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Irish Wolfhound Pub  
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# Prez Sez – March 2026

From the desk of Roger A. Prior, Jr.

Hope you all enjoyed the short month of February, including Groundhog Day – six more weeks of Winter might be a relief to us in the southwest don't you think?

The big news is that the DCTRA Triumphest '26 website is up and running. I want to thank many of you who put a lot of time in on the website development project. There are so many details to consider and work out the technical aspects and bring to life in full functionality - and visually appealing to boot. I'm giving a special 'shout out' to Carl Miller for his assistance. With the registration site 'green status', we are having almost daily registrants, let's say the 'early birds.' Personally, I have registered and found the process seamless, with all dots connected as expected. Again, way to go Team DCTRA. Kate and I are looking forward to an enjoyable meal of the honey salmon.

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> was International Drive Your Triumph Day and it happened to coincide with our Feb. monthly meeting. Hopefully, you were able to spend time behind the wheel of your favorite Triumph as we celebrated the birthday of Sir John Black.

The club's revamped monthly meeting format appears to be off to a successful start. I'm offering the most recent February 'social' meeting, which occurred at The Four Peaks Brewery, Tempe, as example. About 35 attended, with 15 Triumphs on display in the restaurant parking lot. The Four Peaks manager helped us by relocating his truck, which allowed for 'double parking' six more Triumphs for display. Midpoint during our gathering, I offered a 'toast' to Sir John Black in recognition of his legacy to the automotive world, which we all enjoy one way or another. It would have been handy for the Sir John Black toast at Four Peaks for sure.

The club's new Technical Advisor, Tony Chapman, did a super job of introducing himself to the club in an email you received. I have asked that Tony's email be re-printed in this newsletter to give you another chance to get acquainted with Tony's background, expertise, and needless to say enthusiasm, as we welcome Tony into his official new role with DCTRA.

There are so many automotive events this time of year in Arizona – so little time. I have personally, have volunteered, visited and otherwise enjoyed all was able to attend - but have missed some also.

Months ago, you may recall the club's portable PA, which has served us well for many years was giving us 'fits' during usage during the November meeting. As promised, I said I would begin to look into a replacement – which I have been working on. As I would like to collaborate, I asked the assistance of the DJ for the British Wheels on the Green (BWOOG) and sought his advice. I have found a potential replacement and will bring to the March social meeting and test performance.

As the club is beginning to move from location to location, a more powerful PA will have advantages of 'real outside voice', two microphones (no need batteries this time), no reliance on problematic extension cords or at times nonexistent electric outlets. As they say, 'this is a work in progress'.

Cheers - and drive your favorite Triumph as often as possible,

Roger A. Prior, Jr.  
DCTRA President

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# EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery  
March 2026

Michael Samuels sent me an article about the Fountain Hills Car Show. It was written in the wonderful story like manner he writes in. It wasn't just about the car show but how his day went and the problems he incurred leading up to the event. It's very entertaining and fun to read. I think whenever he decides to retire (a number of years away), he could make a second career of writing either technical, non-fiction or fictional stories. I would purchase one of his books.

I hope each of you are accepted or signed up to have access to or able to receive the DCTRA BBB. You have to contact David Riddle and send him your email address, name of your first grade teacher or whatever he needs to get you signed up for it. There are many postings and messages about technical questions and answers to them. I think that is one of the most beneficial aspects of being a member of our club.

Most of you know I adopted a blind senior Boston Terrier about a year and a half ago, Bernie. He plays tug like a puppy. He chews most of his toys into pieces leaving lint scattered all over the living room. They only last a week or so. We now only buy him toys of animals made of braided rope. As an animal figure, that still only lasts a week or so, but there isn't any stuffing or lint to pull out. And the rope can be re-braided to be used as another tug toy. He'll pull on it until you get tired or let go of your end. Then he'll shake the devil out of it before bringing it back to you. *"Let's do it again, Dad."* He's a funny little guy.

He has arthritis and hip joint problems. When we first got him from the Boston Terrier Rescue, he would occasionally jump or jerk from a spasm or pain. He takes a couple of different medications for that. Recently his spasm occurrences seem to have increased. The veterinarian had increased his dosage. He's now taking almost as much Gabapentin as I take for my neuropathy and he's only 1/6<sup>th</sup> of my weight. He gets around the house unaided pretty well. We knew when we accepted this little guy he wouldn't be with us long. I just wanted to make his last few years comfortable. He seems quite happy with us. I just hope I can keep his pain to a reasonable level.

John Carroll has come up with a meeting place on the west side of the valley for a variation in our usual pattern. I hope everyone likes the Irish Wolfhound Pub. Their website sounds like a neat place. I couldn't tell from the online site whether they have a private room for us or not, but for a social meeting I don't think it would matter. Will you be there? Good luck.

George.

