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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETING:
OCTOBER 12 - 7:00 PM
F1 RACE FACTORY
317 S. 48TH STREET
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HAVE DINNER -
STAY FOR RACING -
SUPPORT OUR
BENEFACTORS!

Kiwanis Catch A Wave
and Car Show
Oct. 9, 2004

DCTRA Outing
October 23, 2004



Getting Ready For Triumphfest!

'Twas the month before Triumphfest, and all through the house
 Not a creature was sleeping, not even a mouse;
 The rooms were reserved in Lake Tahoe awhile,
 In hopes that the Triumph would bring us a smile;
 The friends were all eager to be on their way,
 To sail on the Dinner Cruise with little delay;
 And Pa back in Maryland, and I in A-Z,
 A great looking 6 sure wanted to see.



We had TR parts flying, were working flat out,
 With hurricanes blowing and power lines out,
 The things we had ordered were not coming fast.
 The phone and the internet might help us at last,
 We rushed out and called upon all whom we could
 To send us the last of the pieces they should.
 The brand new green paint still wasn't dry,
 The fine leather seats stood waiting nearby,
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a sleek silver airplane with my husband dear,
 And I figured he'd fix it all up really quick,
 But I didn't remember how many things stick.
 Still more friends were waiting to help with the chore,
 They came from the woodwork and in through the door.
 Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now Vixen and Prancer!
 Or did you say Richard, Frank, Tim and ole Arthur?
(Triumphfest 2004, continued on page 4.)



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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

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THE PREZ SEZ

Yesssss! The driving season is approaching. The temperature is lower - the other day I spent most of the morning on the back porch enjoying the cool



breeze while reading my assignments. School has been in session for only two weeks and already I'm behind in the work. Well, I had a choice: Read schoolwork or prepare the Spitfire and attend a Triumph Club meeting. A no brainer, but I'll pay for it.

It is the driving season for sure when there are so many events in the month of October: The Triumphest, British Vintage Voyage, and Northland Hospice Rally all on the same weekend. The Kiwanis car show on October 9 at the Wave Park in Tempe sounds like fun. (FYI, I've tickets for that 2004 Mustang! Only \$5 a ticket and the club keeps \$2.50.) I just got a message for a show at the Canyon State Academy that same day. There are some folks driving to Mt. Graham that day as well. Later in the month the usual British Breakfast Drive provides another opportunity to join with other enthusiasts.

Don't forget our own event on Saturday, October 23. We'll be driving out to Apache Junction for supper at the Nuss compound. Look for more about that in another article.

My intention here is to encourage Triumph drivers to take the cars out to be seen. There are always people who have a British sports car story to tell or know where some unrestored British treasure is hiding. It is a great way to gain club members, reminisce, motivate oneself to finish the project, and drive the cars.

One more thing... Is it too early to remind everyone that we can have an influence in our world by voting? If you haven't registered, you may be out of luck. I know many members have made up their minds about the candidates and ballot issues. In November it is time to act on those thoughts. To my way of thinking, if you don't vote, you don't get to complain.

John C. Nuss

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting opened at 7pm. We had three representatives from the Kiwanis Club of Tempe. They spoke about the "CATCH A WAVE AND CAR SHOW," benefiting children, to be held October 9th from noon to 9 p.m. They are selling raffle tickets for \$5 each. The top prize is a Ford Mustang convertible. A motion was made by Rich Aubert & seconded by John Truttman for the club to buy \$1000 worth of tickets. John Horton asked to amend the motion to take 200 tickets on consignment. The vote was unanimous to accept the amended version. The F-1 manager spoke about changes in the facility. He said the food should be better and more quickly served, and they are working on noise reduction. A third track will be built for junior karts.

