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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

THE DESERT CENTRE - TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

NOVEMBER 1984

MONTHLY MEETING:

November 13th, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Hunan Restaurant 1575 E. Camelback Road

Phoenix, AZ

Besides the discussion of the TRA WEST '84 results there will be other subjects to be discussed and brought up now that TRA WEST '84 is behind us. If you have something you would like brought up or some idea for the club, please attend and let us all hear from you. The food at Hunan's is getting more popular as more members have dinner there before the meeting. Isn't it time you tryed it, too? We hope to see everyone - especially the newer members with their newer ideas, too. See you there!

STOLEN

We are sorry and shocked to have to report that Bruce Leet's car was STOLEN from in front of a bar in Scottsdale (Amnesia) last week. Please be on the lookout for it and if you spot it please inform the police and Jon or Bruce Leet at 966-4325 or their parents at 9467-8175. Here is a description of the car:

1962 TR3A Good condition Red paint.
No Chrome Beads on Fenders. Luggage Rack.
Steel Wheels with Hub Caps. Antenna —
Radio in the Glove Box. Black Interior with
White Piping. Wood Steering Wheel. Stock
Dash with all Gauges. Black Tonneau with
Broken Zipper. Black Top, Black Side Curtains.
VIN # TS 68309 L AZ License Plate AFT 723

All members who treasure their cars do not have to be asked to look for this car - they will do it because of the way they feel about their own cars. We hope that the car is found intact soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bev Peterson

The present Balance as of 10/30/84 is \$794.64 but TRA WEST '84 bills are not yet paid.

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MEMBERSHIF LISTS by "Digger" Davitt

Our club, like "Topsy", has "growed"! Two years ago a big turnout at our monthly meeting would see eight or ten people eatting together in a downtown restaurant. At our October meeting (at Hunan' Restaurant), there were FORTY-FIVE people crowded into the banquet room. The November 1982 Roster listed 28 members - the November 1984 Roster will include 68 members. An increase of 243%!

As happens in any organization during a growth period, we have gotten a little sloppy with our record keeping. And the sloppiness is not the fault of our record keepers (and may the good Lord bless them for all the unpaid work they do) but of OURSELVES — each and every member! The easiest way to prove this point is for each of you to look at the latest Membership List and check your own listing and those of other members. Errors and ommissions are prevalent throughout the list; addresses are wrong, phone numbers are wrong, car serial numbers are missing, and even car models are not there.

Our Membership List should be current, correct, and complete - and it will be - as long as each and every member ascertains that the data that pertains to him is current, correct, and complete.

To make it easy for every member to do his part (that only he can do) attached is a form. Fill it in and mail it in. We should be able to start off the New Year with a membership list that is current, correct and complete.

Did you know that Flint Foreign Auto Parts in Tempe is open on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.?

EDITOR'S NOTE - RE: MEMBERSHIP LIST

I recently printed at my own expense as current a Membership List as I have. As "Digger" said, I am sure that there are errors that I might not be aware of and I would appreciate it if you would bring them to my attention so that they can be corrected.

Many members do not even have a Membership List - old or new - so if you would like one please contact me at home 983-0662 or at work 961-1317 or better yet - come to the next meeting and I will have them with me.

Tom Pennell and I both have the Membership List on our Computers at home and we would like very much to keep them current and correct because it helps the club and Bev Peterson (Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Chairman) with her club job.

Please mail the form to Bev Peterson at the Club address which is P. O. Box 8062, Scottsdale, AZ 85252. Thank you very, very much! Marcia Chadsey, Editor

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you were there, you know what I am talking about. It will definitely go down as the most memorable event in D.C.T.R.A. history.

I would like to take this time and personally offer my thanks and congratulations to the people who put their time into making TRA WEST '84 a success. Phil did an outstanding job in directing his crew down the right road to success. I am sure Sue was right beside him with morale support. Tom did an excellent job of putting together an exciting judging event that was fair to all. Fred's games were great and staged with the Olympic tradition. Behind the scenes was August doing the promotional work and the oreat turnout showed his success. Digger staged a very unusual Rallye with Jeff as an assistant. Tom's design of the logo is the coat of arms for TRA WEST '84 that will still be around for many years to come to provide us with great memories. Marilyn's idea of sweatshirts and caps became the "chic" wearing apparrel of the event. Gracie came through in the clutch with a menu that was very appealing and besides that, it was good, too. Then there was Bob who highlighted the show with an outstanding presentation of technical facts with Karla adding a touch of something. Then there was Bill with whom we are all indebted for providing a superb place for the show. Of course, there are all those unnamed people who worked behind the scenes. To all these people - THANKS -

Be sure to attend the next business meeting because it plans to be something special. Till then, be sure to hug your TR today because it is the one responsible for your belonging to D.C.T.R.A.

John Gallen, President

NOTICE

Tech Tips Manual - An unknown number are missing pages 9 & 10. If yours is one, call me an I'll see that you get page 9 and 10 at the next meeting.

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A WEEKEND IN THE SUN

TRA WEST '84 WAS A SUCCESS!!!!

TRA WEST '84 is now history along with '83, '82, and '81. Number 5 (TRA WEST '85) will be held in California about the same time next year.

