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A Truly Beautiful TR3

NEXT CLUB MEETING

September 11, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road, Tempe, AZ

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Prez Sez – September 2018

John Nuss, President

It is finally getting cool here in Payson. The first two weeks the temperature was mostly in the low nineties. The overnight lows this past week have been in the high sixties. It is a tough life. The other day I was on the phone with John Horton chatting about the possibilities for our January brunch; he asked the temperature in Payson. I had to say it was the upper seventies as I was enjoying my New Castle while sitting under the trailer's awning. It was 104 degrees in Phoenix at that time.

John is looking for a new venue for the January Brunch – it is not too early to investigate. Traditionally the January meeting has been the second or third Sunday of the month and replaces the Tuesday meeting at Denny's. It is often a more formal meeting – some male members have been seen wearing neckties and jackets. It is also time to announce and install officers for the new year. Time to consider serving your club in an official capacity.

Looks like the “season” is starting. September 1st is a car show sponsored by the Mini Owners at Mesa Market Place. At the end of the month is, of course, Triumphfest in Sacramento. The same weekend is the Run to the Pines in Pinetop / Lakeside. Two years ago Kathy and I attended and saw three or four Kaiser Darrins along with some fine street rods and custom cars. The British Cars on the Green is November 4th in Peoria.

John Horton, as the events person, has been quite active in providing opportunities to drive our cars, dine together, and, of course, talk about our cars. Just because John has been planning does not mean that no one else can plan an event. Stay tuned, a drive to Payson is coming in September.

In the meantime, drive those Triumphs!

John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

Keith Davis sent me an article about how he got started with Triumphs years ago and the project that he is working on now...with photos. It is an excellent story with an interesting background. It may be the first item that you want to read first.

Craig Kenyon sent me an article about little protector caps to cover the latch pins on the tops of our TR6's. They protect the plastic window from getting scratched without having to keep a towel in the car. He makes these with a 3-D printer. If you would like to have a set, contact him.

Many of our members attend the British Vintage Voyage that is sponsored by the Arizona Mini Owner's Club. It is coming up at the first weekend in October. I have included the information herein along with the registration form. You'll need to hurry to get your application in before Sept. 22nd. There are no “day of” registrations accepted.

Along the same lines the **British Wheels On the Green** is coming up November 4th. Registration must be postmarked by October 12th. I don't have a copy of the registration to include here, but someone posted one on the DCTRA BB. I don't see how the register online although it said that was an option.

It will be only a few months that we will need to start looking for new leaders of our club: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is a club that we all participate and I don't think that it is fair to require the same members to have to serve by default because no one else will step up to help. If you feel that you don't have the ability or experience, not to worry. This is a very forgiving and understanding club. We are patient and will help you out. It can be fun.

George

September 2018 Membership Report:

DCTRA Membership Chair, Marvin Miller
Membership Report September 2018

We have a new Member as announced at the August meeting. Spencer Mott has joined the Club with a 1976 Spitfire and a 1979 Spit. This brings our Membership total to 103 with 157 Members. Let's all welcome Spencer to the Club, and I'm sure we all look forward to meeting him & his cars.

Along with the name badge pickup information added to the Membership Application form that was mentioned in the last newsletter, it seems we should also state that annual dues expire with the calendar year. This addition is thought to help improve transparency and hopefully avoid any potential misunderstanding with new members joining midyear. A brief discussion at the last meeting indicated consensus approval for the two items being added to the Application forms (printable and web-based).

As always, I am available to answer any Membership questions or concerns you may have.

Marv Miller
Membership
miller2993@cox.net
(602) 380-5564

Application form on page 19

NEXT CLUB MEETING

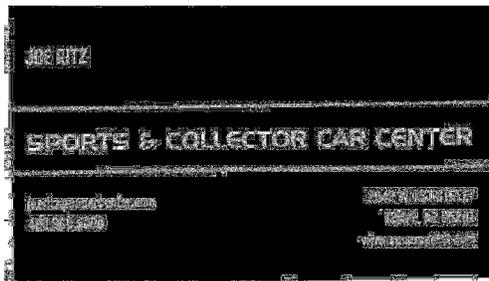
September 11, 2018

Dinner & Social Hour Starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ





Minutes

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America August 2018 DCTRA Meeting Minutes

The August 14, 2018 meeting of the DCTRA was called to order @ 7:09 pm @ Denny's Restaurant Scottsdale AZ by President John Nuss.

