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MEETING: FEBRUARY 12 @ 7:00 PM
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

For membership information, contact Tom Pennell at 928-537-3355

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PROJECT CAR STATUS

It's almost finished! Tasks are down to one-man jobs. Cliff will be at British Sportscar Service just about every Tuesday. Come on down! Donuts will be provided.

British Sportscar Service
4290 E. Indian School Rd.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9

WICKENBURG GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE

Meet at Crescent Hotel - I-17 & Dunlap

7:00 AM

Check details in the "All over the West" box!

FEBRUARY 17

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN - HOSTED BY DCTRA

32nd & Shea

7:30 AM to leave at 8:00

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Just after the Champagne Brunch last year (2001), Ron Strong's car was broken into and the Club's checkbook was stolen. Ron's prompt action in putting the Club's account on "hold" prevented the thief from accessing any of the money, but the records of who had paid their dues for 2001 were lost. Therefore, a number of members were not credited with having paid their 2001 dues. We have been trying to sort this mess out all year, and now here it is 2002 already! So, we have decided to implement the following plan: We have made a reasonable guess as to who paid their 2001 dues, and have advanced those expiration dates to 01/31/2002. The membership list on the Web at:

<http://www.dctra.org/news/memlist.pdf>

is the most current record of your expiration date. To publish a hard-copy list in the newsletter would be expensive and (I believe) unnecessary. Please check it out and let me know if there's a problem. E-mail me at TR3tom@cybertrails.com.Thanks.

Tom Pennell

EDITORS DESK

Recently I have found Triumphs and their faithful servants in the most unexpected places. Last week I was giving my two-year-old grandson his introduction to top-down British driving, and on the way back home, just a block away, was a gent working on a gorgeous green TR-4. Hes doing a ground-up restoration and is quite a ways along in the job. (Hes also installed a 350 Chevy engine in it, but its so nice we wont quibble about accuracy.) The crazy thing is, Ive driven by his house in my Spitfire for over six years, hes been doing the resto for a few, and weve never noticed each other! Guess well both have to pay more attention.

My other find was a bit more unusual. Ive been regularly stopping at the corner 7-11 store for incidental purchases for a few years now, and have only had the usual hi-bye comments exchanged with the Middle-Eastern guy who always seems to be there. His wife is usually there working with him and more often than not they are conversing in whatever their native tongue is. I always assumed they were fresh off the boat from India or Pakistan. Last Sunday evening when I stopped by the store I was wearing my blue TR polo shirt and he asked me if I drove a Triumph. I told him about my Spitfire and he proceeded to tell me about the TR-7 he used to own back in Islamabad, and his enthusiasm for his TR was every bit as great as mine. The store wasnt very busy, and we talked for about five minutes about our cars, a common interest that I never would have believed that we should have. When I left I felt just a twinge of guilt for some of the feelings Ive had in light of recent world events. I guess all ambassadors werent made by Rambler.

Mike Bayne



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

Thirty-four members attended the annual Champagne Brunch & Election of Officers for 2002 at Michael Montis on January 13th. The results of the election were: President ! Roger Guzowski, Vice President ! John Horton, Secretary ! Deta Hampsch, Treasurer ! George Montgomery.

A new monthly meeting place was selected: Manuels Mexican Restaurant, 2820 E. Indian School Road in Phoenix. Meeting time will remain the same, 7:00pm. John Horton spoke about a new bill that is due to be introduced in the State Legislature that would eliminate emissions testing for collector cars (details elsewhere in the newsletter).

Volunteers are needed for Triumphest 02. The dates are October 17th through 19th, in Laughlin. Contact Roger about volunteering. Tom Pennell spoke about membership issues, as well as availability of shares for the Project Car.

Deta Hampsch

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

WANTED: TR3 or TR4 - Needs to be clean and rust free. Contact Dave Riddle at dave@microworks.net or by phone at 480-610-8232. (02/02)

FOR SALE: Tube shock conversion kits for TR-6. Multiple orders will bring the price WAY down! Call John Horton 602-843-1399 (02/02)

FOR SALE: 1970 TR-6 - Requires full restoration but is complete has excellent chassis / body with no rust. California car, new front fenders, rebuilt cylinder head. \$2500. Call Tony Chapman 602-956-5101 or e-mail to achapman@home.com. (02/02)

FOR SALE: 1971 TR-6 - Project car. Runs, drives, needs work. \$3200 OBO. Call Gene Rogers 602-617-1912 or 480-926-6142 (02/02)

