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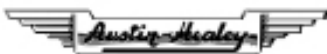


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Patsy and Kathy on Joe's "Spit Bench"

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

November 10, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

Denny's Restaurant

3315 N. Scottsdale Rd.

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with other Members**

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EDITORS DESK

Dave Riddle

While assembling this issue and scrounging the 'net looking for some items to use on the "Funnies" page I came across a list entitled "You might be a racer if...". The last item on the list really hurt. "After you tell your wife where you'd like to go on your vacation she answers: "Why... is there a race there?" That one hurt! Just last week I told my wife that next year we were going to take a vacation to return to Korea where we lived for the first few years of our Marriage. The fact the FIA had announced that very same day that Korea was being added to the 2010 F1 Season schedule had NOTHING to do with these vacation plans.

Hopefully enough years have passed that my Passport won't flag me to become a "guest of the state" which we left the country to avoid back in 1989!

Thanks to Jim Bauder for sending in the photos of the fun TR License plates that this and

coming issues of the Newsletter will be using in the months ahead.



I was very pleased to receive on behalf of the Club an award at Triumphfest from the Vintage Triumph Register for our website.

A location (Sierra Bonita Grill - sister res-

aurant to Phoenix City Grille that hosted us a few months ago when we lost our regular meeting location) and a date (Saturday, January 16th) was chosen and the Executive Committee approved the site to host our Annual Election Brunch in January. It looks like we will be able to order from their brunch menu rather than just giving everyone a few selections to pick from. You will probably still need to make your selection in advance (I'll out a form on the website like years past if we do).

Serra Bonita Grill has a private dining room that can accommodate up to 60 so we "should" be good. See page 28 for a sample of what their brunch menu generally contains.

NASA also released their 2010 Track Day Schedule and it looks like we will try again for some Pace lapping session at Phoenix International Raceway on March 6th - the day before Wheels of Britain.

Membership

Contact Marty Clark at 480-962-7848 for membership information. Dues are \$18.00 per year

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.

**BROTHER
SPEEDER**

Prez Sez

Kathy Slabaugh



Welcome Members.
One can tell the weather is getting nice for car touring, the meeting attendance has grown substantially. It's really fun to see lots of "new" faces of long time members. I talked with the manager at Denny's after the meeting last month about how crowded the room had gotten and for the November meeting we

are going to try the space next to the separate room. By turning the tables so they can seat 6 and more booths, we should be able to get more folks seated and a thanks to those who gave up their table last month so others could eat.

I'm sorry to have missed the Breakfast Run, I understand I missed a large turn-out. I need to look at my calendar better, I thought it was the following Sunday but for sure I'll be in attendance for the November Breakfast Run! Bob and Penny are planning some great festivities and a fun time will be had for those that come.

Lots of activities coming up in the next few months so be sure and take part in as many as you can, isn't that why you joined the club? Hope everyone has a safe and plentiful Thanksgiving Holiday and hope to see you soon.

Kathy, Prez

Minutes of the October Meeting

Bev Peterson

President Kathy Slabaugh opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 3315 N. Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale.

53 people signed the roster:

Jim Bauder – TR	Marlene & Virgil Cole
Bill Close – TR	David Riddle
Gene Glenn – TR	Marty Clark
Jamie Harr – TR	Tim Rose
Beth & John Horton – TR	Bob Mazer
Armand LaCasse – TR	Chris & George Durkin
Kathy Nuss – TR	Martin Jones
Ron Price – TR	Patrick McDermitt
Matt Reynolds – TR	John Reynolds
Jim Hughes – TR	Bob McIlravy
Stu & Debbie Lasswell – TR	Jim Medlund
Dave & Denine Muré – TR	Frank & Ann Montone
Court & Kathy Slabaugh – TR	Marie Thompson
Debra Cooke & Ken Schmidt	Mary & John Mosher
Penny & Bob Branton	Sally Smith
Deta Hampsch & Lee Loftin	Roy Stoney
Simon & Marie Kotsailidis	Bev & Pete Peterson

David & Shannon Crawford & son Easton – Visitors – inherited her grandfather's 1959 TR3A
Roger & Mark Jackson – Visitors - father & son – drove TR3
Ed May – Visitor - looking for TR6

15 TRIUMPHS WERE DRIVEN TO THE MEETING!!

Visitors were:

.. David & Shannon Crawford & son Easton: They inherited their grandfather's 1959 TR3A.

.. Roger & Mark Jackson: Roger rebuilt and restored British cars for many years in California and the Phoenix area before retiring. His son, Mark, also lives in the valley.

.. Ed May: Has had Triumphs in the past and wants to get one again.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted in the October newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Reynolds reported. We have money! Expenditures for refreshments at the Ladies Day Tech Session were reimbursed.

MEMBERSHIP: Marty Clark reported three new memberships tonight for a total of 120 in the club.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Riddle reported that the newsletter is going well and explained a new feature on the website.

AAHC REPORT: John Horton provided information about legislation that could affect automotive hobbyists. One proposes to collect sales tax on car sales between private individuals. John said this has already passed in several states. Another would require GPS in all cars on the road to track mileage for tax purposes and speed to issue tickets.

EVENTS: Vice President Kathy Nuss reported on future events.

Stu Lasswell talked about the November camping trip he is organizing for the club.

George Durkin reported on plans for the "3 Flats Run" also coming up November 21st. He said 26 people have already registered and everyone needs to sign up **BEFORE NOVEMBER 10TH** (go to the website – it's all there) so he can give a head-count for dinner at Greasewood Flats.

Bob Branton, owner of C.A.R.S. will be hosting the November 8th Breakfast Run which meets at 7:00 a.m. at the **NORTHWEST CORNER** of 32nd Street and Shea.

Jamie Harr has graciously offered to host the DCTRA Christmas Party this year. It will be on December 5th.



There was also discussion about the location for the January 2010 Election Brunch.

Further information on these and other events will be in the newsletter and on our website at: www.dctra.org

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Bauder talked about 2009 Triumphest at San Luis Obispo (SLO) and presented the **VTR AWARD FOR BEST CLUB WEBSITE** to Dave Riddle. John Reynolds added that Jim Bauder received the "**MACCARTNEY AWARD**" for "keeping a good car" (maintenance, appearance, roadworthiness, cleanliness) at SLO.

MONTHLY OWNERSHIP UPDATE: Simon Geiss offered a free 1969 TR6 engine to anyone who wanted it and it was quickly taken.

There were no bought/sold-/lost/found-stolen/given or otherwise acquired TRIUMPH's reported by club members this month.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy Nuss said we need to start **NOW** to plan the 2012 Triumphest which will be hosted by DCTRA. A poll showed that many of those who attended SLO said they would come to Phoenix - but will that still be substantially fewer than usual? The poll also revealed that they **DID NOT** want to go to Laughlin and would prefer the location **NOT** to be a casino. Kathy said the only venue in Flagstaff that is large enough is Little America and Sedona doesn't have any place big enough. She asked for all club members to contribute any ideas they might have for a location that would fit our needs. She said that Kiwi Treloar has offered to coordinate the effort "with changes." Kiwi was not present to comment.

Future Triumphests are: 2010: Del Mar, CA
2011: Big Bear, CA
2012: Phoenix, AZ (or some other location chosen by DCTRA)

TECHNICAL: Armand LaCasse said he had nothing to report this month.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:
Bev Peterson, Secretary



Jim's Continuing Road Trip...

**Words and Photos Contributed by
Jim Bauder**

Part 10

The drive down I-5 from Vancouver, WA was boring for much of the way. However, from Ashland, OR to Redding, CA through the Siskiyou mountains can be an exciting drive if the traffic is light, and it was! Sweeping high speed freeway bends, sharp medium high speed curves, long steep grades to the summit (4310 ft.) and long downgrades on the way to the flat Sacramento Valley. There were no highway patrols that I saw, no photo radar, just open road for about 70 or 80 miles through beautiful northern California pine and oak forest. The TR250 is a really nice car to drive over those kinds of roads. It was fun!

I had accepted an invitation to stay at Bill and Anabel Pugh's home in Wallace, northeast of Stockton, CA and they were great hosts, Bill's TR3 was in the shop at Triumphs Only in their large facility which is absolutely stuffed with TR parts of all descriptions. In the yard outside, it looks as if the owner Wayne Bier, is trying to corner the market on TRs in need of restoration! After visiting a while with Wayne and seeing Bill's TR3 I was on my way to the bay area. (A few days later, I had a call from Bill and he said that his TR3 with it's newly rebuilt engine was all

finished and they would be driving both Anabel's TR6 and his TR3 to Triumphest!!)

I arrived in the bay area in time for lunch so I stopped at my old office where I worked for about 15 years before I moved to Scottsdale and then retired. Got to visit with several folks that were in the office and enjoyed lunch with Kirt

Priest, the new owner of the company. From there I drove to Palo Alto where I am staying with our best friends and neighbors for the nearly 25 years we lived in Palo Alto.