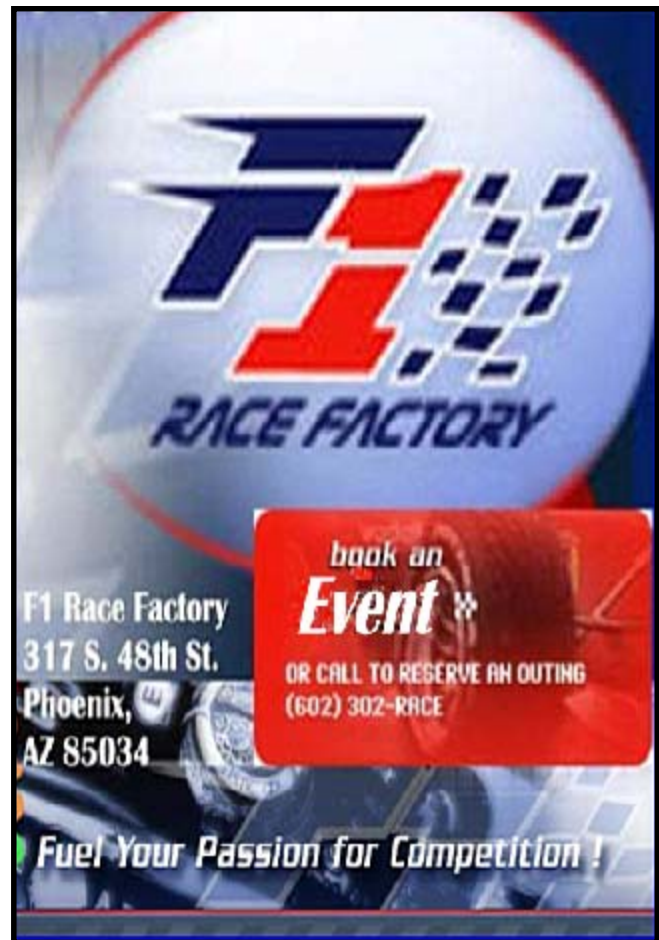
The minutes were accepted as printed. The treasurer was not present. Rich went over a variety of upcoming events. On October 24th, there will be an All British Car Day, on the 24th, an Orphan Car Show, and February 5th, will be the MDA Classic Car Show. Look on the web for choices of routes to California for Triumphest with times to leave. John Nuss said we need to plan for the Christmas party and champagne brunch. More will be discussed at next month's meeting. October 23rd, there will be an "economy run" in the Queen Valley area, and, in November, there will be a "fun run" to Eloy.

John Horton announced that the AAHC has a web site now at azautohobby.com. He also said that it will probably be a rough year in the legislature since the woman who headed up a lot of the previous bills will be a senator this next year. John Horton will become a registered lobbyist with and through the AAHC this year.

In tech discussion, there is someone in Connecticut converting some Triumph models with Ford transmissions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Deta



(Triumphest 2004, continued from page 1.)

First polish the paint, now finish the top!
Let's hurry, let's scurry, don't even think stop!
The seats have new leather and soft inner foam,
The bumper soon will be fitted with chrome.
So one final nap we'll all manage to take
And, then in the morning, we'll give it a shake!
So into the trailer the car will now glide
And onto the highway, the RAC slide.
With everyone helping, we still have our dream;
We may not win first place, but we're quite a team.
Our first Triumphest entry won't be our last,
And surely next time we'll have a real blast.
The car will be ready to drive out and show,
And off to the concours, we'll get up and go!

By now you will wonder, when will this poem end?
Well, sooner than later, I've things to attend;
But if Triumphs you're hoping to fix up real quick,
A different hobby, you'd better go pick!

It wouldn't be fair to let anyone think
Someone else may have wasted all of this ink,
So even as shy as I may think I am,
I'll admit that this tome was written by Pam.

TECH TALK

Conventional Wisdom

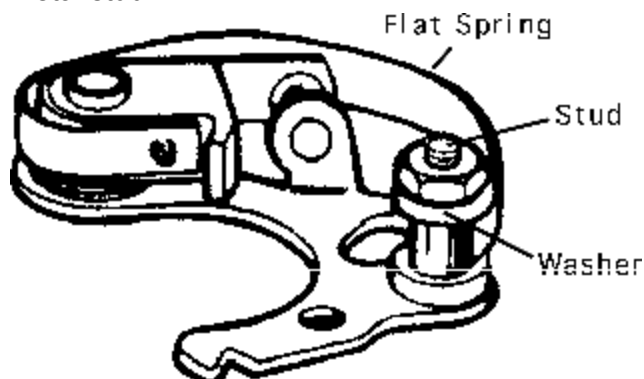
By Tom Nicoud

In the usual situation, replacement of a part (ignition or otherwise) is successfully accomplished by installing the new part the same way the old one was installed. This "conventional wisdom" may fail when there are slight differences in the design of the replacement parts.

A while back, two Triumphs (TR6 and TR3) were found not responding to standard starting techniques (even with copious verbal encouragement). Both had, among other things, new ignition points installed. Both were installed apparently like the previous set but, because of an important difference in point set design, incorrectly.

Points provide the path for current flow through the ignition coil to the engine block "ground" (the battery terminal connected by cable to engine block and chassis). Connection from coil and capacitor (aka condenser) is made to the insulated flat spring (attached to the contact point which is moved by the distributor cam). Key word here is insulated.