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# Membership Report

Scott Porter, Membership Chairman

Our February club meeting was a great one. Great because many folks attended and thirteen members drove their cars. We had nine 6s, two TR-3s, a seven, and an eight! When I arrived at the brewery at 6:15 I had to laugh as it was my lone TR-3 in a sea of TR-6s... I know the celebration of Sir John Black help swell the number of Triumph's driven and I hope this will carry over to the rest of our spring meetings as the driving weather is exceptional. We had twenty-nine members at the February meeting, and everyone appeared to enjoy the new "social-focused" format. I was up at Pete and Bev's home in Cave Creek recently and am happy to report that the "It Leaks Award" from the Election Brunch is proudly displayed in Pete's garage! The club continues to make progress on refreshing our Triumph memorabilia in the run up to this year's Triumphfest, If you haven't already checked out the new Triumphfest website (triumphfestaz.com) please do and make sure you review the "regalia" link while completing your registration. We also continue to have the following items available locally from the club: Grille Badges (\$12), License Plate frames, chrome or black, (\$7), TR Pins - three types (\$5), & DCTRA Patches (\$3). As always, I hope this update finds everyone well and see many of you at the March meeting...

Scott Porter Membership scottpor@hotmail.com. DCTRA application form on page x

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## DCTRA Events March and beyond 2026

### DCTRA Meeting Details Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm -8pm Irish Wolfhound Pub. 16811 N Litchfield Rd, #102 Surprise, AZ, 85374.

- Casa Paloma Cars & Coffee 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every Month until April 2026 8am-10am. All Welcome. Meet at Casa Paloma Plaza 7131 W Ray Rd, Chandler 85226
- Ongoing Members Breakfast. Every Friday East Valley and West Valley. Contact John Carroll for details. 480-622-8502. <https://arizonacarsandcoffee.com/>

Check this web site out for various C&C and Car shows around Arizona  
[www.arizonacarshows.com](http://www.arizonacarshows.com)

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: March 10, 2026 - a Zoom link will be sent out.**

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DCTRA application form on page 20

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# Desert Centre Triumph Register of America

Annual Election Brunch

DCTRA Minutes

January 25, 2026

February meeting was a social meeting; thus no minutes were taken.

Attendance was: Roger Prior (TR6), Julian & Kerry Anderson (TR6), John Carroll (TR6), Tony Chapman (TR6), Ron Cole (TR6), Deborah Cooke, Jim Dickey (TR6), Scott Drysdale (TR6), Mike D'Olimpio (TR8), Tony & Lura Dymond, Dave Faulkner (TR7), Ron Gurnee, Randy Koontz, Armand LaCasse, Bob Mazer, George Montgomery (TR6), John & Katy Nuss, Pete Peterson, Scott Porter (TR3), Roger Prior, John Reynolds (TR6), Dave & Lori Riddle (TR3), Michael Samuels, Todd Schiller, Vince Vicent

Respectfully submitted:  
Scott Porter and George M Montgomery

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## Triumphest TR Parts Requested

To: members ([members@dctra.org](mailto:members@dctra.org))

Time is creeping up on us. We are encouraging members to donate any new or working triumph parts, gift baskets or anything you would enjoy receiving as a prize for our raffle. If your prize is not perishable, please bring it to our next meeting. If you are donating something perishable, please bring a description so we can make the cards to place on your donation.

Thank you so much for your generosity in making this the best Triumphest raffle ever!

Ron Gurnee, Raffle Host

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# Drive Your Triumph Day- February 10th, 2026

## K1 Speed Karts and DCTRA Social Meeting

John Carroll, VP, DCTRA.

Every year it's become tradition on February 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the former CEO of Standard Triumph in Coventry, England. This year I planned an extra treat for those who wanted to run a fun, competitive kart race in Phoenix. Then a follow up with a DCTRA social meeting in Tempe, AZ. We arrived at 3:30 pm for the 3 Races planned for the group. KI Speed Karts offered a package deal for ten drivers



The Mysterious Drivers ready for their moment.



DYTD + Guests at K1 parking Lot

## Drive Your Triumph Day (cont)

**K1 SPEED** EAT. PLAY. RACE!



K1 Racer Score (K1RS):  
Racer Since: 02/10/26

6TH

LAPTIMES - Phoenix T2 02/10/26 05:16 PM  
[race chart](#)

(01) 65.129 | (02) 23.849 | (03) 33.395 | (04) 25.779 | (05) 23.813 | (06) 23.512 | (07) 23.728 | (08) 23.526 | (09) 62.662 | (10) 28.907 | (11) 23.774 | (12) 23.798 | (13) 23.713 | (14) **23.413**

#RACER	BEST TIME	BEST LAP	LAPS	AVG.	GAP	K1RS
1JIM DICKEY	22.790	8	14	29.475	0.000	1270 (+22)
2VINCE VINCENT	23.094	14	14	29.703	0.304	1234 (+16)
3ANTONY CHAPMAN	23.163	8	14	30.145	0.373	1244 (+14)
4BOB MCILRAVY	23.114	14	14	30.243	0.324	1248 (+12)
5DAVID MOLESWORTH	23.340	9	14	30.286	0.550	1240 (+10)
6JOHN CARROLL	23.413	14	14	30.642	0.623	1216 (+8)
7SCOTT DRYSDALE	23.210	11	14	30.508	0.420	1222 (+6)
8DAVID TURNER	23.787	2	14	31.134	0.997	1224 (+4)
9RANDY KOONTZ	23.857	6	13	32.352	1.067	1210 (+2)

### Final Race Results K1 Congrats to Jim Dickey



DCTRA VP



Winner Jim Dickey. 2nd Vince Vincent. 3rd Tony Chapman

After our exhausting drives that was more than 45 laps, we drove our cars over to the Four Peaks Brewery on 8<sup>th</sup> St in Tempe. This is an upgraded older building in Tempe that was converted by the Four Peaks Brewing Company. The attendees and guests all enjoyed a lovely February evening with only a short toast to celebrate Sir John Black. The parking lot was packed with multiple Triumphs and a lot of pub visitors stopped by the chat with us.

