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**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

**Nov 11, 2008**

**7:00 PM**

**JB's**

**32nd Street & Indian School**

**Come Early**

**Socialize and Network  
with other members**

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## **THE PREZ SEZ**

I am writing this as the elections go on. The year is coming to an end and events are coming out of the idea stage to be attended. We have the trip to Acrosante just off I-17 north of Cords Junction, then possibly to the Cherry winery.

The "Grand day out" was a lot of fun and about 12 people attended. I will try to come up with a new idea for a spring man cave day, Women also are welcome. We tried welding cutting, some machine work and a demo on tranny parts, see the article herein.

The club has evolved this year and I feel it was for the better. 2009 should be a great year. We have formed a larger and tight knit group, dedicated to keeping the TR's on the road, and we do the work mostly ourselves.

Remember elections are on the horizon, think about officers for 2009.

We have the Christmas party at Peterson's grand home in Cave Creek. The club gift exchange will be back with the original rules. This is always good for laughs. They will be published in the December newsletter.

Keep them running!

John Horton

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## Update Your Triumph Membership

Marty has posted the updated membership list on our DCTRA.org website (see files section). It's updated through the January '08 Brunch meeting. He is still accepting digital pictures of your car (s) to include on this list. Club members voted to remove unpaid listings, so these will no longer receive club emails. If you would like your membership to be renewed, bring your payment to an event, meeting or mail a check (made out to DCTRA) to our Treasurer, **John Reynolds**, 806 E. Campus, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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# Minutes of the October Meeting

At least 35 people crowded the room for the October meeting, including several guests & returning members. All were welcomed by President John Horton.

Reports: Treasurer John Reynolds said that we're doing fine. Editor Dave Riddle did so well with the newsletter that he received a round of applause. Deta, our secretary, was missing due to the recent destruction of her daily driver car.

Events: VP Kath Nuss had a list of upcoming events ready – This month, the Breakfast Run and the Vintage Voyage. November 22nd, Kathy & Denine Mure volunteered to lead a run North to Arcosanti and Santo Domingo Winery. In December, we can look forward to a Christmas party at Pete & Bev's home on the 13th, and the popular Christmas Lights Run on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Triumphest : John R. said 166 Triumphs climbed the mountain to Tahoe. Even the Phoenicians not used to cold & rainy weather had a good time, and no more than the usual small equipment problems. Armand & Pete took off in the GT6 Armand had just rebuilt, with 30 mi. on the engine, and reported "much less smoke than before". We heard about upcoming Triumphests. The word on next year's VTR – TRfest event is "get your reservations in early".

New Business: Deta's TR7 needs help getting its wiring sorted out & headlights working properly,

John H. said. He suggested a work party at his shop, & several volunteered to help. Date TBA.

Our gypsy accountants, past members George & Charisse Montgomery, made it to the meeting. They've left Texas, & will be back in Arizona for tax season. George said the Spitfire he owned for 30 yrs is now in the care of his daughter, but he'd be willing to "exercise" Triumphs for other members.

In response to an e-mail, the subject of advertising rates was brought up. All clubs charge for advertising, Ron Gurnee said, and all were in agreement. Gene said it is needed to cover printing costs for mailed & distributed copies. Jim Hughes added that by being on the web, our newsletter gives advertisers more coverage than ever before, at a cost less than other clubs who have less exposure. We were told that the figures given in the e-mail were not accurate, and printing such in an open e-mail is against club policy. Ron's idea was that we could add a list of our advertisers/supporters to the DCTRA website. Craig Kenyon motioned and Ron seconded that we retain rates as they stand. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor.

The triumphest.com site will be available for use in future years, Dave said.

Kathy motioned and Julius seconded that we reimburse Gene Glenn \$20 monthly for his costs in printing the mailed newsletters. The amount was amended to \$25. All in favor.

Another welding clinic, on the first Saturday of November, was offered by John Horton.

More details will be e-mailed.

John Truttman is adding two more items to next month's raffle.

Next was a discussion on which charity DCTRA should support this year. Suggestions were Hospice of the Valley, Desert Mission Food Bank, and Maricopa County Children's Burn Center. Since all were worthwhile, Marlene Cole said that instead of choosing one we could raise our

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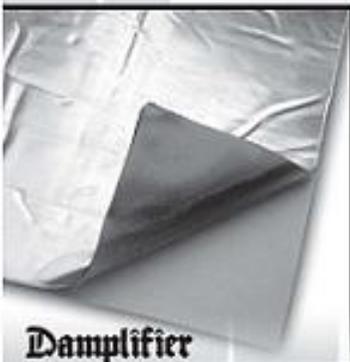
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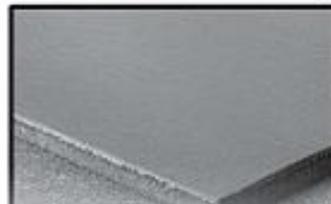
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donation to \$600 and give \$200 to each. Marlene motioned and Julius seconded. All in favor.

