

# 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, AI, 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 I-form roll-over bar as standard. Phone Mr. Sharp, 602-966-9632 evenings

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TR3-4 PARTS FOR SALE. TR3 chassis, rear ends, rotors, drums, set of wires, hardtop shell TR4 body parts, and misc.  
Ed Deering 997-8494

I'm looking for a TR. Want a 3, 3A, or 3B. Not concours but running, and in complete and fair to good condition. Call or write:  
Woody Smithson  
10704 Tropicana Circle  
Sun City, AZ 85351  
(602) 977-1007

PS-- Will join the club when I get a TR.

TR7-8 CONVERSION: 1975 TR7-8 conversion, 3.5 L aluminum V-8, 5-speed, beautiful red paint. Fast, dependable, sporty. May consider partial trade or \$3950 cash.

ALSO

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Clyde Gray 979-2152

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SPITFIRE ENGINE/TRANSMISSION \$100. U-go-get-it. Silver City, New Mexico. Call Tom P. for details. (602) 951-8472.



# Triumph TRumpeter



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OF  
THE DESERT CENTER  
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(Affiliated with TRA and VTR  
National Organizations)

DCTRA  
P.O. Box 44354  
LOS OLIVOS STATION  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85064

### Club Officers

JOHN GALLEN	PRESIDENT	938-4426
JIM HUGHES	VP & EVENTS	899-1030
MARIAN GALLEN	SECRETARY	938-4426
DEBBIE LAMB	TREASURER	966-7278
JACK LIVINGSTON	NEWSLETTER ED.	832-7859
TOM PENNELL	MEMBERSHIP	951-8472

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 DEC.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

Another great year is drawing to a close and I have many great DCTRA memories. It is great to have a club like DCTRA that continues to provide memories along with cherished friendships. There are so many things today that have a tendency to disrupt our daily lives with problems. I was fortunate to be in on the ground floor of the start of DCTRA and have watched it grow from a baby to its grand size of today. I can remember that at one of our first meetings we got together in a corner booth at a Pizza restaurant and today we fill a large meeting room.

We have now in the club several new members and I want to direct my remarks to them. Coming up in the next few weeks are some parties. This would be a great time for you to get acquainted with the other club members. We don't want you to be shy but to join in with the rest of us and have some fun. The Champagne Brunch in January is definitely a must. I encourage you to take part in as many of the activities as you can and take part in the operation of the club. Everyone wants to hear from you in regards to activities and any other ideas that you might have. We sometimes get set in our ways and new members means new ideas. This club is just as much your club as anyone else's.

Till we meet again, have fun, and don't forget your TR at Christmas time.

*John*

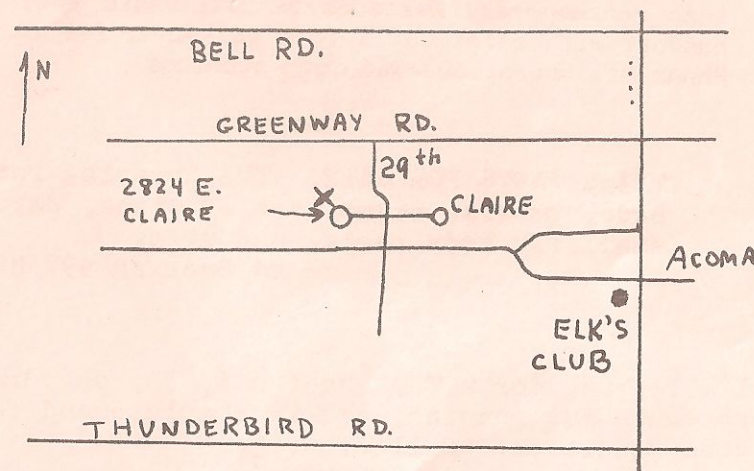
TRIUMPHEST HONOR ROLL

SHERRI SHARP	1st Stag
BOB SCHALLER	Engineering Award, best Triumph enhancements
TOM PENNELL	Winner, Parts ID contest
BILL RIDDLE	3rd Place, Gymkhana (marble picking)
TOM LARSEN	1st Place, People's Choice
ARMAND LACASSE	Club Presidents' Award (the trailer!)
CLUB AWARD	For the Hennigan Chorus' "Lucas Song"
ANOTHER CLUB AWARD...	For a "labeled" bottle of wine don't miss the NYE party.

