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John Truttman's Spitfire

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

June 11, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Meet us for dinner / social @ 6: p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Cover: One of the main appeals of the Spitfire: the hood.

Prez Sez – June 2019

John Nuss, President

I hope everyone has been taking advantage of the fine Triumph weather during May. We are home for a while, traveling back east again in June for Kathy's fiftieth reunion.

A lot of opinions on sharing Triumphest with VTR, I noticed. That is something we'll discuss at the June meeting. As a participant I enjoyed the additional day required and the additional Triumphs and owners. It was neat to meet owners from as far away as the eastern states – that drove their Triumphs across the country. Usually there are not any Triumphs Mayflowers attending but the last VTR / Triumphest in California had several, one even autocrossing. It was good to see the concours level cars, and I liked especially the fact that those cars had to have stickers indicating that the cars participated in driving events - autocross and rally.

Yes, there is a "but" to all of this. It is more days, more work, more workers, more space for events. The word on the street is that VTR provides little help – time, money, personnel. I talked with Mr. Pilcher about all VTR expectations and let him know what others that have presented a VTR / Triumphest event had to say about the experience. More to follow soon.

See you at the meetings and be sure to drive your Triumph.

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I think we've had one of the longest extended Springtime since I have lived in Arizona, 10 years now. Have really enjoyed the weather. Even had to go back to wearing long pants one morning.

Those of us who did not get to participate in Horton's lunch run to Rock Springs missed a good drive. They had beautiful cool weather, as always good food and delightful camaraderie. With the Durkin's and the Horton's how could it be better. I only wish that I could go with them. My Boston Terrier, Ben, was having minor surgery that day. Minor or major when they anesthetize your little buddy you want to stay close by. He is fine now and healing well.

Dave Riddle sponsored an excellent event last weekend with parade laps around Wild Horse Pass Racetrack. The laps were preceded with hot laps with Dave in his own car. You missed a fun time.

Coming up at our next business meeting, Tuesday June 11th, we will be having a discussion about a proposal or invitation, depending on which side of the fence you're on, to let the Vintage Triumph Register to join us in the Triumphest we will be hosting in 2021. Should be a lively discussion. There are some good points and bad. Come and express your opinion and get some feedback. Not just comment on the BB.

George 5.31.19 9:55 pm

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2019:

June 11, 2019 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7 pm (6 pm for dinner and social)

Sept 12-15, 2019 – Triumphfest in Santa Maria, CA.

Sept 14th. – AZ Mini Charity Car Show @ Mesa Marketplace.

Oct 19th—20th. British Vintage Voyage

Regular Occurrence Events

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, Alpino's at Troon

Cars N Coffee – 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum

Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

June 2019 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

We have added three new members since the last newsletter. Jeff Porter from Bullhead City has joined with a 1974 Spitfire. Also joining is Anthony Dymond from Chandler with a 1968 TR250. And joining us at the May business meeting was Bob Duffy with a 1975 TR6 from Sun City West. Let's all welcome these newest members to the DCTRA. I'm sure we all look forward to getting to know them and their cars.

With these latest additions, Club membership total is now 97 with 147 members. I have enough new members to make an order for name badges. If you're new within the last several months, look for a badge to be forthcoming.

And speaking of regalia, we still have club branded license plate frames, grill badges, lapel pins, and embroidered patches. Let me know how many of each you need, and I'll see you at the June 11 business meeting.

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Application form on page 14

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America

April 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

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May 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The May 14, 2019 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President John Horton.

Members Present: Rod Arnold, Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, Cal Busenitz, Ron Cole, Philip Couture, George Durkin, driving a Spitfire, Rick Hartmann, driving a TR6, John Heisser, John Horton, Betsy Kavash, August Lopez, Marvin Miller, driving a TR6, George Montgomery, driving a TR6, Pete & Bev Peterson, driving a TR6, John Reynolds, driving a TR6, David Riddle, Pamela Rineholt, and Marie Thompson. Bob Duffy was a visitor.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse reported via telephone that the Club has money. The report was accepted.

Membership: Marv Miller reported we have added two members, Anthony Diamond, who has a 1968 TR 250 and is a former member of TTSC, and Jeff Porter of Bullhead City. Marv stated we have 97 memberships and 146 members.

Newsletter: George Montgomery stated that the latest newsletter had a good cover: George's car with a new top.

