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June 9, 2026

FATE Brewing Co | 6 pm -8 pm

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Prez Sez – June 2026

From the desk of Roger A. Prior, Jr.

Here we go rolling into June.

My column will be brief mostly due to an **illness** that lasted about two weeks +, and prevented my attendance at last month's May meeting. Good news is I will live. The evidence was inconclusive but my PCP believes I became dehydrated after not eating for two days. Am still working on regaining the 5 pounds weight I lost in the process. Dehydration can bring on unusual symptoms, mostly for me was total lack of energy. But am returning to life day by day.

My **apologies** to George for missing delivering this column to him at least by the 20th of each month so he can organize the monthly newsletter.

Reminder, the **June monthly meeting** will be a quarterly business meeting. Triumphest '26 Chairman Ron Cole and team will provide a summary updates on event aspects. Thank you in advance Ron and team.

During my illness was able to get caught up on some DVD episodes of the marvelous **TV series "Route 66"**. "The Road Trip Begins ... Again." Years ago, I purchased a set of Season One. The catchy series theme music by Nelson Riddle, the topical weekly dramas featuring Buz Murdock and Tod Stiles as they hit the open road and travel across the country in Tod's 1960 Corvette.

More Rt. 66 100th anniversary related news. The AAA Summer 2026 magazine **Via**, features the article entitled "100 years of Route 66 ... get your kicks on the Mother Road...The Most American Highway" by journalist of note Will Grant.

In conclusion, I am about to renew my TR 6's annual auto insurance with carrier **Hagerty**. Very reasonable all things considered, and you may wish to consider your current Triumph(s) needs for next year and adjust "a notch" upwards accordingly.

I have been told that I can "talk the arms off an iron pot," so will force myself to **stop** for now.

Cheers... (stay hydrated) and drive your favorite Triumph as often as possible.

Roger A. Prior, Jr.
DCTRA President

EDITOR'S DESK

June 2026
George M Montgomery

The cover photo this month is of a 1965 TR4A now owned by DCTRA member Doc Svare. He is trying to locate a previous owner. He bought the beauty from a gentleman in Chino Valley who had purchased it from someone in the Phoenix area. Doc wants to learn of its history. He sent this photo and information a few months ago but hasn't heard from anyone about it. I haven't heard from him yea or nay so I thought I would run the photo again. It's a gorgeous car. Doc, bring it to a meeting some time.

I will be flying to Oklahoma City tomorrow morning heading for a week with my sister and her family. This is an annual trip I make, although in the past I drove. Sometime in the TR6, sometimes in the Subaru. This year I will be sadly flying. Currently I do not feel my health is sufficient to drive. When you factor in the cost of gasoline and hotel rooms the air fare is about the same. I just don't have the fun of being on the road.

While there I will be attending my 65th high school reunion. I graduated from Altus, Oklahoma, but few of our alumni live there anymore. They have moved elsewhere within the state or elsewhere within the U.S. in any case it's just as easy for everybody to come to OKC. There were 184 in our 1961 graduating class. There only about forty left and only twenty or so are able to attend. We keep in touch with a Facebook group account.

We have a new advertiser starting this month, From The Frame Up, a Classic British Car Repair. He had an open house, sort of, for our club some weeks ago. I didn't get to go but I will make a point to stop by there before long. He's not too far from me.

Our June meeting is going to be a business meeting and will be back at the Fate Brewing Co. again. I hope to see you there.

George.





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May Meeting
DCTRA Minutes
May 12, 2026

May meeting was a social meeting; thus no minutes were taken at the Fate Brewery. Attendance was: Was not taken. It has been reported that approximately 28 people attended.

Photos were not taken or were not sent to me. (Editor)

Membership Report

Scott Porter, Membership Chairman

Although I was on a ship on the other side of the Pacific, I heard the May monthly meeting, held at Raven Gastro Pub north of the 101, was well attended! Although attendance was not taken, Mr. Carroll shared we had two full tables and approx. 28 members, and significant others in attendance. I hope that included many Triumphs driven, especially as the summer heat is now starting to settle in...

As called out earlier, with the launched of the Triumphest website (www.triumphestaz.com/home) we have a full regalia site now with lots of Triumph logo wear etc. We also continue to have the following items available locally from the club: Grille Badges (\$12), License Plate frames, chrome or black, (\$7), TR Pins - 3 types (\$5), & DCTRA Patches (\$3). I hope you all have a great summer, hope the heat doesn't overwhelm this year, and look forward to seeing everyone at Triumphest!

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DCTRA AZ Events June 2026

With many snowbirds leaving for cooler climates. Our driving season is reduced especially in the Valley. Most car related events are dominated by Route 66 Centennial celebrations. Check this website out for various C&C and Car shows around Arizona.