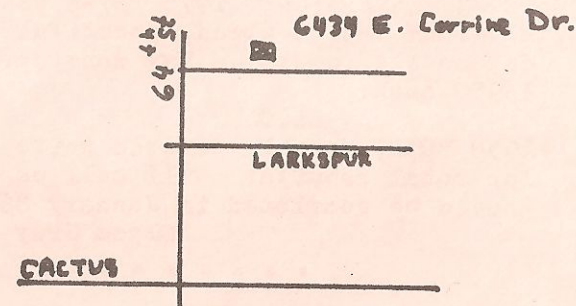
CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

OUR HOLIDAY HOSTS

Christmas Party--Dec. 21 Starts at 7:30 PM.  
Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or special snack. Bring a wrapped gift for a fun exchange for each person. Gift need not be associated with cars or driving but this adds to the fun. BYOB, RSVP Gary or Deta Hampsch 867-8414.



New Year's Eve at the Pennell's, scheduled this year for Dec. 31. John G. will share his "labeled" bottle of wine. Again RSVP, and call Gracie to coordinate what is needed. 951-8472



## CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

The annual Champagne Brunch will be held on January 12th (SUNDAY) starting at 11 A.M.. This activity will take place at the Gateway Hotel at 44th Street and Van Buren. The cost will be \$ 7.50 per person. A special parking area has been set aside for us by the flag poles. This event will last until 3 P.M. and is one of our premiere events of the year. There will be a business meeting following the brunch.

## NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

1. A special session was held from 6 to 7 P.M. to show the slides from Triumphfest 85.
2. A general discussion on Triumphfest 85 open the regular meeting. The award winners were presented to the club. The trophy the club won for its song presentation was given to the writer of the song, Tom Pennell.
3. Bill Riddle gave an update on the Special Scout Rallye which will be held February 15, 1985.
4. The members voted to donate \$100 to the Hobbyist Council to help them meet expenses to support the repeal of the auto sales tax issue.
5. On Tuesday November 19th there will be a meeting for club officers and those parties that are interested to set the club activity dates for next year. This meeting will be held at Tom Pennell's house.
6. The club voted to have the British Car Day at the Grand Canyon in May. Marilyn Larsen and Bob Schaller will co-chair
7. Nominations for club officers was held. Nominations will be held again in December and January.

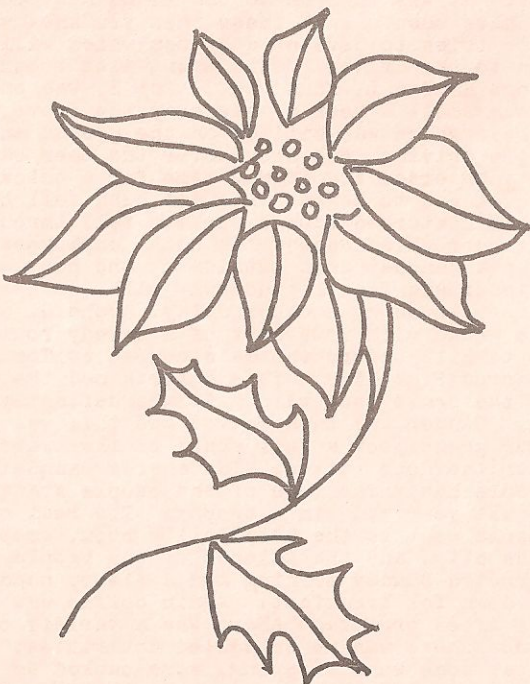
## DCTRA CLUB OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

The November business meeting had the first round of three rounds of nominations for club officers. The second round will be held at the December business meeting and the third round will be held at the Champagne Brunch in January. The following members have been nominated.

PRESIDENT - Gary Hampach  
VICE PRESIDENT-EVENTS CHAIRPERSON - Tom Larsen  
SECRETARY - Sherri Sharp  
TREASURER - Judy Gross  
Bev Peterson  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Marcia Chadsey  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - Tom Pennell

