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Dave preparing for the track

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# Prez Sez–September 2025

From the Desk of Roger Prior  
September 2025

While we get through another simmering summer, one **cool** activity is taking in a movie.

Kate and I enjoyed the fast-paced movie **F1** last week, which was filmed mostly in Europe at five famous Grand Prix tracks. For us auto people, the movie was full of behind the wheel action, and from many other angles also. We both recommend – thumbs up. This is not meant to be a real movie review - ‘no spoiler’ alerts from me. Perhaps you can still catch in the theaters? I mentioned viewing *F1* to John Heisser. He paused for a moment . . . then added that one of his favorite auto race movies is the classic **Grand Prix** (1966), starring James Garner and Eve Marie Saint. One of the opening scenes of *Grand Prix* was showing (. . . que in the sound . . .) the downdraught carburetors, in ‘multiple split screens’, which John remembered as amazing. Other great auto race sagas have been brought to the ‘big screen’. Which is *your* favorite?

Need to ‘tap the brakes’ on my daydreaming of auto race movies . . . and move on.

Represented **DCTRA** at the second British Wheels on the Green (BWOOG) Planning Meeting, Saturday morning, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Duck & Decanter in Scottsdale. For the moment, let me assure you all plans are a ‘go’. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 1. If necessary, the rain date will be Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. For more details, please see the BWOOG article in this newsletter.

The DCTRA monthly newsletter **Events** calendar is filling up with many events as we approach this Fall season, and John Carroll is keeping a close watch and updating/adjusting as details become available. Many thanks John.

This fall will be a real busy time for DCTRA, with **Triumphest ’25** and the **BWOOG ’25** almost ‘tailgating’ – and the normal gatherings and auto shows seemingly every weekend. As far as Triumphest ’25 goes – personally I have the hotel reservation confirmed, registered the TR6, dinner selection and ordered regalia. The DCTRA group that has committed to the event are getting ready for the trip, ‘triple’ checking the mechanicals as necessary, communicating with each other about the ‘caravan’, pit stops for petrol, overnight in Victorville to break the drive up into two modest drives. Many DCTRA members have made the drive to Buellton, CA many times before – sort of ‘scouted’ out the journey if you will. Stay tuned.

Reminder that the **Digger Davitt Award Committee** is busy considering the nominees that were received by the three Triumph clubs in California. All is progressing, and on schedule.

OK, I have to admit if you were to ask me what is one of my favorite auto race movies? – is not an auto race movie at all. However, as a youngster - I once was ☺ – you could have fooled me. The movie **‘Thunder Road’** (1958) is still a favorite. The (B & W) movie about ‘moonshiners’ in mountainous Ashville, NC - and their modified Fords was pure ‘tire

screeching' drama. While filming in Ashville, some 'extras' were hired. Years later as an employee at NASA Wallops Island (VA) one of my good friends and fellow Radar Section contractor told me his father was the 'extra' who was the 'noisy customer' at the table during the nightclub scene while Keely Smith was singing 'The Whippoorwill'. The name of the 'noisy customer' was Russell Offhaus, for many years a popular Ashville TV/AM radio personality/host – and got his 'tie's knot adjusted' in the famous scene by Robert 'Bob' Mitchum. In reality, my friend (named Russell/Russ) was as much a 'character' as his father must have been.

Our Phoenix area mornings are cool (. . . well, sort of) – so drive your favorite Triumph as often as you can.

Roger

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## EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery  
September 2025

I hope none of you had any wind damage last week from the haboobs that blew through the Valley. We had none at our house but several neighbors had awnings, carports and lattice blown down. Some blown down the street and into another's yard. We did finally get a nice couple of rain showers. Not enough to bring us up to our needed average but at least some. I didn't get Jack covered before the rain started, so the time and effort cleaning it for the breakfast drive a couple of will have to be redone. Too bad I don't have a garage rather than a carport to park it.

The monsoon season reminds me that our summer is about over and Fall is getting close. September has always made me think or at least feel like the start of Fall. And the beginning of top down road trips etc. I know, Fall doesn't actually begin until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. That's three weeks away and too long to wait. Our hot midday weather won't really start until the end of September. But I have always tried to think positively.

I'd like to thank everyone with material for getting it to me before the end of the month. I received most everything in time that I didn't feel rushed. One individual didn't get his stuff to me until Saturday, but he had been out of town and I thought that was reasonable. I had saved a place for him and just had to copy and paste it into place. Easy peasy.

Our business meeting comes up fairly early this month, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, so I hope you don't forget. I hope to see you there

George.

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## **DCTRA Events September/October 2025**

### **Noggin & Natter- MG Invitational**

**Labor Day, September 1, 2025, 7:00 am - 11:00 am**

This event is free! All classic British cars welcome!

Noggin & Natter is the Arizona MG Club's cars & coffee style gathering of British car and motorcycle enthusiasts! Join us for a morning of thought ("noggin") and conversation ("natter") with fellow British vehicle owners and friends. Bring your British car or motorcycle or just come see what everyone else has to show. This is a free event, and all are welcome.

