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Cal's Spitfire

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

March 9, 2021

→ **Meeting To Be Zoomed** ←

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

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Prez Sez – March 2021

John Heisser, President

I receive a Moss Motoring Magazine a few weeks ago I'm not sure if it's a quarterly or semi-annual publication but always enjoy getting it. It usually has three or four articles of interest and this issue was no different. The first about the Moss Motoring challenge which is a year-long scavenger hunt that Motoring Challengers find road-side oddities while touring in their classic cars on back roads or out of the way places.

A few of these oddities were the coffee mug tree near Yale Illinois, the Hula Hoop tree outside Amber Iowa and the Twilight Zone gas station in Clarence, Missouri. We have some roadside oddities in Arizona, have you seen the white elephant or the frog rock on Hwy 89 heading south from Prescott just before you get to Wilhoit. There was a shoe tree on Hwy 87 near Mount Ord south of Payson, the highway department removed it but someone started another one about 10 miles further south. For those of you from the Midwest did you know that there is a covered bridge in Arizona? It is located Pinedale just off Hwy 260. A neighbor told me about a rock that resembles a pickup truck with a camper if you look east from Hwy 84 as you are leaving the desert area and start up the first hill heading towards Payson in boulders area. We have some really beautiful and scenic roads, highways in Arizona makes me want to get out and start driving them hopefully not much longer we can plan some overnight trips!

The other article I found interesting was the final installment about the "Round the world drive" in Bridget the Midget by Roy Locock, what an adventure! When I finished reading this article, I found myself thinking the most important skill set employed by Roy was being a good negotiator / diplomat rather than his mechanical skills.

The Cars and Coffee event on February 10 was really enjoyable, it started around 9:00 I had to leave at 10:15 because I had an appointment and was the first to leave! It was really nice visiting with everyone, so let's keep Cars and Coffee going!

Triumph 2021 is only 8 months from now; Ron Cole is doing an excellent job as chairperson keeping everything moving forward. As time gets closer committee members will be asking for volunteers to help with different events, they may need someone for a few hours in the morning or afternoon.

Thanks John

Things to think about:

What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?

If poison is past its expiry date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

We lost a long-time member, Roy Stoney, last summer to this Covid 19 virus. A friend of his contacted Dave Riddle to inform us. Dave asked permission to publish an article about him in our newsletter. The story is lengthy, and part is not about Roy, but it tells about the kind of people that knew and loved Roy. Thank you, Sally Smith for your wonderful story about our friend. RIP Roy.

I thought we had a nice turnout on February 19th for the Drive Your Triumph Day for a weekday when most folks have to work. It felt good to get Jack out on the road.

A friend of ours is on a ten-day vacation to Florida. We told her we would keep her miniature poodle while she is gone. Nikos is a good-natured dog, but quite sensitive to the sounds in our house. In the middle of the night, he'll hear a leaf blow across the deck outside. Then he'll bark loudly to warn us of the danger. We have six more nights to go. Wish us luck.

We will be Zooming on Tuesday the 9th. Will I see you there?

George

March 2021 Membership Report:

We have four new members with three different decades of cars to announce this month. Dana Duncan joins the club with his restored 1959 TR3A. You may have seen some images of his car that he brought home to Mesa from Las Vegas. Also joining this month are Carl & Patti Miller from Whittier, CA with their 1962 TR4. Carl & Patti spend some winter months in Parker, AZ and look forward to enjoying the Arizona Triumphs. And finally, we have N. Mark Kramoltz of Phoenix, who joins us with his recently acquired 1974 TR6. Let's all welcome these new members to the club, I'm sure we all look forward to getting to know them & their cars.

These newest members increase current DCTRA memberships to 107 with 156 members.

As a reminder, monthly business meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The pandemic has forced virtual meetings instead of in-person gatherings. Look for a Zoom invitation in your inbox to attend.

