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NEXT CLUB MEETING

November 14, 2023 Business meeting @ 7pm Denny's Restaurant 3315 N Scottsdale Road; Scottsdale, AZ

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Prez Sez – November 2023

John Heisser, President

"Relatively Speaking" I'm sure we have all heard or used this term. As it pertains to the weather 90 degrees in Arizona is cooler than the 110 + degrees we experienced this past summer. You may recall that in last month's Pez Says column I mentioned that I was looking forward to the "British Vintage Voyage" because of the cooler weather late October usually brings. Well 90 degrees in an open car when moving is really enjoyable, but sitting at a traffic light not so much! However, a sunny day is always better than a stormy one! As for the "Voyage" Sherryl & Phillip Blahak of the Arizona Mini Owners always do a good job organizing this event, attendance was less than years past, but it was a fun day! There were more Triumphs than any other marque represented.

This weekend is the British Wheels on The Green (BWOG), on Wednesday morning Fox 10 had a 3 or 4 minute segment promoting this event, Steve Strublic, the MG club President was interviewed first and explained what the show is all about then they briefly talk to the different car owners. There were about 10 cars, mostly MGs; however, John Carrol and I represented DCTRA with his TR6 and my TR8. There was one motorcycle, a beautiful 1939 Royal Enfield. (See photos)





What a difference a week makes! British Wheels on the Green was today with temperatures in the low 80s, a sunny day with a light breeze. And what a show it was. There were 151 cars and 9 motorcycles registered with very few no shows. It was the biggest one yet in its 6 year history! The charity this year was Sunshine Acres Children's Home. The show raised an estimated \$7,500.00, but what I was most impressed with was, the winner of the 50/50 drawing donated \$1,000.00 of his \$1,400.00+ winnings to the charity!!! The MG club really does a great job putting on this show, but they would like other British car clubs to participate and the planning and the day of the show activities. Our VP Roger Prior attended almost all of the planning meetings, was a committee chairperson and volunteered in other areas. Randy Koontz attended planning meetings and was involved with the valve cover racing. There were a few other DCTRA members that attended the planning meetings and volunteered to judge the different classes of cars. As for the Triumphs there were four classes, TR3s, TR4s & TR250's, TR6s and Combined Triumphs which grouped Spitfires, a Sport 6 and my TR8. Not sure who took 1st & 2nd place in those classes because I missed the middle part of the rewards ceremony, I had to take a phone call and walked back to my car. When I returned, I found out that my TR8 had taken second place in the Combined class, no one was more surprised than I was! The end to another busy car month 2 in a row! Let's keep it going now that cooler weather is here. Remember anyone can plan an outing /drive or breakfast run. Just plan what you want to do and send out a general email. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Take Care, Thx John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

There were a lot of driving events and road trips last montha nd other activities. Nice to have cool fall weather. John Heisser, our club president, for two more months sent a report and photos about the Rio Grande Valley Regional meet. He made it sound very inviting and a fun road trip. I'd like to try that next year. Maybe we could get a bigger club attendance.

I did not receive much information on the British Vintage Voyage, little bits of information and some photos. Still made a nice report.

For the British Wheels On the Green (BWOG), I received lots of bits of information and data from many people that I could piece together and make a complete article. But the photos! 63 photos from 6 people. I like them. Made a fun task to sort through and select the best. Some were duplicates.

John Heisser and Roger Prior have been alternating leading breakfast drives at various venues on Friday mornings. Although we're invited, it's too far for me and some folks here in the East side of the valley. John Nuss has started hosting a similar breakfast here on the east side of the valley.

I glad that the cooler fall weather is now here. There ought to be someplace you could drive your Triumph, or your civilian vehicle if the LBC is not running.

This is my favorite time of the year. Has been for forty some years. Ever since I bought my first Triumph, a 1963 Spitfire Mark I. But after I had a surgical procedure last month, I cannot drive far. I expected to be fully recovered by now, but I'm not. But as the editor of your newsletter, I get to enjoy your drives, road trips, car show vicariously. Not quite the same but will have to do for the present.