Thank you to Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q in Scottsdale for their hospitality!

Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q

15257 N Northsight Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ

### **British Automobile Owners Association- Las Cruces, NM. September 26-28<sup>th</sup>**

To register for a British car show in New Mexico in 2025, contact the British Automobile Owners Association (BAOA), as they host the annual "Rendezvous" event in Las Cruces from September 26-28, 2025, which includes a car show. You can likely find the registration form on their website, [baoa.clubexpress.com](http://baoa.clubexpress.com), or by contacting them directly.

### **Garage Dreams: Timelines & Torque car show - October 4**

This event is located at 2044 W. Riverview Auto Drive, Mesa, AZ, 85201 on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8 am to 1 pm. It is inside an 8.5-acre parking garage and will feature:

A 3-level showcase by vehicle era (Pre-1979, 1980–2005, 2006+), 35+ People's Choice Awards, Vendor Village & Food Truck Alley, Little Legends Power Wheels Racing, Drone Racing Show, And much more.

Their last event in June had over 510 cars and 5,000+ spectators. So, they are expecting another amazing show!

For more information, please visit their website or contact the founder and executive director, Blake Neri, at 602-320-5989. [www.garagedreamsme.com](http://www.garagedreamsme.com)

[CAR SHOW APPLICATION - Garage Dreams Market Expo](#)

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### **TRIUMPHEST 2025- Buellton CA, October 5th through October 7<sup>th</sup>**

<https://www.triumphclubsocal.com/triumphfest2025>

Please register and join the Arizona Group attending this annual event.

Ongoing Members Breakfast. Every Friday East Valley and West Valley. Contact John Carroll for details. 480-622-8502.

May Cars N Coffee locations around Arizona. Check local event calendar.

### **Regular Occurrence Events**

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



Hunts Donuts – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday University and the Loop 101

Cruz'n at Phil's - (every Sunday) Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ

Cars N Coffee – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd

Cars N Coffee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, Alpino's at Troon

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: September 9, 2025 - a Zoom link may be sent out.**



## **British Wheels on the Green (BWOOG) Second Planning Meeting**

By Roger Prior

The second BWOOG Planning Meeting was Saturday, August 2, at the Duck & Decanter Restaurant in Scottsdale, AZ.

About 15 members of the Arizona MG Club were in attendance, and yours truly.

MG Club V. Pres., John Pekala called the meeting to order at 9 am.

These were the highlights wanted to pass on to DCTRA -

- 1) Volunteers needed for Volunteer Coordinator, Advertising-Website and Social Media, Planning Secretary/Notes, Press Releases and TV News. Please contact John Pekala or Ed Striffler to volunteer or help. Any capacity will be much appreciated.
- 2) 2026, Charity will be 'Power Paws'.
- 3) Randy K. could use some assistance with the popular Valve Cover Racing. Contact Randy if you would enjoy assisting this year.
- 4) DJ Lynch has agreed to return and be the DJ this year with more 'smashing' British music hits.
- 5) Bring the new DCTRA banners – one for the club table area and one placed near cars.

Meeting adjourn at 1100



## Desert Centre Triumph Register of America Business Meeting

August 18, 2025  
DCTRA MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Desert Center Triumph Register of America was called to order Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 7:01PM by DCTRA President Roger Prior.

**Members present** at the usual location, Denny's Restaurant 3315 S. Scottsdale Road Scottsdale, Arizona were: John Berges, John Carroll, Jim Dickey, Ron Gurnee, John Heisser, Armand LaCasse, George Montgomery, Kathy and John Nuss, Pete Peterson, John Reynolds; and members joining the meeting by ZOOM Deborah Cooke, Carl and Patti Miller, Deb O'Brien and Jeff Van Skike.

**The July minutes**, as written the in the newsletter were approved without changes or additions.

**The Treasurer's report** was accepted unanimously. Treasure Armand LaCasse mentioned that there were two new memberships and, as expected, there were payments to suppliers for the upcoming 2026 Triumphest.

**Newsletter Editor** George Montgomery was glad to receive compliments on another great issue of the Trumpeter.

**John Carroll, Vice President and events** chairperson, showed a copy of a Triumph magazine published in the UK about the Copperstate 1000.

Chandler      \*John advised that a collector in Chandler had invited members to his facility in Saturday August 16; he would send an email with further details.

\*Another Alpine Run is scheduled tentatively for later in the fall.

\*In other news he mentioned a TR6 on Bring a Trailer, sold for \$67,000!

will be          \*He also presented a T shirt using the periodic table to spell 'Triumph' saying it available to club members, and as part of Triumphest regalia. At this time he's not sure how to          add other Triumph models using the periodic table format.

Armand presented some **technical information** regarding transmission bearings. (Unfortunately, the substitute secretary, once again, got more interested in the process than recording the complete exchange of information.) Suffice to say, Armand built a tool to save the transmission bearings.

