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MEETING:

August 12, 1986
HUNAN RESTAURANT, 1575 E. Camelback Rd.
7:00 P. M.

FROM the PREZ...

This is a story about a Sunday drive to Prescott. Actually, the drive to Prescott is the last part of the story. The whole thing started seven or eight weeks ago when I decided not to repair the aging, worn and all but worthless cam and peg steering on my '58 TR 3. Instead, I thought it would be worth a try to fit a TR 4 rack and pinion that wasn't doing anything except collecting dust on my garage floor. My first step was to set up a consultation with Bob "Mister TR" Schaller. I stopped by Circle K on my way over to Bob's and picked up the requisit case of Bud. The beer doesn't help the design, but it makes the problems less formidable by the third or fourth one. At about midnight we decided it was a pretty good idea, so I loaded up my car with all sorts of odd bits of scrap metal and false courage.

I really wasn't committed to the project until I took the cutting torch to the brackets that "used to" hold in the cam and peg. Rather than bore you with all the gorey details of the trial and error bracket fitting and guessing about Geometry (not one of my better subjects), the rack finally bolted in.

I put the steering wheel back on, let the jack down, and wonder of wonders, the wheels actually turned and with very little effort. Next step, drive to Bob's. He turned the wheel and decided it was worth the effort. He proceeded to produce a brand new TR 6 rack (compliments of Charles Runion's personal stash), and said "It's my turn now." Another three weeks passed and another rack was installed. Now we get to the Prescott part of the story. We decided to drive both cars up the road for a little "shake down" cruise. Word got around and Sunday at 10:30, five TR 3's, a Morgan, and a Spitfire headed north. We got to Prescott without casualty, not a bad trick in 110 degree weather, and stopped for fuel at a little pub called The Hut. Since the drive north on the freeway was uneventful and also boring we decided to drive home the back way.

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We're talking about a 50 mile stretch of mountain road that was designed especially for TR 3's with rack and pinion. It's a pretty good road for cam and peg too. I'm not going to say how fast we came down the mountain, but I'll bet Dave still has white knuckles from grabbing the "passenger assist handle" in Tom's car. Tom's car is next. My car has a little wobble at about 45 but I think it's probably an out of round tire. Bob's car works great. On August 8th he's going to give his new rack and pinion the 5000 mile test when he goes to the National Tr Convention. That's all for now but I'll give you an update next month after Bob calls from the National and reports on the trip. See you at the meeting!

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To our members:

Bill Becker of Quality Copy Service currently is donating all printing of the TRiumph TRumpeter. This is not only a nice thing to do, it saves the club big bucks! His business is copy machine repair, but he plans to run a copy service in the future. If you have any business you might send his way, please do so.

Thanks again, Bill!

William A. Becker
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MEMBERSHIP

by Tom Pennell

Welcome to our new members:

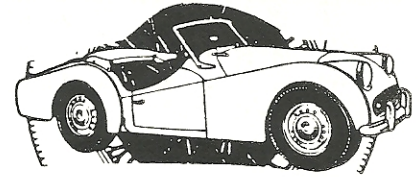
Robert and Cathy Todd
TR 250

Arnie and Bunny Budd
1966 Spitfire

We now have approximately 120 members! Our dues are prorated until January 1987. If your name appears below please send the stated amount to D.C.T.R.A. Membership, c/o Tom Pennell, 6434 E. Corrine, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

Bruce Leet	\$10.00
Edwin New	\$8.00
Bryan Pratt	\$8.00
Jim Eriksson	\$5.00

Secretary's Report



REPORT OF SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY
July 8, 1986 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 P.M. by President Fred Peck. All members and guests were invited to introduce themselves and admit to type and age of car(s) they harbor. Congratulations and thanks were extended to Phil and Sue Hunt for their successful effort in getting out a newsletter. Gracie Pennell offered a treasurer's report which covered all outstanding debts except current postage costs. Tom Pennell spoke about the July activity, the night desert Barbeque and gave precise route instructions for those who will participate from any point of the compass. It was mentioned that the MGA Club had been invited to join us as has the MG T series register. Bob Schaller gave a brief report on the progress being made by several club members and himself in refurbishing his veteran TR3. He also graciously thanked all those who had helped to date and Fred Peck reminded us all that the car still needs to be put back together in time for Bob's run to the VTR Roundup.

