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Red TR6 with triple Zenith Strombergs

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

November 12, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Meet us for dinner / social @ 6: p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

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Prez Sez – November 2019

John Nuss, President

I know some members are participating in the British Cars on the Green in Peoria next Sunday. We walked the Green last year but didn't show a car. This time we will drive Tilly to the show. Trevor is still in need of a transmission install.

John, Beth, Kathy and I went to Mike's Fish and Chips in Payson for last week to preview our club drive to Payson and Mike's. Looks like Saturday November 16 is the selected date. So you all have time to make sure the car has anti-freeze in the radiator and personal anti-freeze in the form of warm jackets, and off we go.

Pete and Bev Peterson have invited the club to their house for the DCTRA Christmas party on December 14.

We have a steering committee of interested parties reviewing Triumphest 2021. Selection of date and location remain open at this time. Time is important in this but there is room for another person to serve on a Triumphest committee. Elsewhere is a list of opportunities to help with Triumphest such as Thursday cruise dinner, securing donations and raffle prizes, driving and rally routes, and of course, much more.

Remember too, this is a time to consider giving back the community – we make donations to local charities during the Christmas season - and giving back to the club. Search your soul, the club could use your expertise, knowledge, skill... **Run for office of the club!**

John

Editor's Note: Presidents comments about the British Vintage Voyage was moved to page 10 of this issue.

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

October seemed to speed by so fast. After the British Vintage Voyage, I flew to Atlanta, GA to visit my daughter and her family. I spent two weeks attending high school football games. I forgot how cold they can be in other parts of the country. One Saturday was spent at a fencing tournament for my grandson. It was interesting to learn about the history and the customs of the sport. Halloween was reserved for the little one, he's nine. My daughter hand made a Ludicolo (Pokémon character) costume for him. We also visited a Civil War battlefield and the town of Dahlonega, GA. It was the site of America's second major gold rush in 1829.

The British Vintage Voyage was, again, an enjoyable road trip. The tour of the Wilhelm Family Winery was one of the best that I have attended, and I have been to many of them.

I knew that I would be gone when it was time to prepare our newsletter. Not the first time though. I copied my DCTRA newsletter files onto a flash drive and took with my laptop. It wasn't till I was in Georgia that I realized I'd left the flash drive at home on my desk. Although I received some of the components from members (minutes, activities, membership report), I didn't have the format nor other files to start on the N/L. I did not get home until after midnight of the 3rd. I slept most of Monday and worked on projects missed while I was gone. Because of

my delay I was able to receive photos from Paul Jordan of the British Wheels On the Green that happened on the 3rd. Thanks, Paul. I hope you enjoy this issue.

At our meeting next week we need to work on our slate of officers for the coming year. We have a lot of new members that I would like to see volunteer for a position. I have held most of the positions in this club, except secretary, and I know from experience our members are eager to help you learn.

Will you consider volunteering for an office next week?

George

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2019:

Nov 3rd -- British Wheels On the Green 2019 (BWOG) (Past)
Nov 12th -- DCTRA Business Meeting and Nomination of 2020 Officers
Dec 10th -- DCTRA Business Meeting
Dec 14th -- DCTRA Christmas Party at Pete and Bev Peterson's
Dec 15th -- Phoenix Art Museum (Legends of Speed)
Dec 21st -- AZMini Christmas Light Tour
Jan 12th -- Election Brunch at Spoke & Wheel (on North Central @ 11am)

Regular Occurrence Events

Hunts Donuts -- 3rd Thursday University and the Loop 101
Cruz'n at Phil's - (every Sunday) Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ
Cars N Coffee -- 1st Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd
Cars N Coffee -- 2nd Saturday of the month, Alpino's at Troon
Cars N Coffee -- 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum
Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

I love the smell of
gasoline
in the morning!

November 2019 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

Joining us since the October business meeting is Bob Coady with a 1974 TR6 from Goodyear. Bob joined through our website www.DCTRA.org. Welcome to the Club Bob, we hope you enjoy your stay and we are looking forward to meeting you and your car.