John Heisser presented what he and the committee are doing to continue **the Digger Davitt Award**. Their effort is to make sure the award process is fair and transparent. He suggested that only one person would know the actual name of any candidates by eliminating

club affiliation, year and model of Triumph. It is hoped that people will vote by considering the contributions to the Triumph community made by the candidate.

Word is that Moss Motors is closing the Goleta, California warehouse and office and consolidating the business in Virginia. Apparently Moss Motors and Rimmer Brothers have been bought by an investment company. DCTRA members suggested other suppliers: British Parts Northwest, and SC Parts in the UK.

Armand was clearing some inventory and awarded some of long-time member Tom Pennell's Spitfire manual to John and Kathy Nuss. An MG manual was given to Roger Prior to send on to the MG Club.

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 7:38PM.

Respectfully submitted

John C. Nuss Secretary (eagerly awaiting Mary's return)

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## September 2025 Membership Report:

We had 15 attendees at the August 12th monthly meeting. Thank you, Armand, for braving the summer heat and driving your GT-6! Excited to update that we have two new members joining DCTRA: Daryll, Cindy Clark from Prescott, and their 1979 TR-7. Membership is now at ~159 members and 211 total including spouses/family members.

I hope this September Membership update finds everyone in DCTRA well. I apologize for not submitting an August membership report, this was entirely my miss/responsibility, and I owe George dinner at the next meeting I attend in person! Also, a quick thank you to Roger for capturing meeting attendee names in August during my sojourn up in the Pacific N.W.

We continue to have several pieces of Triumph memorabilia available in our TR merchandise inventory: Grille Badges (\$25), License Plate frames, chrome or black, (\$15), TR Pins, 3 types, (\$10), and DCTRA Patches (\$5). Let me know, by email, if you need any of these items and I'll fulfill the orders from the Pacific Northwest over the summer.

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DCTRA application form on page 27

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# Egg n Joe Breakfast & Car Collection Visit

## Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Story by John Carroll VP DCTRA

Photos by John Carroll & George Montgomery

On a beautiful warm August morning, we met at Egg n Joes for an early breakfast. Successful turnout on a rather mild Summer morning. We had a lovely breakfast, and the table was full of all sorts of conversations and laughter.



Everyone waits while John Renolds arrives on his motor



We had a nice sizable turn out for a delicious breakfast.

I had contacted a classic car friend who hosted us at his private collection of various American Muscle and exotic cars. He started in his early years working in a Texaco Gas station at age 15. After a very successful career, he wanted to replicate that in his very own warehouse. Imagine being able to do that and fill the garage with your favorite cars. It was quite a treat to get access to this remarkable collection of MOPAR classics and multiple generations of Corvette, Mustangs and Shelby cars.



## Car Collection Visit (cont)



The entry sitting room



A coffee table made with engine internal parts



Rick Hartman views a row of Mustangs service  
Being serviced by a mannequin



A row of each year of Corvettes





## Car Collection Visit (cont)



One of many Cobras



The only European cars



Such a nice way to start a Saturday. I extend a warm and gracious thanks to our host Dave, and everyone who came along.

Thanks  
John.

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# BAOA Classic British Car Show / Rallye Announcement

by Randy Koontz

**Event:** 2025 Rio Grande Valley 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Rendezvous

**Sponsor:** British Automobile Owners Association (BAOA), Albuquerque, NM

**Dates:** Friday, September 26, 2025, through Sunday morning, September 28, 2025

**Location:** Las Cruces, NM (with car event held in the historic Mesilla Plaza)

**Web Link:** <https://baoa.clubexpress.com>

I am a member of the BAOA and was very fortunate to have attended the 2022 Rendezvous event held in Taos, NM. The Rendezvous events are fun, and they provide a great opportunity to travel some of the beautiful backroads of New Mexico.

Per the BAOA website, the Rendezvous is “a weekend rally where we get together with both old and new friends for three days of dining and driving, sight-seeing, a car show, and overall British car camaraderie.” BAOA membership is not required to attend this event.

The scenic southern New Mexico roads near Las Cruces make for very enjoyable drives. I know, as I have driven them with Las Cruces based British roadster colleagues a minimum of at least six times. Since Las Cruces has an elevation of almost 4,000 feet above sea level, the weather is generally cooler than the Phoenix area.

If you enjoy attending car shows with Rallye's, then I would encourage you to consider attending this event. If you're into trailering your car, then I-10 might be the best route. If you enjoy driving your car to events, then you might want to join a “potential” caravan that may take mountain roads to avoid I-10 as much as possible.

If you think that you might be interested, please visit the BAOA website noted above for pictures of past Rendezvous events. If you review the pics from the 2022 event in Taos, you might recognize at least two DCTRA member cars.

More to come.....

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I realized that if walking is good for your health, the postman should be immortal.

