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Paul Dorman's TR7

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

March 12, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Denney's Restaurant

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Prez Sez – March 2019

John Nuss, President

Snow on the Superstitions... and then some. I don't remember a winter this cold, this gray, for this long in quite a while. I think our winter visitor friends could have remained in North Dakota or Minnesota and had the same weather. I haven't felt like working in the garage or even driving the car this winter due to the temperature and clouds. Maybe that will change over the next few weeks.

During the windy gray days I've been watching *Call the Midwife*, a BBC series. I noticed the production company has an anti-Triumph bias: and MG Magnette, a Morris Minor, Austin FX3, Austin A35 and A 40 and a Ford Anglia. There is a repair facility across from the medical office where a yellow Anglia and Austin A 40 exchange places in the repair bay. Maybe the cars just need repair often or the mechanic is inept. Or there is little money in the budget for background autos. More recently, in Series 6, a dentist / love interest has a big Healy, Bahama Blue, I believe.

The series has dealt with the thalidomide business and the Russian missiles in Cuba. I read each story as it appeared on television and in the newspapers. Being in the tenth grade when that was going on, I knew that missiles in Cuba was serious but apparently more dangerous than I ever thought. Overall the series shows life in London's East End in the late fifties and sixties. Oh, and the music is good, too - I remember quite a few of the songs used.

Looking ahead there is the Highland Games show this weekend. So far, the weather forecast predicts warm days.

Kathy and I are driving cars for the Mecum auction on Thursday. Looks to be interesting. I think I'll leave the checkbook at home.

Remember to drive the Triumph.

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

Growing up in Oklahoma, we got snow each winter that would be 2' to 12" but would only last for a couple of days. One winter it lasted for a week.

There was a time in my life when I wanted to spend the winter in a northern area where the snow would stay on the ground inches thick and all winter long just for the experience.

I no longer feel that way. This past week showed me that I am too much of an Arizonian now. I no longer like to be cold. After being here for 10 years or so, my blood has thinned so much, I grab a jacket whenever the temperature drops below 70°. Brrrr! I like the temperature the past couple days and the week or so coming up. I finally have the top installed on Jack, my TR6. Now I'm set for the summer and the occasional rainy day. That's the only time to put the top up. In the summer with the back window zipped out. Ahh, for the love of a convection oven.

I have included in this newsletter some photos of the Pancakes In The Park courtesy of Shirley Blahak. I had good intentions though. Does that count? There was only a small turnout probably because of the 31° temperature that morning. Since I didn't have the top on my car at the time, I drove top down and bundled in several layers. I was actually pretty warm; except for my hands. Even with fleece lined leather gloves they were cold.

Since I didn't take any photos of my car or anyone else's, I have nothing to submit to the Drive Your Triumph Day.com, web site set up by Rye Livingston. I looked on the web site afterward. There were so many postings I couldn't begin to find any of our cars.

Will we see you at our next business meeting March 12th?

George 1.31.19 10:55am

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2018:

March 2nd – 3rd, 2019 – British Car Show & Highland Games

March 12, 2019 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7 pm (6 pm for dinner and social)

March 16, 2019 - Catch a wave car show at Kiwanis park in Tempe

March 24, 2019 - Breakfast run Meet at 32nd Street & Shae Blvd.

April 1, 2019 – Road trip to Haleakala Volcano National Park (being planned)

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.

March 2019 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

I have become aware of another member that has relocated out of state and will not be renewing for 2019. This brings our current membership total to 108 with 163 members. These totals will change slightly as the annual renewal deadline approaches; one member is selling his car and not renewing, another out-of-state member will not be renewing, etc.

I'd like to thank the many Members who have renewed their annual Club membership. I have received several checks through the US mail, payments through PayPal on the website, and many more in person at the February business meeting. There are however a few remaining that are due for renewal and a second round of reminder emails will be sent. If you are uncertain on your membership expiration date, I will be happy to look that up for you. If your membership expired in 2018, please renew before the March 31 deadline.

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Application form on page 15

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America February 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of The DCTRA was called to order at 7:03 by John Nuss, President at Denny's Restaurant, Scottsdale Rd.

Members present: Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, Cal Busenitz, Ron Cole who drove his TR6, Philip Couture, George Durkin who drove his TR6, Greg Freeman, Dave Frisby, Ron Gurnee, Rick Hartmann, John Horton, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Bob Mazer, George Montgomery, Marv Miller who drove his TR6, John & Kathy Nuss who brought Kathy's Spitfire, Roy Stoney. There were no guests or visitors.

