

# Potpourri

TRA WEST '85

An '85 Happening, will happen! TRSC will host TRA WEST '85 the week-end of 18, 19, 20 October 1985. The location has not yet been selected, with Rancho Bernado and the San Bernadino areas being looked at. So mark that weekend on your calendar and hold it open, and don't forget to start your "fun fund".

Well we did it. The DCTRA dues are now officially \$12.00 per year, from January to December. All those who are paid up as of now will be considered paid up until their present payment runs out. To adjust everyone to this new January payment schedule, the next dues payment will be pro-rated at \$1.00 per month through December. Our treasurer Debbie Lamb has the honor of figuring this out for each of us, and she will certainly be in touch. Good luck Debbie!

## FLASH

We now have our very own post office box! Access is by key only and the key holders are:

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Jim Hughes  
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Who are they?



# Triumph Trumper



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## Club Officers:

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Membership dues are \$12.00 per year\*. For Applications and additional information write to the club address or call one of the officers listed above.

\*change...see story inside!

NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, MAY 14, 1985  
HUNAN Restaurant  
near the corner  
of 16th and Camelback

The DCTRA meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday of the month and meet at the above restaurant.



## ...from the Prez



The latest issue of National TRA magazine was exciting since it was filled with articles from DCTRA. I believe that it showed those people back there in the East that Triumphs are alive and kicking in the West.

We are very fortunate in that we can drive our cars year round and we don't have to worry about those things that are mean to cars like rust, salt, snow, and those crazy eastern drivers.

How dare those other British Car Clubs challenge th DCTRA to a rallye. This challenge rallye is coming up on May 4th and we are planning a mass turnout.

Our club members are better drivers and are great at following directions. In fact, on many occassions they have been known to follow other people's directions. Of course our rallye is not the only event in the upcoming days. There is the big weekend campout in the mountains, and of course the annual Western Night Out On The Town plus many more exciting things coming up. The club officers still want to hear from you on things you would like to do. In fact, there will be a club officers meeting at 6 p.m. on May 14th, which is the same night of the business meeting. I would like to see all the club officers there plus any interested parties that have some idea they would like to see considered. Remember, DCTRA is your club and it is only by your ideas and actions that makes it run sucessfully. I hope to see you all at the next business meeting and at all the events. If you are unable to attend the business meeting, please feel free to call me if you have an idea or suggestion. Till then, goodnight Digger, wherever you are.

Give a TR a hug today - John

Secretary      Notes      From      April      Business      Meeting:



Bob Schaller gave a report on the Eloy Gran Prix including the troubles endured by Tom Pennell. Digger brought everyone up-to-date on AAHC. Awards for the Mesa Car Show were presented at the AAHC Picnic on April 14th and those not being able to attend will recieve their award at the next business meeting.

A permanent post office box for the club has been obtained and all incoming mail will be directed to this address.

Ben and Caroyln won first place in the DCTRA class at the Pro First Friday Night Rallye in April. The

British Car Club Challenge Rallye will begin on May 4th with the Austin Healy Club challenging DCTRA.

Tom L. gave the plans for the camp-out at Hannagans Meadows on May 25th to May 27th.

Western Night was scheduled for June 8th at the Rusty Nail in Chandler. (Check the "FUN PLANNER" for details.)

The importance of filling out the information card in the club newsletter was pointed out, and everyone was encouraged to fill these out at once and return them to the club.

A vote was held and club members' said yes to changing the dues to \$12.00 per year and all dues in January of each year. Any membership that expires this year will be prorated till January 1986 and all new members dues will also pro-rated.

Two new members joined the club:

Brian Pratt with a 79 Spitfire  
and

Chuck Wright with a TR3

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## The Challenge

The Phoenix Rally Organization is proud to announce its sponsorship of the P.R.O. British Challenge Cup. This will be a traveling award, changing hands each time a British Marque Club successfully challenges the title.

Since Desert Centre Triumphs and the AZ Austin-Healey Ass'n have both indicated their intention to participate in the May 3 "First Friday niter" event, the initial presentation of the award will be that night.

