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NEXT CLUB MEETING

November 9, 2021 Meet us for dinner / social @ 6: p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ

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Cover: Pete and Bev Peterson show how the Funkahna is done.

Prez Sez – November 2021

John Heisser, President

Triumphest 2021 was a success, not sure of the final numbers but there were approximately 115 cars and 175 attendees. The weather cooperated all weekend, with Friday being cool, sunny and windy for the Autocross and Funkhana, Saturday was a beautiful fall day for the Funcours and poker run style Rally. The Tech Session was well attended, very informative and quite fun. The Raffle & Game Mania had lots of traffic and was very successful raising money for future Triumphest. The Hospitality Party and Dinner Banquet came off without a hitch, and the master of ceremonies keep things moving and was very entertaining. John Reynolds received the Digger Davitt Award much deserved and long overdue! During the presidents meeting we discussed ways to interest younger people LBCs especially Triumphs, also commitments were made for Triumphest 2022, 2023, 2024. Our clubs next scheduled year is scheduled year is 2026 if we start on the every other year schedule that was agreed to a few years back. However, the president from the Las Vegas British Car Club said they would like to host an all British Car event similar to Triumphest in 2025. DCTRA is not committed to hosting in 2026 Armand suggested and I agreed that we will have to get our membership to agree to host that year.

On a personal note, I'm in Ohio unexpectedly because of the death of my nephew from Covid 19. He was a Motorcycle Policeman in Pittsburgh, a shift Sergeant and extremely will like. I met several members of the Pittsburgh law enforcement community that had stories about interactions they had with him weather brief or longer term, they all said how positive the experience was. As with many police office memorials many law enforcement agency were represented. The "End of Watch" call to end the memorial service is a moment of pride but heartbreaking to hear.





So why am I writing about this very personal experience in our newsletter? My nephew was a good man, very independent and I am not sure why he chose not to be vaccinated but my hope is that if just one unvaccinated person reads this or hears this story that it will convince them to get vaccinated. One personal decision affected hundreds of people's lives.

Thanks for listening, John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

Triumphest 2021 is history now, to most everyone on the planning committee's relief, especially chairman, Ron Cole. Everything went smoothly as planned. I am not aware of any hiccup. Ron, you did a fine job of leading the committee. Your organizational skills are quite evdent. The committee chairs did a good job with their respective responsibilities and our membership stepped up and help get this immense event accomplished. Now we can all sit back and cool our heels for a while, or at least till it's time to start on the next one. Isn't this fun?

The cover photo on this issue is of DCTRA members Pete and Bev Peterson. They were competing in the Funkana. I don't know who won nor who took the picture. It was found in some old artifacts from the first 1982 TRA West meet, the forerunner of our current Triumphest. I thought it was most appropriate for this issue. Pete and Bev haven't change any in the past 40 years.

This is November and time to nominate officers for the following year. We've had a good and effective staf this past year, especially during Triumphest presentation. But... because of this Covid 19, Zoom meetings and few activities, they are a hold over from the previous year. I'm sure they are tired and close to being burned out. They need a rest, a break. We have gained some new members during the past couple of years who have had the opportunity to observe how our club functions. Even if they haven't had the opportunity to observe they aren't there are plenty of members who can help you. It may be time for some of our long-term members to step up and serve in the compacity you are most interested in. Is there anyone who would like to try their hand at putting together and editing this newsletter? I'm not wanting to retire. It's just if someone else would like to try this job, I would let them have it, and I would help them learn.

This issue has been held till after our committee meeting last night for the Triumphest wrap up. That was helpful learning what improvements need to be made for the next time we are the host. Also learned what worked well. Ron will have a ledger of these good points and bad to help the next chairman.

As some of you who tried to send me an email this last week learned, my Outlook/Gmail account was full and could not accept new messages. Nor could I send anything out. It was a heck of a time to happened while preparing for this newsletter. People who got their contribution sent to me early weren't affected but contributions sent this last week got bounced back, "George's in box is full." I learned from Dave Riddle, it was the result of my misunderstanding of Microsoft 365 and it's 1Tb of storage and Gmail's 15 Gb of storage. Dave came over and cleared off enough space for me to be able to function again. My in box is still 90% full and my daily input fills that up again. So, I am deleting massive amounts of stuff. Dave showed me about archiving data. That opens up a lot of new possibilities for me. Thanks, Dave.

