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1967 Triumph TR5

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

April 9, 2024 Business meeting @ 7pm

Denny's Restaurant

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Cover: This striking TR5 was on Triumph Unique Cars Pinterest in 2019

Prez Sez - April 2024

John Heisser, President

The Highland Games were earlier this month (March); DCTRA members present with their cars were John Carroll, Debra Cook, Roger Prior, and Bo Shaw and my-self so our club was well represented. I believe John Carrol wrote an article about this gathering and sent photos to George for the newsletter. I'm sure George has received photos from others as well. The best photo I have seen is of Roger with a BIG smile standing in front of his car displaying The Highland Games Presidents Choice Award! For those of you that haven't seen Roger's car, it is a nicely preserved TR6 survivor. It's pretty much the way it left the factory, other than a respray many years ago. Other members also won awards as well.

The 100 Year Celebration Luncheon is is a joint event with the MG clubs. The presidents of the MG clubs and I have been asked to give a five +/- minute talk about our experiences with LBC's. I'm considering a few different themes for my talk, and I'm interested to hear the other talks as well should be interesting! Roger has more information about this gathering that he has prepared for this newsletter.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I am planning on driving up to Prescott using the route that the B.E.A.T tour used. If interested meet at the McDonalds on the north side of the Carefree Hwy just east of I-17 at 7:30 with a departure time of 8:00. Those of you that want to join up in Wickenburg we can meet at the McDonalds on the north side of US60 about a ½ mile east of the roundabout where US93 joins the US60, plan on being there about 9:00 and departing around 9:30. A few people have expressed interest, so I will put together the route and a few suggestions for lunch in Prescott. Someone asked if this was to be an overnight trip? For myself, I was planning on returning home after lunch. It's only a 2.5 hour drive for me since I live in the northwest valley.

Last week an owner of a TR8 from Canada contacted me. He is spending the winter here and wanted to check the fitment of a pattern the manufacture had sent him for some floor mates he wanted to purchase. When he came over, Roger and I were finishing up a project I started on my TR8 a few days earlier. We chatted for about an hour; he was amazed at how big our club was and the LBC community is in Arizona. He got my contact information from the Wedge Owners Association member's registry. These membership registries TRA, VTR, TWOA, and others are a valuable resource, especially while traveling away from home. Looking forward to these upcoming gatherings!

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

It's spring again, my favorite time of the year, for the relief from cold, wet weather. I like the cool mornings, driving my Triumph with the top down and bundled up for the brisk air, then shedding layers for the warm afternoons.

My other favorite season is the fall, when it's football season and watching my favorite college team, the Oklahoma Sooners, or my favorite NFL teams, the Dallas Cowboys or the Arizona Cardinals. We finally get relief from the long hot summer. When you put the top up to shield yourself from the blazing sun. Top up windows down and zip out the back window. Breezing down the highway, it's almost like being in a convection oven.

Summer has it's good points like getting to fly to Atlanta, GA to visit my daughter and the grandkids. Or driving to Oklahoma City to see my sister and her family and stopping on the way back in Fort Worth, TX, to visit an ol' college friend.

Winter does have it good points. It's what I like to call the eating season like at Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Years.

I suppose my real favorite season is the one that I'm in, since there's nothing to change it anyway except to wait till the next one.

I thought John Carroll did a nice job, reporting on the Highland Games. He took most of the photos as well, with John Heisser submitting the remaining. If you think so, also, tell him at one of the meetings or send him an email.

Next Sunday the 7th, is the Copperstate 1000. In prior years, DCTRA members met at Denny's on Broadway, in Mesa, for a breakfast and then caravaned to the stadium for the "send-off". DCTRA member, Michael Samuels, will be there to run his second Copperstate. Let's see how many members we can have to show up and give him a grand farewell. Watch the DCTRA BB for the meeting time and when we'll be leaving Denny's and head for the stadium.

Our business meeting will be on the 9th of April. It's early this month because the second Tuesday just comes early this month. That's just the way it is. Sounds like an old Bruce Hornsby song doesn't it. Anyway, will we get to see you at the meeting?

