

DCTRA CLUB SONG CONTEST

The need has arisen that the club needs a song. The only way to satisfy this need is to have a contest to select a club song. All you have to do to enter the contest is write some words that depict DCTRA and Triumph. Then take a lively tune from today's songs or an all time favorite tune and fit your words to the tune. Put this all down on paper and submit it to the club president. The winning song will be voted on by the club members at the January 1986 business meeting. To insure a fair chance for everyone, no one will know the song writer's name until after the winner has been selected. The winner of this contest will receive a nice prize which will be announced at a later date.

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BOY SCOUTS RALLYE IN 1986

A suggestion was introduced by Rob Morey that in January or February The DCTRA sponsor a rallye with the local handicap Boy Scout troop. These boys would be used as the navigators. The rallye would not be a difficult course. A motion was made that we undertake this project but was tabled until the September business meeting in order to allow all members time to consider. It was suggested that we invite a couple of other car clubs because we would need 15 or 20 cars.



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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.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Sept. 10
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, 7:00 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:



It won't be long until this long hot summer will be over and it will once again be bearable to get outdoors. Then for about nine months we will enjoy the weather that we all live in Arizona for. This fall we have many exciting things to look forward to doing. We start off with the party at Tom's house which will help us get prepared for TRA West. Tom will show everyone how to get their car ready for the trip and the concours. Then it will be off to California and TRA West. Every year TRA West gets better with more things to do and different cars showing up. This year has the makings of an outstanding meet. The setting is a resort town and it is not that far of a drive. This is one event you will not want to miss. A big surprise is planned in November according to our events chairperson, and then comes December with the parties. Of course all along we will have our monthly business meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

It has been a long time since I have reminded all the members that CTRA is your club, and we can only act upon your ideas and suggestions. All activities come from the members and it is not just something Jim or I wanted to do but what everyone agreed to do. I personally would like to hear some comments from some of the new members in regards to club activities. If you are unable to make the meetings or activities, then just give me a call or write a letter. Our club needs everyone's help in order to survive. Subject closed.

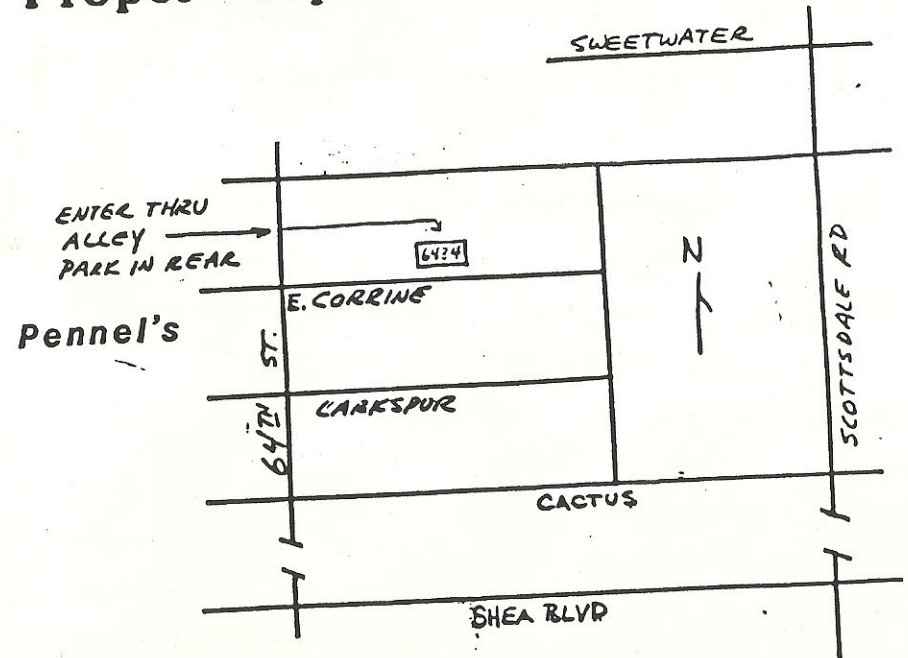
'Til we meet again, Drive safely.

John

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The correct date for the Christmas Party is Saturday December 21. The party in the past has been held at John Gallen's house and can again be held there this year. If there is anyone in the club who would like to have the party, please contact John. Again this year we will have the gift game, so everyone is to bring a gag type gift. This will give you plenty of time to find an outstanding gift. Please limit your spending to five dollars.

