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Tuesday, May 10, 2016 BUSINESS MEETING Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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On the cover: John Reynold's TR6 sitting on the Mesilla Plaza

Prez Sez – May 2016

Stu Lasswell, President

May is finally upon us (or it will be by the time this is published) and thus far I can say that the weather has been just great for cruising around in a Triumph! Our first event of the last month (a drive out to Tortilla Flat) was a success, I would say, with 3 TR-6s, 3 TR-3s(!) a TR-250, a Spitfire, not to mention a Jaguar XJ6 and a Miata! John Nuss joined us at the starting point in his Spitfire, but was unable to join us for the tour. So, eleven cars out for an early Saturday morning drive amounts to a pretty good turnout in my book.

The run itself was picture perfect, in that the weather was beautiful, the traffic was light, and nobody suffered any "failure to proceed" moments. The road itself follows a great path of twists and turns, hills and dales, with great vistas of the lake and the desert landscape. The one major drawback is the road surface condition, which in some areas has deteriorated to the point that it really detracts from the overall experience. At the end, I suggested that we all take some time and go over each car with a "spanner" and tighten up all the loose nuts and bolts. Keith Davis, who drove his immaculate TR-3, proposed that the club's annual charitable donation be to the highway department specifically for the repaving of that road! Would that we could encourage such a thing... no doubt many car (and motorcycle) clubs would contribute to that end.

If you missed that event (or want to do it again) we will be repeating that drive for the benefit of a group of Texas Triumph enthusiasts passing through our state this month. They call themselves F.O.G. (funny old guys) and will be in town (staying in Scottsdale) May 19th through 21st. They'd like to meet up with club members for "happy hour" while here, and look forward to a tour with us, so I'm arranging another run out to Tortilla Flat for Saturday morning, May 21st. I'll be sure to send out emails with more details regarding their visit as I get them.

In addition to that, I'm sure activities director Clebe will have other events listed on our calendar for you to participate. in. Now is the time to get out there and enjoy driving your Triumph... before the summer heat makes it more torture that pleasure! See you on the road... Stu Lasswell

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

Well, the "rush" period for my seasonal, part-time, semi-retirement tax practice is now over. The last couple of weeks I was able to work on a few projects on my Triumph, preparing it for the trip to Las Cruses. It is nice to get out of town, on the road and relax for a while.

The British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico put on a nice meet last weekend. I am late now getting the May TRiumph TRumpeter out, but I wanted to get some photos in this issue and a story about the event. I hope that you find the wait worthwhile, too. What's more, once I get this issue done, I will be free to relax even more and work on other projects such as changing out light fixtures in our house, trimming the big tree in the back yard and vacuuming the leaves, cleaning the sheds and work area, putting away parts, tools and other things that were "dropped" until I had the time to put them away. A bad habit of mine that I've had for some 50 years. One of these days I hope that I can get a new habit ingrained. I'm the eternal optimist.

I am sorry that I did not receive a Meet Our Member article this month. I've asked several people and was promised one but they're apparently as busy as I have been. Maybe their schedules will have lightened up as mine has. I want to thank Stu for his article on the Autocrossing Scene. It helps to bring in publicity for the autocrossers which brings in new members. Speaking of Stu, I got to

look at the various cars at the British Car Show Saturday morning with Stu as we wandered around and making our people's choice selection. If you ever have a chance to view cars at a car show with Stu, you'll be in for a real treat. He is a wealth of information about these cars, whether it is the Triumphs, MGs, obscure ones like the HRG, he is well read and retains a lot of valuable trivia about various marquees. I wish I could remember half of what he told me. I felt that I should have taken a small device to record all that he said.

We'll see you at the business meeting next Tuesday, on the 10^{th,} won't we? I hope so. I miss you.

George

Calendar of Events

Editor's note: If you have had a favorite event or activity (ice-cream run, a drive for breakfast or dinner, a Hare and Hound Rallye, etc.) in the past that is not on the calendar let Clebe know and that you will help him to organize it and help put it on. I sure that he would appreciate your assistance.

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2016:

May 7th – Yard Sale Rallye. Meet at 32 & Shea 8AM. Pursue bargains - categories to follow. Conclude at The Codfather 11:30-ish to award prizes.