Saturday came bright and early to those who got to bed early and a what seemed very early to those who got to bed late. A continental breakfast was served by the pool and coffee was the main course for some of the people. It was then a mad dash off to the car display area to prepare the cars for the concours. There was Gracie shinning up Tom's car. We know it is Tom's car because the license plate holder says so. Sherri was busy trying to figure out how to get the top off her car. Bob S. was busy making minor repairs to Sherri's car. Tom L. was busy laying out all his paraphernalia. Digger was running up and down the line of cars taking pictures. Gary H. was trying to decide which was the best way to park his car. Armand and Fred were busy getting the trailer into its best photographic position. John G. was busy parking his Japanese Restored TR with the others in his class. Jeff B. was busy looking around for any lovely young single girls. Meanwhile Virgil and Marlene were busy tuning up for their musical debut. Clyde G. was busy running around trying to convince someone to buy his car. The afternoon driving events were soon underway. There was the usual thrills as each car pushed it way through the tricky course trying to grab the marbles and beat the fastest time and get the coveted trophy. Even though Gary's driving wasn't the best, Deta was giving her all. If fact she was trying so hard that she cracked a rib, which really wasn't a laughing matter. It was then on to the Blind Man Bluff driving event. If you have seen one of these then you know what a riot it is. Everyone tries to develop a system which will convey the exact direction to the driver. This event also becomes dangerous to the spectators as Tom L. found out. Bob S. was on the course and since Bob can smell a beer a mile away, he drove straight towards Tom's beer which was sitting on the ground and since you can't drink while driving, Bob drove over the beer can. The driving events soon ended and it was time for a quick nap before the awards banquet was to begin. A quiet hush fell over the hotel but this was soon disturbed when a workman fell through the roof into the dining room which caused the hotel employees to scurry about and set up a banquet area outside by the pool. After a short delay, dinner was finally underway with the serving of the salad which was followed by another delay. John G. and the waiter entertained the group with some sort of a comedy routine. There was still time to kill before the main course so Tom P. assembled the Hannagan Chorus Plus Nine. They entertained the group to the Lucas Song and the crowd went wild. It was definitely the highlight of the evening. Dinner was then served and this was followed by the awards. Our group took a fair share of the awards. Then came the drawings for the door prizes. The awards banquet ended with some of the people happy and some of the people stating that they would be back next year and win a trophy. The rest of the evening some of the people went to the hospitality room, some went for a drive around the city, and the balance of the people went to bed. A bright sun greeted Sunday morning and a sleepy headed group made their way down for breakfast. Again coffee was the main course for breakfast. After breakfast there was a variety of things being done, since there was no scheduled activities. Some took sightseeing trips, some went shopping, some packed up and left, and some just sat around and relaxed. At noon the Phoenix group gathered to start their convey headed towards home. Bob J. was in a hurry so he left about a hour before everyone else only to discover after traveling about 50 miles down the road that he had forgotten his clothes and had to return back to the motel to retrieve them.

The convoy headed down the freeway towards Phoenix but was forced to stop at a rest area in the mountains when the Stag became hot and thirsty. After quenching its thirst it was back on the road once again. By now the convoy was really stretched out but it reassembled again in Blythe where it was time to gas up again. Once again the convoy was back on the road but there was short lived when the Stag decided it was too tired, so it took a nap. After a high level conference with Bob, it was decided to tow the car home instead of trying to make repairs on the freeway. A support vehicle was sent back to Blythe for a tow bar. There is no need to go into details why John G. and Sherri S. took so long to make the trip and how they found a tow bar at a motel. The tow bar was finally hooked up to Digger's car and with John G. still running a support vehicle behind them, they started the long trip towards home. The rest of the convoy went on in without any more trouble. So ended Triumphfest 85 weekend.



**An Open Letter To All Car Clubs Concerning C. A. S. T.**

**Please Read This At Your Next Meeting.**

Cast is the Casual Automobile Sales Tax Committee, whose goal is to obtain the 80,000 signatures necessary to put the repeal of the 4% Casual Sale of Vehicles Tax on the 1986 ballot. The Committee, with the help of several individual members of various Clubs, has been successful in obtaining approximately 40,000, or about half of the required amount. Many of these people have given just about every weekend for the past several months, to achieving this goal. This has taken unbelievable dedication and has required the expenditure of all their contributed funds for printing and postage and they need your help. Not every weekend for several months-they are not asking for that, though if you have the time, it would certainly be appreciated. What they are looking for is just 3 or 4 hours a month of your time for this worthwhile cause. Can you please call:

Eric Johnson  
9819 N. 68th Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 85253  
998-5057 (home) 244-6410 (work)

and volunteer some time at one of the events listed in the A. A. H. C. newsletter. Let's see if each of the Clubs out there can give C. A. S. T. at least 5 or 10 names to add to their list to effectively work this program.

In addition to the need for help to get the signatures, the Committee is also in need of more funds for postage and printing. The call has gone out to the Council and all of our affiliated Clubs to help. The Council has, in the past, donated the sum of \$500.00, or about half of the approximately \$1000.00 in donations received by C. A. S. T. to help in accomplishing their goals. The Council has received a detailed statement from C. A. S. T. on how these donations were spent, documenting amounts and expenses, and this information is available on request. C. A. S. T. needs more funds. I am glad to report that at least three valley Clubs, that I know of, have jumped in and attempted to help provide some financial assistance.