Everyone favored returning to the Landmark Restaurant for our January election brunch. Dave offered to check and let us know available dates.

Tech Session: There were a lot of good tips and sources given by Jim Bauder, Ron G., Martin Jones, and Jim Hughes. Patrick McDermott said his rebuilt TR7 is running like new, thanks to the help of the DCTRA members.

Stu Lasswell is going to the TRA in West Virginia next year. Anybody else want to go?

Meeting adjourned 8 pm.

Beth Horton, substitute secretary.





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# Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, November 11.** Mesa Veterans Day Parade.

**Sunday, November 16**

The Delorean Club hosts the British Car breakfast drive.

Meet at 32nd St. & Shea Blvd, NW corner, in Phoenix at 7:30 am ready to leave at 8:00 to drive to a breakfast place of their choosing.

**Saturday, November 22:** Drive to Arcosanti with a run up to the Santa Domingo Winery on I-17.

**Thursday, November 27.** Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day Parade. Contact FH Chamber of Commerce for details.

**December:** Christmas party, date and place to be determined.

**Saturday, December 20.** Christmas Lights Tour instead of a breakfast run.

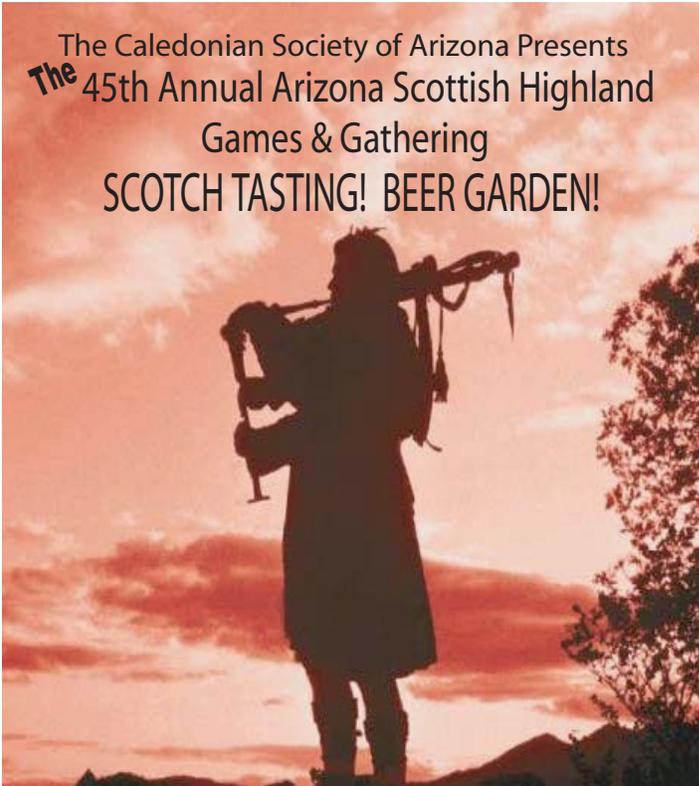
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This is the information I have for our trip on November 22nd. We will meet at the McDonalds parking lot in the strip mall on the north side of Carefree Highway just off I-17 at 8:00 AM for an 8:30 departure. We will drive up I-17 to Arcosanti which should take approximately an hour. The only non-freeway route would be to take Route 69 SE out of Prescott, which would add lots of miles and time. We are scheduled for a tour at 10:00 AM for a cost of \$8.00 per person.

After Arcosanti, we will travel up I-17 for about 15 miles to San Dominique Winery. The winery has a 1/4 mile gravel road. If we drive with care and don't tailgate, this should not cause a problem. It is a well maintained road. If you want to do a wine-tasting, the cost is \$4.00. You will receive 1 ounce of four different wines, ranging from red to white and dry to sweet. They have other wines that will not be included in the tasting.

We will have lunch at the winery which will cost \$6.50 plus tax. Menu choices will be included in the next e-mail. After lunch, you are on your own

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# A Grand Day Out...

