

# TRIUMPH TRUMPETER

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Parade of TR3s at a Melbourne F1 race.

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## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

March 10, 2020

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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

## **Denney's Restaurant**

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## Prez Sez – March 2020

John Heisser, President

Good news! Ron Cole has agreed to be the Chairman for 2021 Triumphfest, Ron has already negotiated our agreement with Little America and has many good ideas to insure our clubs continued success hosting this event. After all, very high standards were set by the committees from 2007, 2012 & 2017 their input on what worked well and suggestions on how to solve the problems they encountered, is much appreciated.

We have all heard the acronym POR, or previous owner repairs, this usually means the previous owner did not know what they were doing and really screwed things up. But what happens when the owner does understand their limitations and trusts the repairs to professionals, and they do poor quality repairs? I know that this is anecdotal, but it has been my experience that people have even more stories about bad repairs and service from the professionals. This is the case with my TR8, the previous and original owner never work on this car he depended on repair shops for maintenance and need repairs. I am amazed at some of the repairs I have had to undo! I take this personally because of my background, I attended a vocational high school in the middle 1960's, I was enrolled in auto mechanics, when my class graduated we had over 1,600 hours spent in the technology classroom and 2,700 hours of actual shop time repairing customer cars. We were graded weekly, so the quality and completeness of our work was paramount. I know that there are good mechanics out there, but you have to do your due diligence when looking for one that you can trust. Another area that bothers me is upgrades to improve to reliable and/or performance. I still remember a bit of advice one of my instructors gave his students those many years ago, "When you change one thing you usually end up making several other changes to make it all work". I was recently reminded of this when I repaired some cracks in the cross member which supports the rear of the differential on the TR6 I previously owned. To repair these cracks required straighten the metal, welding the cracks then welding in some square tubing as reinforcement. The damage was caused by the installation of modern style tube shock absorbers and the bracket used to make this modification possible. I have heard from other TR6 owners that this could be the result of this suspension "improvement". The lesson learned is some "improvements" have unintended consequences. There's no doubt that the installation of a 5 speed conversion over the stock 4 speed is a big improvement, less engine RPM means less wear and tear, better MPG means more economical operation, the installation of modern style shock absorbers not so much. Oh, by the way, the owner of TR6 I used to own is installing rebuild stock lever shock absorbers, sometimes you can't improve on a good thing.

One of the many good reasons for being a member of DCTRA is the wealth of knowledge and experience of our membership. If you have a problem or are thinking about doing an upgrade to your car chances are one of our members have had a similar problem or have experience with the upgrade you are considering. Help is as close as a general membership email away, this will be followed up by either offers of help, lots of advice, or a recommendation of a repair shop that they have had a good experience with. Enjoy your Triumphs or other LBC whether you are working on them or driving them.

Thanks, John

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## EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

There have been a number of Triumph driving events this past February. However I was unable to make any except Shirley's Pancakes in the Park, and that one I had to drive my civilian car, the Suzuki. Each of these drives either conflicted with another scheduled event that I had, or I just plain forgot it. I hope it isn't age related. John Nuss' run to Globe particularly sounded like a great one. Pleasant weather, beautiful collection of cars (though few) and a tasty Mexican restaurant. My favorite cuisine. Dave Riddle posted an exceptional video on our DCTRA BB and on Facebook. Thanks Dave.

I find it to be getting harder to get in and exit my TR6 anymore. I made a long trip last year to Texas and Oklahoma. After I returned I felt that suffered a pinched sciatica nerve. You've probably seen me hobbling on a cane for a few months last fall. After 6 weeks of physical therapy I felt fine... for a while. I still do now but find an occasional circumstances where the pain reoccurs. Getting in and out of the Triumph is one of those. Sitting too long at any time is another.