For Sale - 1962 TR4. Original Arizona/California car with very little rust. Straight body. Car has strong engine (excellent compression, not an oil burner). New tires, brake hoses, battery, teak dash, front bumper, dash pads, trans tunnel, other new parts. Replaced gas tank and wiring loom, recored radiator, rebuilt generator, brake & clutch master cylinders, overhauled carbs. License, title and registration are current. Needs repainting and interior finished. Includes 1 gallon of Dupont Centari Signal Red paint. Actual cost records and invoices available. Price - \$2,750. Steve Francois, 480-946-3590 (12/01)

Wanted - TR-6 in decent running and cosmetic condition as I would like a good car to start from in restoring it. 480-610-8234 (12/01)

For Sale - 1972 MG Midget - Red roadster - New engine - body and interior original. Call Bill Maybaum at 480-905-9071 (01/02)

THE PREZ SEZ

Thanks to all of you who shared in our annual Champagne Brunch in January. Over the years this has been a nice opportunity for the majority of our members to get together in a little more formal setting and talk over the happenings of the past year and plan for the new year. Im most appreciative of the vote of confidence you gave me in re-electing me President, and with John, Deta and George helping me Im sure we can accomplish the things we need to this year.

Dont forget to send in your reservations for this years BEAT, April 20th & 21st. This year promises to be the best yet with a change of venue to the Little America Inn in Flagstaff. The accommodations they have arranged for us and our Sunday gathering should prove to be quite nice. Remember to call soon to make your room reservations (1-800-352-4386).

With A Smile, Roger Guzowski

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***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)

February 9 - Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Parade - DCTRA participated in this parade last year and we all had a ball! Parade starts at 10:00 AM in Wickenburg - we need to be there at 9:00 AM to stage. Meet at the Crescent Hotel parking lot (where the B.E.A.T. starts) at 7:00 AM so we can depart at 7:15.

February 17 - All British Breakfast Run - Hosted by DCTRA. Meet at 32nd & Shea at 7:30 AM for an 8:00 AM departure.

February 23-24 - Highland Games - Mesa Community College

March 10 - Wheels of Britain Car Show - Heritage Square - Registration information inside.

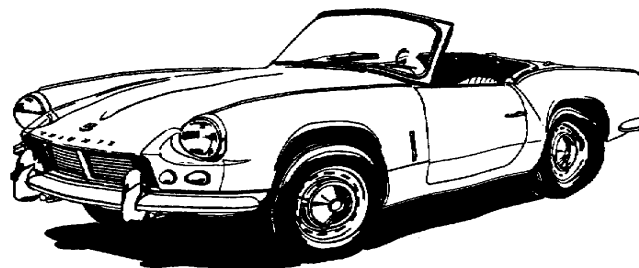
March 17 - All British Breakfast Run - Hosted by the Mini Club. 32nd & Shea at 7:30 AM. (Annual "Pancakes in the Park" ABBR).

April 20 - 21 - 5th Annual British - European Auto Tour (The B.E.A.T.) Flyer and entry form inside.

April 26-28 - 11th Annual British Car Show - Las Cruces, NM. Call Joe Machado, Jr. at 915-581-3123 (H) or 915-204-6185 (cell). OR, e-mail to machado338@cs.com OR George Duckworth at 505-526-2318 or gclydel@aol.com

No breakfast run in April - too much else going on.

May breakfast run will be hosted by the Lotus Club - date to be announced.



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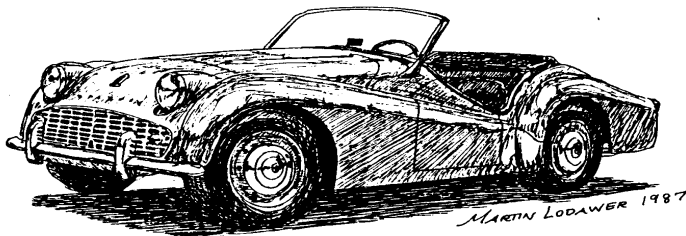


EVENTS, ANYONE?

I will endeavor to have a years worth of interesting events for all. This months event is the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Parade. Last year we had about a dozen cars there and had a great time. This is a very large parade with over 130 units. It lasted a couple of hours. The weather is cool with no overheating problems. The details are: Meet at the Crescent Hotel north parking lot, east side of I-17 at Dunlap at 7:30 for an 8:00am departure. We need to be in Wickenburg at 9:15am. No problem. The parade starts at 10:00am, and we should go off shortly after that. We will have the chance to view the remainder of the parade after we finish, and then stop for lunch on the way back. Last year when we stopped for lunch we saw John Wayne. Maybe well see him again this year.

Next month we will have the Wheels of Britain Show at Heritage Square on March 10th. There is also a breakfast run on February 17th. The breakfast run is really getting to be a fun event. We will be hosting it this month. Show up for a reasonably short run and a good breakfast.