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Application form on page 17



Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America DCTRA Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

The February meeting of DCTRA was held via Zoom, hosted by John and Kathy Nuss. The meeting was called to order @ 7:15 p.m. by John Heisser, President.

Members present: John & Kathy Nuss, Bill Close, Armand LaCasse, John Heisser, George Montgomery, Bo Shaw, Bev & Pete Peterson, Rick Hartman, Dave Riddle, John Horton, Pam Rineholt, Jim Bauder, Marv Miller, Dana Duncan, Ron Gurnee, Michael & Jacqueline Divine, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, John Reynolds.

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

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse, Treasurer, reports that, as expected, expenses for Triumphest are beginning to come in.

Membership: Marv Miller welcomed new member Dana Duncan, TR3.

Newsletter: George Montgomery thanks those several members contributing the numerous photos and articles for The Newsletter.

Events: John Nuss reminding about Drive Your Triumph Day tomorrow Feb 10 and also Pancakes in The Park Feb. 21.

Technical: Armand reported on the work he & John Nuss have done on John's solenoid and other electrical troubles.

Old Business: The Triumphest Committee meeting was held last week on Feb. 4.

New Business: Pete & Bev Peterson are looking for a TR6 "project car". Bo Shaw would like to find a '72-'73 TR6 but has no room for it. Pete & Bev have a TR3 hard top to give away. Marv Miller inquiring about the possibility of The Club's doing something to acknowledge the passing of member, Roy Stoney.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. White, Secretary

NEXT CLUB MEETING Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.
March 9, 2021

A Zooming address will be sent out.

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2021:

Mar 6-7th, 2021 – Phoenix Scottish Games – **Canceled**

March 9th, 2021 DCTRA Business Meeting - **Meeting to be Zoomed**

Sep 14-18, 2021—VTR National Meet, Edmond, OK

Oct 14-16, 2021 --Triumphest 2021, Flagstaff, AZ

Regular Occurrence Events **ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELED**

~~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, Alpio's at Troon~~

~~Cars N Coffee—3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum~~

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



Technical Corner

Springtime Storage Removal Checklist

By David S. Wallens Feb 24, 2021, Glovebox Companion Winter Storage Classic Motorsports.

Since we all may be stuck at home for a little bit longer this springtime, why not spend that extra time in the garage waking our sports car from their winter slumbers? Here are some steps to get your classic ready for springtime—and check out the video at the bottom of the screen to dive deeper.



- Open up the hood and inspect your engine. Look for anything amiss—check your fluid levels and make sure everything looks shipshape.
- Check for puddles of fluid under the car. Repair any issues before the car hits the road. Brake calipers and cylinders can leak onto the wheels themselves, so look carefully.
- Clean the battery terminals and reconnect the wires after you make sure that the battery is fully charged.
- Check and set your tire pressures.
- Unplug the coil wire and crank the engine for about 30 seconds. This will build oil pressure throughout the engine and help lubricate the now-dry engine.
- Make sure that fuel is getting to the carburetor or fuel injection. Check for any fuel leaks and repair if necessary.
- Now plug in the coil wire and start the engine. Then allow it to idle at a fast 1500 to 2000 rpm for a minute or so. Go back around the car while looking for leaks or issues.
- Give the brake and clutch pedals a push or two to make sure they feel normal. Double check for any leaks from the master cylinder, wheel cylinders and clutch cylinder after your footwork.
- Go for a short drive around your neighborhood and return home after a few miles. Go back over the car and look for any new issues, leaks or problems.
- Now it's time to put on some miles. After a few drives, give the car another once-over. Make sure everything is working correctly—parts like thermostats in the cooling system have a habit of getting sticky after a long nap. Finish up by adjusting the carbs and bleeding the brakes to make sure that everything is ready for a pleasant season of driving.

Drive Your Triumph Day

Story by John Nuss, photos by John Nuss & Gareth Parry-Jones

February 10 is the birthday of Sir. John Black, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph and developed it into the cars we enjoy driving today. A number of years ago this day was set aside to recognize and honor him with Drive Your Triumph Day.

