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Bo Shaw on the BEAT

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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On the Cover: Bo Shaw's Triumph TR3, photo curtsey of Bo Shaw.

Prez Sez – May 2015

Stu Lasswell, President

Maybe it's just me, but doesn't it seem like Spring is just flying by? It's already May (almost) and I know what's coming in June, July, August and September! Well, one good thing about Summer is that there are more hours of daylight each day to get stuff done... just more heat to make you not want to do any of it!

Spring does bring us some great driving weather, and I must say that we had some great weather for this year's BEAT tour. Although the overall number of cars was down a bit, there was a pretty good assortment and variety to see. Everything from lowly MGs (sorry!) and Minis to Aston Martin, McLaren, and Rolls Royce! Of course Triumphs seemed to be the most prevalent marque, with TRs ranging from 3 to 7 (including 250) as well as a Spitfire and a GT6. Fourteen Triumphs were registered this year, with Jaguar coming in second with ten!

To the best of my knowledge everyone made it home safely and under their own power... although my TR3 seemed bound and determined to experience a "failure to proceed". First there was the usual drivability problems associated with altitude. A little fiddling with the advance and mixture while in Prescott seemed to handle that fairly well. Then, after leaving Prescott heading towards Mingus Mountain I saw that my generator light was flickering, actually staying more on than off, and there was a kind of faint rattle emanating from under the bonnet. Expecting to see a loose belt, or maybe a loose alternator, I was not expecting to see the back half of the alternator wobbling separately from the front! It seems one of those long, skinny bolts that hold it together was gone, and at least one other was loose. The zip tie I stuck through the hole didn't seem to help, so we proceeded through Jerome and on into Cottonwood. A bolt from a used core alternator courtesy of AutoZone failed to make a difference, so it was on through Sedona to Flagstaff.

We decided Sunday morning to just soldier on through the mountains toward home, hoping that there was enough charge in the battery to get us home (it is all downhill, right?) so we headed on through town toward the Lake Mary Rd. route out of Flag. Then, not more than two miles from the hotel, it seemed to be running on three cylinders! A quick check under the bonnet revealed coolant sprayed all over the ignition system from a split thermostat bypass hose! Fortunately, I happen to have a spare in the boot, so a quick roadside repair, a half-gallon of coolant, and a WD40 hose-down of the distributor, and we were on the road again. I must say, my anxiety didn't really diminish until we were safely back in the Valley!

You know, I'm thinking of taking the MINI nex	xt year!!! Happy Motoring!
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Stu Lasswell

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

April wasn't a particularly busy month but there were some significant annual events: the Copperstate 1000 Rallye and the British European Auto Tour. Both are chances to view a ecliptic mix of interesting cars that always get the juices flowing for any auto enthusiast.

I was not able to drive the BEAT this year. I have made plans for a trip in late May early June, such as a 2-3 week trip in the TR6 winding through Texas, Oklahoma and back again. The trip is a business trip for me to visit some long time clients, then a high school reunion and finally a visit with my sister in Oklahoma City. There I will meet with my daughter and 10 year old grandson. Jennifer will fly back to Florida. Gryphon and I will take a 3-4 day trip back to Arizona, stopping along the way to see a canyon in west Texas, a dinosaur museum in New Mexico and whatever else I can find for a 10 year old. 3 day road trip on the back roads with a young auto enthusiast! I will probably miss the June DCTRA meeting because I will still be in OKC that week.

Thanks to all those who contributed articles and photos for the newsletter. This is a publication for you and about you and any photos of our events are appreciated. I am publishing this tonight, April 30th so you can print tonight and take with you on the Historic Rt 66 Fun Run tomorrow. I am told that there are over ten DCTRA cars that making the trip. I'll see you in the morning.

George

Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds, V. Pres & Events Chairman

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2015

May 1-3th - Rt.66 Fun Run

May 5th - AAHC Public Meeting – Phoenix

May 9th - Yarnell Daze Car Show

May 9th – AZMinis to St. Anthony's Monastery

May 12th - DCTRA Business Meeting

July 25th – Swim In Movie – at LaCasse (The Italian Job)

On-going events:

Saturday Night cruise @ Kmart, Power Rd & Hampton. Scottsdale Pavilions Saturday evening car show

NEXT CLUB MEETING

(Second Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Business Meeting

Denny's Restaurant; 650 N Scottsdale Rd; Tempe, AZ 85281

Starts at 7:00 PM

Come at 6:00 PM to eat and socialize

May 2015 Membership Report:

We have added no new members as of 04-21-2015. Our current membership is 163 members from 102 paid memberships. Reminder to please sign in at the monthly meeting and as always please wear your name badge. All members should now have all their membership materials, if not please contact Dave Freet and I will do my best to get you the missing items.

