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# Prez Sez – November 2016

Stu Lasswell, President

First let me say that I'm sorry I couldn't be at the last meeting... but I was out of town. At least it was Triumph related, as I was at the VTR National Meet in Pottsboro TX. Actually, that was the week before, but I was taking a long way around back home... via North Carolina. The VTR event was really a lot of fun. It's really a lot like Triumphest, but spread out over four days instead of two. More tours, more dinners, and even more Triumphs! I can't remember what the total was, but I'm pretty sure it was over 200. Again, like a big Triumphest. There were even several people that I've come to know from our annual gathering at Triumphest, both from the usual California crowd but also from some who make the pilgrimage out to our event from places east, like Texas and Oklahoma. I know I talked to several people who had been out our way... most had been to the joint VTR/Triumphest events at San Rafael and Santa Clara (I think?) but some had even been at our Flagstaff event in '12.

In any case, it was great fun, with mostly decent weather, great driving roads, and good people. I can't say it was all fun and games... the little "two hours or so" gimmick rally went over FIVE hours for most of us, with clues so hard to find or so obscure that many (including Debbie and me) gave up on more than we would have liked! We've never done that well on those rallies anyway, but do them just for the scenic drive.

As most of you who know me will attest, the only driving event I really care about is the autocross. Well, as I think I might have mentioned last month, they were planning on "bumping" me up to the Prepared (as in Race Prepared) class, but in that class I would have been alone, so they dropped me back into the more appropriate Modified group... much to the chagrin of Bob Jasper, who many of you may know from California Triumphests. I could see that the competition would be tough, at least if I was to realize my goal of Fastest Time of Day. There were two fully race prepared (well, vintage race prepared) Spitfires, and some truly wicked sounding TR6s that I suspected would be quick. I had to wait until late afternoon, the last run group, to see how I would do. All the cars in my class would run together... the modified TR2s, 3s, and 4s. We only got three runs in competition, so there was a steep learning curve if you had trouble reading the course. The old airfield landing strip on which it was held was pretty sticky, with solid pavement... except in all the many cracks, where grass was growing through! It was actually a pretty good course, with a couple of cross-overs, but fairly open with a couple of sweepers that were fast. In fact, coming out of the corner leading to the straight through the finish I maintained momentum so well that the engine was bouncing off the rev-limiter (set at 5,000 rpm) in second gear! I shifted to third for the second run, but had clipped a cone earlier on course (a two-second penalty). Third and final run was clean, at 48.9-something seconds. I thought it was fastest of the day, but earlier a TR6 (full-race tires, triple Weber carbs) had pulled a 47.-something second run, but third fastest was well above 50 seconds. It did stand as fastest run in my class, though... second was the aforementioned Bob Jasper... over 5 seconds behind me!

The next day, Friday, was the big show, held on a nearby private grass airstrip. Naturally, the skies opened up Thursday night, so all the cars were wet, and the morning dawned a good twenty degrees cooler than previously that week. Cold and wet, and on grass, but at least it didn't get muddy! And it didn't rain that day, but it was cold, windy and overcast. The show was split, with the concours entrants on one side of the airstrip and "popular choice" cars in the other. That split the group about 60/40, the majority in the concours. Not my TR3, naturally. I was up against I think five other "side curtain" TRs, and somehow managed to pull off a First Class win in my group, which I can only credit the color combination, the "racy" look of no windshield but the Brooklands screens... and the fact that no one looked too closely on account of the cold!

There were some truly exceptional cars there, especially early cars. Where we usually can count on one (maybe two) 1800/2000 Roadsters, there were four. Especially cool were the pre-war cars... not just one or two but FIVE 1932-34 Triumph Glorias, including one Vitesse (saloon) version. A couple even did the autocross!

We might have to block out more rooms at Flagstaff, though. I passed out over a hundred fliers for Triumphfest 2017 during the show, and many were eyeing our event as a much more appealing venue than next year's VTR event, in Princeton NJ! More than a few expressed an intention to head our way rather than drive all the way to New England!

Well, enough for now... I'm still on the road, but I should be there at the November meeting. Motor On!

Stu Lasswell

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## EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I know that when most of you will be reading this November issue Halloween will be over so the jack-o-lantern on the front cover will be passé. However, I thought it was a clever posting and it's too late to make the October issue. And it is going to be too late for me to get a Thanksgiving turkey on this November issue. Maybe I should have given the J-o-L a drum stick to hold.

Stu wrote a very good Prez Sez column this month with an in-depth liturgy about his trip to the Vintage Triumph Register National Meet in Pottsboro, Texas. Maybe he wrote mostly about the autocross events, but that's Stu. He is one of the fastest Triumphs around and one of my heroes. I have many though.

We have a "Meet Our Members" this month and it is a very interesting story; I think. Bob Holt writes about how he became involved with Triumphs and I love the way that he tells the story. A story that most any gear-head who went through adolescents could relate to. Thanks, Bob. It is a long story so he and I decided to post it in two issues. I feel that you will all be waiting with baited breath till next month, the December issue, to read the "rest of the story". I have read it and can relate to that part as well.