Thirty-six entries - the best so far in the series. Cars that showed up ran the gamut from a long-door 2 thru 3s. 3As. 3Bs. Stags, Spitfire, TR6 (Blown), to a '59 Peerless. Moss Motors' beautifully restored Morris Minor "Woody" was a loner amongst the Triumphs.

Saturday, the longest day, started with Champagne, Quiche, Coffee, Juices, and Pastries in Encanto Park in Phoenix, followed by caravans (in groups of five) to HLS Distributing Co. (Bill Fussner's place). There the cars were dusted and preened and set up for judging (one zealot was seen using a Dustbuster on his carpeting).

And the judging results were far in excess of our hopes. D.C.T.R.A. members took ten of the thirteen trophies!!! Here are what the results look like:

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After the judging was finished and following a short break for a (Continued) Buffet Lunch, the games began.

the driving instructions) was won by Dave Riddle. His Navigator was his Dad, Bill. (You can argue with your wife's or with your girlfriend's instructions, but with your Father's?!?). And the "King of Crank Starts" was dethroned! Tom Pennell has won the crank startat TRA WEST '81, '82, and '83. How long will the reign of the new "King", Marty Lodawer, last?

One of the best bargains of the meet was the "Tech Tips" publication that Bob Schaller provided during the two presentations he made while the judging was going on. Copies are still available (but at a price).

The big attraction at the Reata Pass Dinner Party was Kathe Leber's Union Jack dress. If you want to know more you will have to show up at the New Year's Brunch and stay and see the year's activities in the slide show.

After a late Saturday night of Western fun, Sunday morning dawned clear and bright and so did most of the TRA Westers. The Brunch resembled a stampede for the food and an avalanche of trophies and innumerable merchandise prizes were handed out. Marilyn Larsen "volunteered" to pick the winning ticket for the grand prize in the raffle (was this so that Marilyn could see her name in print again or this time was it to show off a stunning new white dress)? Sue Hunt was the lucky one and now owns a set of Lucas headlamps (courtesy of Moss Motors). Does this mean that she is one step closer to having her own TR or that her Christmas shopping for Phil is completed?

With the disappearance of the food, the trophies, and the prizes, it was time to start thew last event of the meet — a Perimeter Rally. A dozen cars went for a lovely deseret morning drive ending up at a park in the Estrella Mountains west of Phoenix to cap an almost seventy-two hours of non-stop fun.

The popping of Champagne corks and the bidding of "Happy Motoring" to our California friends signaled the end of TRA WEST '84.

For the record, the club members who worked long and hard to make TRA WEST '84 the success it was should be recognized and thanked oce again: Phil & Sue Hunt, Tom & Gracie Pennell, Fred & Lynn Peck, Tom & Marilyn Larsen, Bob & Jeneva Schaller, Jim & Suejane Hughes, Bill & Betty Fussner, August Lopez & Teresa Ramirez, Ben North & Carla Tax, Jeff Bailey, and "Digger" Davitt.

All of the merchandise prizes (and there was a veritable mountain of them) were donated by our parts supporters. So, for the record, they should be recognized and thanked once again.

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Ralph "Digger" Davitt

D.C.T.R.A. MEMBERS RACING NEWS

The S.C.C.A. Solo II was held October 28th, Sunday, at Big Surf in Tempe and three D.C.T.R.A. members were entered. Jim and Marcia (yes, I couldn't wait for the Spitfire to be repaired) both ran the little blue MGB. The official results have not been received yet. Jim did better than last time and he came in third then. Greg Lund had that red beauty out there again and he is something to watch out there. Very fast and a good driver, too. Some of our club members were there to cheer us on and it was great to have them there. They were Ben North, Carla Tax, Tom Larsen, and "Digger" Davitt. Thanks for the morale support. By the way, Tom Pennell, what are you doing this year? Let our members hear about it.

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN - DUES are due from the following members:

In November:

Marlene & Virgil Cole William & Betty Fussner Jon & Leone Knudtson

In October (Past Due): Mike & Sherrie Walton
James Lane
Leo Martin
Gary & Nancy Winternheimer
Ben North
Duane & Pam Olson

D.C.T.R.A. Does not send out reminders that your dues are due so watch the newsletter and sooner or later your name will appear. Send dues to:

D.C.T.R.A. P. O. Box 8062 Scottsdale, AZ 85252

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The D.C.T.R.A. Christmas Party will be held Saturday. December 15th. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. at John and Marian Gallen's home at 6116 West Nancy Road in Glendale. A holiday punch will be served. It would be appreciated that all party goers bring their favorite holiday snack to share with others. It will also be appropriate that everyone bring an inexpensive gift that would be enjoyable by either male or female and would be considered along the "gag gift" line.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

I could write a book about the 1984 TRA WEST '84 and describe it with all the words that mean exciting and great. There is no reason for me to put it down on paper because there are not enough words to describe the whole sensation of the weekend. If



TRA WEST 84 - A WEEKEND IN THE SUN!

The Gymkhana, a SOLO II type event, had Bob Rofles getting the trophy for first place and Tom Pennell for second. Greg Lund should be praised for his sportsmanship. He removed his car from the competition saying that he helped set up the course and made several test runs in his Blown TR6 and that gave him an unfair (to the other competitors) advantage.

The Funkhana (a blind man's Gymkhana with the Navigator providing