



Triumph Trumpeter



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MAY 10
KACHINA INN 8:00 P.M.
1102 N. CENTRAL
SEE YOU THERE! SEE YOU THERE!

MAY 1983

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CARS FOR CURES - AUTO SHOW
MAY 21-22-
TURF PARADISE - FREE !!

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our April Rallye turned out the largest number of TR's yet for a driving event. John's unique loop-the-loop course proved interesting and entertaining. Although one of the TR's did not reach the finish (and we still don't know where he went), everyone commented on the good time they had. In keeping with his tradition, John gave useful items as trophies, including one of the highly-praised Eagle wheel cleaning kits. A highlight of the day was that two more Triumph enthusiasts have joined our ranks (make that four). Please welcome aboard Dave and Mary Mott, with their roll-bar equipped red TR-3A and Fred Peck and his wife ??? (our apologies - we will have to give you top billing next issue), with their white TR-3A.

Some of you may have noticed that there was a race during April at Eloy. The only DCTRA members to display their cars at the show were Bob Schaller and Pete Peterson. Other marque clubs (Alfa, BMW, Corvette) had big and impressive turnouts. Would somebody tell me what it takes to get all of our TR's to one place? We're open to any suggestions.

The last ASRA race of the 1983 Spring session will be held at Phoenix Internation Raceway on May 15. Pit passes are only \$4.00. Practice sessions in the morning and races in the afternoon make for interesting spectating all day long, so come on out. Your Prez could use the moral support.

This will be the LAST newsletter for the following people whose dues are due NOW (actually, several months ago). The curtain is falling, and we really don't want to lose touch with you good friends.

- Rich and Barb Pace 12-31-82
- Joe and Wendy Chavez 9-30-82
- ~~Kon and Cindy Steorza 10-30-82~~ yea!
- Bob and Peggie Horn 12-31-82
- ~~Edgar and Bettye Brammon 01-31-83~~ whoopee!
- Jon Leet 01-31-83
- Joe and Carol Reagle 01-31-83
- Dale and Janet Behie 01-31-83
- Larry Kutz 01-31-83

The May meeting will be held at the Kachina Inn, 1102 N. Central at 8:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month (May 10). Tom Larsen and Phil Hunt will present a slide show at the meeting, covering past DCTRA events and the Eloy Grand Prix. This is a GREAT show and you won't want to miss it! Hope to see all of you there!

LET'S KEEP 'EM ROLLING!
TOM

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CARS FOR CURES - MAY 21 and 22

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This event is a traditional one in the Phoenix area. Proceeds from spectator's admissions go towards children's medical research. Last year I understand that flies were the only problem, but we have been assured that this year the flies have not been invited. It is held at Turf Paradise and considering the recent weather, should be beautiful. I understand that it is not only a good time, but a chance to see what the other clubs in the Valley have been doing, as well as a lot of well-kept and restored machinery. We plan to attend at least one day, and hope to see the rest of you there. If you have any questions about details, call Tom , or contact John Pepperell (Hobbyist Council) at 978-2569. It does start in the mornings of both days, but I do not have precise times.

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It is with deep regret that we must announce that Bev and Pete Peterson are selling their oldest children. Yes, indeed - Reaganomics strikes even unto this conservative heartland. I would urge all of you to stand by Bev and Pete in this time of sorrow.

- 1964 TR4 (in pieces). FREE if you pick it up and take it all. In storage in Indiana.
- 1954 TR2 Long door. TS 1925L0. Car is also in pieces but has many extra parts. Make offer.
- 1959 TR3A. Body completely restored and painted (Hassell Studios) Engine and transmission good. Front end and clutch rebuilt in 1981. Interior restored to original except for door panels (good but not correct). This car looks and runs good. New Tires.
- 1961 TR3A. 500 miles on new engine. Transmission bad. Good body, ugly interior. Make offer.
- 1973 TR6. Factory air and overdrive. Always an Arizona car. Clean body and interior.
- 1974 MG Midget (Spot) Ugly body- a little rust and a few dents. Make offer.

Call Pete or Bev Peterson at 273-0285. Operators will be standing by to take your calls.

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1963 TR4 CT:15707L White with a red interior. Has surrey top with steel roof panel. Engine and drive train strong. Very Clean. Call after 5PM. Jerry Manguso 946-7805

This is an except from the DZUS DNUZ that we thought you might appreciate. In the words of the author,"--there are a lot of people out there today who have never lived with a real, live sports car. for that unfortunate group, I will only say that everything written below actually happened, and worse yet, it all happened to me in the few short years I owned my first TR-3."

The TR-3 was:

Stepping over the door.

Putting your Steak and Shake tray on the pavement after the carhop gave up trying to fit the tray on a downhill door

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TR-3 was:(cont.)

Looking over the windshield
Driving in the rain with the top down and staying dry.
Explaining to your date that her stockings are smoldering because the stuff dripping onto her legs is battery acid.
Learning to drive by the tach after the fourth speedometer cable eats itself.
The looks on other people's faces when you reach down and stub your cigarette on the pavement.
Getting hit in the forehead with a bug.
Pulling the jack plugs out to drain out the rainwater.
Losing your "TR key" just before you need the spare tire.
Knowing immediately that the reason the revs dropped from 4000 to 800 just as you pulled out into 60 mph traffic is that the throttle linkage fell apart again.
Wondering why anyone would buy a sissy MGA.
Learning to light a cigarette under the dashboard while steering with one elbow at 65 mph.
Trying to get up the nerve, just once, to leap in over the trunk.
Wondering if Tom McCahill really does know a TR-3 driver who braids his chest hair.
Feeling a twinge of regret, and muttering that some day you'll buy another one, every time you see a battered old 3 sitting along the road and think back to the one you should have never sold.

Thanks to John Tuleibitz, Vintage Voice Steel Cities Regional Newsletter (Mar. 1983)