Each competing club should have at least 3 cars entered in the rally, but can have as many as they like. The best 3 scores from each competing team will be added, and the club with the best total score will claim the award. An engraved plate will be added to the award to recognize the victor of each challenge, and photos of the award presentation will be given to the winning club for their files. At year's end, the British Marque club which has held the title longest will take permanent possession of the award.

TSR Rallies are a lot of fun. By offering this award, P.R.O. hopes to encourage you to come to our events and share with us the challenge of trying to figure out the rallymaster's tricks before his trap is sprung. A pleasant drive on a warm Phoenix evening and a cold beer or cola at the end point (a pizza parlor) are also part of the enjoyment.

So pick up that gauntlet! Friday May 3, 7:00 p.m. at the S.E. Corner of Thomas Mall! (Bob Morey, DCTRA, Pres. Pro. & A-H A)



# Roadster'S Move West

## TRIUMPH SUPPORT NEWS

The Roadster Factory has appointed our own BOB SCHALLER as their western representative. This action has been in the mill for several months and now that all details have been worked out, it is official. There are a myriad of personal advantages. Here are just a few of them:

- a. Save you long distance phone bills.
- b. Reduced UPS shipping fees.
- c. Correct stock numbers.
- d. Pay on delivery.
- e. Catalogs free with order.
- f. Legitimate returns to Bob.
- g. Info on desirable items that are not in the catalog, i.e. MOCAL oil cooler kit, and spin on oil filter adaptor.

Since Bob is now officially retired, you can reach him in the daytime at 1-602-992-7969. But don't try to contact him on any ASRA race weekend!

## AAHC Update

HB- 2508 Vehicle accidents; financial responsibility violation. Even tho' no action has been taken on this yet, it would be wise to let your representative know your feelings on this. The new law would cause you to automatically have your drivers license suspended for six months. DMV could remove the license plates off all vehicles you own. The proving insurability for three years will cost you money, because the insurance company will have to keep in contact with DMV and will have increased costs which the company will pass on to you in the form of higher insurance rates.

SB-1345 Seat Belts, Required use. The new wording of this bill will affect the outcome of lawsuits regarding accidents. If the seat belts are not used, or the riders of motorcycles are not wearing helmets, it could affect the amount of money awarded in suits as the claim would be that it is the fault of the victim that his injuries are so severe, since these devices are supposed to limit the severity of injuries.



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## Rallye Tallye Winner

DCTRA's first encounter with the First Friday Night Rallye produced the following scores:

1st Tom and Gracie Pennell	738
2nd Ben North/Carolyn Dawson	836
3rd The Hampsches	867
4th The LaCasses	1262
5th Judy Gross/Pat McElroy	1303



The Pennells, being old rally pros graciously gave their trophy to Ben. We are now challenged by the Austin-Healy Club to continue our winning ways. See the enclosed article, FFNR Challenge!

## Jolly Good Show

### AAHC Mesa Car Show results:

Division A	first	Hank Zarembo	56 TR 3
	second	Chuck Wright	59 TR 3A
	third	Fred Peck	58 TR 3A
Division B	first	Bill Stewart	61 TR 3A
	second	Tom Pennell	61 TR 3A
	third	Virgil Cole	68 TR 250

Trophies will be presented at the 14 May meeting.

## ...small world

We had quite a turn out - eighteen people and a batch of TRs (plus two Harleys) met at Bob S' and convoyed (sort of) to Lindvig's. He met us in his parking lot and opened his museum. To say it was different is an understatement. Nothing but little cars and I do mean little. An MG-TD-MkIII was a big car! For those who didn't join us, the museum is open week days from 9 to 5 but you have to pay to get in (Saturday it was free). For lunch we snacked at a Peter Piper Pizza and planned the strategy for the Healey Club challenge at the FFN Rally 3 May.



# Apache National Forest

Eighty years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the boots of European explorers marched through that part of America now called the Apache National Forest. The DCTRA weekend planned for Memorial Day will take us to the Apache National Forest, a wonderland of beauty and history.