I hope to see you at the next meeting, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

George

## Calendar of Events

### DCTRA & British Auto Events 2019:

**Mar 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>** -- Highland Games British Car Show (Registration deadline Feb 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>**-Carefree Classic Wheels and Wings Show

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>**-DCTRA Business Meeting

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> & 29**—Dave's lunch time laps

**Aug 31-Sept 4** – VTR 2020 Galena, ILL.

**Sep 10-12, 2020** -- Triumphfest San Diego, CA

### Regular Occurrence Events

Hunts Donuts – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday University and the Loop 101

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

Cars N Coffee – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd

Cars N Coffee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, Alpino's at Troon

Cars N Coffee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum

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

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# February 2020 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

Joining the Club this month is John Barravecchia of Phoenix with his 1968 TR250. I've been following along on his exploits on one of the online forums and his quest for wire wheels. Welcome to the Club John, we look forward to seeing those new wheels.

With our newest member on the register, our Membership total is now 104 with 152 Members.

The Membership renewal drive has been slow lately. There are still 30+ memberships that have expired and not yet renewed. If yours has expired, please do what you can to take care of it before the end of March. If not, you run the risk of being removed from the roster. Another round of email reminders have been sent, so maybe things will pick up. If you have forgotten what year your membership expires, let me know and I'll look it up.

Will we see you at the March 10<sup>th</sup> business meeting?

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**Application form on page 17**

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## Minutes

# Desert Centre Triumph Register of America February 2020 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The February 11, 2020 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order by newly elected President John Heisser @ 7:00 pm @ Denny's Restaurant Scottsdale Rd.

**Members present:** Julian Anderson who drove his Spitfire, Pete Bowen, John Carroll, Ron Cole, Philip Couture, Bob Duffy, George and Chris Durkin, Greg Freeman, Ron Gurnee who drove his TR7, John Heisser, John Horton, Craig Kastoll, Betsy Kavash, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand Lacasse, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John Nuss, Pam Rineholt, Marie Thompson.

**Guests:** There were no guests or visitors this evening.

**Minutes:** Last month's minutes were approved as they appear in The Newsletter.

**Treasure's Report:** Armand LaCasse reported income this past month from memberships being paid and the expenditure of a deposit made to Little America, Flagstaff for our 2021 Triumphfest. Armand reminding members who wish to attend Triumphfest in San Diego in September of this year may want to look into their accommodations there now.

**Members:** Marv Miller announced the Club has 103 memberships and 151 members. 32 memberships expired in December 2019.

**Newsletter:** George Montgomery needs Technical articles for The Newsletter.

**Events:** John Nuss reported Pancakes in the Park a success. February 23 is the trip to Globe, Az. March 7-8 is The Annual Highland Games and Car Show. March 7 is Wheels and Wings in Carefree. April 25 is Motorcycle and Car Show @ Davis-Monthan AFB.

**Technical:** Chuck Kerzan asking for input as he wishes to convert the tires on his TR3 from steel to wire wheels.

**Old Business:** Ron Cole reported on our Triumphfest 2021 that 100 rooms @ Little America have been reserved. John Heisser asked for a repeat discussion re VTR's recent request to join with our club's Triumphfest. A lengthy discussion followed. A motion was made to again vote, and the decision was unanimous to decline VTR's request.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn @ 7:50 pm with a round of applause for John Heisser's successful completion of his 1st meeting as new President..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary A. White, Secretary



# Globe Road Trip

Story by John Nuss Photos by John Nuss & Dave Riddle

How many times can you drive to Globe and see different scenery? Sunday February 23 at the friendly hour of nine o'clock we met at the Starbucks on Ellsworth near the Superstition Freeway. The group included Ron Gurnee driving his TR7, Bob McClravy and the TR250, new member Brandon McClendon with his TR6, Dave and Lori Riddle in the Ford Fiesta, Tommy Thompson and Molly Cornwell (friends of Dave and Lori) and John and Kathy driving Tilly, the blue Spitfire.