I hope that you all have a list of your new nominees to present at our next business meeting. Although our current officers are/have done a good job, some of them have done more than their share of service and would like a break in service; for a while anyway. None of the elected offices are difficult and there are plenty of "has-beens" to help you stretch your wings and try something new.

I'm trying to get this November issue out early: 1) so you can see the beautiful seasonal cover and 2) so that I can get out and trick or treat for some candy myself.

Actually, I take Ben, our big Boston Terrier, trick or treating in our neighborhood. He has many friends that he likes to visit. He holds his paw out to shake and they will give him a doggie treat.



I hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday the eighth of November. We'll all want to toast something refreshing and celebrate that this election campaign will be over. Come celebrate with us!

George Montgomery

# November 2016 Membership Report:

Dave Freet, Membership Chairman

We added one new member this month his name is Jim Craig. Still looking for information on Ben Trebilcock. He paid a one year dues fee using PayPal but I have never received an application for membership. If anyone knows this gentleman or how I can get in touch with him please let me know so that I can get him signed up and see that he receives his membership packet. Counting Ben in our family that brings our memberships to 106 with 164 members. Although still recovering from my recent knee surgery I will be at the November meeting. A reminder that the the 2017 DCTRA Officer Elections are coming up in January. Now is a good time to investigate the requirements for each position and see if getting more involved in our club is something you would be interested in. Remember a club is only as good as its officers and members, so step up and take a turn at making this club the best in the US. On that note I regret to say that my position as Membership Chairperson will be available come January 1st. I have served for 2 years and feel that it is time to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to be membership chairperson.

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

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

November 8, 2016  
(Second Tuesday of each month)  
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Starts at 7:00 PM

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# 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'm sure that he would appreciate your assistance.

## DCTRA & British Auto Events 2016 & 2017:

**November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016** - DCTRA Business Meeting and Nomination of officers

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Wemar Salute to Veterans Car Show; Peoria Sports Complex For more info go to: [www.weMAR.org](http://www.weMAR.org)

**November 18-20** - Goodguys Car Show; Westworld Scottsdale

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Wemar Salute to Veterans Car Show; Peoria Sports Complex. For more info go to: [www.weMAR.org](http://www.weMAR.org)

**December ?<sup>th</sup> 2016** DCTRA Christmas Party Where? Think about it/

**January ?<sup>th</sup> 2017** – DCTRA Election Brunch ???????

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017** - The Far Out FAR Car Show - Thompson Peak & Bell Rd Details to follow.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017** - Concours in the Hills; Fountain Hills, AZ. For more info go to: [www.concoursinthehills.org](http://www.concoursinthehills.org)

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017** Triumphest 2017, Flagstaff, AZ.

## 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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## Quotable Quotes:

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of owning a British car, but want to know what it's like: Next big rainstorm, wait till dark, roll down all windows, leave off lights & heater & wipers and go for a drive. Stop at every intersection and throw out a twenty-dollar bill. It's not exactly the same, but it's real close.

- Mike Nash

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## Minutes

### Desert Centre Triumph Register of America October 2016 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The October 2016 meeting of the Desert Center Triumph Register of America was called to order by the past president, John Nuss, in the absence of the president, Stu Lasswell, and the vice-president, Clebe Best, at 7:00 pm at the Denny's Restaurant, Scottsdale Road and Loop 202.

**Membership:** Two new members, Steve & Karen Wylie, were in attendance. They have recently transferred from Carson City, along with their TR6 and TR8. Other members present were Jim Bauder, Michael Blachut, Pete Bowen, Virgil & Marlene Cole, Philip Couture, TR6, Dave Freet, Bob Holt, John & Beth Horton, Chuck Kerzan, Armand LaCasse, GT6, Marvin Miller, TR6, George Montgomery, John & Kathy Nuss, Pete Peterson, John Reynolds, David & Lori Riddle, Pamela Rineholt, Bo Shaw, Peter Thompson, TR6, Kiwi Treloar.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Nuss gave the report, advising that we are solvent.

**Membership** Chairperson Dave Freet reported that our two new members have brought our numbers to 105 memberships with 163 members. Dave is trying to contact a new member, Ben Trebilcock, who joined through PayPal, but no other information has been received from him. Dave reminded us that officer elections are in January, and advised that he will no longer be membership chair as of that time. Marvin Miller asked about the inconsistencies in amounts listed in various places for membership, given the recent vote to increase dues to \$20 per year. Dave Freet explained that the increase does not take effect until January, and Dave Riddle said that he will make the changes as needed.

**Newsletter** Editor George Montgomery reported that some names had been left out or swapped in the most recent newsletter, and that Julian should have been listed as having received a Gold at Triumphest.

**Hobbyist Council:** John Horton reported that the hobbyist council website shows meetings "to be announced."

**Tech Talk:** Armand reported that he is driving the white GT6. John Nuss reported that he has solved the overheating problem, is still working on other issues, and the car is running. There was a question and some answers about getting the plug out of a TR3 housing.