Members present: Dennis Barnes, Jim Bauder, Pete Bowen, Ron Gurnee, Rick and Linda Hartman, John Heisser, John Horton, Craig Kenyon drove his TR6, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Armand LaCasse, Marv Miller, George Montgomery, John and Kathy Nuss, John Reynolds.

One guest: Gene Glenn

Minutes: Last month's minutes were approved as they appeared in The Newsletter. Thank you to Pam Rineholt for taking the minutes last month.

Treasurer's Report: Armand LaCasse reported that he & Marv Miller mailed out all the ordered Name Badges which had not been picked up. No other expenses for July.

Membership: Marv Miller reported 2 new members, bringing membership to 103 and 157 members. Marv proposed that the application form for membership be revised to include a statement that name tags must be picked up by new members at a meeting or a charge of \$ 3.50 will be added for postage. Marv also proposed that application forms be amended to include the statement that ALL membership dues come due at the end of each calendar year. Both proposals were passed.

Newsletter: George Montgomery had nothing to report.

Events: John Horton reported that anyone interested can meet Aug 19 at Candy's Kitchen. Also the Jaguar Club has a get together @ Lucy's Sept. 8. John reminded us of Triumphest 2018 in Sacramento, California September 28 & 30.

Technical: John Horton thanking everyone involved in helping him with his TR6's front suspension. Craig Kenyon informed us that he now has his own Pin Caps for convertible tops for sale.

Old Business: There was no old business

New Business: John Nuss opened a discussion regarding future Triumphests. This year '18 and next year '19 are being hosted by California clubs and there will not be a Triumphest in 2020 and our

club will host in 2021. A discussion ensued regarding alternative venues i.e. Prescott, Phoenix, Tucson, Havasu. John suggesting that a Committee be formed to discuss pro & cons of each and consider holding Triumphest in Flagstaff @ Little America again. Committee to consist of John Nuss, John Horton, and Chuck Kerzan to meet in September.

Motion to adjourn was passed @ 7:42

for Mary A. White, Secretary

Calendar of Events

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2017:

September. 1, 2018 – Mesa Marketplace Car Show

September - MGT going to the Hall of Flame Museum. No other details yet.

September 8, 2018 - Jaguar club breakfast at Luci's 09:00 7100 N 12th Street

September 11, 2018 – DCTRA Business Meeting. 7pm (6pm for dinner and social)

September 15, 2018 - Penske auto museum 08:00 to 08:45 then Breakfast at Village Inn 2 mi. south.

September 19, 2018 - breakfast run. I will determine the place this month.

September 20, 2018 - MG Bob Schaulin memorial rallye. \$10.00 entry this is a solve it run. Camera, GPS suggested. Location Jackson's cars wash 2090 E. Rio Salado Pkwy. Time start 08:30 Driver and navigator required

Sept 22-23, 2018 - MG, run to the pines. TBD

Sept. 27-30, 2018 – Triumphest 2018; Sacramento, CA

Oct. 6 & 7, 2018 – British Vintage Voyage – Cottonwood, AZ

Nov 4, 2018 - MG Club Wheels on The Green, MG Club, 9875 N. 85th Avenue; Glendale AZ

Nov 17, 2018 - Bandara Picnic in Wickenburg AZ

Nov 22, 2018 - Thanksgiving Day Parade @ Fountain Hills?????

Dec 22, 2018 – Christmas Light Tour

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, Alpion's at Troon

Cars N Coffee – 3rd Saturday of the month, Penske Auto Museum

Pavilions McDonald's - every Saturday night. 101 & Indian Bend.

