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MEETING: MAY 13 @ 7:00 PM
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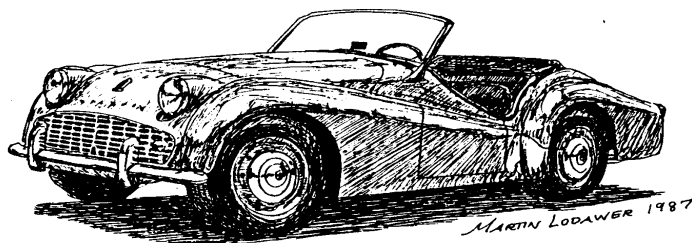
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

For membership information, contact Tom Pennell at 928-537-3355

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COMING EVENTS

MAY 18

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

Hosted by DCTRA

32nd Street & Shea Blvd

7:00 AM

for a 7:30 AM departure

MAY 24

TECH SESSION

AT JOHN HORTON'S GARAGE

14050 North 40th Lane

OBSERVE / HELP BUILD A

SPITFIRE ENGINE

ROY HAS MOVED (the shop)

Roy Stoney's British Sportscar Service has moved to 2316 East Polk. That's a block north of Van Buren just west of 24th street. I get to editorialize because I plan to do that for all our advertisers in their turns. Roy has been in the British car business forever, and he's the good, knowledgeable guy that volunteers the use of his shop for tech sessions and tuning. He pulls the trailer at the BEAT in case you break down, he drives a TR7 and races another. His main mechanic, Lewis Smith is the stout fellow you've seen around here driving a Herald. They're fair, professional, and thoroughly British at this shop, and they have the expertise and the tools our cars need. Your British car needs you. Make it smile; take it to Roy.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING:

Twenty-seven members were present for the April meeting; there were no guests. March minutes were accepted as printed. As the treasurer was absent, there was no report. Newsletter Editor Dave said he has bigger plans for the future. He asked that we e-mail news, event info, and ideas to him by the 20th of each month.

Ron Gurnee found that things are different in Arizona. A Fountain Hills pedestrian was killed crossing the road, but the car driver was not cited. Unlike California, a pedestrian here has the right of way only while in a crosswalk.

Delta Motorsports was given a short commercial, regarding their high performance spark plug wires.

HB2386 has been defeated. That proposed law, intended to combat cruisers, was poorly written so that it could have prohibited the gathering of cars for shows, rallies, breakfast runs, and the B.E.A.T. trip. Cars could have been confiscated. John Horton said he was appalled at the lack of knowledge of the legislators who wrote and supported HB2386. He spoke and answered questions before a senate committee on April 1st. At the end, the senators voted against it, 6 - 0. HB2315, excluding collector cars from emission testing, was once again killed with a "strike all" amendment, and will not be heard. The state's fear of the EPA keeps this idea from progressing. Rich said elected officials do not realize the magnitude of the economic impact of the collector car industry, nor the loss to our state from curtailing it. Scottsdale's Great Race and the Copper State One Thousand are just two examples that bring in tourists and revenue. Ron Gurnee thought it might help to gather signatures showing the interest and support. Each car going through emissions loses money for the state, added Dave Reynolds. Rich said a person from the Hobbyist Council has been collecting data on car clubs in Arizona.

Events - Rich read a long list of possibilities for future get-togethers. DCTRA is sponsoring the British Breakfast Run in May, and he asked for location ideas. Ideas were flying for both breakfast spots and day trips. Among others, Prescott was suggested by John Truttman, and Young's Farm by Dave R. The Northland Hospice Rally in September, Kathy Nuss said, was an event we might join in. Anyone willing to help chart routes, call or e-mail Rich.

We now have the video "Triumphs Across America", which is available for borrowing by members.

The door prize drawing was lively, as along with car-related gift certificates, we had home-made cookies from Sherry Spencer.

After the Cars for Sale session came the Race Report. John Horton told about the new Arizona Motorsports Raceway on the far West side, which he tried out with ASRA on March 15th. He said it's hard to find, but a beautiful track. Dave Riddle was also running that day. There is a good autocross area, but no grandstands for spectators as yet.