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Before 11/14:



# REV'D UP FOR AUTISM

**Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 10 AM - 3 PM**

ALA Applied Technologies  
7729 E Pecos RD Mesa, AZ 85212



Scan  
To register online

Before 11/14:  
Includes Event Shirt,  
And dash plaque

**\$25** /14: \$30 with no shirt



Questions 480-353- email@s.org **Registration Form**



## December 6, 2025, from 10 AM to 3 PM

Welcome to the **10th Annual REV'D UP for Autism Car & Bike Show** at

**ALA Applied Technologies 7729 E Pecos Rd in Mesa 85212**

Pawsitive Friendships redefines special needs therapy by supporting individuals with special needs by using the unique bond of pets to help them reach their full potential through adaptive activities.

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Car Club (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### Vehicle Information

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_ (select one)

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| 3. Cars 1960-1969       | 14. Trucks 1990-2009       | 25. Corvettes 1968-1996    | 35. Mopar 2000-Current   |
| 4. Cars 1970-1979       | 15. Trucks 2010 to Current | 26. Corvettes 1997-Current | 36. Work in Progress     |
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### Additional Awards:

**Best in Show- Car, Best in Show- Truck, Best in Show- Motorcycle, Best Paint- Car, Best Paint- Truck, Best Paint- Motorcycle, Best Interior- Car, Best Interior- Truck, Best Display- Car, Best Display- Truck, Best Display- Motorcycle, People's Choice, Ladies Choice, Kid's Choice, Best Represented Car Club**

**Pre-registration** - \$25.00 per vehicle. Dash plaque, **FREE T-Shirt**

**Deadline: November 14, 2025** **FREE T-Shirt Size** S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL ☐

**Registration after 11/14** - \$30.00 per vehicle (**no shirt included**). Dash plaque included while supplies last (**250 total**)

**Additional Event T-Shirts** \$15.00 ea. # \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL, 3XL and 4XL \$17.00 ea. # \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size(s) S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL circle size

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Pawsitive Friendships – REV'D UP for Autism  
3317 S. Higley Rd #114-778  
Gilbert AZ. 85297



**Scan to register online**

**Awards Start at 2:30 PM**

**All proceeds are a donation to Pawsitive Friendships 501c3**

Registration fees are non-refundable. The event will be held rain or shine. Each vehicle pre-registration will be notified via email. All vehicles assume complete liability and release and discharge Pawsitive Friendships, Pawsitive Friendships staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, and ALA Applied Technologies from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, or claims that may occur during this event.



# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: 2024 BWOG VALVE COVER RACES

## HELP KEEP THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION ROLLING!

Who could forget the thrill of the Valve Cover races at last year's British Wheels on the Green? The laughter and shouts as cars zipped down the track—sometimes straight, sometimes veering due to slight “wheel explosions”—created an atmosphere of friendly competition and pure fun. With an impressive turnout of cars and a crowd excited to participate, it was an event to remember.

This year, as we prepare for the 2025 BWOG event, we want to make the Valve Cover races even better. But with growing participation comes the need for more organization and support. Last year's challenges with procedures and scoring are fresh in our minds, and we're eager to make improvements to ensure a smooth, fair, and memorable experience for everyone.

We are seeking 6 to 8 volunteers who can support the planning and execution of the races. Your help is invaluable in the following areas:

- Valve Cover Registration / Display / Voting Table: Welcome racers, register entries, and assist with the People's Choice voting.
- Track Set-Up: Lend a hand in assembling the raceway and verifying that the track will run accurately and safely.
- Race Coordination: Help coordinate heats, guide participants, and help keep the excitement flowing.
- Race Recording and Scoring: Accurately track results, so every race is counted, and winners are celebrated.

By volunteering, you'll help preserve a cherished tradition and ensure that every participant—young and old—has a great experience. Whether you're a seasoned valve cover racer or new to the event – whether you are a Triumph or MG fan, your energy and ideas are welcome. All are welcome as volunteers.

If you're interested in supporting the Valve Cover races, please reach out to [randy.koontz@cox.net](mailto:randy.koontz@cox.net). Alternatively, you can join us at our next BWOG planning meeting, or participate on Zoom:

- Date: Saturday, September 13th
- Time: 9:00 am
- Location: Duck & Decanter, Phoenix

Let's join forces to make the 2025 Valve Cover races the most exciting yet—full of friendly competition, fast cars, and unforgettable moments. We can't wait to hear from you! Please consider volunteering.

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# Technical Corner

## Simple Diode Modifications

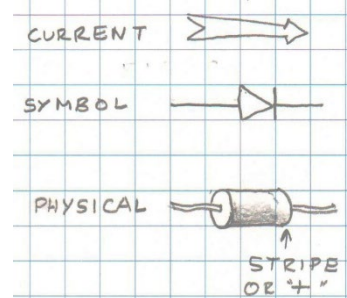
Story by Toby Duffell, MG AZ Group

Here' are a couple of easy modifications using diodes with application to old British cars. A diode is a "one-way valve" to the flow of electrical current, so can be used to isolate circuits or protect them. A diode has two ratings, *Continuous current*, and *Peak Inverse Voltage (PIV)*. Diodes useful to us can have a rating of 10 Amps "10A" or more, depending on the application, and should always be at least 400 Volts, "400V" regardless of where they are used on a car.