May 10 - DCTRA May Business Meeting - Denny's Restaurant, 6PM dinner, 7 PM meeting

September 8-11 - Triumphest 2016

Ventura, CA. For more info and registration go to: www.triumphest2016.com

October 15 - Tucson Classics Car Show

Tucson, AZ. 10am-4pm at The Gregory School. For more info go to: www.rotarytccs.com

On-going events:

Saturday Night cruise @ Kmart, Power Rd & Hampton.
Scottsdale Pavilions Saturday evening car show
Impala Bob's Falcon Warbirds Breakfast Cruise – every third Saturday

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May 10, 2016 (Second Tuesday of each month) Business Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM

Denney's Restaurant

650 N Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ 85281

May 2016 Membership Report:

Hello all you Triumph buffs:

We have no new members and the current membership stands at 146 members from 92 memberships. I would like people to consider raises in the club dues so that we can discuss and vote on it at the May meeting. I am proposing we raise the 1-year membership to \$20.00, the 2-year membership to \$37.00, and the 3-year membership to \$55.00.

For membership information, contact: Dave Freet at 480-706-4943 (home) or 602-881-1860 (cell) or email: fxstsaz99@cox.net

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Application form on page 17

Our Webmaster





Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America April 2016 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The April 2016 meeting of the Desert Center Triumph Register of America was called to order by the president, Stu Lasswell (TR3) at 7:00 pm at the usual meeting place, Denny's Restaurant, Scottsdale Road and Loop 202.

Attendance:

Present were: Jim Bauder, Michael Blachut, TR3, Philip Couture, George & Chris Durkin, TR6, Jeffrey Fairman, Dave Freet, Dave Freet, John & Cheri Heisser, John & Beth Horton, Ed & Peggy Jacobs, TR3, Paul Jordan, TR6, Betsy Kavash, Stuart Lasswell, TR3, Bob Mazer, Marvin Miller, TR6, George Montgomery, Dave & Denine Mure', Spitfire, John & Kathy Nuss, Spitfire, Mark Peters & Yi-Wen Chan, TR4A, Pete Peterson, TR6, Ronald Price, John Reynolds, TR6, Matt Reynolds, Pamela Rineholt, Bo Shaw, TR3, Marie Thompson, TR6, Don Becker, Gene Glen.

Guests present were: Steve Campbell, two Bug-eyed Sprites, no TR, Marty Lea, '59 TR3, Larry Cross, TR6.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Nuss reported the income and expenses from the past month. The Club is solvent.

Newsletter: George Montgomery requests articles on the Copperstate 1000 and Tortilla Flat run.

There was no hobbyist council report, no meeting held.

Activities:

Sign-up sheet for our 2017 Triumphest committees was sent around. Little America, the official hotel is already accepting reservations; it is suggested to reserve rooms early. 2016 Triumphest in California is September 8th -10th. Cars & Coffee in Scottsdale is first Saturday, another Cars & Coffee in Chandler, Annual British Car Days in Mesilla, NM, April 29th – May 1st, another Tortilla Flat run with visiting "FOG" group on May 21st.

Membership Report:

Dave Freet reported ninety-one memberships, 190 members.

Tech Talk:

Jeff Fairman drained oil out of a transmission before removing the plug, and has been unable to remove the plug. Suggestions: fill through the cover; drill & tap to install a new plug, leaving the old one in place; weld a nut on the old plug, heat it and pop it out.

John Horton helped John Maslak with his brown '74 TR6, which he now needs to sell, and John would like it to be sold quickly so it is removed from his shop. The car is all apart, including new parts. John H. believes John M. would be open to offers.

Arnold Shakleford, 480-206-3898, has a '67 TR4A for sale. It is in good shape except for a burned body.

Business:

None was brought forward. The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Pamela Rineholt, Secretary

SCCA Autocross for May

April's local SCCA autocross event concluded the Spring (four event) season, and both Gareth Parry-Jones and I were there at Arizona Motorsports Park to defend our mediocre standing in our respective classes. Gareth had a decent outing, and concluded the season firmly in second class with his Ford Focus. Actually, that sounds better than it is, in that it's second out of TWO! In all fairness to Gareth, his competition is a guy who does nothing but race his MINI Cooper all over the country, every weekend. He (nor I) would have any chance of defeating him.

My competition class is better attended, but my results are no better than Gareth's. I placed third for the season, beating a few, but still not up to my usual expectations. I will say, and no doubt Gareth would agree, that it's always a blast regardless where we end up in the standings, especially if we can see improvement with each run. Much as I'm enjoying driving my MINI and the close competition within my class, I'm thinking of driving my TR-3 for the fall season. It's really a lot of fun to toss around an autocross course, and even though it's slower than many of the more modern cars, I'm always told that it's faster than most people anticipated, and always fun to watch! I'm hoping some other DCTRA members might like to come out and do a little autocrossing with us in the fall... it's a great way to add a new dimension to your enjoyment of your car. It will add to your appreciation for your Triumph, and make you a safer driver, allowing you to know your car's (and your own) abilities and limitations. Don't you think it would be better to experience those limits in a closed, safe environment rather than as you suddenly lose traction on a mountain road? Think about that...

