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Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Meeting starts @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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On the Cover: Two of several Triumphs driven to the August meeting
photos by **Mike Blachut**

EDITOR'S DESK

Pete Peterson

This is my first attempt at creating a newsletter or any kind of printed work like this, so please be forgiving and help me by pointing out any mistakes or omissions. I know that, technically, I can't match Dave Riddle's editing expertise, so it may not look as good as it did in the past. I'm depending on every club member to help me make our newsletter contain relevant, up-to-date information and interesting articles. You have all been fantastic about sending material - I received some excellent pictures and articles for this month and some of the items can be presented as a series to be continued in the months ahead. THANK YOU!

Prez Sez – September 2013

John Nuss

The days are growing shorter which means lower temperatures - wishful thinking, I guess. Yet we are nearing the season of car activities again. There are upcoming shows, breakfast drives, Triumphfest, the British Vintage Voyage and, maybe, cooler days ahead. As you participate in the opportunities, be sure to take pictures to share in the newsletter – and a few words about the event would be appreciated, I'm sure.

I had a conversation with a club member after the last meeting - he reminded me that wearing our name tags would be a good thing - we know each other, but new members and visitors find it helpful to put names, faces and cars together. Another suggestion was that some of the people reporting on trips and shows at the meeting might also write about the adventure. I had to agree with him on both counts. Speaking of new members, I wonder if new members would be willing to submit a short written statement about themselves and their cars or be willing to be interviewed by

another club member? Remember, the newsletter reaches many more people than those who attend the meetings. Maybe the current officers could also write a bit about their experiences in the Triumph world.

So, as the season begins, there is a charity car show sponsored by the Arizona Mini Owners club the first weekend in September. At this time, there is no one scheduled to organize the breakfast drives in September or October. Maybe it's time for DCTRA to step up?

Finally, many thanks to Dave Riddle for his work on the website and countless years of editing the newsletter. I've enjoyed the articles he provided about his experiences as a teacher and race car driver. I think the newsletters he produced were some of the best.

DCTRA member **Al Elisco's** Triumphs:



1960 TR3A



1971 TR6



DCTRA Meeting Minutes – AUGUST 13, 2013

President John Nuss opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at **DENNY'S RESTAURANT** at 670 N. Scottsdale Road in Tempe.

35 people signed the roster:

Ned & Jill Bailey

Dennis Barnes

Jim Bauder - drove a TR

Clebe Best - new member - drove a TR

Mike Blachut

Pete Bowen

Mike Brasfield – visitor - drove a TR

Bill Close - drove a TR

Bill Davenport

Michael Divine

George & Chris Durkin

John & Beth Horton

Ed Jacobs - new member

Jody Kerr - drove a TR

Chuck Kerzan

Armand LaCasse - drove a TR

Stu Lasswell - drove a TR

Bob Mazer

Bob McIlravy

Dave & Denine Muré

John & Kathy Nuss

Pete Peterson - drove a TR

Matt Reynolds - drove a TR

Pam Rineholt

Bo & Laureen Shaw

Erica Shaw - visitor

Roy Stoney

Marie Thompson

Pete Thompson

9 - TRIUMPHS WERE DRIVEN TO THE MEETING!

VISITORS: Ed Jacobs - TR3
Al Tracey - from the AAHC
Mike Brasfield
Erica Shaw
Dennis Collins - Spitfire

AAHC: Al Tracey from AAHC talked about toll road legislation. They need 250,000 signatures on petitions for the bill to be put on the ballot. He distributed petition forms so club members could gather signatures to help stop toll roads going through. Also mentioned was that the revenue from the toll roads would not cover the expense of collecting the tolls.

John Horton encouraged the DCTRA to oppose this legislation.

The next AAHC meeting will be held Tuesday, September 3rd at Sanderson Ford, 5300 W. Grand Ave. at 7:00 p.m. Tour of museum follows the meeting.

SECRETARY: Minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER: **Matt Reynolds** reported the club's financial status for **John Reynolds**, who was on his way to Canada for a triumph show.

MEMBERSHIP: no report

NEWSLETTER: *Pete Peterson* volunteered to do the newsletter temporarily. We need someone to step up and take this job.

EVENTS: *Matt Reynolds* reported: see the **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** in the newsletter for a full list.

TECHNICAL: *Mike Blachut* talked about improvements to his TR3 including rack & pinion steering, electric fan and aluminum radiator.

OWNERSHIP UPDATES: Visitors and new members talked about their cars.