In one currently available point set design, insulation of the flat spring is accomplished with a molded plastic stud. With the other, shouldered plastic washers are used with a metal stud.



Referring to the point set graphic shown, if the stud is metal, the capacitor and coil connections (wire lugs) must be placed under the top shouldered plastic washer. If the stud is plastic, the coil and capacitor lugs should be placed

under the metal washer (although it will work with the lugs on top).

In both dead Triumphs the plastic stud style (made in ??) point set with lugs placed on top of the metal washer had been replaced by a metal stud style (made in England) set. Unfortunately, coil and capacitor lugs were placed on top of the plastic washer in direct contact with the metal nut and "grounded" metal stud. Moving the lugs under the plastic washer restored the Triumph "tick".

Remember, lugs go under the washer (metal w/ plastic stud or plastic/w metal stud) in direct contact with the flat spring. One type will work either way the other will not!

Member Recommendations

A member from Cottonwood called to tell me about two businesses that have done good work for him:

Arizona Powder Coating did a great job powder coating his Spitfire frame. The place is located on Washington Street east of the 202 overpass.

Enviro Stripping Technology uses plastic media to strip the paint and rust off the frame. The business is on Seventh Street west of Central Avenue.
--John Nuss

Affordable Powder Coating was recommended by another member and has done a good job for us. They are located at 2111 E. Fillmore in Phoenix.

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--Clay Rineholt

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QUESTIONS?????

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Signature _____ Date _____

Must be signed and dated to complete registration and entrance/participation to event.

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE FOR
UPDATES @ WWW.AZMGCLUB.ORG**

Triumph Car Clubs and Other Interesting Websites

Classic Car Directory
<http://www.classic-car-directory.com/price/price.asp>

Heritage Motor Centre
<http://www.heritage.org.uk/>

Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club
<http://www.mntriumphs.org/>

Portland Triumph Owners Association
<http://www.portlandtriumph.org/>

Standard Motor Club
<http://www.standardmotorclub.org.uk/>

TR Register
<http://www.tr-register.co.uk/>

Triumph Register of America
<http://www.triumphregister.com/>

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
<http://www.triumphtravelers.org/Index.html>

The Vintage Triumph Register
<http://www.vtr.org/>

DCTRA 2004-2005 Membership Application/Renewal Form

Member's Information:
Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____

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Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

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Hawaiian Luau Recipe Fest

shrimp cocktail recipe - elaine gurnee

1/4 cup lime juice, 1 lb. small to med. shrimp -
already cleaned and cooked

1 jar 16 oz. tomatillo classic salsa veracruzana at
Williams Sonoma

1 cup diced peeled jicama

1 small ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cubed

salt to taste

lime slices for garnish

corn tortilla chips or tostadas for serving (I
prefer to use wontons, cut in half and deep fried
for several seconds on each side...they are less
salty than packaged chips.)

Toss everything together, cover and refrigerate
for 2 to 4 hours.

Spoon the shrimp cocktail in a decorative dish
and garnish with cilantro and lime slices.

(Luau Recipes, continued on page 7.)

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(Luau Recipes, continued from page 6.)

Orange Jello Salad - Pam Rineholt

1 large box orange Jello
 1 package Dream Whip or Cool Whip
 1 can crushed pineapple, drained
 Shredded carrots, chopped nuts, shredded coconut, & miniature marshmallows to taste

Prepare Jello as directed, using 1 1/2 cups water, and let cool till partially set. Prepare Dream Whip as directed or thaw Cool Whip in the refrigerator. Mix partially set Jello thoroughly with Dream Whip or Cool Whip. Fold in remaining ingredients. Chill until set.



September Breakfast Run



Text and photos by Pam Rineholt

The Blahaks' circuitous route took us as far north as Shea Boulevard, east to Hayden Road, back through Papago Park, south to Baseline, and into Arizona Mills complex, where we breakfasted at the fun fifties style 5 & Diner. Everyone enjoyed the great variety of food from Belgian waffles to omelets to classic meat and eggs. The booths and noisy atmosphere led to having the raffle drawing out on the patio, which was quite pleasant. The planned excursion to Mystery Castle had to be postponed, as they are closed during September, but we look forward to a visit in a cooler month of the year!



October

Hi everyone,

As an update of what is happening locally for those of you without internet access...

12th Tue VHVC Club meeting - At the Riverside Centre, Newport from 8pm

17th Sun VHVC Afternoon Tea Run - Meeting at Butterfly World, Wootton 2pm for 2.30pm start.