John Horton told about an “Oof Dah” following Triumphest. He and Pete drove to Triumphest and back with minimal problems, but two weeks later he blew a fan belt.

**Events:** The British Vintage Voyage is next weekend. Other events are listed in the newsletter and the website.

Kathy Nuss reported on plans for the upcoming 2017 Triumphest. The last time we held Triumphest in Flagstaff, posters of members’ cars were hung. Chuck wants to borrow any of those posters anyone still has and invites other members to obtain posters of their cars and loan them as well to use again. People are still needed to head some committees: 1) Driving Rally – Jim Bauder will give the chairperson some ideas; Dave Riddle volunteered – possibly. 2) Dinner cruises – Chair will need to coordinate leaders for the cruises, who will each need to lead the people going to each restaurant, provide printed directions, and let the restaurant know how many are coming. 3)Advertising and Goodie Bags. 4) Speaker. (Craig Kenyon will lead the Tech Session.)

**Old Business:** None was discussed.

**New Business:** 1) we need to decide where and when we will have our Christmas Party. 2) George Montgomery has agreed to make arrangements for the January Annual Meeting Brunch. We need a date, and a certain number of guaranteed attendees (over 40) if we return to Claim Jumpers, which was the consensus.

Magazines provided by Joe Glover were available for interested parties.

John and Matt Reynolds and Stu Lasswell attended VTR in Lake Texoma, Texas. John gave an overview of the event and said it was an excellent event.

John Horton volunteers at the Andre House charity which provides meals and clothing for homeless people. John is asking that we bring usable clothing for men, women, and children to the next meeting, and he will deliver it to the charity.

Dave Riddle explained the Teen Driving School, which will be starting again on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Arizona Motorsports Park, and encouraged everyone to bring any teens they know to the school to make safer drivers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Rineholt, Secretary

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# Sparkplug Award Report

by John Nuss

The totals on record for Spark Plug as of the end of October.

Andersons 15 B. Kavash 19 Huffs 10  
Jim Bauder 18 C. Kerzan 11 R. Hoerlein 3  
Beckers 6 A. LaCasse 45 P. Couture 23  
Clebe Best 41 S. Laswell 80 T. Chapman 3  
Mike Blachut 46 D. Laswell 45 M. Brasfield 16  
Pete Bowen 24 J. Lindly 6 L. Cross 3  
Ron Cole 3 A. Lopez 3 R. Schowe 3  
Coles 20 B. Mazer 18 Wylies 3  
Divines 6 B. McIrahy 5 Crashell 6  
M. D'Olimpio 11 G. Montgomery 73  
Dormans 19 Mures 55  
Durkins 38 J. Nuss 100  
A. Elisco 5 K. Nuss 83  
Jeff Fairman 32 G. Parry-Jones 11

Dave Fore 10 B. Peterson 11  
Dave Freet 36 P. Perterson 43  
Frisbys 13 J. Reynolds 43  
Riley Gay 5 M. Reynolds 27  
Gene Glenn 27 P. Rineholt 34  
W. Graham 3 Schmidt/ Cooke 8  
Ron Gurnee 47 B. Shaw 25  
B. Tribilock 3 R. Stoney 12  
D. Hampsch 6 M. Thompson 33  
Hansels 6 K. Trealar 6  
Heissers 37 Truttmans 25  
Hortons 43 M. Miller 38  
Jacobs 46 Peters/ Chan 22  
P. Jordan 20 C. Philpot 3

I listed families/ partners as one entry except when there was a difference in attendance. I noticed that driving the Triumph adds points and organizing an event is helpful too. If your count is different than this list, please e mail or call me and I will be glad to add appropriate points.

On the way to 100 points, be sure to take a photo, write a short note, and send it to George Montgomery, georgemonty32@gmail.com.

John

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# Meet Our Members

By Bob Holt

My first car was a 1956 Oldsmobile 88, 2 door hard top, which I bought from an elderly women for \$100, when I had just turned 18. Upon her Husband's death, she told my dad and me that it had only been driven occasionally (and it was in beautiful shape). Being young and excited about having my own car, I drove it hard and fast and after having it for just a little over a year and a half, the transmission failed. I do not know if you can consider it luck or not, but just before the transmission failed, I had bought a brand new 1968 Suzuki 250 Street/Scrambler motorcycle.



After the transmission failure, the Olds sat in the back of the driveway and I would use my motorcycle or ask my Dad if I could use his car, whenever I wanted to go anywhere. After a few months of this, my Dad gave me an ultimatum; "Get your car fixed or get rid of it."

Within the next couple weeks of receiving that ultimatum, is when my experience with Triumphs began and has been a driving force in my life ever since.

I had \$20 in my pocket and it was a Friday evening, in mid-August, of 1969. I had asked my Dad, once again, about using his car that evening, because I was going to meet 2 of my high school friends and we were going to go out and shoot some pool. My Dad closed his eye lids, then looked at me and raised his eyebrows, but then gave in and said very sternly.

"OK! But when are you going to do something about that car sitting back there?"