OLD BUSINESS: *Kathy Nuss* talked about shirts ordered and passed out shirts after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds

- Sept 1: Java Cruise – 8:00 a.m. - 19th Donut Hole, 116 N Lindsay Rd #17, Mesa
contact Michael Divine (480) 241-3505 MichaelADivine@gmail.com
- Sept 5: DCTRA ice cream social & evening drive to Bartlett Lake – contact
Matt Reynolds 480-968-6078 bsatr6@yahoo.com
- Sept 7: Mesa Marketplace Car Show - proceeds go to the AZ Humane Society –
contact Shirley or Phillip Blahak 480-985-2531 shirley@azwildblue.com
- Sept 8: Autocross – Firebird Raceway, Chandler – contact Stu Lasswell
(480) 577-2685 debnstu2@yahoo.com
- Sept 27-29: Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendevous, Santa Rosa, NM – sponsored by the
British Automobile Owners Association of Albuquerque - contact Andrea or
Kevin Kittle (404) 345-4207 email: mmssrry@gmail.com
website: www.baooa.org
- Sept 29: British Breakfast Run – 7:30 a.m. – SW corner 32nd St/Shea
- Oct 2–6: Triumphest – San Rafael, CA
- Oct 19&20: British Vintage Voyage – Tucson

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1969 Triumph TR-6: new high performance tires; high-compression cylinder head with petrol injection spec cam; alloy valve cover; pertronix ignition; rebuilt/recurved distributor; rebuilt carbs; brakes including master cylinder and booster; suspension bushings; front shocks; rear tubular shock conversion kit - and all of the Lucas smoke has been forced back into her electronics. Clean body & frame - good paint. Extensive spares package including stainless steel wheel trim rings. asking \$11,900 vehicle is located in Surprise **Mike Donick** (734) 837-3576 AllardK3@hotmail.com



New Steering TR-3

by: MIKE BLACHUT

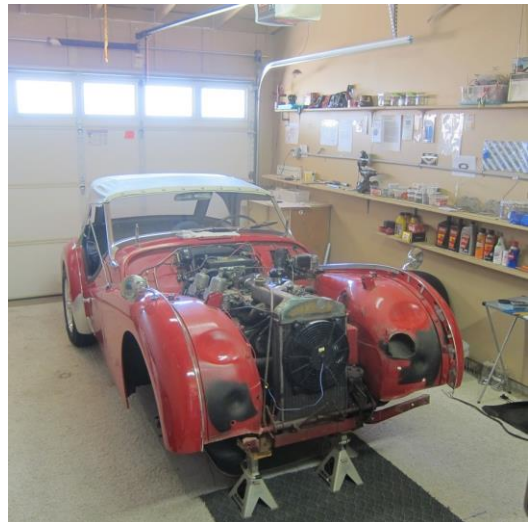
I decided that I was tired of all the play in the steering on my 1961 TR-3 with 83,000 miles. After talking with several members of the DCTRA club here in Phoenix, I learned there is a Rack & Pinion kit available that would 'high-tech' the car and solve my steering problems.

You must install an electric fan because the space where the original fan & hub is located will be taken up with the installation of the Rack & Pinion. I wanted to do some other upgrades, so now was a good time since I would have the car apart.

I purchased an Aluminum Radiator, a 3/8" belt & pulley kit, an alternator kit, Electric Radiator Fan, new 14" diameter Mota-Lita steering wheel, turn signal & horn kit. Since the Alternator required conversion to negative ground, I got a negative ground Pertronix solid-state Ignition kit.



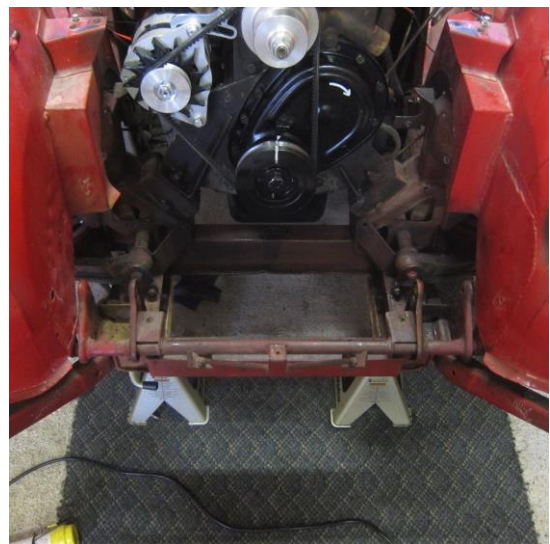
1. Ready to start, pull into the garage.



2. Pull off the bumper, grill & front clip.



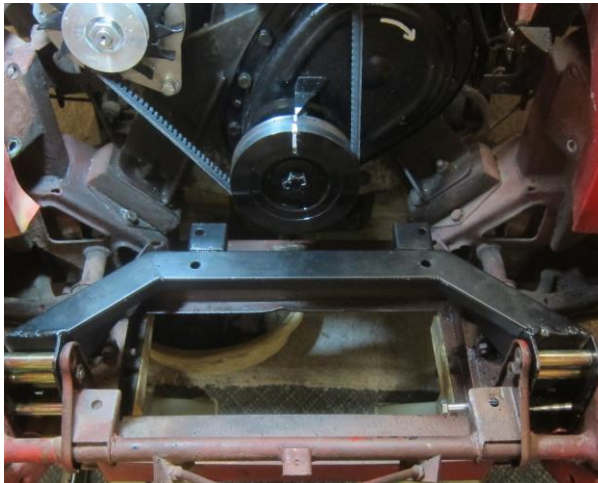
3. The complete R&P kit arrives.



4. Strip out the old steering as instructed

New Steering TR-3 (cont'd.)