## Drive Your Triumph Day (cont)



Line up of DCTRA Members cars at Four Peaks Brewery, Tempe.



Attendance at the Club meeting was lively and lots of conversations around a packed social gathering. Thanks to everyone who participated as it was a great turnout for the club and guests.



John Carroll DCTRA Vice President

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# Beatitudes Campus Event – February 7th, 2026

## North Central Phoenix

John Carroll, VP, DCTRA.

Dennis McAllister owns a beautiful MG TD and as a part of the Arizona MG Club offered to host an event in the Campus where he lives. The plan was to invite MG and Triumph owners to participate. The DCTRA had a specific invitation and a number of DCTRA Members attended.

The morning was a beautiful Arizona start to a lovely day. The Campus offered free refreshments and pastries, as the cars arrived and parked up. We had Clebe Best and his TR8. Randy & Annette Koontz with their TR3. Tony Chapman and his stunning new 1974 French Blue TR6. Myself with a new engine and upgrade to our Signal Red 1974 TR6.



Beatitudes Campus attendees.



Tony TR6 alongside an MG participant

## Beatitudes Campus Event (cont)



During this event Dennis invited the DCTRA to next year's event. I would encourage DCTRA Members to attend. It was a relaxing, calm & fun event that the residents of Beatitudes Camous thoroughly enjoyed.

John Carroll DCTRA VP

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## Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale, Arizona 2026 Some Reflections

By Roger A. Prior, Jr.

This year, my visit to the Arizona Barrett-Jackson auto auction, third visit in past six years – exceeded expectations. Decision to attend with my former high school pal Chuck Phillips who happens to live nearby in Sun City. Chuck and I go 'way back' to freshman in Fairfax County's (VA) Herndon High School in the fall of 1965. Needless to say, we are both car people, and now both 75 years young. Chuck's dad owned a vintage Rolls-Royce (a '45 Park Ward body on a '29 chassis), as well as a Talbot sports saloon and BMW 328 (?) – so I got introduced to the same as our families were neighbors. Yep, Chuck got to drive all the cars, and we would drive around in the BMW.

I hope those of you who have not experienced Barratt-Jackson Arizona auction (or other locations) will find time to do so, as they are hard to describe in words – maybe a mixture car auction with 'car'nival? After my first visit in 2020, my first thoughts were – "now I get it". Might be the 'Greatest Car Show on Earth' and best part most all will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. I left my checkbook at home.

## Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale (cont)

For a nominal \$33.00 one-day ticket (a ticket for the entire week could be purchased) price Chuck and I roamed around all day Wednesday, January 21 taking in as much of the 'event' as possible, lingering at displays whenever we wanted. We viewed some of the 'auction' in person, the under the big tent displays (high value autos and 'whatnot') and favorite viewings of hundreds of autos under the 6 huge outdoor tents was a genuine delight. We enjoyed a lunch of cheeseburgers that were about four inches tall. Re-energized, we began to enjoy the afternoon with near perfect weather. I have included photos of the Triumphs offered for auction that I saw.

Consider visiting in the future, and you will not be disappointed with the unique cars offered for auction or the vast collection of automotive memorabilia for sale.





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## British Wheels on the Green (BWOOG)

By Roger A. Prior, Jr.

The BWOOG 'Volunteer Appreciation Party' gathering was held on Saturday, January 31 from 1130 to 4 pm at the lovely home John & Beth Pekala in Mesa, AZ. Many BWOOG volunteers of the Arizona MG Club (of the Nov. 1, 2025, event) were in attendance, including sponsors and representatives of the featured charity The Joy Bus.

Was a fun gathering of 40+ attendees for the outdoor 'garden party' in John & Beth's back yard encircled by mature orange trees, 'amazing eats' offerings in picture perfect seasonal Phoenix January afternoon. Unfortunately, the prized dessert offering of **cannoli** had been devoured by the time I had arrived. My extended drive in the TR6 was due to the closures along the eastbound 101 that I had not taken into drive time consideration. I was able to exchange notes with MG Club President Scott Macziewski as well as Ed Striffler about various topics of interest, from LBCs to 'ham' radio. John Pekala. I spoke regarding changes to the Moss Motoring's business model as relates to club sponsorship of our annual event, necessitating club adjustments to our expectations of levels of support, financial or otherwise. As the expression goes: *Adapt or perish*. The date of this year's BWOOG has not been set yet, so 'stay tuned'.

Please see photos for the DCTRA representatives, that did their level best to round out the British cars driven to the gathering.

# British Wheels on the Green (cont)



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# Fountain Hills Car Show

February 14, 2026

By Michael Samuels

Compared to last year, the 2026 Concours in the Hills event was smooth sailing—well, for most of us, anyway!

In 2025, the event was originally scheduled for February 15. However, a threat of rain for the day before caused concern that moving a thousand (!) cars onto and off of wet grass might damage Fountain Park and be dangerous for all concerned. Though the promised rain never came, the event was rescheduled to April 19. It went off without a hitch, though the later date was substantially warmer.

