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TR4A after a 10 hour drive from Burning Man

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Prez Sez – October 2023

John Heisser, President

It has been a busy September, for many DCTRA members, some attended Triumphest in northern California. Roger, our VP, gave a nice recount of the event in pirate attire. Apparently, that was the theme for one of the social gatherings of the event. Roger has written an article about attending Triumphest, so I look forward to reading his account.

John Reynolds and I just returned from the 33rd Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendezvous in Silver City, NM. It was hosted by British Automobile Owners Association. There were 50 cars from many British Marques and 83 people in attendance. Debra Cooke's & Ken Schmidt's took third place with their Spitfire. This was fantastic considering they were grouped with TR3s, TR4's. Maria Thompson took second Place with her TR6, and former member Craig Kenyon took third with his TR6. TR6s, TR7s, and TR8s were in that group. The voting was by car owners and by the public attending the show.

The photo below is of five week old Jack with his proud father sitting in my TR8 during the car show. Looks like he is ready to drive because he is grabbing hold the steering wheel! Got to get them hooked on LBCs early!



I drove my TR8 on this trip of 780 +/- miles. It performed flawlessly, and I averaged around 26 MPG @ 70-75 MPH! Needless to say, I was extremely pleased, given this car's history. I will put together a brief article about this event and will include some photos of this event in next month's newsletter.

There are two British car events coming up this month. First, The British Vintage Voyage, I have participated in this event several times but haven't been able to the past few years. So, I'm looking forward going this year. The "Voyage" is heading up North this year and being the middle of October, the weather should be nice. Next up, the British Wheels on The Green, I believe this will be the fifth year. This is a great event, and the venue is really nice. Our VP Roger and a few other DCTRA members have been working with the MG club to assist them with the planning and volunteer the day of the event. There was an email from the MG club that was forwarded to DCTRA general email describing the event. It included contact information for volunteering the day of the event.

Prez Sez – October 2023 (cont)

We have some club business to discuss at the next membership meeting. First Marv Miller informed me he's planning on stepping down after the first of the year. Marv has been membership chairperson since 2017, and has done an EXCELLENT job. He will be missed, so next time you see Marv thank him for a job well done. The membership chairperson is not an elected officer, according to the bylaws. The president of the club appoints the membership chairperson, so I am looking for someone to volunteer. Second, nominating and electing club officers. Anyone interested in serving the club, let any of the club officers know and we will be sure to nominate you. Actually, any member can nominate any member. Third the Christmas party where and when? And last but not least, the election brunch where and when? So any ideas or suggestions to all the above, bring them to the meeting or give any office a call or send us an email. That's it for this month; hope to see many of you at one of the upcoming events! I'm finishing this column at the last minute so please overlook and grammar or spelling mistakes! Thanks, John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I've edited this newsletter for 10 years. Roger's report and 40+ photos are the most complete I've received. He not only told us about his trip there and his return but each of the events and captured on photos the feel of this annual event. I wish I could have attended. It used to be an annual excursion for me also. When I lived in Oklahoma and Texas, I annually attended the Vintage Triumph Register, VTR, national meetings as well as many regional meetings. Thank you, Roger, for your excellent account.

This handsome Scandinavian couple drove their TR4A to Triumphfest '23 in Marin, CA, directly from the Burning Man event in Nevada. The patina on the car displays it's ordeal I put a photo of their car on the cover but wanted to include a photo of them as well. Unfortunately, I didn't receive their names.



I also received photos from Patti Miller, Jim Morrison, and Bo Shaw. I have 54 in all and had a tough time selecting ones to include with Roger's article. It's one of those problems that is fun to have enough material to be selective to pick only the best. You guys make this job so much fun.

A few of our members went to the 33rd Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendezvous in Silver City, NM. We're eager to hear from John Heisser about it next month.

I remember several of DCTRA members attending a British car meeting in Las Cruces up until a couple of years ago. That was a pleasant, entertaining drive on US 60 and US 70, through Lordsburg, if I remember the route right. A southern New Mexico British car club sponsored it and held it in Old Mesilla, NM. I used to visit that old historic village when I lived in El Paso, Texas, about fifty miles away. I know that little town well and have always thought it a

beautiful venue for a car meet. There is a plaza in the center of the downtown area with an old mission at one end. There are many ethnic restaurants and historic sites to visit.

John Heisser is reporting our Membership Chairman wants to step down and retire from his position. I can be empathetic. He has held that position for six years. He has done an excellent job and as the editor, I will miss his timely and informative monthly report for this newsletter.

I suppose I'll see you at the next meeting on October 10th. It's now fall and cool enough to drive your Triumph with the top down. Wow!

George

October 2023 Membership Report:

Current member N. Mark Kramoltz has invited his wife, Denise Berning to join the club. Denise has been added as a member under their now joint-membership.

The membership List now shows 145 memberships with 200 members.

An order was placed for name badges for several of our newest members; expected to be available soon.