This is how current flows through them:

Their electrical symbol:

And they look like this:



**Specification:** An old car's electrical system is a hostile environment for anything other than the technology of the period it was designed. With that in mind:

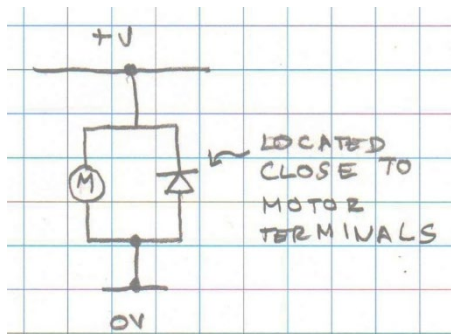
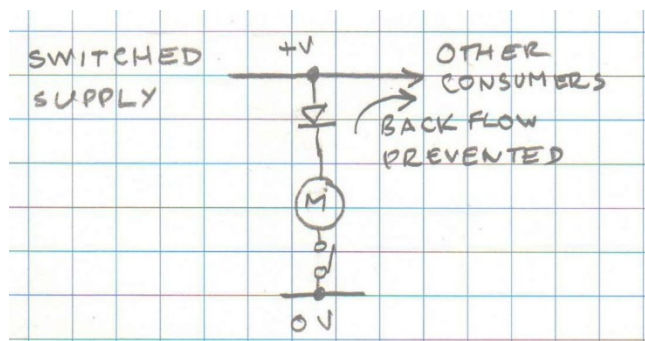
**Current Rating:** Take the wattage of the consumer (lamp, fan motor, etc.) and divide it by twelve if your car has a 12V system; divide by six for a 6V system. It doesn't matter if the car is positive or negative ground. As an example: A 12V radiator fan consumes 100 Watts, so  $100/12 = 8$  Amps. Sometimes the rating label of the device is already given in Amps, so just use that number directly. Now, any diode you choose must be able to withstand inrush. This is the current drawn when a consumer like a motor or incandescent bulb is turned on, and can typically be about three times the normal operating current. Most diodes can withstand a much higher current than their continuous current for a short time.

**Voltage Rating** Diodes also need to handle voltage spikes. These are generated by electric motors in fans and pumps being turned off. They don't like being switched off suddenly, so will generate a reverse voltage to oppose the change in current through them. This is called "inductive kickback" and can give you a nasty shock as well as targeting devices connected to the wiring nearby. These short transients can exceed 200V. So when choosing a diode, it's important to choose a much higher voltage value to protect against spikes.

For example, Amazon carries the "Bojack 20A10" diode with a continuous rating of 20 A but can withstand 400 A for a few thousandths of a second (milliseconds). And they're \$7.99 for twenty!

Below are some common applications:

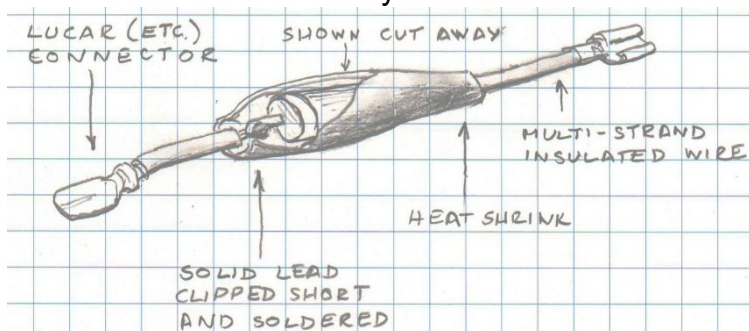
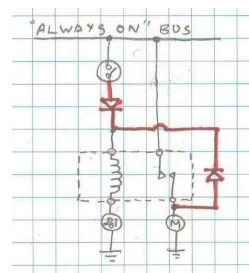
Application No. 1: Back feed Sometimes, a fan motor will continue to spin after the car is shut off and generate a voltage that can keep some other part of the car's circuit running. Putting a diode in series with the feed to the motor will eliminate that.



## Application No. 2: Spike protection

Inductive kickback from turning off a strongly inductive load like a fuel pump generates a voltage spike in the opposite direction. A diode used as a "snubber" provides a path for this current to flow, dissipating the energy safely and preventing damage to other components

Application No. 3: Heat soak prevention After shutting a car off, the under-bonnet temperature will rise because the fan is no longer running but the engine is still hot. The addition of two diodes will keep the fan running – even when the car is shut off – until the thermostat no longer calls for cooling. If originality is important, the diodes can be fitted inside the relay case.



Packaging a diode Cut the diode wires short and solder some stranded wire onto the cut ends, using a pair of fine-nose pliers as a heat sink to protect the device. Cover with a piece of 3:1 glue-lined heat shrink to insulate it overall. Use the same gauge of wire as the circuit into which it is to be spliced.