This year, the weather forecast was perfect and I awaited the event with excitement. I hadn't shown for a few years and decided to bring the 1963 TR4 and keep company with my friends from DCTRA. Best-laid plans...

The week before the event, I brought the TR4 to Adam Bednarek at AZ Collector Cars in Mesa for its annual Copperstate 1000 inspection. It was actually a swap, as I dropped off the Triumph and drove home in the newish (to us) 1964 Jaguar E-Type Coupe. The E-Type needed and got a new clutch master cylinder and a new starter but otherwise cruised through the inspection. I expected the Triumph to need nothing at all, since I had been driving it regularly and it had never seemed happier on the road. So dropping it off on Monday with the intention of picking it up later in the week before the show seemed perfectly reasonable.

On Wednesday, Adam called me with some (minor) bad news—the radiator had a couple of pinhole leaks where the expansion tank was brazed onto the main radiator body. He told me that I could have the car back now and drive it to the show, but it would need to come back to his shop for a trip to the radiator place ASAP. It certainly couldn't go on the Copperstate event leaking coolant. At first, I resigned myself to this back-and-forth but then got the idea of calling the event administrator at Phoenix Children's Hospital, Genevieve Kostas. It was Thursday at this point, and I asked her if I could swap the Jaguar for the Triumph, given the unexpected problem. She couldn't have been nicer, agreed immediately, and sent me an email with the new dashboard sign for the Jaguar.

Of course, while I told Adam that he could take my car over to the radiator shop at his leisure, he called me Friday afternoon to tell me that the car was done and I could pick it up—all fixed and pressure-tested! But I was too shy to call Genevieve and switch AGAIN, so Jaguar it would be.

At 7:30 on the morning of the event, Bob Mazer stopped by my house in his beautiful red TR250. We took off for Fountain Hills, about 35 minutes away. The weather was clear and cool, a perfect February morning in the valley. We arrived at the park and the volunteers checked us in and guided us to our designated areas with military precision. It happened that the Jaguar section was adjacent to the Triumph section, so we parked near each other and in the midst of several Triumph comrades. I slotted in next to a charming couple with a 2015 Jaguar F-Type with all the right options. 550 hp, full leather, only 26K miles, and for sale. That one had John Carroll's name all over it ... Then we set up the stuff we needed to be comfortable until 3 pm, as well as John's DCTRA flag.

The day warmed, layers came off, lots of admirers walked around our cars with approving looks and questions.

At 10 am, the national anthem played. Apparently, the planned overflight of warbirds got a little lost on the way to Fountain Hills, but they showed up a few minutes later in formation

## Fountain Hills Car Show (cont)

and trailing white smoke. Then the announcer beckoned us to our cars to rev our engines with enthusiasm!

Mid-morning, my wife, Judy, appeared and spent some time among the British. More 531-6439 were dozens of food trucks with every sort of cuisine, as well as stands with baked goods and the like, including one giving away FREE cookies. No one went hungry.

Eventually, Judy left for home, the sun got a little bright, and I ambled down towards the edge of the lake where there were some shady trees and our friends from the MG Club were set up. Kudos to them—each car had a large sign with the car's history and what made it special. It added an important element that the rest of the entries (including ours) couldn't match. Maybe next year for DCTRA!

At 3:00, it was time to pack up and go. We were all tired and happy. Bob waited for me and we left together. Again, credit to the event volunteers who shepherded us out of the park as efficiently as we had entered. Then a much needed shower and shave and it was off to Valentine's Day dinner! A wonderful day all around.



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## Volunteerism

Channel Your Inner Sir John Black (or Edmund Hillary)

By Roger, President DCTRA

DCTRA has been around for over forty years and has provided an amazing amount of commodity, including the sharing of technical knowledge and working on each other's Triumphs. We get together each month for our meetings and then there are multiple breakfast outing, car shows and road trips arranged by you, our members

This club has been successful over all these years because of the generous support of you, our members. Many of you have volunteered multiple times to take on a position or a job. This club and other clubs survive and prosper only with the support of members.

If you have volunteered in the past or are volunteering at present in some capacity, many thanks. If you have not volunteered but would like to, please contact me or any one of our officers and we will find a good role for you.

Of course, raising your hand is the easy part. What we really need is volunteer members who are go getters. Members who can be energetic and take the initiative to execute the steps leading to an outcome that one can be proud of. Members who step up and get things done.

If you have already volunteered for a position or assignment, thanks and please make sure that you are diligent in pushing forward toward your goal. Don't wait for someone to ask you about your progress . . . be proactive and brag about your progress and success. Be on top of things; answer emails and phone calls promptly. If you don't have an answer, let your colleague know and set a time to respond with what you find out.

Last, many thanks to all of you. We have a wonderful club driven by dedicated members like you. Best regards, Roger

# Meet Our Members

By Tony Chapman

As the newly appointed Technical Advisor for DCTRA, I thought I should introduce myself to those of you lucky enough not to have met me already. Going forward, I hope we can use this forum to have some interesting discussions on issues that are of interest to members and assist with technical questions that arise with owning cars that are anywhere from 45 to 70+ years old.