## CORONADO TRAIL CAMPOUT

MAY 25, 26, 27 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

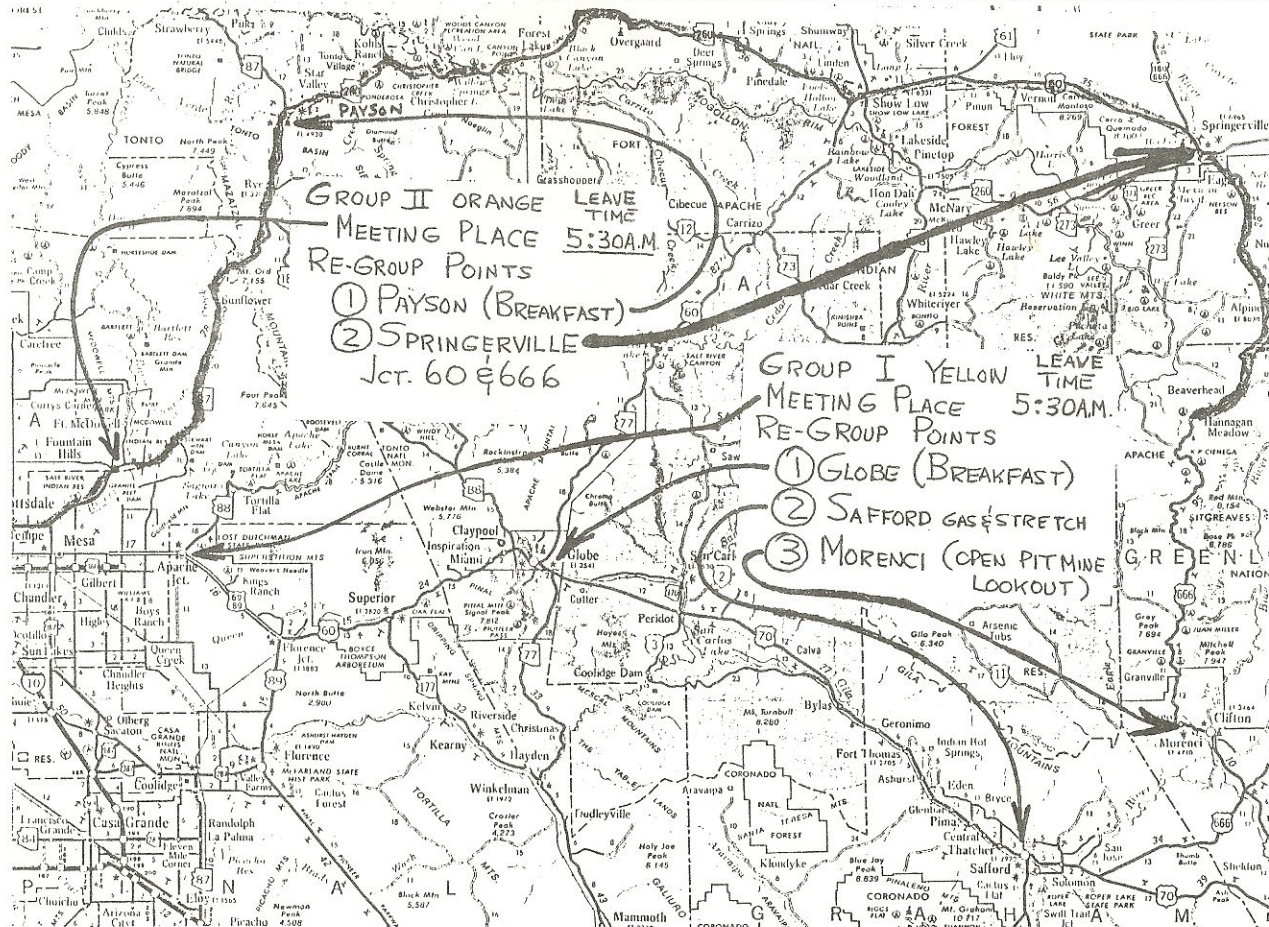
For those who don't dare plan to camp overnight make reservations at Hannagan Meadow Lodge, 339-4370. They have cabins and rooms in the lodge. There is a nice camp ground 1/4 mile from the lodge that has all the facilities. Bring your own food, drink, camp gear, sleeping bags, and tents. The nights will be cool at 9100 feet. The fun and most scenic part of this trip is the 4400 foot climb from Morenci (4170 ft.) to Hannagan Meadow (9100 ft.), 72 miles of turning, twisting highway.

