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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

DENNEY'S RESTAURANT

650 N Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ 85281

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On the Cover: David Freet's Triumph TR6, photo curtesy of Michael Blachut.

Prez Sez – June 2015

Stu Lasswell, President

Last month I admonished you all to get out and enjoy the last few days before the heat began, but it seems that we got a nice little respite, with unseasonably cool weather for most of May. Rain, even! I know it can't last, but I've made it a point to do as I said, and have driven the TR to work several times, and even headed up to the Scottsdale cruise-in last Saturday. There are always a lot of cool cars up there, especially when the weather cooperates like it has. I really should have cleaned up the car a bit, in that it still has a lot of bug residue on the front from the BEAT tour, and some water spotting from the previous Saturday's rain. Nonetheless, as usual the old TR3 was like a magnet, even in a sea of very nice cars. A small British sports car can really stand out amongst the Chevys and Fords that tower over it... or the Willys 4WD truck I was parked next to in this case. Lots of very nice people- some older folks with stories to tell of their past experiences with Triumphs, others too young to recognize the marque but were attracted to its unique look. The kids were thrilled to actually get to climb in to an old car, and the parents seemed to appreciate it too! The way I see it, we really need to instill some interest in the next generation of car enthusiasts before all us old farts die off! Drive your Triumphs, show them off... they can't lust after what they've never seen!

The latest Moss Motoring "magazine" had an article suggesting another way to perpetuate our hobby. The writer suggested that many of us in the hobby end up with "extra" cars... not just parts cars, but more like future project cars. Often just rough examples, maybe even "runners" in need of some TLC. I've seen some that ran fairly well, but were hopelessly rusty or rough enough to not justify the expense or effort to restore. He suggested that they be sold very cheaply or even "given" to a young enthusiast, with the assurance that you might be available to guide them in the care and feeding of an old British car. Sort of a mentor program, possibly with the assistance of the local club. It's possible that a local high school has an auto shop that might appreciate a donated car simple enough to be worked on by novices that allow one to see actual mechanical function! No computers, no fuel injection, just basic "suck, squish, bang, blow" in its most primitive form. Heck, with a Spitfire one can see an entire suspension system and engine by just opening the bonnet... no disassembly needed!

So, in conclusion, I'm suggesting that you get out and let people see your classic car... and maybe take stock of your other cars and just consider if your junkers might be of greater use to our hobby if placed in someone else's hands. Happy motoring!

Stu Lasswell

DCTRA Spark Plug Award

By John Nuss

This is a "Quarterly Report" of Spark Plug points earned. It appears that attending the meeting WITH your Triumph helps earn points. Furthermore, planning and writing about the event gets points, too. At this point there are many people with quite a few points. This does not include the most recent SCCA autocross- Stu? Jeff? - or the recent B.E.A.T.- eleven of our folks participated- Dave Denine? Among the many. I guess it would be OK to read about the same event from many different sources. So drive the Triumph, take pictures and write a paragraph or two.

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I have spent most of this month doing work necessary for my TR6 ready for a 1500 mile trip tomorrow (May 30th) through Texas and Oklahoma to see various tax clients I've had some for almost 30 years. It is a part of our country that has been ravished with tornados and flooding. I have visited via phone and email with some of them and the area is soaked in places, water still standing in some but I should be able to get through. I should be dragging a dry high pressure area with me to help dry them out.

John and Kathy Nuss left today, Friday, going the same route on their way to Williamsburg, VA. We talked of driving together for a ways but I could not get all of my tasks done in time. Besides, I've got to get this newsletter out and cannot take this particular computer with me.

We have some nice summertime parties coming up in the next couple of months. The Petersons, that would be Pete and Bev, have invited us to their house on the **3rd of July** for hot dogs and hamburgers then after dark watch the fireworks provided annually by a local restaurant. The elaborate display may be seen quite well from the Peterson's back yard. The Peterson's have done this for several and is one of the yearly highlights for me.