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April 2024 Membership Report:

We have one new member application in March, Ken Troy. Ken and his 1958 TR-3 are located in Gilbert. Welcome, Ken. Our DCTRA membership ranks now stand at 151 memberships and 209 total members strong. We had 22 members and spouses attend the March 12th meeting; thank you to all that attended. I will have all of our Triumph logo'd items with me at the next meeting: Grille Badges (\$25), License Plate frames, chrome or black, (\$15), TR Pins, three types, (\$10), and DCTRA Patches (\$5). I will also have our DCTRA business cards and window decals for those who need them. Enjoy the amazing driving weather everyone and see you at our April meeting!

Scott Porter Membership scottpor@hotmai.com (206) 999-9977 Application form on page 22

DCTRA EVENTS

DCTRA Events April

Apr 7th – Copperstate 1000 send off – Tempe Diablo Stadium

Apr 9th -- DCTRA February Meeting – Denny's Scottsdale

Apr13th – Triumph/MG Centennial Celebration Drive

Apr 17th- Prescott Drive w/ John Heisser- details outlined in March newsletter Pres. Column. Invite extended to the MG Club to join in this fun scenic drive.

Regular Occurrence Events

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

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 – 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

April 9,	2024,	in-person,	a Zoom	link will	be sent out.

Desert Centre Triumph Register of America December DCTRA Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

The March meeting of DCTRA was held @ Denny's Restaurant Scottsdale Rd. Roger Prior, Vice President, called the meeting to order in the absence of President John Heisser at 7:02 pm.

Members present: TJ Creath, Scott Bizar, Scott Drysdale, Dave Fore, Cal Busenitz, John Horton, Chuck Kerzan, Mary White, Mark Kramoltz, Bob Mazer, George Montgomery, Dave Mulvihill, Deborah O'Brien, John Parker, Pete & Bev Peterson, Scott Porter, Roger Prior, Dave Riddle, Jeff Van Skike. Marv Miller joined on Zoom.

Minutes: Last month's Minutes were approved as they appear in The Newsletter. And sincere thanks to John Nuss for filling in as Secretary last month.

Membership: Scott Porter reporting no new activity last month. Our Club stands at 135 memberships with 208 members.

Treasurer's report: Scott Porter filling in for Armand LaCasse this evening and reports a small deposit and no expenses this past month.

Events: Roger Prior reporting that The Annual Copper State Rally will be held April 7 - 11 with Send Off April 7 at 9:30. Our own Michael Samuels is participating again this year. He will be accompanied by his father. April 13 is The Centennial Drive. Bev Peterson reminding us that April 17 is The Prescott Drive - organized by John Heisser.

Technical: Scott Porter discussed working on his TR3 and the leak in the cooling system. Cal Busenitz reviewed the ease of selling his Triumph via the Mecum Auction held @ Glendale March 5-9. Scott Drysdale shared that a friend of his is looking for assistance to get his TR7 back on the road. Scott will post those details in an email for anyone interested in helping.

Old Business: Roger Prior gave a report on this year's successful & enjoyable Highland Games March 1 - 3. And modestly reporting that he won The President's Choice Award. Congratulations also to Deborah Cooke, who won The Chairman's Choice Award and John Carroll who won the TR6 Division. Good Showing for our Club!!!

New Business: Pete & Bev Peterson reporting the "unexpected" purchase of a TR4....either a '61 or '62. Dave Riddle showed off his newest addition to his driving suit >>> our Club's patch.

Motion to adjourn @ 7: 42 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Mary A White Secretary

Tech Tips

Gasoline is a Degreaser but can kill you

Aug 23, 2021 – Classic Motorsports Sponsored Content Presented by <u>Sunoco</u>.

The Science

People have been cleaning greasy parts with gasoline for decades, and science explains why it works so well: "Number-one rule of solubility is likes dissolves likes," explains Zachary J. Santner, technical specialist at Sunoco.

In this case, gasoline, oil and grease are all formed from hydrocarbons. The big difference lies simply in the length of the chains–science talk for how far each product is refined.

The Safety

More science explains the danger of using gasoline as a solvent. Compared to kerosene, diesel fuel and proper parts-cleaning solutions, gasoline has a high vapor pressure, meaning it easily evaporates from an uncapped container. Those gasoline vapors then pool on the ground–picture the fog machine chugging away the last time you saw Iron Maiden or Judas Priest.