I was born in the UK and grew up in a "Sports Car" family. I competed in Road and Stage Rallies in the early 1980s in the UK as navigator with my brother in a 1974 Ford Escort RS2000. I moved to the US in 1988 and my first car owned here was a 1974 TR6. I have owned at least one TR6 ever since. I moved to Phoenix in 1990 and joined DCTRA shortly thereafter. Approximately 10 years ago I decided I would like to build my ultimate TR6. After acquiring a car to restore, I soon realized I needed better workshop facilities so the first few years of my quest were spent in the construction of a 600 sq ft workshop so I had dedicated space for my project.

I recently completed my ultimate TR6 project pictured below. Mechanical upgrades include a Holley / Bora electronic fuel injection system, Ted Schumaker built engine, Vitesse (Moss / Mazda MX5) 5 speed gearbox, Nissan differential and Goodparts / Wilwood front and rear disc brakes. I was even lucky enough to find a TR4 Backlight / Surrey Top in the UK and had it shipped here. It took 3+ years to complete but I am very happy with the results. Once the engine is fully run-in, I will hopefully do some testing to give everyone an idea how well it performs.

I also would like to thank Armand for his service to DCTRA over the years. It is my pleasure to take on one of the many roles he has undertaken and hope I can do a decent job as his replacement.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on how I can help as Tech Advisor and hope you will join the group in future discussions. I tell everyone that I do not know everything about these cars we all love so much. However, I do know a lot of people who do know most things (both here and in the UK) so together we can find a good solution to most problems. You can email or call /text me anytime at (602) 531-6439.

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## **British Vehicle Swap Meet**

**Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Home of Marty and Marilyn Adkins  
5315 W Creedance Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85310**

Gather your parts and let's meet up at my house. Will have parts from MG, Triumph, AH, Jaguar and maybe even some Volvo.

Group Event with The Triumph Car Club

Bring a tarp, chair, and/or table.

Yard is dirt/rock and Swappers will be allocated a 10' X 10' space.

**RSVP [madkins425@aol.com](mailto:madkins425@aol.com) or text 510-209-1830**

## Tech Tip

Article came from correspondence on our DCTRA BBB

(Editor's note: If you're not receiving the BBB, you're missing ½ the benefit of the club.)

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Thanks to Craig Kenyon for sharing this Triumph Experience forum post on potential Valvoline VR1 oil contamination issues

<https://www.triumphexp.com/forum/tr6-tech-forum.2/as-if-we-dont-have-enough-to-worry-about.2163789/>

I use this oil (purchased using Amazon) and did not notice any issues when I changed my oil recently but I will be checking for any signs of water contamination before my next drive.

I believe any significant water contamination would show by inspecting the oil on the dipstick for signs of milkiness or other unusual discoloration.

Tony  
DCTRA Tech Advisor

Thanks Guys

After I broke in my engine in with Lucas Break in 20-50W. I decided to use Castol Classic 20-50W with added Zinc. I'll let everyone know how that works out after another 500miles.

Appreciate the conversation about this topic

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# Tech Tip Continuum

Article and photo: John Carroll, VP, DCTRA

Resource: Tony Chapman

I'm not taking credit for this, as that belongs to our newly appointed Technical Adviser, Tony Chapman. Tony bought a couple and I got one from him. Fitted it yesterday and took some photos. New and easy design for the more popular blade auto fuses.

## 4 Fuses.

10A, 10A, 25A, 30A



Was \$75 Sale Price \$30 each + Shipping

<https://www.torquerestoparts.com/>

Worth looking into any other model of Triumph cars. Nice find Tony

Regards  
John

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# TR Register Magazine

By John Carroll, President, DCTRA

Hi Members,

Part of my position as VP and Event coordinator is to reach out to various other Triumph related groups and clubs. One such group is the TR Register Magazine from my birth country, UK. I've submitted several local articles that the editor has gladly published. I've gotten to know Trev Good the Editor in Chief, and we often share our passion for Triumph Cars and his TR6.

I reached out a few days ago with a few articles from our DCTRA meeting and DYTD photos. I asked about the awful storms and winter weather the island is under right now. He emailed me back with a couple of interesting pictures. These were taken after Trev and a couple of friends drove to the Parrog near Goodwick, Pembrokeshire on Drive Your Triumph Day.

He mentioned they couldn't find any suitable parking for a photo op, so took advantage of the EV Bays that were all vacant and abandoned in the wild weather. Says a lot of the Stoic determination of the old guard and our aging cars. Well done chaps.

Safe Driving Everyone

JC



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## Our Web Master

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Triumphest provides the thrill of driving our 'TR's to a destination just like the 'old days'.

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## TRIUMPHEST 2026 EVENTS

AUTOCROSS  
FUNKHANA  
TECH SESSION  
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BANQUET  
AWARDS  
RAFFLE PRIZES  
VENDORS  
RALLIES  
REGALIA

MODEL/PHOTO CONTEST  
WALKING TOURS  
SCENIC DRIVES  
**DINNER CRUISES IN YOUR TR**



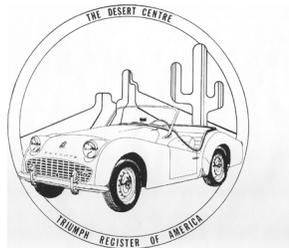
## SHOW DCTRA MEMBER CLUB TEE SHIRTS FOR SALE

Currently, we have both Large and X-large sizes only.  
Tee is a blended 50% cotton and 50% polyester



**\$25 each.**

Payment is by Zelle or cash to John Carroll and I can bring it to the DCTRA Meeting. To use Zelle, you can send money directly to [money@dctra.org](mailto:money@dctra.org). If you have questions, please call or email [john.carroll@wbhsi.net](mailto:john.carroll@wbhsi.net). 480-622-8502



# 2026 DCTRA Membership Dues

By Armand LaCasse, Treasurer

The Executive Board and other DCTRA leaders met on Saturday afternoon November 15, 2025, for an in-depth discussion about the future of DCTRA. We realized we need to collect membership dues for 2026 to support the growth of DCTRA.