The LaCasse's, that would be Armand and Ann, have invited the Club over for a swim and movie on the 25th of July.

If there is anything that I left out of this newsletter that you think should have been mentioned or something that should have been left out, please let me know. I love feedback.

I won't see you at the meeting on the 9th, but I hope that you show up. Other members want to meet with you. Yeah, I talking to you.

George

Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds, V. Pres & Events Chairman

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2015

June 9th – DCTRA Business Meeting

July 3rd _ Peterson's 3rd of July Fireworks Party

July 25th – Swim In Movie – at LaCasse (The Italian Job)

On-going events:

Saturday Night cruise @ Kmart, Power Rd & Hampton.
Scottsdale Pavilions Saturday evening car show

NEXT CLUB MEETING

(Second Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Business Meeting

Denny's Restaurant; 650 N Scottsdale Rd; Tempe, AZ 85281

Starts at 7:00 PM

Come at 6:00 PM to eat and socialize

June 2015 Membership Report:

We have added two new members this month. Riley Gay of Mesa, AZ and Linda Hall of Evington, VA. She bought Tom Pennell's TR3 and was hoping some of our members could help her recreate the history of the car. That puts our current membership at 160 persons from 103 paid memberships. Congratulations to the winner of the name tag drawing. Remember to always wear your name tag because you never know when another drawing might occur

NEW MEMBERS:

For membership information, contact: Dave Freet at 480-706-4943 (home) or 602-881-1860 (cell) or email: fxstsaz00@cox.net

David Freet
DCTRA Membership Chairperson
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Application form on page 16

Our Webmaster.





Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America May 2015 DCTRA MEETING

DCTRA Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2015

President Stu Lasswell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 670 N. Scottsdale Rd. Tempe, AZ

ATTENDEES: 41 total. 38 members and 3 visitors were in attendance. 14 TRs were driven to the meeting.

Members:

Jim Bauder (drove a TR250)
Michael Blachut (drove a 1961 TR3)
Bill Close
Virgil & Marlene Cole
Michael & Jackalyn Devine
Mike Dolimpio
George & Chris Durkin (drove a 1976 TR6)
Jeffrey Fairman (drove 1969 TR6)
Dave Freet (drove a 1970 TR6)
Gene Glenn
Ron Gurnee (drove a TR7)
John & Cheri Heisser
John & Beth Horton
Ed & Peggy Jacobs (drove a TR3)

Johnny & Nancy Johnson
Betsy Kavash
Stuart Lasswell (drove a TR3)
George Montgomery (drove a 1974 TR6)
Dave & Denine Muré (drove a TR3)
John & Kathy Nuss (drove a Spitfire)
Pete & Bev Peterson (drove a 1973 TR6)
Ronald Price
John Reynolds (drove/ rode in a 1959 TR3)
Matt Reynolds (drove/rode in a 1959 TR3)
Mark L. Sapp (drove a TR3)
David Stephens
George "Pete" Thompson
Wayne "Kiwi" Treloar

VISITORS:

Tom Bail
Rich & Diane Aubert

INTRODUCTIONS/ VISITORS:

Stu opened the meeting and asked if anyone here is new or hasn't been here for a while and asked them to introduce themselves. Tom Bail introduced himself saying that he had a Spitfire and works for Mike Dolimpio at Delta Motor Sports. Also visiting were previous members Rich and Diane Aubert. Welcome!

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MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING:

No one reported any need for revisions or corrections so the Minutes as published last month in the Triumph Trumpeter Newsletter moved and accepted as written.

TREASURER

Kathy Nuss, Treasurer, read a combined financial report covering Club finances the last two meetings. A copy of the report was provided to the Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

Dave Freet, Membership Chair, said we have no new members this month. Current paid up members - 102, comprised of 158 persons. See additional information in Dave's Membership report elsewhere in the Newsletter.