Marv Miller

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Application form on page 28

DCTRA EVENTS

DCTRA Events September

Oct 10th-- DCTRA October Meeting

Oct 29th -- British Wheels On the Green (BWOOG).

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

Nov 14th -- DCTRA November Meeting

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

October 10, 2023, in-person, a Zoom link will be sent out also.



Desert Centre Triumph Register of America September DCTRA Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

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

The meeting was opened by Roger Prior, w/ a recap of this year's Triumphest, held in San Rafael, California this past September 7 - 10. For the Friday Night Social, the TTST held a pirate theme party. Pirate costumes and dress was encouraged. Roger came in his pirate attire. Doesn't he look the part?



Members present: Michael Bulfur, Cal Busenitz, Ron Cole who drove his TR6, T.J. Creath, Jim Dickey, Michael and Jacqueline Devine, John Heisser, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand LaCasse, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John & Kathy Nuss, Eddie Ochoa, John Parker, Pete Peterson, Roger Prior, John Reynolds, Ken Schmidt, Jeff Van Skike.

Guests: Welcome to Todd Bennett, guest (and childhood friend) of Ron Cole.

Minutes: Kathy Nuss seconded the motion to approve last month's minutes as they appear in The Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Armand LaCasse reporting income from membership fee and expenditure for Digger Davitt Trophy - plus shipping. Additional expenditure for Pizza @ George Montgomery's Garage Day/Tech Session.

Membership: Marv Miller introduced our newest member as of July John Parker who purchased a '74 TR6 in February.

Newsletter: George Montgomery thanking all who attended his Tech Session.

Events: Roger Prior reporting that the "Drive to New Mexico" is in 2 weeks. British Wheels on the Green is in Peoria Oct 29. British Vintage Voyage Oct 21-22.

Technical: Armand LaCasse reviewed helping George Montgomery w/ his Gear Box dilemma. Armand then described how Pete Peterson helped him remove his GT6 gear box cover to diagnose the nonfunctional overdrive.

Old Business: Ron Cole described his recent visit to Victoria Australia to visit family and researched and attended a local Triumph Club Meeting. Roger Prior reported that it was learned at recent Triumphest last month that Triumphest 2025 in Santa Maria has possibly been suspended due to venue difficulties. It was discussed at The President's Meeting @ Triumphest that our club could consider our hosting Triumphest in 2026

or 2027.

New Business: A discussion was held regarding the above: A vote was held and agreed to now consider our hosting Triumphest in October first week 2026. Ron Cole agreed to contact Little America in Flagstaff to begin the arrangements.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A White, Secretary

Valve Cover Racing

Triumph vs MG



By Randy Koontz

Valve Cover Car Racing:

Who among us does not like a little friendly competition – especially when we are competing against our Arizona MG roadster colleagues? Since racing our cars competitively on the streets of Phoenix is not feasible, how about joining in a Triumph vs MG Valve Cover Car Racing Competition?

For those members who participated in the Arizona MG Club's Noggins and Natter in Goodyear this year, you likely witnessed their MG valve cover car racing competition. It was a fun event, and the track constructed for the event was impressive. The racetrack even included an electronic monitor with lights at the end to denote the winning car.



While watching their MG car creation's role down the track (a few competitively but most rather leisurely), some of the DCTRA members who were present decided that we could build Triumph valve cover cars with much more impressive performance.

So why am I sharing this information? I want to encourage our DCTRA members to consider building Triumph valve cover race cars so we can compete against the MG cars at the British Wheels on the Green (BWOG) event this Fall in Peoria. BWOG is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th.

I spoke with the AZ MG Club, and they welcomed the competition – thinking of course that the MG cars will most assuredly defeat any Triumph cars that we might build.

So, what say you? For those interested, I can send the construction and participation rules to the DCTRA members via e-mail.

Triumphest '23 – Some Memories & Reflections

By Roger A. Prior, Jr. - DCTRA Vice Pres./Events Coordinator
Photos by Roger Prior, Patti Miller, Jim Morrison and others

Unfortunately, being unable to tow my TR6, this trip was made in the Honda CR-V. We departed Sun City 0600 Wednesday, Sept. 6th. We stayed overnight in Bakersfield, and rose early to proceed to the Bay area on routes 5 to the 210, back on the 5 northbound skirting most LA traffic.

We drove over the Oakland Bay Bridge, thru San Francisco and over Golden Gate Bridge northward into Marin County and arrived at the Triumphest location at the nicely appointed and spacious Embassy Suites, Marin. By the number of various Triumphs in the parking areas-we knew had arrived at our destination.



Hotel check-in followed by well-organized and fun event check-in, and hurry to sign up for one of the 5 escorted auto tours of the Marin Peninsula the next day. Pre-ordered Regalia could be picked up at this point and unfortunately no regalia such as tee shirts were available for sale during the event.



Due to the event scheduling and in general compressed timeline of events some events did overlap, and as such, attendees were given a choice as to which events they wished to participate in.