Adding our newest member to the roster and doing a name count, we now have 103 Memberships with 153 Members.

Club Officers election is fast approaching. We need members to step up for officer positions.

If someone has a desire to take over the Membership Chair position, it can be arranged. I am willing to continue in the position if no one wants to volunteer. Better yet, instead of volunteering for this position, throw your name out for Pres, Vice Pres, or another.

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Application form on page 18

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America October 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of The DCTRA was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. by President John Nuss @ Denny's Restaurant on Scottsdale Rd.

Members present: Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, Cal Busenitz, Ron Cole who drove his TR6, Jim Crecelius, George and Chris Durkin, Ben Ehlbeck, Riley Gay who drove his TR6, Ron Gurnee, Rick Hartman who drove his TR6, John Heisser, John and Beth Horton, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Randy Koontz, Annette Cordova, Armand LaCasse, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller who drove his TR6, George Montgomery, John and Kathy Nuss who drove their Spitfire, Pete Peterson, Tim Reiling, Pam Rineholt, Marie Thompson. We had one guest: Craig Kastroll who owns a TR250. We welcome our newest member in attendance this evening: Jim Crecelius who drives a '72 TR6.

Minutes: Minutes from last month approved as they appear in The Newsletter. And a Special Thanks to Pam Rineholt for filling in last month as Secretary.

Treasurer Report: Also approved as appearing in last month's minutes.

Membership: Marv Miller reporting that tonight's attendance is 28. Our Club now has 102 memberships and 152 members.

Newsletter: George Montgomery asking about interest in reading other car clubs' newsletters as he has been receiving several to whom he has sent ours newsletter. Since there is some interest, George will begin publishing a few at a time.

Events: John Horton listed several upcoming events: Oct 6 - 11 is The VTR National in Texas. The British Vintage Voyage is Oct 19 - 20. Nov 3 is British Wheels on the Green.

December 14 has been designated for The Club's Christmas Party as Pete and Bev Peterson will graciously host us.... again.

January 12 is our Election Brunch to be held again @ The Spoke and Wheel - 11:00 a.m. 8525 N. Central Ave. Phoenix.

John reminding us that we need to present a slate of Officers for the next year.

Armand LaCasse announced that he is willing to serve again as Treasurer.

Marv Miller told us about a Classic Car Show he's learned about Oct 27 called Rhodium 45 in Mesa. This is a Free Open House to introduce their car storage facility.

Technical: Jim Bauder passed around info from Triumphest '19 advertising Led Lights by LiteZupp.

Old Business: Jim Bauder talked about how enjoyable this year's Triumphest was in Santa Maria, Calif. last month.

New Business: John Nuss reminding us about our hosting Triumphest in 2020. Prior to this evening's meeting @ 5:30 John held a meeting of members interested in working on Triumphest 2020. In attendance: John & Kathy Nuss, John Heisser, Ron Cole, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White. John Nuss has contacted several possible venues and awaiting specifics back from Little America, Flagstaff.

More volunteers will be needed for this committee!!!!

2021 will mark the 40th Anniversary of The DCTRA.

John Nuss kindly welcomed back Chuck Kerzan following Open Heart Surgery last month.

Motion to adjourn approved & seconded @ 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary A. White, Secretary

Optimist: The glass is **HALF** full.

Pessimist: The glass is **HALF** empty.

Engineer: The glass is **TWICE** the size it needs to be.

Meet our Members

By Randy Koontz

I am probably somewhat of an anomaly as compared with most owners of British roadsters in that my love for these cars started later in life. My transportation in high school was a 1967 Pontiac GTO. But, my exposure to British roadsters did in fact start early in life, i.e., my Dad owned a red 1954 Austin Healey 100-4 that he very much loved and cherished. And, I wish that I had the Healey now – as well as the GTO!



I remember playing in my Dad's Healey when I was younger - shifting the gears and pretending that I was racing through the mountains of Arkansas (the State in which I was raised). But many of my experiences in the Healey failed to nurture a desire for potential future purchases. I vividly recall driving to Memphis TN in the winter – the side curtains not fitting very well; the heater not working; and Mother Nature spitting snow (which was blowing into the car) – and my Dad saying – “wow, isn't this fun!” From the perspective of a young boy riding in a car with snow blowing around him – NOT!