I have been receiving emails from the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club (TTSCC) with the schedules for all of the activities they had planned for John and Liz

Macartney to both support the PTSD charities for which John has dedicated his Stag tour, as well as acquaint them with the greater bay area and many of the fine sports car roads surrounding the area. On Thursday, they had arranged for John to speak at the Lions Club in Corte Madera in Marin County, then on Friday they scheduled a light

day for Liz and John although they were trying to schedule some phone-in interviews with local radio stations, and I understand they were successful in that. On Saturday morning 9/26 there was a San Francisco driving tour arranged, and after crossing the Golden Gate Bridge they toured down Lombard St. the famed 'crookedest street' in the world, then to Twin Peaks,

the Cliff House, and ending at the VA Hospital in Menlo Park. It was here that I joined the group after visiting my daughter and soon to be son-in-law at their place in San Francisco. The VA



Hospital in Menlo Park houses the VA's PTSD support center and specialty care center. The veterans participating in this program in Menlo Park really seemed to enjoy seeing our TRs. John took the



time to talk with them individually and also addressed the group. It was very moving to be there with these people who so desperately need help and appeared to be in a good program getting



the help they need.

After the VA Hospital visit we headed to Penny Herman's home in Los Gatos for a buffet, BYOB dinner. It was really great to sit down with so many old friends and visit. The food was great too!!

On Sunday the 27th a visit to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville was scheduled. The museum allowed our TRs to park at the museum entrance on the plaza and that was fun.

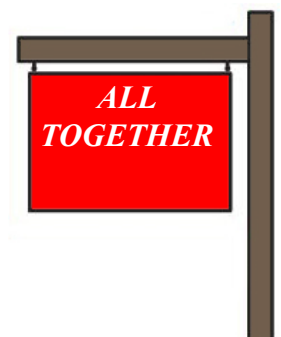
After seeing all of those beautiful cars we sat down to a talk and Q&A session with John. After lunch the group was scheduled for an apparently



extensive east bay driving tour. My brother Randy who had joined us at the museum, and I left the group and drove to their daughter's home in Walnut Creek and I got to meet Randy and Susie's new grand daughter. I left about 5:00 to return to Palo Alto.



On Monday morning we all met at Hobbee's Restaurant in Los Gatos for breakfast and then a leisurely tour of the Santa Cruz Mountains above Los Gatos, ending up in Scotts Valley for a tour of the Canepa Design company facility in Scotts Valley.





Bruce Canepa is an auto/truck race car designer, restorer and race driver. This incredibly beautiful facility also houses a private museum that is open free to the public Mon. to Sat. In addition to the museum there is also a gallery of cars for sale, mostly race cars, but also some really exotic sports cars. The repair/restoration shops were available to be viewed from a balcony overlooking the very large shop area, We all should be



lucky enough to have a garage like this, even Jay Leno would be jealous! For more info go to: <http://www.canepa.com/>

At Canepa Design we were joined by Bill Meade of the Santa Cruz British Sports Car Club who would hand off John and Liz to Tony Prock of TTSCC in Moss Landing and a deserved rest until Wed. morning for the final Stag Tour leg down Hwy 1 to San Louis Obispo!



will be writing about that leg in part 11, tomorrow night or Thursday!

Part 11

Hi again,

Sept. 30, Wed. Morning I said my good-byes and with many thanks to my hosts, Pat and Bill drove from Palo Alto to Carmel, CA to meet up with the TTSCC folks that were going to lead the final Stag Tour leg down Hwy 1 to San Louis Obispo! About 9:30 we had all finally gotten ready to roll, we were all gassed up, and had our cof-



fee. Move 'em out!!

There were about 18 or 19 of us in our Triumphs that would follow John Macartney down Hwy 1 to the Embassy Suites, the host hotel for this historic VTR/Triumphfest in San Louis



Obispo. Historic because there has never been a joint VTR convention with any other convention! So this is a big deal!

The run down the coast was very beautiful, with excellent weather. It was warm and clear without a hint of fog and a very mild onshore breeze. We had a couple of quick rest stops then stops to see the elephant seals, look at San Simeon, and have lunch. Just before we arrived in San Louis Obispo, we were met by a contingent of about 30 other TRs that had driven up the coast to serve as additional escorts for John McCartney and his TransAmerican Stag, we finally pulled into the hotel at about 3:00. I got to my room at a little after 4:00, tired but excited about the trip and the upcoming convention!

Wednesday night the only event of note was something they called an Ice Cream Run. So of course Randy, Susie and I, plus about 100 other TRs drove down the coast to Arroyo Grande. There in the middle of this tiny town is the most stupendous ice cream store I have ever seen! They call it Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab. They offer 'hand-crafted, super-premium, ice creme, made on-site daily', so with that slogan, we decided we would have ice cream for dinner! And what a treat it was, suffice it to say that we didn't go back to the hotel hungry!

Thursday we were kept busy with the Autocross, Funkhana, LeMans Start Contest, Concours Judges School (mandatory for all us judges!), two Tech Sessions, the TSD Rally School (mandatory for all us TSD rally participants!) and

the Hospitality Party, where there was a decent stand up dinner, and an open bar till about 8:00!! Unfortunately for me they ran out of a delicious premium ale about 6:30 so we had to make do with Bud Light.

This morning we had the Concours Judges Breakfast, and then off to the Concours Field. The Concours was held off site at a vineyard/ horse farm about 10 miles out of town. It was a beautiful site with cars parked on grass and a little shade, but not enough, as it got pretty hot towards noon. I really enjoy judging the VTR Concours, they run a pretty tight event with excellent scoring sheets prepared in advance for all of the various classes. I was unsure just how my fairly radically modified car would do in this event,



even though they have two 'Modified' classes. So I chose to enter the Funcours which is not based on originality in any way, just neatness, cleanliness, and preparation, and I am good at that. I did talk with the Chief Judge after we finished judging all of the contestants and he said my fears were groundless and he thought the TR250 would have done well, but you never know...

Tonight we have the Dinner Cruises, a no-host cruise to various restaurants in the area. I am traveling south with a bunch of DCTRA folks to a sea food restaurant in Pismo Beach.



On Saturday we have the Funcours, the TSD Rally, and the Awards Banquet. I will write about all of that probably when I stop Sunday night on my way home or Monday when I get home!!

Part 12

Saturday morning dawned with a thick, heavy, marine layer of fog and it was cold! The cars were covered with heavy dew, the trees were dripping dew, it was not the best weather for a car show! Everyone did their best to dry their cars and set up their displays to show the cars as best they could for the Funcours. About 9:30 or 10:00 the sun began to peak through the overcast and fog, and then the birds started to gather in the trees! From then on until I moved my car it was continuously peppered with bird droppings, luckily the towel I used to dry the car was still wet so I was able to clean each mess off the car quickly and easily. I thought I was being smart parking under a tree as it had been hot the day before and the tree provided a lot of shade, boy was I wrong! Just before the close of the Funcours, they distributed the plaques to the Concours winners for the Saturday Concours. Randy's car took a 1st in Class!

After a quick lunch it was time for the start of the TSD Rally. Our 'Out Time' was 12:35, so we didn't have much time. I originally had thought Randy and I would run the TSD Rally, but Susie decided she wanted to navigate for Randy and Chris Prugh one of the TTSCC folks volunteered to navigate for me. The rally was really very different then any TSD rally

that I had ever run before, but it was fun and the roads were really interesting.

After the Rally I sat in on the Triumphest Presidents meeting sort of as an observer, as I am not an officer of any of the clubs, I have done this the last several years and enjoy hearing about what is going on and what is upcoming for the next one or two Triumphests.



The Awards Banquet food was not great, but they served over 400 dinners, and I can't imagine how they could do that at all! There were the usual 'Thank yous, congratulations, etc. but that didn't go on too long. The awards took a long time as there were a lot to be given out, especially as this event had the usual Triumphest events, plus

all of the usual VTR events! One of the awards went to my hostess in Wallace, CA on my way to the bay area, Anabel Pugh, 1st in Concours for her beautiful TR6, then Randy a 1st in the Concours for his great early Spitfire. The other awards of note, Randy a 1st in Class in the Autocross, Susie, a 2nd in Class in the Autocross,



then Randy and Susie won a 2nd in the TSD Rally and 1st in the Fun Rally! Unfortunately Chris Prugh and I didn't place in the TSD Rally as I just couldn't stay at the prescribed speed, although we came in 8th out of 13 cars in the novice class, not too terribly bad! The TR250 was awarded a Gold+ in the Funcours.

The really great news was I was awarded the VTR 'Charles Macartney Drivers Award' by John Macartney himself. This award was initiated by John in honor of his father Charles, who worked at Standard-Triumph for

over 40 years, it is to be awarded to a TR that is really a driven car, not just a show car! The award is a lovely inscribed pewter mug. This one really shocked me as I had read about this award, but had no idea that the award could, let alone would, come my way. A really wonderful ending to a great evening!

The next morning, after a quick breakfast and a few goodbyes, I packed up the car and got a chance to again offer my sincere thanks to John Macartney. Happily and coincidentally, the TransAmerica Tour Stag was parked right next to my car and he and Liz were packing the car for the trip to Denver on the way to sell this beautiful Concours winning Stag. The plan is to sell it with the proceeds to be split between the three PTSD charities for which John has been raising funds on his long tour around the US and Canada.

