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PROJECT CAR STATUS

The car is now being stored in Mike Bayne's garage in Glendale. There will probably need to be a workday or two to fine tune some of the finish work prior to Triumphfest. Mike will keep a list of things needing attention.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 17

KART RACING AT THE SPEEDWAY
SPEEDWAY INDOOR KART TRACK

1:00 P.M.

See article inside

AUGUST 18

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

Hosted by DCTRA

32nd & Shea

7:00 AM

HUMOR FROM ALL OVER

ASHES TO ASHES

DUST TO DUST

IIF IT WASN'T FOR TRIUMPHS

OUR TOOLS WOULD RUST

Q: What do you call an MG with dual exhausts?

A: A wheelbarrow!

Next time you see an MG on display all jacked up with mirrors underneath, walk up to the owner and say "Hmmm .. An MG in its natural habitat - up on jack stands!"

RACING REPORT

Racing Schedule for 1st Quarter 2002

Sports Car Club of America

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Sports Car Club of America (Solo2)

<http://www.azsolo2.com>

Arizona Sports Racing Association

<http://www.azsportsracing.org>

National Auto Sport Association

<http://www.nasa-az.com/>

September

7-8 SCCA Driver's School - Firebird

28 - 29 NASA - Firebird Main

THE ASRA 2002 SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN POSTED
TO THE WEBSITE

IT INCLUDES SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX IN-
TERNATIONAL RACEWAY!!!

That's Right Folks. You asked for it, so in 2002, we are
at PIR!!!

Events and Registration details
will be announced shortly.

Dave Riddle

THE PREZ SEZ

We had our most recent Triumphest Committee meeting in July, and we've made quite a bit of progress in our planning for the October event. There are still a lot of details to be worked out but the event is shaping up very nicely. Just a few bits to pass along: Orders for Project Car raffle tickets have been rolling in at a steady rate, and at last count we have received well over 800! The details of the Saturday night banquet are being ironed out! Diana W's committee has a nice feast planned for us. Mike B has submitted orders to vendors for some fine looking awards, regalia and event apparel, and he and Hank H will assemble it so that it can be very easily distributed to the attendees. Fran W. and John H. have lined up awards, sponsorships and prizes from a number of vendors! nobody will go home empty handed! Dave R is hard at work on the Autocross and Armand has a good hand on the Funcours. Rich & Diane A. are plotting out a Walking Tour, and Bob Lee is mapping out an interesting Driving Tour. And on and on, and there are a myriad of details to be attended to by everyone involved in these events.

Let any of the committee heads know what you would like to help out on! the time is growing short before we have to show the rest of the clubs what a good show the DCTRA can put on!

With A Smile, Roger Guzowski

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with 30 members present. We had one visitor, Craig (TR7), and a new member, Ron, with a TR6. Minutes were approved as written. George Montgomery stated that the treasury is doing great.

An Ice Cream social will be held at 7:00pm this Saturday at Rich & Diane Aubert's house. The Club will supply ice cream and attendees will bring assorted toppings. Our August event will be at a new indoor go kart track! details will be forthcoming. In September we will all go to the Organ Stop Pizza Parlor for an evening of fun.

Raffle tickets for the Project Car are now at 800, and approaching our upper limit of 1,000. More volunteers are needed to help organize and run Triumphest. A signup sheet will be passed around the meeting for anyone who is interested. Roger estimates that we will probably have close to 125 cars participating in the event.

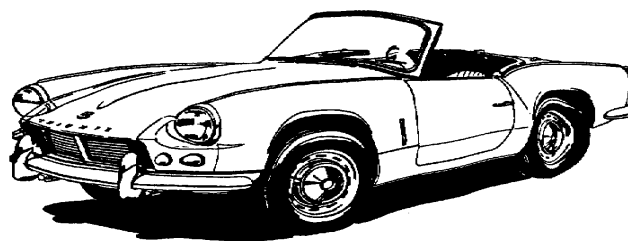
Birthday wishes went out to John Horton and Roger Guzowski, who is still young at 71!

Manuals for TR cars can be obtained on the web at www.books4cars.com. John Horton has also had good luck finding them on eBay.

