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## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday, October 14, 2013

Meeting starts @ 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Come Early to Dine & Socialize with Club Members

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**On the Cover:** Dave & Denine Muré leaving the September meeting-  
photo by **Mike Blachut**

## Prez Sez – October 2013

**John Nuss**

By the time you are reading this, the great event - **Triumphfest** - will most likely be history. Looking forward to hearing all your stories about the good times.

Lately, I have had a thought about the club. Remember **WE ARE** the DCTRA. It is we who attend meetings, plan and participate in events, pay our dues. To paraphrase Pogo, "We have met the membership and he is us."

There was an unfortunate incident in the past months and I take credit, blame, or responsibility. One of our members was in need of attention and I failed to follow through during the meeting. I regret that mistake. The next month it was not brought to the attention of the club again, my not thinking. So, after the last meeting some members thought a good idea might be to have a willing person to be the designated "go to" person with notices of illness, surgery, or other episodes worthy of the club's attention. Kathy Nuss, Bev Peterson and Betsy Kavash volunteered to make sure a card or other response from the club occurs, until that special person steps up to the plate to act as our Social Correspondent. So be sure to notify one of them whenever you, or a member you know of, needs our support.

I'll be staying for an extended visit in San Francisco, so Matt will preside over the next meeting on October 14th. In November, we should have a report on the New Member Packet. Also, it's time now to think about volunteering to host the holiday/Christmas party.

Hey, drive the Triumphs! It looks like most of the heat is but a memory.

## EDITOR'S DESK

**PETE PETERSON**

TWO DOWN - TWO TO GO! I agreed to finish off this year as newsletter editor. Thanks to your help, it has been relatively painless. BUT, someone, please, step up and take this on for the next year. It is unfair to expect the same person to do this for years on end. I thank all past and future newsletter editors for their service.

### DCTRA member Chuck Kerzan

photos by Mike Blachut



1959 TR3A



1959 TR3A



## DCTRA Meeting Minutes – SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

**President John Nuss** opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at **DENNY'S RESTAURANT** at 670 N. Scottsdale Road in Tempe.

### **37 people signed the roster:**

Jim Andres  
Ned Bailey - drove a TR  
Jim Bauder - drove a TR  
Mike Blachut & Maggie Austin  
Pete Bowen  
Bill Close  
Bill & Kay Davenport  
Gene Glenn  
Deta Hampsch & Lee Loftin  
John & Cheri Heisser  
Betsy Kavash  
Jody Kerr - drove a TR  
Chuck Kerzan  
Armand LaCasse

Stu Lasswell - drove a TR  
Bob Mazer  
Joe Minnick  
George Montgomery  
Dave & Denine Muré - drove a TR  
Gary Nelson  
John & Kathy Nuss - drove a TR  
Pete & Bev Peterson  
John & Matt Reynolds - drove a TR  
Pam Rineholt  
Bo & Laureen Shaw  
Marie Thompson  
Pete Thompson  
Kiwi Treloar

### **7 - TRIUMPHS WERE DRIVEN TO THE MEETING!**

**VISITORS:** No visitors

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**AAHC:** Nothing was reported.

**TREASURER:** **John Reynolds** reported on the club's financial status. He recommended and made a motion to put Triumphest money into a separate account. Kathy Nuss seconded the motion and it and passed. It was agreed to put \$10,000 now and \$500 per month from PayPal into this account.

**MEMBERSHIP:** **George Montgomery** reported on membership and passed around the current roster for everyone present to update.

**NEWSLETTER:** **Pete Peterson** thanked everyone who submitted material for the newsletter and **Bev** for her help getting it out.

**EVENTS:** **Matt Reynolds** reported on upcoming events:

Oct 2–6: Triumphest

Oct 6: Java Cruise – 8:00 a.m. - 19<sup>th</sup> Donut Hole, 116 N Lindsay Rd #17, Mesa  
contact Michael Divine (480) 241-3505 [MichaelADivine@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelADivine@gmail.com)

Oct 19&20: British Voyage

**TECHNICAL:** *Armand LaCasse* talked about troubleshooting and fixing electrical problems on *Pete Peterson's* TR6. *Jody Kerr* and *Jim Andres* had comments and suggestions about electrical issues. *Jim Bauder* recommended a TR6 electrical manual written by Dan Masters.

**OWNERSHIP UPDATES:** There was nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Joe Minnick* reported that grille badges should be ready next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** *John Reynolds* reported on the **All Triumph Drive In** he attended that was held August 16-18 in Penticton, British Columbia, hosted by the British Columbia Triumph Registry. He was impressed by the number of Triumphs entered and said it was a fantastic event and well worth considering attending next year when it will be held in Tacoma, WA.

*Deta Hampsch* has been in touch with *Gracie Pennell*. She wants to sell some Triumph manuals and assorted tools that belonged to *Tom*. See the classified ads in the newsletter for more information.