Phil Hunt, standing in for our Events chair, Tom Larson, led a discussion on the monthly activities for August and September. It was decided to swap the activities, meaning that the August activity is now scheduled to be Western night, August 16. Armand LaCasse agreed to chair that event and will make reservations at a restaurant for thirty members. Since Jeff Bailey was not present, Armand kindly volunteered his services in absentia as chair of the September event, a camping trip.

Fred offered new information on TRA West '86. The dates, Oct. 17, 18, 19, are the same but the location is now Pismo Beach. We are told that this is 180 miles north of L. A. but no one present knew what part of L. A. It is known that it is south of Moro Bay. Fred told us that it is one long day's drive or two short days. The official hostelry is the Sea Crest Motel. A tentative list of events include a Roadster Factory keg party, a beach party, tech sessions, lots of sponsor participation (get your parts wish lists in to Fred soon so that he can notify them), plus Charles Runyon will drive his ONE LAP OF AMERICA TR 250 to the event.

In addition, Saturday will see a TRSC Concours (2's & 3's only), a funkhana by the San Jose Triumphs, a trivia board, and a wine tour to Moro Bay on Sunday. Cost information so far as we know now includes: Rooms at the Sea Crest, \$50-60/couple/night, extra bodies \$15/night. Event registration \$35/car-driver plus \$15 per passenger, under 12's free. The awards banquet will be at Marie Callendar's at \$15/person for a prime rib buffet. DCTRA has been asked to either sponsor an event or help out in general (help judge the concours, funkhana, photo/model contest, etc. Tom Pennell suggested that we be of general help this year as next year we will have the whole thing again. Tom said he will bring T-shirts and Fred said he would bring badges to the night Barbeque. Phil Hunt made extra newsletters available. Tom reminded us to put flyers on cars and Fred reminded us to solicit advertisers. Digger reported on the trip that he, Tom, and Bob Schaller made to the Grand Canyon to see the Great American Race participants pass through.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. P. Sharp, Stand In Secretary

AUGUST EVENT!

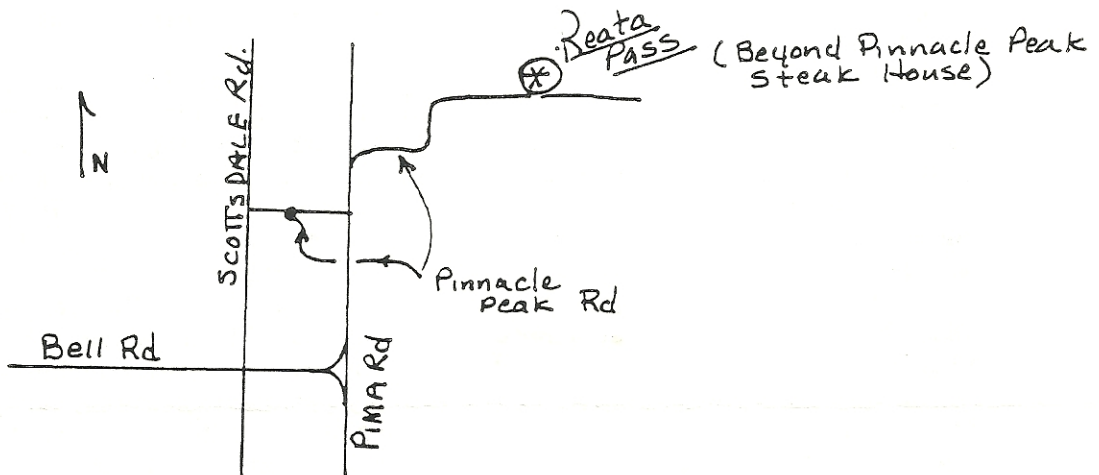
August 16th is Western Night!! All you DCTRA'rs are invited to drink, dance, and dine under the starry Arizona sky at Reata Pass. Armand La Casse has rounded up the details of this event, and all the specifics will be available at the next DCTRA meeting. Other than menu prices, all you need to know to get there is here. (see below)

DATE: August 16

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Reata Pass Restaurant (see map further below)

ARRANGEMENTS: Call Armand LaCasse before August 13th (or at the next meeting) to reserve your place and give the establishment a head count so's we'll have enough table space reserved. Armand's phone: 898-4580 (9a-5p), or 968-5639 (5p-9p)



This event has always been a hit with DCTRA in the past, so come early, relax and socialize (no-host bar), and enjoy a rootin', tootin' good evening !! Saddle up those TR's and see y'all at Reata Pass!!