Events: Coming events include the Track Day pace car controlled laps at lunch time on May 19th. Dave Riddle reported that there will be small and big bore race cars, drift groups, and street groups running that day. The Rock Springs run on May 22nd will leave at 11:30 am from the Fry's on Bell Road at I-17.

Technical: A member has a passenger side door skin for a TR4-6 in primer black if anyone is interested. Pete Peterson & Jim Bauder have both seen a dark blue Italia with biscuit interior at the car show on Alma School near Jomax, which is held the second Saturday of every month.

New Business: We need to consider someone to manage planning Triumphfest in two years; a year and a half will be needed to organize the event.

Old Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Rineholt for Mary A. White, Secretary

Wild Horse Pass Track Day

Story by Dave Riddle, photos by John Carroll & George Montgomery.

Everyone seemed to have a good time out at Wild Horse Pass East Track today. Took six guys for a fast ride around the track, about 4-5 laps at speed each (George Montgomery, Ron Gurnee, John Carroll, Mike Goodwin, John Heisser and Scott Grainger) before went out for our Lunch Time Pace Car Led session. I didn't keep track of how many laps we did but it was a bunch! It was entertaining to see the Photographers that come out to shoot photos of the cars with their long lens trained on our caravan lap after lap. When I get a link to their photo galleries, I'll share them off.

We ended the day with some good burgers and burros from the Food Truck that has been servicing all our local events for well over a decade and found a new use for the trunk of a TR7. It is the perfect height for a stand around picnic table.

We discussed seeing about doing these Pace Car laps at the some of the other upcoming events on our schedule. Once I have that cleared, I'll setup the dates.



John Carroll and his TR6 in the paddock area.



All queued at the start lined ready for our parade laps.



The queueing view from Mike Goodwin's car.



John Carroll ready for a hot lap in Dave's Audie TT.

Wild Horse Pass Track Day (cont.)



One of the



Our friend Mike Goodwin and his Jaguar



Dave's gave us hot laps in his Audie TT.



Ron Gurnee's TR7 made a great picnic table.

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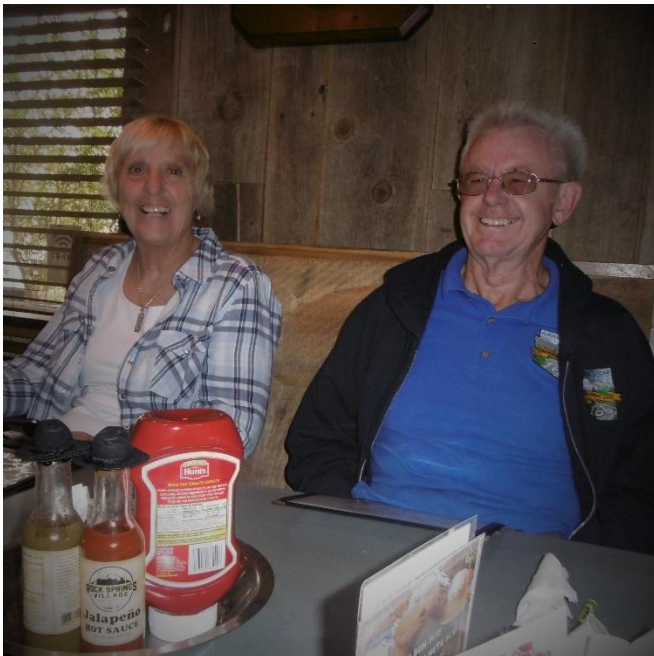
Rock Springs Lunch Drive

Story and photos by Beth Horton



It was the perfect day to drive a Triumph. Hard to believe 70's mid-day. Rock Springs is a unique spot, & it's always a pleasure to have an excuse to go back. Surprised that most did not turn up, but those there had a good time; both the drive and the good food.

Here's a few pictures to remember the day: Beth



Chris & George Durkin



Beth & John Horton

Technical Corner

Dim Taillights?

Article & Photos: Julian Anderson (July 2009)

One aspect of my much beloved Carmine Red 1978 Spitfire that has always left me somewhat disappointed is that the taillights have always seemed, well, dim. Not so dim that they have caused me to be concerned that they might be a hazardous, but dim nonetheless.



