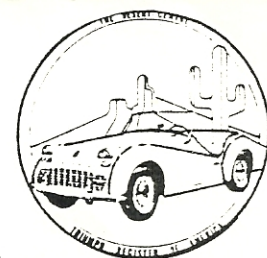


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PRESIDENT: JOHN POORE, 947-9781

NEWSLETTER: Wally Skurda 948-8913

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MEETING: February 10, 1987
Hunan Restaurant
1575 E. Camelback
7:00 PM

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FROM THE EDITOR. . .

One of my favorite cartoons shows a young man talking on the telephone. The caption is: "Hi Mom, I got job!". What I failed to mention was the boy was at the circus and happened to have two heads.

Tom Pennell saw me at a computer terminal and noticed I was typing with more than two fingers and wasn't looking at the keyboard. He filed that observation away for the future.

Last month he was going through the books and noticed I hadn't paid my dues for 1987. One afternoon he recalled my ability to operate typewriting devices and called me on the phone. After the usual greetings and inquiries about what was new, he casually asked if I would like to run for the office of club newsletter editor.

"Sure".

Time passed and again the phone rang. "How's the newsletter coming?"

"Okay", I lied.

"When are you going to pay your dues?"

"What?"

"How does it look to the other club members if the editor of the newsletter isn't a fully paid up member?", he chided.

So, with that, I enclosed a check for \$12.00, American funds (\$16.00 Canadian) and sent it on its way.

The point of this story is: This job doesn't call for a touch typist (or two heads), it requires someone with twelve bucks.

If I gotta pay, so do you. According to Gracie, the club needs the money.

Item #2. I need help. Editing a newsletter is sort of fun. Writing one all by yourself is not. Thanks to Randolph, Bob Schaller, Sherry Sharp, and the Hunts; we have the start of a newsletter. There should be more. I don't know all of you very well, yet. But what I've noticed about DCTRA members is you are one very, very interesting group of folks. How about passing some of it along for newsletter articles. Don't worry about spelling or writing style. We have people who can polish it up. The important thing is to contribute. All the news that fits, we print.

Ed

**DCTRA CLUB MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 1987
BY:
SHERRY SHARP**

The meeting was called to order by club president, Fred Peck, following the Champagne Brunch held at the Pointe Tapitio, Phoenix.

Approximately 66 members and guests attended. A thank you was extended to John Leet who took care of the club's needs for the day. Bob Schaller provided the champagne at the brunch. Thank you, Bob. Tom Pennell gave an overview re: the beginning of the DCTRA Club. To date, we hve 85 paid members with approximately 100+ individuals in the club. Tom encouraged all members to participate in seeking out new club members as well as actively participating in club activities and events. Fred thanked the 1986 DCTRA officers for their efforts. Nominations were opened for the 1987 DCTRA offices:

President:

Marci Chadsey

John Poore

Armand LaCasse

Vice President/Events Chairperson:

Sam Conklin

Jeff Baily

Secretary:

Bev Peterson

Bill Sharp

Treasurer:

Gracie Pennell

Historian:

Sherry Sharp

Newsletter Editor:

Marci Chadsey

Wally Skurda

Winners of the Club Drawing for minivisors:

Tom/Marilyn Larson, Debbie/Ken Schmidt, Beff Bailey, and Bill/Sherry Sharp.

Fred Peck recognized Bill Becker with a placque in appreciation for his support of the club and printing of the club's newsletter. Phil Hunt will deliver the placque to Bill. Tom Pennell introduced Mr. Chuck Collins, owner of AutoSports, who was thanked by all for his enthusiastic support of DCTRA. Tom encouraged all club mebers to express their desires regarding DCTRA 1987 club events.

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The new 1987 DCTRA club officers are:

President: John Poore
VP/Events Chairperson: Jeff Bailey
Treasurer: Gracie Pennell
Secretary: Bill Sharp
Historian: Sherry Sharp
Newsletter Editor: Wally Skurda

Congratulations!

John Poore assumed the presidency for the rest of the club meeting. Gary Hampsch announced that the Handicapped Ministries Rally will be held February 14, 1987. It is recommended that this be the club's February activity. In March, the British Motor Car Council will sponsor a British Car Day.

The treasurer's report was given by Gracie Pennell. Dues of \$12.00 are due now.

ASRA Racing: Jan 11, at Firebird Raceway.

Eloy Racing: March 13,14,15th.

No information regarding Triumphfest '87.

The meeting was adjourned.

MORE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: "Needs good home!" TR 4A IRS, 1968. Yellow with black interior, MANY extras; mileage 64,250; car has been in storage. Arizona car. New brakes, roll bar, custom steering wheel; good tires and good body. Needs radiator and fan. For complete information call Ken Milward, 493-9782

FOR SALE: "Automobiles in Miniture for the Collector" by AUTOFANATICS LD. Mail Order, P.O. Box 1091, Studio City CA 91604.

FOR SALE: 1974 Yellow TR 6, original and well kept. Factory air, as well as factory hardtop, convertible and tonneau. Call Kathy or Jack @ (602) 836-7859.

FOR SALE: 1963 TR3B, Hardtop, soft top, tonneau, no serious rust. 1-459-0491 days, 1-538-3364 evenings, Jim O'Neil, Sierra Vista, AZ.