I responded sheepishly; "I know Dad, I promise I will take care of it right away".

As I have passed through my many years here on this earth, I have experienced times, where divine province has stepped in; I believe that the evening's upcoming events were one of those times.

It so happened, that I was not familiar with the location that my friends gave me, where we were going to meet up to shoot pool. I was following the directions they gave me and I was traveling through an area that was unfamiliar to me. I made a wrong turn and was making my way back to get to the correct street. I thought it made sense to go around the block, instead of turning around and it would get me there. However, it took me to a one way street and I had to go that way. Then as I was going down this street, I saw the most unusual looking car sitting in the front yard of someone's house with a for sale sign on the windshield. I had never seen a car like that before. It was a dark green convertible with a black top. I came to a quick stop then backed up to park in front of the house. I could not keep my eyes off that car. It was miniature, compared to my Dad's huge 1965 Chevrolet 4 door that I was driving. Even before ringing the doorbell I walked past it slowly, taking in all of its curves and features. It had a mesmerizing effect on me.

A person not much older than I was, opened the door. I said that I wanted to know more about the car for sale over there. He told me it was his car and it was a 1960 Triumph TR3 British Sports car and he was selling it because he was tired of filling up the radiator with water in the morning, before driving to college and then filling it up again with water, before coming home. It had a bad water pump and the water would spew out whenever it was running. It would over heat if he went any farther than to school and back. After showing me the 2 gallon jugs he kept in the trunk, he agreed to take me a short drive in it, around the neighborhood. And yes, I could see the narrow water trail we were leaving

## Meet Our Members: cont.

along the way. Other than that, it ran great. I was hooked right there and then. I didn't care about what was wrong with it. I knew I wanted it and I believed it would be possible to fix it.



When we returned to his house, I asked him how much he wanted for it. He said \$400. I told him right then, I wanted to buy it and would he take \$20 down to hold it and I would come back tomorrow, early Saturday afternoon, to give him the rest of the money and pick it up. He agreed, we shook hands and I gave him my \$20 (that I was going to use to play pool with my friends). I asked if I could use his phone to call one of my friends, to let them know, I would not be coming. Luckily, I caught my friend Larry still at home, who lived the closest to the bar where we were going to meet. I explained that I had just bought a car, gave my \$20 to hold it and I would not be able to go tonight. He understood and was excited for me, even though he had no idea what kind of car I bought.

So, I turned towards home. All during the drive, I could not believe that I had just bought a 2 seater, convertible sports car. I was so excited, I couldn't wait to tell everyone what I had bought, especially my Dad, to let him know I had bought a car and would not need to use his anymore. My mind was racing and I decided, that to meet my Dad's demands, I would need to do something about the Olds, as soon as possible and the best way, was to put an ad in the Cincinnati Enquirer and sell it for what I could get for it.

When I walked into the house, my brothers and sister, along with my mother were all looking at me with a surprised look on their faces. My Dad heard me come in and he came in from the kitchen and he said, "I thought you were going out for the evening to shoot pool with your friends! How come you are home so early? Then I could see his concerns by his body language and he said; "Are you OK? Is everything all right?" My mother echoed his concerns and asked me; "Are you feeling OK? You're not sick, are you?"

"Everything is fine and I am not sick" I quickly responded.

I was about to burst with excitement, when I blurted out my words in rapid succession; "I am home early, because I used the \$20 I had to play pool, to put it down on a car I bought just a little while ago and I am going to go up to the bank tomorrow morning and take out my savings to pay him the rest of the money I owe him and then pick up the car and drive it back home".

I really thought my Dad would be pleased, that I was following through on what he stated for me to do and what I said I would do. I am sure he saw that, because he just stood there listening. He asked me; "How much did you pay for it?" "Well..... \$400 is what we agreed to. I gave him my \$20 dollars, as a down payment and I would bring the balance of \$380 tomorrow after lunch time".

## Meet Our Members: cont.

Dad didn't say anything about the cost, he was silent for a few moments, but he then asked; "What make of car did you buy?" I was a little nervous at now having to tell him, with my mother and other brothers and sister listening in on what I was about to say. I really thought everyone would be just as excited as me. So I said with a lot of excitement, that I had bought a 1960 Triumph TR3 convertible sports car. My brothers and sister were all talking at once very happily. My Mom and Dad were not.

Mom said; "What kind of car is a triumph? I never heard of that". My Dad's voice raised an octave, when he said "Where was this car made?" He was still not showing any sense of relaxing or giving me any warm signals. "The guy I bought it from said; 'It is a British sports car' and I believe it was made in England".

My Father fought in WW2 and was stationed in France. He would never talk about his war time experiences. He believed in the USA and in the "Buy American" slogan, so any money spent on American goods, could be used to support the war effort.

My older Brother, Dick, was 2 years older than me. Back when he was 19, he had found a car he wanted to buy and he asked Dad to go with him to look at it. Our younger brother, Tony and I went along also, because Dick had told us what he wanted to buy and he was quite excited about it. We wanted to see the car he was going to get. It was a white mid 60's Plymouth Barracuda with a small V8 and a four speed on the floor.