For my route home I took Hwy 58 that starts at 101 just a few miles north of San Luis Obispo, and heads east towards Bakersfield. I had never driven this route, but it looked interesting on the map and 'oh my', was it ever interesting! About 60 miles of curvy mountain, two lane black-top, fairly smooth, and with very little traffic at all! Many times I had to down shift to 3rd gear just to keep the engine in the power zone on the sharper curves! I definitely was able to make good time!

From Bakersfield, I headed straight east across the Mojave desert. Normally, this trip is a real hot SOB, however, this trip was really

pleasant, as it was not hot at all, in fact, I had the top up and most of the day I had the windows rolled up! A few miles outside of Barstow where I stopped for the night, my odometer turned over

97,000 miles! A quick check in my TR250's Log Book and I had driven 4,527 miles since topping up the fuel tank at about 4:45 AM on Aug. 4th, in Anthem just north of Phoenix on the way to the 'All Triumph Drive-In' in Redmond, OR with Matt and John Reynolds, and I still have about 400 miles to go before I get home!!

Monday morning dawned early and I was on my way. I first stopped for gas before leaving Barstow, I almost stopped at a 76 station until I read the price signs. \$3.59.9 for Unleaded Regular!! I was sure that I had seen a much lower price the day before as I came into town. So I retraced my steps so to speak, and stopped at a Circle K, where I paid \$2.93.9 for the same grade! Now I don't mind a fellow making a living, but 66 Cents a gallon is really a pretty good living! I would have liked to get that kind of margin when I had my 76 Station!!

I made it to Scottsdale at about 1:00 PM or so and stopped for gas at the Arco near our house. I finished up the TR Tour at 4958 miles! I am really glad to be home! But then on the other hand, it was a wonderful summer...

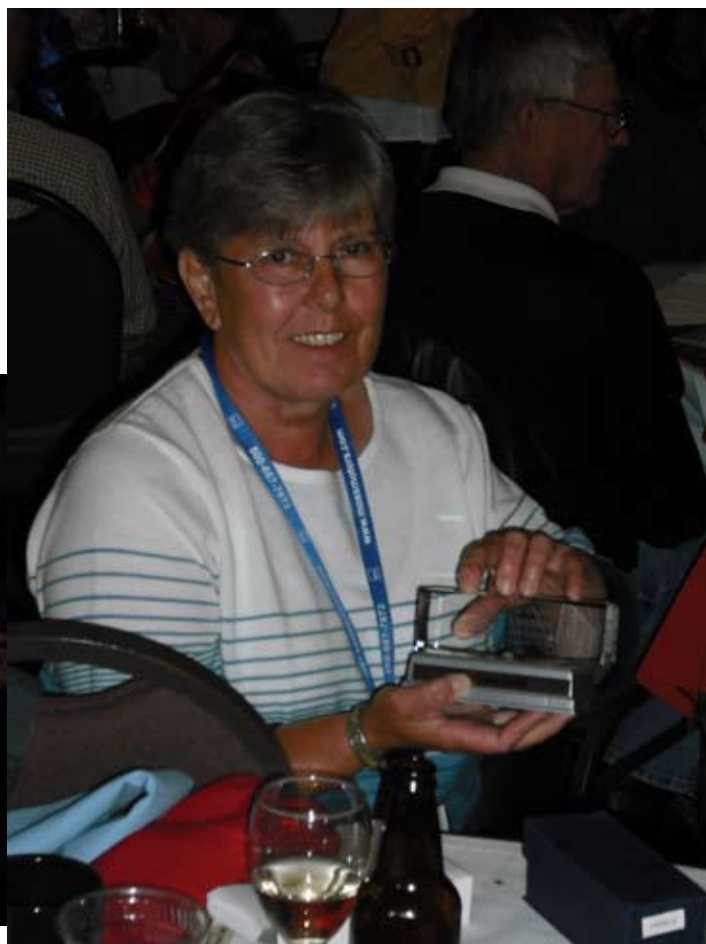


VTR/Triumphfest 2009 Stories



DCTRA was well represented. We had 12 cars present, received 6 gold plus awards, 5 gold awards and one silver. (I think that's right. Deborah got the Uff Dah award and Jim Bauder received an award from VTR.

First TFest Photo of 2009. Taken by John Truttman when the met up with a few T'fest-bound DCTRA members the morning of 9/30/09 at 5:30AM at the Love's Station at I10 and Miller Rd. in Buckeye. John sent the photo to the Editor at 5:18pm that same day! The Associated Press has nothing on John!



Marie Thompson with her Gold Plus award



Deborah's Uff Dah award



John's favorite, a Standard 10



Oldest car there: early 30s Southern Cross



Patsy Treloar and me on Joe Curry's Spit Bench



Golly, John really does have a wife!

Tilly's Triumphest

Words and Photos Kathy Nuss

In the fall of 1997, John and Kathy Nuss bought me from my previous owner, Pete Peterson. I was to be a parts car for my new brother, Trevor. After I came to my new home, John made the mistake of saying in Kathy's presence that I was in such good shape that they could have his and hers Spitfires. So much for my being a parts car. After residing in entirety in the backyard for a while, they started to dismantle me. Kathy put her foot through my floorboard while trying to take off the windscreen, so new floor pans were ordered along with a new rear valance.



It's been nine years since my owners started really working on me. Ken Schmidt and John fired my engine for the first time, and I mean that literally. They really fired it! A fire extinguisher was needed. In 2000, they took my engine to R&R to be machined and then installed high compression pistons, bearings and rings. My body was removed and preparation and painting was begun. In 2004, work began in earnest and John said that I would be going to Triumphest the next year.

On Memorial Day, 2006, we invited Ken Schmidt, Deborah Cooke, Marie Thompson, Bet-

sy Kavash and Dave & Denine Mure over to help put my painted body on. My 1500 engine got two HS4 carburetors (European spec), a single rail transmission and a J overdrive.

The following Memorial Day, we had another get-together with the same people and I ran for the first time up and down the road. Kathy was determined to take me to Triumphest 2007 in Laughlin. She did, but I went on a trailer with my headlights in the boot. I only received a participation plaque.

I drove under my own power to Triumphest 2008, but had a few problems on the way. However, my owners did win the Uff Dah award for it. I had borrowed Trevor's top and John flew in with his generator and voltage regulator for the trip home. I was pretty, though, and received a Gold plaque.

In September, John removed my transmission and overdrive



and took it to Armand LaCasse. They worked on it for two days rebuilding my transmission and overdrive. They did a great job.

Kathy was determined that I would have my own top for this year. She told John that if it wasn't painted by the middle of August, she was going to take it elsewhere to be painted. Miraculously, it was painted in time. I received my new headliner and my hardtop was bolted into place at 5:30 PM the evening before we left for Triumphest 2009. I looked great, but my top wasn't really on tight enough, so I was a bit noisy. I took my owners all the way to San Luis Obispo and back without a hiccup. John drove me in the autocross without me looking like I had retractable landing gear because Trevor donated his camber



compensator. Triumphest was great and I received a Gold Plus award. Now what do I have to live for?



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Vintage Voyage

Contributed by: Linda Nicholson

The participants assembled in the parking lot at the Target shopping center on Shea Boulevard in Fountain Hills, Saturday morning. There were 32 cars, including 9 Triumphs and 10 Minis, 2 Morgans, a couple of Jaguars and a couple of Brand Xs. The group departed at



9:30 headed for lunch in Cottonwood. The route went through Payson, Pine and Strawberry and on to SR 260 West through Camp Verde and into



Cottonwood for lunch. Sixty-five people ate lunch in Cottonwood at the Sizzler. The journey continued on to Javelina Leap and Oak Creek wineries in Page Springs.

Engraved Vintage Voyage wine glasses were provided for those who chose to taste the

wines offered by the two wineries. After enjoying the stop the group headed on through Jerome and over Mingus Mountain to Prescott.



Everyone was on their own for dinner Saturday and enjoying the attractions in Prescott Sunday morning. Before leaving Prescott the group met for lunch at the Golden Corral. There were numerous raffle and auction items including stained glass, a woven afghan and knitted items made by car club members and donated to the raffle.

For the fourth year in a row the driver and transport vehicle weren't needed; there were no breakdowns.



Congratulation to Shirley Blahak and her team; proceeds from the event totaled over \$1,000.00 and will be donated to the Arizona Humane Society.

Recommended Vendors

A "Vendors" menu option has been added to the website. Selecting that menu option will show you a listing of vendors (services, parts, repair, etc...) that DCTRA members have had experience with and are recommending to other members.

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Calendar of Events

For more information or to sign up for an event, visit the DC TRA web site events page (www.dctra.org). Also, check the link to "Arizona Car Shows" on the dctra.org website. Some events are listed without dates as they are not known at this time but are shown in their "historical" time frames.

To add or host an event, contact Kathy Nuss, VP and Activities 480-983-3945 / jknuess@live.com

November 2009

- 1 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird East
- 7-8 - SCCA @ PIR
- 7-8 - Tucson Highland Games
- 10 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 15 - Breakfast Run
- 14-15 DCTRA Camping Trip
- 14 - Tucson Cops & Rodders Car Show
- 21 - Three Flats Rally
- 28 - NASA Track Event @ PIR
- 29 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird Main

December 2009

- 5 - DCTRA Christmas Party
- 5-6 SCCA @ PIR w/ Vintage class
- 8 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 12 - Southwest Karters @ Firebird Main
- 19 - Christmas Lights Tour

January 2010

- 16 - DCTRA Election Brunch
- ?? - Breakfast Run

February 2010

6 - Heritage Square in Phoenix for cars from the 1900's to 1980's. Contact tammy.parker@phoenix.gov because pre-registration is required and limited to 100 vehicles.