Richard Mahoney, Independent candidate for governor, spoke briefly about his campaign and answered questions about how he stands on issues. Among other things he supports emissions exemptions for collector cars.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Deta Hampsch



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE - 1979 Spitfire. Red-Orange color, no rust. Hard and soft tops, recent alternator and under-bonnet rewire. Runs well but needs TLC and a good home. Asking \$750 obo. Contact Monica Gustafson at e-mail: gustafso@mail.arizona.edu (08/02)

FOR SALE - 1980 TR7 Spider (condition 4). A/C, F.I., roll bar. Asking \$4250. Car is in Prescott. Call Brad Veek 928.771.8785 or e-mail veeking@earthlink.net. DCTRA members get first option to buy! (08/02)

FOR SALE - 1977 Spifire 1500. Fair shape, need a little work here and there. Sat 10 yrs, so low 26,000+ miles. Hard top, tonneau, cover, manuals, custom wheels, almost new tires. Paint a little rough, interior needs help. Asking \$2200 - no reasonable offer refused. Call Jim Jones 520.298.9382 (home) or 520.861.6965 (cell) (08/02)

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TOOL BLUES

Over the years I have had poor performance from Chinese tools. Hydraulic jacks that leak down, pliers that break when pressure is applied, screw drivers that round off when used, and metal that must come from the "land of soft things". I had sworn off these junk tools. Over the last few years some have crept into my tool cabinet. For example, I won a small hydraulic jack in a raffle. It should have worked for handling a car flat, I finally tried it out on my small tractor that had a tire leak. The jack leaked down so fast I had to constantly work it to keep the tire off the ground.

The metallurgy in Chinese export tools is just plain crap. The measuring tools are very poor quality and not accurate. Their design and construction methods are marginal at best. This is some of the reasons the tools are cheap. There are sound reasons for CHEAP. When you buy tools consider the quality and the future of the tool. I WILL NOT BUY ANOTHER CHINESE TOOL EVER AGAIN!! I recommend you do not buy them also. Craftsman, SK Snap-On, Husky and other AMERICAN tools are definitely worth the difference in pricing. Any amount of AMERICAN tools can be picked up at local flea markets at very reasonable cost.

I do have some Taiwan tooling that is slightly better than marginal, Still, stay away from their hand tools.

John Horton

MS WINIFRED BECOMES A CLASSIC

Watching the telly has improved my attitude. Scrolling through the channels, I paused to watch "Antique Road Show", (the BBC version, of course) the other day. The last time I saw so many old things was at a family reunion. In the midst of it, a sleek young woman was exhibiting some valuable bits and bobs, and explaining that "people are developing more appreciation for old things". Not a moment too soon.

It's about time I received as much attention as my little auto. Like me, it has a few small dings and the mechanics have gone just a little wonky, but line it up at a show with its fellows and the gents gather round. Open up the bonnet and even more appear. I do feel jealous. Shouldn't those of us ladies who have survived as long be considered just as rare and beautiful?

There's one place, though, where Ms W would not like to emulate her auto. Mine wears a license tag with its age. Can you imagine us women doing that? "Oh, I'm a 1944 model", one would boast at a party. "Well, I'm a 1935!" responds the next. Reminds me of those who wear jeans with a tag telling the world their waist size. I'm long since loath to wearing a sign on my rear announcing the size of my waistline, though there might be a market for replacement tags reducing one instantly from a 38 to a 28. The rain makes my hair fuzzy and my joints creak. Street signs are a little fuzzy, too. But it's better now: I'm not getting older, I'm becoming a Classic. --- Ms W

AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

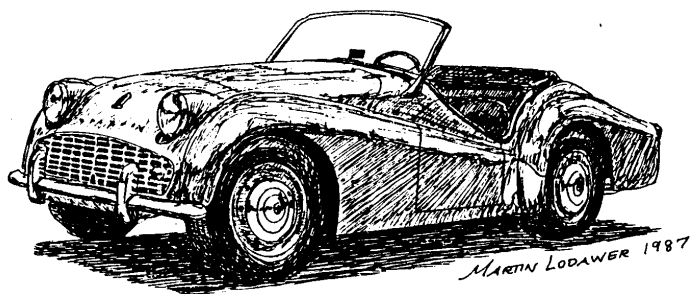
***Friday Nights at 5:30pm - Cruise-In at NW corner of Cooper & Warner (Stapley turns into Cooper when it crosses Baseline, and Warner is three miles south of US 60)

***Saturday Nights at 5:30pm - Cruise-In at US60 & Power Rd. in Mesa (Its really on Hampton, just east of Wendys) On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

September 21 - Mesa Marketplace Car Show - Details to follow soon

October 5-6 - Fourth Annual British Vintage Voyage - Get your entry form at the website. Go to: <http://www.dctra.org/news/bvventry.doc>.