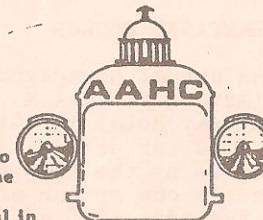
They are:  
Cactus Corvair Club-donated \$50.00  
Vintage Chevrolet Club, C. A. R. -donated \$50.00  
Desert Classic Chevy Club-donated \$50.00

Our thanks to them for the support. I am sure that others have or will consider doing the same thing to support this cause. This is why I am asking you to read this letter to your membership, in the sincere hope that you will all get involved and support this project. I have called my two Representatives, my Senator, the Secretary of State's Office, the Clerk's Office at the House, the Capitol Times Office and everyone is well aware of this campaign. This is your opportunity to get behind this worthwhile cause, support it, and help C. A. S. T. to achieve its goals. Let's not let this campaign die.

Sincerely,

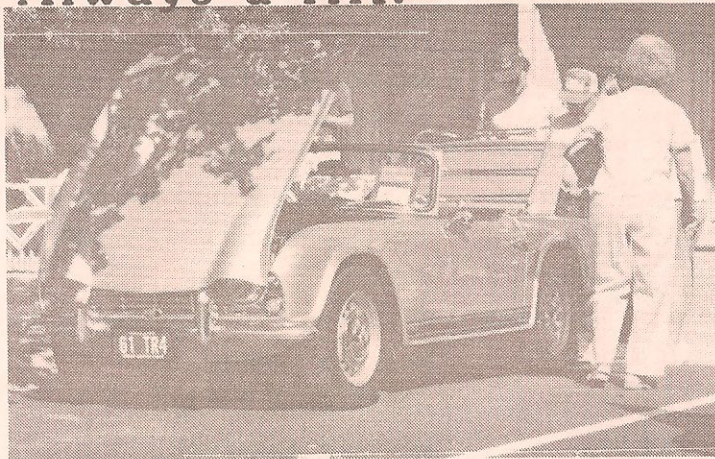
*David J. Albani*

David J. Albani, President  
Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council  
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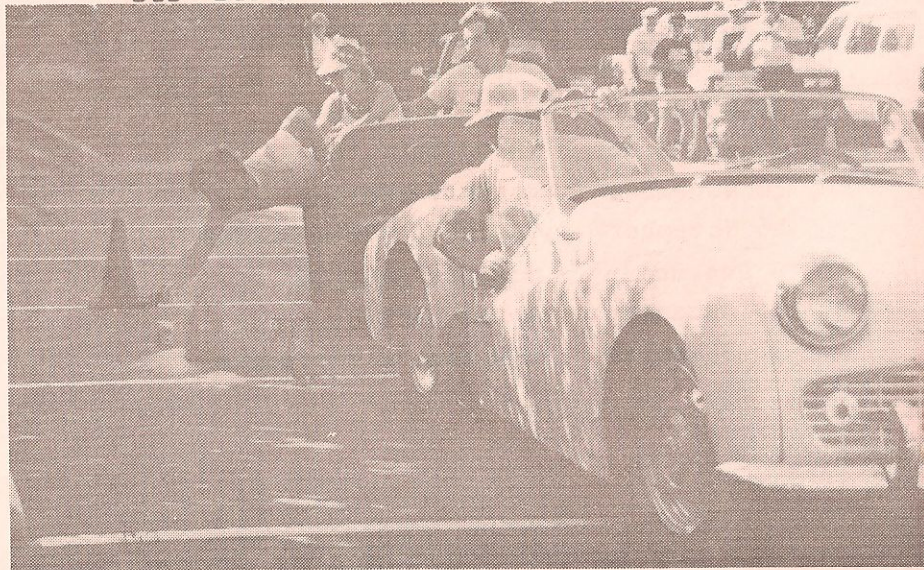
# Triumphfest '85

Always a Hit!