- <http://www.arizonacarshows.com/carshows.htm>
- **Ongoing Members Breakfasts. Every Friday** East Valley and West Valley. Contact John Carroll or Roger Prior for details.
- **DCTRA Meeting Tuesday June 9th, 2026, | Business -Social Meeting Location:**

FATE Brewing Co. 201 E Southern Ave, Tempe, 85282, Tempe. Meeting Room is upstairs in the Loft, which has a personal bar for drinks and food.



FATE BREWING CO

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See you all there.

John C

VP DCTRA

Triumphest TR Parts Requested

Time is creeping up on us. We are encouraging members to donate any new or working triumph parts, gift baskets or anything you would enjoy receiving as a prize for our raffle. If your prize is not perishable, please bring it to our next meeting. If you are donating something perishable, please bring a description so we can make the cards to place on your donation. Thank you so much for your generosity in making this the best Triumphest raffle ever!

Ron Gurnee, Raffle Host

DCTRA Social Meeting

Raven Gastro Pub -Scottsdale- May 12th, 2026

By John Carroll, VP, DCTRA

If the membership will indulge me with a recap. Back in January 2025 I accepted the nomination of Vice President and also the Event Coordinator for the regular Tuesday meeting once a month. I had always felt it was a fairer way instead of asking members to meet at the same location, we would meet up at various restaurants around the Phoenix Metro and Valley locations. Spread the Triumph Car exposure so to speak.

Once we started this locally in Tempe, East Valley and recently West Valley, it was clear by the attendance this was appreciated and welcomed. I want to thank each and every member for trusting my judgement as your Vice President to make the meetings more social and only have a business meeting once a quarter as per the DCTRA by-laws. The attendance at the last four monthly meeting is substantially increased as members enjoy the company of other members. The hot weather reduced car attendance to TR3 and TR8



DCTRA Meeting May 12th, 2026



Table I attendees



Table II Attendees

My thanks to the members many of whom have expressed a positive experience attending these and judging by the continued increased attendance (this evening was 24) members are enjoying the rotation. Please contact me if you find a suitable location we can add to our roster. Apologies to George Montgomery and Dave Riddle. They attended but missed out on the Kodak moment. Next time fellas.



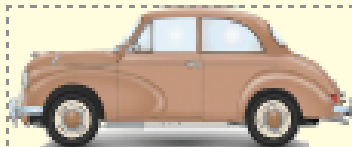
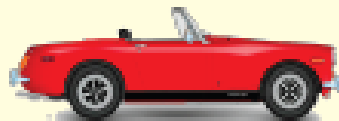
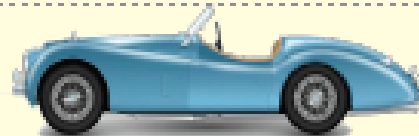
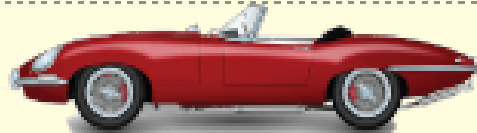
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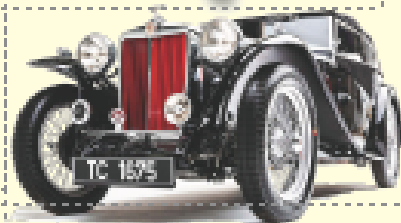
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Triumphest provides the thrill of driving our 'TR's to a destination just like the 'old days'.

At the Triumphest we will enjoy 'Funcours', Autocross, Funkhana, tech sessions, and an awards banquet. Plus, an opportunity to meet with our Triumph friends, what a great time!

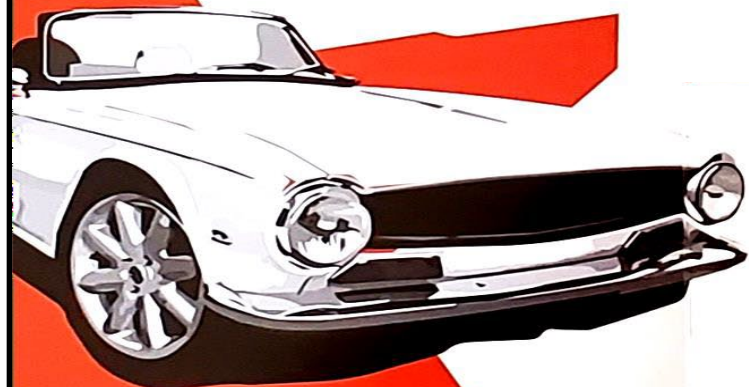


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TRIUMPHEST 2026 EVENTS

- AUTOCROSS
- FUNKHANA
- TECH SESSION
- HOSPITALITY PARTY
- BANQUET
- AWARDS
- RAFFLE PRIZES
- VENDORS
- RALLIES
- REGALIA

- MODEL/PHOTO CONTEST
- WALKING TOURS
- SCENIC DRIVES
- DINNER CRUISES IN YOUR TR**



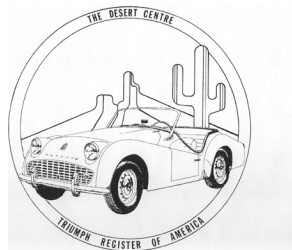
SHOW DCTRA MEMBER CLUB TEE SHIRTS FOR SALE

Currently, we have both Large and X-large sizes only.
Tee is a blended 50% cotton and 50% polyester



\$25 each.