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# Tech Tips for a Long Distance Drive

Tom Eller, Tyee Triumph Club; Seattle, WA

The main difference between the usual driving we do in our TR's and the long distance drive is sustained speed. This means all things that go around go around faster for more time. Wheel bearings, water pump bearings, drivelines, axles, fan belts, and alternators all need to be checked before leaving. A small leak at 50 mph is a big leak at 70 mph, more gas than you have used in the past year is going thru the fuel system in 3 days, so filters should be clean and a spare should be carried. Radiator and heater hoses are going to be tested so check and replace before you leave. The things that I consider givens or already in good condition are the cooling system, the brakes, all lights, oil pressure, tires and balance (6 days shaking down the road at speed is not fun!) All filters should be fresh so you don't need to change them on the road, if something is not up to scratch don't bring a replacement on the trip, change it in your own garage, not the side of the road.

Just for reference, in the past three trips of this nature only a wiper blade blew off, a Speedo cable broke, a TR 3 tie-rod end came apart, and a set of points burned out on a TR 8. All were repaired or ignored on the move and all TR's made it home under their own power. Not bad for over 10,000 miles in very old cars.

The worst that could happen, short of a bad accident, is a major component giving up and the TR is immobilized. The fix? Remember this is worst case. Get out your credit card, rent a U-Haul truck, insert one TR, drive back to Seattle and tell all your friends some outrageous story for why you came home early. Much more probable is a phone call to Moss, or the Roadster Factory, or Victoria British to order the part and have it shipped to the next hotel so you can give a tech session in the parking lot.

There was a Breckenridge tech session at the February 6th. meeting to go over the ways to check all the above rotating things. All Tyee members are welcome and who knows, you may learn something new about your Triumph!

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## The Joy Bus Diner!

**The Joy Bus** is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to relieve the daily struggles of people with cancer by delivering a fresh and healthy meal with a friendly face. Their mission is to improve the lives of their patrons through good food and company. The Joy Bus eases the burden faced by cancer patients by providing healthy meals specified to meet their needs, delivered by volunteers who are often cancer survivors themselves. Learn more about this amazing organization at [joybus.org](http://joybus.org).

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**Join other British Car Owners at Noggin & Natter!**  
**This Monday, Labor Day**



**Join the Arizona MG Club and the British Car Community for  
Noggin & Natter on Monday!**

**Labor Day**  
**September 1, 2025, 7:00 am - 11:00 am**  
**This event is free! All classic British cars welcome!**

Noggin & Natter is the Arizona MG Club's cars & coffee style gathering of British car and motorcycle enthusiasts! Join us for a morning of thought ("noggin") and conversation ("natter") with fellow British vehicle owners and friends. Bring your British car or motorcycle or just come see what everyone else has to show. This is a free event and all are welcome. Thank you to Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q in Scottsdale for their hospitality!

**Display your British Classic**  
**Delicious Breakfast**  
**Meet The Joy Bus Team**  
**Valve Cover Car Racing**  
(Bring your valve cover car!)



**Hot Wheels Car Track**  
(Bring your hot wheels cars!)  
**Noggin & Natter**  
**Shaded Patio and Indoor Seating Available**

**Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q**  
**15257 N Northsight Blvd**  
**Scottsdale, AZ**

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**Noggin & Natter and British Wheels on the Green support**  
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# British Wheels on the Green

**Peoria Centennial Plaza  
November 1, 2025  
10 am – 3 pm**

Hosted by the  
Arizona MG Club

**Register at  
[britishwheels-az.info](http://britishwheels-az.info)  
(or use the QR Code)**

**Rain date is November 16, 2025**





By John Carroll

It should be good enough to copy and read the text. Let me know as I can bring the magazine to next week's meeting.



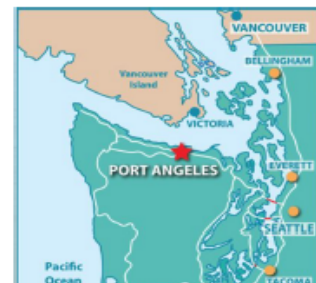
Tyee Triumph Club invites you to the 2025 ATDI  
**September 11th-14th**



Red Lion Hotel Port Angeles, WA  
221 N Lincoln St, Port Angeles, WA

Please call the Hotel Directly at 360.452.9215 and press Option  
"0" - then request the special rate for the **"All Triumph Drive In"**

Plan to arrive Thursday Sept 11th so you can do a  
cool drive on Friday to Lake Crescent, Hurricane  
Ridge or backroads of Sequim and attend the Meet  
and Greet on Friday night at The Roosevelt pub -  
with live music!



## CLASSIFIED ADS:

### For sale:

TR2.

1979 TR7 'Orange' color that needs much work also he need to get rid of, 'needs garage space more than the car' - he said is 'complete' comes w/ 2 extra seats - but sounds like needs much attention.