- 9 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- ?? - Wickenburg Goldrush Days
- 27 - Chandler Classic Car and Hot Rod Show
- 27-28 - Phoenix Highland Games

March 2010

- 6 - Pace laps at PIR with NASA
- 7 - Wheels of Britain
- 9 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 13 - Case Grande Classic Car Show

?? - Breakfast Run

April 2010

- 3 - Rally (More info to come)
- ?? - Prescott Unique Little Car Meet
- ?? - Copperstate 1000
- 13 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- ?? - Breakfast Run
- 17 - Bisbee Copper Classic Car Show
- 17-18 - BEAT Rally

May 2010

- 11 - DCTRA Monthly Meeting
- 13 - Prescott Highland Games
- ?? - Breakfast Run

DCTRA Camping Trip

Organized by: Stu Lasswell

The "annual" DCTRA Camping Trip is scheduled for November 14-15, 2009. We will meet in east Mesa Saturday morning for what will no doubt be a brisk drive up to the Mogollon Rim country near Payson, where we will head east onto the back roads for a drive up to the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy twisty roads and the fall colors, and have lunch somewhere in Kohl's Ranch or Christopher Creek. I will reserve a couple of group sites at the Payson RV Park and Campground (808 E. HWY 260, (928) 472-2267) for those of us who will be camping. If you wish to bring a trailer or motor home you will need to make further arrangements. The Majestic Mountain Inn (602 E. HWY 260 (800)408-2442) is practically right next door to the campground (walking distance) and a good alternative for those less hardy individuals not ready to face a night in a tent. Of course, we will have a roaring fire Saturday night, and toast marshmallows for the traditional "S'mores". I'll try to provide the firewood and s'mores fixin's, BYOB if you wish! It was a blast last year... I look forward to the same this year!

Local Cruise Nights

from the Safeway Property management - food - Every Saturday night from 5pm-???

Fridays:

Chandler - East Valley Cruise-In at Fulton Ranch Towne Center - S.W. corner of Arizona Ave. & Ocotillo Rd. - 6-9pm - Info: Stephanie 623.582.9599

Glendale - KOOL Radio Car Show 3rd Friday of Month at Sanderson Ford Lincoln Mercury (6400 N. 51st Ave) - 4pm-7pm - live music and great KOOL prizes - Info: Nick 602-488-8163

Mesa - Cruise Downtown Mesa 2nd Friday of Month (West Main Street from Country Club Drive to Center Street) hosted by Downtown Mesa Merchants Group - Come down, join the fun and show off your car!! It's FREE!! - Info: Sharon 480-890-2613 or Anita 480-924-7887

Mesa - Mesa First Car Show at Mesa First Assembly (1303 S Lindsay Rd) - Meets 1st Friday of every month beginning Jan. 2nd from 6-9pm - Live music, BBQ, soft drinks, huge parking area, great lighting - All vehicles welcome - Info: Greg 480-678-2209

Peoria - Friday Night Lights Car Show/Cruise In - 91st Ave just of Northern behind Auto Zone (8350 N. 91 Ave.) - 300 parking spaces - 100 to 200 cars attend weekly - 5:30pm - ? - open to all cars, trucks, food, music, trophy for best car - Info: Bryn 480-229-2918

Phoenix - West Side Cruisin' - 35th Ave. & Northern - Info: 602-246-3906

Phoenix - Rod and Custom Cruise (SW corner of 59th Ave. and Beardsley), prizes, raffles, music, and clean fun - Info: 623 362-8282

Surprise - Fry's Marketplace parking lot (13982 W. Waddell Rd.) - 5-9pm - all makes and years - Corner of W. Waddell Rd. and Litchfield Rd., behind the Sonic Drive-In - Sonic, Fry's and Subway for food and beverages - Info: Larry 623-476-8098

Saturdays:

Chandler - Chandler Christian Church (1825 S. Alma School Rd.) - 1st Saturday of every month - Coffee and Donuts - Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles welcome - 9am-11am - Info: Tom Donahue (480) 510-3145

Glendale - Safeway - 83rd Ave. just off the 101 (west) 1/2 mile north of Union Hills - hundreds of parking spaces, plenty of light, permission



Laveen - Wienerschnitzel (5220 W. Baseline Rd.) from 5p-9p - Info: Shane 602-605-8101 or 949-433-1251

Mesa - Cruisin' on Main Street presented by Hot Rod Planet and Concerned Mesa Cruisers (Country Club to Mesa Dr.) - 6-10pm - Info: Lance 480-229-5691 - Mesa To be held the 4th Saturday of every month

Mesa - Power & Hampton on Saturday Evenings near Superstition Springs by K Mart

Peoria - Safeway Shopping Center - 20713 N. 83rd Ave. (83rd Ave. and Lake Pleasant Road) - 5-9pm - Everyone Welcome - Info: Gary 623-203-5752

Phoenix - Cruise-In at SO-CAL-AZ (3427 E. McDowell Rd.) - Second Saturday of month - 7-9am - coffee, donuts, car talk and a Small Swap - Drive your classic car or truck to qualify for swap space - No Trailers or Truck loads - Info: Don 602-275-7990

Scottsdale - McDonald's, Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, 4pm-10pm, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd. (Pima & Indian Bend Road)

Sundays:

Chandler - Every Sunday morning at 7am at Starbucks in downtown Chandler ((1 San Marcos Place) just west of Arizona Ave, south of Chandler Blvd.) We're kinda hard to miss, just look for the Hot rods! Can I hear an AMEN? - Info: Craig Pike 480-220-6687

Fountain Hills - Fountain Hills Automobile Club Cruise-In at KFC & A&W RESTAURANT (16805 E. Shea Blvd.) (Target Center) - 1:00 PM - Open to all Antique, Classic & Special Interest Vehicles (No Shows during the summer)

Phoenix - Hotrod Jokers Cruise-In and Car Show - Ramjets Speed Shop (13701 N. Cave Creek Rd.) - 1-4pm - free hot dogs and beverages - Info: Ron 602-574-4059

Scottsdale - Old Guys Hot Rods Hotrod Show at Handlebar J's (7116 E. Becker Lane) - 1st Sunday of Month - car show on the street in front Handle Bar J's patio, Live music - all years and makes welcome - Info: Mike 602-291-8374

November 2009 Car Events in AZ

Nov. 1 Car Show presented by Mohave County Sheriff's Dept. at Mohave Market Place (5480 Hwy. 95) - 8am-2pm - all vehicles welcome - DJ, K-9 demonstrations, food - to benefit Mohave County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 Program - Info: Chuck 928-234-6621 - Mohave

Nov. 1 Volksfest 2009 presented by D3 - Daily Driven Dubz at Glendale Community College (6000 W. Olive Ave.) - \$10 car show, \$20 Swap Meet - show classes for air and water cooled VW's of all types, swap spaces, vendors, food and music - proceeds to benefit the St Mary's Food Bank - Info: David 480-234-7034 - (Hotel Finder) - Glendale

Nov. 6-7 Return with Honor at Waddell's Longhorn Corral (Jackrabbit Road, Just North of I-10) - Honoring & Supporting Our Soldiers, Military and their Families - Adults \$5+ 2 food items for St. Mary's Food Bank, under 12 free - Fri. 3-10pm Sat. 10am-10pm - Fri. Motorcycle Run; reg. 8-11am - Sat. Car Show; reg. 8-11am, Bike Show; reg. 12-3pm - Numerous categories and prizes for both shows, Family Friendly, \$10,000 Cash & Prizes, Vendors, Raffles, Live Music, Color Guard - Info: Rick 602-438-0000 or Mike 602-647-2149 - (Hotel Finder) - Goodyear

Nov. 7 22nd Annual ASRA Car Show presented by Arizona Street Rod Association at Red Mt. Community Church (6101 E. Virginia St.) - entry \$30 before 10/14, \$35 after includes t-shirt and dash plaque - reg. 8-10am, judging 10am-12:30pm, awards 2pm- Info: Becky 480-820-7484 or Bob 480-985-1003- (Hotel Finder) - Mesa *

Nov. 7 9th Annual Desert Prowl - All Ford Car Show presented by Arizona Cougar Club at San Tan Ford (1429 E Motorplex Loop) - entry \$20 before 11/1/09 \$25 after - family friendly event with music, raffle prizes, kids table, t-shirts, dash plaques, 50/50 raffle, goody bags for all entries - Info: Scott 480-612-2998 - (Hotel Finder) - Gilbert **

Nov. 7 12th Annual All Buick Car Show presented by Southern Arizona Chapter of the Buick Club of America at Royal Automotive Group of Tucson (4333 E. Speedway) - pre-reg before 10/15 \$10, \$15 after - 9am-3pm - door prizes, 50/50, entertainment by Cruisin' Arizona Sponsor DJ John, 14 classes with peer judging - Info: Bob 520-743-0574 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson *

Nov. 7 Black Canyon Car Show presented by Black Canyon City Chamber of Commerce at Black Canyon Heritage Park (33955 S. Old Black Canyon Hwy) - Veteran's Day festival - reg. 8am, show 10am-2pm - pre-reg. \$15, \$20 day of show 8 classes, 1st-3rd trophies - pancake breakfast 7-9am, parade 4pm, flag dedication 11am, native american dancing, 50/50, arts and crafts, face painting, rock-a-rama, fireworks, food vendors, bluegrass - Info: Tom 623-878-9725 - Black Canyon City **

Nov. 7 4th Annual Cruizing to the Valley Car Show presented by Somerton Chamber of Commerce/ Mi Vida Car Club Yuma Chapter at Somerton Town Park - 10am-6pm concert to follow - all vehicles welcome - entry \$25 cars, \$20 Motorcycles, Swap Meet \$40 - proceeds go to building a new amphitheatre - Info: Aldo 928-920-3777 - Somerton

Nov. 7 Phoenix in the Fall presented by Mopars Unlimited of Arizona at Bill Luke Chrysler (I-17 & Camelback) - 9am-2pm - open to all Mopar powered and AMC vehicles - judged show, parts vendors, swap meet, special attractions - Info: Rick 623-847-2490 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Nov. 7 2nd Annual Tag Charter Elementary School Car Show presented by Door Slammers Car Club at Tag Elementary School (10129 E. Speedway Blvd) - \$5 entry - reg. 8:30-10am, show 10am-2pm - proceeds to benefit Tag Charter Elementary School - Classics, Trucks, Race Cars, Customs, Motorcycles, Hot Rods - Info: Pam or Russ 520-665-8818 or 520-548-2751 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 7 7th Annual Garner Automotive Car and

Bike Show at Garner Automotive (2699 S. Pantano) - 9am-3pm, awards 2pm - free show to benefit the Travis J. Brown Lung fund - food and beverage available - trophies for 1st & 2nd place car and bike - raffles, auctions, silent auctions - Info: Liz 520-406-2595 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 7 4th Annual Veterans Day Celebration Car Show presented by Havasu Classics at Anderson Chrysler (3920 N. Hwy. 95) - 9am-3pm - Info: Kathy 866-455-3457 - (Hotel Finder) - Lake Havasu City

Nov. 7 Cool Blue/Red Hot Custom Car Show presented by Southern AZ Public Safety at Pima Community College West Campus (2202 West Anklum Rd.) - entry \$10 (free to active duty law enforcement and EMS personnel) - reg. 7am, show 9am-2pm trophies at end of show - Proceeds benefit the Tucson Police Explorers - Info: Gilbert 520-419-0558 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 7 Emmanuel Presyb. Church Car Show at Emmanuel Presyb. Church (3839 E. Shea Blvd) - free show, Free Lunch - 9am-1pm - Pre 1986 cars, trucks and motorcycles - People's choice Best of Show Trophy - Info: Mark 602-721-3630 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Nov. 7 Hooters Eastside Show-n-Shine Car Show presented by Tucson Mopar Club at Hooters Eastside Restaurant (6335 E. Tanque Verde Rd) - all makes, models and all car clubs welcome - reg. 5-7pm, Show and judging 7-9pm - Free - Hooter's girls will award 3 trophy's, and the first place winner can come back Dec 19th for a chance at a \$200.00 cash prize - Info: Dave 520-551-0691 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 7 Open House and Car Show at Arrowhead Ranch Office and Industrial Park (21509 N. 78th Ave) - 10am-2pm - food, kids bounce house, Peoria Police Dept. and Fire Dept. - Info: Mike 623-792-5147 - (Hotel Finder) - Peoria

Nov. 7 Go-Kat-Go/DicE Party at The Ruby Room (717 S. Central Ave) - free show - \$5 cover - 4pm-? - Hot Rod, Motorcycle, Custom, Van, Trike, Lowrider, Yugo show all afternoon with

DJs, Prizes, Beer Specials, 3 bands - Info: Christian 602-277-8528 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Nov. 7 Car Show and Concert presented by Mi Vida Car Club & Somerton Chamber Of Commerce at Perriconi Park (Cesar Chavez Ave & Spring St) - food ,music,games for kids,give a ways ,monies will go to help build a ampatheater at Perriconi Park - Info: Jose 928-920-2699 - Somerton

Nov. 7-8 Grand Canyon 1000 Tucson to Page to Tucson - fun for the family - entry \$215/car before Sep. 1st, \$265/car before Oct. 15, \$315/car before Nov. 5 entry includes race entry for your entire team (one vehicle), two free t-shirts, dash plaque, free food for two (pre-race dinner, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches), route book, maps and all race decals, donation to our beneficiary: Pima Air and Space Museum, discounted hotels, food, park and attraction entry fees - Info: Laszlo 520-270-0763 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 8 Indian School Corridor Block Party presented by Phoenix Law Enforcement Association Charities and the Indian School Corridor Citywide Coalition (on Indian School Road between 32nd and 38th Street) - 12noon-5pm - pre-reg. \$20 before 9/1 includes a dash plaque and 1st 100 receive a t-shirt - awards for 10 best and Club Participation - Info: Ann 602-410-1449 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix **

Nov. 8 Just Sell It Swap Meet at Glendale Community College (North Lot), (59 Ave. & Olive) - gates open 5am no early set-up - Swap spaces \$20 ea. for an 18x20 (approx) - trucks towing trailers will be charged for 2 spaces - spectators



are free - Info: Scott 623-628-0364 - (Hotel Finder) - Glendale

Nov. 14 Classics for Charity Car and Bike Show presented by Fat Willy's Restaurant and Mahnah Club (1726 S. Greenfield St.) - to benefit: Child Crisis Center, EV Save the Family Foundation of AZ, H.S. Scholarships and Mahnah Club Charities - pre-reg. \$30 before 11/7, \$35 after, Motorcycle \$20 before 11/7, \$25 after, Vendor space \$50 - Trophy's, Prizes, Music, Food, 50/50 Raffle, T Shirt, Goodie Bags - Check in 8-10am, Judging 10am-1pm, Awards 2pm - charity pre party at Fat Willy's Nov 13th, 6-9pm \$25 includes food, drinks, prizes, music - Info: Mary 602-690-6724 - (Hotel Finder) - Mesa **

Nov. 14 2nd Annual Car Show sponsored by Shepherd JR. PTO at Shepherd Jr. High (1407 N. Alta Mesa Rd) - reg. 8-10am, judging 10am-1pm, trophies 2pm - \$25 entry - Trophies will be awarded to top cars - open to all vehicles - proceeds to help with daily school necessities - 50/50, Raffle, food available - Info: 480-472-1801 - email - (Hotel Finder) - Mesa *

Nov. 14 Car Show to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank at Laguna Village Shopping Center (5865 W. Ray Rd) - FREE Event - 10am-2pm - registration is not required - community driven event - all cars, makes and models welcome - music, raffles, fun for all - Info: Dawn 480-600-7601 - (Hotel Finder) - Chandler **

Nov. 14 5th Annual Veterans Car Show presented by Arizona Street Machines at Beaudry RV (3200 E Irvington Rd.) - Reg. 8-10am, Show 10am-2pm - entry fee: donation plus one non-perishable food item - Music, Door Prizes, Trophies, 50/50 - Proceeds benefit Operation Warm Heart, a charity to benefit needy military families - Info: Don or Sara 520-481-9954 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 14 Paradise Valley Veteran's Vintage Car Show at Paradise Valley Town Hall (6401 E. Lincoln Dr.) - entry fee \$50, tour and lunch \$22 - 7:30am-12 noon - all proceeds to benefit the Arizona Military Family Relief Fund - open to pre 1975 vehicles - Info: Diane 480-348-3530 - Para-

dise Valley

Nov. 14 2nd Annual Toy Drive and Car Show Sponsored by Havasu Classics at 1940 Mesquite Dr - 9am-1pm - entry: 1 or more unwrapped new toy (\$10 value) per vehicle - proceeds to benefit Interagency Council of Lake Havasu City - Info: Lloyd 928-453-6419 - (Hotel Finder) - Lake Havasu City

Nov. 14 Mustang Show presented by Mohave County Mustang Club at Colorado River Ford (3601 Stockto Hill Rd.) - pre-reg \$10, day of show \$15, shirts \$20 - reg. 8-10am, show 10am-2pm, awards 3pm - food, fun, raffle - Info: Mike 928-757-1791 - (Hotel Finder) - Kingman

Nov. 14 Walkin on Main Car Show presented by Mingus Union Hot Rod Club at Old Town Cottonwood - free show - 10am-5pm - enjoy a celebration of historic 89A, with beautiful Cars, Art, Wine, History, and music - Info: Yvonne 928-301-0649 - (Hotel Finder) - Cottonwood

Nov. 14 Jim Morgan Cancer Benefit Car Show presented by Professional Firefighters of Casa Grande at Vista Grande High School (1556 N. Arizola Rd.) - open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles - \$25 entry - reg. 8am, show 10am-2pm, awards and raffle 2pm - Info: Tim 520-450-0578 - (Hotel Finder) - Casa Grande

Nov. 14 Car Show to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank at Laguna Village Shopping Center (5865 West Ray Rd) - 10am-2pm - free entry - community driven event - All Makes, All Models welcome - Info: Dawn 480-600-7601 - (Hotel Finder) - Chandler