NEW MEMBERS:

For membership information, contact: Dave Freet at 480-706-4943 (home) or 602-881-1860 (cell) or email: fxstsaz00@cox.net

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Application form on page 18

Our Webmaster.





Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America April 2015 DCTRA MEETING

DCTRA Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2015

President Stu Lasswell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 670 N. Scottsdale Rd. Tempe, AZ

ATTENDEES: 38 total. 37 members and 1 visitor were in attendance. 12 TRs were driven to the meeting.

Members:

Jim Bauder (drove aTR250) Michael Blachut (drove a TR)

Pete Bowen Bill Close

Virgil Cole

Paul & Marla Dorman (drove a TR7)

George & Chris Durkin (drove a 1976 TR6)

Dave Freet (drove a 1970 TR6)

Gene Glenn Ron Gurnee

John & Cheri Heisser John Horton (drove a TR)

Betsy Kavash Chuck Kerzan

Stu Lasswell (drove a 1957 TR3)

Mark Leinweber (drove a 1973 TR6)

Bob & Louise Mazer Bob & Louise McIlravy

Ron McRoy

George Montgomery

Dave & Denine Muré (drove a 1972 Spitfire)

Pete Peterson Ronald Price

Matt Reynolds (drove a 1959 TR3)

Pam Rineholt

Bo & Laureen Shaw (drove a 1958 TR3A)

David Stephens

George "Pete" Thompson Wayne "Kiwi" & Patsy Treloar

Visitors:

Bill Costaras (drove a 1980 TR8)

Stu opened the meeting and asked if anyone here is new or hasn't been here for a while. John Scott, not really new to DCTRA was here for the first time in a while. He has a Morgan and a MGB. Bill Castaras is a visitor tonight. He has a TR8 and drove it tonight. Welcome Bill. Also, here tonight is new member, Ron McRoy, who has a 1970 TR6 that is in the shop right now. Welcome Ron.

MINUTES from March meeting:

No one reported any revisions or corrections so the Minutes as published in the Triumph Trumpeter Newsletter were moved and accepted as written. Stu reminded members to be sure to read them.

TREASURER

No report. Treasurer was not at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Dave Freet, Membership Chair, reported we have 107(members) in the Club but that does not represent the same number of paid memberships. Some paid memberships include two-plus people so there is not a one-to-on correlation between the number of paid memberships and the number of people in the club. Dave will also have more detailed Membership report elsewhere in the April Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

George Montgomery has published the newsletter and reminds us to please contribute information, news and pictures for inclusion into the Triumph Trumpeter newsletter.

EVENTS

Matt Reynolds, VP and Events, reported on upcoming events. See information elsewhere in the Newsletter. Also look for email from Matt for other events. .

- May 2-3 Rt. 66 Fun Run
- July TBD Armand is planning a "Swim-In" movie night at his house to enjoy the pool and a movie!
- June 12-14, 2015 63nd Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, Co

This last event is recommended by a member who has attended this event in the past. It is a marvelous opportunity for those sports car enthusiasts of every mark to come together for sunny days, cool nights, and unique events. It has the oldest continually-held time-speed-distance rally in the United States. Details at this site:

http://www.namgar.com/events/calendar_details/63rd_annual_rallye_glenwood_springs/

Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council (A.A.H.C):

No report. The AAHC meeting was last week (April 7) and we did not have a representative. John Horton and Jim Bauder will decide between them who will attend the next meeting based on its location.

See AAHC website at this link: http://www.arizonaautomobilehobbyistcouncil.com/

TECHNICAL

No technical report. Technical advisor was not at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Recall, last month we approved \$120 club funds to be used by Denine Muré to purchase various items to make up a basket or two that will be used as a raffle prize for the BEAT. Denine used the money to fashion two baskets (one guy-focused and one gal-focused) and did not use all the money. She is returning the balance of \$71.14 (and the receipts) back to the Club. Thank you.

John Horton reported he spent about \$80 for food/supplies for his last Garage Day and about 18 to 20 people attended.

NEW BUSINES

Stu mentioned as a new idea for the benefit of the club and members that we will start a 50/50 raffle. This is easier than raffling items as someone would have to go shopping for raffle prizes (but this still could be done on occasion).

We received a thank you note from Halo Animal Welfare. Thanking us for our generous donation in December.

Announcements

Dave Muré now has a 1970 SST Javelin 360. It sat for 10 years. Dave has it running and running great.

Kiwi has a friend in San Diego with a 1972 TR6 for sale (magenta). It has approximately 115K miles on the clock, overdrive and no rust. Kiwi is visiting shortly and will bring back photos.

Pete Peterson has a 1974 TR6 for sale also.

