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Membership dues are \$10.00 per year. For Applications and additional information write to the club address or call one of the officers listed above.

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NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, March 12  
7 p.m.  
HUNAN Restaurant  
corner of 16th and Camelback

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

Commentry on participation:

Do you know the difference between a magazine subscriber and a car club member?

The magazine subscriber gets his magazine (or Newsletter), reads it (maybe) and then files it away or forgets it.

The car club member on the other hand says something like, "Oh, that event or activity looks interesting, let's mark the date and go." Or, maybe, "Hey, maybe somebody there will know how to get the glitch out of my gizmo."

Somewhere in the Book is a principle (here paraphrased) that "...the help you give others will be returned tenfold."

Now let's change that into TR lingo.

If you make a little effort to give (read, show up, participate) you'll get:

1. knowledge to get the glitch out of your gizmo...or better yet,
2. someone willing to help you do it or do it for you...or best of all,
3. you'll get to know (and like) your fellow TR cars nuts just a little better. So, are you...  
a magazine subscriber or a CLUB MEMBER?

## April Rally

The main club event for the month of April is an evening rally. It begins at Thomas Mall, 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5. Never been on a rally, don't worry an information session of how to run a rally will be given by TOM PENNELL on Thursday, April 4 at his house. Tom understands the unusual language of rallymasters and the information he will be sharing will enable everyone to get from the starting line to the finish tavern or pizza parlor. Don't forget, APRIL 4 "How to Rally", April 5, 7 p.m. the Rally!

## Events & Entertainment

Come and enjoy road racing at its best! Return to a quieter time when SCCA and Road Racing were common events and less hectic.

The St. Partick's Day weekend looks like fun-fill times are again with us as the DCTRA journeys to Eloy. The Saturday delegation will meet at the Alpha Beta Shopping Center at the Elliot Road interchange on I-17 south, at 7:00 a.m. and then convey on to ELOY! A 7:15 a.m. departure from the shopping center is planned with an arrival at Eloy about 8:30. Saturday events features the practice laps and in the afternoon it's the Mayor's race that sets the stage for Sunday's racing! On Sunday the DCTRA delegations will again meet at the Alpha Beta on Elliot and I-17 at 9:30 a.m. and then its on to Eloy about 9:15 a.m. Sunday's racing begins at Noon. If you get lost, leave late or went down on Saturday the rallying point will be TOM PENNELL'S pit. Pit passes are \$7à and parking will be a buck. Individual expenses are INDIVIDUAL expenses. The weatherman has promised a lovely weekend...lets share some fun with friends and thrill to some good old time street racing.



### AAHC PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9 FEB 85:

Pancakes, scrambled egg, juice and coffee and all you could eat, and it was free! So how many TR's showed up? Just three! Our record was broken by the legislature; only one showed.

The Gallens, the Hampsches, the Petersons, Bob S. and Digger D. all had a good time--eating and walking and talking and gawking.



## AAHC Action

In 1984 Arizona passed a law stating that whenever there was a sale "...on certain vehicles, ... valued over \$750, ...by private parties, the BUYER MUST PAY A 4% SALES TAX at the time of title transfer. A Committee to Repeal Casual Auto Sales Tax (CAST) has been formed. This committee is the spearhead of action to repeal this tax and petitions are being circulated for registered voters to sign. Approximately 100,000 signatures are needed to get this unpopular issue on the November 1986 General Election ballot. Then the people can decide whether or not to repeal this law.

I have obtained a small supply of these petitions and will get them to anyone willing to get voters to sign them. Call me anytime, 966-9712 or see me at the meeting. the 'Real' Digger Davitt

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The 'leaded gas' question is again surfacing. ART LORING reports that the State has several committees working on proposals. They include:

- a. Removal of the exemption from testing for cars older than thirteen years,
- b. a rise in the fee from \$5 to 7.50,
- c. build two more testing stations,
- d. raise fee from \$.75 to \$1.25, and
- e. switch the gas tax;
  - leaded from \$.10 to .21
  - unleaded from \$.21 to .10

The AAHC will continue to keep members informed on any progress in the legislative arena.

