2. Select "Write" from the menu at the top (your account must be upgraded from the initial level when the account was created - if you do not see the "Write" option send an email to Dave to have your account upgraded)
3. Fill in the Title box. For example enter your name: John Q. Public
4. In the Post box fill in a little bit about yourself, your car and how the two of you got together.
5. DO NOT CHECK the "Notify everyone (regardless of subscription).

Now to upload your picture(s) to accompany your post...

6. Select the "Browse" button on the right hand side of the field called "File" See below for some advice on photos.

7. This opens the normal Choose File dialog box. Find the file you want to upload. Click on it and then select the "Open" button. If you want give the file a Title and a description.

8. Press the "Upload" button.

9. Leave the settings "Show Thumbnail" and "Link File" just like they are.

10. Now backup in the box where you typed your "Post" place the cursor where you want the picture to be located.

11. Press the button "Send to editor"

12. Over on the right hand side in the Categories menu place a check in the "Members Cars" box.

13. If you want people to be able to comment about your post leave the Comments and Ping boxes checked. Otherwise uncheck them.

14. Press the "Publish" button

Now you can "View site" and see your post in the "Members Cars" category!

A Note about posting and uploading your picture in your Member Posting. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE pay attention to the size of the picture you want to upload. Resize the image so that it is no more than 600 pixels wide. If you do not know how to do that feel free to email the picture to dave@microworks.net and he will resize the image and email it back to you.

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Hole in the Roof Gang

Story & Photos: Chris Hansel

We rode up to Payson to meet John and Kathy Nuss, Pam Rineholt and Cousin Betty on a chilly cloudy morning in May. We enjoyed breakfast together at The Knotty Pine Café. It has changed hands, and greatly improved; you should give it a shot. Kathy explained that Armand LaCasse was waiting to meet us still further up the road in Holbrook at Gray's Petrified Wood store. We got started without much delay along with Pam's very nice TR6, our Stag, and John and Kathy in their TR-stang.

Climbing out of Payson, the weather turned downhill. It had been 60 degrees in Payson, and as we climbed the rim, it dropped further. You can see the rain clouds in the photo with the TR6 ahead. We were about to get hit. It rained more or less all the way to Holbrook.

The Stag performed very well and it stayed cool as we climbed thousands of feet. I was happy the wipers were on good behavior for a change. It was cool and humid and it felt like we were driving in Southern Canada, not Arizona. I said to my wife, Anne Marie, "I think we should stop and put up that old top." As soon as this was done, a small hole appeared just above the rear view mirror. Yea, I know you can't trust a 36 year old top, and should have replaced it with the new one sitting home somewhere. No worry, the hole was only about one inch.



By the time we pulled into Gray's Petrified Wood Company in Holbrook, the hole was 5 inches long; no big deal. John Nuss helped me make a patch with duck tape. I felt like Red/Green from the TV show.



our place south of Payson, we told him we were sorry. I looked out of the corner of my eye and saw it was raining again.

So, we said our goodbyes and started back. Anxious, I pushed up the speed, about 70. Boom, off goes the duck tape and the hole is now a foot and a half. Anne made a jump to grab the fast failing roof and held it over our heads for the next 45 miles. At Rye, it appeared we had re-entered Arizona, at least the Arizona of the dry heat. So, we put the old top down for the last time and drove the rest of the way in the correct mode for sports cars, topless.



When we walked into the Petrified Wood store, the roof problem was forgotten. What a delight this place is. Tens of thousands of rocks of every type, and miles of Petrified Forest tables, very nice, but a little pricy, really very beautiful items, lots of very classy jewelry as well at realizable prices. Anne purchased several pieces.

Then Armand walked in to greet all present, and I must note he looks about the same as when I last saw him in 1993. Armand had offered to put everyone up at a real ranch on the north side of the interstate for the evening. It has a real creek you have to cross to get to it as well. Armand told us not to worry; it was no wetter than an inch.

As we had left our dogs in the run at

Road Trip to the Ranch

Story & Photos: Kathy Nuss

John & I met Pam Rineholt and her sister, Betty in Fountain Hills and motored up to Payson where we had breakfast at the Knotty Pine. Chris and Ann Marie Hansel joined us there and we were off toward Heber. Pam had a church obligation on Sunday so she and Betty peeled off in Heber and went back to AJ via the Salt River Canyon. The rest of us continued on to Holbrook where we spent some time at Jim's Petrified Wood Company. The Hansels have a story of



at the vacation spot. Crossing the soggy creek made me glad that we didn't drive our LBC. John and I were very impressed with the solar, wind and generator operated home in the middle of nowhere. It was sooo quiet – no traffic noise, no airplanes, no sirens.

Saturday evening we took a walk on the 40 acre property and picked up some petrified wood. The property abuts the Navajo Reservation. Afterward, Armand grilled us some awesome steaks and baked potatoes. Salad and brownies put the finishing touch on a delicious



their own to tell regarding the rain and their Stag.

We met Armand at Jim's and he went off to buy groceries, Hansels headed back to their Payson area home and

John and I took a trip through the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert National Parks. After following Armand's very thorough directions, we arrived



meal.

The next morning, after a breakfast of bacon and eggs, Armand took us on the derelict home tour. The home still standing is pictured. A nice little fixer-upper.

I am amazed that for a club which has 30 – 40 people at a meeting, very few attend events. You all missed out on a great time.

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started. Following that we had millions of small things to do.

cap had fallen out of a u-joint in the driveshaft. We had it fixed in two hours and even drove the car to the club meeting that night. That weekend I went on the BEAT had a great time. The car



Finally about a month later it was time for my first test run. I took the car on a breakfast run and it ran great. I had a blast driving it even if it had only one seat and no carpet. The next month was spent on the interior in preparation for the BEAT.

To my surprise, installing carpet and panels was not as bad as I had thought. We finished the interior and top the weekend before the BEAT and I was ready.

My dad suggested that I drive it to work the week before to make sure that everything was ok. Well, sure enough that Tuesday while out on lunch, driving about 45mph, I heard a bang and the whole car started shaking. I called my dad out to get me and the whole time I was thinking about how my weekend will be ruined. We got the car towed home and found out that a u-joint

made it the whole way with no problems! It really is a great car and I'm having so much fun driving it. I plan on taking it to as many shows as I can including the All Triumph Drive In this August in Oregon. I will also be at Triumphest 2009 in October which should be a lot of fun.

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