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Jim Bauder's TR250

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

October 8, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Denney's Restaurant

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Cover: Jim Bauder's TR250 at a car show a few years ago.

Prez Sez – October 2019

John Nuss, President

Another Triumphest in the books. For us the trip to and from the event was automotively uneventful. The truck handled the trailer, hills, mountains, desert, interstate slab handily. Our GPS, on the other hand... We drove miles out of the way because Gabby, the nagging GPS, thought we should use I-10. We pulled the cord and for a while drove in peace and quiet west from Palmdale toward the ocean. The road was going the direction we wanted to go with little traffic to interfere with our journey. Then we re-entered Santa Maria and drove some wonderful back roads. One, Mil Portero, was so winding and hilly I thought about taking Tilly off the trailer. Then I remembered there was little gas in the tank.

An observation of southern California: The image of my younger days does not match the reality of today. While Connie Francis was driving to where the boys are (Fort Lauderdale,) Annette and Frankie were surfing in California. The Beach Boys and friends were on a surfing safari, chasing the little old lady from Pasadena and regretting the run to dead man's curve. While the weather seems to match the sunshine, the rest of the image is now lots of people and lots of traffic. Not quite the way it is portrayed in those movies.

San Diego is hosting Triumphest next year. The president reported several new / additional members and decided the club needed a project. It is earlier in September and one less day. A discussion of continuing the autocross and funkhana followed their announcement. The Sacramento group noted that of the 150 cars present, about forty drivers and thirty cars drove in the autocross. The Santa Maria people believe their autocross reflected the same numbers. Something for us to consider for 2021.

Speaking of Triumphest 2021, thanks to Gabby we ended up in Lake Havasu for the night. We visited the bridge then the visitors and convention bureau. The bureau people assured us that Lake Havasu has hotels and resorts that could handle the number of people and cars. There is a racetrack not so far from Hotel row that, again, the bureau said might meet our needs. Of course there is still Flagstaff, Tucson and maybe Prescott to consider.

So with weather cooling and the wonderful sunshine, get the Triumphs on the road.
John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I love this weather. Cool in the morning while walking the dog, but want a light jacket or sweater in the TR with the top down. Wind chill makes a difference. And it is football season. This could be my favorite time of the year.

Unfortunately I have missed Triumphest 2019 and the AMO Mesa Marketplace car show. And I will have to miss the MG's British Wheels On the Green. All do to uncontrolled circumstances. I will be able to make the British Vintage Voyage. At least I'll get to attend at least one of my favorite fall LBC events.

We have a lot of items and stories in this issue and a lot sent to me by members. Thanks, guys. I makes your newsletter so much more enjoyable. I even like to go back and read again when I am finished.

At our November meeting we will need to have our slate of officers for next year finalized. We have had a lot of new members join our club within the past 2-3 years. I'd like to

see some of them step up to the plate when asked. We could use some new ideas and leadership. Not to say that the "old" officers weren't good.

We also need a member or two to volunteer to host the Christmas Party. Folks who have hosted it in the past said that it was a lot of fun.

This weekend I talked with Mary White about Chuck's bypass surgery. She said:

"Chuck Kerzan is doing remarkably well!!!!

"They kept him in hospital a week after surgery which was Big Help.

Visits from Rehab & Cardiac Nurse helpful re Home Care.

Also....Chuck's friend from Eastern Pa. Bob Jarrow, who was a guest of Chuck's @ Nov. mtg. flew here & stayed till after Chuck was discharged

so I had a lot of help thru the worst of it. So Far.....So Good !!! And we're hoping to attend this month's mtg."

This is good to know, Mary. We will look for him next week. Give him our best. I'd like to see the rest of you there also, Oct 8th. Don't forget.

George

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2019:

Oct 3rd -6th – 6-Pack TRials Maryland Heights, MO (St Louis)

Oct 6th – 11th – VTR 2019 National, Dripping Springs, TX (Austin)

Oct 8th – DCTRA Business Meeting

Oct 19th-20th. British Vintage Voyage

Nov 3rd -- British Wheels On the Green 2019 (BWOG)

Nov 13th – DCTRA Business Meeting and Nomination of 2020 Officers

Dec 11th – DCTRA Business Meeting We need a Christmas party host.

Dec 15th – Phoenix Art Museum (Legends of Speed)

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.

October 2019 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller

Welcome to our newest Member Tim Reiling from Scottsdale. Tim does not own a Triumph yet but has joined with enthusiasm and is searching for a suitable TR3A. We wish you luck in finding a car that fits your needs Tim and look forward to your Club participation.

DCTRA Memberships now total 102 with 152 members.

This latest addition allowed an order to be placed for five name badges for our newer members. Perhaps they'll be ready by the October 8 business meeting?