Nov. 14 5th Annual Veterans Show presented by Arizona Street Machines at Beaudry RV (3200 E. Irvington Rd.) - entry donation plus 1 non-perishable food item - reg. 8-10am, show 10am-2pm - music, door prizes, trophies - donations to benefit Operation Warm Heart - Info: Leroy 520-886-8916 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 14 7th Annual Auto Extravaganza at Palmcroft Baptist Church (15825 N. 35th Ave) - free

to spectators, \$10 entry includes t-shirt, dash plaque, and 1 free lunch - \$4 additional lunch - Info: John 602-410-6554 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Nov. 14 Little Anthony's Diner Classic Car Show (7010 E. Broadway) - trophies, prizes - reg. 9-10am, show 10am-2pm - Info: 520-296-0456 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 14 2nd Annual Texas Road House Car Show Info: Kimberly 520 456-9338 - (Hotel Finder) - Sierra Vista

Nov. 15 Thanksgiving Food Run presented by A&W (start at A&W - 6890 N Sandario Rd) (end at A&W - 6225 W Ajo Hwy) cruise through the Saugaro National Monument - entry 4 non-perishable food items - 12noon-5pm, cruise 2pm - free root beer, prizes - prizes, hats, tee shirts, pins - Info: Tracey 520-406-3009 - (Hotel Finder) - Tucson

Nov. 20-22 GoodGuys Southwest Nationals presented by GoodGuys at WestWorld - Vendors, Exhibitors, model and pedal car show, swap meet, cars for sale corral - Info: Bob 480-488-3607 - (Hotel Finder) - Scottsdale

Nov. 21 Desert Ridge Fall Car Show at Desert Ridge H.S. (10045 E. Madero Ave.) - \$15 pre-reg., \$20 DOS - food music, prizes - Info: Stefane 602-329-2577 - (Hotel Finder) - Mesa

Nov. 21 Ahwa-Turkey Stomp 5th Annual Car & Inaugural Motorcycle Show at Ahwatukee Park (4700 E. Warner Rd.) - pre-reg. before 11/13 \$10, \$12 after - Spectator entry: frozen turkeys, non-perishable food for St. Mary's Food Bank, new unwrapped toys for Marines Toys for Tots Program - beer, wine, food, concessions - Info: Lisa 480-893-3431 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Nov. 26-29 2010 Model Arizona International Auto Show at Phoenix Convention Center (100 N. 3rd St) - Thu. 9am-7pm, Fri., Sat. 9am-9pm, Sun. 9am-7pm - entry; adult (13+) \$9, seniors (62+), military (w/id), students (w/id) and children (7-12) \$5 - Attendees are invited to check out all the

latest vehicles in this non-selling environment, sit behind the wheels, inspect engines and learn about new automotive technologies - Info: 415-380-8390 - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Nov. 28 Pontiac/Buick/Olds Fall Fest at Speedworld Dragstrip (19421 w Jomax) - drags, car show, parts exchange, music, trivia and more - Gates open 8am - more info and coming - Info: Steve 480-899-7873 - (Surprise Hotel Finder) - Wittmann

Nov. 28 Santa's Veterans Helpers Ride hosted by RidersUSA, a non-profit corp at Cactus Willy's (6322 W. Bell Rd) - to benefit Arizona Veterans Home Heroes Christmas Party III - Sign in 8-10am - solo rider \$15, passengers \$10 - Enjoy cruising to various locations before arriving at Hardtails for a great party with food, live music, cruise prizes, 50/50, raffles & more - First 300 received custom dog tags - Info: Tom ? - (Hotel Finder) - Phoenix

Member Profile

Contributed by: Linda L Nicholson

I HAVE A BAD FEELING IN THE PIT OF MY WALLET

This is a story not unlike many other stories told by Triumph owners.

So you ask, how did I get exposed to the Triumph automobile? For approximately three years a Triumph was left at my home for care, maintenance and restoration; during that time I observed the metamorphosis of a non-running car to a car that performed as well as most of the cars in the local Triumph club.

I joined in for club events and had the privilege of meeting a group of people who share a common interest, the Triumph. This club (DCTRA) has members willing to share their knowledge and experience as owners and caretakers of the Triumph automobile. Equally important is the fact that these are just really nice people to be around.

I decided I wanted to not just ride along in a Triumph, but I wanted a car I could drive, that seemed to be the real fun! So the search began. Not only was I looking for a car, I talked several club members into helping me in my search. One of the club members found two local Triumphs for sale. Armed with an evaluation tool, (list of things to identify and think about when considering the purchase of a TR) developed by an acquaintance in England, who is a Triumph restoration specialist, I thought I was fairly well prepared to select a

car. After seeing the cars I wasn't so confident of my decision so I coerced two club members into assessing the cars for me. As it turned out my choice wasn't the better of the two cars. In February 2009 I purchased the running 1965 TR4A recommended by my friends.

The car was serviced and it was running so well I invested in cosmetic improvements and it was readied for its maiden voyage, the 2009 British European Auto Tour. I picked the car up and on the seven (7) mile drive to the detail shop it blew a head gasket.

This is where the real, serious money spending started. The engine block had to be replaced, total engine rebuild. I decided since the car's apart it's the perfect time to replace the transmission, so why not do a five-speed conversion as well. After six (6) months in the garage the car went for its test ride Saturday, September 12th, 2009 and back to the garage for minor "tweaking" the week of September 14th.

Parts repaired, renovated, added or replaced include the engine, transmission, headlights, tail lights, horns, radio, fuel system, water pump, belts, hoses, electric fan, wheels, tires, seat belts, interior heat shield, sound deadening materials, seats, steering rack, top, carpet, visors, dash, steering wheel, handles, locks, mirrors, hardware, trunk interior, luggage rack just to name a few.

Is the car finished? Of course not!

Although there is a bad feeling in the pit



of my wallet there is a heightened sense of joy in my life. There has been excitement and apprehension watching a car that needed the ability, experience and knowledge of true craftsmen and car enthusiast be converted into a vehicle that has the promise of years of driving time and fun. By far the greater reward is the friendships that have developed during this car's restoration and the friendships yet to come through Triumph events.

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I'd like to thank the following people for sharing their knowledge of the Triumph and how to replace, repair and/or restore this vehicle. Without their talent, ability and experience this 1965 TR4A car owner would not have a performing automobile today.

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Special thanks to my grandson, Tim Titus, for all of his help and his willingness to participate in any task or adventure that came his way during the last 6 months of work on the Triumph.

The BEAT



Visit the BEAT website for updates on the BEAT 2010 Rally and to view pictures and videos from years past.

<http://www.beataz.com>

STARTERS

Agua Fresca of the Day \$3
Pineapple

Mofford's Seasonal Muffin \$2
Baked fresh in our kitchen each morning. Strawberry

Mini Quesadillas \$7
Corn tortillas with mexican menonita cheese, spinach and huitlacoche. served with Oaxacan salsa, Indian salsa and marinated cabbage

Enchilada Suizas \$9
Corn tortillas with chicken, tomatillo sauce, menonita cheese, onions, crema and cilantro.

Daily Drink Special \$2
Miche Rojo

Green Corn Tamale \$5
With manchego cheese and salsa fresca and hatch green chile sauce with bacon.

Guacamole \$8
Made fresh daily in our molcajete. Served with tortilla chips and three salsas.

Green Chile Pozole \$4/8
Tender pieces of pork and hominy in a green chile broth. Topped with shredded cabbage, onions and cilantro.

Azteca Soup

Spicy chipotle chile broth with chicken, avocado, cilantro, queso panela, lime and crispy corn tortilla strips.
\$4/8

BRUNCH ITEMS

Baked Chilaquiles \$10
Tortilla casserole with manchego cheese, tomatillo sauce and indian salsa. Served with a side of scrambled eggs.

Southwestern Benedict \$11
Poached eggs atop green chile beer biscuits with cure 81 ham, roasted poblano hollandaise and roasted root vegetable hash.

Vegetable Omelette \$10
Three eggs filled with asparagus, baby spinach, roasted peppers, jalapeno jack cheese and calabacitas. Topped with oaxacan salsa and served with a side of roasted root vegetable hash.

Huevos Motulenos \$11
Two fried eggs over a crispy tortilla shell with refried beans and cure 81 ham. Topped with hatch green chile sauce and served with a cinnamon glazed banana.

Cowboy Hash \$11
Roasted root vegetables tossed with Shreiners linguisa sausage and chorizo. Topped with fried eggs, salsa verde and indian relish.

Huevos Rancheros \$11
Fried eggs over a crispy corn tortilla with a tomato-chile sauce and refried beans. Served with roasted root vegetable hash and guacamole.

Verde Vaqueros \$9
Green chile beer biscuits with Shreiners southwest sausage gravy. Served with a side of scrambled eggs and smoked bacon strips.

Atole Pinon Hotcakes \$6
Griddled blue corn masa and pinenuts topped with blueberry butter

Breakfast Enchiladas \$11
Scrambled eggs, carne asada, chorizo and manchego cheese in corn tortillas and topped with a guajillo chile sauce. Served with a side of charro beans.

Steak and Eggs \$12
Wood grilled 5 oz. Prime flat iron steak with two eggs and roasted root vegetable hash.