My Dad loved that Healey and drove it daily. I don't really remember when the Healey left the family, but I do remember that the next car that he bought (a '65 Ford Mustang) had a heater – and a radio – and actual windows that rolled up and down! It is probably obvious what was important to me at that time in my life.

Fast-forward towards the end of my early college years (after my parents no longer had college tuition bills to pay), my Dad proved that his love of British roadsters had not left him. Although he could not afford to nurture his love with another Healey, he did travel to Fort Worth TX (in I believe 1974) and purchased a red 1961 Triumph TR3A. He and my Mom frequently drove (a.k.a. racing according to my Mom) the car through the hills of Arkansas for many years. As my Dad's mobility started to become more of a challenge, he lost his appreciation for the truck-like steering of the Triumph, and permanently parked the 3A in his off-site man cave garage. His love of racing through the mountains was then fulfilled via a red 1990 Miata.

Fast-forward again to about ten years ago when my brother-in-law and his wife in New Mexico (who own a MGA, Morgan, Lotus Elise and Westfield Lotus 11) invited me to drive the Morgan and the Elise – and then my brother-in-law and I drove to Sedona in his MGA for a MG car rally. After those adventures, I offered to buy the parked 3A from my Dad – which was covered with a tarp and had not moved in years. He declined without any explanation, which left me with simply continuing to admire my in-law's cars. I later learned that my Dad had promised the car to my youngest son Erich, who inherited the car in 2012. After he owned the car for several years and spent a few thousand dollars so that the car would run, Erich and I decided that I would take

possession of the car and have it fully restored, and then he could re-inherit a fully restored car from me - - - eventually. After the car's restoration, my wife suggested a name for the car – which Erich and I loved. The TR3A is now called Brek – which stands for Bill (my Dad), Randy, Erich, Koontz.



The NM mechanic restoring the 3A asked if I wanted it to remain original - or if I wanted a car that was fun to drive. As you might guess – “fun” was the magic word. The 3A is now fully restored – albeit modified [rack & pinion steering; 1999 Ford Mustang V6 5-speed transmission, 1970 Ford Maverick (3:00 – 1 ratio) rear differential; TR4 front brake caliper, rotors and pads; 1970 Ford Maverick rear brakes; 1989 Ford Mustang 2.3 - 4 cylinder clutch – pressure plate & bearing stock Triumph, etc.].

Now, one might assume that I actually knew what I was talking about given my description of the car's modifications. Unfortunately, that is not the case. I am very much a novice mechanically who just happens to love his car, and who remains very hopeful that any nascent mechanical skills continue to grow. Matter-of-fact, I just recently learned how to change the oil and filter on the 3A during John Horton's garage day. Thank you, John! Now, enough said about my mechanical knowledge and skills (or lack thereof).

My love of the 3A and the British roadster experience led to my recent purchase of a 1955 MG TF 1500 in August 2019 – much to the surprise and slight angst of my wife Annette. When I purchased the TF, my brother-in-law told me to never tell the Triumph owners that I own a MG – and never tell the MG owners that I own a Triumph. Go figure!



The MG is currently having a 5-speed transmission and conversion kit installed by the Las Cruces NM mechanic who restored my 3A. And in my attempt to get more involved in the roadster culture, the 3A is now registered for the British Wheels on the Green in early November. And, I was recently invited to participate in a “Morgan Run” in Las Cruces NM in early November- with promises that it would be fun. Now what was that word that always catches my attention – “FUN”??

So, as my retirement from work nears, I decided that my hobbies (as I grow younger in life) would be my roadsters and my new-found draw to nature photography. As a relatively new owner of classic British roadsters, I am so pleased to be allowed to join the DCTRA and share in your roadster camaraderie – and gradually learn from each of you.