October 17, 18, 19, 20 - TRIUMPHVEST 2002 - Laughlin, Nevada. Get your entry form from our web site at: www.dctra.org.



EDITOR'S DESK

After a Triumphest planning meeting a couple months ago, John Truttman was showing off his TR6 and his bikes in his garage, and we all remarked about how we could get so much more done in the summers if only our garages were cooler. (Pipe down Roger! Most of us don't have A/C in the garage, much less carpeting.) I made the comment that I had installed an evap cooler in my garage a few years back and though it didn't exactly turn the place into an icehouse, it did take the edge off the extreme heat. John asked if I had any problem with my tools rusting, and until recently I thought that I hadn't. On closer inspection I have found that the cheaper tools do have minor rust spots on them, and I've had to get the WD40 out to protect them. Never thought I would have Houston problems in Phoenix!

It's probably a good thing there is some kind of cool in my garage because Cliff Philpott has been coming over once a week to work on the TR3 Project Car. There is still a pretty fair amount of work to be done on the car and time is growing short before we raffle it off in Laughlin, so anyone who has a free Tuesday morning is welcome to come over to help out. Just call me at 602-938-1282 and I'll give you directions.

At the last monthly meeting, member Bill Close volunteered to trailer the Project Car to Triumphest. Bill is relatively new to the club, and we thank him for his generous offer.

See the article below on the August club activity organized by Dave Riddle. This should prove to be a blast for anyone who attends, whether you participate or simply watch. I visited the new facility last week and these guys have put together a first class indoor racing operation. It reminds me of the indoor tracks I visited in Europe a few years ago, only with newer karts. It was really amazing to see the Walter Mittys in our group evolving into Fangios and Schumachers before the evenings were through. You don't have to be a race car driver to participate, and you'll wish you were one when you're through. Come help us have fun!

Mike Bayne



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO PROVIDE TRUCK/VAN TRANSPORTATION TO TRIUMPHEST

DCTRA has an urgent need for one or two volunteers who have access to a truck or van (and a driver). We'll need to haul a variety of equipment to Laughlin on Wednesday, October 16, 2002. If you can take on this task, or if you have contacts you can tap into, please contact Roger Guzowski at 602-997-2583 or John Truttman at 480-563-5938.

TRIUMPHEST 2002 APPROACHING QUICKLY!

If you don't have your registration sent in yet, please do it soon. The club desperately needs your registration funds for deposits to order regalia, reserve hotel space, etc. We also need volunteers for the many committees doing the planning and executing to make this Triumphest a fun and memorable experience for you, the Triumph enthusiast! Please call Roger Guzowski or John Truttman and let us know you'd like to help in some way.

If you've never been to a Triumphest before, you are in for a real treat. Do you like your TR? Do you enjoy fraternizing with other TR owners? You must! you joined a TR club right? How would you like to see 125-150 different TRs all in one place at the same time? You'll be able to talk to other owners about what they've done to their cars, share experiences, marvel at some of the truly pristine examples of ground-up restorations, and meet new friends. I for one can easily count up to 50 or so people who I know well, all of whom I met at various Triumphest gatherings. You joined DCTRA because you wanted to associate with people who share your enthusiasm for Triumphs. Well, you'll find lots of them at Triumphest, where people from all over the western United States gather annually to visit, catch up on all the news from the previous year, eat, drink, play games, go on tours, show off their hard work in the Funcours car show, kick tires and tell tall tales, and play with cars. If that's not enough, or not to your spouse's liking, consider that Triumphest is at a CASINO! There are shows, restaurants, gaming, and the Colorado River running alongside, with boat rides, dinner cruises, Parks and picnicking. The weather will be Arizona-fabulous, and you are guaranteed to have a good time, all at very low casino prices. Need some parts for your car? Triumphest is the place to buy them! Most of the major suppliers will be there, offering significant discounts on parts and shipping.