Stacked Chicken Enchiladas \$10
Blue and yellow corn tortillas, menonita cheese, charro beans, hatch green chile sauce and salsa fresca. Topped with a fried egg.

Sample Menu from
Sierra Bonita Grill
Location for the January
Election Brunch

LUNCH ITEMS

Sierra Bonita Salad \$8
House salad mix with, raspberries, Gorgonzola cheese, tomatoes, spiced pecans, red onions and balsamic vinaigrette

Wood Grilled Burger \$9
1/2 pound of fresh ground chuck, with lettuce, onion and vine ripened tomato.

Grilled Mahi Tacos \$9
Coriander crusted Mahi Mahi, chipotle lime aioli and marinated cabbage with indian salsa and queso fresco

****Carne Asada Tacos** \$9
Marinated carne asada with shredded cabbage, salsa fresca, pesto mayonnaise, panela cheese and cilantro.



DCTRA Membership Application

Please print and return completed form to:

John Reynolds, Treasurer

806 E. Campus

Tempe, AZ 85282

Member Info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

email: _____
(required for newsletter notification)

Auto Info:

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Length of Membership

☐ One Year
\$18.00

☐ Two Years
\$34.00

☐ Three Years
\$50.00

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Comments/Suggestions:

Three Flats Rally

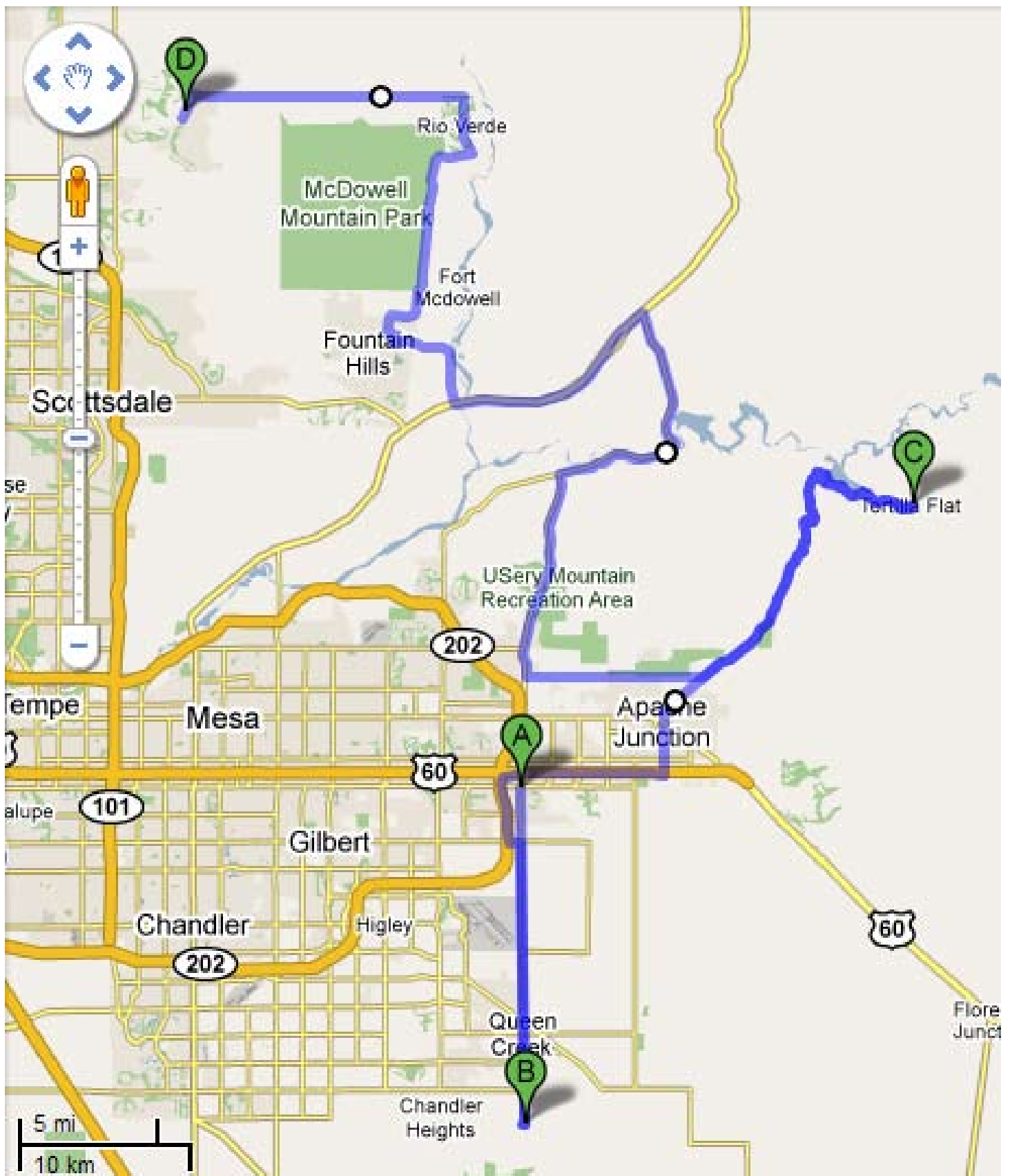
Organized by: George Durkin

November 21, 2009

- Meet at the starting point (SW Corner of Ellsworth and Baseline Roads in Mesa) at 10am. Depart the Rally point at 10:30am.
- Arrive at San Tan Flats about 11:15am. Have a light snack at the first stop. Depart San Tan Flats at 12:30pm.
- Arrive at Tortilla Flats at 1:30pm. Sight-see and have a drink at the second stop. Depart Tortilla Flats at 2:30pm
- Arrive at Greasewood Flats at 4:30pm. Dinner at the third stop.

	Directions	Mileage	Total miles
1	Take a right from the parking lot and drive south on Ellsworth road	0	0
2	S. Ellsworth road becomes Hunt Hwy end at San Tan Flat	12.2	12.2
3	Exit San Tan flat on to Hunt Hwy and drive north to Hwy 60	12.2	24.4
4	Take Hwy 60 east to Globe	0.3	24.9
5	Take exit 196 onto AZ-88 S. Idaho Road	4.6	29.5
6	Turn left at intersection onto S Idaho Road/ AZ-88	0.4	29.9
7	Continue on S. Idaho and turn right on N. Apache Trail /AZ-88	2.3	32.2
8	Continue on Apache Trail past Canyon Lake and arrive at Tortilla flat	16.4	49
9	Leave Tortilla Flat and return on Apache Trail driving west		
10	At E. Lost Dutchman Blvd turn right	14.5	63.5
11	At N. Ellsworth road turn right .	6.5	70
12	N. Ellsworth road becomes N Usery Pass road Continue on N. Usery Pass road until North Bush Hwy and turn right	7.8	77.8
13	Continue on Bush Hwy until Hwy 87 and then turn left	9.6	87.4
14	Continue on 87 until E. Shea Blvd and turn right	10.2	97.6
15	Continue on E. Shea Blvd until Fountain Hills Blvd and turn right	2.3	99.9
16	Fountain Hills Blvd becomes McDowell Mountain Rd. Continue on McDowell Mountain Road until Forest Road and turn left	12.2	112.1
17	Take Forest Road to E. Rio Verde Dr. and turn left	2.1	114.2
18	Take E. Rio Verde Dr. until the traffic light a N. Alma School Pkwy, then turn left	9.8	124
19	After Riata Pass make a sharp left to Greasewood flats (there is a sign on your left)	1	125

Three Flats Rally - The Route



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Post Your TR Story to the Club's Website

All members that Register with the website (<http://www.dctra.org>) can post a profile and history of themselves and their car(s) along with a photo. Visit the site and on the membership page you can find a detailed step-by-step process (including pictures!) of how to do it.

http://www.dctra.org/files/How_to_post.pdf

Our Webmaster would be happy to post your info for you if the following seems too complicated. Just email him (dave@microworks.net) with the text you want and a picture if you have one.

Or...

You can follow the instructions below or go to http://www.dctra.org/files/How_to_post.pdf to open/download a PDF document that takes you through the process step-by-step with illustrations.

1. Login
2. Select "Write" from the menu at the top (your account must be upgraded from the initial level when the account was created - if you do not see the "Write" option send an email to Dave to have your account upgraded)
3. Fill in the Title box. For example enter your name: John Q. Public
4. In the Post box fill in a little bit about yourself, your car and how the two of you got together.
5. DO NOT CHECK the "Notify everyone (regardless of subscription).

Now to upload your picture(s) to accompany your post...

6. Select the "Browse" button on the right hand side of the field called "File" See below for some advice on photos.

7. This opens the normal Choose File dialog box. Find the file you want to upload. Click on it and then select the "Open" button. If you want give the file a Title and a description.

8. Press the "Upload" button.

9. Leave the settings "Show Thumbnail" and "Link File" just like they are.

10. Now backup in the box where you typed your "Post" place the cursor where you want the picture to be located.

11. Press the button "Send to editor"

12. Over on the right hand side in the Categories menu place a check in the "Members Cars" box.

13. If you want people to be able to comment about your post leave the Comments and Ping boxes checked. Otherwise uncheck them.

14. Press the "Publish" button

Now you can "View site" and see your post in the "Members Cars" category!

