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Greetings, DCTRA members! I suppose the e-mail you received from V.P. Mike Long the other day and this e-mail from me will pretty much have to suffice in lieu of your regular installment of the club newsletter. I would like at this time to formally thank Deb and Bob Tobiason for their efforts over the past several months... Mike and I agreed that they certainly have succeeded in "raising the bar" regarding content and quality for their successors, whoever they may be. I know Deb found resigning her position as editor a difficult decision to make, but with her new job and the related schedule changes that created, the club newsletter became too much of a burden. We understand and support her decision, and can only hope someone can step in soon and attempt to fill the void. Keep this opening in mind as you prepare for Tuesday's meeting, and know that we are prepared to provide whatever technical and moral support we can to help you if you are considering filling this important position on behalf of our club.

Now, on to other happenings! This has been a busy month so far, and it's only been a bit over a week. The Wheels of Britain show was perhaps the best yet, with I suspect the best ever turnout of Triumphs yet seen. I think that if we are to continue at this venue there may not be a "Day of Show" class at all next year for lack of space! The turnout has been such that even pre-registered cars may become first come, first served, as the shows popularity continues to grow. Each year the overall quality of the participating cars just gets better and better- and I mean quality of preparation, not price or rarity. The level of preparation among the Minis and Spitfires was every bit on par with the finest Jaguars and Healeys. I'm sorry I missed the awards presentation... Debbie and I didn't get away for lunch until later than anticipated, and got back too late. Congrats to all the trophy winners this year.

A couple of days later there was a gathering downtown to honor the legislators who made possible the passing of the bill freeing many collector cars from the burden of emissions testing. The turnout of cool cars was truly overwhelming, numbering in the hundreds. I'm proud to say that British cars were well represented, with several Triumphs, MGs, Minis, Jaguars, and even an Alpine in attendance. Hagerty Insurance provided a very nice lunch for all, and presented the Bill's congressional sponsor a national award for his efforts. We as a club made several contacts with Triumph owners as well.

As Mike said in his e-mail, don't forget the activities coming up next weekend. Saturday we hope to have a great turnout for the "greening" of the fountain in Fountain Valley, and don't forget Sunday's breakfast run, the annual "Pancakes in the Park" sponsored by the AZ Mini Owners club.

By the way, I hope Mike Long isn't too disappointed to hear that we cancelled our trip to San Diego, so I will be there for the club meeting on Tuesday. I hope to see you there!

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