18th Mon IW Triumph Club meeting - All Triumph owners / enthusiasts welcome, the *free* club catering for all clubs! - meeting at the Woodmans Arms, Wootton from 8pm onwards.

Hope to see you all soon!

Isle of Wight Triumph Club

Isle of Wight Events

The Maize Challenge at the Ninham Farm, Shanklin - Friday 23 July 2004 to Sunday 12 December 2004 from 10:00 am

A giant maze comprising of over 11/2 km of paths, twists, turns & cul de sacs. Various design theme each year.

The People's Show at the Museum of Island History Guildhall High Street Newport - Monday 02 August 2004 to Sunday 03 October 2004 from 10:00 am

An exhibition of childhood collections. Any Island residents interested in displaying items should contact Rachel Silversen 01983 823433.

Seaview Duver Coast Scheme at the Duver, Seaview open all day all years - Friday 10 September 2004 to Saturday 01 January 2005 from 10:00 am

The collaborative work of art and engineering is a pioneering venture for the Island. Opened on 10 August by the Duke of Edinburgh. Available to all comers. A book of the artist input is now in preparation.

Ipswich Transport Museum



The Ipswich Transport Museum has the largest collection of transport items in Britain devoted to just one town. Everything was either made or used in and around Ipswich, the county town of Suffolk. The collection has been building up since about 1965, and a brief history is also available on their website.

The collection consists of around 100 major exhibits, and numerous smaller items which are all connected with transport in Ipswich. The operation of the Museum is supported by the Friends of the Ipswich Transport Museum organisation.

Come and Ride on Our Buses, Sunday 3rd October 2004

Each year we give you the opportunity to ride on some of our buses. We also invite other buses, old and new, to take part in the event, which is now a popular day in the calendar. We will be providing a free shuttle service linking the railway station, bus stations and the Museum. We will also provide a free park and ride service, starting at 1030, which will link the park and ride site at Ransomes Europark to the Museum. This will be signed from Felixstowe Road and Nacton Road, as there will be no parking available at the Museum on the day.

This year will be celebrating the 40th birthday of Ipswich bus 63, and this will be running in service, along with several of the Museums other buses. Ipswich 63 has never actually been restored, just well looked after throughout its life.

Wheels by Lamplight, Saturday 23rd October 2004

A regular evening event when the Museum is illuminated by hundreds of old paraffin and oil lamps. Welcome fruit punch on arrival. Admission by ticket only. *Not suitable for children.*

Calendar of Events

October 9th — 2004 Kiwanis Catch A Wave and Car Show Benefiting Children, an awards show and more. Park in drive-in setting on grass, view entertainment from car, live band, comedians, demonstrations, show awards, dash plaque and goodie bag, one free raffle ticket, door prizes for car entrants, arrive from 10 a.m. to noon, entry fees are \$20 before September 30th, \$25 before Sept. 30th or \$25 after and day of event, www.kawaniswave.org or Dick, 480-345-9521

October 9th — Mt. Graham Fun Run, leaving Gas City in Benson at 9:30 a.m., to Mt. Graham Market, picnic on Mt. Graham, then to Safford, Apache Gold Casino in Globe, then back to Phoenix or through Winkelman to Tucson. Paul Smith, svminis@cox.net

October 9th — Canyon State Academy, annual open house and family barbeque. Casandra McCray 480.987.2023 or cmccray@riteofpassage.com

October 17th — Farmers & Farmworker's Appreciation Day Car Show Fundraiser for Queen Creek Family Resource Center, Desert Mountain Elementary School, Queen Creek,

early reg. \$15.00, 480-987-5988

October 23rd — DCTRA, drive out of Apache Junction and supper at the Nuss compound.

October 24th — All British & European Car Day, sponsored by The Arizona MG Club, Sunday at McDonalds at Indian Bend Rd. and 101 Pima Freeway, Scottsdale Pavilians area. Advance registration by Sept. 4th, \$25 per vehicle, day of show, \$35, includes \$5 donation to Ronald McDonald House. Gates open 8 a.m., vehicles in place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Karen Timian 480-899-3272, 480-206-4204, or richard.j.timian@boeing.com

October 24th — Greenway Band & Orchestra Car Show, Greenway High School, 3930 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, Registration fee: \$15 per entry, Pancake breakfast, \$3, Class 1100 is for foreign cars. Andy 623-915-8525 days

FRIDAY EVENINGS:

- Alma School & Warner, Chandler.
- Lindsay & Warner (on the east side of the Albertson's Parking lot), Gilbert, 5-? PM depending on the weather.
- Hills, 43rd Street & Union Hills, Phoenix

(Calendar of Events, continued on page 10.)