This year's Triumphest is shaping up to be a great. The event planners are anticipating a compact and well-organized weekend. Except for the banquet, all of the events will take place in a large pavilion-style tent adjacent to the hotel, or in the parking lot right next to the tent. This includes the Funcours, the Autocross, the Group Photo, the Vendor Sales area, the Hospitality Party, the Model and Photo contests, and the Pinewood Derby. The backdrop for all this activity is the cool and refreshing waters of the Colorado River flowing gently past our event. With all of this activity centrally located in one area for the entire weekend, there will be plenty for everyone to see and do, and lend a festive air to our Triumph version of "Oktoberfest". Don't miss it!

John Truttman

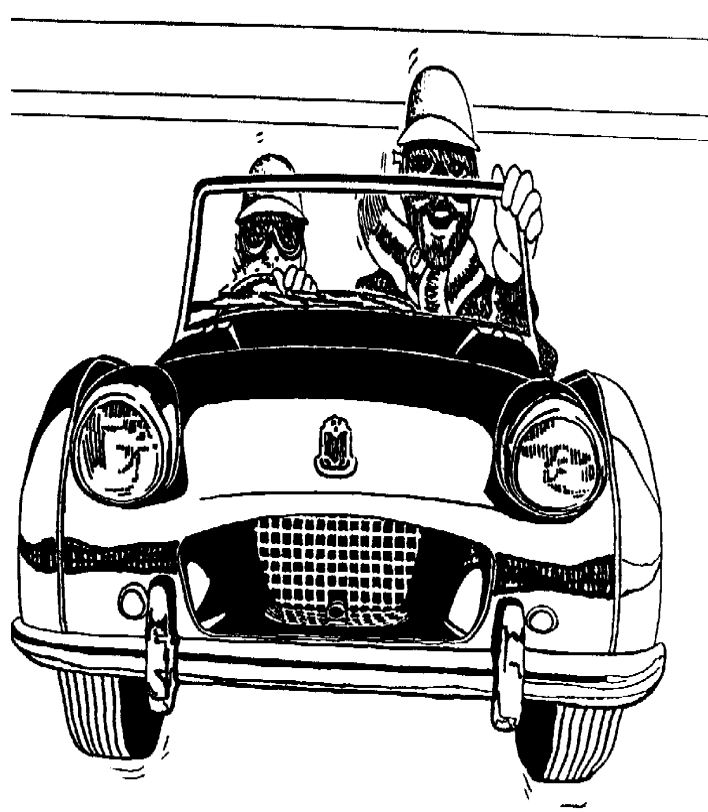
MORE THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST

The August event will be the Saturday afternoon racing at Speedway that Dave Riddle wrote about. These karts are looking like real fun, they seem to go fast and with a 1/4 mile track you can get some real racing experience. I realize this is probably a limited interest event. But we all like to see the NASCAR guys duke it out, perhaps you can get the feeling from this. I know the feeling of driving a performance car is unlike any other.

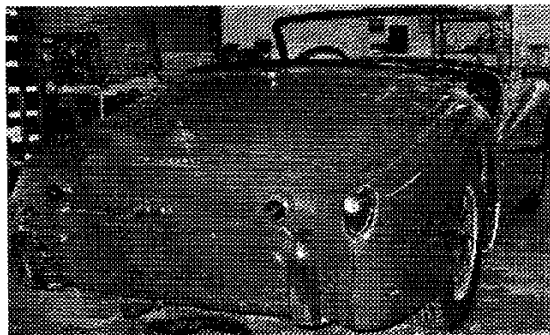
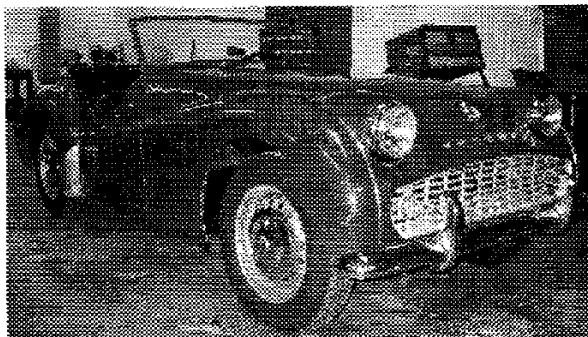
I intend to do this. The learning will sharpen your reflexes and timing. Looks like we can bring in pizza afterward or go to a restaurant for a dinner. For what you get this is not pricey. Our lady friends should get into this one also. Our last (and only) female Prez is a true race driver. See you there on the 17th.