After we got to the used car lot and Dick showed us what he was after, Dad said; "That's too much car for you. It has a V8 and you could get yourself hurt or killed driving a car like that. That's just too much car! You need to get a much larger car with a 6 cylinder. That will be a much better car for you." My brother was deeply deflated and ended up buying a car that met our Dad's idea of a car he should have; a 1959 Ford 2 door coupe with a six-cylinder engine and a 3-speed manual with the shifter on the "tree" steering column. I remember the look on Dick's face and the huge disappointment he felt, in not being able to get the car he wanted.

My Dad stood there, for what I felt was an eternity, without saying anything. I wondered why he wasn't excited for me. Then he spoke with authority.

"Here is what you are going to do. You are going to go back over there tomorrow and get your money back. Then you are going to buy an American car."

I felt like the rug had been pulled out from under me. This was not the response that I believed I would receive. I composed myself and I said; "Dad I already gave him \$20 to hold it and I don't think I can ask for the money back. I want to buy it"

He raised his voice even more. "You are going to get your money back...."

"But Dad I want to buy it"

"I forbid you to buy that car. Get your money back!"

Instantly my mind flashed back to how my brother had felt, when Dad would not let him buy that Plymouth Barracuda he was so excited about. 'NO, Dad. It is my money and I saved it. You said I had to do something about the Oldsmobile and I am going to put an ad in the paper and sell it. Then it will be out of the drive way. I am going to buy it and I am going to get it tomorrow!"

My heart was pounding so hard, I thought it was going to jump out of my chest. I had never stood up to my Dad like that before and I thought, I was about to die or receive some severe punishment. My Dad didn't say anything and walked back into the kitchen.

The next day, I went to the bank and took out all my savings, \$430. My older brother Dick, took me and Tony over to pick up the car. I handed over the balance of \$380 and he signed over the title to me. The radiator was filled up with water and the 2 jugs were also filled with water. This was the first time, I had driven a British car and it was now all mine!!!!!!

# Meet Our Members: cont.

My first stop was to the Triumph Dealership in Cincinnati, Ohio. I purchased a new water pump seal and gasket along with a service manual.



The front cover of the actual manual I purchased that Saturday, in August of 1969, from the Triumph Dealer in Cincinnati, Ohio. Original price was \$5  
 Floyd Clymer Publications 222 NO. Virgil Ave, Los Angeles, Calif, 90004  
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8409427-triumph-tr2-tr3-tr4-1953-1965-owners-workshop-manual>

As we were nearing home, it started to rain and Tony pulled the switch for the wind shield wipers and they didn't work! We also were getting really wet, due to the poor fitting side curtains. Both of us were laughing because we didn't care. We were driving a Triumph TR3 British sports car and getting lots of stares and waves from people we didn't even know.

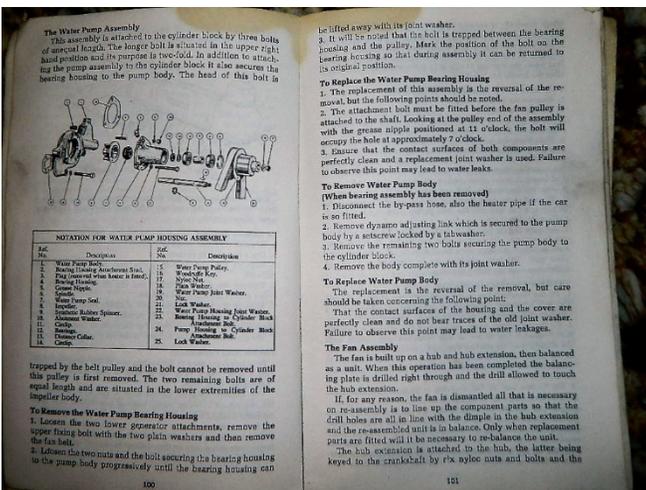
When we got home, I pulled it under the car port and read the manual and I was able to get the water pump off. I took it into the basement and worked several hours trying to get the water pump apart.

After church the next day I went back down to the basement to work on it again. After a while, I felt this presence behind my back. I heard nothing, but when I turned around there was my Dad.

He said: "What are you doing?"

"Dad, I have read this manual over and over and over.....and I cannot figure out how to get this water pump apart to put in a new seal"

He quietly said; "Let me see it. Where does it show it in the manual?"



These were the only 2 pages, in the manual that dealt with the water pump.

After looking at the diagram and reading the instructions, it was like magic, watching him get the tools he needed and it was apart before I knew it. Then he handed it back to me and said: "You think you can take it from here?"

"Yes I think so. Thank you, Dad"

He looked at me and smiled and said; "You're welcome" as he went back upstairs.

## Meet Our Members: cont.

I believe that was my Dads way of letting me know, that he was sorry and possibly that I had completed some sort of "Rite of Passage" into adulthood. How I went from feeling so much anger towards him one day, to feeling so much respect and love for him the next, I believe was part of our mutual learning and growth.

Editor's Note: This is a very entertaining story and is to be continued next month. Stay tuned!