The newsletter is a couple of days late this month because some individuals had information that needed to be included. I just received the last of it tonight. I will send it to Dave Riddle tonight to be posted in the morning.

I hope to see you at the November meeting on the 14th. George

November 2023 Membership Report:

There are no new members to announce this month. Membership is holding steady. Our most recent order for name badges was received last month. Four of our newest members should have received via US Mail their name badge and new member introduction packet. One name badge was mailed solo. Expect a small deficit in the club treasury for badges & postage. If you were expecting a name badge and/or packet and did not receive it, please let me know.

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, I will be stepping away from the Membership Chair position, effective at the January Election Brunch. Scott Porter has boldly stepped forward to take on the responsibilities. Thanks Scott! I will be working with him regarding the transfer of club records, property and supplies.

Marv Miller Membership <u>miller2993@cox.net</u> (602) 380-5564

Application form on page 23

DCTRA EVENTS

DCTRA Events September

Nov 11th – 100 Years of TRs & MGs Event (tentative date) More info later

Nov 14th -- DCTRA November Meeting

Nov 18th – Rev'd Up for Autism Car Show (details on BB later)

Dec 2nd – MCC Car Show (details on BB later)

Dec xxth—DCTRA Christmas Party - Stay tuned for details

Second Saturday each month, October through April: Cars and Coffee 8:00 to 10:00am The Shoppes at Casa Paloma, 7131 W. Ray Road Chandler

Regular Occurrence Events

Status of All Events Are Unknown Presently Some have restarted some have not Check and verify whether it open or not. 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

November 14, 2023, in-person, a Zoom link will be sent out also.



Desert Centre Triumph Register of America September DCTRA Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

The October meeting of DCTRA was held @ Denny's Restaurant Scottsdale Rd. Roger Prior, Vice President called the meeting to order, in the absence of John Heisser, President @ 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Cal Busenitz who drove his Spitfire, John Carroll who drove his TR6, T.J. Creath, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand LaCasse, Augustin Lopez, Bob Mazer, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John & Kathy Nuss who drove their Spitfire, Pete Peterson who drove his TR2, Scott Porter, Roger Prior who drove his TR6, John Reynolds who drove his TR6, Dave Riddle, Mark Sapp, Dan Tortorici who drove his TR6.

Guests: Welcome Miles Tate who owns a TR3.

Minutes: The Minutes from last month were approved and seconded as they appear in The Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Armand LaCasse reported our only expenditure was payment to VTR for our annual insurance. Armand announced that we are financially able to suspend collection of Membership Dues for another year.

Membership: Marv Miller is announcing that he wishes to step down from his appointed Membership duties. He is in negotiations w/ Scott Porter to possibly take over in January. Marv reporting that the recently ordered member Name Tags are in.

Newsletter: George Montgomery would like anyone attending this month's British Wheels On The Green to let him know.

Events: John Carroll reported on the upcoming British Wheels On The Green Sunday October 29 in Peoria's Centennial Park. Concourse d'Elegance is being held January 20 @ Scottsdale Civic Center. Bob Mazer reports that volunteers are still needed for this event.

Technical: Armand LaCasse discussed gear boxes. Chuck Kerzan had water pump gasket for TR 2,3, or 4 to give away.

Old and New Business: Roger Prior is asking for suggestions for this year's Christmas Party and a venue for our Annual Brunch in January. There was also a discussion about the possibility of exchanges w/ other Car Clubs throughout the Southwest. Pete Peterson reported he's spoken w/ Jim Bauder, and he sends his greetings.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:35 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Mary A White Secretary

British Vintage Voyage

Article by editor, photos by Armand LaCasse

This year the British Vintage Voyage visited the Javelina Leap Vineyard wine and bistro in Cornville, AZ. Eighteen attendees were expected. See the Prez Sez column for John Heisser's report. Denine Mure sent me some info and Armand LaCasse sent the photos of the Triumphs that attended.



