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John Horton's '63 TR4 at Indianapolis Speedway

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

March 13, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

650 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ 85281

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Cover: A TR4 as the Pace Car? Photo by Beth Horton

Prez Sez – February 2018

John Nuss, President

Here we are getting to the driving season, the best time to own an open topped car.

It was good to see so many at the February meeting, even though we overwhelmed the restaurant. I talked to the staff at Denny's and they told me that the room will accommodate fifty and they can have additional wait staff on our meeting nights. My thought is to give them another opportunity, the March meeting. But maybe it is time to consider a different location that represents better where the membership lives. I think Dave entered the farthest west, east, north, south and the intersection was the former location. Maybe our membership has moved further west or north.

It looks like the Payson trip was fun. Remember the Highland Games March 3 and 4, the March 5 trip to the Tucson area. The BEAR is coming in April. Still time to plan an event for our club.

Drive those Triumphs! John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

For those of you going on Craig Kenyon's Pima Air Museum on Monday the 5th, I hope that you have a great time. I wish that I could be going with you. That is a trip that I have always want to make but could not find the right time to do so. I had surgery on my right eye two weeks ago and will have surgery on the left eye the day of the trip. My ophthalmologist surgeon restricts my activity: stooping, lifting >20lb, nothing jarring, etc.; for two weeks afterwards. So, I'll be leading another quiet, sedate two weeks. I am looking forward to hearing about it at our next meeting.

Our newly elected officers are doing a great job taking over from their predecessors. It's nice when there is a smooth transition from one regime to another.

I am sorry that the old Denny's location was closed. The food was reasonable. The prices were reasonable. Service could have been better, but it was a great location: central for the whole Phoenix valley and easy egress and ingress with the Loop 202 so close. Even as crowded as we are in this new Denny's location, I hope that we can stay there long enough to find another place that works as well. We have a diligent committee now searching for such a place. It may take a couple of months but the wait will be worthwhile, I feel so anyway.

With many spring trips coming up, I have included a Technical Check List made up by Armand LaCasse some years ago. It was last published here Sept. 2014. We have many new members who may not have a copy. It's a form that you may want to keep and print a copy from time to time. Hang it up in your garage, workspace or kitchen refrigerator. Someplace close for quick reference as to you progress and what needs to be next worked on your little treasure.

I hope to see all of you at the next business meeting on Tuesday, the 13th of March, especially those of you who are making the trip to the Pima Air Museum.

George

March 2018 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller
Membership Report March 2018

Current Memberships are 108 with 162 Members. February meeting attendance was 40 Members with 4 Visitors.

Announced at the February meeting, but just now appearing in the newsletter is our new member from Cottonwood, Jim Converse who recently acquired a 1956 TR3. Another new member who joined at the meeting was Dan Shapiro with a 1957 TR3. Let's welcome these latest additions to the Club, and I'm sure we all look forward to getting to know them and their cars.

The Membership Renewal roundup is progressing well, however there are still approximately 30 who's dues are yet to be renewed. If you fall into this category, please take care of it as soon as possible, as another email reminder will be sent out soon.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, if you know your Membership has expired you may pay your dues in person, by mail or PayPal. Membership renewal rates are \$20 for one year, \$37 for two years and \$55 for three years. If you are concerned about your Membership expiration or have forgotten when it expires, please let me know and I will get an answer for you.

Marv Miller
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Application form on page 18

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March 13, 2018

Dinner & Social Hour Starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America February 2018 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2018 meeting of The Desert Centre Triumph Register of America was called to order by the president John Nuss at 7:05 pm at Denny's Restaurant, Scottsdale Rd.

Members present: Rod Arnold, Jim Bauder, Michael/Bonnie Bulfer, Philip Couture, George/Chris Durkin with a Spitfire, Dave Fore, Dave Frisby with a TR6, Wm. Graham, Ron Gurnee, Rick Hartmann, John/Cheri Heisser, Bob/Eileen Hoernlein, Bob Holt, John/Beth Horton, Betsy Kavash, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand LaCasse with GT6, Bob Mazer, Marven Miller, George Montgomery, Dave/Denine Mure with TR6, John/Kathy Nuss, Ron Price, Gary/Janet Revis, John Reynolds with TR6, Dave Riddle, Pam Rineholt, Dan Shipiro, Bo Shaw, John Taglia, Marie Thompson.

We had 3 guests: Dan Shipiro and Rod Arnold. Also, Phil Parker of the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona who spoke about their bringing back the British European Auto Rallye Run (BEAR). The 1st run is planned April 21 -22, 2018 with a ride to Flagstaff through Wickenburg & Prescott.

Minutes: There were no minutes from January as an unofficial meeting was held at The Nuss'.

Treasurer's Report: Newly elected Treasurer Armand LaCasse reported on the two accounts held by The Club: The Triumphest account. and regular club account. There was a motion to approve report and seconded by Kathy Nuss.