Cheerio, John Horton



JANUARY BREAKFAST RUN

A goodly group were huddled in the parking lot when we arrived, waiting for the sun to rise and warm things up. Those of us without hats and mittens were reminded that it was indeed January. The Blahaks informed us that 33 people had signed in, and passed around the shortest rally instruction ever.

We managed to follow the instructions, all three turns, winding up at the Home Town Buffet in Scottsdale. After a good breakfast, good fellowship and a prize raffle, we wound our way home earlier than usual.

DCTRA members out for the run were Auberts, Cooke and Schmidt, Guzowski, Hortons, Laswells and Nuss. In February its our clubs turn to lead the breakfast bunch

Beth Horton

HOUSE BILL 2496 PROGRESS

Jan 12th - There are some misconceptions about the pending legislation and my involvement for emissions. Maybe this can clear it up. The bill is in semi-finished form and is designed to modify the existing law concerning registration and emissions. This bill is designed as a starting point to correct the problems we face each year. It is not a complete and final solution to the problems. We can only take one small item at a time. The basic intent is to cover the collector cars used infrequently. There is no verbiage included about mileage. As the insurance

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companies have different requirements for collector cars, the state will not include a mileage provision.

First this creates a class of collector/modified/antique/special interest cars that will be free from the emissions farce we all deal with each year. This class of cars will have a one-time registration fee of approximately \$145.00. This registration will be permanent to the owner, as long as collector car insurance is maintained.

Proof of "collector car" insurance must be provided at the time of registration. A special plate or an existing vanity plate and sticker will be issued.

Some thinking is that these cars used infrequently are not a pollution problem due to lack of use. The older fleet of cars comprises about .01 % of the total fleet of cars. The daily driver clunk that some people cannot afford to upgrade will over time become obsolete and taken off the road. The 1996 and newer cars do not have emission requirements. The only cars that are a problem are the old car fleet.

At this time there is no way to cover the daily driver. We need to start with a small bite out of the emissions pie. This pending legislation will have a number next week. I will advise and ask you ALL to contact your legislator to both co-sponsor it and vote for it. This is NOT a done deal: we need to show a combined front of collector owners to force its passage.

Some questions have been raised about my involvement with the "fat fender" crowd. I am on the board of directors of the AAHC. It is true they are mostly American car owners. They and we are in desperate need of this legislation. PLEASE assist each one of us in helping pass this bill. I believe the emissions program in Arizona will die within the next few years as it has in other states. It simply is not getting the results that all the money that has been spent on it warrants.

Jan 17th - Here is the scoop on emissions. The bill now named HB2496 has been entered in the House of Representatives. This is the emissions legislation we have been hoping for every time we take our collector cars in to grind pass the emissions smog Gestapo. Although it effects those in Maricopa and Pima counties, we need universal support from ANYONE in or out of these areas. Here is the way it is structured. At this time there are 19 co-sponsors to this legislation, this is GOOD.

A. Qualifications are: a collector car will have collector or special interest insurance to cover it for infrequent use. There will be a daily driver car for each licensed driver in these households.

B. Upon payment of a fee, approximately \$145.00 you will be issued a stamp showing this is a collector car. You can retain your present plates. Your car will then be exempt from the emissions requirements for as long as you own the car.

C. If you sell the car the next owner will have to get new collector car status by paying the onetime fee.

At this time there is no provisions for daily drivers. This bill is due to be considered by the Transportation committee on Monday two weeks from now. WE have until

then to act. The following is necessary. The list below is the members of the transportation committee. We need to e-mail them to pass this bill out of committee ASAP. Please e-mail them with a plea to help pass this bill. The writer is rep Dean Cooley. He is the chairman of this committee. Also please contact your own legislator to support and vote for HR2496 The others are:

note the e-mail is as follows

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E-mail these AND copy me. I need to carry in MANY requests to pass this bill. Do Not broadcast this message. E-mail each member individually. The legislatures do not tend to open mass mailings. Ask them to pass this and to vote when it comes up for passage. If this is done we will make this happen.

Jan 24th - This morning we met with some members of the transportation committee. Their opinion is that this piece of legislation should pass. It will be assigned to the environment committee. We will need to lobby them for passage, before this comes to the house for a vote.

The bill will come out of the transportation committee OK. This meeting will be on February 4th at 01:30 in the conference room. IMPORTANT if you can come to this meeting please do so. The more people attending will enforce the passage of this bill. 50 or more people would be excellent.

When the bill comes up for the environment committee I will advise the people to e-mail. We will also set up a display of collector cars in the space between the house and senate on that day. There should be three foreign, and five others. I.E. Rod, Restored, Muscle, Antique, and another style.