John Heisser and guest Peggy



Jullian Anderson



Armand Lacross and John Nuss

Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Redevises

Story and photos by John Heisser

The 33rd Annual staging of this event was held in Silver City, NM on the weekend of September 22nd /24th. I met John Reynolds at his house around 9:00 am, leaving just a few minutes later. The drive to Silver City took about 5 hours via US60 to Globe then US70 through Safford to Lordsburg NM, then NM70 to Silver City. By driving this route, we avoided Interstate 10 making the drive more enjoyable. Friday afternoon consisted of event check-in, a meet & greet happy hour then dinner on our own. Saturday started with a drivers meeting for the really, watching the Funkhana.

With John Reynolds as navigator, we set out for the driving really. The 135 +/- mile really was mostly on US180 through the Gila River Valley to the Glenwood Ranger District and Catwalk National Recreation Trail. The catwalk was originally a wooden plank walkway placed on top of a steel water pipe which sent water to an ore processing plant built in 1893, as you can see by the photos it has been greatly improved. The trail and catwalk meanders through a whitewater canyon and is about a 2 mile long loop. We all had a box lunch in the picnic area.





Rio Grande Valley Regional (cont)



We then return to Silver City via US180 again with a small side trip of about 10 miles, this was the time and distance portion of the rally. Since my speedometer does not work, we had to guess the time, however, we were able to answer all of the questions correctly about landmarks, signage, etc. The day ended with the car show with participants and spectators voting on their favorite cars in each class. The event ended with a Sunday morning breakfast and awards presentation. This was a very enjoyable event and I plan on attending it again next year when it will be held in Los Vegas NM.



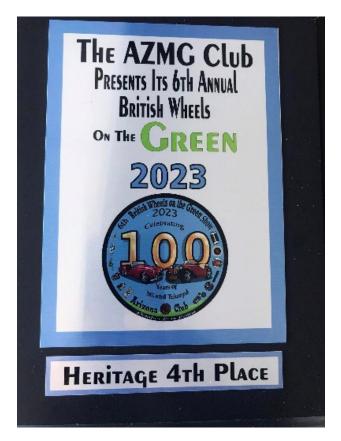
British Wheels On the Green

Article by Editor photos by many

The annual British Wheels On the Green was held last weekend at the Centennial Plaza, Peoria. The organizers, the Arizona MG Club has designated it to be a fund raiser for the benefit of Sunshine Acres Children's Home. They had a total of 140 registered cars and bikes. www.britishwheels-az.info

DCTRA members who attended (at least the ones I have been told) are: John Horton, Roger Prior, John Heisser, John Carrol, Paul Jordan, Bob Mazer, Bob McIlravy, Cal Buzenitz, John & Kathy Nuss, Pete and Bev Peterson, and Armand Lacosse.

Award winners that I have been told about are Bob McIlravy won 2nd place in the TR4/TR250 class, John Truttman won 3rd place in TR6 class and John Heisser won 2nd place in a Combined class of Spitfire, GT6, Sport 6, and TR8. Paul Jordan's TR6 was displayed in the Heritage Class.



Some of the sixty-three photos sent me from six individuals are shown below. I tried to pick the best. It was a tough choice. There were excellent examples and some duplicates. I tried to select Triumphs and other iconic and unusual cars.























































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LET'S CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF MG & TRIUMPH

In addition to encouraging competitive valve cover racing at the 2023 British Wheels on the Green, DCTRA and the Arizona MG Club are working together to schedule several activities to celebrate this special centenary event for our two iconic British roadster marques.

Because both clubs include older (slower) and faster (newer) roadsters, it is important to schedule activities and driving events in the cooler months. The goal for any planned activities is that all our slower and faster cars might participate. The tentative date for the 100 Year celebratory events for our clubs is presently a Saturday in November.

Although the specific activities / events are still in the planning stages, both clubs will be kept informed as the event plans unfold. In the interim, if you have any ideas for joint events that would include all cars, please share them with either Randy Koontz (<u>randy.koontz@cox.net</u>) or Andy Kurtz (<u>mrakurtz@icloud.com</u>).