Phil Lobeck

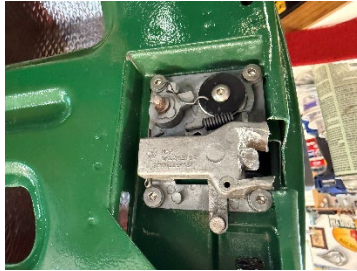
Phone 928.210.2944

E mail is: [pslobeck@gmail.com](mailto:pslobeck@gmail.com)

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**Wanted** Hello everyone, I'm back and now looking for a speedo for the Spit we're completing. I have attached a picture of the style that I am looking for. Also as long as I have your attention I am also looking for a left door latch for a MK1 or 2. I have also included a picture of the right latch...

.... Lou Figone 408-966-4175



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### 1960 TR3

It's been covered for many years. Needs restoration. I was always intending to restore but got into sailing and never got back to it. Now I am 88 years old and Parkinson disease keeps me from getting to restore it now. Car is metallic red. Clyde Bauer 8527 E Vernon; Scottsdale, AZ. 480-949-9003 / 602-510-6413 (cell)

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### Free to any paid up DCTRA member:

I was cleaning out the garage and came across what appears to be a car bra for a TR6 earlier than my 1975 (perhaps a year where the front turn signals are above the bumper). If someone is



interested in it, please let me know.

Julian Anderson: [julian@jajanderson.com](mailto:julian@jajanderson.com) (480) 577-4312 11-24

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# CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont)

## Help Wanted

**Project Title** – Master Technical Index (*Triumph Trumpeter*)

**Description** – Create a master index of technical articles that have been published in the DCTRA *Triumph Trumpeter* monthly newsletter from the beginning of recorded publication.

**Seeking** - DCTRA member with reasonable time to donate to this project. Has reliable internet access to the DCTRA website and able to search all previous monthly newsletters. Once the Index is created, will become an annual maintenance detail – for perhaps another club volunteer to assist with.

Will be working with MS Word and perhaps MS Excel. Roger will assist to get you 'on the road'.

**Timeline for Completion** – will depend on many factors. At the moment no target deadline.

**Contact:** Roger pls leave a voice mail ☺ 480-550-2906

**DCTRA** thanks you in advance.

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## Notice:

Do you have a Triumph or some Triumph parts to sell? **This is the place for your ad.** Are you looking for some unusual Triumph parts? **You can place a want ad here.** The DCTRA shares this newsletter with many other Triumph Clubs so your ad will have lots of exposure.

Have I placed an ad in this newsletter for you? Have you sold it or otherwise disposed of it? Please let me know so I can remove the ad.

Thank you,

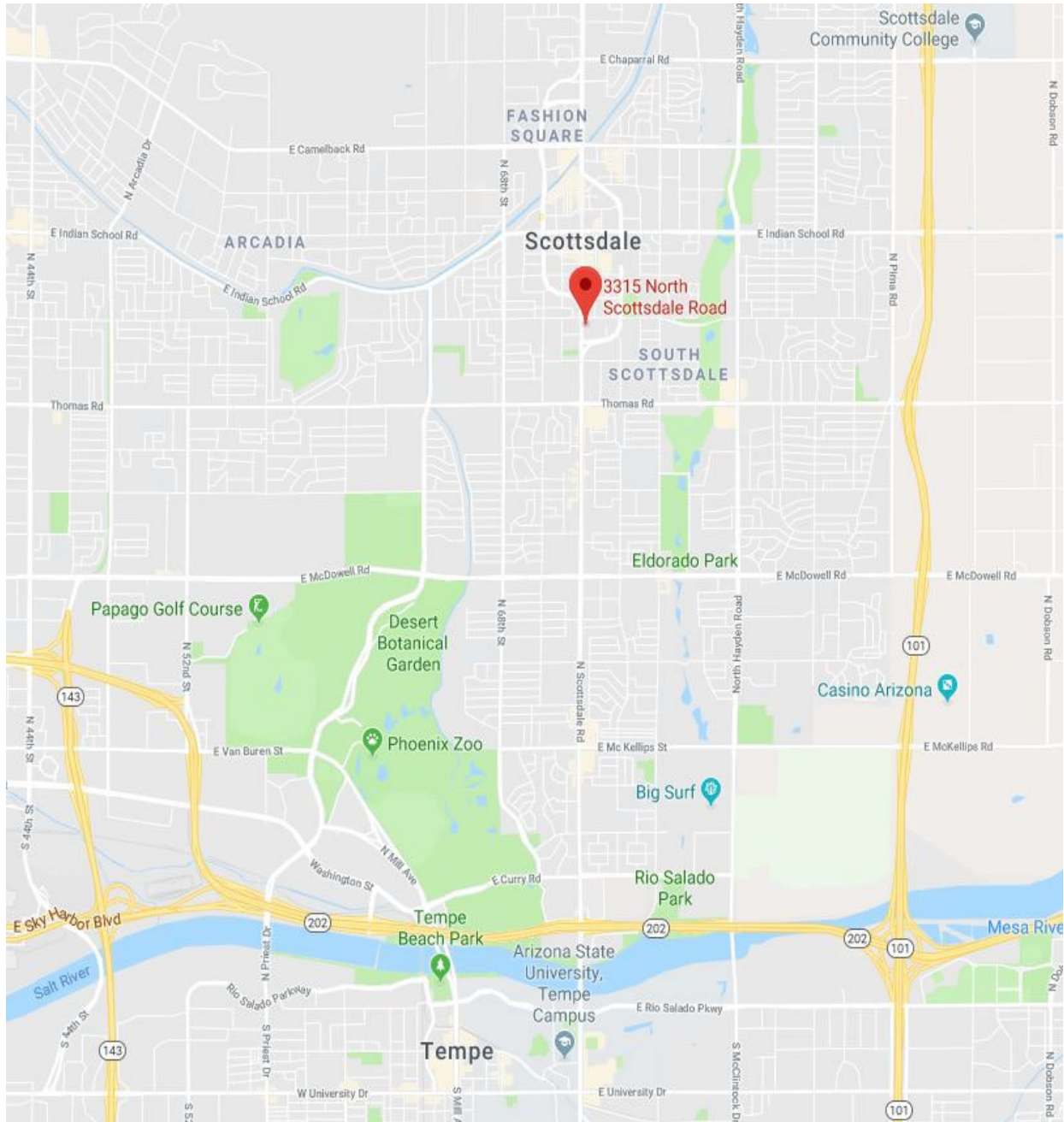
George M Montgomery, editor  
[georgemonty32@gmail.com](mailto:georgemonty32@gmail.com)