At various times I have looked into buying complete new taillight kits but the cost always seemed prohibitive, so I put off the decision like any good Triumph owner would. At least I did put off the decision and lived with 'dim' until the day when, after washing the Spit, water got into the tail lights (somewhere) and caused a fuse to blow. At that point I decided that I really had to deal with the issue. After some useful research, a visit to E-Bay for spare parts, followed by an order to Moss Motors for new gaskets and a subsequent order for reversing light lenses (more on that below), I pulled the old tail lights off and we to work.

First step, remove the light socket cover from within the Spit's trunk. Then, unscrew the tail lights from the body – an easy task with a good socket set – being careful on removal not scratch the paintwork.



Next, disassemble the light lenses from the chromed plastic taillight body. This was easily done (seven screws only per side). However, it was not all that happy an experience as the two screw stubs on the reversing light lens on both sides disintegrated while being unscrewed (hence a second order to Moss for the new reversing light lenses! The first Moss order was for gaskets).

To my surprise, the cause of the dim light was really nothing more than accumulated dust dirt and grime around the reflectors. This had clearly seeped in over many years getting past the devastated internal gaskets (the taillights have two sets of gaskets – lens to the chrome light body and backing to body). The photo to the right shows one of the inter gaskets which was both hard and brittle.



Technical Corner (cont.)

Dim Taillights?

After a little work on cleaning the reflectors, I was able to start reassembling the lights using a combination of E-bay parts and new Moss gaskets and reversing light lenses.

The total cost was around \$70, and the lights beam clearly and brightly for other drivers to admire – or at least take notice of!!!! The only new parts on the lights shown at left are the reversing light lenses – the rest are either E-Bay purchased used parts or originals from Spitty.

The big lessons are:

Pull the light lens off every few years and clean the internal reflectors.

Check the exterior and interior gaskets and replace as needed.

Replace the lenses when they crack or become seriously discolored.



Did you know?

Will Rogers was a political sage from Oklahoma, part Cherokee native. Originally a cowboy rope-trick artist he traveled with road shows in the Ziegfield Follies. He wrote hundreds of newspaper columns; appeared in numerous movies and was a true American hero. He became popular for his humorous observations given on stage.

Some of his sage advice:

There are three kinds of men:

The ones that learn by reading.

The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

Top for TR3

White on top is where I started to sand. The top hasn't been repaired. I'll take \$350 for it the way it sits. **Now Reduced to \$100**



Mark Sapp (602)
625-8491

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FOR SALE:

4" simple vice - \$5; 1,500 pound ATV hydraulic lift - \$50; Spare tire 185SR15 redline tire – FREE

John Horton - triumphshoppe@gmail.com, 602-705-8678

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Wanted:

Wanted TR250 or TR6 (no 3 / Very Good) condition that is looking for a good home, garage kept and will be well fed. You can reach me at timothyemaxwell@gmail.com

Tim Maxwell, Texas Triumph Register Member, TTR Houston, TX

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FOR SALE:

1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration ~74,000 miles, but only 1000 since restored, Original Java green with black interior Many upgrades, too many to list here. Webbers and Overdrive. Leather seats Car is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area Asking: ~~\$29,500.00~~ Reduced to \$26,000

Contact me for other questions:

Jack Morris

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jack@ppitx.com

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE:

Triumph seat covers

Hi. My husband and I used to be members of the club many, many years ago but my husband always had health issues so we were unable to participate. We used to have a beautiful burgundy 1974 Triumph Spitfire. The car found a new home but we found out later that we still had 2 black front seat covers in black with a white Triumph logo. I am writing in the event that anyone in the club would be interested in purchasing them. I would sell them, for \$50. They were never used and are in perfect condition. My cell is 602-740-1088. Thank you.
Jill Burns, wburns@strategz.com

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FOR SALE:

1966 Spitfire Mk II, Great body, runs good, clean title, needs bushings in transmission replaced. I have poor health, need to be sold \$6,000 obo.



Harold Berger, Phone (513)-594-9235
bsberger@cox.net
10443 W. Roundelay Circle; Sun City, AZ85351

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FOR SALE:

TR6 Falcon Exhaust System \$575.00. This is a complete system unused from the UK. It comes complete with new pipe brackets, mounting plates and manifold gaskets.



TR6 Roll Cage. \$475.00. I cleaned it up. Sanded it down to remove paint. And applied 2 coats of grey primer. I was going to spray paint it black, but it's ready for someone to choose their color.