Membership: Marv Miller reported that tonight's meeting attended by 44 members & 3 visitors. We had 1 new member sign up & he reported that 1 member has dropped his membership, having sold his Triumph. The Club has a membership now of 106 and 158 members.

Newsletter: George Montgomery had nothing to report.

Events: John Horton spoke of the meeting of new officers last week Feb 8. The Highland Games are March 3 - 4. The Payson ride scheduled Feb 16. The Fountain Hills Show and Animal Adoption event is Feb 24 benefitting The Humane Society. March 8 is The Southwest Regional Show & Sale. John was inquiring about possible interest in holding a dinner event at The T Bone Steak House.

New Business: A review of current Club Bylaws discussed by John Horton and a motion to approve was presented and seconded but then the motion was tabled by Armand LaCasse suggesting a copy of Bylaws be sent to all members first.

A discussion was held about our newsletter being shared with other clubs. Dave Riddle, Webmaster suggested newsletter be sent to Editors of other clubs only.

It was suggested that the Membership list go back to including all member information. Dave Riddle presented motion that email list be sent out 1x/year and each member may choose what they wish to be included. Motion passed unanimously.

John Nuss introduced new Officers: John Horton; Vice President; Armand LaCasse, Treasurer; Mary White, Secretary.

Armand suggested that The Historian position be deleted. Dave Riddle & Betsy Kavash suggested keeping the position.

Armand also suggested The Tech Advisor position be eliminated as obsolete in favor of a tech committee. It was suggested that Jim Bauder be referenced for TR 2 and 250's and John Horton for TR7 & 8's.

Jim Bauder told story about his Miata radio.

Bob Holt suggested modifying the club's business cards & including pictures of members' cars on our website.

John Nuss announced the passing of early Club member Virgil Cole. John Nuss, John Horton and Armand LaCasse contributed stories about Virgil.

Chuck Kerzan reported on progress on ordering previously discussed club patches. He is to order 100 4 ½ -inch patches.

There was a motion to adjourned and passed at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted
Mary A White Secretary



Calendar of Events

Editor's note: If you have had a favorite event or activity (ice-cream run, a drive for breakfast or dinner, a Hare and Hound Rallye, etc.) in the past that is not on the calendar let the Activity Chairman know and that you will help him to organize it and help put it on. I'm sure that he would appreciate your assistance.

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2017:

March 3rd & 4th, 2018 – Highland Games @ Steele Park, PHX. Register by **Feb 19th**

Mar 5th, 2018 -- Craig Kenyon's Pima Air Museum run to Tucson

Mar 10 – 8th Annual Southwest Regional Car Show, 10am-3pm at Desert Ridge Marketplace. For more information and to register, go to: www.covenanthotrod.com

March 13, 2018 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

Apr 21-22 – BEAR Run sponsored by the JCCA. This will be similar to the BEAT Tour. For more information and registration, go to: www.jcca.club

April 28th & 29th, 2018 – British Car Days, La Mesilla, NM Brit. Motor Car Club of NM (not firm yet)

Regular Occurrence Events

Cruz'n at Phil's - Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ (every Sunday)

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.

Our Webmaster



Horton's Payson Lunch Run

Article by George Montgomery, Photos by George & Chris Durkin

On Friday, February 16th, 9 Triumphs and 11 DCTRA'ers met for a drive led by our new Activity Chairman, John Horton, to Payson, AZ, and the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park. We were joined there by Pam Rineholt and her friend. (Sorry, but I did not get her name written down.) This is a beautifully wooded area with hiking trails and paths over, around and under the bridge.

After an extensive tour and hike through the park we caravanned the 7 miles back to Payson to have lunch at the Buffalo Bar & Grill for lunch. They have an extensive menu of burgers, fish and tacos.



Okay, everybody here? Let's go!



The Durkins, Heisers, John Reynolds ready to hike.



A rugged path in places



A nice path in others



And...there were stairs.

Horton's Payson Lunch Run (cont.)



The hike down to the bottom was rocky and woody



There was a creek at the bottom.



I can't believe that I didn't get a distant overall view of the bridge.



There was a little waterfall.