*Thanks to John Horton for submitting this article*

On Saturday 1 November 2008, twelve stalwart DCTRA members gathered at my shop to have a man cave day. This afforded an opportunity to do some personal projects, try welding, i.e. MIG and TIG. Also the lathe, mill, and sand blast cabinets got a workout.

I personally had a lot of fun going through the technique of MIG and TIG welding and its peculiarities. We cut some steel with the Plasma cutter and it was tried out by a few. Most tried the welding. We spent the morning on teaching and projects.

At noon we grilled an assortment of bangers and sweet Italian sausages; soft drinks and adult beverages were had. I think everyone ate their fill - at least everything disappeared.

After lunch Armand LaCasse demonstrated disassembling a four speed transmission out of his GT6. He explained the intricacies of all the small and very lose-able parts. Boy there are a lot! I had never tried to repair one; however now I feel more at ease. It was interesting to see the relation of the parts and how they interact as the different gear ratios.

Attending were John Truttman, John Nuss, Armand LeCasse, John Reynolds, John Horton, Jim Bauder, Gene Glen, Martin Jones, Patrick McDermott, Pete Peterson, Steve Thompson, and Ron Gurnee.

I hope everyone learned a little and feels more able and willing to turn a wrench on their LBC. This club is more into working on our own cars, the most satisfying way to keep them on the road. The accompanying pictures are courtesy of John Nuss

John Horton

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Gene getting in the way of Matt Reynold's engine installation...



Contrary to popular belief, he was actually very helpful!!!!

## Cruise Night Locations

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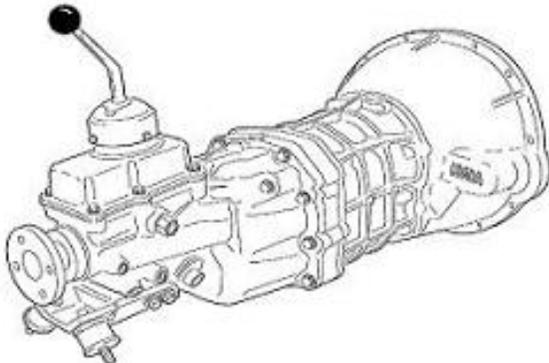


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# Vintage Voyage 2008

*Thanks to Kathy Nuss for submitting this article & pictures with additional photos by John Truttman*

What a beautiful weekend! The weather was fine, the company was great and the cars were British. What more could you want? We started

bonus. We had a few little “side of the road” incidents, but no tragedies.

Virgil and Marlene Cole lost a wheel cover in Florence on the way, but recovered it on the way home. Now that was really fortunate. I hope they went right out and bought a lottery ticket.



DCTRA was very well represented: Heisers, Mures, Cooke & Schmidt, Coles, Andersons, Gene Glenn, Marie Thompson, Trudy Crable, Ron Gurnee, McIlravys, Smiths, Truttmans, Bartells, Laswells and Nusses. There were a few other TRs, but maybe they are potential members. Other British marks on the run were Lotus, Porsche, MG, Sprite, Mini, MINI, and Jaguar. My apologies for any marks or members omitted.

off in East Mesa and traveled to Tucson where we picked up more LBCs. We drove on to the Elgin Winery for wine tasting and lunch and then on to Tucson for a poker rally. We overnighed in Benson, had a choice of morning activities and then on to Tucson for lunch, a raffle and auction. No LBC's wound up on the trailer, so that was a



Next year, be sure to mark this event on your calendar as soon as you get the information. It is a really great event.



**Debby Laswell and Lila at the comfort stop**



**Lila, Jim and Linda Bartels in Tombstone, AZ**



**At the "comfort stop" in Tucson, along the route to Elgin, AZ**



**The Voyagers, decended upon Elgin Winery, Elgin, AZ**



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10	set	Rear springs	New
11	set	Front bumper guards	Used, exc. Cond.
12	1	Truck cover	No description
13	1	Car cover, Large	No description
14	4	Beauty rings	Almost new
15	set	Dual intermediate tail pipes	New
16	1	Nose bra	New
17	2	Stromberg carburetor rebuild kits	New
18	1	Original oil filter housing	Used, exc. Cond.
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21	1	Distributor cap	New
22	1	Oil filter	New
23	1	Distributor cap	New
24	1	Point set	New
25	1	Point set	Used
26	1	Coil	New
27	1	Distributor vacuum unit	New
28	1	Shock absorber gasket	New
29	set	Wheel chocks	New
30	set	Starter brushes	New
31	1	Distributor vacuum	Used
32	set	Points & condenser	
33	1	Large gasket	?
34	1	Unisin carb vacuum gauge	
35	1	Stromberg adjusting tool	
36	set	Point, condenser, & rotor	
37	set	Carburetor gaskets	
38	set	Carburetor gaskets	
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46	1	Haynes Zenith Stromberg Carburetor Manual	
47	1	TRF Catalog	2003
48	1	Owners Workshop Manual for 1967-73	Hard cover
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51	1	TRF TR250 - 6 Glove Box Companion	2004 - 5
52	1	TRF TR2 - 8 Catalog	2004