There is an event in May, on Saturday the 14th, again out at Arizona Motorsports Park (by Luke AFB). I will not be able to attend (I'll be in California for a wedding) but I'd be happy to answer any queries regarding classing, registration, costs, etc. The next scheduled event after that will be in the fall (September). That will be a great event to prepare yourself (and your Triumph) for the autocross at Triumphest 2016 in Ventura, CA!

If you would like to attend, whether to participate or just see what goes on (and ride along) you can contact me (Stu Lasswell) at (480)577-2685) or at debnstu2@yahoo.com. More event info can be found at azsolo.com. Registration at: mindthecones.com.

Stu Lasswell

Meet Our Members

Our DCTRA Member!

by Who?

Do you know a club member who we should all know about? Suggest a name and wiin a free copy of this newsletter. (I have a very low budget.)

I am out of member profiles. Send me a story of how you got started or interested in Triumphs or in sports cars or how you acquired your latest pride and joy.



Annual British Car Days Mesilla, NM

By George M Montgomery Photos: Paul Jordan & George M Montgomery

A bunch of us went to the 24th Annual British Car Days Meeting at Mesilla, NM, hosted by the British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico on April 29th – May 1st. Our club, DCTRA was well represented and captured trophies in all classes entered. Some members drove there on Thursday morning and some of us who did not get all of the information drove there on Friday morning. Chris Hansel submitted an article a few months ago about this event. I found my enjoyment of the weekend was as good as he suggested that it might be.

The host club was very cordial and accommodating. It started with an afternoon Brewery Crawl to sample some of the local suds. Not knowing the time of that activity is the reason the Friday group did not leave on Thursday and hence missed that event.

Their Meet and Greet Potluck on Friday night was superb with food brought in by various members from various venues: sub sandwiches, Churches' spicy fried chicken, BBQ ribs, lasagna, several salads, dips and chips. Different foods for different tastes and plenty of it. Plus, beer, wine and soft drinks.

The car show Saturday morning was held at the Plaza de la Mesilla, a picturesque village square with fountains, gazebos, and surrounded by shops, restaurants and the beautiful Basilica of San Albino Church. The cars were parked on the streets around the square according to marquee with several model within each marquee except Triumphs. All Triumphs were grouped except the Nuss' Harold (Empire Class) and the TR6s. there were 9 of them and had their own class. There were people's choice awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class as well as a Best of Show and a Presidents' Choice. I did not get a report or list of all winners.

A gimmick rallye through wine country was held Saturday afternoon, followed with a banquet held at a beautiful NM State University Golf Course Clubhouse. The Awards Ceremony and Silent Auction results was held Sunday morning at a gorgeous Mexican restaurant, La Posta, serving a delicious breakfast buffet. The photos below are a few of the activities, some of the unique cars, and some of the award winners.



A pit stop in Globe, AZ



A piper on the Plaza Square



The Awards Breakfast

Annual British Car Days Mesilla, NM: cont'd







A Lotus Super Eleven



A very rare 1949 HRG



Stu Laswell's Best of C Class



Marie Thompson's Best of D Class



John & Kathy Nuss' Best of K Class

Triumphest Hotel

Little America is now taking reservations for Triumphest 2017? We reserved only 100 rooms, so I expect them all to be filled, and we do get a special room rate: \$135/night for the event. The Little America Reservation Department contact info is: 1-800-352-4386

The dates are 21-24 September 2017. **Mention that the reservation is for Triumphest 2017.** The regular rate is \$159/night, and it has been as high as \$189/night during their busy periods.

Little America Hotel Flagstaff Arizona



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2017 Triumphest Logo

Countdown to DCTRA Triumphest 2017...15 months to go

The Triumphest 2017 Committee meets every second Tuesday at Denny's Restaurant at 5pm to plan our coming club event, all are welcome to join in and offer any suggestions or assistance. Some things have to be established far in advance.

Established so far:

- 1. Location: Flagstaff.
- 2. Hotel: Little America.
- 3. <u>Date:</u> September 21st 2017 to September 24th 2017.
- 4. Logo Design
- 5. Theme: Flagstaff as a Railroad Center

Working on:

- 1. Registration costs & budget.
- 2. Website
- 3. Our Ad in the 2016 Triumphest program.
- 4. Looking for photos of past Triumph-fests.....send to: mblachut@yahoo.com

Coming Deadlines:

- 1. June 2016, (2 months from now), we will submit a page to be published in the Triumphest-2016 booklet.
- 2. Plans & budgets from sub committees.
- 3. Speaker; i.e. Kas Kastner, Michael Cook, Chris Hansel, etc. need ideas here too.