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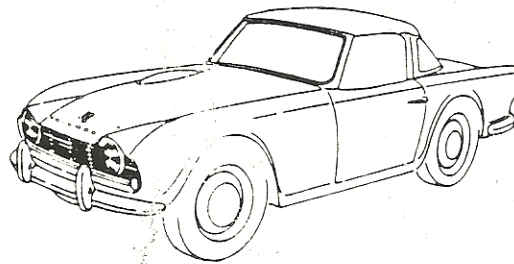
Albuquerque (505) 842-6120

AUTO TRIVIA...by Bill Sharp

Note from the author - "So far as I am concerned, the authority for correct answers is the game "Auto Trivia, An Automotive Adventure" unless someone can prove me absolutely wrong with seven unimpeachable sources in original form plus a personal letter from Her Highness the Queen!"

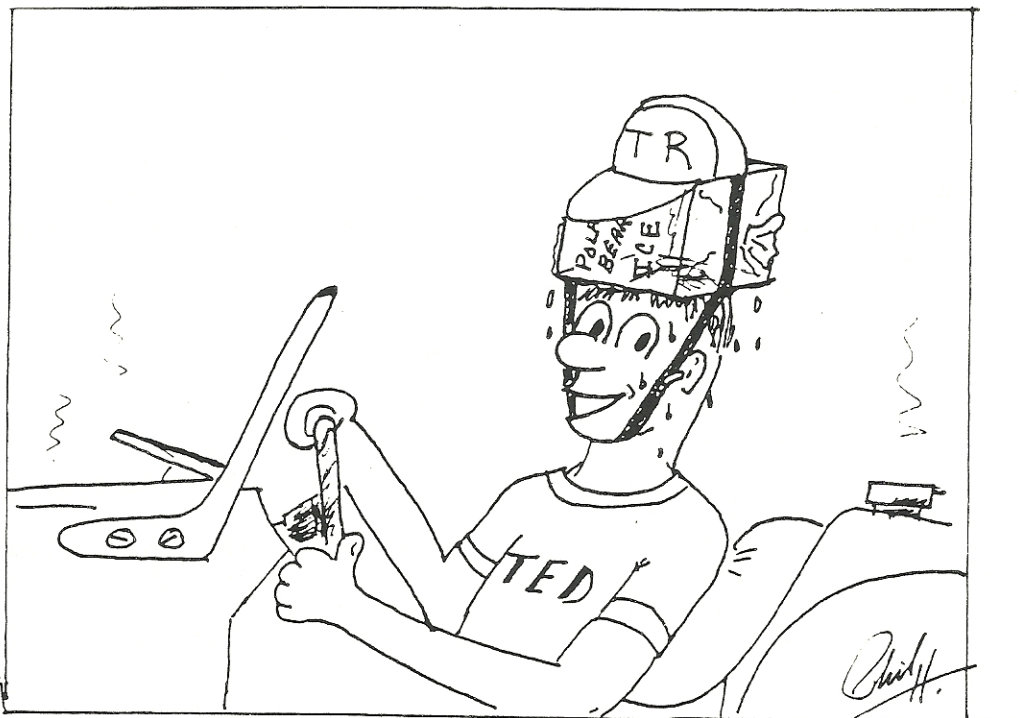
1. What automobile is shown on the U. S. ten dollar bill?
2. What state has a cowboy on its license plate?
3. "It's science, but it works like magic" is the slogan for what product?
4. What car holds the record for the longest production run?
5. What transportation did Ironsides use?
6. What was the last year the Austin Mini was imported into the U. S.?
7. What is pictured on the emblem of the Rover automobile?
8. What is the world's largest oil company?
9. For whom is the MacPherson strut named?
10. What magazine did Andy Granatelli work for in the late 40's?