The Larsen's TR-4

TR trailer holds full house  
in the run for the marbles

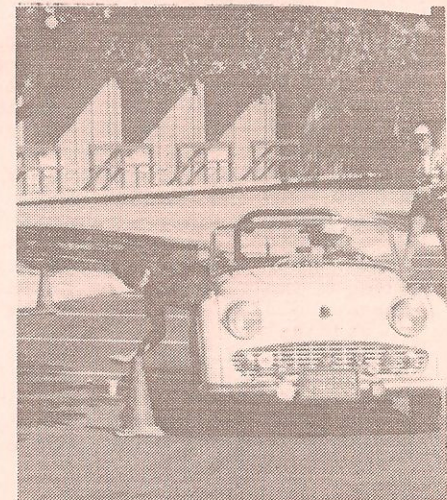


Pilgrims gather



HQ, DCTRA

With Bob at  
wheel what could  
go wrong?



This is pure BS

## EXCITING MEMORIES FROM TRIUMPHFEST '85'

Everyone remembers the exciting times they had at Triumphfest like the large number of cars present, the thrill of the driving events and the anticipation of the awards dinner. I prefer to remember the little behind the scenes incidents.

The members of convoy which included 10 TR's and 2 support vehicles started arriving early Friday morning at the Burger King. Those who were early got to watch the police figure out how that car drove through the concrete wall around the restaurant over coffee. After getting about an hours delay start, the convoy heads west towards California. It didn't take long before a cruising speed of 70mph was obtained. Bill Riddle decided this was too slow of pace so he left the convoy and sped off into the horizon. Before he did this, he made a quick stop close to the detention center and for what reason, we do not know. The convoy made a quick stop at the rest area to give everyone a chance to stretch their legs and whatever else they needed to do. It was back on the road again to California with several of the cars jockeying for position in the convoy. The inspector at the inspection station stopped Pennell's car and after a brief confrontation the inspector decided that there was no room in tom's car for him to be carrying contaband items. The inspector then waved the rest of the TR's on through except the support vehicles. It was then time for a lunch break at Elythe and to gas up for drivers, passengers, and cars. It was back on the road once again with most of the people thinking it would be a straight drive through to Desert Palm but the convoy leader had other ideas. So it was a stop to see the site of the future home of the General Patton museum and a junkyard. Before leaving it was time to line up the cars for the camera buffs. Once again the convoy was back on the road for a nice short drive but this was briefly interrupted when the flag on the Hampsch's car came flying off. It was retrieved quickly and we were rolling once again. We reached the turnoff and proceeded through town towards the hotel. This part of the drive was more difficult than driving on the freeway because those California drivers are very unpredictable in their driving habits. Finally after about six hours later we arrived at the hotel where they were putting the final touches of their remodeling. Checking in proved to be a problem for some of the people because several of the male members were staring at a female clerk and also this same female clerk tried to overcharge some of the members. After everyone got settled in their rooms, it was then time to go to the hospitality room to register and have some liquid refreshment to calm and soothe so well worn nerves. This was the time to renew old friendships and start new ones. It was a lovely setting with the late afternoon sun, the pool, plus the enthusiasm of the Triumph owners. Soon the conversation turned to food and where to dine. Coco's restaurant was finally decided upon and a large number invaded the restaurant. Believing they had a rowdy bunch on their hands, the restaurany hostess put us all in a large seperate dining room. A waiter experiencing his first day on the job was assigned the unfortunate task of serving us. It didn't take him long to yell for help and a waitress was assigned to help him. Despite our attempts to disrupt the normal procedures of the restaurant, dinner was served and enjoyed by all. It was then back to the hotel and the hospitality room, except for a few who decided to call it a day and get some rest before the big day coming up.

## D C T R A 1986 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 12 Jan        | Annual election of officers at the Sixth Annual Champagne Brunch |
| 11 February   | Monthly meeting  |
| 15 February   | British Car Day and Special Scout Rallye sponsored by DCTRA      |
| 11 March      | Monthly meeting  |
| 15, 16 March  | Club tour to Eloy Grand Prix                                     |
| 8 April       | Monthly meeting  |
| 13 April      | April Fool Rallye  |
| 13 May        | Monthly meeting  |
| 17 May        | Grand Canyon British Car Day                                     |
| 10 June       | Monthly meeting  |
| 14 June       | Annual pool party  |
| 8 July        | Monthly meeting  |
| 12 July       | Night desert barbeque  |
| 12 August     | Monthly meeting  |
| 16, 17 August | Overnight mountain campout                                       |
| 9 September   | Monthly meeting  |
| 13 September  | Western night  |
| 14 October    | Monthly meeting  |
| 17,18,19 Oct  | TRIUMPHFEST '86  |
| 11 November   | Monthly meeting  |
| 16 November   | Tortilla Flats picnic  |
| 9 December    | Monthly meeting  |
| 13 December   | X-Mas party  |
| 31 DEcember   | New Year's Eve party   |