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Technical Idea

Convertible Top Protector Caps (TR6)

Article and Photos By Craig Kenyon

You finally got disgusted with your faded, ripped, scratched/yellowed window convertible top (hood) and bought a nice new one from Rimmer. A beautiful beige mohair top, stunning in both looks and price. After many hours of learning and fiddling, you have it installed. More stunning than any TR6 you have ever seen. Time for a little open-air motoring in celebration. You carefully follow the owner's manual on folding and stowing the hood on page 18. You drop the folded hood over the top of the two catch pins sticking up and you think, "that's not good, those things are going to permanently dent the fabric and the windows, aargh!". You run inside and find an old towel and fold it up to protect the hood from the pins. How about a different solution? Put a plastic cap over the top of the pin. Spread the load over a nice curved foam covered surface. Here is the prototype in blue and the final in black ABS, both with a foam top.



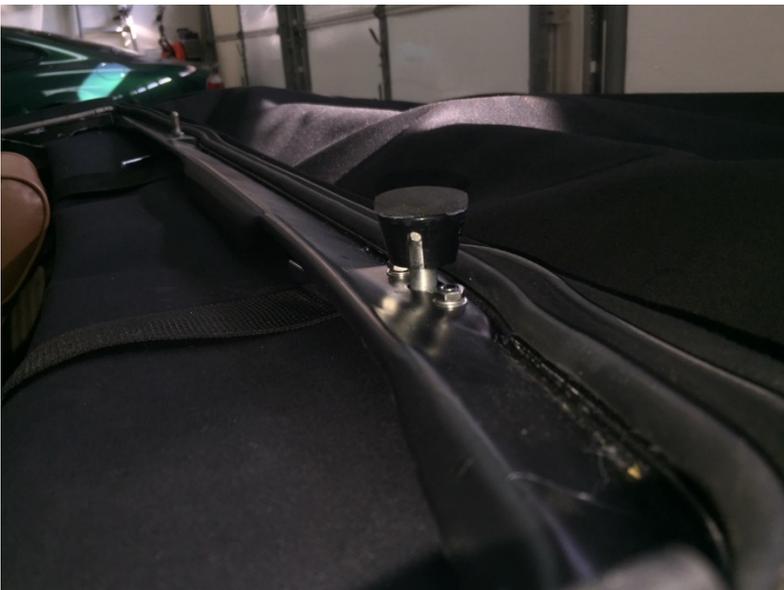
Close up of hole for main pin and slot for locking pin.



Installing protective cap of the top of the locking pin, it slides on snugly.



Fully seated on locking pin, one for each side. Easily stowed in glove box when not in use.



No sharp pin poking the expensive Hood and windows. Interested? Email: gimpsunlimited@gmail.com

Breakfast at Candy's Kitchen

Story and photo by John Horton

We did it. This morning, Aug. 19th, we drove to Candy's Kitchen for a club breakfast. 15 stalwart people showed up for a really good breakfast. Beth & I drove our TR8 so others would see the car and be able to find the place. Chris & George Durkin their TR6 also.

Candy's had a line of tables set up for us, so everyone found seating. And our illustrious president even showed up from Apache Junction. John Reynolds got Gene Glen up and brought him along. A list of attendees is included.

Thanks to all who showed and enjoyed talk and breakfast. The coffee was great; that's always a good start.



Those attending: Jim Bauder, Ron Gurnee, George Montgomery, John Beth Horton, John Reynolds, Gene Glen, Betsy Kavash, Marie Thompson, George & Chris Durkin, John Hisser, John Nuss, Jim & Claudean Converse.



Our Web Master

wine before heading home along the Grand River. This drive would take us 6 to 8hrs and around 150 miles. I think it was one of the best ways to spend a weekend day.

Some of you know that I sold my 74 TR6 last Sept during Triumphfest. I owned the car for almost 40 years. The 6 now resides in Richard Griots of Griots Garage private collection of vintage race and collectible cars. I don't think I could have gotten a better caretaker for the car. Richard had a friend of his who owns a transport company pick up the car. The car traveled in good company to its new home with a truck full of Vintage race and F1 cars coming back from the US Grand Prix in Texas. The reason for selling the car after all those years was to purchase and fund my next restoration project. I do still have my 56 Winchester Blue TR3 that I restored.