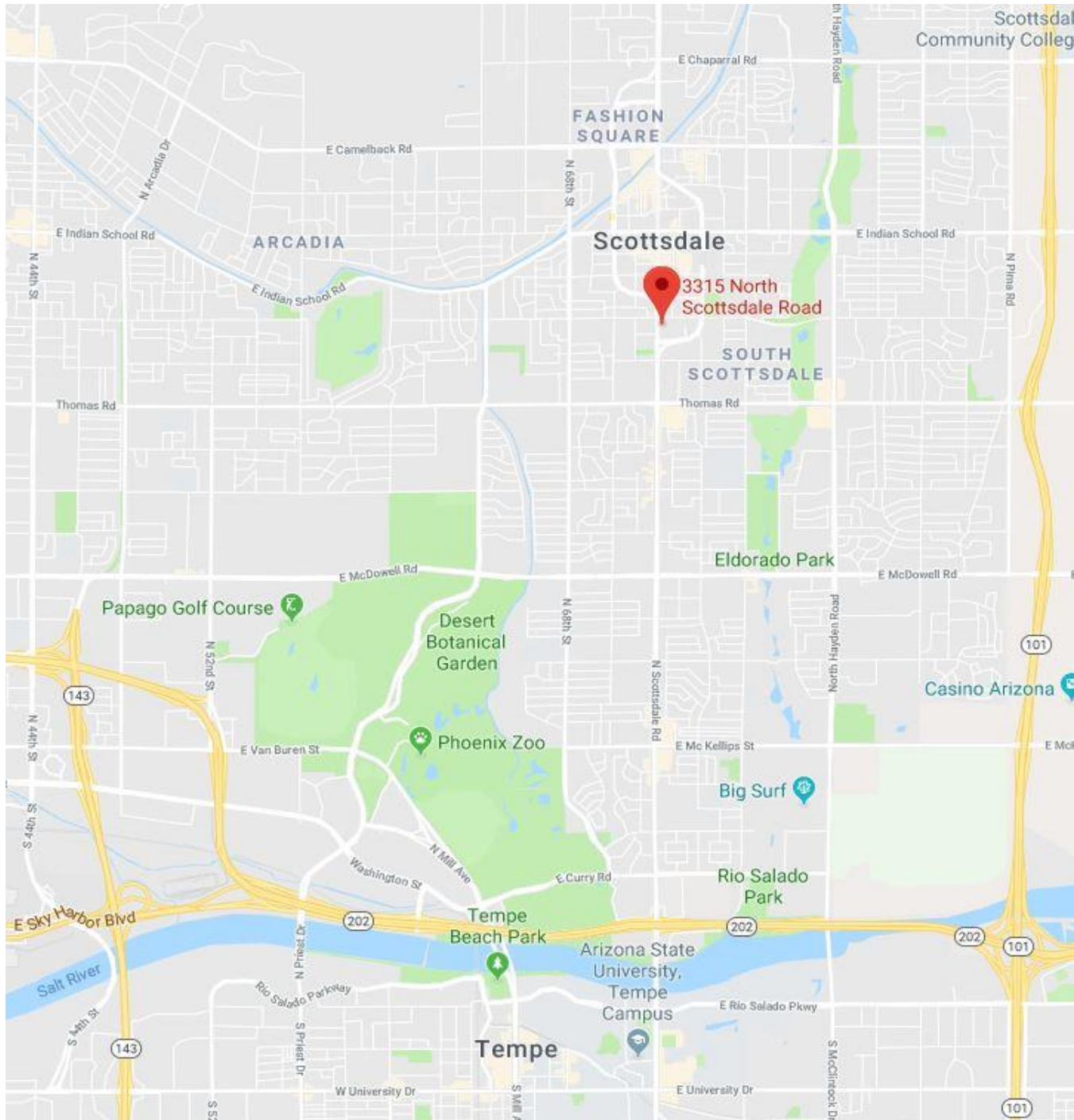


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John Carroll. 03.2019

DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

At: **Denney's Restaurant**
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DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

DCTRA
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NEW MEMBER:

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RENEWING MEMBER:

MEMBER INFO (please print):

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **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): _____

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

We also have Grill badges (\$25.00 each), Lapel pins (\$5.00 each) and License plate frames (15.00 each) available for purchase.



Grille badge (3 inch diameter)



Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)

Membership fee	_____
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British Columbia Triumph Registry	www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry
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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
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
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