British Vintage Voyage 2019

Story by John Nuss. Photos by George Montgomery

George, Ken and Deborah, Marie, Betsy, Bob, George and Chris, Kathy and I joined members and friends of the Arizona Mini Owners and enjoyed a trip to the Wilhelm Family Winery near Sonoita, Arizona. Sunday morning a number of the participants went to the Pima Air Museum. We were there several years ago and there is even more “stuff” to see. We spent a lot of time in the museum / hanger of a B-17 group. On display is an B-17 and all the things associated with it. One of the docents was entertaining and quite knowledgeable about aircraft in general the B-17 in particular.

Over the weekend we enjoyed scenery, conversation, wine, aircraft, and interesting roads in southeastern Arizona. For Kathy and I it was wonderfully automotively uneventful – that means our car did not have return home on a trailer.



Assembly at the starting point



It is a British car event.

Editor's Note:

Because of camera battery malfunction (dead) I was unable to get any photos of the event at the wine tasting at the Wilhelm Family Winery. The vintner's presentation was one of the best I have witnessed. She gave an interesting tour of the vineyards and an informative explanation of the vinification process, types of wine and how various factors control the results of the wine.



Betsy observing the B-17

British Vintage Voyage 2019 (cont)



Ken reading about the B-17



Marie talking with a docent

British Vintage Voyage 2019 (cont)



The B-17



Outside display

British Wheels On the Green

Photos by Paul Jordan

Editor's Note: I do not have a story, but Paul Jordan sent me a dozen photos.



Kathy Nuss's blue Spitfire, Tillie



Another blue Spitfire



John Reynolds's TR6



Another yellow TR6



Green Spitfire



Paul Jordan's Green TR6

British Wheels On the Green (cont)



Red TR6



Red TR250



Red TR3



Yellow GT6

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

1964 TR4A \$25,000 OBO. Completely original, 65,000. Engine never rebuilt, original SU carburetors and 4 speed transmission. Located in Sun City Grand
Call Rod Arnold – 480-370-1065
10-19



Wanted:

Wanted TR250 or TR6 (no 3 / Very Good) condition that is looking for a good home, garage kept and will be well fed. You can reach me at timothyemaxwell@gmail.com
Tim Maxwell, Texas Triumph Register Member, TTR Houston, TX
0818

FOR SALE:

Triumph seat covers

Hi. My husband and I used to be members of the club many, many years ago but my husband always had health issues, so we were unable to participate. We used to have a beautiful burgundy 1974 Triumph Spitfire. The car found a new home, but we found out later that we still had 2 black front seat covers in black with a white Triumph logo. I am writing in the event that anyone in the club would be interested in purchasing them. I would sell them, for \$50. They were never used and are in perfect condition. My cell is 602-740-1088. Thank you.
Jill Burns, wburns@strategz.com

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

FOR SALE:

1966 Spitfire Mk II, Great body, runs good, clean title, needs bushings in transmission replaced. I have poor health, need to be sold \$6,000 obo.



Harold Berger, Phone (513)-594-9235
bsberger@cox.net
10443 W. Roundelay Circle; Sun City, AZ85351
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FOR SALE:

TR6 Roll Cage. \$475.00. I cleaned it up. Sanded it down to remove paint. And applied 2 coats of grey primer. I was going to spray paint it black, but it's ready for someone to choose their color.

Please contact me either on email at:
john.carroll@wbhsi.net
or text at [480 622 8502](tel:4806228502)
John Carroll. 03.2019