Meet our Members (cont)



For my next project, I wanted something that not many other people have. I even tried to purchase an E-type without success. There was a failed attempt at purchasing a Doretti Swallow. Then a very disappointing missed opportunity to purchase car number 235 Triumph Italia. I was 24 hours away from driving to Kingman AZ to purchase the car when things fell apart. The car was shortly thereafter purchased by a British restoration shop in CA. which keep the car a short while and relisted at nearly twice what I was going to purchase it for. I understand that the car went to the Philippines and will probably never see the states again. It's a shame the car did not stay in the states.

I finally did find a project car in Chandler AZ that I purchased last spring. I wanted to stay with Triumphs but I could not find anything rare. Charles at TRF won't sell his TRS Le Mans cars. The car I got was a 1963 TVR Grantura. I think TVR made 62 cars in 1963 all of them Grantura's. I did not

stray to far away from Triumph with this car because it contains many Triumph parts. Grantura's were equipped with either Coventry Climax, Ford or MG engines. Mine has the 1800 3 bearing engine. Most of the cars TVR built in the 70's had the Triumph TR6 drivetrain. TVR would build their own chassis. and fiberglass bodies and then purchase the rest of the cars part from numerous British automotive companies. Finding any part that was made by TVR is very hard to find.

Meet our Members (cont)



TVR Grantura when first purchased and got home.



TVR Grantura under restoration.



The goal for the TVR Grantura.

The big problem with TVR's is chassis rust because the lower chassis tubes were wrapped in fiberglass and rusted over time leaving the outer, and cross tubes weekend. The bodies of these cars are bonded on, not bolted making restorations very difficult, and time-consuming. I've made the difficult decision to remove the body so I have no uncertainty about the integrity of the chassis. It took some time to find somebody to help and guide me in this process. Thank you, Ian, who lives in the UK. At this time I'm slowly removing all the paint and primer from the car to find any damage to the fiberglass. Hopefully, I will have all the fiberglass repaired, and the body removed by this winter.

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY IN A FUN WAY



The Twentieth Annual BRITISH VINTAGE VOYAGE October 6th & 7th 2018

There are several changes this year so please refer to the added information page.

The British Vintage Voyage is a weekend trip for ALL British Car Owners, AND a limited number of other makes.
Proceeds will be donated to the AZ Humane Society.

Registration is \$50.00 per vehicle, which includes driver & navigator, additional adult passengers are \$15.00 each, \$10.00 for under 12's, \$5.00 for under 5's

Included in the registration fee are a detailed route book with maps, a car identification decal, name tags and lunch on Saturday at the Mazatzal Casino Buffet in Payson.

NOT included is the wine tasting in Cottonwood which is included with your hotel room.

Closing date for registration is Sept. 22nd . Sorry, no "day of" registrations can be accepted.

Arrangements have been made for double queen or king rooms at The Tavern Hotel in Cottonwood.
Visit it at www.thetaverhotel.com to learn more and see what they offer.

Call **1-928-639-1669** to make your reservation **BEFORE Sept.22nd** using code British Vintage Voyage to receive our special Sip & Stay package.

You must make your own reservation.

Our block of rooms will only be held till Sept. 22nd., so make your reservations early.

As always, we try to make a route that doesn't involve freeway driving if possible and rest assured we will only use I-17 when un-avoidable. People have queried the drinking & driving aspect of this event which will not be an issue this time as all the tasting rooms are within walking distance of the hotel in Downtown Cottonwood. We will have our

raffle & Auction as usual, location TBA later.

On Sunday we are leaving you free to explore the shopping in downtown Cottonwood and Jerome. There are several tasting rooms in Jerome and more vineyards close by.

**A post card, or e-mail message, will be sent with the start location.
If you need further information or have any questions please call 480-985-2531 or e-mail
azminiowners@gmail.com**

TWENTIETH ANNUAL BRITISH VINTAGE VOYAGE

Read carefully & **print clearly please.**

Name of Owner/ Driver.....Navigator.....

Passengers if any Street

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip..... Home phone..... Car

Marque..... Year.....

License Plate #.....Club Affiliation..... E-mail

Address.....

Pre-orders only for apparel embroidered with the logo shown on the front side of this form. Shirts this year are cactus green,, same brand as previous years.

Short Sleeve Polo @ \$20.00

- Small.....
- Med.....
- Large.....
- X Large.....
- XXL (22.50).....