RANDOLPH RIDES AGAIN!

At the December meeting (yes, I was there) I picked up a new DCTRA membership list. Having nothing to do this evening (my car has just been greased, oiled, and waxed and ready for the party and the brunch) thought I would go thru the roster looking for "VICTIMS". Lo and behold, a whole class of them.

There are a surprising number of club members that all have the same serial number listed for their car, to wit:

TS XXXXX L
CC XXXXX L
XXX XXXXX XX
CT XXXXX L
TS XXXXX LO
SS XXXXX L
CC XXXXX U
UK XXXXX L
FC XXXXX L
FF XXXXX L
CF XXXXX UO
UK XXXXX U

I can't fault their intelligence because if they can print letters, they certainly can print numbers. Could it be that they don't know where the ID numbers are on their Triumphs? I'll give them the benefit of the doubt. BUT, they don't have to go looking for their ID plates! Their magic number is on their title and also on their registration form!

In a car club, car numbers should be more important than phone numbers. If you XXXXX car owners agree with me, send in your "real" numbers. OR ELSE!

There is one major change in the current membership roster that raises my appreciation of the efforts of Tom Pennell in keeping the roster current. This is a neverending job that he willingly does for all of us. No, it is not the work he does. . . it is the major change he has made in the roster.

HE HAS ELIMINATED THE YEAR OF MANUFACTURE!

TRIUMPHS are identified by model, not by year. That's alright for Detroit iron, but not for TRIUMPHS. Tom. . . thank you, thank you, thank you.

Gals, I'm disappointed. I take it from the lack of response to my suggestion that you all lack any desire to get involved in left seat activities.

If in the future, you all change your minds, I could possibly be persuaded to change my mind and support your cause. Try me.

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AUG 1959

Sports Cars Compete Today At Manzy Oval

The sports cars of the Arizona Racing Association will compete at Manzanita Park tonight.

Seven events are scheduled over a specially-constructed 5/8-mile course. The speedway is located at 35th Avenue and W. Broadway. The program starts at 7 p.m. with time trials. Competitive racing begins at 8:30. Following the trophy dash, four heat races, a 15 lap semi-main, and a 30 lap main.

Among the 30 entries are Larry Lohr, Austin-Healey; Pat Riley, Triumph TR-3; Dick Thompson, Triumph; Don McGee, Siata Spy-

der; Ed Bodlak, Alfa-Romeo; Jack Lindsay, Austin-Healey Sprite; Bob Schaller, Triumph TR-3; Frank Tracey, Volvo; Ray Wolff, Morgan Plus 4; Rick Bennewitz, MG-TD; John Blanchard, Austin-Healey 100-6; Jack Strong, Goliath Tiger; Paul Ebeyer, Fiat 1100; and Jim Speckens, Elvo Special.

A leading contender is Jack Cotton of El Paso, Tex., the holder of many Southwestern racing titles. This will be Cotton's second appearance at the Manzanita speedway. He will drive an Alfa-Romeo sports car.

Eight of the 17 members of the 1960 Michigan State wrestling team come from the area around Lansing.

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FOR SALE: Racing interest forces sale of early 1958 TR 3 Comm.#12144. White with grey interior. 2500 miles on completely rebuilt engine, OD transmission, front suspension, TR 4 rack and pinion steering conversion. Driven daily in Arizona since 1975. Too many extras to list. Minor rear body damage. \$5000. firm. For more information contact Fred Peck, 602-942-2532 evenings and weekends.

FOR SALE: 2 nos aamco soft tops for MK III and IV Spitfire, \$50; used TR7 4 speed trans \$200; also 2 1972 TR 6 complete cars for parts except front sheet metal. Chuck Collins, 252-3129.

FOR SALE: Parting out '71 Triumph Spitfire- Mark IV. Complete 1296 Spitfire engine, parts for 1200 engine, electrical, carburetion, and body parts available. Also a 1200 race-ready engine (used to belong to Tom Pennell). Bought a race car and need to sell these parts ASAP. For information and to haggle over prices, call Jim Chadsey at 236-3591 or 983-1916.

FOR SALE: 1965 Spitfire, restored, with new top, new glass and interior (tan). New paint as well (yellow) and some new chrome. Schaller engine and carbs, with electric fuel pump. Brakes good. \$2300. Call 971-9175, evenings.

FOR SALE: Home made parts washer; plastic sink. \$100. Call Tom Pennell, 951-8472

Computers at a Pool Store??? Unlikely combination saves you money. Call for best price on PC/XT or PC/AT. Paradise Valley Pool Store, 40th and Thunderbird, 971-3494. Tom and Gracie's store.

FOR SALE: 1959 TR 3 Good running condition, new top, tonneau cover, carpets and tires. Red with black interior. Wire wheels sandblasted and painted. Extra parts, 5-wire wheels, 4-disc wheels, 5-hub caps, shop manuals, etc. \$4,500 or best offer. Don Groves, 515-752-5131, #D-10 2510 S. 6th St. Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Get into Hot Water with a Friend!! SPAS for sale! Call Gracie for a hot time!!! 971-3494, PV Pool Supply.

Computers starting at \$439.00. Call PV Pool Supply. Can be supplied before Christmas. Call Tom at 971-3494.