Even though we cannot match the Silverstone activities in the UK, it will still be ROADSTER FUN IN ARIZONA! Please watch the DCTRA BB for developing details.



Scramble!

Article and photos by Paul Jordan

If there is one word to describe getting the car ready and down to Peoria for this year's British Wheels on the Green, it would be "Scramble"!

"Scramble" just seems to be an everyday occurrence in my world. Working full-time and dealing with everyday business pressures and demands, appointments, schedules, closings, and events, it can take its toll on all things that are just fun!

I'm not necessarily a huge fan of Car Shows and most often I like to attend them rather than enter, but BWOG is certainly different than most. It celebrates a special group of car enthusiasts that have a different appreciation to what we see almost everywhere else. British cars and some great people!

Last year our TR6 took 1st. in class and therefore rolled into the Heritage Group for this year's event. I thought that was quite an honor. I certainly didn't want to cause any disappointments for 2023 and I wanted the car to look good and represent the club and Triumph well!



The car is really an enjoyable driver that I like to keep in superior shape and get it out on the road as much as possible. I enter it occasionally in local parades here in the Central Arizona area and some charity events which are quite fun. It gets considerable attention.

This past summer the clutch began to chatter, and there were some other issues that certainly needed attention. My favorite "Go to mechanic" in Phoenix was booked solid for six months and couldn't get me in, but kindly referred me to a repair shop in Prescott. When it comes to automotive repair, well I may as well have just two left hands and let's leave it at that! The car went into the shop on September 11th.

They too were also extremely busy, and I eyed another TR6 in line for triage, as well as a couple of MG's, a Land Rover and who knows what else that was waiting in line. This was going to take a while, and it did. Good, qualified mechanics are rare and hard to find, so be patient and allow them to do their work properly and don't apply too much pressure. You will most likely get a better outcome. I did, however, mention to them I needed the car to be in good mechanical shape for BWOG that was now fast approaching.

Scramble! (cont)

Five weeks passed, and I got the call! "Can you come by and pick up your car by five?". I answered YES, and Hallelujah! I took off from the office a little early that afternoon and rushed home to pick up my wife. I needed a second driver to drop me off so I could bring the TR6 home. "Scramble", we were back on the road!

The work week flies by, and we are headed into the weekend prior to BWOG. The car runs well enough but certainly needs some attention. It's been tuned and the water pump was also replaced. Most of the interior had to be removed so they could remove the gearbox and replace the clutch. Now, the carpet and speaker panels were interfering with the accelerator pedal and my foot would hang up when I let off the throttle. Quite a simple fix, but it takes just a little more time and I have less than a week before the show. The car also needed a thorough cleaning as it sat outside for quite a while. That's to be expected. The soft top was up but the windows just looked awful. Best get those back in shape, so I cleaned them up with PlastX. It worked terrific, but no one would ever know as I displayed the car with the soft top down and stowed away!

During the initial cleaning, I remembered I had lost the small 2-inch chrome piece that fills in the gap with the windshield surround. I couldn't just leave it blank, and I know it's a difficult piece to get as they are often too short. I ordered one from Moss and another from TRF. Both arrived too short, so I used both to make a complete connection. I will follow up with both suppliers to see if I can get the correct length or try another vendor. You can hardly notice, and it probably went by unnoticed.

The week prior to the show was taken up mostly for a business trip up to Reno, Nevada, and I arrived back in Arizona late Friday afternoon. My wife asked me if the car was ready and I thought it was in pretty decent shape, so Saturday we went shopping, "Happy Wife, Happy Life" Right! That evening I looked at the car again and I knew it needed more attention. The paint had a lot of swirl marks and water spots that just needed to be fixed. "Scramble"! Out came the polishing compound and orbital polisher to take off the old polish. Then I gave it a fresh wax! I think the car was quite presentable around midnight.

I really enjoyed this year's show and Thank You to all of you who may have voted for my car. I felt a little lonesome being down the hill and away from most of the others in the Triumph group. However, it was great to see some of you as we wandered around. See you all again soon!

Paul

Another Complimentary Additional Year of Membership!