You may have noticed an emphasis and encouragement to members to wear their name-badge at meetings and at other DCTRA events. In recognition of those wearing their name badge (19 out of 38), a special raffle drawing was held. Those 19 members received a number and the lucky winner was Ed Jacobs. Ed received a driver's hat with the DCTRA logo, courtesy of Dave Freet, Membership Chair. What will it be next week? Please wear your badge for a chance to be recognized.

NEWSLETTER

George Montgomery said a TR3 has been on the cover of the newsletter for two months in a row and says we need another car. Do you want a "cover car"? Please send a picture of your car to George and see what happens.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Matt Reynolds, VP and Events, had no new upcoming events to report except in July (Armand's pool party). However, we heard reports from members who went on the BEAT tour in April, or met other members at the Copper state Cruise-In at Tempe Diablo Stadium, or enjoyed Rt. 66 Fun Run in May (about 11-13 Triumphs). Others reported on the Autocross they did this (3 members) and some DCTRA members joined the Arizona Mini Owners on their drive last weekend to Florence, AZ to tour the Greek Monastery. A good time was had by all and all made it home without trouble, except Clebe Best who was very close, but didn't quite make it home from Rt. 66 on his own power. His TR6 needed a tow. All is ok now.

Upcoming DCTRA events:

- July 3, 2015 Annual fireworks display hosted by Bev and Pete Peterson – always held the day before the Fourth of July. Details TBD. Save the date.
- July TBD - Armand is planning a "Swim-In" movie night at his house to enjoy the pool and a movie.

Out of state Event:

- June 12-14, 2015 63rd Annual Rally Glenwood Springs, Co. See last month's newsletter for additional details or go to this link:
http://www.namgar.com/events/calendar_details/63rd_annual_rallye_glenwood_springs/

ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (A.A.H.C):

John and Beth Horton (our west-side AAHC Representatives) attended the AAHC meeting held last week hosted by the Martin Auto Museum, Phoenix, AZ. AAHC s provides updates on Toll Roads and

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other Legislative Issues of interest to AZ drivers and they are still gathering signatures, but the legislature is not in session. There was little to report, except a bill on camera that an officer had to be present for a violation did not pass. Also, they recognized DCTRA for support for publishing information about AAHC in our Newsletter. The next AAHC meeting will be in September. The date will be posted on their webpage, but it usually is held the week before the DCTRA meeting. See AAHC website at this link: <http://www.arizonaautomobilehobbyistcouncil.com/>

TECHNICAL

No technical report, but John N. had a follow up to his water and molasses rust remover technique from last month. He brought in a blade from an old farm cultivator that soaked in molasses and water and removed the rust. It worked.

OLD BUSINESS

50/50: Last month we said we would have a 50/50 raffle this month and we did. We will continue this in our future meetings. Thanks for everyone who participated and best of luck next time!

NEW BUSINESS

John has a sheet metal cutter available for use if needed. It will cut 16 gauge aluminum or mild steel.

Announcements

Jim Bauder will be selling his TR250 later this year. Details TBD. Let him know if you have any questions.

Jeff Fairman sold his MGB.

Club members may advertise for free in the Triumph Trumpeter – DCTRA's newsletter -- keep that in mind if you have something to sell. Non-members pay a fee.

Regalia:

We have Club Gear for sale that include Tee shirts, polo or twill shirts and items showing our official logo -- grille badges, lapel pins, and license plate frames. Please support the Club. To order, contact the Club Secretary or see Betsy during the meeting.

AJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded; with no objection the meeting ended at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Kavash
DCTRA Secretary

In Memory of Linda Nicholson

Article and photo by Betsy Kavash

Linda Nicholson, 68, passed on April 20, 2015. Linda was an active member of the DCTRA, and prime mover in planning the decor and supervising the details of Hospitality Night for DCTRA's Triumphest 2012; receiving many compliments for the beautiful atmosphere and Route-66-themed evening a success enjoyed by all attendees.