Reminder that members may advertise for free in the Triumph Trumpeter – DCTRA's newsletter so make sure you keep that in mind if you have something to sell. Non-members pay a fee.

Regalia: We have Club Gear for sale that include Tee shirts, polo or twill shirts and items showing our official logo -- grille badges, lapel pins, and license plate frames. Please support the Club. Contact the Club Secretary or see Betsy during the meeting to order.

AJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded; with no objection the meeting ended at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Kavash DCTRA Secretary

On a sad note

Monday, April 20th - Linda Nicholson passed away at her home early morning. She was asleep when she passed. Rick Story was at her side, holding her hand & quietly talking to her. Linda wanted to be home & this was exactly how she wanted it to be.

As for donations and/or flowers, the family is asking everyone to wait until a decision has been made.

Copperstate 1000 Send Off

By George Montgomery, Editor

On a Saturday morning, April 18th, a dozen or so DCTRA members met at a Denney's Restaurant for coffee and breakfast before heading to the ASU Diablo Stadium to watch the Copperstate 1000 Rallye Send Off. This is an annual event led by our V. Pres, Matt Reynolds. I believe there were 8 Triumphs and 2 civilian cars. I was told the registration fee is about \$6,200, but the registration varies. The registration fee does include the hotel room, certain dinners and the DPS escort. There are a number of car clubs that caravan together like us, so strolling through the parking lot before entering the stadium is as enjoyable as viewing the rallye entrants themselves. After looking at the various hot rods, '50's customized car and various sports cars, both vintage, classic and modern we enter the stadium where the rallye entrants are lined up around the infield waiting for the "official" send off with an announcement of each car, driver and navigator.

I like to stroll through the entries, take photos of certain favorites, rare ones and just good looking cars. I play a game with myself in trying to select just 10 cars that will go into my imaginary "ten car garage. Sometimes it gets really tough having to restrict my selections. In the past, the cars were announced and started by 10:00am. This year, for some reason the start was delayed till noon. After my Canadian neighbor and I had thoroughly inspected each car, we grew tired and hot by 10:30 so we left. Did not get to see the "official" this year. Oh, well. We've watched them before. We got to see this year's entries. It was time to go see what other interesting viewers were parked out front. I've included some photos of my favorites of the cars there.





These are some of the little hot rods and a new retro sports car based on a Volvo chasis, I think.



The rallye entrants were a varied mixture of vintage, classic and modern cars.



There were a lot of Corvettes, and '50's Old's and Mercury's that had formerly ran a Mexican Pan Am Race. But not these.

The BEAT 2015

By George M Montgomery Photos by Bo Shaw and Amanda LaCasse

The British European Auto Tour (BEAT) is a rallye started 18 years ago by DCTRA member Roger Gozowsky, and Jag Club member Mike Goodwin. Our member, Roger, deceased a numbers ago, but Mike and his wife, Janice have carried on with the annual event. It was intended to provide a chance for British and European auto enthusiast to drive their cars on a weekend rallye. The rallye leaves north Phoenix and winds through back roads stopping in Wickenburg, Prescott and Cottonwood. It ends in Flagstaff for an overnight stay, then a individual trip back to the Phoenix Valley.

I was not able to drive the BEAT this year, because of events that I have planned later next month, but I have received several photos taken that weekend. Stu Lasswell sent me the best write-up, see his Prez Sez column. He said there were 14 Triumphs registered, and all made it back under their own power. Be sure to read Stu's column. It underscores what I feel is one of the most intriguing aspects of our LBCs. That is taking a 45-50 year old vehicle that you have strived to maintain in good if not perfect (?) condition and drive it 400-500 miles for a weekend trip. Sure it is in excellent condition. Otherwise you wouldn't start out. Be that as it may, on a vintage vehicle with 100K plus miles on it, things break. The fun is anticipating what part might break and what will be needed to keep it together: lacing wire, zip ties, duct tape, paper clips, and coat hangers. It is like a game that challenges our mechanical and MacGyver abilities. See what breaks, deal with it alongside the road or in a parking lot, then press on till you return home. The prize is returning home under your own power. Way to go, Stu.



The staging area is in the large parking lot behind the Sheraton Hotel at Dunlap and I-17.



The rest stop for lunch is on Whiskey Row, downtown Prescott.



The Triumph marque is well represented on the BEAT.



There also is a large assortment of ecliptic marques as well.

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DCTRA Spark Plug Award

By John Nuss

This is a "Quarterly Report" of Spark Plug points earned. It appears that attending the meeting WITH your Triumph helps earn points. Furthermore, planning and writing about the event gets points, too. At this point there are many people with quite a few points. This does not include the most recent SCCA autocross- Stu? Jeff? - or the recent B.E.A.T.- eleven of our folks participated- Dave Denine? Among the many. I guess it would be OK to read about the same event from many different sources. So drive the Triumph, take pictures and write a paragraph or two.

