



# Triumph TRumpeter



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DESERT CENTRE — TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

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### MONTHLY MEETING:

August 14th                      Tuesday                      7:00 P.M.                      Hunan Restaurant  
1575 E. Camelback Road      Phoenix, AZ

There will be a lot of important things to discuss at this next meeting so try to attend if you haven't attended before. TRA West is still in the planning stages and volunteers are still needed. At the last meeting some important decisions were made - such as what size steak to have and will there be baked potatoe with it or not. This could be serious business! Don't miss the next exciting decision to be made - it might be important to you. VTR will be discussed and perhaps there will be a decision made for or against seeking local chapter status for D.C.T.R.A. Be a part of your club and help us make it the club you want it to be.  
TRIUMPHS FOREVER!!!

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### TRA NATIONAL AWARDS WON BY D.C.T.R.A. MEMBERS

Tom and Marilyn Larsen drove all the way to the Richfield, Ohio TRA National and did not come back empty handed. They brought to the last meeting (July) two beautiful silver plaques - one for 1st place in "Roll Up Windows" and the other for "Traveling the Farthest" to the meet. CONGRATULATIONS!!! And then to get the kinks out of his legs after driving 6,000 miles, Tom took a five-day vacation and went BACKPACKING on Mount Baldy!

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### NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

This month I will try to communicate with all those members who are, shall we say, inactive. I know that there are not too many of you because we have been having large turnouts at the meetings and the activities. But I would like to see you "inactive" members join in on all the fun.

I know there are times when D.C.T.R.A.'s schedule of activities conflicts with your job, family affairs, or vacations. Of course, there could be the reasons of weather, car trouble, good television program, lawn needs mowing, or it could be that it is

just plain laziness. If any of these are not the reason, and surely it couldn't be the D.C.T.R.A. activities because we have a well rounded program because the club members decide what activities are scheduled. So there must be another reason.

First of all, the monthly business meeting is held on the SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. Now this is easy to remember and you can plan for these meetings well in advance. These meetings are not like the ones you have at work that are dull and dreary, but are an open discussion of what has happened and what will happen plus some just plain fun - and everyone likes to have fun. Now it could be the place we have the meetings, HUNAN'S RESTAURANT at 16th Street and Camelback. The location is about as dead center as you can get to the middle of the valley which makes it easier for everyone. Then maybe you don't like Chinese food. The meetings start at 7 P.M. and dinner is afterwards so that if you don't like Chinese food, then you are free to go home or some other eating establishment. Well, I am sure then it couldn't be the reason concerning the monthly business meeting.

Maybe it is the reason that your Triumph doesn't run and you are ashamed of its condition and maybe your mechanical knowledge is not the best in the world and you are afraid that you would be embarrassed. Now this is the worst reason in the world because the club members are very much interested in helping you get your car running so that you can enjoy the fun of driving a Triumph. Now when it comes to mechanical knowledge, no one knows less than me and that is why I rely upon other club members to help me keep my car running. So this couldn't be a reason. Even club members are not required to drive their Triumphs to meetings or other activities.

D.C.T.R.A. people come from all walks of life from store clerks to computer experts to doctors, but they all have one thing in common, TRIUMPHS. So no matter what you do, you will fit in.

Now for the other reasons which can be eliminated very simply with your cooperation. WEATHER can't be a factor because the club functions go on year round and there is bound to be some nice days along the way. If you are having car trouble, just give another club member a telephone call and they will be happy to help you fix your car or give you a ride. We all have TELEVISION PROGRAMS that we want to see so if there is one on you don't want to miss then buy yourself a video recorder and tape your program - then you can watch it at anytime. If your LAWN NEEDS MOWING, then tear out the grass and plant a desert yard. If it is JUST PLAIN LAZINESS, then you are in big trouble and I can't help you.

I have now eliminated all your excuses except for one, and that one is that maybe you don't like me. Now this really hurts my feelings because to know me is to love me. But if this doesn't work, then come next January and you can feel free to vote me out of office. Now that eliminates all excuses for sure and I will

see all of you at the next meeting. To make it an even more pleasant evening for you, I will buy you a drink if this is the first meeting you have attended this year.

I just also wanted to remind everyone that TRA is just around the corner and we would appreciate it if you would all register as soon as possible. This year's TRA Meet plans to be the best yet and the best part of the whole thing is that it is being held right here in Phoenix which makes it real handy to get to. Then there are all the exciting things to do during the Meet. First of all you will get to see all kinds of Triumphs from "Rat Cars" to showroom condition. You will then have a great opportunity to meet and discuss the mechanics of the Triumph with outstanding experts. This would be a great time to learn how to take care of some particular problem you might have. Then there will be lots of time for fun with all the games and events that are planned. This will be the time to test your driving skill and see if you are as good a driver as you think. Of course there will be lots to eat and drink which is a favorite of all Triumph owners. It will truly be a weekend to remember. All you have to do is pay your registrations fee, clean up the old TR, bring your camera and be ready to have some fun and learn something new. For further details be sure to attend the monthly business meeting.

'Til we meet again, remember to have some fun, drive a TR today!

John Gallen, President

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TREASURER'S REPORT - From Bev Peterson

D.C.T.R.A. has the grand total of \$595.59 as of Aug. 4, 1984. Is it time for another party???

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INFO ON VTR by "Digger" Davitt

At the July meeting it was proposed that we, D.C.T.R.A., join VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) and become a local chapter of that National organization. A general discussion ensued and it was apparent that there was insufficient knowledge of VTR among the general membership so a decision was postponed until the next meeting.