Minutes: Approved as they appeared in Newsletter.

Membership: Marv Miller reporting a new member: Gerald Burge, owner of a TR6. Club memberships are now 109 with 164 members. 22 present tonight. Marv reported 3 members have dropped out, either due to health issue or relocating. Dave Frisby announced this evening this will be his last Meeting as he is moving back to Canada. The Club extends the very best to him!!!

Newsletter: George Montgomery asking for a Member Profile for The Newsletter.

Events: John Horton will be arranging a Breakfast Run for Feb. 24. John Reynolds may be organizing a Breakfast Run in April. John Nuss reminded us of The Highland Games Mar 2 - 3. Rick Hartmann reports that The Mecum Car Auction, held March 14 - 16 at State Farm Stadium is looking for Volunteer Drivers....6 shifts. Contact Rick if interested @ itzatr6@gmail.com. John Nuss also reminded us of Triumphest 2019 in Santa Maria, California. 2020 there will be no Triumphest. 2021 is our year to host!!

New Business: John Nuss reporting that Kathy's Spitfire, Tilly, is done and on the road.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse unable to attend this evening as his mother was admitted to the hospital. The Club extends best wishes to her and the family.

Motion for adjournment moved and seconded @ 7:21 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted,
Mary A. White, Secretary

Pancakes in the Park

Story by George Montgomery. Photos courtesy of Shirley Blahak and the AZ Mini Owners newsletter.

On the 10th of February, the Arizona Mini Club held their annual Pancakes in the Park, a breakfast rally that starts at 32nd Street & Shea, Phoenix and ends at varying parks here in the valley. This year it coincided with the annual Drive Your Triumph Day. Our Triumph members were encouraged to use that event to drive their TRs to the Pancakes In The Park.



Waiting for everyone to arrive



Enjoying pancakes & fixings



Selling of the raffle tickets

I drove my TR6, Jack, with the top down with the intent of taking photos of Triumpheters and their trusty steeds for our newsletter. I arrived just in time to partake in the last of the pancakes but forgot all about taking photos of the Triumphs and their drivers. I think there were 7-8 Triumphs and a dozen of us. Thanks for the photos, Shirley.

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Meet our Members

By Ron Cole

The need for a Triumph started when I was about 16 .It was probably about 1966 and I was buying parts for the rebuild of my Sunbeam Alpine which was sitting in my parent's garage in a thousand pieces. As will happen, after visiting the parts counter at Jamestown Motors in Long Beach CA, I roamed by the show room to find a new BRG TR 4 IRS that was magnificent. If my memory is right, the price tag was a touch over \$3000 which might as well have been a touch over \$3M as I could not afford either price.



Anyway, my poor substitute was the 1960 Alpine which was already owned and just needed another 100 hours of me crawling around with various tools and a bunch of machine shop work on the engine.... all for less than a thousand dollars in those days. The rebuild, repaint, new interior work went very well and the Alpine was beautiful and served me well for another 3 years before the master clutch cylinder went out just as I was leaving for college.



A similar Sunbeam Alpine

With no time for me to do the repair work, the Alpine was sold to a work colleague at Phelps Dodge Copper Extrusion plant in L.A. The price was \$400 which was exactly what I had paid for the car 4 years prior. That was a good deal for a rebuilt (bored out 4/1000th, new pistons, milled head, new timing rod coming off of the cam, new cam, new bearings new brakes, new interior.... on and on) Alpine that only needed a cylinder repair kit and a few hours of work.

Fast forward 45 years, including a few years of shopping, and the perfect 1967 TR6 appeared. My friend Julian Anderson and I, with wives in tow, visited the seller in Fountain Hills and it was love at first sight. This time the check book was in better condition and you know the rest of the story.



Technical Corner

Uniform Tire Quality Grading

This article is a repeat from a view years ago.

All passenger tires must conform to federal safety requirements in addition to these grades.

TREADWEAR

The treadwear grade is a comparative rating based on the wear rate of the tire when tested under controlled conditions on a specified government test course. For example, a tire graded 150 would wear one and a half (1 1/2) times as well on the government course as a tire graded 100. The relative performance of tires depends upon the actual conditions of their use, however, and may depart significantly from the norm due to variations in driving habits, service practices and differences in road characteristics and climate.