The "other event" will be the monthly breakfast run. This is getting to be a fun easy and early event to get some summer driving in. We meet at 32nd & Shea Blvd 07:00 and leave at 07:30. I promise a relatively short run and a nice restaurant to kick back in. Get out the TR and join in. This is a good group of people to have breakfast with.

John Horton



DESERT CENTRE PROJECT CAR RAFFLE



Additional photographs of the car are on the DCTRA website: www.dctra.com
The Desert Centre Triumph Register of America has completed their 12 plus year project car. This is a red 1960 Tr/3, total frame off restoration. The car will be presented and raffled off at TRIUMPHEST, October 17th 2002, held at Laughlin, Nevada.

RULES OF RAFFLE.

Quantity of tickets sold will be 750 minimum, 1000 maximum.

Purchase price is \$20.00 each.

A duplicate ticket will be mailed to the purchaser by return mail. This ticket is your entry.

Ending date will be October 7th 2002, or when 1000 tickets are sold. No other tickets will be sold.

No refund of tickets allowed before or after the drawing.

The winning ticket will be drawn at TRIUMPHEST 2002 only. There are no other prizes.

Entrant need not be present to win.

The winning ticket must be presented to claim the car.

The winner (if not present) will be telephoned and notified by registered mail.

The car must be picked up at TRIUMPHEST, or at Phoenix, Arizona by arrangement. Any transportation costs are the winner's responsibility.

By signing and entering, you agree to these terms. No other terms are implied or indicated.

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ENTRY ADDRESS IS: PROJECT CAR FUND, DCTRA
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PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85053

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

Being tough desert rats, DCTRA members took part in two events last month. Our official club jaunt was the Ice Cream Social at Aubert's home. About a dozen members found it a good way to celebrate summer. Each person brought toppings to pile on their ice cream, a considerable variety.

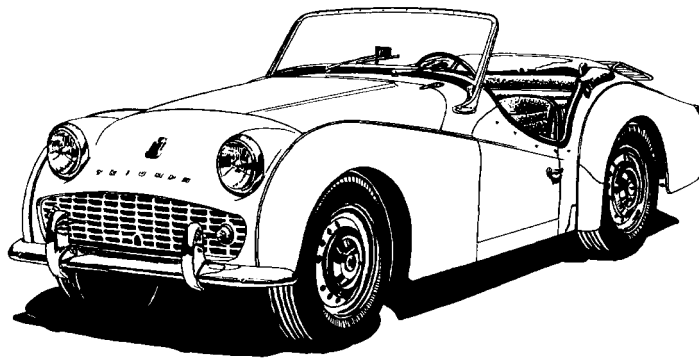
While some swam, others sat in a ring around the edge, splashing their feet in the water while discussing club business and the world in general. Perhaps our summer meetings should be held like this!

Rich got to show off his latest project, a 50's Dodge Apache truck in need of all his TLC. Our urge to restore oldies doesn't always confine itself to Triumphs. Thanks to the Auberts for their hospitality.

Later in the month, we dusted off the cars again to join in the British Breakfast Run, this time hosted by the British Motor Enthusiasts. This is always worth attending for the car show as well as for the camaraderie. Center of attention was Nuss' diesel-powered Austin taxi, Hiram. This you've got to see. Twenty five people got up early enough to leave 32nd St. & Cactus at 7:30 am for a half-hour rally that wound up at Chompie's at 32nd St. & Greenway, not far from our starting point. The only hard part was deciding what to order from their large menu. DCTRA has volunteered to lead the August Breakfast Run.

Note: DCTRA will be leading the next British Breakfast Run on August 18th. Let's see a big turnout from our club!

JOHN & BETH HORTON



WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

As discussed at the last DCTRA Meeting we will have an August activity at the new Speedway Indoor Kart track in Phoenix! The track is located between University and I-10 and just east of 21st street.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person. For that fee if we have ten or more members show up they will give us two races, helmet socks, T-shirts and the use of the upstairs meeting room where the club can bring in Pizza and Drinks.