It can be a great joy to go through the gears while climbing this mountain grade, but if you have engine heating problems, so please plan ahead for the trip up the Coronado Trail. If you don't have a copy of Bob Schaller's Tech Tips, get one from Bob for \$3.50. See the section "Summer Has Arrived", page 11, and don't forget the tune-up.

Trip mileage charts and a map of the entire trip were distributed at the April meeting, and more copies will be available at the Hunan on May 14. For more information contact:

Jeff Bailey 274-9714  
Tom Larsen 275-1398

There are 15 lakes and reservoirs all stocked for fishing from a boat or from the banks. There is also hunting and a natural environment for the photographer to catch the many beauties of nature. "God's Country" is the term often applied to the Apache National Forest. In two days a horseman can still urge a mount from the barren greasewood flats of Chase Creek to the wild irisstrewn meadows of Hannagan. DCTRA invites you to join us along the Coronado Trail, for a weekend of fun.



## FUN PLANNER

May 3 --First Friday Night Rally.  
Thomas Mall, first car off at 7:30 p.m.

May 14 --DCTRA meeting at Hunan's  
6:00 p.m. Executive Session  
7:00 p.m. General Meeting

May 25-28 --Memorial Weekend at the  
Coronado Train Campout at Hannagan  
Meadows.

JUNE 8 --Western Night, Rusty Nail  
Chandler. The music is good, the food  
excellent and plenty of light in the  
parking lot. The menu is 8 oz sirlion  
with all the finin' or all the ribs you  
can eat; Steak \$6.95 and the ribs are at  
\$8.50. The Rusty Nail is located on  
Arizona Ave. about 6 miles south of the  
freeway in Chandler.

June 11 --Regular meeting of DCTRA  
7:00 p.m. HUNAN'S  
A picnic is being planned for the end of  
the month, more later.



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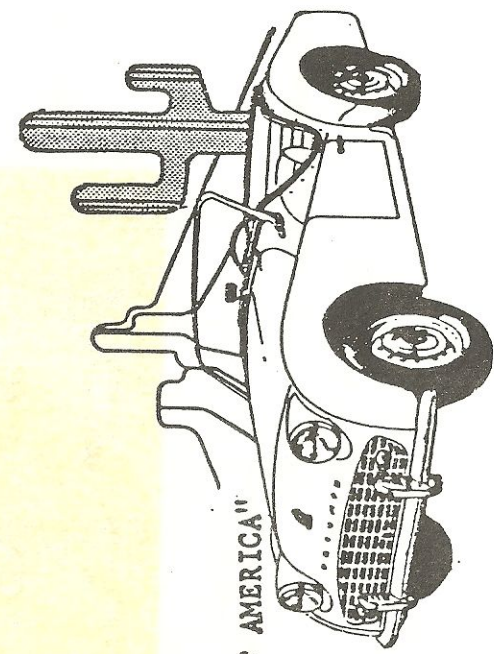
Another Amateur Tech Tip  
Problem: Emergency tools rattling around in the truck of your car.

Solution: Store them in old sweat socks. They will do double duty as cleanup rags if you do have to use the tools on the road. Bonus: In changing a flat tire, they make excellent mittens.



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Club Membership Data

In the Nov '84 newsletter, there was a one half page form included asking each member to fill it in and send it in to the PO box. The data would be used to get our membership roster current, correct, and complete.

As of about a month ago, a grand total of six (yes, six!) completed forms had been received. A pathetic 10% response!

So, we will try one more time and wait two or three weeks after this mailing and then publish a new membership roster. So if "your" data is obsolete or incomplete, it is not the club's fault.

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