Now the big concern: Those pooled gasoline vapors are quite combustible, easily ignited by a welding spark, pilot light or other common source. Now you're standing in the middle of fire, which, despite what you might think, is not very metal.

The Solution

How do we know that proper cleaning solutions offer a safer alternative to gasoline? Check the safety data sheets—easily found online—and look at the flash points.

OSHA defines a flash point as "the minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off vapor within a test vessel in sufficient concentration to form an ignitable mixture with air near the surface of the liquid." Then there's a line for those who don't own a lab coat: "The flash point is normally an indication of susceptibility to ignition."

Gasoline has a flash point of 40 degrees *below zero*, meaning it's flammable once it's warmer than that temperature; CRC Industries Parts Washer Solvent, in contrast, has a flash point of 204 degrees Fahrenheit. "The liquid won't produce enough vapor to support a fire until 204 degrees," Santner explains.

Another alternative: water-based cleaners that, Santner continues, rely upon surfactants and emulsifiers to suspend oil and grease in the cleaning solution and remove them.

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If you can't fix it with duct tape, you aren't using enough.

The Force is like duct tape, it has a dark side. It has a light side and it binds the universe together.

Highland Games

Article by John Carroll
Photos by John Carroll & John Heisser

I'd not been to this event before and it was very busy. The Scottish theme was everywhere and lots of traditional games of strength and arm wrestling. Plus, of course major competition for multiple marching bands.

It was well organized and the crew that set up the British Car event had a lot of minis to display. We had Roger Prior's TR6, John Heisser's TR8, my TR6, a beautiful TR3 and two Spitfires, Bo Shaw's 1973, and Deborha Cooke's 1968..

All the cars saw lots of visitors with so many memories and stories. I truly enjoy seeing their joy to remember a father, uncle, cousin, and a couple of girlfriends who owned TR6..

The trophy ceremony brought us some well-deserved trophies and Roger won the Caledonian President's Choice Award. Congratulations to Roger.

I won first place even though we could have shared it. Debhora Cooke won the Chairman' Choice award. Considering we only had a handful of cars, DCTRA members did well.



Roger Prior & Trophy



Deborah Cooke & Trophy



John Carroll & Trophy



John Heisser's TR8



John Carroll's 1st Place TR6

Highland Games (cont)

The day was also marked by a discovery I had picked up a framing nail along the way to the event. The worst part was it was in the side wall, so that tire is done.





So, that's a framing nail.

Friends can be very helpful.

My buddy Lloyd was the hero and offered to swap out the rear wheel and take it to discount tire. He arrived just as the event was starting with his three ton jack and a spare wheel for his car.

All went well, and he called to say the tire brand wasn't in stock but would be by Wednesday. So with that drama over, we enjoyed all the attention which we got.



Winners



Trophy presentation

Cheers
John Carroll

Centennial Drive

Roger Prior

"Open Drive" as you wish, take photos to send to George Montgomery, newsletter editor, then meet up from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. at Clancy's Pub & Pizza, 4432 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 for a get together with the Arizona MG Club for a libation. We have an indoor room reserved for 6 hrs. Celebrate the Day and drive with Triumphs and MGs. 'Tip on the Cap' to the MG T Series, and those WWII service members who became inspired by the TCs, and brought them home with them. They paved the road for so many British marques that we have cherished over the years. "Open Drive" is defined as a drive where you wish, as long as you wish, enjoy your drive, or simply spend time with your Triumph or MG as this will include owners whose cars are being tended to – "to drive another day" so to speak and mileage *need not* be documented. Commemorative dash plaques might be available for nominal charge, details being sorted out. The only requirement is to Celebrate the Day.



CLASSIFIED ADS:

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.

George M Montgomery editor: georgemonty32@gmail.com.

For sale:

I have a Triumph Windblocker for sale. It's a Moss item. It's in new condition. I'm asking \$75 for it.