Payment is by Zelle or cash to John Carroll and I can bring it to the DCTRA Meeting. To use Zelle, you can send money directly to money@dctra.org. If you have questions, please call or email john.carroll@wbhsi.net. 480-622-8502

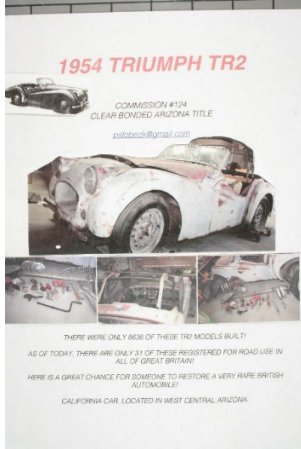


CLASSIFIED ADS:

For sale:

TR2.

1979 TR7 'Orange' color that needs much work also he need to get rid of, 'needs garage space more than the car' - he said is 'complete' comes w/ 2 extra seats - but sounds like needs much attention.



Phil Lobeck

Phone 928.210.2944

E mail is: pslobeck@gmail.com

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Wanted Hello everyone, I'm back and now looking for a speedo for the Spit we're completing. I have attached a picture of the style that I am looking for. Also as long as I have your attention I am also looking for a left door latch for a MK1 or 2. I have also included a picture of the right latch...

... Lou Figone 408-966-4175



9-25

For sale:

Set of 4 Pirelli Cinturato CN 36 175/70 r 15 tires. Came with set of wire wheels i bought. Seller said they had 500 miles on them. Excellent like new condition. I believe 2020 date code stored inside \$300

John Carroll / john.carroll.wbhsi.net / 480.622.8502

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

For sale:

1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500 Convertible

Clean title in hand. Serious inquiries only.

This 1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500 received a lot of mechanical work during the past 2 years making it a reliable and daily driver if needed.

Chassis FM67122U

1.3 L engine

Four speed manual transmission

Tan Interior carpet and seats

Black new soft top

Monza style exhaust

Tires 175/70 R13

Interior: Redone, Heat insulation installed

Engine bay / Tunnel has been insulated for a better driving comfort.

Radio Bluetooth and 6 speakers + Kicker amplifier

Engine:

Compression ratio: 170 / 170 / 170/ 175

New custom Thrust Washers pinned

Weber carburetor + KN air filter (new jets installed)

Gearbox:

Completely overhauled

New Mainshaft, Synchros, Springs, Bearings, gaskets, 2nd gear 3 rails, clutch kit, Shifter rebuild kit, input shaft, Main bearing, Clutch hydraulic fluid flushed and replaced.

Other:

Manual fuel pump deactivated and electrical Hardi Pump installed near fuel tank with new filter.

Installation of a smith dual indicator water temp + oil pressure using copper lines.

New cigar lighter

Track rod end, Upper ball joint, Trunnion rebuilt kit, Front suspension bushing set poly, New shock absorber front, Rear control arm bushing kit, Leaf spring bushing, New front / rear brake hose, New trunk liner installed, New Alternator, Flushed and replaced brake hydraulic fluid, Installation of engine bonnet hydraulic lift kit, Kill switch, New dual horn, Rear lights LEDs installed, Wooden steering wheel

The car is fully functional with so many upgrade and repairs done. Strong chassis frame and body without rust. All lights are working, all dashboard lights and warning works perfectly.

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

Next job to be done:

Installation of front led lights (supplied with the car)

Painting, any color can be achieved using DIP you car for an average of \$500.