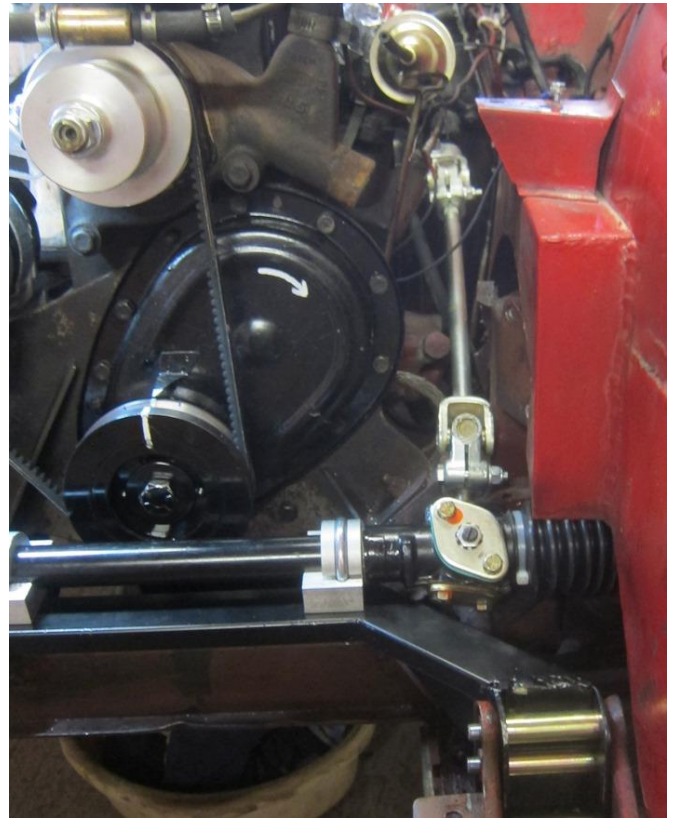
The Rack & Pinion steering kit installation is straightforward and not too difficult for the average mechanic like myself. Whenever I ran into a problem, I would take a break and look on the internet, and sure enough other TR-3 owners had the same problem and provided plenty of tips on the various blogs. I'm glad I belong to a TR club, I don't know what I would do without the steady stream of help and encouragement.



5. Mount the bracket for the Rack & Pinion



6. New steering Rack in position



7. New steering column in place



8. Old steering parts removed.

Now I'll take it down for an alignment and enjoy many miles of happy motoring, I often tell people, it's "High-Tech" underneath, but classic on the outside.



"Glorious views of the Italian countryside and furious action combine in this thriller about ambitious racing driver Bill Fraser (Anthony Steel), who becomes embroiled in a deadly attempt by mogul Warren Ingram (James Robertson Justice) to steal blueprints to a competitor's car. Ingram's henchman, O'Donovan (Stanley Baker), murders a security guard while filching the plans, then joins Fraser's team during a Grand Prix race to the Swiss border."

– Netflix Review–

Old British Car Movie Review – "Checkpoint"

Your Fearless Reviewer ventured into the Netflix wilderness of Fabulous Fifties Flicks to watch and report on this "British car" movie. "Checkpoint" was made in 1956 by Pinewood Studios in London, and starred, among other familiar British actors, James Robertson Justice, who, during his long career, also appeared as Lord Scrumptious in that other well-known British car movie, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". "Checkpoint" is chock-full of suspense, mystery, 50's style romance, hackneyed dialogue, murder (but no actual blood), mayhem (again, no blood, not even a bruise), sex (don't get too excited-this was 1956 after all), plodding plot, Brylcreem (remember "A lil' dab'll do ya"?), women wearing dresses and white gloves, great racing scenes (featuring a Le Mans-style start! Spectators standing next to the curves with no barrier between them and the racing cars! Lots of great engine sounds!), anti-abiatic



acting, and OLD BRITISH CARS! (as well as numerous Italian and German marques that shall go nameless) Much of the racing footage looks suspiciously like it was filmed during a Mille Miglia, and, as a result, the racing scenery is magnificent. In other words, this is a movie with something for everyone that you could watch with your Grandmother. (In fact, there were so many extras your grandmother was probably in it.)

The plot centers around the efforts of the James R. Justice character (Warren Ingram, a half-hearted villain, not-so-evil car mogul) to obtain the secret plans for something or other so that his cars will finally win the "national championship". Or was it the "international championship"? Frankly, I was too busy looking at the cars in the background to pay much attention to the plot. Anyway, events almost immediately careen out of control for poor Mogul Warren who gets his just desserts in the end (remember those endings?), and the rest of the movie is concerned with smuggling the murderous villain out of Italy, of which the race is an integral part.

OLD BRITISH CARS SPOTTED: Several Aston Martin DB/4s, an Aston Martin DB3S (lots of Aston Martin DBs -actually, the movie credits even included thanks to the "David Brown Organization"), **Triumph TR2s**, MGAs, Land Rover "86" Series I, Rolls Royce, Lagonda DP115, Jaguar MkVII, and the ubiquitous Austin-Healey 100.

Old British Car Movie Rating:♥♥♥♥ (out of 5)

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JODY KERR and his newly running TR8 at the August meeting.

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