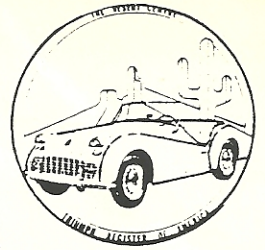


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Christmas Party - Dec. 17
John Gallen's - - 3443 W.
Belmont. 8:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
TBA at meeting (???)

NOTES FROM THE SEC'Y

A record 28 people turned out for our November Fall Family Picnic. We even welcomed a new member, William Fussner. His red 1957 Corvette fit right in with all the RED TR's that showed up (6 out of 8). He is rebuilding a 1961 TR3 - a frame-up restoration. The only oddballs were the Coles and Hacks who drove yellow cars, a TR250 and TR3A.

The weather was perfect, the food fantastic (even Ed Deering's Bar-B-Q'd rattlesnake), and we all had a fun-filled afternoon. It was Jeff Bailey's 22nd birthday (were we ever that young?), so we all sang "Happy Birthday" while he blew out the candle on his cupcake.

Our illustrious events chairman (Sieg Heil, Herr Gallen) led us in several games that prove once again how much fun it is to make a fool of yourself. The winners were:

- SIMON SAYS - David Hunt
- FAN BELT TOSS - Gary Winterheimer
- 3 LEGGED RACE - Tom & Gracie Pennell
- SPOON RACE - Ed Deering
- SOFTBALL CARRY - Virgil Cole

Tom Pennell announced that the DCTRA was invited by the Austin-Healey Club to join them for a Gymkhana and Slalom on December 4th. The afternoon ended with several members rallying over to the Larsen's to witness and celebrated the earth shattering, long awaited event - THE STARTING OF TOM LARSEN'S TR4 ENGINE!!! - and to think we all said that it didn't really exist!

11-8-83

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The November meeting came to order at Trapper's Restaurant at 8:15 PM. OLD BUSINESS - Rehashed TRA WEST 83. Pictures were passed and admired. Tom announced all the hats were sold and have had 3 more orders. A minimum of 10 is necessary to place an order. The motion was made and passed to pay for 10 hats with club funds and sell at later functions. The sale of T-shirts was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS - Phil Hunt and John Gallen volunteered to help coordinate TRA WEST '84. Several suggestions were made, including having it on the same weekend as the Thunderbird Classic Baññ Race (mid-Nov.), opening our homes to host out-of-town participants, and possible a Champagne breakfast at the balloon launching. Anyone with ideas or help to offer, please contact Phil or John.

Bob Schaller asked that we all recognize the effort and ingenuity of Sue Hunt in creating our club flag - for those who haven't seen it, you'll be impressed!

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

The floor was opened for nominations for next year's club officers. Nominations made and accepted were:

PRESIDENT - John Gallen
NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Tom and Gracie Pennell
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Bev Peterson
EVENTS CHAIRMAN - Phil Hunt

Tom Pennell stated that he would not accept the nomination for president, but would like to see greater participation by newer members. Anyone wishing to either make a nomination, or who would like to be considered for any position may contact Tom. The final nominations and vote will be made at the January Champagne Breakfast.

The subject of a meeting place was discussed with no definite solution made as yet. (Actually, the HUNAN RESTAURANT is this month's effort, so we'll see how it goes)

The Schaller/Pennell racing team looks like a shoo-in for the Phoenix International Raceway Enduro on Dec. 18th. We discussed the possibility of a caravan out to cheer them on to victory. (actually, since John's party is the previous night, we may need some able assistants to carry said erstwhile racing team into the pits that day).

Treasurer's report - Balance as of 11-23-83 : \$205.98

FROM THE PREZ _ _ _

December has arrived. Time for Ho- HO- HO!! and all that jazz. Also time for some reflection on 1983 as the year that was. I am ver happy to report that we close 1983 with the largest number of members in our history, and the biggest bank account we have ever had. These bits of good news are further enhanced by the fact that 1983 was also our biggest year for events and participation. the high point of course was TRA WEST. Look forward to TRA WEST 1984, which will be hosted by the Desert Centre. Phil Hunt has volunteered to honcho the event, so look to him for progress reports as the time draws near.

As You can see by Bev's report, all four Club offices have one candidate, so that more names can be added to the list. Anyone interested in running for one of these offices should make it known during the December meeting. Nominations will also be accepted at JANUARY'S Cahmpagne Brunch. Elections will be held that day also.

Welcome to new members: William Fussner
Jack and Kathy Livingston
Judy and Dave Gross

Bill joined at our November picnic while showing off his beautiful 1957 Corvette. Judging from his workmanship on that car, the 1961 TR3A should be a real showpiece when its finished.

Jack, Kathy, Judy, and Dave come to us from the former 6-Pack club in Phoenix. If you will remember, TRA's membership voted to invite owners of ALL Triumph motor-cars to join (contrary to policy of TRA National, which states TR 2's and 3's only). We can now boast to world that our membership includes owners of TR 2 through 6 models as well as the Spit. Never mind Pete and Bev, who have at least one of each.

A hearty "WELCOME ABOARD" to these new members, and we are looking forward to seeing them all at upcoming meetings and events.

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday, Dec. 17th at John Gallen's home (3443 W. Belmont).

You are also invited to come to watch the ASRA Mini-Enduro at PIR on the afore-stated date of Dec. 18. Bob and I vow that we will not have to be carried to the race that day - we're going to win this one as well. Open-wheel and closed-wheel ASRA cars will race for one hour each, PRO motorcycles will race for two hours. The first race will begin about 10:30 AM.

The following member's dues are due!!

Tom and Gracie Pennell	12/31
Bob and Jeneva Schaller	12/31

Send in your dues NOW !! The address is:

DCTRA
Bev Peterson, Treasurer
4343 E. Hubbell St.
Phoenix, AZ. 85008

We expect to see you at the December meeting at the HUNAN CHINESE RESTAURANT. Come for dinner at about 7:00 PM and the meeting will start at 8:00 or so. Many thanks to August Lopez for making arrangements with Mr. Lee of the HUNAN.

LET'S KEEP 'EM ROLLING!!

TOM

Advertisement:(one you may or may not have seen - has since passed into obscurity)

"LUCAS - you can depend on it!! (unfortunately) "

Happy Holidays!