Triumphet '23 (cont)

Many event attendees were socializing together on the expansive first floor and centrally located watering hole (Red Oak Craft Bar & Rotisserie) getting reacquainted and greeting one another. Conversations about the drives to Marin from locations as far south as San Diego to northern Washington state, and Canada could be overheard, as well as Arizona. A group of the DCTRA attendees decided on visiting a nearby Italian restaurant for casual dinner, comprised of the James and Denise Morrison (and daughter), John and Kathy Nuss, Kate and me. Great animated conversations over libations and tasty dinners (we were famished) in the cozy atmosphere of Gaspare's Pizzeria Ristorante & Bar enjoyed by all.



Friday, 8th Sept – Highlights of the day were the 'Heart of Marin' driving tour from 9-3PM, for Kate and myself thru stunningly beautiful forests so darkened by shade that no sunlight could penetrate the canopy of the tall redwoods. The few homes would need to use interior lights to see during the day! Drove past the entrance of Skywalker Ranch. Lunch stop for all at the picturesque Rancho Nicasio Restaurant and Bar.



John Nuss at lunch stop



Heart of Marin Tour leader – '73 Stag

Triumphest '23 (cont)



Heart of Marin Tour – sweep car



Heart of Marin Tour midway pit stop



Heart of Marin Tour participant



Father and son participants

To ensure the group of 20+ TRs (mostly ☺) on the tour were kept 'en masse', our lead Triumph was the Mustard color '73 Stag driven by John Hamer and Jim Cane and 'sweeper' Maroon color Triumph TR7 was driven by Pam Cain and Jane Hamer. Most friendly host drivers and gracious to help us 'out of towners' keep our bearings thru the 'twisties'. As mentioned, five Guided Driving Tours were available to pick from, and each featured different aspects of the Marin Peninsula from Bodega Bay to inner Marin.

The most popular was the Napa County Wine Tasting Country Drive, visiting a Rutherford winery with a private luncheon. These tours were designed, and thoroughly checked for 'gotchas' by Chairperson San Rafael resident and TTSCC member Paul Kromhout '69 TR6.

Many event attendees, in lieu, of the driving tours attended the Ignition Diagnosis Session, presented by John Sisler, using a vintage HealthKit Oscilloscope; and tuning as many TRs as possible from 10AM until Noon. Later after lunch the ever popular Tech Session, conducted by Clint Wright owner of British Car Repair, Inc. of San Rafael. Clint answered questions submitted in advance, then took questions from those in attendance regarding all things technical TRiumph.

Triumphest '23 (cont)

At 4:30 PM, John Nuss and I attended the Funcours Judges Meeting. The +/- 26 volunteers were divided into three person judging teams. The most experienced judges were the team Leads.

Clipboards with judging sheets were distributed, to save time the next morning. Many questions were answered by the knowledgeable Funcours Chairperson Bob Kinderlehrer who placed emphases the '3-foot Rule' to ensure the event remain fun, enabling most to receive an award plaque. This meeting lasted until 5 PM. I was with Team #4, Richard Gibbon (Lead) from Sutter Creek and Mitch Bull from Pacifica.

The day concluded with the much-anticipated Friday Night Reception/pirate-themed costume party in the hotel banquet room, beginning after the social hour and open bar at 6:30. Most all attendees were in costume to enjoy the evenings organized activities of games, light dinner followed by the live band (5 piece combo was the local Marin area 'House Band') and dancing the night away. Please see photos, as you might (?) recognize some of the DCTRA Sir Francis Drake 'wannabies'. Members of House Band were TRIumph owners/TTSCC members, and performed at least two 2 songs with custom lyrics to keep Triumph owners in stitches. Yes, the Sparrows (Jack & Jackie) flew in, but not from Capistrano ☺. You will be happy to know that the DCTRA held forth on the dance floor just fine, was well represented. Rrrrrrrrrrr.



Roger and Kate



Ken and Deborah



Kathy and John



John, Kathy and Kate



Ken, Deborah, Carl, Patti and a CA couple

Triumphest '23 (cont)

Saturday, Sept. 9th. – Funcours 0800-Noon. Judging began 0800 sharp, with all Judging teams to cover about 25 TRs each-which took about 90 min to complete, the results were collected, tabulated by Bob Kinderlehrer for awards to be announced and presented later at the Banquet. Over 150 TRs judged. The crowd of owners and visitors/yes pet friendly - got Corgis? enjoyed the TRs, from 'barn find with bird nest?' to exquisite unique examples of the Triumph marque, in the marvelous Marin weather, whose range that day was 49-87 degrees F.