By Armand LaCasse, Treasurer

DCTRA has had another great year! We are financially sound thanks largely to hosting Triumphest and all of the members who made this event a financial success. We again want to thank our members for their efforts and share our club's success.

The DCTRA Executive Leadership Team decided to provide another complimentary year of membership. President John Heisser, Vice President Roger Prior, Secretary Mary White, and Treasurer Armand LaCasse agreed we can easily afford to do this again thanks to Triumphest 2021.

The details are:

- DCTRA will not collect any membership renewal dues in 2024.
- Every member as of December 31, 2023 will have one year of membership added to their membership expiration date.

If your membership would have expired in 2024, now it will expire in 2025. 2025 membership expirations move to 2026. And 2026 membership expirations move to 2027.

Please ask one of the officers if you have any questions.

Armand

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George M Montgomery editor: georgemonty32@gmail.com.

For sale:

I have a Triumph windblocker for sale. It's a Moss item. It's in new condition. I'm asking \$125 for it. Rick Hartmann Cell 708-724-5238 Itzatr6@gmail.com



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Free:

John Truttman has a collection of shop manuals and competition manuals for various cars. He only want them to go to someone who wants to use them. John Truttman: 480-695-2591, truttmanj@gmail.com



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For sale: or Trade

I have a pair of TR6 black seats (high back) in good condition, which I would like to trade for a pair or TR4A or TR250 low back seats. Black and in good condition would be perfect, but I'm willing to rebuild/recover low back seats if I can find them.

If you don't want to trade, please contact me if you are willing to sell.

Ray Gauthier Sent from iPhone 503-260-4137

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont.)

FOR SALE:

1958 TR3A – project car, clear AZ title, \$1,400, needs a lot of work. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3640

1954 TR2 (Long Door) – project car, all correct sheet metal, clear AZ title, \$2,500 Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

1961 TR3A – project / parts car, no title \$500. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

Weber carburetor (pair), down drafts, with intakes and air cleaners, for TR6, \$100. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

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FOR SALE: Sheepskin seat covers for a TR6 Black. Skins are excellent. Elastic is worn out but easily replaced. \$20 or best offer. PETE PETERSON 602-615-3640 <u>carefreebev@gmail.com</u>



FOR SALE: After-market fiberglass hardtop for a TR3. WYSIWYG \$20 or best offer. PETE PETERSON 602-615-3640 <u>carefreebev@gmail.com</u>



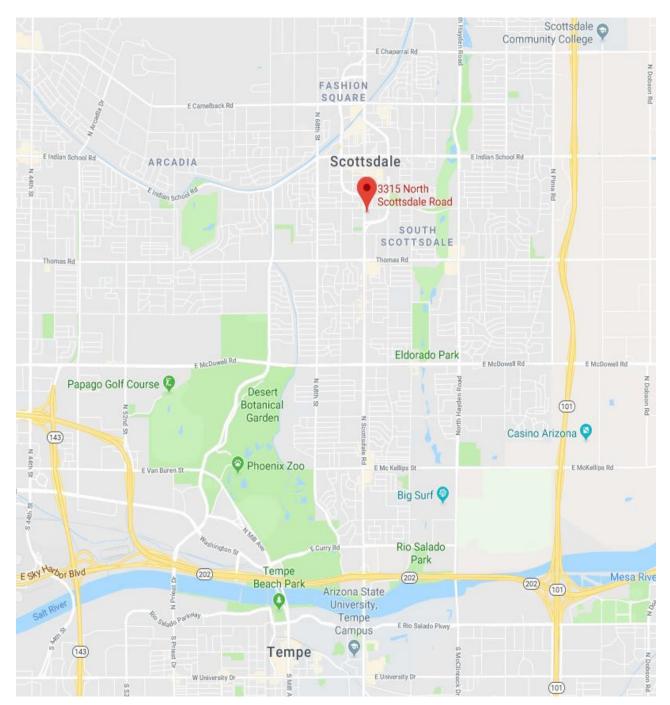




DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month at: **Denney's Restaurant**

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