TRACTION A B C

The traction grades from the highest to the lowest, A, B, and C, and they represent the tire's ability to stop on wet pavement as measured under controlled conditions on specified government test surfaces of asphalt and concrete. A tire marked C may have poor traction performance. The traction grade is based on braking (straight ahead) traction and does not include cornering (turning) traction.

TEMPERATURE A B C

The temperature grades are A (the highest) B, and C, representing the tire's resistance to the generation of heat and its ability to dissipate heat when tested under controlled conditions on a specified indoor laboratory test wheel. Sustained high temperature can cause the material of the tire to degenerate and reduce tire life, and excessive temperature can lead to sudden tire failure. The grade C corresponds to a level of performance which all passenger car tires must meet under the Federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standard No. 109. Grades B and A represent higher levels of performance on the laboratory test wheel than the minimum required by law.

The temperature grade is established for a tire that is properly inflated and not overloaded. Excessive speed, under inflation, or excessive loading, either separately or in combination, can cause heat buildup and possible tire failure.

SPEED RATINGS

Speed rating passenger tires originated in Europe, where highway speeds can exceed 100 mph. The speed rating indicates the maximum speed a properly inflated tire will withstand for a determined time. Testing for a speed certification is conducted in a laboratory setting.

The speed rating of a tire is an indicator of the tire's performance capability. Improving the tire's performance capability will normally benefit the automobile's performance. Conversely, decreasing the tire's speed rating generally lowers the tire's ability to contribute to the automobile's performance.

Technical Corner (cont.)

SPEED RATINGS CHART

SPEED	SPEED	SPEED SYMBOL	MPH	KPH
M	81	130		
N	87	140		
P	93	150		
Q	99	160		
R	106	170		
S	112	180		
T	118	190		
U	124	200		
H	130	210		
V	149	240		
W	168	270		
Y	186	300		
Z	OVER 149	OVER 240		

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2019 British Wheels at the Highland Games British Car Show

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

in conjunction with the 55th Annual Highland Games at
Steele Indian School Park, 300 East Indian School Rd. (Just east of

Central Ave.) **This Event will be held rain or shine**



This Event is an Open Display for All British Built Vehicles - from Show Vehicles to Daily Drivers.

All British built vehicles are invited by the Caledonian Society to come & display their vehicles on Saturday 2nd. Each vehicle will get FREE entry for two people, any more & you will be asked to pay \$10.00 per person when purchased in advance.

Gates open @ 7:00am and close @ 9:00am. **All vehicles must be in place by 9:00 am sharp when the gates open to the public.** Due to heavy pedestrian traffic @ Steele Park, the City of Phoenix requests that vehicles remain on display until the gates close to the public. There will be a Ceilidh (Scottish concert) afterward which you are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION

Registration: \$30.00 for the first vehicle (includes two people), \$20.00 each additional vehicle to the same owner (includes one person), into the Highland Games.

Extra tickets can be purchased at a discounted price (but must be done in advance).

Registrations are limited to the first 125 registrations received or as space allows!

Please complete one registration form for each vehicle entered. Registrations must be postmarked by Friday, **February 22nd**, 2019 and will determine vehicle classes and awards.

There will be NO day of show registrations

AWARDS: - Presented at 3:00 pm

- * **Vehicle classes & Trophies** will be based upon the number of registrations post-marked by February 22, 2019.
- * **Best of Show** - Best of Show will be determined by a committee of fellow British Vehicle Owners.
- * **President's Choice & Chairman's Choice** - Both the President of the Caledonian Society & the Games Chairman will choose the cars they like the best.
- * **Visitor's Choice** - The vehicle that the General public votes the best.

Judging - is by popular vote of the entrants with the exception of the Best of Show.

All decisions by the Organizers
are final.

Dash Plaques: will be provided to all registrants.

Vehicles **MUST** be driven onto the field under their own power.

Registration Acknowledgement: An e-mail will be sent to acknowledge receipt of your registration

Registrants will receive an e-mail with a map & gate pass approximately one week prior to the event. Forgotten maps & gate passes cannot be replaced. At this time any extra tickets will be sent out.

Please bring the gate pass to the event. Passes cannot be duplicated at the gate!

For information about the Highland Games-British Car Display & Show call
Phil or Shirley @ (480) 985-2531

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, the odometer has been replaced, etc.

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. - It won a Gold trophy at Triumphfest 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.

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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

I am selling 6'5" by 12 feet two wheel trailer for my daughter. it cost almost \$2,000 She wants \$1,500.

John Horton - triumphshoppe@gmail.com, 602-705-8678 0618

CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

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
0818

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
(C) 817.401.2549
jack@ppitx.com

0918

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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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

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.