Next week we meet at Denny's again for our monthly meeting. Those of you who can't make it or live too far away can attend by Zoom. John Nuss will be sending out a link a day before. You don't need any special equipment, just a computer with an internet connection. And you have that if you have email and are receiving this newsletter. Just click on the link John sends you, answer whether you want to join with video and with audio and voilà you're in. For the rest of you, I'll see you there.

George

November 2021 Membership Report:

Membership remains steady this month at 115 with 164 members.

I am preparing a name badge order for our newest members and a replacement for a current member. I need at least one more name to place the order with our vendor. If you would like a replacement name badge for \$6.00, please let me know.

As the end of the calendar year approaches it is time to start the annual dues renewal reminders. Recall, all memberships expire Dec 31. Multi-year memberships may not be this year. If you are unsure as to what year your club membership expires, I'll be happy to look it up for you. Membership dues are \$20, \$37 and \$55 for one, two or three years respectively. Acceptable payment methods are cash or check at the monthly business meeting or you may pay your dues online using PayPal at the www.DCTRA.org website. You may also print the membership form in this newsletter and mail it with your check made out to DCTRA to my address shown on the form. You need not wait until your dues expire to renew and keeping your dues up-to-date ensures your continued good standing.

Marv Miller Membership miller2993@cox.net (602) 380-5564

Application form on page 20

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2021:

Nov 9th, 2021 -- DCTRA Business Meeting Nov 13-14, 2021—British Vintage Voyage – AZ Mini Club

Regular Occurrence Events Status of All Events Are Unknown

Presently

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, Alpio's at Troon

NEXT CLUB MEETING Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m. **November 9, 2021, in-person** a Zoom link will be sent out also.



Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America DCTRA Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

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

Members present: Jim Bauder, Michael Blachut who drove his TR3, Pete Bowen, Lloyd Briggs, Michael and Bonnie Bulfer, Cal Busenitz who drove his Spitfire, Ron Cole, Ron Gurnee, John Heisser, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Randy Koontz (stopped in briefly delivering items for Triumphest), Armand LaCasse who drove his GT6, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John and Kathy Nuss who drove their Spitfire, Pete Peterson, Roger Prior, John Reynolds, Dave Riddle who drove his TR3. Joining the meeting online were Michael and Jacqueline Devine, Randy McDaniel, Deborah Cooke.

Minutes: Last month's minutes were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Only expenses this month were from the Triumphest acct. Armand LaCasse reporting that the club is in good shape for the upcoming event.

Membership: Marv Miller still has stickers, patches, and pins for sale.

Newsletter: George Montgomery had nothing to report.

Events: John Nuss mentioned that British Wheels on The Green in Peoria is November 6. November 11 is Mesa's Veterans' Day Parade and the Anthem Veterans' Parade. Nov. 13 is The Vintage Voyage in Camp Verde. Dave Riddle is arranging track time @ Motor Sports Park (by Luke Air Force Base) for October 24. Email to follow.

Technical: This evening's reports were stories of Triumph Road Disasters. Kathy Nuss told of their trip to Pine Top for "Run to the Pines" when her Spitfire "Trevor" developed an oil leak. This trip involved 3 cars and 2 tow trucks to get there. Dave Riddle told of his disaster driving home from Chandler in his TR3 and a disastrous towing experience w/ Haggerty Towing.

Triumphest: Ron Cole reports 116 registrations and 186 people so far to attend this week's event.

New Business: Our Club's hosting of Triumphest is this week October 14 - 17 in Flagstaff.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:30 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Mary A White, Secretary

Triumphest

By George M Montgomery

We had 122 cars this year and 186 attendees. I heard nothing but good accolades from the people I talked with. I did not receive any photos from any of the driving activities. That could be because everyone that attended were either working the course or driving. Below are the photos I took or someone else took and sent to me. I ended with some 53 photos but do not know noe who took which photo.

Technical Talk:

Armand LaCasse an exclent discussion on the finer points on the electrical system of our cars, unique as they are.



Funcourse:

I was a chilly morning in the mid to upper 40*s but the sun was warm and bright.