VTR is a National organization started in 1972 for Triumph enthusiasts and was similar to TRA at that time. It concerned itself with the restoration and preservation of ALL Triumphs over ten years old. In May 1981, British Leyland, Ltd. announced that it was stopping Triumph production. Up until that time Jaquar - Rover - Triumph Division of British Leyland, Ltd. had supported T.S.O.A. (Triumph Sports Owners Association) and there were approximately 1,200 T.S.O.A. members at that time. VTR absorbed

T.S.D.A. by eliminating the "ten years old" requirement so all Triumph owners could join and participate in national events. The newsletter was also consolidated and now VTR members receive a bi-monthly newsletter, "The English Channel" and a quarterly professionally typeset magazine, "The Vintage Triumph". VTR is an all volunteer organization.

It has a lot to offer for the \$20.00 annual membership fee. There is a national convention, vehicle consultants available to call or write for every type of Triumph made, a national board and a national staff, and the newsletter and magazine full of information and news - and free advertising for members.

There is no fee to become a VTR Chapter. A Chapter can be established with as few as ten current VTR members. At present D.C.T.R.A. has more than ten members who are also members of D.C.T.R.A. One of the benefits of becoming a VTR chapter is that there are approximately twenty-five VTR members in the Phoenix area who might possibly join us if D.C.T.R.A. was affiliated with VTR. So it would appear that getting ten VTR members to establish a VTR Chapter poses no problem.

At present there are four clubs that are members of both National Organizations (TRA and VTR):

VTR	TRA
North Coast Triumph Association	North Coast TRA
Delaware Valley Triumphs	Delaware Valley Triumphs
Western PA Triumph Association	Western Penn Center TRA
Texas Triumph Register	Texas TRA

VTR requires that VTR chapter officers possess current VTR membership. However, D.C.T.R.A. membership will not be contingent upon joining VTR no more than it is on joining TRA.

"Digger"

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MORE ON VTR MEMBERSHIP.....

There is attached to this newsletter a membership application form for VTR. If you are interested in joining VTR and would like to see D.C.T.R.A. become a local Chapter, please fill out the form and send it and the \$20.00 annual membership fee to either myself,

Marcia Chadsey 461 W. Apache Tr. Apache Junc., Az 85220  
or Ralph G. Davitt 636 E. Wesleyan Dr. Tempe, Az 85282

We will see to it that the VTR Local Affairs Director receives the membership fees and is aware of how many club members of D.C.T.R.A. are now VTR members in our area.

There is a "Letter of Application for Chapter Status in VTR"

that requires the signatures of ten current VTR members and then it will be sent in to VTR. Please attend the next meeting on August 14th if you are a current VTR member so that you can sign the letter of application. If you can't attend the meeting and would like to sign the letter, please contact either myself or Digger and we will see that you have access to it somehow.

As VTR members who are interested in all Triumphs being restored, preserved, and enjoyed, we thank you for reading this article and considering VTR Chapter status for D.C.T.R.A.

Jim and Marcia Chadsey, and "Digger" Davitt

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2414 N. Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona

"SUPPORTS THE D.C.T.R.A."

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WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER - Dave Stenke

Dave lives at 708 E. 2nd Ave., #3; Mesa, Arizona 85202, and he works at Mesa Veterinary Clinic so you can be sure he'll take good care of all the little animals (big ones, too) that you bring there. Dave is the owner of a 1974 Spitfire. We hope to see you at the meetings and activities. We are glad you joined us.

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For Your Information.....

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## The Vintage Triumph Register

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), incorporating the Triumph Sports Owners Association (TSOA), is the only national organization in the United States (3000 members) which is dedicated to the ownership, operation and preservation of ALL Triumph automobiles. We're confident, if you are a Triumph owner, be it an older TR or a new TR-8, Spitfire, GT-6, or perhaps one of the less common models such as a Herald or Stag, that you will both enjoy and benefit from being a member.

VTR was founded in 1974 and until 1981 we primarily directed our efforts toward those Triumphs that were 10 or more years old. The 10-year cutoff was appropriate at the time, since newer cars had the factory-backed TSOA organization to support them.

When, in 1981, the end of Triumph sports cars was announced, Jaguar-Rover-Triumph, the U.S. distributor, contacted VTR to see if we would be interested in taking over the activities of TSOA. By that time, it had already become obvious to us that, through the activities of our over 35 local chapters and annually at our national convention, VTR was already an organization whose membership had an interest in all Triumphs, both old and new. Accordingly, the 10-year-old cutoff was dropped and in January of 1982, The Vintage Triumph Register merged with the Triumph Sports Owners Association.

VTR is an all-volunteer organization. You will, however, find nothing second-rate about our two publications. Both our magazine, *The Vintage Triumph*, and our bi-monthly newsletter, *The English Channel*, are professionally typeset and printed.

If you're a Triumph owner or an enthusiast, we invite you to join us. We'd like to point out that you do not have to own a Triumph to join VTR.

Dues for VTR are \$20 in the USA (any ZIP coded address), \$25 in Canada, and \$30 overseas (all dues must be remitted in US funds).

### For Your Dues, You Receive the Following:

- Four issues of our color-covered magazine, *The Vintage Triumph*
- six issues of *The English Channel*, our bi-monthly newsletter
- free classified advertising
- free technical assistance from our staff of vehicle consultants
- a membership card
- a windshield decal

### VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

#### TRIUMPH CAR(S) OWNED

YEAR	MODEL	COMMISSION NO.	CONDITION*

\*CONDITION CODES: O-Original R-Restored B-Being Restored P-Parts Car N-Not Repairable

DUES  
\$20 USA  
(Zip coded addresses)

\$25 Canada

\$30 All Other

Remit US Funds ONLY

Send application and dues to:

VTR Membership  
P.O. Box 36477  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236