Tech Report - A question on lubricating a tachometer was followed by an admonition to check all systems regularly. John H. mentioned hearing of several cases of wiring fires under the dashboard, which Roy Stoney said were due to aging.

Meeting adjourned 8 PM.

Beth Horton, acting secretary.



**DON'T FORGET - SUNDAY MAY 13TH IS
MOTHER'S DAY**

So, be sure to get your Mother something really nice. Say, for example, a NARDI steering wheel or a set of really good all-terrain tires!

AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

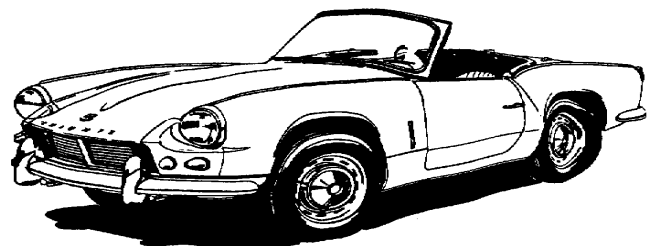
***Friday Nights at 5:30pm - McQueen & Warner (McQueen is Mesa Drive north of Baseline) on the northeast corner in the parking lot of a vacant ABCO grocery store.

***Friday Nights 4 to 9 PM at the Five and Diner in the Arizona Mills shopping center, Baseline & Priest.

***Saturday Nights at 5:30pm - Cruise-In at US60 & Power Rd. in Mesa (Its really on Hampton, just east of Wendys) On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

***Saturday Nights at 63rd Avenue & Bell - ????? (someone check this out for us, please?)

***Sunday Nights at 5:00pm at Famous Sam's in Apache Junction.



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Trumpeter Classic-fied ads are free to members and will run for three issues, unless extended by the advertiser. (That's why you see a date at the end of each ad). If you sell your item, let us know and we will remove the ad from the next issue. Otherwise, it will automatically disappear after the third consecutive printing.

For Sale - Spitfire MK1 - Frame-up restoration started 3 years ago. Frame and running gear complete. Still need to do engine, transmission, body and interior. Seats reupholstered, ready to install. Floorboards renewed, body in very good condition, will need minimum work before re-spray. New top, many other new parts. No time to finish. No reasonable offer refused. Call Tom Pennell 928-537-3355. (3/03)

For Sale - 1963 TR4, black over red in exceptional condition. Lots of spares. \$6000 OBO. Call Kris Flaig in L.A. (562) 421-7833 or e-mail kriswflaig@earthlink.net (3/03)


For ??? - Spitfire foundling in a field - 8614 N. 67th Ave. Basket case for \$400. Body looks OK and it's pre-emissions! Doc Smith did some investigation. (623) 847-3018 (3/03)

For Sale - '67 GT6, runs and looks great. Mags, new tires, \$5950 minus 10% for DCTRA members. Call (480) 231-3874 or e-mail shelly2003_1@yahoo.com (3/03)

For Sale - '76 TR7 Red w/black int. Low miles, factory air. Nice condition Call Gary Beckham (623) 412-3979 or e-mail bbeckham@msn.com (3/03)

Wanted - Hardtop for '74 TR6. Call Tony Chapman at (602) 956-5101 or e-mail acchapman@cox.net (3/03)

NOTE: Good TR info site: www.rucompatible.com/triumph (tip from Dave Riddle) (3/03)



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ROY'S NEW ADDRESS**

THE PREZ SEZ

We, the pres, vice, sect, editor, had a meeting at the Imperial to reflect on the running of the club. We have had some changes in the structure and running of same in the last year. With the loss of Roger, and Triumphest, we had our collective hands full. With the help provided by many members we pulled it off.