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# **TRIUMPHEST-2017**

## **Flagstaff Arizona September 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**

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### **Triumphest-2017 Committees**

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| 1. Autocross:                      | Jeff Fairman, Stu Lasswell, Dave Frisby          |
| 2. Funcours:                       | Armand LaCasse, Pete Peterson, Bob Mazer         |
| 3. Hotel Liaison:                  | Bo Shaw  |
| 4. Registration:                   | Kathy Nuss, Beth Horton, Ron Gurnee              |
| 5. Program & Brochure:             | Mike Blachut, Pam Rineholt                       |
| 6. Vendors, Sponsors, Ads:         | John Horton, Mike Dolimpio                       |
| 7. Hospitality:                    | Peggy Jacobs & Denine Mure', Ed Jacobs           |
| 8. Thursday Night Dinner Cruise:   | John Reynolds, Ron Gurnee                        |
| 9. Scenic Drives:                  | Pam Rineholt, Chris Hansel (Sedona)              |
| 10. Funkhana:                      |  |
| 11. Banquet:                       | Chuck Kerzan                                     |
| 12. Raffle:                        | Chris & Ann Hansel                               |
| 13. Regalia:                       | Kathy Nuss                                       |
| 14. Awards:                        | Kathy Nuss & the Autocross & Funcours committees |
| 15. Photo, model & craft contests: | Bob Holt   |
| 16. Driving Rally:                 |  |
| 17. Goodie Bags:                   |  |
| 18. Walking rally:                 | George Montgomery                                |
| 19. Website:                       | Dave Riddle & Mike Blachut                       |

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.

# **TRIUMPH-2017** **Flagstaff Arizona September 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**

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A letter to DCTRA club members, from your Triumphfest-2017 Committee:

Our club members have enjoyed the past 4 years attending Triumphfest hosted by other clubs. Triumphfest provide us the thrill of driving our cars hopefully in a caravan to a destination. When we get to the Triumphfest we enjoy many events, the 'Funcours' car judging, Autocross timed racing, Funkhana and the awards banquet. As well as the great opportunity to meet with old friends, see what others have done with their cars, talk first-hand with the 'Roadster Factory' and 'Moss Motors' our major parts suppliers and schmooze with all the people in the west-coast Triumph world.

In less than a year it will be our turn. Our club will put together and host a great Triumph-Festival in Flagstaff during September 2017. Putting together a Triumphfest is a monumental task and will require the help of practically every active DCTRA club member. Several people have volunteered to work on some very important activity committees, but there are a few more activity committees that will need people to volunteer.

Right now, would be a good time to express your interest and fill an open position. The reason now is a good time is.... because it takes a year to design, organize, staff and put on a Triumphfest.

Our Triumphfest will be in full swing in less than one year from now. All the work will have to be completed before that time, please contact a member of your Triumphfest-2017 steering committee and ask what you can do. Together we can make it a success

Thank you for your support.

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# CLASSIFIED ADS:

## FOR SALE: TR6



This car was restored by British Car Service prior to being purchased by the current owner in 2004. After purchase, boot liners, interior

carpets, seat upholstery, convertible top, wood instrument panel, belts and hoses were replaced, and the car was painted, among other things. Subsequently, work has been done on wiring, odometer has been replaced, etc. Included are a hardtop,

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. · It won a Gold trophy at Triumphfest 2004, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. It won First Place for Triumph TR6 at Wheels of Britain 2005, Phoenix, Arizona. Letter of valuation set value at \$17,000 in 2004. Asking \$20,000 within DCTRA (non- DCTRA: \$22,500). Contact Pam at [pueblodesign@gmail.com](mailto:pueblodesign@gmail.com) for more photos, questions, etc.

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## 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

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## 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 10.5 gal. gas tank. (Spitfire holds 7.8 gal.) I want \$50 each on these.

Thanks. John Lindly  
[lindly1907@gmail.com](mailto:lindly1907@gmail.com)

## CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

### 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

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### FOR SALE:

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](mailto:135krpm@q.com)

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## CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

### FOR SALE:

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

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### FOR SALE:

Four Vredenstein radial tires  
165HR15 86H  
H rated, 130 mph  
Three years old  
8,600 long  
distance highway miles  
\$50 ea

Mike McGee  
[sethmcgee@mvn.net](mailto:sethmcgee@mvn.net)



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### FOR SALE:

Top for TR3

White on top is where I started to sand. The top hasn't been repaired. I'll take 350 for it the way it sits.



Mark Sapp  
(602) 625-8491

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## CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

### Wanted:

A very good friend who lives in the benighted state of California, which requires a forward license plate, has a pair of 1971 TR6s and both need the front license plate mount. If anyone has one or two mounts that they would be willing to donate or sell at a reasonable price, it would be very much appreciated. Thanks.

Bo Shaw

Mesa

[boshaw@live.com](mailto:boshaw@live.com)

Cell: 760-977-6612

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### Notice:

If we run an ad here for you and you sell the item, please let us know that it has been sold or at least no longer for sale. I'm sure that you don't want potential customers to keep calling you but if you don't let us know.... we won't know. Don't just telephone but send an email so we'll have a record of it. Thanks, Editor.