She loved driving her TR4, ("The Princess") and enjoyed participating in driving events, car shows and rallies throughout the years, including Triumphest, Wheels of Britain, the Rt. 66 Fun Run, Brighton Motorsports Rally, the British Vintage Voyage (a favorite), the BEAT, and more. Her grandson, Tim Titus, often joined Linda on these adventures. She was a positive, encouraging person who brought joy and happiness where ever she went.

The memorial service was held May 8th at the Chapel of Chimes mortuary, Glendale, AZ. A reception was held afterwards at the Paradise Shadows Mobile Home Park Club House where her mother lives. 26 DCTRA members joined family and friends at the memorial service to honor Linda. She is survived by her mother, her brother, a daughter and three grandchildren. Linda also had a son who predeceased her. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



Linda proudly holding her Gold Award received for her recently restored TR4, displayed for the very first time at Triumphest 2009 at San Luis Obispo.

Meet Our Members

The Horton Family Triumphs

I started out in 1962 with a brand new RED TR4 off the showroom floor in Indianapolis. I drove that car for a number of years as my main transportation, and on weekends raced it at Indianapolis Raceway Park and Mid-Ohio Raceway. Then I met Beth, who was driving a 1954 Austin A40. Beth bought a second Austin to use for parts. We married in 1964, and as our family grew, I traded the TR4 to a friend for a Volkswagen sedan.

After twenty years, and the move to Phoenix, our oldest son started driving and found a 1979 TR7 that we restored. Eventually it went the way of the failed head syndrome. We replaced the engine and gearbox with a Toyota 18RGR and 5 speed. This was a successful transplant, so I thought it would work for me. I found a TR7 body and did the same.



About 1984 Beth & I joined the DCTRA with that car. I raced it a PIR and Firebird. After losing two engines, it was retired, and I found a 1981 TR8 waiting in a storage yard. At various times we also owned a TR7 Spyder, a TR7 Victory, and a few others. Beth drove her 1979 Spitfire 1500 to several Triumphests. Each of our four children owned Triumphs at some time in their lives and learned to work on them: a Stag, a Spitfire, and a few TR7's.

In 1998 I found a 1976 TR6 for sale on a street corner and added it to the herd. The owner had an offer from someone who wanted to take it to Holland and dismantle it for parts. He actually took a lower offer from me with the promise that I would keep it and enjoy it, as we have. Later we changed its four speed for a VanDenAker 5 speed gearbox, a very good thing.

After all those British cars in the family, we have settled down to the TR8, TR6, and the Locost that I built. Later we assembled a shop behind the house to work on and service our herd.

They have been our companions on a lot of adventures with the DCTRA.

John Horton

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**YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR
3RD OF JULY
FIREWORKS PARTY!
YES – the THIRD –
NOT the FOURTH!**



WHERE: PETE & BEV PETERSON's
37488 N. PIEDRA GRANDE DRIVE, CAREFREE

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015
7:00 pm - FIREWORKS START AROUND 8:30 – 9:00

On **JULY 3rd** there is a fireworks display at Harold's Saloon in Cave Creek. We have a good view from our patio and would love to have you join us to watch the show.

WE will provide hotdogs & brats, baked beans, water and soft drinks.

YOU can bring a potluck dish (if you want to) and **BYOB**. You may also want to bring a folding chair.

*It will be **HOT** outside - we don't have a pool – so dress casual to keep COOL*

PLEASE RSVP BY 7/1/15
(Tell us what you will bring for the potluck)
PHONE: 480-488-4872 (leave a message)
EMAIL: packratpete@gmail.com
Directions & a map will be emailed to those who request it.

Trunk Relined

Article and photos by Craig Kenyon

Hats off to John Reynolds. He gave me some plastic panel material that I could use to reline my trunk. I added some craft foam, some carpet from Tempe Sales and a piece of plywood. I have a narrow width tire for a spare and when mounted upside down, a piece of plywood fits flat across the spare tire well. A little bit of the craft foam makes the sides flat and now my trunk has a flat floor. I added in some LED lighting for at night and some easy removable covers to access the taillight bulbs.