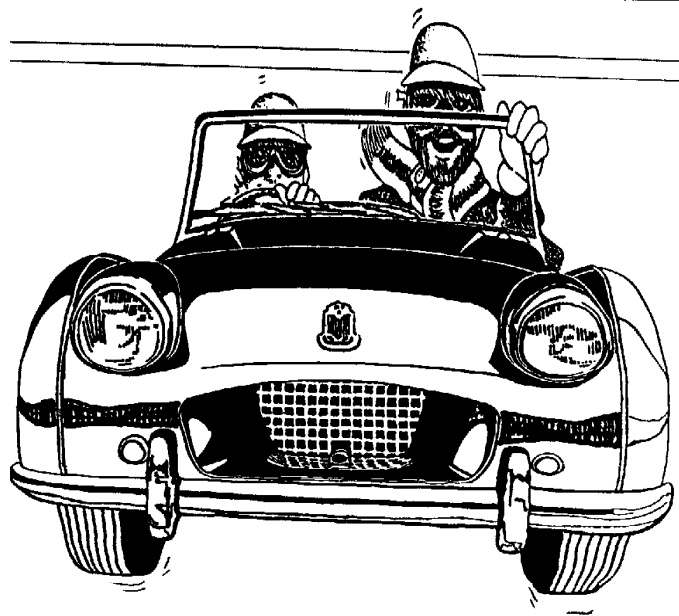
The incorporation went smoothly, and we are legal at this point. The meeting place is confirmed and we will continue to meet there until a change is mandated. I will have the greeting cards to hand out at the next meeting. Our newer members have brought forth new and interesting ideas and practices. Due to some of these we will be making some changes in the way the meeting is run and new or possible members are greeted.

New members are the lifeblood of the Triumph car fraternity. We will concentrate on enlisting new people to join. Our "greeter", Ron Gurnee will be responsible for that phase. A new member packet will be generated to hand out. This will include information on suppliers, local repair shops, insurance, our gurus for each marque for repair or maintenance info and anything deemed necessary. Our existing members can also make known if you would also like one.

A change in the event this month: we will be going to host the "British car breakfast" This is a fun group and an easy no brainer rally to an unknown establishment for breakfast. Try to attend. We will also have a tech session to assemble Rich Aubert's Spitfire engine. This will be in my garage and we will do a block assembly. I will try to show the use of Plastigauge and using measurements to ensure a proper engine assembly.

With the hot weather almost on us we will look at some evening events to avoid the heat. I know, "its a DRY heat", still it's hot. Onward and upward!

Cheerio, John Horton



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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

REMEMBERING ROGER

At 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th, most of the 145 or so cars registered for the B.E.A.T. met at I-17 and Dunlap in the hotel parking lot. We signed in, got 'goody' bags, and had an early breakfast snack. The weather was perfect ! between 50 and 70 degrees the whole trip, great top-down weather!

We convoyed to Wickenburg, where we passed a Porsche on the side of the road "visiting" with a nice police person. We parked at the old train depot and had more coffee, juice and donuts. Someone climbed up on the wooden longhorn steer atop one of the buildings around the train station to photograph all the parked cars. Meanwhile, tourists walking around took in the sight of 145 small foreign cars of many marques, years and colors.

From Wickenburg we took the high desert along U.S. Route 93 / State Route 89 North , then on Highways 97 to 96 into the pine forests outside Prescott. On the way, some of us spotted a large dead animal on the road that looked like either a fox or a mountain cat. Anybody ID the body for sure? (A fox. - Ed)

In Prescott we had special dispensation from the City fathers to park along Whiskey Row. Tourists and townspeople came to gawk at the sight. Some of the B.E.A.T. people ate lunch at the Whiskey Row restaurants, some went shopping in the quaint shops. Then there were the die-hard car enthusiasts who either primped their vehicles or had to repair them, like Rich and Diane Aubert, driving an '80 Triumph TR7, who had to replace a brake light switch purchased five blocks off Whiskey Row.

We all drove out of Prescott looking like a bloomin' parade! But the fun didn't stop there for the Auberts. Almost to the turnoff onto Highway 89A, they had to return to Prescott to retrieve Diane's camera left at the Palace Restaurant. Bringing up the rear, they came upon Fran Wickenhauser and his '75 Triumph TR6 stopped by a failed ignition. John and Lila Truttman and Mark Loeschen and his son were helping direct traffic coming around the mountain curve on the narrow, two-lane highway. That was the end of Fran's B.E.A.T.!