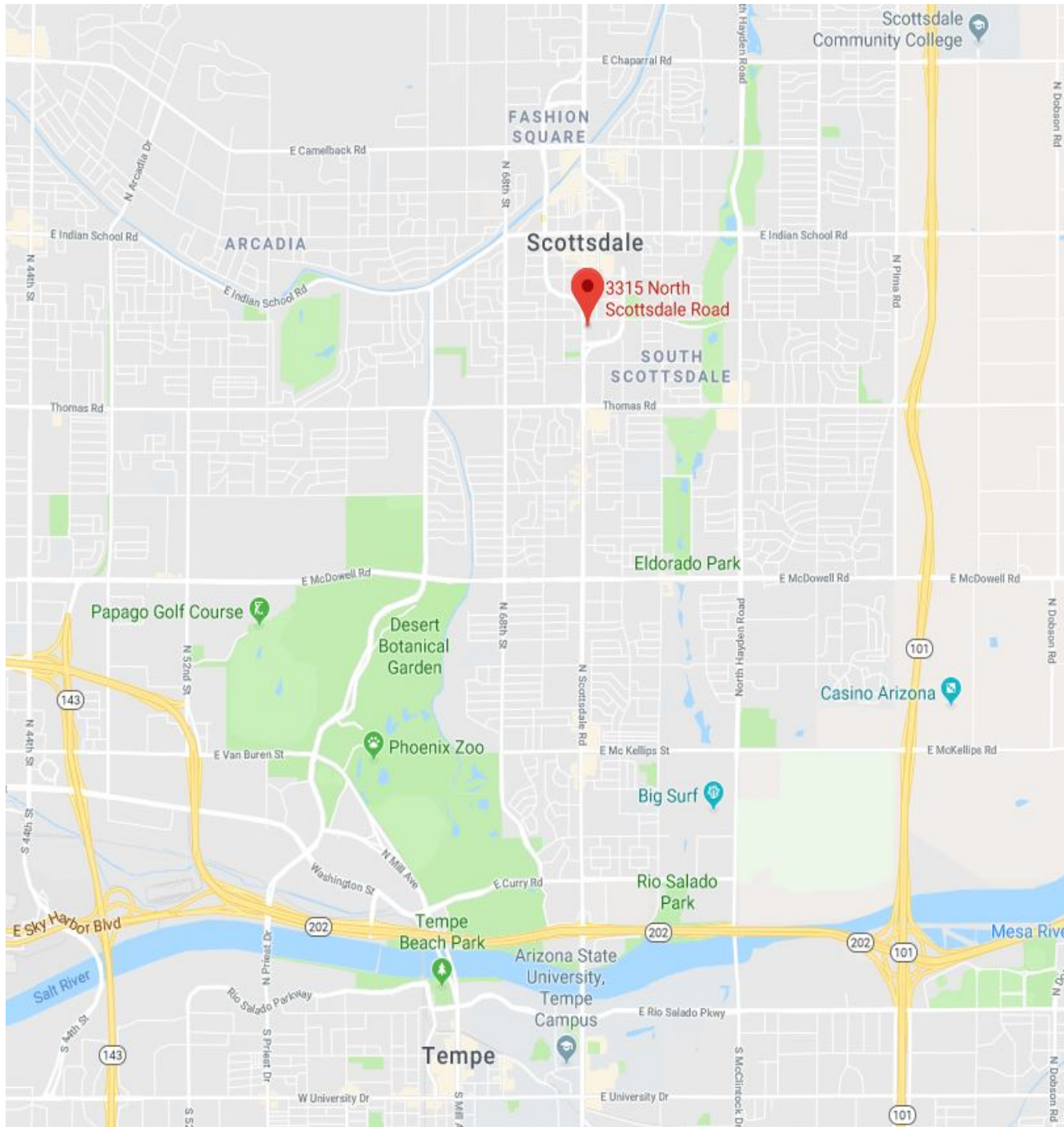
1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration
~74,000 miles, but only 1000 since restored, Original Java green with black interior
Many upgrades, too many to list here. Webbers and Overdrive. Leather seats
Car is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area Asking: ~~\$29,500.00~~ Reduced to \$25,000

Contact me for other questions:
Jack Morris
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DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

At: **Denney's Restaurant**
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DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

DCTRA
Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson
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Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

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NEW MEMBER:

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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 a new member is joining between January 1 and September 30- One-year dues are \$20.00, two-year dues are \$37.00 and three-year dues are \$55.00. If a new member is joining between October 1 and December 31- One-year dues are \$25.00, two-year dues are \$42.00, and three-year dues are \$60.00. This allows everyone's dues to become payable on January 1 of the appropriate year.

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:

Websites

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www.dctra.org

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