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FROM THE PRESIDENT -----

Hello to all. The pool party was an enormous success. Everyone got wet, had a satisfying meal, and exchanged a lot of T.R.B.S. Not a few cans of the golden liquid (beer, not oil) were consumed and I believe that a good time was had by all. Thank you for coming.

I must apologize for not being present at our June business meeting. but my employer seems to feel that my presence elsewhere was required. As might be expected, my employer is going to require my absence again for the July meeting, so I'll apologize in advance for missing that one.

Gracie and I are sorry to say that we'll miss the outing at Dale Janet's cabin this month, but we're sure that you'll all have enough fun. See you next-month.

During a recent business trip to England, I stole some time to visit Cox and Buckles Spares and to meet some of the folks associated with the British TR Register. I was royally entertained by several members of the Wessex group (southern England), particularly Mr. Alec Pringle. Alec was one of the prime movers in the TR-8 turbo effort at Lemans in 1980. (He even sold his TR-6 and donated the money to the cause) Alec is living proof that car people are the world's best people, no matter what their nationality. I'm sure that Alec and company would appreciate a letter or two from our centre. Here are a couple of addresses:

Alec Pringle
13 Stockbridge Gardens
Chichester, W. Sussex
England

Dennis & Di Fatcher
Newlands, Hill Pound
Swanmore, Southampton
England

Since I have now seen Cox & Buckles Spares (remember, they're the guys who have repro'd many out-of-production parts). I feel even more strongly that we TR owners must stick together. Without the support of the T.R.A. and the British TR Register, Pete Cox and Pete Buckles (and their counterman Pete Wigglesworth) would not have a business, and we would not have a source of TR parts. The Roadster Factory is C & B's largest and most knowledgable customer in the U.S.. They also supply the other guys (Moss Motors, Start Your Engines, etc.), but Pete Buckles says that Charles Runyon's Roadster Factory is the best. I agree, as Charles has a great deal of my money.

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The more astute among you will notice that the upper part of this column reads as if it was printed last month. It would have been if I had delivered it to Mr. Gallen, but I obviously didn't. Once more I owe many apologies. Reports of good times at the cabin have come to me, and I trust you all had a good July. I seem to have missed the entire month.

Since our return on July 29th, I have been working steadily on my rumored red TR-3. The engine/transmission unit is now re-installed and I have high hopes that the car will be completely ready for the trip to Lake Havasu in October.

Speaking of the trip, be sure to come to the September business

meeting as we will be ready to accept reservations for the weekend. Judging from the turnout at the August meeting (one member and yours truly), the rest of you must have thought we cancelled it. Not so. DCTRA will have a business meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Pizza Inn, 3222 East Indian School Road, Phoenix, even if nobody shows up. Scheduled gavel-rapping is at 7:30 P.M.. Everyone is welcome, not just DCTRA members.

Let's get 'em rolling
Tom Pennell

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LAKE HAVASU TRIP INFORMATION

Arrangements have been made for special rates at the motel in Lake Havasu City. If you would like a room with one queen size bed, the cost will be \$ 15 per night. If you would like a room with two (2) double size beds, the cost will be \$ 18 per night. The motel has a swimming pool and restaurant.

A banquet has been arranged for Saturday night. The total cost on this will be \$ 7.09 per person. This includes everything, sales tax and gratuity. The meal will have several different main courses.

A special breakfast has been arranged at the cost of \$ 3.30 per person.

The club is planning to go up in caravan style. There will be one group leaving on Friday night and one group leaving on Saturday morning. The exact times of departure and places of departure have not been decided yet. They will be published in next month's newsletter. Traveling with the caravan will assure you of help in case of any mechanical problems while enroute.

Our club will be joined in Lake Havasu by the Southern California Triumph Club and the RX-7 car club of Phoenix. It looks like there will be a lot of car people there having a good time.

If you are going, which I am sure all of you are, please notify the club president (Tom Pennell) at once. A \$ 10 deposit is requested which will go towards the room. This is to insure us that we will have enough rooms for everyone.

If you have never been to Lake Havasu, you are in for a real treat. The London Bridge and the little English town makes you feel like you are back in old England. The quaint little shops are a real pleasure to shop in. The candle shop has candles of all sorts, shapes and colors. Of course there are the souvenir shops for that little memento to bring home to remember your visit. Be sure to bring your camera because there are plenty of sights to take pictures of. For the people who like the water, there is plenty of water sports on the Colorado River. There is also several parks with sand beaches for a lazy way to spend an afternoon and to do some swimming. Whatever you like to do, sightseeing, swimming, or just plain being lazy and relaxing, you can find it to do in Lake Havasu. We are sure you will have an enjoyable time and a weekend you will never forget. This will be a nice mini vacation for all.

So remember the weekend of October 18th and 19th is the date and Lake Havasu is the place for all Triumph car buffs.

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