A Note about posting and uploading your picture in your Member Posting. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE pay attention to the size of the picture you want to upload. Resize the image so that it is no more than 600 pixels wide. If you do not know how to do that feel free to email the picture to dave@microworks.net and he will resize the image and email it back to you.



Classified

TRIUMPH / TOYOTA TRANSMISSION ADAP-TORS

Put a Toyota 5 Speed into your TR-3 or TR-4, Transmission adaptor uses stock Triumph hydraulic clutch set up. Adaptor Kit, with instruction, pictures \$500.00, Bill Close (602-524-5351) <http://www.eaglegatellc.com>

Mechanic/Painter

Mechanical, paint & body for over 30 years. We would like to see if anyone needs any work done. I've owned a TR6 since 1975 and has redone just about every part of it. Works on all types of vehicles. Very reasonable.
Patrick O'Connell 602-569-0656

TR6 complete engine/parts for sale

Variety of used TR6 parts and complete 1970 engine on stand for sale. Also an aftermarket TR6 Hardtop. Will sell all for \$1250. Please forward to all who may be interested.
Contact Rick 520-780-1948
rschuarizona@yahoo.com

GT6 Engine

1968 GT-6 engine complete bought from wrecking yard in Flagstaff \$250.00 Scottsdale 602-377-8559

1980 Triumph TR8

Partially restored, British racing green. Asking \$6,500. The car is in Streamwood, IL and the contact info in Richaubert@gmail.com or 630-254-8489

Interior:

- *Beige custom interior
- *New door panels (not yet installed)
- *New, installed carpeting
- *Air conditioning and heater rebuilt but not tested
- *Center console completely rebuilt (not yet installed)
- *Oversized seats installed (original seats available and partially restored).

Body:

- *New convertible top (some sun damage

to rear plastic window).

*Body in good condition – straight, with no damage or rust

*Paint has scratches due to shipping up from Arizona

Engine:

* Rebuilt crabs.

*Car runs – but the 5th gear of the transmission is noisy

*Engine compartment has not been worked on (dirty).

Note: Classified ad's are always free to DCTRA Members

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Funnies...

Ten Commandments For the Car Collector

1. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
3. Thou shalt not store thy car out-of-doors except for the wife's Toyota.
4. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when indeed thou art going out to look at another car.
5. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children.
6. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his '47 Plymouth.
7. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.
8. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition for the house and then use it to store cars.
9. Thou shalt not allow thy sons and daughters to get married during the car show season.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas

You might be a racer if...

- You think the primary purpose of wings is to PREVENT flight.
- You take your helmet along when you go to buy new eyeglasses or check out cars.
- You feel compelled on a road trip to beat your previous best time.
- You are happiest when your street car's tires are worn to racing depth and the wear bars are showing.
- When something falls off of your car, you wonder how much weight you just saved.
- When you hear 'overcooked it', instead of food you think 'off the track'.
- You change engine oil every other week.
- You sometimes hear little noises from your passengers when you get on the throttle right after turning in.
- You thoroughly enjoy showing the tailgater behind how to drive around a highway off-ramp.
- Your racing budget is one of the big three -- mortgage, car payments/maintenance, dating.

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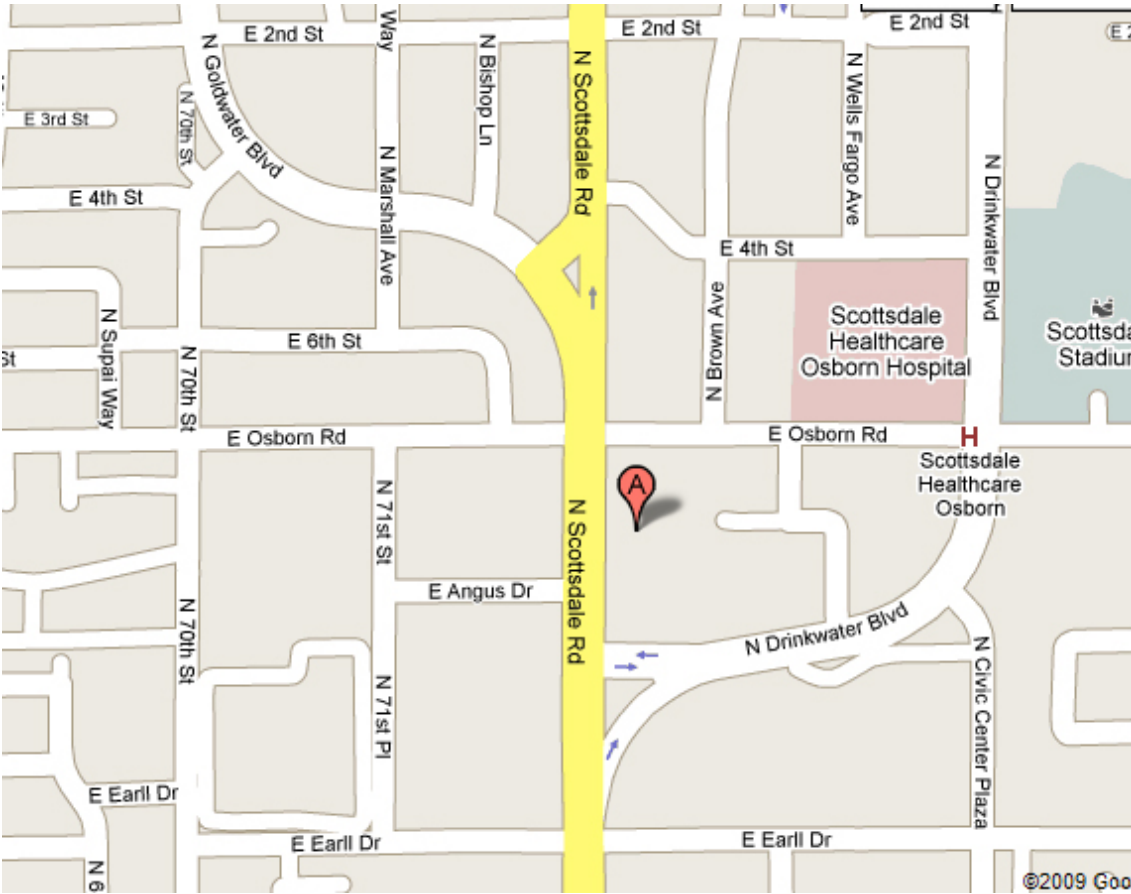
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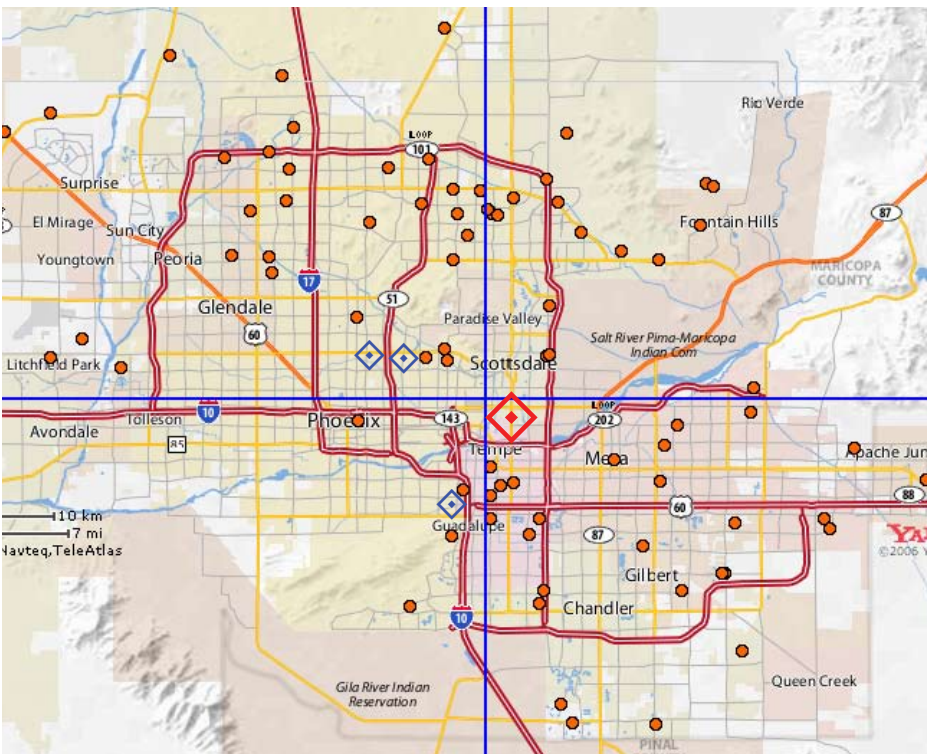
DCTRA Meeting Location!



As was reported in the Prez Sez column at the beginning of September issue the Committee formed to find a new location drew a circle around the Valley to find the Center.

This was already available on the Club's Website under the "Members Only" section where there is a static map with crosshairs bisecting the valley and a link to an interactive copy of that map showing the Valley with the address locations of all the Members.

DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale



Here is a copy of the map with a Red diamond target showing the new location. You can also see that I added three Blue target diamonds indicating the location of the last three meeting locations. The Orange dots on the map indicate the addresses of DCTRA Members (current at the time the map was created).

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