Twelve members of Triumphs of Desert Centre Triumph owners / drivers / enthusiasts in nine cars met at the intersection of Shea and Thirty-second Street for coffee and conversation. Mostly TR6s, a TR7, and a couple of Spitfires were the cars. Oh, and an admirer driving a nicely restored Ford pick-up - it looked so good it was documented. Also, a former member, August Lopez, who has a TR3 in the process of restoration. It was good to meet face to face, rather than "Zooming."



Drive Your Triumph Day (cont.)

After purchasing our coffee at the coffee house, we stood around our cars, raised some hoods and discussed recently added items. Everyone had a good time. It was the first time a few of us have been out to a Triumph affair in almost a year



Drive Your Triumph Day (cont.)



With the improved weather and vaccinations available, it may be time to gather the club for our January brunch in April. Remember the DCTRA ZOOM meeting this month. See you then.

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Roy Stoney RIP

(Sally Smith knew Roy from a very young age. She's the one that told me he had died. I asked her permission to submit a nice remembrance she had written, and she agreed. Dave Riddle)



Have you ever met a mechanic who became a lifelong friend? Or owned a special car that steered your destiny? I have and I found out today that my friend passed away from complications of COVID-19.

In 1975 my parents bought a brand-new Triumph TR7 off the showroom floor at Flint British Motors in Phoenix. Shortly after that we met the service manager. My dad called him Stoney. I'm not sure why, but my dad called lots of men by their last name. We saw Stoney often due to the nature of that model of British car. As we got to know Stoney, I realized that he was to be called Mr. Stoney. Mr. Stoney was from England and had a heavy accent.

As an eight-year-old that always drew my attention and I would listen so close to every word when he would explain all the repair details for my mom. "Don't let that engine overheat or it will warp the aluminum head, keep your eyes on the gauges". It was a little too late because a non-British mechanic had replaced the thermostat with an American part which caused the engine to overheat and that aluminum head separated from the cast iron block in my mom's brand-new car. I think the repair was half the price of the car. My mom can tell lots of stories about that car. She piled four kids in there on occasion, but that was before car seat laws.

There was a lot of drama with that car which is why I can remember so much from such a young age. The service shop at Flint got the car running again and about 7 years later I got my learners permit and finally got to drive it! This was years after many days sitting in it, in the driveway, listening to the radio, washing it on the weekends and helping my dad with some of the maintenance. I wanted to drive it so bad. I learned to use the clutch in the Honeywell parking lot in about 15 minutes and my dad said, "okay drive me home". So when that clutch blew out a few months later I found myself speaking to Mr. Stoney about a \$492.00 repair. I was shocked at the price and called my mom to tell her that her car was broke again and to bring the checkbook. An ongoing joke because every time the car broke it was theirs again. My dad would say "MY car, I thought it was YOUR car?" This was the beginning of many lessons learned from that British car expert. Eventually my dad bought a few more TR7s and I followed Mr. Stoney to his new shop. By this time, I was calling him Uncle Roy. I visited him quite often. He invited me to the Triumph club meetings where I would be introduced as the girl whose dad owned seven TR7s. None of the old guys in that club had a preference for that model from

Roy Stoney RIP (cont.)

Triumph so none were impressed. But Roy loved the TR7 and had built one into a race car. Roy used to brag that this young lady put 150,000 miles on a TR7. I guess that was a big deal considering the cars were thought to be junk. I suppose I'm a glutton for punishment and I LOVED that car, and he was proud of me.

When I was 19, I stopped by for yet another car repair and uncle Roy sent me to his friends shop for some parts. I remember that day perfectly. I was wearing a cute pink short sundress, I was 110lbs, 5'6" with long blond hair. They used to say that I had legs that went up to my... well you know the saying. I'm pretty sure Roy sent me to that shop for a purpose other than a parts run. I walked in and there was this really cute guy behind the counter. He seemed a little old for me and I didn't like mustaches, but he was attractive. His name was Mark Holden, and we became fast friends.