Please contact me either on email at:
john.carroll@wbhsi.net
or text at [480 622 8502](tel:4806228502)
John Carroll.

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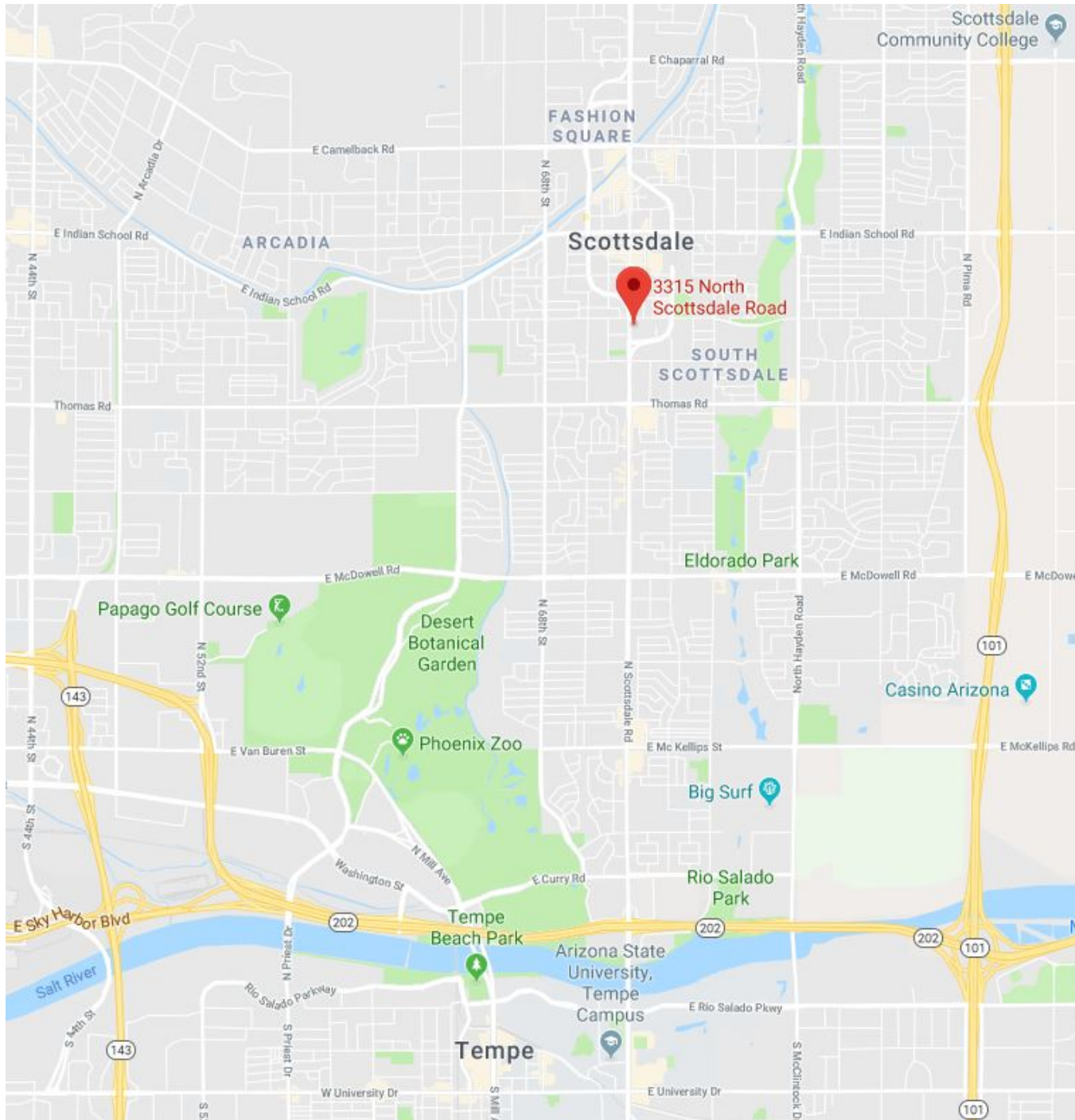
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Thanks, Editor.

DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

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

At: **Denney's Restaurant**
3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ





DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with the 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

☐

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	_____
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Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each	_____
Total enclosed	_____

Additional Space for more information:

Websites

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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
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British Auto Works (OR)	www.britishautoworks.com
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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
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Moss Motors	www.mossmotors.com
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