Good food and friendly service



What a great bunch of friends



DCTRA Tune and Tech
British Sportscar Service

Name _____
 Car/model _____
 Year _____

Checklist

Engine Bay

(off lift)



Comments

Valve noise, misfiring, exhaust leak, fuel smell



Brake master cylinder/pipes/PDWA if applicable



Clutch master cylinder/hose



Radiator/radiator hoses/heater hoses



Steering bushings/play/mounts



Fuel pump/hoses/pipes/filter



Spark plugs/wires



Distributor cap/rotor/points



Vacuum advance/retard mechanism/tubing



Emission hoses



Carburetor oil



Throttle linkage



Choke cable



Fan belt



Air filters



Battery fluid/terminals



Hood release cable



Dwell angle/timing



Idle speed



Underneath

(on lift)



Comments

Tires



Suspension bushes/ball joints



Steering rack/mounts/gaiters



Frame and suspension cracks



Springs/shocks



Drive shaft



Universal joints



Transmission oil seals



Differential oil seals



Brake lines



Rotors/pads



Clutch slave cylinder



Exhaust pipes/muffler



Engine/transmission/differential mounts



Lower radiator hose



Handbrake adjust



Drum brake adjustment



Half shafts/gaiters if applicable



Rear hubs tight

**Exterior**

(off lift)



Comments

Lights



Wiper blades



Horn/gauges



Turn signals



Brake lights



Notes:

CLASSIFIED ADS:

1971 TR6 Available for Purchase:



This car was restored by British Car Service prior to being purchased by the current owner in 2004. After purchase, boot liners, interior

carpets, seat upholstery, convertible top, wood instrument panel, belts and hoses were replaced, and the car was painted, among other things. Subsequently, work has been done on wiring, odometer has been replaced, etc.

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. - It won a Gold trophy at Triumphest 2004, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. It won First Place for Triumph TR6 at Wheels of Britain 2005, Phoenix, Arizona. Letter of valuation set value at \$17,000 in 2004. Asking \$17,000 within DCTRA (non- DCTRA: \$18,500). Contact Pam at pueblodesign@gmail.com for more photos, questions, etc.

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 \$300



Mark Sapp (602) 625-8491

FOR SALE:

Gene Walentiny of Glendale, AZ has 3 TR-7s for sale; 2 coupes and 1 roadster.
623-931-9159 or 623-247-0355

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

TR7 top, fiberglass, appears to be in good condition and some assorted TR7 parts- including a set of TR7 carbs. The owner is a former club member, also selling the Renown. One hundred dollars takes all the TR7 parts. The same person is helping the widow so call Don Johnson 602-931-2859.



FOR SALE:

1962 TR3. A restoration, but a few years old. The gentleman that restored is willing to part with it. It started easily and drove around the neighborhood. The underside is clean, no rust and no oil or grease visible. The car is being sold by the owner's son-in-law and daughter. Call Mike West 480-325-3246.



FOR SALE:

Selling a brand new Mohair top (twillfast, see haartz.com) with zip out window in black. From Rimmer Bros and comes already attached to rear metal bar. Better grade top than the Moss stayfast. It has a very nice inner surface in tan and the outer fabric looks and feels much nicer. Unfortunately, it is incompatible with my custom designed hood cover/tonneau system I made, which I have over 300 hours in making. \$475. Never installed, much cheaper than the Moss top and discount off Rimmer price, and no shipping costs! First text gets it.

480-706-4644

Craig Kenyon

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

Beautiful, shiny black 1952 Triumph Renown; right hand drive, three speed transmission. The interior is tan with refinished wood on the dash and window surrounds. It appears to be an Arizona car with no rust on the undercarriage, no evidence of severe fluid leaks on the car or the floor of the garage. There are some bubbles in the paint on the left hand rear door, and the chrome is not perfect in that same area. The car started and drove smoothly around the neighborhood. The brakes, being drum brakes, took more effort than one might be used to, but seemed appropriate for the year of the car. The owner believes the the condition and rarity of the Renown makes her price \$19,500.

The car is being sold by a family friend, Don Johnson 602-931-2959, in Arizona



CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

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480-706-4644

Craig Kenyon

FOR SALE:

I bought a car with two sets of wheels and tires, and would like to pass on this set of vintage KN wheels with Dunlop SP Sport A2 tires. The wheels seem to be in as-new condition and have the classic olive branch Triumph logo. The Dunlop's are 195/65R15's with more than 3/16 tread left. The wheels/tires are in Sedona. \$799 for all. Please ask if any questions. 928-284-1646 or 135krpm@q.com.

John Cahill; Sedona, AZ



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

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

I am a member of the Vintage Triumph Register and am interested in selling my 67 Spitfire MK2 which I have finished 95% of the renovation. I'm asking \$15k (but will be a little flexible since there are a few last items to finish, like the glass for the hard top, etc.



I live in Anthem, AZ and would love to put my car up for sale to members. Thanks!

Matt Burrow
623-330-4270 cell
mattburrow2@gmail.com

Notice:

If we run an ad here for you and you sell the item, please **let us know when it has been sold** or at least no longer for sale. I'm sure that you don't want potential customers to keep calling you but if you don't let us know... we won't know. Don't just telephone but send an email so we'll have a record of it. Thanks, Editor.

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

Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson

780 W. Coolidge St. Phoenix, AZ 85013

Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

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NEW MEMBER:

☐

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	_____
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.texastriumphregister.org
Delta Motorsports	www.deltamotorsports.com
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	www.englishbawbsclassics.com