Ken Schmidt & Deborah Cooke- Spitfire – Gold Plus



John & Kathy Nuss – Spitfire Silver

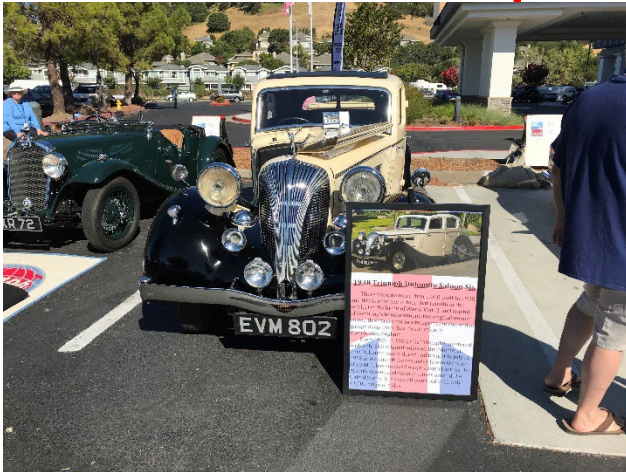


Jim Morrison - Spitfire Gold



Carl & Patti Miller - TR4 Gold

Triumphest '23 (cont)



1938 Triumph Dolomite Saloon Six



1935 Southern Cross – oldest attendee



This gorgeous TR3A got bonus points for his elaborate display

Some event attendees choose to take part in the Fun Rallye/scavenger hunt which began about 1130, for a scenic adventure through historic and beautiful Marin County. Chairpersons were Rye and Kristen Livingston. More on Rye later in this article.

At 4 PM John Nuss and I attended the Presidents' Meeting to represent DCTRA in voicing opinions on matters of discussion. Items included feedback on the Triumphest in progress, voting on the President's Choice Award, and the late 'breaking' news that upcoming TCSC hosted Triumphest '25 which needs to negotiate a new hotel location. Stay tuned. Much discussion on the challenges of securing hotel location, upward costs of Regalia, managing the budget and other managerial aspects of hosting Triumphest events, and attendant issues regarding same. Regarding the Autocross, DCTRA got a complement for organizing the small team to conduct the timing and technical details involved during the Autocross event at Triumphest '21 Flagstaff. Key take away, though the Autocross events may have a small number of participants, the events are very popular.

Triumphest '23 (cont)

Banquet – No host cocktails began at 5:30 p.m. outside the Ballroom. A chart of tables had been available since Thursday as a way of being able to sit with friends at the banquet, at 6:30 p.m. admission began to the Ballroom. Dinner was served followed by welcoming remarks by John Linney - the various 'business' of viewing videos regarding Triumphs autos, a special video from the son of Sir John Black, as well as video of the unique Italian bodied Triumph. Special recognitions were made to the TR owners who had driven in the TR the longest distances to Triumphest, the owners who had owned their TR the longest time, and other similar recognitions. Presentations of the awards from the Judging earlier during the Funcourse. DCTRA TRs were well represented to wit:

Gold-Plus Award – Deborah Cooke, Spitfire

Gold Award – James Morrison, Spitfire

Gold Award – Carl Miller

Silver Award - John Nuss, Spitfire



The final award of the evening was to be the presentation of the Digger Davitt Award. I, Roger Prior, DCTRA V. Pres. was called forward to the dais to announce the winner and make the presentation. Only a small number (maybe 5?) of those involved with the nomination/selection of the recipient knew in advance who the recipient was, so the vast majority of those at the banquet were wondering who the recipient was to be, as I am reading. Drum roll please. I read the script written by Armand LaCasse describing the background and significance of the award to all those in attendance. (Editor note: see DDA info elsewhere in this N/L.) At conclusion of the reading, I called the award winner RYE LIVINGSTON (my outdoor voice into the mic, as the audience was cheering loudly at this point) forward to accept the award. Rye accepted the award, an specially engraved trophy, with surprise and gratitude. Rye made remarks to the audience thanking all for the esteemed honor he had received.

With the presentation of the Digger Davitt Award, the official regular 'business' of the banquet concluded. However, TTSCC member and superb club videographer Julius Abellera was called to the dais to lead a collective cheer to TRIUMPH, from all present in the Ballroom in a humorous way... First all women yell TRIUMPH! Next men got a chance to yell TRIUMPH! Finally, everyone yell (much louder) TRIUMPH!!

On those final loud notes, banquet concluded.

Triumphest '23 (cont)

Minutes later, while I was still located at our dining table, Rye Livingston approached, and asked if he could have a copy of the award script Armand had written and I replied of course, Rye was handed the extra copy I had with me 'just in case'. We had a chance to shake hands, as I congratulated him once again, and Rye was having a great evening.

What an evening, what a Triumphest '23 Marin.



The following morning, Sunday, reluctantly headed off south over the fog enshrouded Golden Gate Bridge into ...the city by the Bay...yes, down Lombard Street (yes, we have a video), and no, did not see any self-driving cars-not one... south onto the US-101, finally to the CA-1, onward south along the majestic coast to Big Sur by 3 PM.

Turn around near Deetjen (due to road repairs from the heavy winter storm damage/rock slides), backtrack to Monterey and the entrance to Laguna Seca-make our destination of Bakersfield at 9 PM. Drove through the 'Cholame-James Dean Intersection (where State Rt 41 from Fresno joins State Rt 46) It was dark by the time we got to Blackwell's Corner so did not stop. What a day.