==> you will get also all technical manuals and a few GB of diagram and repair explanation on a USB drive. \$9,000



Olivier Strimelle
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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE:

PARTS: All correct sheet metal for different models: TR2 (long door), TR3, TR3A and TR3B. **PROJECT CARS:** All bits and bobs to make project cars 90% complete. Prices for project cars: TR2 - \$1750; TR3 - \$1200; TR3As - \$500 & \$300; TR3B - \$1,000. I HAVE MANY OTHER PARTS – IF YOU NEED SOMETHING CALL. Call or text: **PETE** 602-615-3640

1956 TR3

1961 TR3A

1962 TR3B

1954 TR2

1961 TR3A

FOR SALE
TRIUMPH PARTS

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PROJECT CARS
FOR SALE

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

For sale: 1960 TR3

It's been covered for many years. Needs restoration. I was always intending to restore but got into sailing and never got back to it. Now I am 88 years old and Parkinson disease keeps me from getting to restore it now. Car is metallic red. Clyde Bauer 8527 E Vernon; Scottsdale, AZ. 480-949-9003 / 602-510-6413 (cell)

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For sale:

Gt -6 Clutch and pressure plate very slightly used. \$120
Gt -6 Standard Front Springs. \$50/ea. New never used.
Gt -6 /Spitfire Front Calipers. \$60 Each
GT-6 /Spitfire Two used diffs. 4:11 gearing. \$25
Gt-6/Tr-6 exhaust manifold. \$20 used clean
Gt-6 150 CD Carbs. Fully adjustable, clean. \$160 each
GT-6 Transmission, 4-Speed, only 50,000 miles. \$300
Tr- 6 Red fan. \$80
Tr-6 Rear Brake Pads. – semi metallic. \$60 in box
Tr-6 Tanoue cover like new. Black. \$20
Generator, good condition rebuilt, works. \$140
Starter Motor, slightly used. \$100
4 U-Joints \$25/ea.
2 Front Brake Discs. Sprt, or GT 6. \$35/ea.
GT-6 or Tr-6 fuel pump. \$20

Email

michaelbulfersport6@gmail.com

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Dear All, I have the following Spitfire 1500 parts which I would be happy to give to a Spitfire owner who could use them:

- * Shift boot, Upper (Part # 680-720) - 1 of these
- * Seal, A-Post to Door (Part #689-485) - 2 of these
- * Original radio speaker - 1 of these

Email me if interested.

Julian Anderson

Triumph TR6

Julian@jajanderson.com

Free to any paid up DCTRA member:

I was cleaning out the garage and came across what appears to be a car bra for a TR6 earlier than my 1975 (perhaps a year where the front turn signals are above the bumper).



Julian Anderson: julian@jajanderson.com (480) 577-4312 11-24

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

From: MICHAEL SAMUELS <samuelsma@aol.com>

Date: January 16, 2026 at 5:02:55 PM HST

To: Members <members@dctra.org>

Subject: Aluminum Silverstone wheels

Friends,

You may have heard me mention that I have a set of original magnesium American Racing Silverstone wheels for my TR4. I ran them for about 2 years but then got worried about cracking them (and got tired of the fact that they hold air poorly). I had a set of VTO Silverstone replicas made and have my magnesium ones in boxes in the garage.

Dennis Wilson, the vintage Triumph dealer who sold me the '4, contacted me yesterday to say that he has a set of original aluminum (not magnesium) American Racing Silverstones for sale. There are 5 wheels and other parts including lug nuts and original Nokof brand spinners. The wheels and spinners are in need of restoration. Pics attached below. These wheels are 15 inch diameter.

These wheels and spinners fall into the "unobtainable" category. I would buy them, but I really don't need a third set of Silverstones. The cool thing about them is that they are a vintage item but they aren't brittle like my magnesium versions. Asking price is \$2200 for everything.

LMK if you have any interest.

Michael



CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

For sale:

Health issues forces sale of a beautiful 1968 TR250 British Racing Green with Black interior in very good condition, looking for good home all original, British Motor Heritage Certificate, matching numbers ,2.5 liter inline six paired with 4 speed transmission with overdrive, comes with factory Surrey Hard and Soft Top, Tubeless wire wheels and repair and service manuals plus lots of extra parts runs smoothy needs nothing ready for the road

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)



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Have I placed an ad in this newsletter for you? Have you sold it or otherwise disposed of it? Please let me know so I can remove the ad.

Thank you,

George M Montgomery, editor
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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

Help Wanted

Project Title – Master Technical Index (*TRiumph TRumpeter*)

Description – Create a master index of technical articles that have been published in the DCTRA *TRiumph TRumpeter* monthly newsletter from the beginning of recorded publication.

Seeking - DCTRA member with reasonable time to donate to this project. Has reliable internet access to the DCTRA website and able to search all previous monthly newsletters. Once the Index is created, will become an annual maintenance detail – for perhaps another club volunteer to assist with.

Will be working with MS Word and perhaps MS Excel. Roger will assist to get you 'on the road'.

Timeline for Completion – will depend on many factors. At the moment no target deadline.

Contact: Roger pls leave a voice mail ☺ 480-550-2906

DCTRA thanks you in advance.

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January 1 st through June 30 th	\$40	\$70	\$100
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Do you want to be added to the Membership Contact email list? ____ YES ____ NO

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Scott Porter, DCTRA Membership Chairperson

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Regalia

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Grille badge (3 inch diameter)

Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)

Licenses plate frame

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