We have not collected membership dues for five years. During this time, our main bank account balance has dropped by \$8000 from its highest amount. We want to invest in DCTRA to grow, and this now requires a positive cash flow. Additionally, we need to update our membership rolls to determine how many active members we really have.

**Membership renewal dues for most members are due in January 2026.** Long-term members have received value beyond their original membership expiration date, so their membership renewal date is also January 1, 2026. Members who recently joined DCTRA for multiple years, or members who have paid their membership dues in advance for more than three years, will probably have a membership renewal date beyond 2026. Please contact Scott Porter, our membership chair, if you are concerned about the January 2026 membership renewal date.

**Membership renewal dues are increasing.** It has been at least eight years since the dues' structure was updated. New and renewal membership dues effective January 1, 2026 are:

- One-year dues are \$40
- Two-year dues are \$70
- Three-years dues are \$100

Please complete a renewal DCTRA Membership Application so we can ensure our records are accurate. The current DCTRA Membership Application is being updated, so please wait to do this!

**We now accept Zelle for electronic payment of dues.** Please use your online bank account access to send money via Zelle. The DCTRA email for a Zelle payment is [Money@DCTRA.Org](mailto:Money@DCTRA.Org).

You may mail a check and your membership renewal application to DCTRA, PO Box 12100, Scottsdale, AZ 85267. (Please **DO NOT USE** PayPal since they take 6% of each transaction.)

Please ask one of the DCTRA officers if you have any questions.

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# Volunteerism

Channel Your Inner Sir John Black (or Edmund Hillary)

By Roger, President DCTRA

**DCTRA** has been around for over forty years and has provided an amazing amount of commodity, including the sharing of technical knowledge and working on each other's Triumphs. We get together each month for our meetings and then there are multiple breakfast outing, car shows and road trips arranged by you, our members

This club has been successful over all these years because of the generous support of you, our members. Many of you have volunteered multiple times to take on a position or a job. This club and other clubs survive and prosper only with the support of members.

If you have volunteered in the past or are volunteering at present in some capacity, many thanks. If you have not volunteered but would like to, please contact me or any one of our officers and we will find a good role for you.

Of course, raising your hand is the easy part. What we really need is volunteer members who are go getters. Members who can be energetic and take the initiative to execute the steps leading to an outcome that one can be proud of. Members who step up and get things done.

If you have already volunteered for a position or assignment, thanks and please make sure that you are diligent in pushing forward toward your goal. Don't wait for someone to ask you about your progress . . . be proactive and brag about your progress and success. Be on top of things; answer emails and phone calls promptly. If you don't have an answer, let your colleague know and set a time to respond with what you find out.

Last, many thanks to all of you. We have a wonderful club driven by dedicated members like you.

Best regards,

Roger

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## Odd Facts

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

# CLASSIFIED ADS:

For sale:

TR2.

1979 TR7 'Orange' color that needs much work also he need to get rid of, 'needs garage space more than the car' - he said is 'complete' comes w/ 2 extra seats - but sounds like needs much attention.



Phil Lobeck

Phone 928.210.2944

E mail is: [pslobeck@gmail.com](mailto:pslobeck@gmail.com)

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**Wanted** Hello everyone, I'm back and now looking for a speedo for the Spit we're completing. I have attached a picture of the style that I am looking for. Also as long as I have your attention I am also looking for a left door latch for a MK1 or 2. I have also included a picture of the right latch...

... Lou Figone 408-966-4175



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# CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

**For sale:**

## 1960 TR3

It's been covered for many years. Needs restoration. I was always intending to restore but got into sailing and never got back to it. Now I am 88 years old and Parkinson disease keeps me from getting to restore it now. Car is metallic red. Clyde Bauer 8527 E Vernon; Scottsdale, AZ. 480-949-9003 / 602-510-6413 (cell)

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**For sale:**

Gt -6 Clutch and pressure plate very slightly used. \$120  
Gt -6 Standard Front Springs. \$50/ea. New never used.  
Gt -6 /Spitfire Front Calipers. \$60 Each  
GT-6 /Spitfire Two used diffs. 4:11 gearing. \$25  
Gt-6/Tr-6 exhaust manifold. \$20 used clean  
Gt-6 150 CD Carbs. Fully adjustable, clean. \$160 each  
GT-6 Transmission, 4-Speed, only 50,000 miles. \$300  
Tr- 6 Red fan. \$80  
Tr-6 Rear Brake Pads. – semi metallic. \$60 in box  
Tr-6 Tanoue cover like new. Black. \$20  
Generator, good condition rebuilt, works. \$140  
Starter Motor, slightly used. \$100  
4 U-Joints \$25/ea.  
2 Front Brake Discs. Sprt, or GT 6. \$35/ea.  
GT-6 or Tr-6 fuel pump. \$20

Email

[michaelbulfersport6@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbulfersport6@gmail.com)

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Dear All,

I have the following Spitfire 1500 parts which I would be happy to give to a Spitfire owner who could use them:

- \* Shift boot, Upper (Part # 680-720) - 1 of these
- \* Seal, A-Post to Door (Part #689-485) - 2 of these
- \* Original radio speaker - 1 of these

Email me if interested.