Monday, up early, on the I-5 South, destination Palm Springs for brief stop at Visitors Center. After Palm Springs about 4 PM we approach what looks to be a small green Spitfire, being towed by a white pick-up. Yes, we take photos as we slowly pass and wave. Please see the photos. A long drive, but safely in Sun City at 8 PM. Only saw one traffic mishap the entire 1,810-mile adventure.

No doubt, we are not the first to have left our ..." hearts in the San Francisco Bay area" – with apologies to Tony Bennett.

The End I'm sorry to say.

The Story Behind the Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy

By Armand LaCasse, DCTRA Treasurer and Digger Davitt Award Committee Chair

Many years ago, the Desert Centre Triumph Register of America (DCTRA) was graced by the arrival of a new member, Ralph G. "Digger" Davitt. Digger had acquired an enthusiasm for the Triumph Marque of motorcars. We're not exactly sure when his affection for Triumphs transpired, but his fondness surpassed the rest of us.

Digger was a retired Air Force Colonel, and a B-17 pilot during World War II. He flew a great number of combat missions (54, we were told) and never lost a crewman. In fact, Digger lost only one airplane. After losing three engines on a sortie over North Africa, he crash-landed in Sicily with no injuries. Digger would never fly in a single engine plane again.

After retiring, he took up golf as a pastime. Digger played 36 holes almost every day. He never really got very good at golf, but it earned him the nickname "Digger" from his tendency to damage the turf almost every time he swung a club.

Digger joined DCTRA in 1983, and became a tireless supporter of our club activities. Although he never looked to hold an office, he was the editor of our newsletter for several years.

Digger's passion was automotive paint and body work. Many club members went to Digger for their Triumph paint and body work projects including the TR-Trailer and race car painting. All Digger asked was that you buy the paint and materials.

Digger unexpectedly passed away just a few days after Triumphest in October 1992. Moss Motors created the **Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy** award to be presented at every Triumphest thereafter. The criteria to earn this award is to be the one person of all the participating clubs who demonstrates, like Digger, an unsurpassed level of enthusiasm for Triumphs and the club. Through 2021, Moss Motors made the award selection from the candidates provided by the participating Triumph clubs.

In 2023, DCTRA assumed the administration of the **Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy** award by obtaining participating Triumph club input. The 2023 award winner is TTSCC member **Rye Livingston**, founder of Drive Tour Triumph Day.



Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy Recipient History

By Armand LaCasse, DCTRA Treasurer and Digger Davitt Award Committee Chair

Ralph G. "Digger" Davitt unexpectedly passed away in 1992 shortly after attending Triumphest. Moss Motors then instituted the **Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy** award to be presented at Triumphest. The Trophy recognizes Triumph enthusiasts who demonstrate, like Digger, an unsurpassed level of enthusiasm and support for Triumphs and their local Triumph club.

In 2022 Moss Motors stopped sponsoring the award. The Desert Centre Triumph Register of America assumed the **Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy** award sponsorship in 2023. Here are all of the award recipients:

2023	Rye Livingston	CA - TTSCC
2021	John Reynolds	Tempe, AZ - DCTRA
2019	Robert Bennett	
2018	Cregg Cowan	Mountain View, CA - TTSCC
2017	Jim Bauder	Scottsdale, AZ - DCTRA
2016	Robert Tyler	Canyon Cntry, CA - SCTOA (TCSC)
2015	Bill Close	Mesa, AZ - DCTRA
2014	Armand LaCasse	Scottsdale, AZ - DCTRA
2013	Steve Hedke	Santa Clarita, CA - TRSC (now TCSC)
2012	Charlie Brown	San Diego, CA - SDTC
2011	Robert Muzio	West Hills, CA
2010	Rich & Karen Gibbon	Sutter Oak, CA
2009	Jon Korbin	Ventura, CA
2008	Randy Zoller	San Diego, CA
2007	Jim Funkhouser	Laughlin, NV
2006	Frank Conklin	San Diego, CA
2005	Bud Morris	Lafayette, CA
2004	Herman van den Akker	Pine Mountain Club, CA
2003	Bob & Penny Jasper	Bellflower, CA
2002	John Horton	Phoenix, AZ - DCTRA
2001	Roger Guzowski	Phoenix, AZ - DCTRA
2000	Peter Arakelian	Santa Barbara, CA
1999	Jan Dawson	Corona, CA
1998	Paulette Caudill	Los Angeles, CA
1997	Jim Messineo	Sacramento, CA
1996	Bob Reinhold	Laguna Hills, CA
1995	Steve & Cheryl McElliott	Los Angeles, CA
1994	Dr. Mordecai Dunst	Bradbury, CA
1993	B Burroughs & P Smock	E Ticket Triumphs Racing #190

Please forward any corrections and additional information to Armand LaCasse.