Triumph Committee Staff Needed

Sub-Committees:

Autocross:	Jeff Faiman,
Thursday Night Dinner Cruise	John Reynolds,
Venders:	Mike Dolimpio,
Scenic Drives:	Pain Rineholt,
Funcours & Judging:	Armand LaCasse-Chairman, Pete Peterson, Bob Mazer_
Registration:	Kathy Nuss,
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Raffle:	
Regalia:	
Walking Rally:	
Driving Rally:	
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Program & Printing:	_Mike Blachut,
Tech-Session:	
President's meeting:	
Website:	
Photographers & videos:	
Speaker:	

Spaces that are blank are opportunities to select an area that you wish to volunteer and help our club put together the best Triumphest ever, great way to interact with other club members and learn. Print this page, write your name in the area that you would most like to participate and send it to Mike Blachut or Bo Shaw.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

1974 TR6 Runs, drives & stops. Currently registered. Needs TLC. \$5500.00

Pete Peterson 602-615-3640



FOR SALE:

Gene Walentiny of Glendale, AZ has 3 TR-7s for sale; 2 coupes and 1 roadster. 623-931-9159 or 623-247-0355

FOR SALE:

I have 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 \$50 each on these. Thanks. John Lindly lindly1907@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR FREE:

I have four 'excess-to-my-needs' original TR6 wheels available if someone can use them for spares and would like to pick them up from my home. (I wouldn't recommend these wheels for daily use as they are not all perfectly straight).

Julian Anderson 1975 TR6

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 FREE:

I need to make room in my shed. Free for the taking, rear differentials(2), TRF high rate spring set (all 4), water pump and housing (2), fan extension, yellow fan (brand new), flywheel, left trailing arm, set of half shafts, tube shock conversion mounts, radiator, and fuel tank.

Craig Kenyon 480.706.4644

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

This is a 1973 TR6 with factory overdrive and factory hardtop, original tonneau, boot and tools (new OEM jack and handle). Everything works, it's been my daily driver for a year and a half. Everything is in good condition and I have tons of spares including water pump, fuel pump, digital voltage stabilizer and so on from belts, bearing, seals to oil filters and points. I've added a Pertronix ignition and Flamethrower coil, spin on oil adapter and foam air cleaners but still have original equipment in good shape. Original mileage is 99,300 (the car was stored for 22 years). Drivetrain refurbish and full repaint at 90,000. This car has always been garaged and a Southwestern car, no rust at all. The previous owner tells me it has won car shows...I know it's a nice clean Triumph. I also have tons of documentation.... original window sticker and glovebox/drivers manual, parts invoices since about 1992.

\$18,500 firm. It will go in Hemmings or BAT in a couple weeks.





I'm in Sedona if anyone wants to take a look. I have about 70 photos for those who are seriously interested.

Cheers, John

135krpm@q.com

FOR SALE:

Stock of TR6 parts and a burned 1974 TR6 body. John Maslak. 602-320-6088

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

1965 TRIUMPH TR4. Red with white top & red interior. Body and paint in very good condition. Engine and mechanicals are solid and in very good condition. Original 2138 c.c. engine with two SU side-draft carbs & 4 speed trans. Engine recently serviced, tuned and new timing chain. New top and tires. Wire wheels recently refinished, wood dash recently refinished. Has chrome luggage rack. Runs and drives great. All original except for seats. Interior is a little faded and worn. I've owned car for 16 yrs. In AZ until 2012. Odometer shows 32,040, I believe it has turned over once. A great car to drive and enjoy or easy to turn into a show car or vintage racer.

I have over \$20,000 invested not including my labor. I have a complete history since purchase available upon request. I have decided to sell and it is one of the best TR4s available anywhere near this price. Asking \$15,250.





Car is in San Diego, CA Michael Sparkman, owner 602-750-5207. (Former DCTRA member)

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



PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with correct amount of dues to:

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Dave Freet, Membership Chairperson

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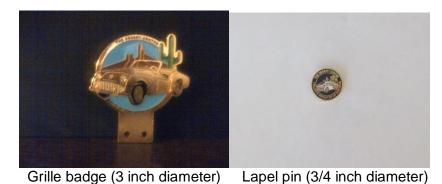
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cost of \$6.00 each	mbership includes one nan		dges are available at the	
PLEASE NOTE:				

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.



Membership fee
Name tags @ \$6.00 each
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each
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Additional Space for more information:

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