This will repeat again with the senate. I believe the bill will pass both houses with our support and lobbying. We must not relax.

News: There will be transportation meeting this Monday to take up the HB2496. I will attend with the documentation I have gathered. Many thanks for your help in getting the word out. Next we will need to contact your legislator in your district to vote for the bill as it clears the house sub committee.

I will keep you all informed. I am meeting with the members of the transportation committee individually on Thursday to convince any that are not sure this is good. Try in your notes to make them understand the bill will incur no additional cost to the State in these times of cost cutting.

John Horton

DCTRA 2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

-or-

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SPACE IS LIMITED TO 185 AUTO & MOTORCYCLE ENTRIES. THERE WILL BE SPECIAL DISPLAYS AND EVENTS. TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH CATEGORY. THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE DRAWING AND GAMES.

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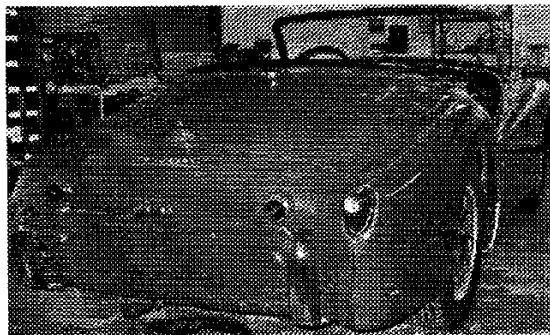
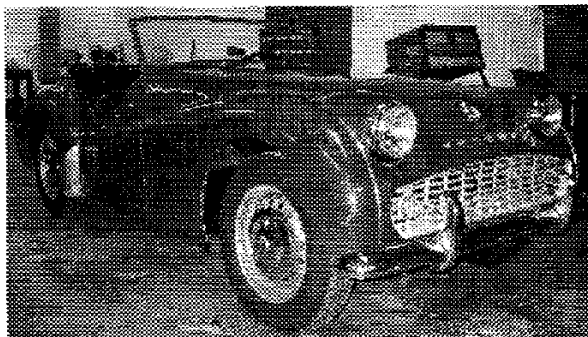
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Additional photographs of the car are on the DCTRA website: www.dctra.com

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

Purchase price is \$20.00 each.

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Entrant need not be present to win.

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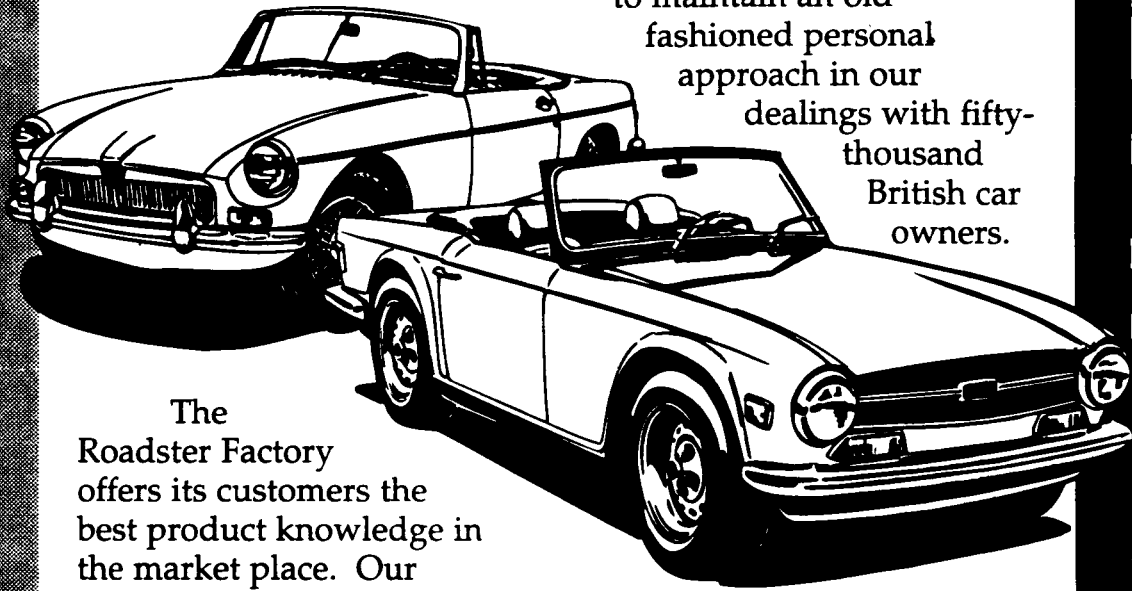
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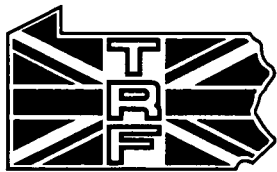
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