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Application form on page 20

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Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America September 2019 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The September 10, 2019 meeting of The DCTRA was called to order at 7:07 pm by President John Nuss.

Members Present: Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, Lloyd Briggs driving a Triumph, Cal Busenitz driving a Spitfire, Ron Cole driving a TR6, Anthony Dymond, John Heiser, John Horton, nearly new members Randy Koontz & Annette Cordova, Armand LaCasse driving a GT6, Bob Mazer, Marvin Miller driving a TR6, George Montgomery driving a TR6, John & Kathy Nuss, John Reynolds driving a TR6, Pamela Rineholt, and Marie Thompson were joined by a visitor, Tim Reiling, who is looking for a TR3A.

Minutes: Approved as printed in the newsletter, except for correction of the date of the AMO Show for the Benefit of the Arizona Humane Society, which is September 21st.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse reported that the club account gained \$271 last month with no expenses. The bill for the tee shirts will come in this month.

Membership: Marv Miller reported we had nineteen members present plus one visitor who is ready to join. We have 101 memberships with 151 members.

Newsletter: George Montgomery stated that he is in need of technical columns and member profiles for the newsletter.

Technical: Ron Cole recommended we not do what he did, which is to spend a lot of money to discover that his non-functioning fuel gauge could be repaired by cleaning a connector.

Events: Several members related their plans for driving to Triumphfest in Santa Maria, CA and planned who would travel together. John Horton mentioned several upcoming events: AMO Show for the Benefit of the Arizona Humane Society September 21, British Vintage Voyage October 19-20, Wheels on the Green November 3. John Reynolds added the Vintage Triumph Register 2019 National Convention and Car Show in Dripping Springs, Texas October 6-11. John Horton asserted that we need to start considering nominations for club officers for next year and to what organizations we will give our annual charitable donations this holiday season. We also request someone to volunteer to host the Christmas Party. John Horton said he will identify a location for our Annual Brunch.

Old Business: It has been learned that there is a Triumphfest being planned for next year in San Diego, despite previous indications to the contrary. It was suggested we need to begin appointing leadership for our Triumphfest planning committees for 2021, and that we may want to consider alternative locations to Flagstaff, including Phoenix in October or Prescott.

New Business: A get well card was passed around to be sent to Chuck Kerzan, who had quadruple by-pass surgery a few days ago. It was relayed that Mary had reported that he was doing well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Rineholt for Mary A. White, Secretary

Workday at Bob Holt's Shop

By George Montgomery, photos by George & Bob Holt

On Saturday morning, September 14th, Randy Koontz and George Montgomery met at Bob Holts house in Apache Junction to help him install his rebuilt TR3 engine in the chassis. Bob had the body up on the lift with the rolling chassis underneath. The nose piece sat on a stand in the corner. After attending to some preparation matters and a break for lunch, we swung the engine and transmission onto the frame and got it all bolted into place. The drive line was then hooked up. During the following week Bob installed the manifolds, carburetors, exhaust and ignition components. He erected a temporary gas tank and "dashboard" with a tachometer and oil pressure. The following Saturday the 21st Randy and George returned for the initial firing up of the engine. After tinkering with the carburetor floats, jets and idle screws we had the engine running smoothly. A final painting of the body then it will be ready to install. New carpeting, seats and other interior trim is ready to install. This is going to be one beautiful TR3.

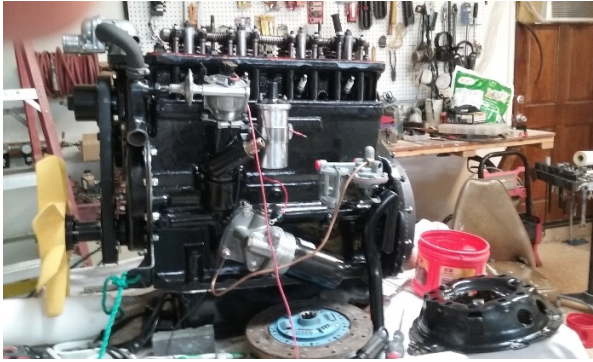


Chassis on floor, body in the air, nose in the back



Bob is point out the flywheel to Randy

Workday at Bob Holt's Shop (cont)



This is Bob's rebuilt engine.



The chassis with the engine installed



The body ready for paint and installation



"I don't need no stink'n car body!"



Engine installed with temporary tank and gauges



Randy and Bob are adjusting the carbs

Our International Photographer

Our member, Julian Anderson's work gives him a chance to travel internationally. He has just sent us some photos of Triumphs that he found at a car show in Bordeaux, France. Those are some beautiful cars. Thanks, Julian.