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### Humor?

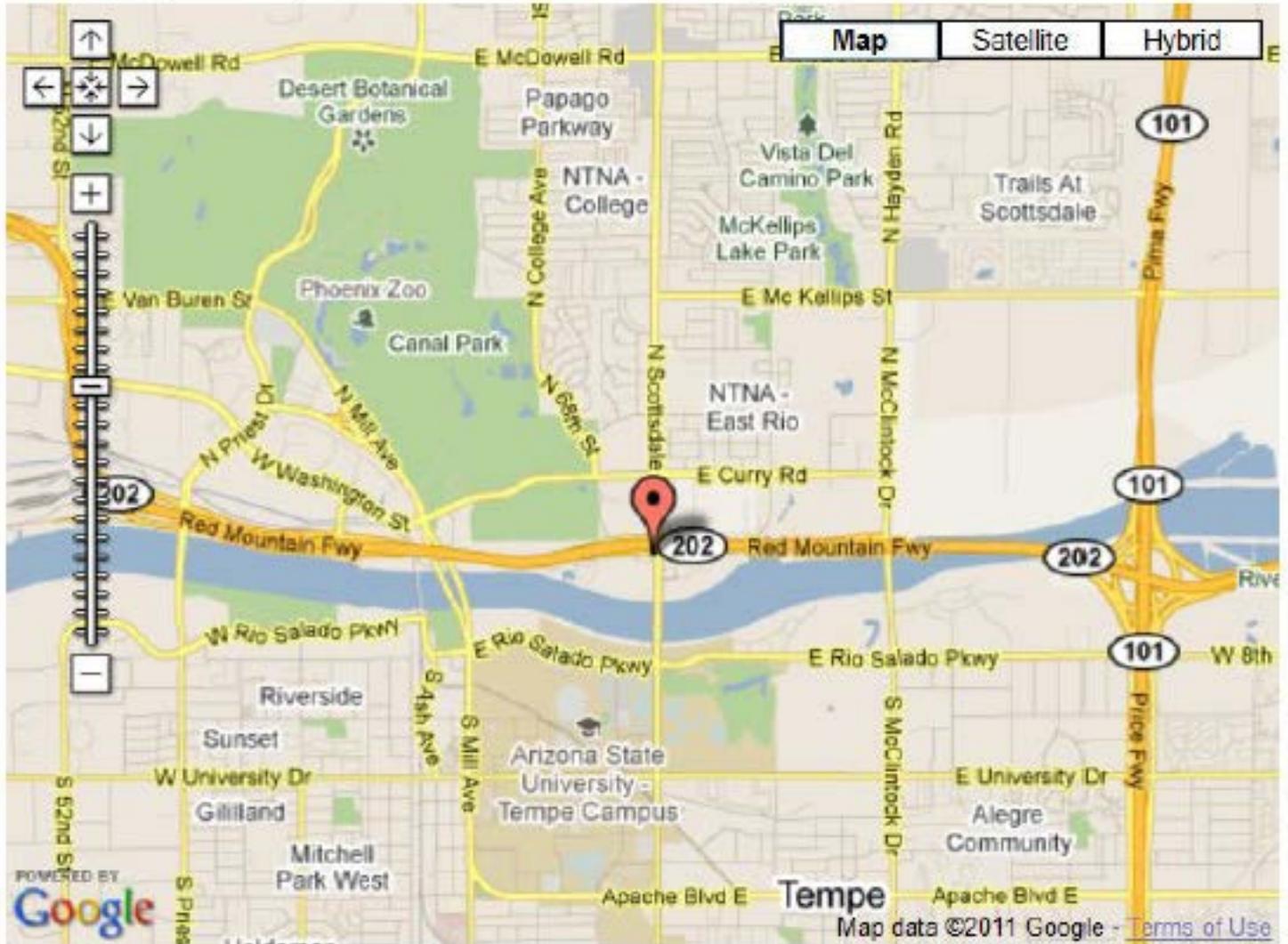
A man was driving down a country road in the middle of dairy farm country when his car stalled inexplicably. He got out and raised the hood to see if he could find out what had happened. A brown and white cow slowly lumbered from the field she had been grazing in over to the car and stuck her head under the hood beside the man. After a moment the cow looked at the man and said, "Looks like a bad carburetor to me." Then she walked back into the field and began grazing again. Amazed, the man walked back to the farmhouse he had just passed, where he met a farmer. "Hey, mister, is that your cow in the field?" he asked. The farmer replied, "The brown and white one? Yep, that's old Bessie." The man then said, "Well my car's broken down, and she just said, 'Looks like a bad carburetor to me.'" The farmer shook his head and said, "Don't mind old Bessie, son. She don't know a thing about cars."