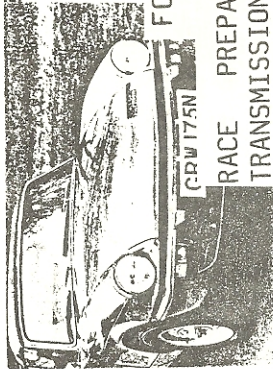
## Tech Tip Session

There was one auto mechanic (Pete), one assistant mechanic (Jeff), one teacher mechanic (Bob) and seven student (?) mechanics (Tom, Gary, Armand, Jim, Ben, Fred and Digger). The event was billed as a hands-on learning experience on the proper way to tune a TR. There was beer, coke, food, cameras and note books and even three lovely hostesses. The students (?) were observed charging batteries, checking paint jobs, discussing "for sale" car prices, taking photos, writing letters, and booking future work with Schaller Engineering. But seriously - we all learned - from the basics to the finer points. Bob was patience personified; answering any and every question, no matter how inane. No matter how much you know, no matter how many years you've been tuning cars, you still learned some finer points. One of the hidden benefits is that most every one saved money - our do-it-yourself tuneup knowledge took a great step forward.



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# Note from the Prez

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First of all I want to thank BOB SCHALLER for a very informative afternoon at his recent tech session. As a novice mechanic, I really appreciate the way Bob puts everything in a nice simple way that everyone can understand. I am looking forward to more tech sessions. The recent tech session covered the basic tune-up for a TR with PETE & BEV PETERSON's TR-3 being the lucky recipient of the tune-up. Someone said that they overheard Pete say that this operation would increase the value of thecar by at least \$500.

A cry that was raised at the last meeting and is still unanswered can be heard throughout the club, "will the real "Digger Davit" please stand up" will not remain a mystery. At the next club meeting I will attempt to discover the true identity of this elusive individual and uncover his strange power over fellow club members.

There are many exciting activities coming up and I hope everyone will be able to attend all of them. We are still looking for some ideas, so speak up and let's see what happens.

'till we meet again, drive carefully,

JOHN

One of the highlight of the February meeting was another announcement by BOB SCHALLER on yet another way to make living with your TR easier.

Bob displayed an adaptor for the original oil filter...a new spin-on system at a reasonable price. The current supply is limited, so call BOB if you are interested in this conversion.

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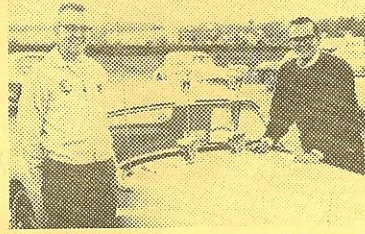


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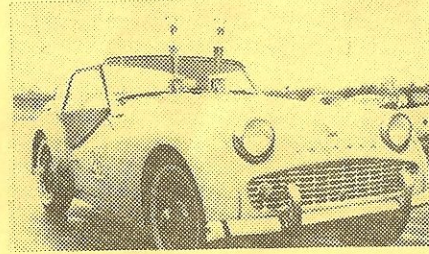


In July '61 the TR fever struck and it is still solidly flowing through my veins. This TR affliction started with a lovely primrose yellow, wire-wheeled, TR-3A an for nearly a year and a half we (my TR and I) cruised

the hills and valleys of western Pennsylvania, auto-crosses with the big boys in the DC TSOA and spend many lovely evening under the stars sharing those moments with friends.

Memories linger and so did the desire to have another TR. There have been four other TR since '61. The last TR, now resting in my garage is in many pieces and will require a great deal of love and attention before she again returned to the road. But return she will! Until that day I'll continue to associate TRs and the lovely people who drive them.

As your Events Director this year, I want to insure your memories of fun events last a lifetime. We can have this, but we must all work together. I am looking forward to an exciting year. There are plans for events and plans in the making for



events, but none of the plans are set in concete. I will welcome you ideas and comments. Making memories is only part of the enjoyment of our TR event, sharing those memories in years to come will complete the activity. --jim hughes