Julian Anderson  
Triumph TR6  
Julian@jajanderson.com

**Free to any paid up DCTRA member:**

I was cleaning out the garage and came across what appears to be a car bra for a TR6 earlier than my 1975 (perhaps a year where the front turn signals are above the bumper). If someone is interested in it, please let me know.



..... Julian Anderson: [julian@jajanderson.com](mailto:julian@jajanderson.com) (480) 577-4312 11-24 .....

**From:** MICHAEL SAMUELS <samuelsma@aol.com>

**Date:** January 16, 2026 at 5:02:55 PM HST

**To:** Members <members@dctra.org>

**Subject: Aluminum Silverstone wheels**

Friends,

You may have heard me mention that I have a set of original magnesium American Racing Silverstone wheels for my TR4. I ran them for about 2 years but then got worried about cracking them (and got tired of the fact that they hold air poorly). I had a set of VTO Silverstone replicas made and have my magnesium ones in boxes in the garage.

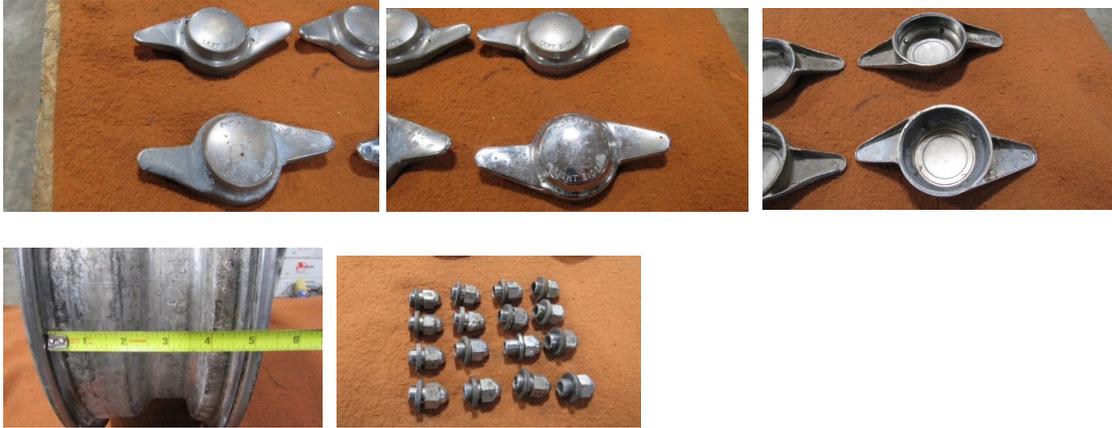
Dennis Wilson, the vintage Triumph dealer who sold me the '4, contacted me yesterday to say that he has a set of original aluminum (not magnesium) American Racing Silverstones for sale. There are 5 wheels and other parts including lug nuts and original Nokof brand spinners. The wheels and spinners are in need of restoration. Pics attached below. These wheels are 15 inch diameter.

These wheels and spinners fall into the "unobtainable" category. I would buy them, but I really don't need a third set of Silverstones. The cool thing about them is that they are a vintage item but they aren't brittle like my magnesium versions. Asking price is \$2200 for everything.

LMK if you have any interest.