The information above was obtained from photos of the Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy located in the Moss Motors Goleta location. Please forward any corrections and additional information to Armand LaCasse.



Moss Motor Trophy



DCTRA Trophy



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2023 **Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy** award nomination process. Here is the winning award nomination from Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club...

Our nominee is a member of our Triumph Car Club. Each year he steps up to chair the club's activities, and runs many drives and events.

He also is the first person to volunteer his time, tools, and expertise in helping other club members put on garage days.

He is even known for showing up with an engine hoist and his family members to pull an engine – all at very little notice.

He is a regular attendee of club meetings, a contributor to the club newsletter, and highly supportive of new members and spreading the mission of the club.

Our nominee provides a glowing example of a club member who gives freely of his time, is always there to support other club members, is generous with advice and encouragement, and helps drive the mission and heart of the club.

We are proud to count our nominee as a club member and a friend of many Triumph owners.

Our nominee is best known by Triumph owners outside of our club for founding and growing the Drive Your Triumph Day event. This was instigated in honor of Sir John Black who led Standard Triumph to produce the Triumph line of sports cars. Our

nominee has also established a relationship with Sir John Black's son with whom he regularly corresponds to promote awareness and grow this event.

From small beginnings, Drive Your Triumph Day has grown to be a worldwide event involving over 500 owners on five continents. Each year he diligently collects photographs documenting this event from across the globe. He enhances the photographs, annotates them, and assembles them into a collection for viewing on the internet. This task gets bigger every year while our nominee accomplishes it professionally and with joy.

Congratulations to **Rye Livingston, the 2023 Digger Davitt Memorial Trophy award winner!**



Technical Corner

TR6 (Having Issues Going into Reverse Gear...and More, or Less?)

Subtitle: Where Did Reverse Go?

Article and photos by Roger A. Prior, Jr.

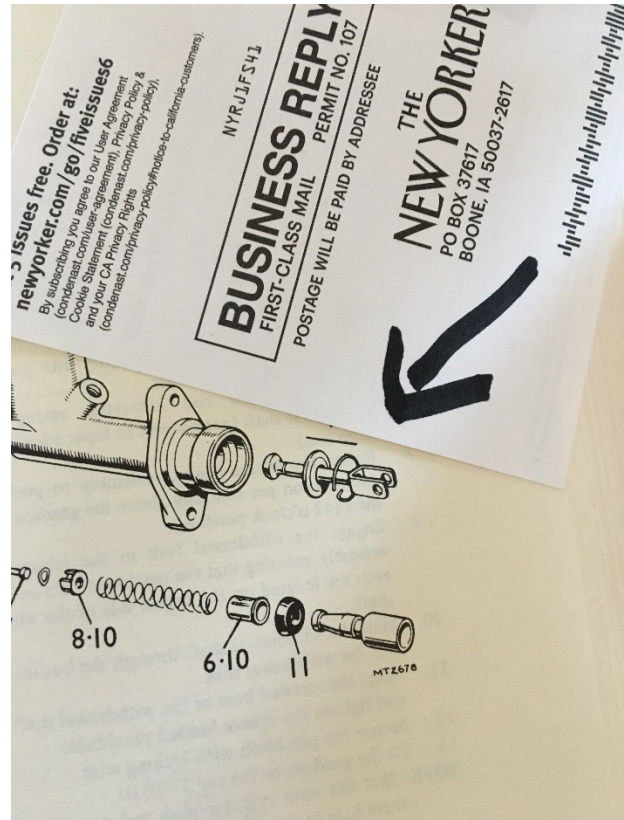
The TR6 has had 'going into reverse gear' issues for some time, though I think reverse worked properly when I purchased the TR6 in June 2021. While on the Garage Tour last fall, at Armand's house, he noticed/heard the gear issue. In early May, Armand invited me to bring the TR6 over, on a convenient Saturday, which was Saturday, May 27th. Pete Peterson would also be on hand, as Pete was working on his TR3 differential.



Departing Sun City at 6AM and arriving at Armand's at 7 am sharp, we got the TR6 inside the cool garage. Armand took a closer look at the TR6 clutch pedal movement (as he suspected), pulled the clevis pin, and found some serious grooves (please refer to photos) worn in the pin by contacting the clutch cylinder push rod. We collectively agreed this must be the original push rod assembly (reminder: I purchased the TR6 with 39,650 miles, and thought the clutch master cylinder had been re-built, with a kit-the cylinder is the original, which kind of explains the worn clevis pin).



Technical Corner (cont)



Removing the clutch master cyl. hold down bolts just enough without disturbing the hard pipe, allowed for careful removal of circlip, and the rod. As suspected, the contact surfaces on the push rod were worn 'out of round' also. A quick search through the garage clutch spare parts box, located a used push rod (though 0.75 inch longer), that was much less worn than the existing. Some slight modification of the rod, on the lathe made improvements. Installing the 'new' rod, clevis pin was complete. The clutch pedal height is now reflected in the longer push rod. The good news is the reverse gear is fine, without the slightest bit of grind. Ultimately, to correct fully, a new clutch master cylinder will be ordered, as the unit includes the correct length push rod. As I explained, reverse gear is now in operating condition.