There was discussion about the social duties of the club for members who are hospitalized, bereaved, or otherwise need to know that we all care about them. Someone needs to take on the responsibility of being the one to notify when cards or flowers need to be sent and then doing it in a timely manner. Nothing was finalized and further discussions will be held.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: *Pete Peterson, Secretary*  
**9/14/2013**

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## Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds

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Oct 19&20: British Vintage Voyage – Tucson

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**FOR SALE:** 1981 TR8 FI Calvary Blue; originally from California. 125,000 miles; runs good but idles poorly; all original; needs paint & top. Has had a lot of time & money spent on it in the last 3 years. Car is in storage in Tonto Basin at this time. Will consider offers above \$ 4400

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Stag block NOS: From a dealer-never used-brand new-rare \$ 700

Stag NOS rear right fender: May be the only NOS in the world at this time. Never installed. \$1,000

TR6 Front fender( wing) passengers side: in good but not perfect shape. From 1970 AZ. car \$300

I have some other TR6 stuff that now must be sold to make way for my Stag project.

**CALL:** Chris Hansel  
602-370-8226  
[longsail7@yahoo.com](mailto:longsail7@yahoo.com)

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**FOR SALE:** 2 Triumph Spitfires - well 1½. The white one is a 1972 and mostly complete, has GT6 engine? The red one is a 1976 - has the top frame & windshield missing from the 72. \$1,000 for the pair. Thanks, Al  
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## CLASSIFIED AD

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### AMO MESA MARKETPLACE CAR SHOW September 7, 2013 by John Nuss

The rain on Saturday? It was my fault. I washed Kathy's car in preparation for the Arizona Mini Owners show for the benefit of the Arizona Humane Society. Said rain must have been too scary because there weren't a lot of cars nor viewers. Sad, because there were some interesting cars. Kathy and I drove the only Triumphs, and Ken Schmidt brought Gary (Mini) Cooper. The only other British car, besides a dozen Minis from the Blahak stable, was the Bugeye of Bob and Lynne Brown- also members of the Mini Club. You can't really count the MG TD look-a-like and the fiberglass Panther. Two vintage Volkswagens- a mid 60s Beetle and the Karmann Ghia replacement of the late 70s rounded out the import group.

There were some other interesting cars at the show. A Corvair- second body style with lots of "patina." The driver's side appeared to be primed but the remainder of the car was covered in surface rust. The

owner said he is not sure he wants to repair it. The Corvair's front rode a bit high- one would think the 3.4 V6 it would weight the front down. He described performance as "peppy." An early Mustang, dark metallic blue looked as if it had never been on the road. The owner said it was painted about three years ago and is driven most every weekend.

As a fund raiser, the show was successful- several hundred dollars will go the the Arizona Humane Society. Trophies were awarded to the people who were most successful at securing monetary votes in the collection containers in front of their cars. So the Chicago voter mantra- "Vote early vote often," was encouraged. Trevor and Gary drove away with nice wall custom wall clocks as prizes for being among the top five money earners. This event provided an opportunity to network with other drivers, enjoy the cars, and shop for some bargains.



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## Bo Shaw's Restoration Journal

This is the first of a series of 16 articles written by DCTRA member Bo Shaw about his experiences restoring his 1958 TR3A. Each month we will publish another article so you can see what it's like to spend a year or more recording your progress on a major project's ups and down's and the final TRIUMPHant result.

### ENTRY #1 – February 2011

Here are some pictures of my TR3A "work in progress." They include the newly rebuilt engine, body on dolly, being transported to Abbatoys, and body work being done at Abbatoys.



### ATDI – All Triumph Drive In

by John Reynolds

The 2013 All Triumph Drive In (ATDI), hosted by the British Columbia Triumph Registry, was held in Penticton, British Columbia the weekend of August 16-18. A beautiful city located about 4 hours east of Vancouver, Penticton is between two lakes; the larger Lake Okanagan on the north is approximately 40 miles long.

We arrived on Thursday evening, checking in to the sold-out Penticton Ramada Inn. Friday, we drove the self-guided tour through the orchards and vineyards covering the area. Saturday's car show was located in a Penticton city park located on the lake, which created a spectacular setting for Triumphs! The car show was followed by a Fun Rally, with scheduled stops at two of the local vineyards. Temps were in the 80's with the locals complaining about the heat! Perfect weather for AZ!

117 Triumphs were in the field. TR6's, naturally, were in the majority with 51. There also were 21 TR3's and 10 TR 250's for viewing.

For more pictures go to [www.flickr.com/photos/100656381@n08](http://www.flickr.com/photos/100656381@n08) and for complete stats: [www.atdi2013.ca/](http://www.atdi2013.ca/)

Next year's ATDI will be held in Tacoma WA which should make for a nice summer break.



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**JIM BAUDER** and his TR250 at the SEPTEMBER meeting.  
(photo by Mike Blachut)

Note that regular Meeting locations are on the second Tuesday of the Month:



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