1. 1926 Hupmobile; 2. Wyoming; 3. Armor All; 4. Volkswagen Beetle (type I)
5. a Ford van; 6. 1968; 7. a Viking ship; 8. Exxon; 9. Earl S. MacPherson;
10. Hot Rod.



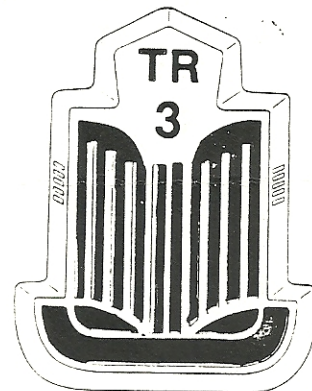
CALENDAR 1986

AUGUST 12	MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 16	WESTERN NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 9	MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 14	OVERNIGHT MOUNTAIN CAMP OUT
OCTOBER 14	MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 17-19	TRIUMPHEST '86
NOVEMBER 11	MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 16	TORTILLA FLATS PICNIC
DECEMBER 9	MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 13	CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Summer Driving?
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NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE by Phil Hunt

On Saturday July 12th a gaggle of us British car aficionados summoned up the wherewithal to journey out into the desert near Carefree, led by Tom Pennell. It was "eat and drink what you bring" with fire, location, and moral encouragement provided by Tom and Gracie. The night desert barbeque was resurrected and not only did it live, it thrived, attended by approximately 30 British car enthusiasts. The TR's were there in spirit, if not in force (well, at least 3 showed up), along with some Detroit iron, Swedish TR's, and an MGA (which made it up the hill without having to go into reverse.

No one seemed to get lost on the way, and we were left undisturbed (after sundown and the local firearms enthusiasts went home). The weather was cooler there, and the fellowship and food followed in the DCTRA tradition. For the most part, the dogs won out on the menu, but there was an occasional gourmet steak or chop. It got dark fast, and the stars were a hot topic, since you can actually see them up there. Conversation and conviviality thrived until almost 11:00. Finally we broke camp to wend our way home, enjoying the nighttime city panorama on the return.

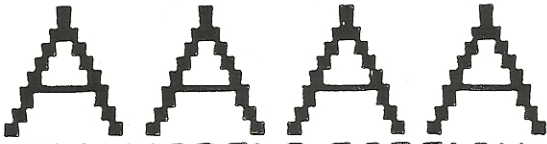
All in all, the night Barbeque was a hit, and one event we're likely to repeat in summers to come. Thanks to all, especially the Pennells, for an enjoyable event!

What's the sign?

Most TR owners have learned British terminology associated with car parts, but what about driving terms? Listed are 15 British highway sign markings with the translation into American. Can you match them up?

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| 1. Road liable to subsidence | A. Delivery entrance |
| 2. No locomotives | B. Exit |
| 3. End of prohibition | C. Parking for buses |
| 4. Diversion | D. Dips ahead |
| 5. Lay by | E. Detour |
| 6. Loose chippings | F. To the races |
| 7. Tram pinch | G. Traffic laws strictly enforced |
| 8. To the chaseways | H. No parking on shoulder |
| 9. Ring road | I. End speed zone |
| 10. Left coming | J. Fallen rock zone |
| 11. Way out | K. Squeeze ahead - trolley line |
| 12. No stopping on verge | L. Emergency Roadside parking |
| 13. Safety town ahead | M. Belt parkway |
| 14. Coach park | N. Merging traffic - left |
| 15. Goods entrance | O. No steam rollers |

Answers will be given at the August 12 DCTRA meeting; they also will be published in next month's newsletter. This quiz was reprinted from the July issue of the Triumph Standard, who reprinted it from Triumphs, Trials and Tribulations; the quiz originally appeared in the May 18, 1961 New York Times magazine.



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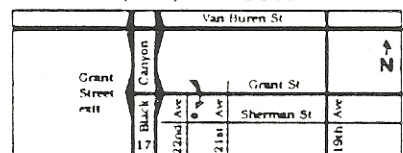
We're open Monday through Friday 7:30 to 5:30. Saturday 9 to 1, and by appointment. The coffee is always on. We're looking forward to meeting you.



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