*-Sue Hunneybell*

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## 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



# DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

DCTRA  
Dave Freet, Membership Chairperson  
599 South Terrace Road Chandler, AZ 85226  
Phone: 480-706-4943 MSG Email: fxstsz99@cox.net

**NEW MEMBER:**

**RENEWING MEMBER:**

## MEMBER INFO (please print):

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Cell

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Classic Vehicles Owned:

Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #
Year	Model	Commission #

**Each household membership includes one name badge. Additional name badges are available at the cost of \$6.00 each.**

Name wanted on badge(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want added to the Membership Contact list YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

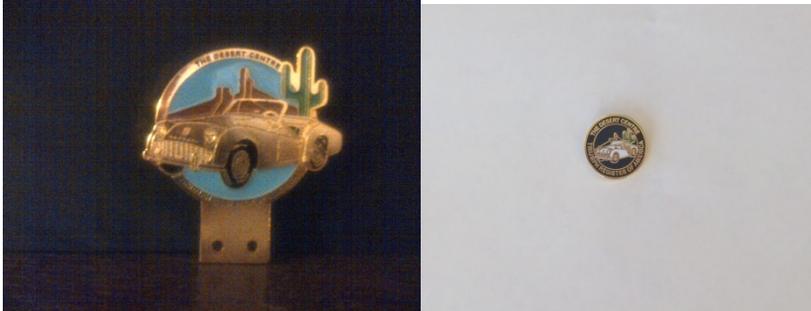
How are you paying your dues: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ PAYPAL \_\_\_\_\_ (add \$2.00 process fee)

## 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 joining between October 1 and December 31 the cost is \$23.00. Which pays you up to December 31 of the following year (15 months), so that everyone's dues become payable on January 1 each year. If you want to take advantage of the multiple-year discount, Pay \$34 (for 2 years) or \$50 (for 3 years).

# Regalia

We also have Grill badges (\$25.00 each), Lapel pins (\$5.00 each) and License plate frames (15.00 each) available for purchase.



Grille badge (3 inch diameter)      Lapel pin (3/4 inch diameter)

Membership fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Name tags @ \$6.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Space for more information:

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# Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America  
[www.dctra.org](http://www.dctra.org)

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	<a href="http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph">http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph</a>
Portland Triumph Owners Association	<a href="http://www.portlandtriumph.org">www.portlandtriumph.org</a>
Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)	<a href="http://www.tyee.triumph.org">www.tyee.triumph.org</a>
British Columbia Triumph Registry	<a href="http://www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry">www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry</a>
All British Field Meet (Portland)	<a href="http://www.abfm-pdx.com">www.abfm-pdx.com</a>
Vintage Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.vtr.org">www.vtr.org</a> AND <a href="http://www.vtr2007.com">www.vtr2007.com</a>
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	<a href="http://www.t2000register.org.uk">www.t2000register.org.uk</a>
Rimmer Bros	<a href="http://www.rimmerbros.co.uk">www.rimmerbros.co.uk</a>
Stag Owners Club	<a href="http://www.stag.org.uk">www.stag.org.uk</a>
TR Sports 6 Club	<a href="http://www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm">www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm</a>
British Auto Works (OR)	<a href="http://www.britishautoworks.com">www.britishautoworks.com</a>
British Wire Wheel	<a href="http://www.britishwirewheel.com">www.britishwirewheel.com</a>
Save Our Cars	<a href="http://www.saveourcars.org">www.saveourcars.org</a>
British Car Forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarforum.com">www.britishcarforum.com</a>
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.triumphtravelers.org">www.triumphtravelers.org</a>
Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	<a href="http://www.sctoa.org">www.sctoa.org</a>
British Motor Heritage Group	<a href="http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk">www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk</a>
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	<a href="http://www.6-pack.org">www.6-pack.org</a>
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	<a href="http://www.obcc.ca">www.obcc.ca</a>
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	<a href="http://www.vsgcc.ca">www.vsgcc.ca</a>
Moss Motors	<a href="http://www.mossmotors.com">www.mossmotors.com</a>
Small auction and forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarauction.com">www.britishcarauction.com</a>
Classic Autosport Magazine	<a href="http://www.classicautosport.net">www.classicautosport.net</a>
International Spitfire Database	<a href="http://www.members.cox.net/spitlist">www.members.cox.net/spitlist</a>
British Motor Club of Utah	<a href="http://www.britishmotorclub.org">www.britishmotorclub.org</a>
Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally)	<a href="http://www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com">www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com</a>
Victoria British	<a href="http://www.victoriabritish.com">www.victoriabritish.com</a>
Triumph Register of Southern California	<a href="http://www.socaltriumphs.org">www.socaltriumphs.org</a>
Hill Country Triumph Club	<a href="http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org">www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org</a>
Tucson British Car Register	<a href="http://www.tucsonbritish.com">www.tucsonbritish.com</a>
Central Coast British Car Club	<a href="http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com">www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com</a>
Texas Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.texastriumphregister.org">www.texastriumphregister.org</a>
Delta Motorsports	<a href="http://www.deltamotorsports.com">www.deltamotorsports.com</a>
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	<a href="http://www.englishbawbsclassics.com">www.englishbawbsclassics.com</a>