Spare tire and plywood cover.

Craft foam pieces glued to carpet piece which was hemmed by Tempe Sales.



Left side LED lights and access cover for taillight bulbs.

Right side LED lights.



Trunk hinge close up.

Editor's Note: While Craig Kenyon wrote this article for a TR6, the technique could be used on any model Triumph.

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CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

I have a spitfire racing head - don't know how much has been skimmed off of it but it's ready to go completely rebuilt. Also a Weber 40 carb and a Vitesse gas tank. I want \$100 each on these.

Thanks. John Lindly

lindly1907@gmail.com

FOR SALE: TRIUMPH TR6 J TYPE TRANSMISSION - \$2100 (north phoenix)

INCLUDES:

J Type Overdrive Conversion Kit

LUK Clutch and Pressure Plate

Gunst Throw Out Bearing

Aluminum Fly Wheel (needs machining)

Column Switch and Escution

Speedo Angle Drive

Trans is rebuilt with 0 miles

Syncros and Bearings and Gaskets

Counter Shaft and First and Third Gears Case #CC1240 30

(TRANSMISSION ONLY, SELLS FROM QUANTUM MECHANICS FOR \$2375.00)

PLEASE CALL 602-569-4889 ASK FOR PATRICK

Triumph parts lists available:

1. TR 3/4 parts
2. TR 6 parts
3. Misc. and books and tools

Email requests for lists you want.

mepavlik@yahoo.com

Mike Pavlik '72 TR6A 480 883 8980

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

For Sale: TR6

72,000 original miles. Topaz with factory black striping. Runs very well. Over \$7,000 recently invested including new brakes, new hydraulics, new tires, new fuel lines, new water pump and more. \$10,500. Call or email me for additional details. Yes I am a Club member.

Patrick J. Feltes
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623-312-5424



DCTRA Club Meeting location:

Note that regular Meeting locations are on the second Tuesday of the Month:



Denny's Restaurant
650 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85281



DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with correct amount of dues to:

DCTRA
Dave Freet, Membership Chairperson
599 South Terrace Road Chandler, AZ 85226
Phone: 480-706-4943 MSG Email: fxstsaz99@cox.net

NEW MEMBER:

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RENEWING MEMBER:

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MEMBER INFO (please print):

Name(s): _____
(As you would like it to appear in the roster)

Address: _____

City: _____ British European Auto Tour (BEAT) British European Auto Tour (BEAT)
State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____
Home Cell

Email Address: _____

Classic Vehicles Owned:

Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #
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): _____

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are joining DCTRA for the first time (not renewing your existing membership), dues are \$18.00 if joining between January 1 and September 30 if after September 30 the cost is \$23.00 which takes you December 31 of following year (15 months) , so that everyone's dues become payable on January 1st each year. If you want to take advantage of the multiple-year discount, add \$34 or \$50 to your first year's tiered fees.

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Regalia

We have grill badges for \$25.00 each and lapel pins for \$5.00 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
Vintage Triumph Register	www.vtr.org AND www.vtr2007.com
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	www.t2000register.org.uk
Rimmer Bros	www.rimmerbros.co.uk
Stag Owners Club	www.stag.org.uk
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
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	www.vsgcc.ca
Moss Motors	www.mossmotors.com
Small auction and forum	www.britishcarauction.com
Classic Autosport Magazine	www.classicautosport.net
International Spitfire Database	www.members.cox.net/spitlist
British Motor Club of Utah	www.britishmotorclub.org
Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally)	www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com
Victoria British	www.victoriabritish.com
Triumph Register of Southern California	www.socaltriumphs.org
Hill Country Triumph Club	www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org
Tucson British Car Register	www.tucsonbritish.com
Central Coast British Car Club	www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com
Texas Triumph Register	www.texas-triumphregister.org
Delta Motorsports	www.deltamotorsports.com
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	www.englishbawbsclassics.com