I didn't know it, but the Holden's and the Stoney's were lifelong friends who came to the U.S. from Canada together when Mark was 8 years old. One day Mark mentioned Uncle Roy and I said, "He's my uncle Roy" he said "no, he's my Uncle Roy" (like who is this girl?). I said "well, I've known him since I was 8" and he said "well, I've known him since I was 1". I guess that was our first flirty argument. Roy's plan didn't really work because Mark was too shy to ask me out. Then he found a girlfriend (she was bolder than me and had a red TR7) and I had a boyfriend and things just didn't happen for us. We used to talk on the phone for hours and we loved each other's sense of humor. I adored Mark, but he was smitten with a red TR7. He got married and life kept us apart for a long time. We went our separate ways and eventually there was a divorce, but Mark fell off the radar. I kept in touch with Uncle Roy, but I stopped driving the TR7 when my daughter was born.

Many, many moons later I wondered where Mark's life had taken him and found his parents address in the phone book. I wrote him a letter. This was kind of a big deal because I'm a bad writer (obviously) and I never write letters. Anyway, Mark's mother waited two years to give him my letter. Once he finally got my letter it wasn't long before he FINALLY asked me out on a date (go green!). Yep, in 2008 twenty-two years after we met, we finally became a couple. We still laugh together all the time; the mustache is gone, and I still have the green TR7 (it hasn't ran in years).

Uncle Roy was thrilled when he asked, "are things getting serious between you and Mark?" And I said "yeah, I guess so". Who says that? Getting serious. He he, old people.

Roy's plan had finally worked!

I learned so much from Roy over the years. I still keep my eyes on those gauges!

Roy made it to the ripe old age of 92! I hope there is a racetrack and a Triumph club in heaven. Rest In Peace Roy Stoney we love you. Sally Smith

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

Retired auto body man 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
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For '63-'80 Spitfire \$30

David Faulkner - 480-656-4366
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12-19



CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

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

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

John Carroll.

03.2019

For Sale:

Upper and Lower hinges for left door of TR3A/B. These hinges are unused and are applicable to TR3A commission numbers TS60001 and *higher and the TR3B*. The Moss Motors part numbers are: 803-470 and 803-490 The Moss Motors website cites them as in "low supply" and is asking \$59.99/each. Asking \$50 for the pair.



Bo Shaw

Email: boshaw@live.com

Cell: 760-977-6612

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 \$25,000

Contact me for other questions:

Jack Morris

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE:

Engine has 83,000 miles and was running when removed.

Transmission runs good.

Email Mike Blachut: mblachut@yahoo.com and make offer



FOR SALE:

I have two TR6, one a 1974 that I purchased new, runs good, very clean.

The other doesn't run, looks rough but complete. Both French blue with overdrive.

I'm getting up in age and the winters in Montana are not made for touring cars.

I'm only down here in Arizona for a couple of months. I thought figured I try selling these to someone that can more use out of them.

Looking for \$14,500 for both. Two for the price of one.

Could part out the 1975 or fix it up.

Need to sell both as one.