KIWANIS CATCH A WAVE & CAR SHOW BENEFITING CHILDREN

Kiwanis Park of Tempe
Between Rural and Kyrene on Guadalupe
Saturday October 9, 2004 from NOON to 9:00 pm

For the Classic Car Entrant:

- **Entry Fees:** Before September 30th \$ 20
After Sep 30th & Day of Event \$ 25
- Show Awards
- Dash Plaque and Goodie bag
- One **FREE** Raffle Ticket
- Door Prizes for car entrants only
- Arrive from 10:00 AM to NOON
- Visit **WWW.KIWANISWAVE.ORG** to Pre-Register
- Call Dick at (480) 345-9521 for details



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

Trumpeter Classic-fied ads are free to members and will run for three issues, unless extended by the advertiser. (That's why you see a date at the end of each ad). If you sell your item, let us know and we will remove the ad from the next issue. Otherwise, it will automatically disappear after the third consecutive printing.

FOR SALE = Receiver hitch for an '86 to '92 Nissan pick up truck, \$40.00. John Horton 1-888-287-4384, 1-602-843-1399, 1-602-843-2422 fax, johnehorton@yahoo.com (11/04)

FOR SALE = Two Austin Americas and a parts car. 1969 car has a standard transmission, and 1968 has an automatic. One of them has every piece of paper pertaining to it, including the letter written to inquire about the purchase. If interested, call Karl Cramer 480-982-2021 (11/04)

FOR SALE = Spitfire 1500 (I believe it is red), asking \$3500. Carlos Cobos 480-201-7612 (11/04)


FOR SALE = 1976 Spitfire, "ran when parked" three years ago, \$2000. Bill Haught 928-925-1417 (11/04)



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(Calendar of Events, continued from page 9.)

SATURDAY EVENINGS:

■ Wendy's, Superstition Springs Mall, Power & Hampton, East Mesa, 4-? PM depending on the weather. First Saturday of every month is for British cars. If you are coming, let me know so we can hold spaces and all park together. shirley@nis4u.com or 480-985-2531 The Pavilions (McDonalds), Indian Bend Rd. between Pima Freeway and Pima Road, Scottsdale. 4-10 PM. 602-443-0800

■ Chubby's, 7th Street & Union Hills, Phoenix. 5:30-9 PM.

■ Chuy's, Arizona Avenue & Warner

■ Dairy Queen, 108th Avenue & Grand, Sun City. 4-8 PM. 623-977-3303

■ 5 and Diner, 906 N. 56th Street, I-10 & Ray, Chandler. 5-9 PM. 480-753-1114

■ Hooter's, Bell Road west of I-17, Phoenix. 602-375-0000

■ Shoney's, 59th Street & Bell, Phoenix. 602-948-0719, 623-561-1971

■ Sonic, 33rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. 6-9 PM. 623-936-6587

HIGHWAY HUMOR



Cartoon provided by Tom Pennell

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TR3

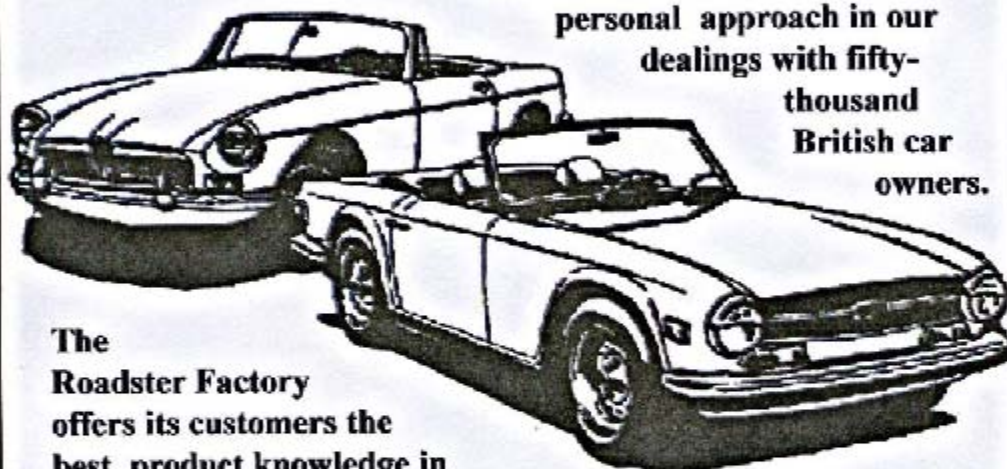
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