Funcourse: (cont.)

It has become quite evident that an elaborate "display" showing your car's restoration, previous awards and other items is needed for a good showing.





There were car presented that were for sale, a GT6 with a Spitfire body and one on a trailer.





Triumph race cars were represented by Dave Riddle and a Calafornia Baja survivor.





Funcourse: (cont)
There were other cars that were just pretty and well maintained cars.













Funcourse: (cont) And there some of my favorites





Banquet:

Decorations were befitting for a 40th Anniversary





Banquet:The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. There was a congenial atmosphere throughout the room.







Ron Cole is our event chairman, John Heiser is our club president and Armand LaCass our emcee.



John Reynolds was presented with the Moss Motors prestigious Digger Davit Award.



Technical Corner

Alternate Heater Valve for Triumphs and other British cars

Marie Thompson (1/10/19)

Attached are some .jpgs of the heater valve that I have used for a couple of years in my TR6. If you elect to use this as a replacement, you will need to put a hose reducer inline from the valve to the heater hose. I believe it is 1/2 to 5/8 and is available on a card in the local auto stores.

The valve is made by Everco, P/N 74648. I ordered mine from AutoZone just because I could and for no other reason. It fits 1960's AMC American's and a ton of International's. I can see that the AutoZone cost has gone up quite a bit since I got mind (\$45.99).

You can also get it on Amazon for \$32.78.



The valve actually operates the full throw from open to close, unlike the heater valve replacements available for Triumphs (and my MGA) from the usual sources. With the TR6, I can actually feel the different detents in the heater cable when I pull it. I hadn't felt that since I had my daily driver back in the 1970's.

Technical Corner (cont.)



The Everco threads are the same as the Triumph adapter, so all that will be needed is some thread sealant when the valve is installed. Your heater valve control cable can be used again with no alterations other than crimping a ring terminal on the end of the cable. Bend the cable slightly so it will not pull out of the ring terminal and maybe add a little solder at the crimp point. After the ring terminal/cable was placed on the valve post, I added a push-on nut to both keep the ring terminal from coming off the post and to put a finished appearance to the final assembly. You could probably do without the push nut, but I added it anyway.

The second photo shows the Everco valve in installed position on my TR6. You can't really see the hose reducer, but it is hidden somewhere around where the hose clamps are.

Our web master



CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

Retired auto body man looking to find a buyer for a decent 73 tr6.anybody can contact me for more info Number 3 car, runs super high-performance additions added, lots of extra parts including new top, pressure plate and clutch, door panels, service manuals, roll bar, leather

seat covers and pads, and more. Call or text for more info. Pics are available. Asking \$8,700 obo cash

> Mike Lesniak 1701 S Yellow Brick Rd Chino Valley AZ 86323 928-710-4259



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For sale: Clutch Master Cylinder – new

For '63-'80 Spitfire \$30

David Faulkner - 480-656-4366

rottendave@cox.net

12-19

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
John Carroll. 03.2019



For Sale:

Upper and Lower hinges for left door of TR3A/B. These hinges are unused and are applicable to TR3A commission numbers TS60001 and *higher and the TR3B. The Moss* Motors part numbers are: 803-470 and 803-490 The Moss Motors website cites them as in "low supply" and is asking \$59.99/each. Asking \$50 for the pair.



Bo Shaw

Email: boshaw@live.com Cell: 760-977-6612

FOR SALE:

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 (C) 817.401.2549

jack@ppitx.com

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FOR SALE: Spitfire, GT6, & TR Drivetrain Parts

Cleaning and organizing the garage means it is time to sell the following parts located in Scottsdale, AZ. Call Armand at (602) 525-2602 for more details:

- 1296 Engine Spitfire MK 3 # FC 20771 E
- 1296 Engine Spitfire MK 4 # FK 2222 HE
- 1296 Engine Spitfire MK 4 # FK 3085 HE
- 4.11 Differentials Spitfire MK 1-3 Small Flange
- 3.89 Differentials Spitfire MK 4 / 1500 & GT6 Large Flange
- 3.27 Differential GT6 & Spitfire MK 4 / 1500 Large Flange
- 3-Rail Gearboxes Spitfire MK 1-3 Small Flange
- 3-Rail Gearboxes Spitfire MK 4 Large Flange
- Single Rail Gearboxes- Spitfire 1500 Large Flange
- TR3B Gearbox All Synchro # TS 1338
- TR4A Gearbox All Synchro # CT 57916
- TR6 Gearboxes
- TR6 Engine # CC26635 HE

8 Ton Hydraulic Press for sale - \$40 Call Armand at (602) 525-2602.

Interesting Information

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.