# October Breakfast Run

*Thanks to Beth Horton for the Article*

The pent up need to drive our LBC's, held in by our long, hot summer, brought a crowd

on the cool morning of October's run. Shirley checked in 53 people, and there was an even bigger assortment of cars than usual.

Alongside our Triumphs, there was a Jensen-Healey, Austin Healeys, MG's, Jaguars (including a brand new one), Minis, Morgans, and a fine showing of Lotus, since this run was sponsored by LOOP, the Lotus Owners of Phoenix.

We took off along pretty Mountain View to 124<sup>th</sup> St., enjoying the dippy, curvy parts, then headed East on Shea Blvd. on a big LOOP out to Fountain Hills and back to 89<sup>th</sup> Place. The Village Inn there managed to handle our invasion well.

The perfect weather and scenery demonstrated why we live in Arizona. Our shirts even stayed dry! The only problem heard was that one car ran out of petrol.

DCTRA members present were: Jim Bauder, Gene Glenn, John & Shari Heisser, John & Beth Horton, Craig Kenyon, Dave & Denine Murÿy, John & Kathy Nuss, Gareth Parry-Jones & his whole family, John & Matt Reynolds, Marie Thompson, & John & Lila Truttman.

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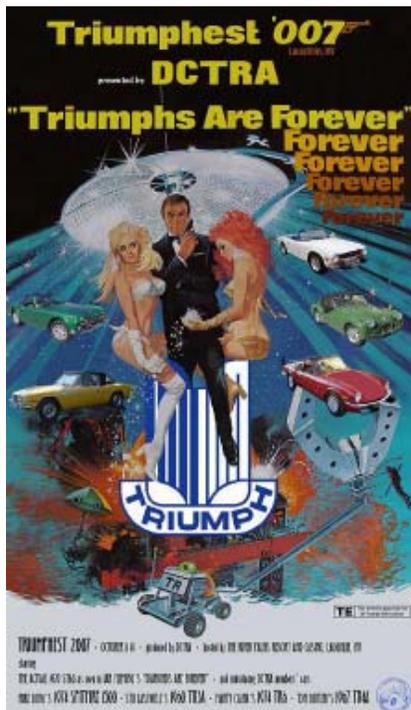
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# Member Profile

From "Members Cars" on DCTRA.ORG

## Dr Mark K Loeschen

In 1979, I purchased my first Triumph, a used dark brown Spitfire from the British Leyland dealer in Kansas City. I traded in my 1971 Mustang and never looked back. At the time I kept searching for a TR-6 but couldn't find any that were in good enough shape and affordable while in graduate school. The brand new yellow '76 TR-6 in the dealership was tempting but way over my pocketbook at \$7000. I kept the brown Spitfire for four years until I went back to school and then had to sell it for tuition.

After I moved to Phoenix in 1987, I kept looking for a TR-6 but just never found one I liked. I purchased another Spitfire in 1993, a used 1980 in white with only 12,000 miles. It had been in storage for 10 years but almost immediately I got an offer to sell it for twice what I had paid and was once again without a Triumph.

In 1996, I finally found a white TR-6 which seemed to be in good enough shape at a reasonable price. The previous owner in the process of restoring it but as it turned out it still needed a lot of work. I have since replaced the engine twice and have progressed from dual Weber to triple Keihin carburetors. With the exceptions of the rear end and body paint everything else has been repaired or replaced.

Last summer while surfing E-Bay I located a 1978 Spitfire in BRG with less than 17,000 original miles. Ironically, like its relative I had purchased in 1993, this Spit also had been in

storage for a long period of time. So after a week of bidding I was the owner of two Triumphs.

This past spring after walking into AZ SuperBikes on a whim I realized I had finally come across a Triumph which would be relatively maintenance free, would not leak on my garage floor, would be the fastest Triumph I would ever own and above all would be the most fuel efficient, a red 955i Daytona. So now I have a Triumvirate of Triumphs each one very special in its own.



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