RSVP to Dave Riddle at 480-610-8234 or by email at dave@microworks.net

Here is the basic information so you can start planning to attend. Sessions start with 2-3 laps for warm up and qualifying then the karts are forms up based on lap times and then you're off! After the race you get a copy of your times from the race. You can bring your own Snell or DOT rated helmet but make sure the sticker is still affixed or they won't let you use it. Also make sure you are NOT wearing open toe shoes.

For \$20.00 you can purchase a membership which gives you one of their licenses, a t-shirt and a head sock. After that races are just \$16.00 as a member. Plus you get a free race on your Birthday. So if you plan on going back to the place the membership is a good deal. They do not have kid karts yet, although they are planning on getting them. To drive the full size karts you will need to be at least 5' 2" tall and at least 13 years of age - they do have extensions on the pedals to accommodate drivers of various sizes (height-wise that is! hehe). Currently they allow up to 14 karts on the track at once and passing is kind of tough as their are only really two (maybe three if you are brave) areas where passes can be pulled off by diving up the inside and late braking into the corner.

The track has a website at <http://www.speedwayraceway.com> so you can see more details and pictures.

It is actually very easy to find this place: From the West: Get off I-10 at 16th Street and go south to University where you will turn left onto University. Cross over the railroad tracks and turn left at their big vinyl sign onto 21st Street. Take this until it deadends into I-10 (essentially) and then turn into what would be the loading dock area of this warehouse district (there is a vinyl sign on the fence). At the far East end of the docks is where you will find them.

From the East: Get off I-10 at 24th Street and go south to University. Turn right onto University and travel west to 21st Street and turn north back towards I-10. Follow the rest of the directions as indicated above.

Start your engines!

Dave Riddle

TR3 TR4 TR4A TR250

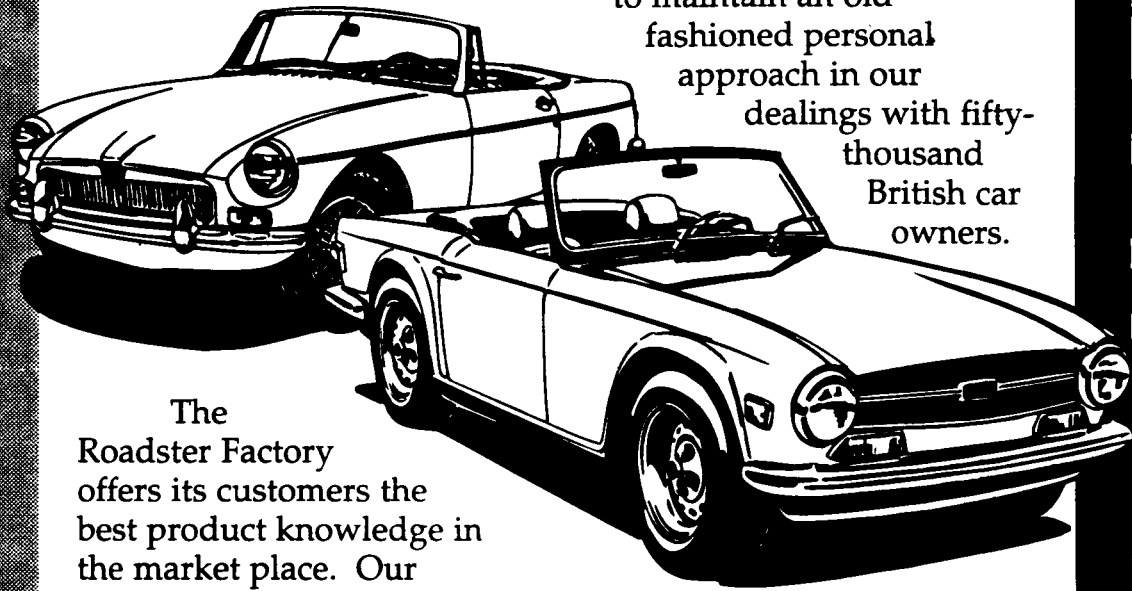
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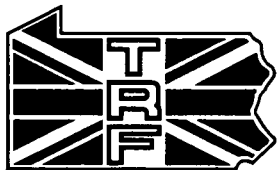
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