The drive up the mountain and down through the twisting streets of Jerome was uneventful, nobody got stopped by the police like last year. Again, tourists gawked at all those funny little foreign cars forming a parade through the town. Then through the touristy town of Clarkdale and parking (on the grass this time ! how nice!) in Cottonwood for an ice cream sandwich break.

Check-in at Little America and/or Holiday Inn went smoothly. At 5:00 p.m. the Happy Hour / Hospitality Party commenced on the back lawn of Little America. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres were set up with tables and chairs, and a sociable time was had by all who didn't crash in their hotel rooms!

At the Sunday breakfast in Little America's banquet room, we had our choice from the generous buffet and omelets-by-chef tables. Digital photos from the run were displayed on a large TV screen. A raffle was held ! lots of prizes, lots of winners. At our table, Deta Hampsch, got a hat and a Dremel Tool; Rich Aubert, won the B.E.A.T. sweatshirt and 6-month subscription to Classic MotorSport donated by our club; and Elaine Gurnee won a coveted, much-sought-after Victoria's Secret gift certificate!

The number and kinds of cars that participated were: 1 AC Cobra, 21 Alfa Romeos, 3 Austin Healeys, 1 Bentley, 19 BMWs, 2 Ferrari's, 2 Fiats, 20 Jaguars, 1 Jensen, 3 Lotuses, 1 Mercedes, 9 MGs, 1 MGB, 4 Minis, 2 Morgans, 9 Porsches, 2 Saabs, 18 Triumphs, 4 Volvos, 22 too fast to know.

A HUGE, HEARTFELT THANK-YOU TO MIKE AND JANICE GOODWIN, proud owners/drivers of a 1968 pale primrose yellow Jaguar XKE. As usual, they did a marvelous job, which is why the trip went off without a "hitch". You did Roger proud!

Check out the D.C.T.R.A. web site for trip photos. If anyone has any more pictures of the trip they want to share, please e-mail them to Rich Aubert at "richaubert@aol.com".

Diane Aubert



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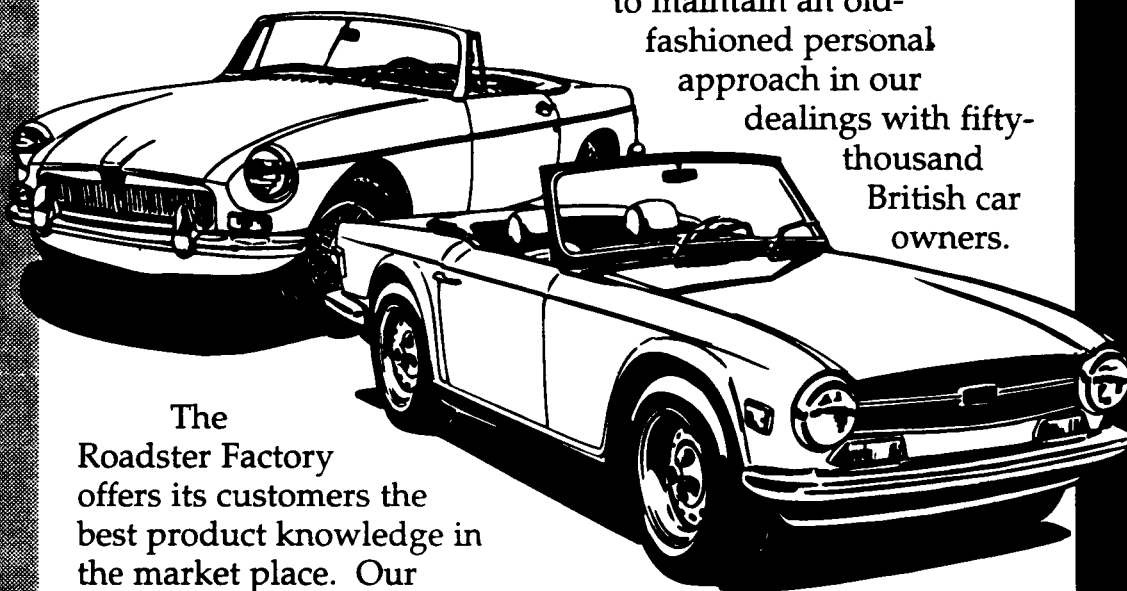
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