Rick Hartmann Cell 708-724-5238

Itzatr6@gmail.com





5-23

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,

truttmani@gmail.com



4-23

FOR SALE:

I have 4 American Eagle 8 spoke
Aluminum wheels with TR6 Center
caps and new lug nuts--I had
these special made and drilled to the
correct bolt pattern 4x4.5—
Will require 6mm /1/4 inch spacer
for proper fit. 15 X 5.5
Asking 500.00 OBO
Walter A Roman 602-501-2040



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

5-23

FOR SALE: After-market fiberglass hardtop for a TR3. WYSIWYG \$20 or best offer. PETE PETERSON 602-615-3640 carefreebev@gmail.com







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Wanted:

Triumph tr7 5 speed driveshaft
Triumph tr7 5 speed brake drums, one or a pair.
David Faulkner home # 480-656-4366
rottendave@cox.net

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CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont.)

FOR SALE: 1975 TR6

The VIN is FM37234 U; the engine # is 37288 and I have a copy of original owner's title, the Selling Dealer's Passport To Service, the TR6 handbook and the Quick Reference Catalogue published in 1985. Absolutely, no rust, always been garaged. The only item added is a passenger door side mirror. Has a 4 speed manual transmission. It has only 24,950 original miles.





The car is all original including the paint except for 5 new tires (originals available if desired) and passenger side mirror. I'm the 2nd owner and bought from my best friend and the original owner. I've decided to sell it and am asking for \$26,000, OBO. The interior and exterior are like new Includes tonneau cover, boot and drives like new.





Nelson Leatherwood <nelson.leatherwood@gmail.com

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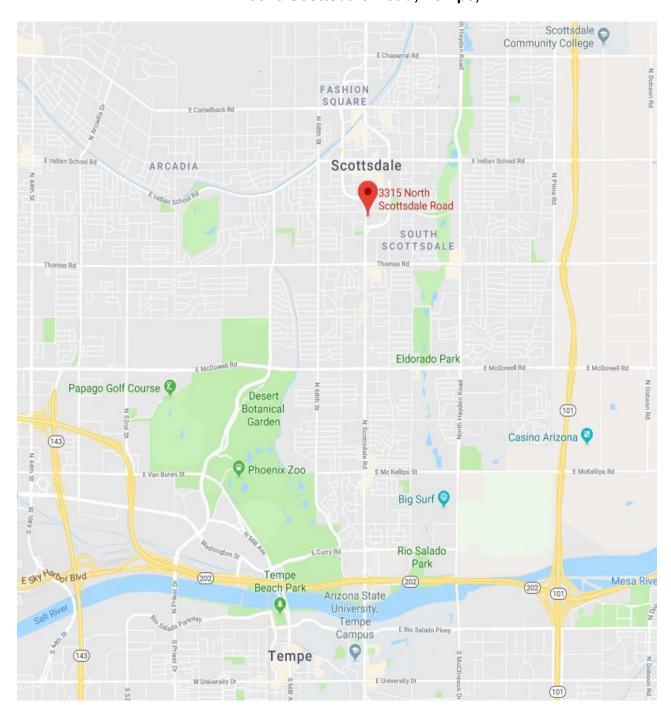
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DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month at:

Denney's Restaurant

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ



DCTRA MEMBERSHIP APLICATION

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 NEW MEMBER: RENEWING MEMBER: MEMBER INFO (please print): Name(s): _____ City: State: Zip: Home Cell Email Address: **Classic Vehicles Owned:** Year Commission # Model 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

PLEASE NOTE:

(add \$2.00 process fee)

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 Portland Triumph Owners Association

Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)

British Columbia Triumph Registry All British Field Meet (Portland)

Vintage Triumph Register

Triumph 2000/2500/2.5 Register

Rimmer Bros Stag Owners Club TR Sports 6 Club

British Auto Works (OR) British Wire Wheel

Save Our Cars British Car Forum

Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club

Southern California Triumph Owners Assn

British Motor Heritage Group

6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners

Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)

Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary (Alberta)

Moss Motors

Small auction and forum Classic Autosport Magazine International Spitfire Database British Motor Club of Utah

Columbia Gorge MGA Club (Classic Gorge Rally) www.columbiagorgemgaclub.com

Victoria British

Triumph Register of Southern California

Hill Country Triumph Club Tucson British Car Register Central Coast British Car Club

Texas Triumph Register

Delta Motorsports C.A.R.S of Phoenix http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph

www.portlandtriumph.org www.tyee.triumph.org

www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry

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