Triumphfest 2019

Story by Editor; facts by various; photos by Kathy Nuss and Armand LaCasse

There were 12 DCTRA members that attended the Santa Maria event this year: John Reynolds, Armand LaCasse, Pete Peterson, Jim Bauder, Craig Kenyon, Ron Cole, Ken Schmidt, Deborah Cooke, John Heiser, Pete Bowen, John Nuss and Kathy Nuss.

Deborah Cooke's Smedley won an award from Rimmer Brothers for the best Spitfire / GT6. Armand and Pete Peterson placed First in the Driving Rally and Third Place in the Funkhana. Sorry I don't have more information. I did get some photos. Thanks John & Kathy and Armand.



There will be a Triumphfest 2020!



Armand LaCasse's GT6



The lineup of Spitfires



Kathy Nuss's Spitfire



Deborah's Spitfire – Smedley



John Reynolds's TR6

Triumphest 2019 (cont)



Craig Kenyon's TR6



Ron Cole's TR6



In the parking lot TR-Healey



A Southern Cross – Gloria



A Dolomite



AMO Mesa Marketplace Car Show

Story and photos by John and Kathy Nuss

The Arizona Mini Owners held their annual car show, for the benefit of the Arizona Humane Society, on Saturday September 21. About one hundred fifty cars were on site. This is a show where participants are encouraged to stuff the ballot box and buy the trophy. Since most of us have seen Triumphs and Minis I took photos of the cars that seemed interesting and not so common. Member Ken Schmidt brought a Nash Metropolitan owned by his friend in Denver. The plan is to drive the Met in the vintage voyage and then drive to car to Denver. No word on most of the other cars except to let people know the Corvette is for sale. I didn't ask – I'm sure it is a long number. The early VW seemed especially well presented. I was interested in knowing more about the Citroen but couldn't find the owner. At this time I don't know the final amount given to the Arizona Humane Society. Besides helping out the society, we get breakfast at a discount, discounts on lunch and drinks, do some "recreational shopping" and see some terrific cars.



Metropolitan



'48 Studebaker



'55 Chevrolet -front



'55 Chevrolet – rear

AMO Mesa Marketplace Car Show (cont)



'54 Corvette



Early Ford Falcon



Citroen 2CV



Early VW Beetle





Cars on display to the public

9:00 am Awards presented

1:00 pm

Centennial Plaza, 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria, Arizona

Cars will be 'on the green' and 'in the round', organized by classes based on pre-registrations. Details: <http://www.britishwheels-az.info>

Registration is open to all British marque owners regardless of car condition, however we do require that all vehicles be manufactured before the year 1990. Certain late-model British marques of unique character (ex: Morgan, Classic Mini) may be permitted on a space available basis. Inquire via info@britishwheels-az.info and include a photograph.

Hope to see you there!



DCTRA Tune and Tech
British Sportscar Service

Name _____

Car/model _____

Year _____

Checklist

Engine Bay

(off lift)

Comments

Valve noise, misfiring, exhaust leak, fuel smell

D _____

Brake master cylinder/pipes/PDWA if applicable

D _____

Clutch master cylinder/hose

D _____

Radiator/radiator hoses/heater hoses

D _____

Steering bushings/play/mounts

D _____

Fuel pump/hoses/pipes/filter

D _____

Spark plugs/wires

D _____

Distributor cap/rotor/points

D _____

Vacuum advance/retard mechanism/tubing

D _____

Emission hoses

D _____

Carburetor oil

D _____

Throttle linkage

D _____

Choke cable

D _____

Fan belt

D _____

Air filters

D _____

Battery fluid/terminals

D _____

Hood release cable

D _____

Dwell angle/timing

D _____

Idle speed

D _____

Underneath

(on lift)

Comments

Tires	D	_____
Suspension bushes/ball joints	D	_____
Steering rack/mounts/gaiters	D	_____
Frame and suspension cracks	D	_____
Springs/shocks	D	_____
Drive shaft	D	_____
Universal joints	D	_____
Transmission oil seals	D	_____
Differential oil seals	D	_____
Brake lines	D	_____
Rotors/pads	D	_____
Clutch slave cylinder	D	_____
Exhaust pipes/muffler	D	_____
Engine/transmission/differential mounts	D	_____
Lower radiator hose	D	_____
Handbrake adjust	D	_____
Drum brake adjustment	D	_____
Half shafts/gaiters if applicable	D	_____
Rear hubs tight	D	_____

Exterior

(off lift)

Comments

Lights	D	_____
Wiper blades	D	_____
Horn/gauges	D	_____
Turn signals	D	_____
Brake lights	D	_____

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

1964 TR4A \$25,000. 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



FOR SALE:

4" simple vice - \$5; 1,500 pound ATV hydraulic lift - \$50; Spare tire 185SR15 redline tire – FREE

John Horton - triumphshoppe@gmail.com, 602-705-8678 0618

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



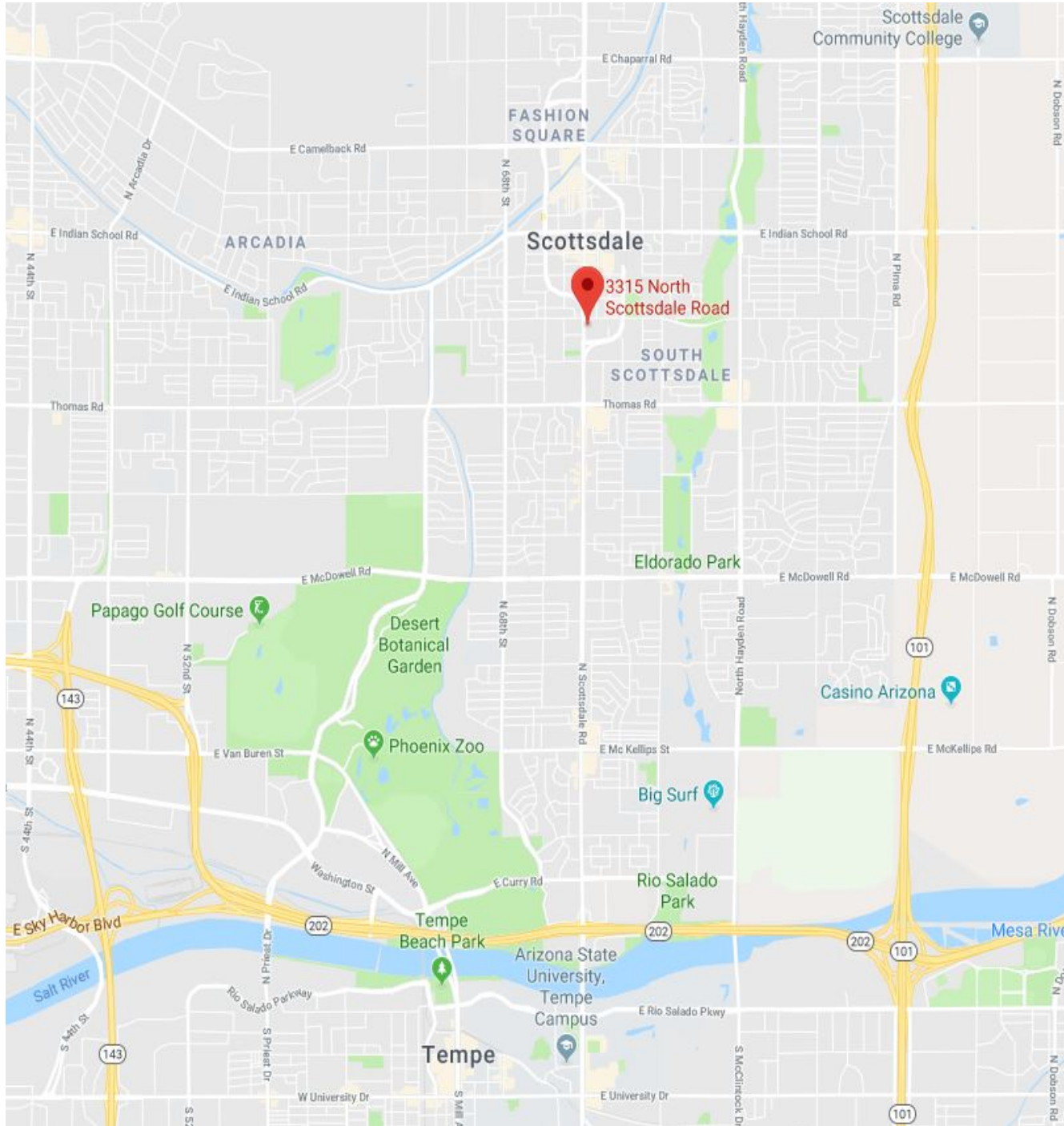
1975 Triumph TR-6 (Java) Commission No. CF398454, Complete frame off restoration
~74,000 miles, but only 1000 since restored, Original Java green with black interior
Many upgrades, too many to list here. Webbers and Overdrive. Leather seats
Car is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area Asking: ~~\$29,500.00~~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

Contact me for other questions:
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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**
3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ





DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

DCTRA
Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson
780 W. Coolidge St. Phoenix, AZ 85013
Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

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NEW MEMBER:

☐

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 Grille 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

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America
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
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Hill Country Triumph Club	www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org
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