Long Sleeve Poplin Shirt @ \$25.00

- Small.....
- Med.....
- Large.....
- X Large.....
- XXL (28.00).....

Ladies vee neck available by request ! Same price as polos.

Registration fee (driver & navigator) \$50.00

Addtl adult passengers?.....@ \$15.00

Addtl youth (5-12) passenger.....@ \$10.00

Addtl young (under 5)passengers?..@ \$5.00

Apparel total from left

TOTAL.....

Make checks payable to
And mail (with completed form) to

**Arizona Mini Owners
British Vintage Voyage
7146 E. Arcadia Circle
Mesa, AZ. 85208**

A post card, or e-mail message, will be sent with the start location.

I agree to hold the organizers, the Arizona Mini Owners Inc., harmless and not liable while traveling to, during & from this event. My car is legally taxed, licensed and insured and I agree to obey all Arizona driving laws.

Signature..... Date.....

CLASSIFIED ADS:

1971 TR6 Available for Purchase:



This car was restored by British Car Service prior to being purchased by the current owner in

2004. After purchase, boot liners, interior carpets, seat upholstery, convertible top, wood instrument panel, belts and hoses were replaced, and the car was painted, among other things. Subsequently, work has been done on wiring, odometer has been replaced, etc.

Lucas battery, tools, grille badges, and other regalia. · It won a Gold trophy at Triumphest 2004, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. It won First Place for Triumph TR6 at Wheels of Britain 2005, Phoenix, Arizona. Letter of valuation set value at \$17,000 in 2004. Asking \$17,000 within DCTRA (non- DCTRA: \$18,500). Contact Pam

at pueblodesign@gmail.com for more photos, questions, etc.

FOR SALE:

Top for TR3

White on top is where I started to sand. The top hasn't been repaired. I'll take \$350 for it the way it sits.
Now Reduced to \$100



Mark Sapp (602) 625-8491

FOR SALE:

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

I am selling 6'5" by 12 feet two wheel trailer for my daughter. it cost almost \$2,000 She wants \$1,500.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

TR7 top, fiberglass, appears to be in good condition and some assorted TR7 parts- including a set of TR7 carbs. The owner is a former club member, also selling the Renown. One hundred dollars takes all the TR7 parts. The same person is helping the widow so call Don Johnson 602-931-2859.



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FOR SALE:

1959 TR3A. A restoration, but a few years old. The gentleman that restored is willing to part with it. It started easily and drove around the neighborhood. The underside is clean, no rust and no oil or grease visible. Comes with a lot of extra parts. The car is being sold by the owner's son-in-law and daughter; Mesa, AZ. \$20,000. Call Mike West 480-325-3246.



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

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

Beautiful, shiny black 1952 Triumph Renown; right hand drive, three speed transmission. The interior is tan with refinished wood on the dash and window surrounds. It appears to be an Arizona car with no rust on the undercarriage, no evidence of severe fluid leaks on the car or the floor of the garage. There are some bubbles in the paint on the left hand rear door, and the chrome is not perfect in that same area. The car started and drove smoothly around the neighborhood. The brakes, being drum brakes, took more effort than one might be used to, but seemed appropriate for the year of the car. The owner believes the condition and rarity of the Renown makes her price \$19,500.

The car is being sold by a family friend, Don Johnson 602-931-2959, in Arizona



CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE:

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

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KvBZHnD8FxFzIFHXiUU7_O9_1k_HlLhN?usp=sharing

Contact me for other questions:

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jack@ppitx.com

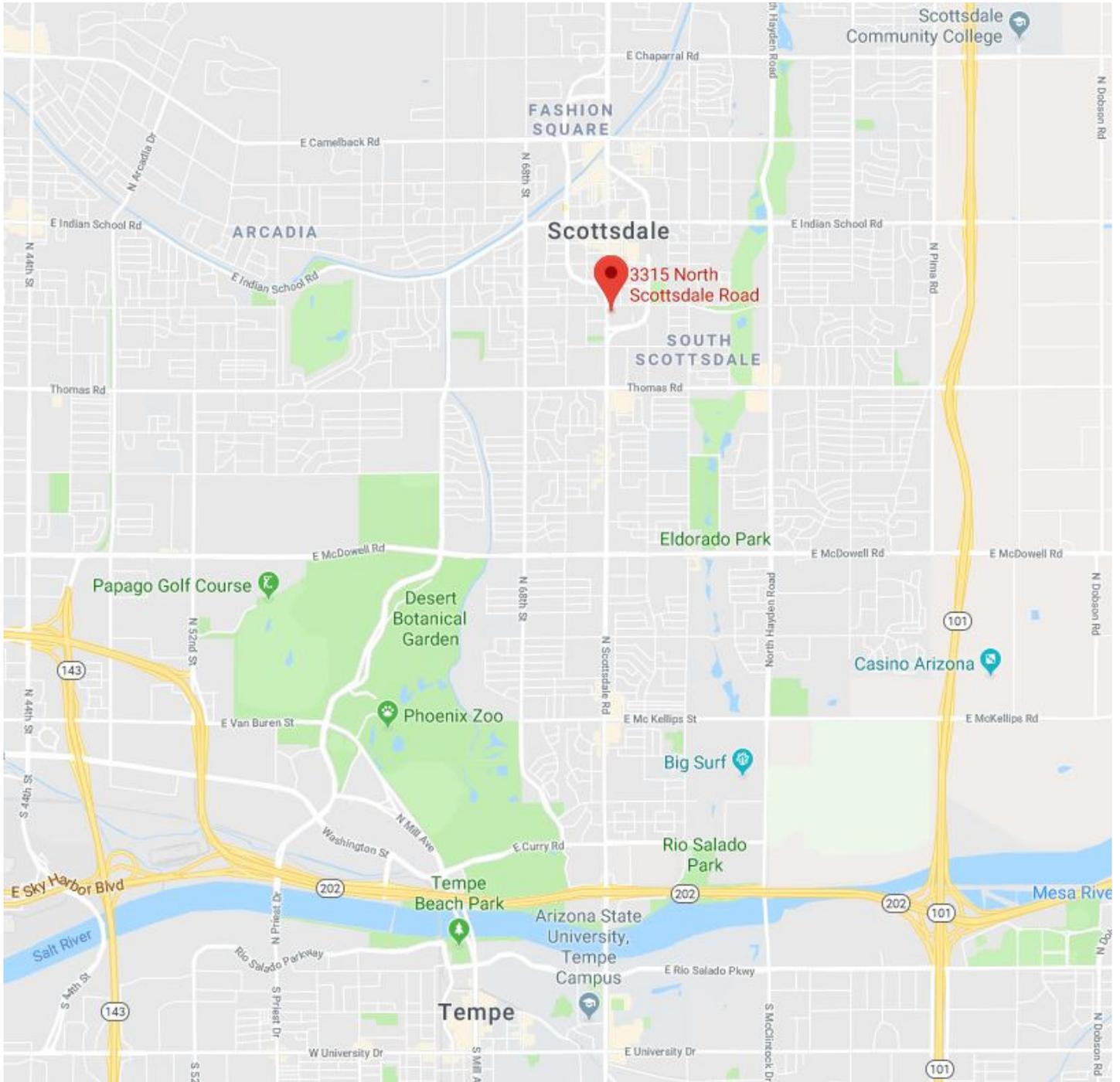
FOR SALE:

My father in-law has a TR4, 1965, in need of restoration. We have an interest in selling the car. I wasn't sure how to approach getting it sold so I thought I would inquire with you, your organization, as to what options I might have. I live in the Phoenix area. I see you have a meeting coming up on March 13th at Denny's.
Robert Brown <Rob.50statesrealty@gmail.com>

Notice:

If we run an ad here for you and you sell the item, please **let us know when it has been sold** or at least no longer for sale. I'm sure that you don't want potential customers to keep calling you but if you don't let us know... we won't know. Don't just telephone but send an email so we'll have a record of it. Thanks, Editor.

DCTRA Club Meeting Location:



DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT and return completed form with 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

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 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)

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
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
Texas Triumph Register	www.texastriumphregister.org
Delta Motorsports	www.deltamotorsports.com
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	www.englishbawbsclassics.com