Armrest

Article and photos by Craig Kenyon

For thirty years, I rested my hand on the gearshift knob while cruising in fourth. With my left arm on the top of the door, right arm supported by the gear shift lever, I was comfy. Then, a Bill Close five speed happened and I had nowhere to rest my right arm while cruising. I looked at several of our members arm rests they had and researched what was available. Some are very nice, cubby holes for small items, cup holders, courtesy lights and more. All were reasonably priced. However, I felt they all made the somewhat cramped cockpit even more so and were somewhat in the way when shifting. Time to design!

I wanted something that was secure, not flimsy, right height for me, stylish and retractable for spirited driving. Also, something that would stow away as small as possible. With some leftover sheet metal, plywood, nuts & bolts, deerskin leather from another project and foam, I set about. The final product stows away just in front of the package shelf, is very low profile even with the foam pad on top of the plywood, adjusts somewhat in height and is bolted securely to the floor of the car. It pulls forward and up when needed and stows aft when not. The only modification to install was two slits in the carpet piece covering the driveshaft tunnel. I have saved the drawings if interested.

Armrest: continued



Stowed back and down.

Close up of low profile when stowed



Pulling forward for use.

In position and adjusted.



Bolted to floor underneath the seat belt anchors, very secure and stout.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

I have got a spitfire racing head - don't know how much has been skimmed off of it but it's ready to go completely rebuilt. Also a Weber 40 carb and a Vitesse gas tank. I want \$100 each on these. Thanks, John Lindly

lindly1907@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

1970 MG Midget, no rust, excellent to restore, build an autocross car or at the very least great parts. Previous owner had significant engine work done, but has not run in over a year. Should start right up with clean gas and a minor tune up. Minilite style wheels, MGB oil cooler, Lots of extra parts including a new interior panel kit and manuals. I wish I had the time, car is worthy of good home. \$1700.00 obo. Please call or text Jeff Fairman, 602-206-5101.

FOR SALE: TRIUMPH TR6 J TYPE TRANSMISSION - \$2100 (north phoenix)

INCLUDES:

J Type Overdrive Conversion Kit

LUK Clutch and Pressure Plate

Gunst Throw Out Bearing

Aluminum Fly Wheel (needs machining)

Column Switch and Escution

Speedo Angle Drive

Trans is rebuilt with 0 miles

Syncros and Bearings and Gaskets

Counter Shaft and First and Third Gears Case #CC1240 30

(TRANSMISSION ONLY, SELLS FROM QUANTUM MECHANICS FOR \$2375.00)
PLEASE CALL 602-569-4889 ASK FOR PATRICK

For Sale: Miscellaneous Triumph TR6 parts

1 – Rebuilt fuel pump for TR6	\$ 35
1 – 175-CD Stromberg, rebuilt by Palteck, micro polished throughout	\$ 275
1 – TR6 engine nut/bolt rebuild kit	\$ 30
1 – Heat shield, new	\$ 15
1 – Used TR6 Steering Wheel	\$ 10
1 – Rubber Boot #680-100	\$ 5
2 - New drive shaft, gaiter covers #680-105	\$ 10

Wayne "Kiwi" Treloar (480) 986-1268

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

For Sale: TR6

72,000 original miles. Topaz with factory black striping. Runs very well. Over \$7,000 recently invested including new brakes, new hydraulics, new tires, new fuel lines, new water pump and more. \$13,900. Call or email me for additional details. Yes I am a Club member.

Patrick J. Feltes 6505 E. Rancho del Oro Cave Creek, AZ 85331 Pfeltes49@gmail.com 623-312-5424





Triumph parts lists available: 1. TR 3/4 parts

2. TR 6 parts

3. Misc. and books and tools

Email requests for lists you want.

mepavlik@yahoo.com

Mike Pavlik '72 TR6A 480 883 8980

DCTRA Club Meeting location:

Note that regular Meeting locations are on the second Tuesday of the Month:



Denny's Restaurant 650 N. Scottsdale Rd. Tempe, AZ 85281



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Dave Freet, Membership Chairperson

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Each household at the cost of \$6.		ne badge additional name badge	es are available		
Name wanted on badg	e(s):				

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are joining DCTRA for the first time (not renewing your existing membership), dues are \$18.00 if joining between January 1 and September 30 if after September 30 the cost is \$23.00 which takes you December 31 of following year (15 months), so that everyone's dues become payable on January 1st each year. If you want to take advantage of the multiple-year discount, add \$34 or \$50 to your first year's tiered fees.

Regalia

We have grill badges for \$25.00 each and lapel pins for \$5.00 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	

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