Thanks

Harold (406)459 9184

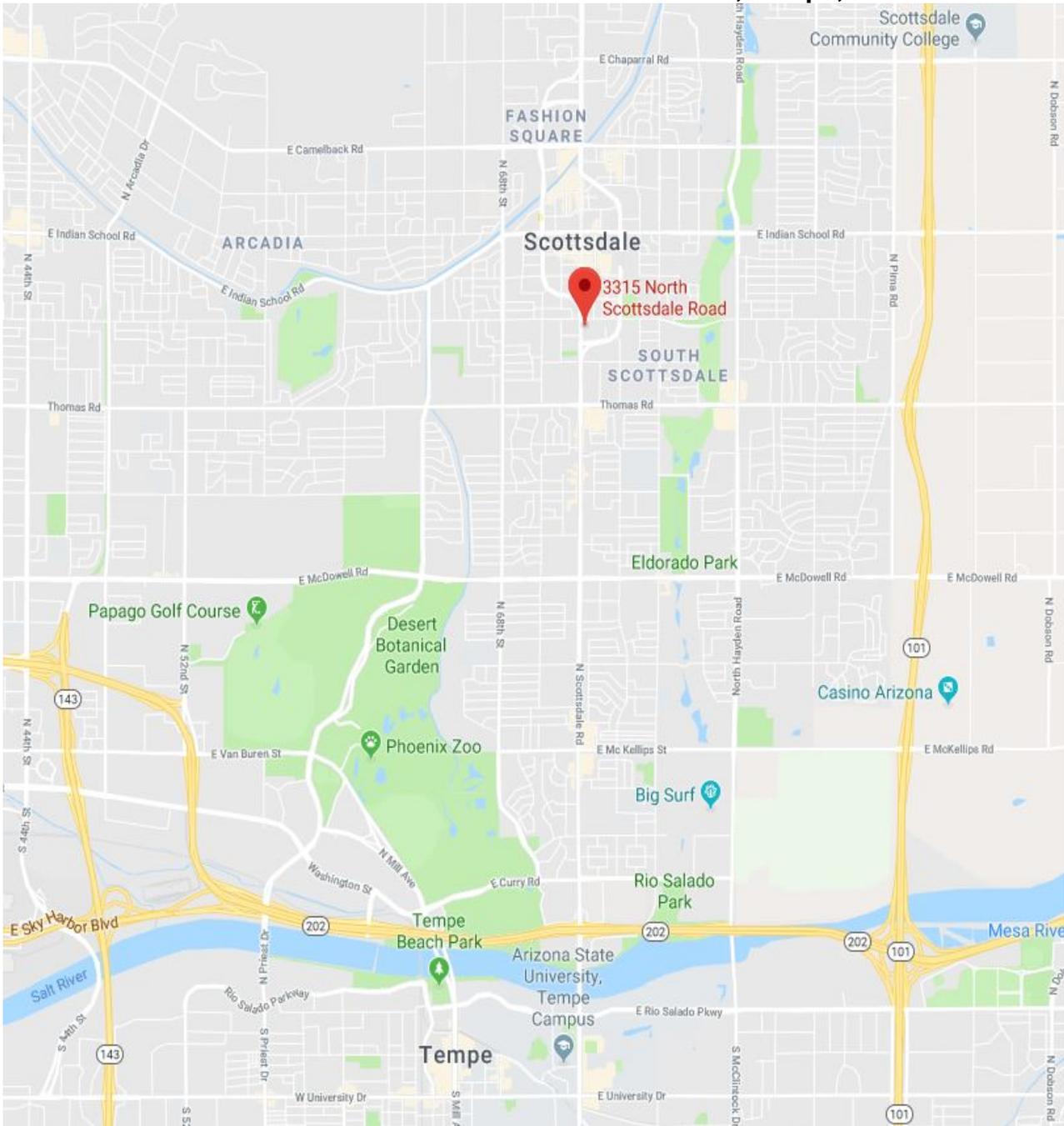
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Harold and Pam (Mann) Egginton 3.21

DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

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

At: ~~Denney's Restaurant~~ **NOW Zoomed**
-3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ





DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NEW MEMBER:

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MEMBER INFO (please print):

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Phone: _____

Home

Cell

Email Address: _____

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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)

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Grille badge (3 inch diameter)



Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)



Licenses plate frame

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Name tags @ \$6.00 each	_____
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Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each	_____
License plate frame @ \$15 each	_____
Total enclosed	_____

Additional Space for more information:

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Portland Triumph Owners Association	www.portlandtriumph.org
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British Columbia Triumph Registry	www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry
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