Assembling at a Starbucks on Ellsworth and Superstition Hwy



Bob McClravy



New member Brandon McClendon



Ron Gurnee



John Nuss



Dave & Lori Riddle



## Globe Road Trip (cont)

To avoid the Renaissance Faire traffic the Triumph drivers followed a zig-zag route south and east to north SR 79 and then on to east US60. The road to Superior is interesting though most have driven it so much there is nothing new to see. But how many have seen the natural bridge before the Queen Creek tunnel or the Elvis rock east of the tunnel? Thankfully there was no construction in the Pinto Creek area to keep us from our goal.



Mountains near Globe



Dinner for nine

Turning right or sort of south just before Judy's Cook House Restaurant, we had a scenic drive over the hills south of Globe. Russell Road is one of those roads that without turning a corner or changing pavement is three roads - Russell road going south from Globe, F.S. 55, then Kellner Canyon Road. Whatever the road is called, it offered changes in elevation, sweepers and tighter corners – a good Triumph road. The folks in the TR6s enjoyed being close to nature - snow on the mountains near Globe, dropping temperature as we drove over the mountains then down into Globe. We regrouped at the Pickle Barrel, a general store / souvenir place. There we made plans to find lunch, since the place next to the Pickle Barrel would not meet our needs. Unfortunately the highly recommended Chalo's was closed. Dave called an associate and they recommended La Casita Cafe, the one open restaurant in the downtown area. It turned out to be very good.

One thing that seemed strange was the closed restaurants in the area. I stopped by the Chamber of Commerce building and the woman gave me a bunch of folders and little books inviting me to Globe. Seems with all the invitations the place would be open.

Automotively, the trip was uneventful – no problems with the cars. So, enjoyable scenery, fun conversation and tasty Mexican food made for a terrific outing.

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## Meet Our Members

Article & photos by Craig Kastoll

I was always interested in foreign cars my dad had a BMW 1958 600 Isetta of which I learned to drive a stick shift on, the car would only go at max speed about 65mph but I thought that was great driving a little sports car in high school I used to see some of my high school classmates with MGs and TR3s so when I graduated in 65 one of my dad's friends was getting married and was going to sell his TR3A for \$800 I jumped on that it had everything I wanted This car even had a crank to start the car I used this a couple of times when the battery was low on dates drove that car for a number of years as my main transportation.



After driving the TR3 with side curtains in and living in Ill winters I looked into a TR4A with rollup windows drove this for the remainder of time in ILL until 1968 purchased a brand new royal blue GT6 to drive to Daytona Bch Fla for school at Embry Riddle for A&P after graduated jobs were scarce at that time with the airlines, so decided to move to Lake Havasu Arizona and go into business with my folks drove the GT6 from Florida out to lake Havasu AZ. One of the other cars I Always wanted to own was a Porsche so sold the GT6 found a 911T after a few years we sold the business due to family illness. So I decided to move to Phoenix area looking to better myself and went to DeVry University.



## Meet Our Members (cont)



Over the years I had always had the Triumph bug in the back of my mind and wanted to get a triumph again after all these years found a TR250 for sale and now I'm enjoying the love of owning a TR to drive and tinker with also joined the DCTRA in hopes to interact with other TR members.

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### Logophiles:

**You are stuck with your debt if . . . you can't budge it.**

**Local Area Network in Australia: . . . The LAN down under.**

**A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.**

**When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.**

**Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was . . . resisting a rest.**



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### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**March 10, 2020**

Dinner & Social Hour @ 6:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.  
Denney's Restaurant  
3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

See map on page 15

## CLASSIFIED ADS:

### FOR SALE:

1964 TR4A \$25,000 OBO. Completely original, 65,000. Engine never rebuilt, original SU carburetors and 4 speed transmission. Located in Sun City Grand  
Call Rod Arnold – 480-370-1065  
10-19



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### FOR SALE:

Retired auto body looking to find a buyer for a decent 73 tr6.anybody can contact me for more info Number 3 car, runs super high performance additions added, lots of extra parts including new top, pressure plate and clutch, door panels, service manuals, roll bar, leather seat covers and pads, and more. Call or text for more info. Pics are available. Asking \$8,700 obo cash

Mike Lesniak  
1701 S Yellow Brick Rd  
Chino Valley AZ 86323  
928-710-4259



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## CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

### \*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE:

For sale one axle trailer, new  
aluminum runners, ramps and a 2,500  
pound electric wrench, Asking \$750.00.