Proper Prep for Touring TR's



CONCOURS PREP
SUNDAY 9-15
12:00

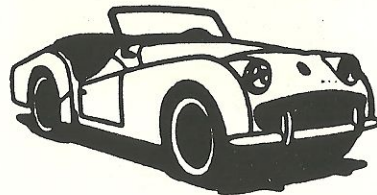
On the Block

TRIUMPH STAG, 1973, never out of Arizona, never seen rain. Less than 30K, Original bill of sale, both tops, soft only out of well two times, absolutely pristine! Five original alloys, no marks, SOHC V8, purpose designed for this car only, 3 liter. Twin carb, upgraded to European electronic ignition, engine just freshened o include timing case by top STAG SPECIALIST in West. A/C, kPS, kPB, PW, AT, Tilt wheel, independent suspension all around, original dealer installed stereo, Mallard blue, black soft top. Shows well (99 points in open class Jag Owners Club annual concourse at Biltmore in Phoenix). One of last STAGS into U.S.; fine, rock solid GT, rarer than contemporary Mercedes SL and seats four adults in comfort with safety of T-form roll-over bar as standard. Phone Mr. Sharp, 602-966-9322 evenings

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PETE and BEV are "selling our" a portion of their collection of TR's and parts. Need something? Call 993-9442 and leave message.

1968 XKE 2+2, one-owner Jaguar is looking for a new home. The car is complete and operational with lots of spare parts. This toy must go to make room for the completion of the restoration of the TR-3.
HUGHES, 899-1030.



TECHNICAL NOTES
from Pete Lefevre,
Technical Chairman

UPDATE - UNLEADED FUEL AND YOUR T-BIRD

At the March meeting some of the members asked me about which brands of gasoline might contain methanol (wood alcohol). In the newspaper, on the Friday after the meeting, the question was addressed by Phil Dutton, syndicated automotive columnist. I am repeating the section in its entirety.

While General Motors has been considerably less interested in methanol (than Chrysler Corporation), the firm's 1984 Public Interest Report stated, "The addition of methanol to gasoline for use in motor vehicles is receiving increased attention due to methanol's relatively low cost, its function as an octane booster and its ability to extend fuel supplies.

"There are economic advantages that encourage blending methanol with gasoline. The average national tank price for unleaded gasoline sold to service station dealers (excluding taxes) in January 1984, was approximately 90 cents a gallon, while methanol's cost was between 40 and 45 cents a gallon.

"On the other hand, ethanol cost \$1.55 to \$1.70 per gallon. Ethanol-gasoline blends are competitive with gasoline only if a tax subsidy is allowed; but methanol-gasoline blends are not only competitive, they are enticing for the refiner, blender and retailer."

The report also stated that the technical knowledge necessary to design and build methanol-fueled engines is rapidly developing. However, even at low concentrations, methanol can pose problems in today's cars over an extended period, GM said.

Oldsmobile is now producing fuel tanks for the new Cadillac DeVille, Buick Electra and Oldsmobile 98 which feature an aluminum-rich coating on the inside to protect them from methanol corrosion. Most GM car divisions are also working with experimental methanol engines to learn the problems with methanol and their potential solutions.

ARCO oil company, and to a lesser extent Sunoco and Texaco, have shown considerable enthusiasm for methanol-blend fuels. This is partly because ARCO has large natural gas supplies and partly because it's basically a chemical company that could benefit considerably from producing the cosolvent that's required in methanol blends to keep the methanol from separating from the gasoline when water is present.

Sunoco and Texaco reportedly were about to begin marketing their own blends of methanol but decided to stop when Mobil, Shell, Amoco and Marathon launched public campaigns several months ago warning against the use of methanol in gasoline and declaring that they don't use it. They also claimed that methanol reduces mileage and could damage engines.

I believe that we have some valid concerns regarding the finding of fuel for the T-Birds. While we may not be able to prevent the outlawing of lead in gasoline, we may be able to prevent harmful additives such as methanol being used as substitutes. In the meantime, use leaded regular for as long as you can find it and be very outspoken against the use of methanol as an additive.

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