Michael

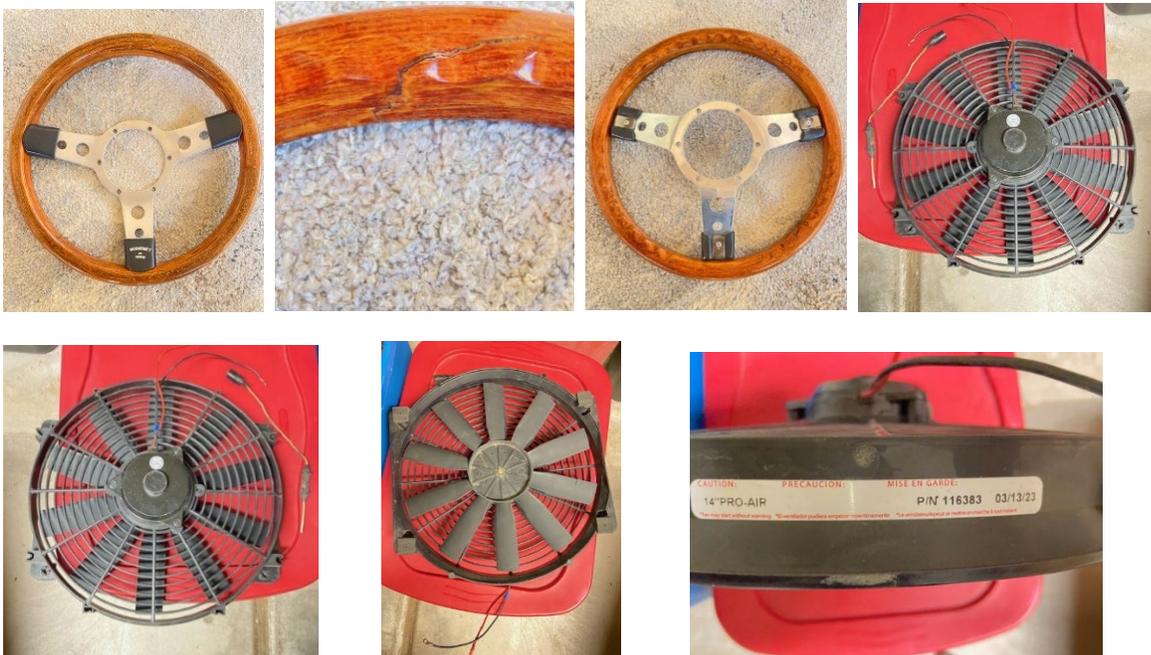




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**For sale:**

Nice 13" Mountney GT wood steering wheel and 14" electric fan. The wheel has a crack and has been repaired (see picture). Both were removed from my TR8 but should fit other models too. \$75.00 for both. 602 579 0579 [cbest1@cox.net](mailto:cbest1@cox.net)  
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**Notice:**

Do you have a Triumph or some Triumph parts to sell? **This is the place for your ad.** Are you looking for some unusual Triumph parts? **You can place a want ad here.** The DCTRA shares this newsletter with many other Triumph Clubs so your ad will have lots of exposure.

Have I placed an ad in this newsletter for you? Have you sold it or otherwise disposed of it? Please let me know so I can remove the ad.

Thank you,

George M Montgomery, editor  
[georgemonty32@gmail.com](mailto:georgemonty32@gmail.com)

## Help Wanted

**Project Title** – Master Technical Index (*Triumph Trumpeter*)

**Description** – Create a master index of technical articles that have been published in the DCTRA *Triumph Trumpeter* monthly newsletter from the beginning of recorded publication.

**Seeking** - DCTRA member with reasonable time to donate to this project. Has reliable internet access to the DCTRA website and able to search all previous monthly newsletters. Once the Index is created, will become an annual maintenance detail – for perhaps another club volunteer to assist with.

Will be working with MS Word and perhaps MS Excel. Roger will assist to get you 'on the road'.

**Timeline for Completion** – will depend on many factors. At the moment no target deadline.

**Contact:** Roger pls leave a voice mail ☺ 480-550-2906

**DCTRA** thanks you in advance.

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## **DCTRA Club Meeting Location:**

Note: Social meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at:

**Irish Wolfhound Pub. 16811 N Litchfield Rd, #102 Surprise, AZ, 85374.**

**No Map**



# Desert Centre Triumph Register of America MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Information  
Update \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER INFORMATION (please  
print):

Name(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Classic Vehicles Owned:

Year Acquired	Model	Commission #	Month/Year
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Annual Dues are based upon when you join DCTRA. Please check the dues option you want:

Joining period	_____ One Year	_____ Two Years	_____ Three Years
January 1 <sup>st</sup> through June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$40	\$70	\$100
July 1 <sup>st</sup> through December 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$20	\$50	\$80

Each membership includes one name badge. Additional name badges are available at the cost of \$10.00 each. Name as it should appear on badge(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

How are you paying your dues? \_\_\_ ZELLE to [Money@DCTRA.org](mailto:Money@DCTRA.org) \_\_\_ CHECK  
\_\_\_ CASH

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

Please scan and email, or return this completed form with the correct dues amount to:

Scott Porter, DCTRA Membership Chairperson  
PO Box 12100, Scottsdale, AZ 85267  
206-999-9977 [scottpor@hotmail.com](mailto:scottpor@hotmail.com)

We look forward to you joining DCTRA and sharing in our passion for the Triumph Motor Car!

# 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)

Licenses plate frame

**PAID:**

Membership fee \_\_\_\_\_

Name tags @ \$6.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Grille badges @ \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

License plate frame @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Space for more information:

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# Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America

[www.dctra.org](http://www.dctra.org)

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	<a href="http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph">http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph</a>
Portland Triumph Owners Association	<a href="http://www.portlandtriumph.org">www.portlandtriumph.org</a>
Tyee Triumph Club (Seattle)	<a href="http://www.tyee.triumph.org">www.tyee.triumph.org</a>
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.vtr2026.com">www.vtr2026.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>
British Wire Wheel	<a href="http://www.britishwirewheel.com">www.britishwirewheel.com</a>
Save Our Cars	<a href="http://www.saveourcars.org">www.saveourcars.org</a>
British Car Forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarforum.com">www.britishcarforum.com</a>
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.triumphtravelers.org">www.triumphtravelers.org</a>
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>
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	<a href="http://www.obcc.ca">www.obcc.ca</a>
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	<a href="http://www.vsgccc.ca">www.vsgccc.ca</a>
Moss Motors	<a href="http://www.mossmotors.com">www.mossmotors.com</a>
Small auction and forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarauction.com">www.britishcarauction.com</a>
Classic Autosport Magazine	<a href="http://www.classicautosport.net">www.classicautosport.net</a>
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>
Victoria British	<a href="http://www.victoriabritish.com">www.victoriabritish.com</a>
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