John Horton - 602-705-8678

[triumphshoppe@gmail.com](mailto:triumphshoppe@gmail.com), 12-19



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**For sale:** Clutch Master Cylinder – new

For '63-'80 Spitfire \$30

David Faulkner - 480-656-4366

[rottendave@cox.net](mailto:rottendave@cox.net)

12-19

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### FOR SALE:

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](mailto:john.carroll@wbhsi.net)

or text at [480 622 8502](tel:4806228502)

John Carroll.

03.2019



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1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration  
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Jack Morris

(C) 817.401.2549

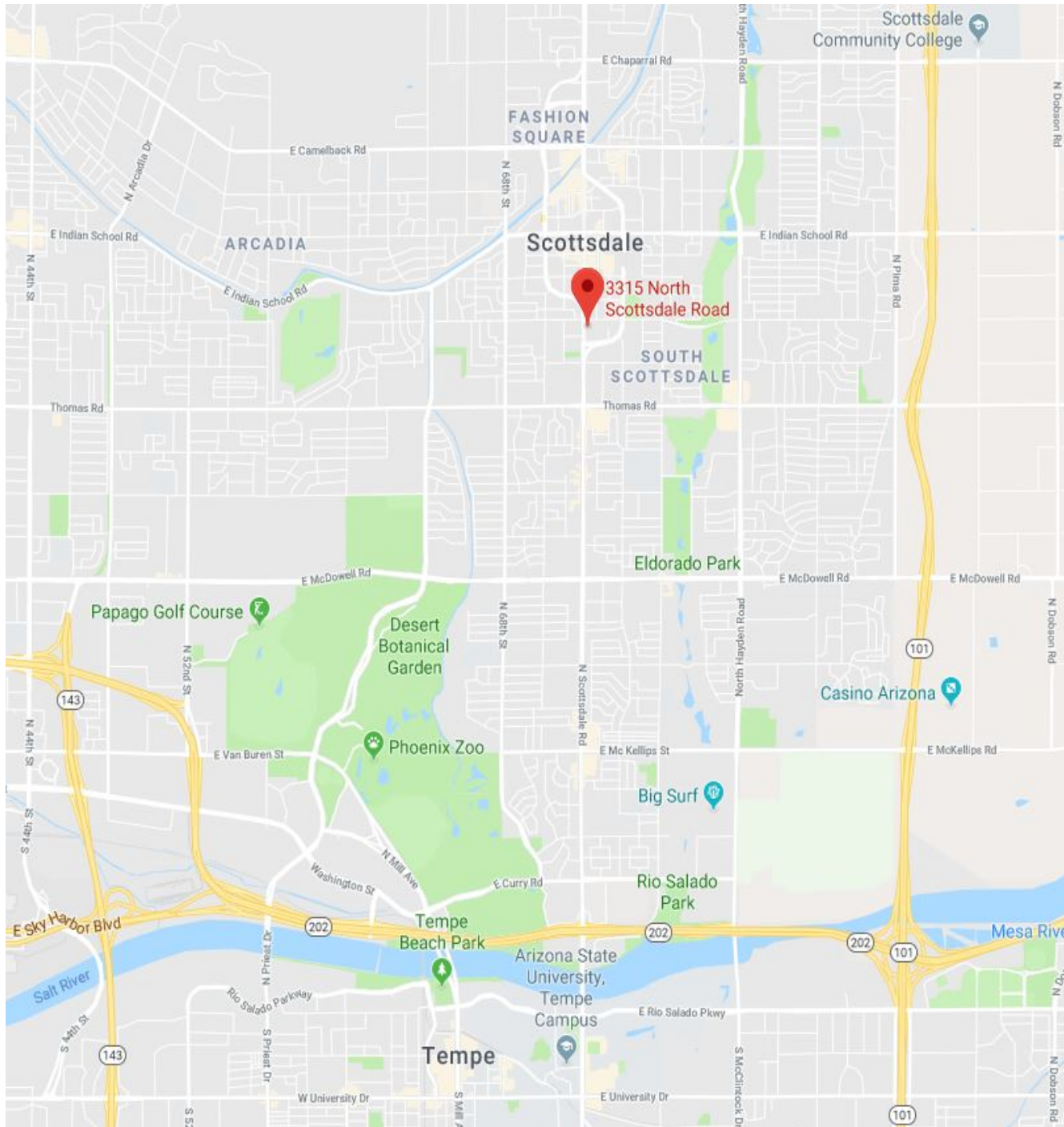
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## DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