While 'under the hood', several other issues were discussed, and remedied. Namely, 1) oil leak (from the region of the new 'spin on' oil filter adapter installed last fall when the oil was upgraded to Valvoline VR1-20-50), 2) oil pressure switch (deemed needs replacing) wiring and 3) P.D.W.A. wiring. Was discovered that the P.W.D.A. piston had moved to the front, and was not centered as normal. The piston was 'homed to the center', and the electrical plug connected. After a test

Technical Corner (cont)

drive, Armand brought to my attention a noticeable 'clunking' sound from the area of the rear differential. The TR6 rear was jacked up, securely placed on jack stands. The rear brakes were adjusted (I had done a poor job months ago) at both wheels by rotating the adjuster spindles. Then a look into possible issues with the differential. Appeared to be 'endplay' at the front, where driveshaft is connected. This topic will be continued, as the TR6 diff. has now been moved near the top of my list of mechanical matters needing attention.

Many thanks to Armand and Pete, for their wonderful camaraderie, enthusiasm, TR conversation, and technical expertise, while listening to genuine vinyl LP tunes of the past, namely Uriah Heep, Neil Young and Iron Butterfly. In other words, a wonderful Saturday morning.

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 Saturday, November 11th.

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 (randy.koontz@cox.net) or Andy Kurtz (mrakurtz@icloud.com).

Even though we cannot match the Silverstone activities in the UK, it will still be ROADSTER FUN IN ARIZONA! Please mark your calendars for November 11th.

British Wheels on the Green

Get ready!

Registration for the largest British marque show in Arizona, the 2023 British Wheels on the Green, is open August 1.

Go to www.britishwheels-az.info to register your car. Don't delay. Register today!



The show will be held October 29, 2023, the Peoria Centennial Plaza in Peoria, Arizona. at

If you own any British car or motorcycle at least 25 years old, regardless of car's condition, you qualify to enter and display your car. Cars will be judged by a panel of British marque owners. Awards are given to the top cars in the various classes. A 'people's choice' award will be chosen by ballot.

Anyone at the show may enter our new event, Valve Cover Racing. This is a highly competitive race on the Club's new racetrack. Build your racer now. Race car rules are at <http://racer.azmgclub.org>.

A new charity, Sunshine Acres Children's Home will be featured this year. You can visit their booth, buy 50/50 raffle tickets in support or make a direct donation qualifying for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. Use the QCD code 20037. Learn more here: <https://sunshineacres.org/donate/tax-credit-donation/>.

Advance registration to show your car is required and online registration closes October 15. Any mail-in registrations must be postmarked by October 1. **No day-of-show registrations will be available as space is limited on the grass.**

British Wheels on the Green (cont)

Registration is \$35 per vehicle if you register by October 1 and \$40 per vehicle after October 1 and before October 15.

Please join us at the show.

For you to think about, Sunshine Acres Children's Home is located at 3405 North Higley Road, Mesa. This is a long-term residential home for children whose families are unable to provide care for a variety of reasons.

Once admitted, a child may stay as long as needed, even through college. The home admits boys and girls ages 5 through 15 at the time of admission. You can learn more at www.sunshineacres.org or info@sunshineacres.org.

British Wheels on the Green is free to the public. If you are interested in classic British vehicles, come and see the many classic variants here in Arizona. Talk with the owners about the joys of ownership and driving a sports car. Ask about the benefits of membership in Arizona's various British car and motorcycle clubs.

The Arizona MG Club appreciates its relationship with the City of Peoria and its Centennial Plaza. The Centennial Plaza is the long-standing home of the show which opens at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 29. It's located at 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria, Az. There's plenty of free parking for the public.

And, there are great food vendors to satisfy your lunch cravings at this tree-lined plaza.

If you are interested in helping to plan this event:

BWOG Planning Meetings are at the (Duck & Decanter, Phx 0900 Arrival, 0930 Meeting)

September 16, 2023

October 7, 2023

CLASSIFIED ADS:

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

ltzatr6@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



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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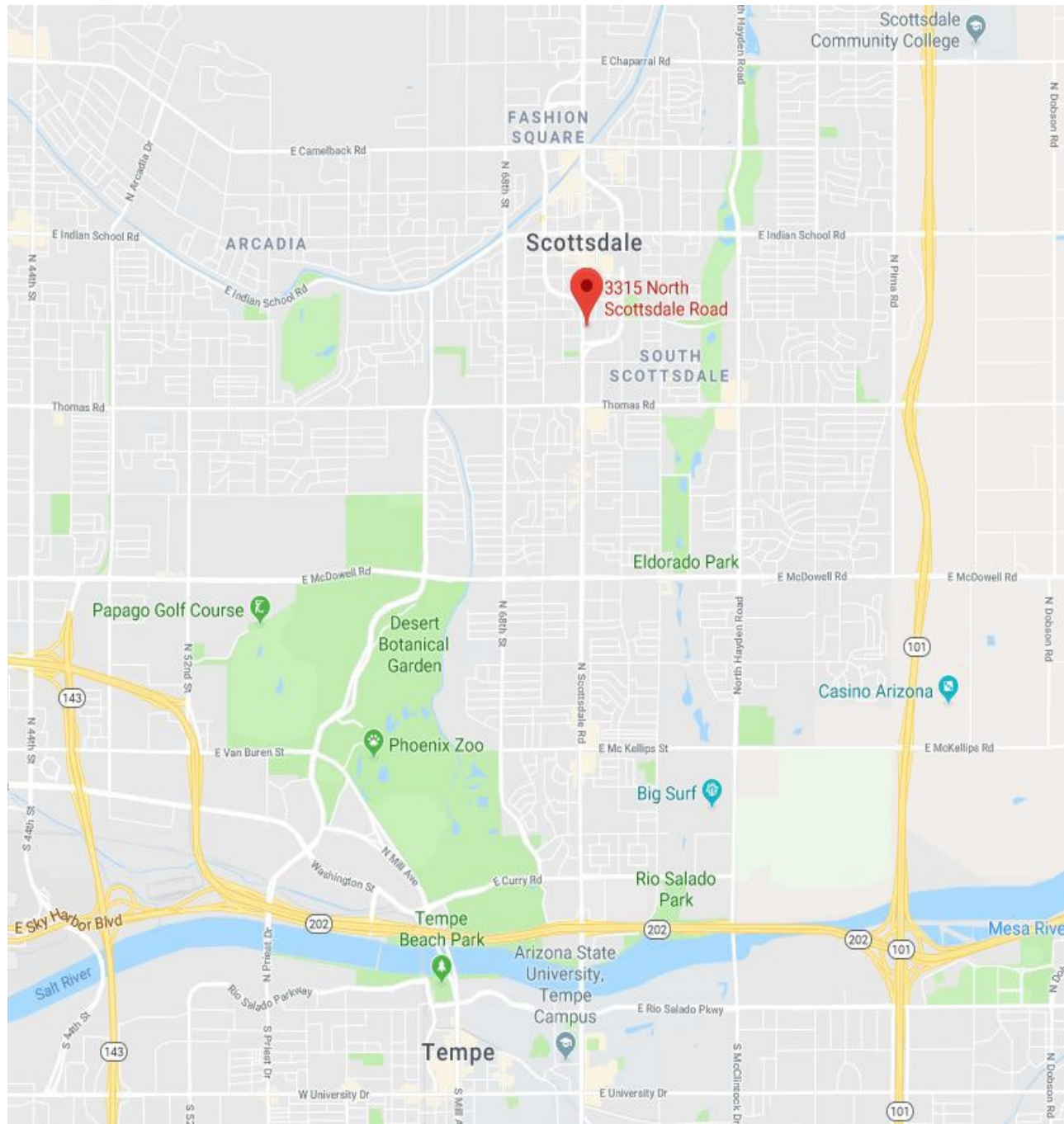
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Denney's Restaurant
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DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

DCTRA
Marvin Miller, Membership Chairperson
18811 N. Ginger Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375
Phone: 602-380-5564 Email: miller2993@cox.net

NEW MEMBER:

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MEMBER INFO (please print):

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Email Address: _____

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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 _____

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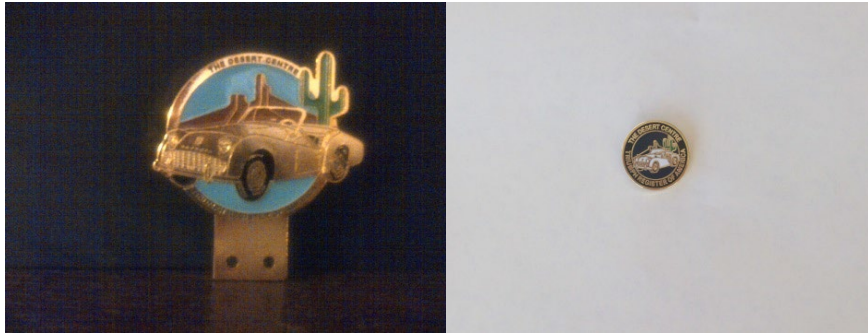
If a new member is joining between January 1 and September 30- One-year dues are \$20.00, two-year dues are \$37.00 and three-year dues are \$55.00. If a new member is joining between

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	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
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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
Victoria British	www.victoriabritish.com
Triumph Register of Southern California	www.socaltriumphs.org
Hill Country Triumph Club	www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org
Tucson British Car Register	www.tucsonbritish.com
Central Coast British Car Club	www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com
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Delta Motorsports	www.deltamotorsports.com
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