FOR SALE: Spitfire and TR3B

Former member Cliff Philpot has two Triumphs for sale. A 1974 Spitfire 1500 abd a 1962 TR3B.









Cliff is in his 90s and wants to sell both cars. Make him an offer.

Prospective buyers may contact Jan at 623-810-5511

More Interesting Information

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

FOR SALE:



Really good-body, Rebuilt engine only 6,000 miles, 5-speed Toyota Trans, Aluminum Radiator, Rack & Pinion Steering, 12v Alternator, car re-wired with

"Advance Electric" Wiring kit, Pertronix
Electronic Ignition, Electric Radiator
Fan, Electric Fuel Pump, Mona-Lita Steering
Wheel, Head rebuilt by R & R Mach.
Shop-Phoenix, Brand new Clutch, High-Tech
water pump, Newly upholstered
seats, New Pirelli 8.50 steel-belt-radial tires,
Alloy Wheels, New High Torque
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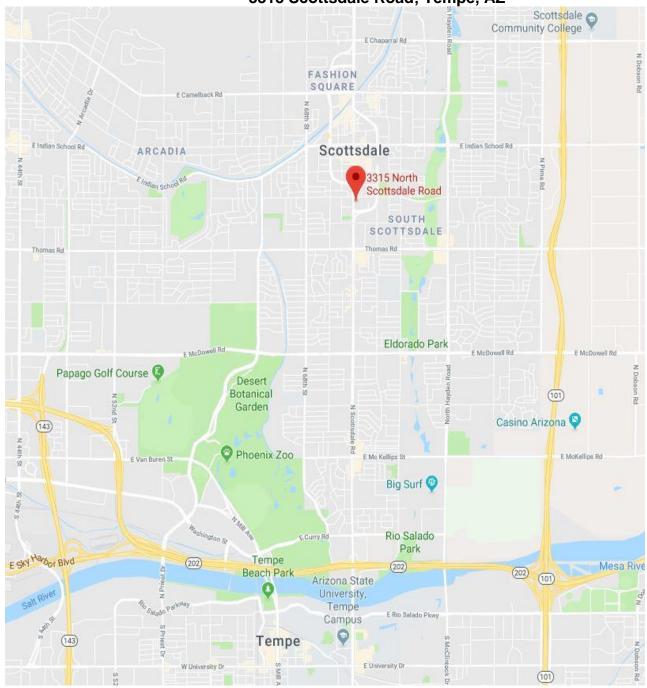
\$25,000.00 or offer
Mike at: mblachut@yahoo.com

How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My wife keeps trying to come in the house.

DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

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

At: Denney's Restaurant 3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ





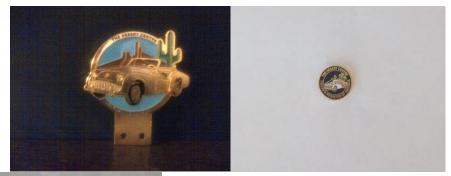
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PLEASE NOTE:

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)

Licenses plate frame

Membership fee	
Name tags @ \$6.00 each	
Grille badges @ \$25.00 each	
Lapel pins @ \$5.00 each	
License plate frame @ \$15 each	
Total enclosed	

Additional Space for more information:

Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America www.dctra.org

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego Portland Triumph Owners Association

Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)

British Columbia Triumph Registry All British Field Meet (Portland)

Vintage Triumph Register

Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register

Rimmer Bros Stad Owners Club TR Sports 6 Club

British Auto Works (OR) British Wire Wheel Save Our Cars British Car Forum

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club Southern California Triumph Owners Assn.

British Motor Heritage Group

6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners

Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)

Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)

Moss Motors

Small auction and forum Classic Autosport Magazine International Spitfire Database British Motor Club of Utah

Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally) www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com

Victoria British

Triumph Register of Southern California

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