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

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want added to the Membership Contact list YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

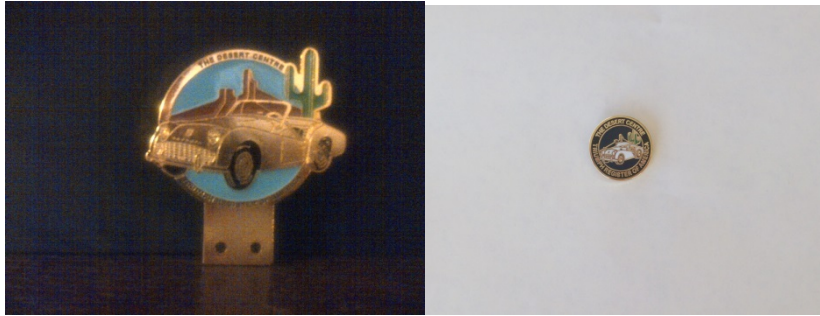
How are you paying your dues: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ PAYPAL \_\_\_\_\_ (add \$2.00 process fee)

### **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:

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## Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America  
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Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	<a href="http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph">http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph</a>
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British Columbia Triumph Registry	<a href="http://www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry">www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry</a>
All British Field Meet (Portland)	<a href="http://www.abfm-pdx.com">www.abfm-pdx.com</a>
Vintage Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.vtr.org">www.vtr.org</a> AND <a href="http://www.vtr2007.com">www.vtr2007.com</a>
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	<a href="http://www.t2000register.org.uk">www.t2000register.org.uk</a>
Rimmer Bros	<a href="http://www.rimmerbros.co.uk">www.rimmerbros.co.uk</a>
Stag Owners Club	<a href="http://www.stag.org.uk">www.stag.org.uk</a>
TR Sports 6 Club	<a href="http://www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm">www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm</a>
British Auto Works (OR)	<a href="http://www.britishautoworks.com">www.britishautoworks.com</a>
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British Car Forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarforum.com">www.britishcarforum.com</a>
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Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	<a href="http://www.sctoa.org">www.sctoa.org</a>
British Motor Heritage Group	<a href="http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk">www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk</a>
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	<a href="http://www.6-pack.org">www.6-pack.org</a>
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Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	<a href="http://www.vsgcc.ca">www.vsgcc.ca</a>
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International Spitfire Database	<a href="http://www.members.cox.net/spitlist">www.members.cox.net/spitlist</a>
British Motor Club of Utah	<a href="http://www.britishmotorclub.org">www.britishmotorclub.org</a>
Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally)	<a href="http://www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com">www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com</a>
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Triumph Register of Southern California	<a href="http://www.socaltriumphs.org">www.socaltriumphs.org</a>
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