## 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  
Scott Porter, Membership Chairperson  
PO Box 12100; Scottsdale, AZ 85267  
206-999-9977 [scottpor@hotmail.com](mailto:scottpor@hotmail.com)

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**NEW MEMBER:**

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**RENEWING MEMBER:**

**MEMBER INFO (please print):**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Classic Vehicles Owned:**

_____		Year
Model	Commission #	
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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 \_\_\_ (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)

Licenses plate frame

## PAID:

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:

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## Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America  
[www.dctra.org](http://www.dctra.org)

Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	<a href="http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph">http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph</a>
Portland Triumph Owners Association	<a href="http://www.portlandtriumph.org">www.portlandtriumph.org</a>
Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)	<a href="http://www.tyee.triumph.org">www.tyee.triumph.org</a>
British Columbia Triumph Registry	<a href="http://www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry">www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry</a>
All British Field Meet (Portland)	<a href="http://www.abfm-pdx.com">www.abfm-pdx.com</a>
Vintage Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.vtr.org">www.vtr.org</a> AND <a href="http://www.vtr2007.com">www.vtr2007.com</a>
Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register	<a href="http://www.t2000register.org.uk">www.t2000register.org.uk</a>
Rimmer Bros	<a href="http://www.rimmerbros.co.uk">www.rimmerbros.co.uk</a>
Stag Owners Club	<a href="http://www.stag.org.uk">www.stag.org.uk</a>
TR Sports 6 Club	<a href="http://www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm">www.tr-register.co.uk/news.htm</a>
British Auto Works (OR)	<a href="http://www.britishautoworks.com">www.britishautoworks.com</a>
British Wire Wheel	<a href="http://www.britishwirewheel.com">www.britishwirewheel.com</a>
Save Our Cars	<a href="http://www.saveourcars.org">www.saveourcars.org</a>
British Car Forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarforum.com">www.britishcarforum.com</a>
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.triumphtravelers.org">www.triumphtravelers.org</a>
Southern California Triumph Owners Assn	<a href="http://www.sctoa.org">www.sctoa.org</a>
British Motor Heritage Group	<a href="http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk">www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk</a>
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	<a href="http://www.6-pack.org">www.6-pack.org</a>
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	<a href="http://www.obcc.ca">www.obcc.ca</a>
Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)	<a href="http://www.vsgccc.ca">www.vsgccc.ca</a>
Moss Motors	<a href="http://www.mossmotors.com">www.mossmotors.com</a>
Small auction and forum	<a href="http://www.britishcarauction.com">www.britishcarauction.com</a>
Classic Autosport Magazine	<a href="http://www.classicautosport.net">www.classicautosport.net</a>
International Spitfire Database	<a href="http://www.members.cox.net/spitlist">www.members.cox.net/spitlist</a>
British Motor Club of Utah	<a href="http://www.britishmotorclub.org">www.britishmotorclub.org</a>
Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally)	<a href="http://www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com">www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com</a>
Victoria British	<a href="http://www.victoriabritish.com">www.victoriabritish.com</a>
Triumph Register of Southern California	<a href="http://www.socaltriumphs.org">www.socaltriumphs.org</a>
Hill Country Triumph Club	<a href="http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org">www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org</a>
Tucson British Car Register	<a href="http://www.tucsonbritish.com">www.tucsonbritish.com</a>
Central Coast British Car Club	<a href="http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com">www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com</a>
Texas Triumph Register	<a href="http://www.texastriumphregister.org">www.texastriumphregister.org</a>
Delta Motorsports	<a href="http://www.deltamotorsports.com">www.deltamotorsports.com</a>
C.A.R.S of Phoenix	<a href="http://www.englishbawbsclassics.com">www.englishbawbsclassics.com</a>