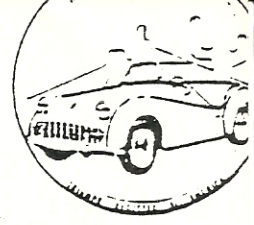


# Triumph Rumpeter



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THE DESERT CENTRE - TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

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MEETING:

Hunan Restaurant  
1575 E. Camelback  
7:00 PM

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## FROM THE PREZ ...

If you saw last month's newsletter, this is the continued". Yes, I did get the idle down to where it should be. Bob Schaller says these things go back together by them selves, but what he forgot to tell me ws that they don't adjust themselves. So, with tearing the carburetors apart several times and whining to Bob to tell me "one more time" how to adjust them, I finally took the tachometer to Dick's Speed-O-Tach in Tempe and that solved the whole problem.

It looks like Las Vegas is coming together pretty well but there is still a lot of work to do. As those of you who were at last month's meeting know, Bill (knees) Sharp, won the logo contest.

While thinking about club events last night, I was talking to my son and the suggestion was made, why doesn't the club get together some Friday or Saturday night and cruise Central - could end up at a drive-in - might be fun.

Be sure to make the next meeting because we are going to establish a tradition. At the meeting we will present the first annual Gracie Pennell award (if we get it back in time). This year's award will be dedicated to Bob Schaller and Digger Davitt. Be sure and come out to see who the winner is and help us congratulate them.

MINUTES,  
MAY 12, 1987  
BY: BILL SHARP

President John Poore called the meeting to order at Hunan restaurant at 7:10 Pm on 12 May 1987. The first half hour was given to a seminar on wire wheels and their care, feeding, acquisition, and application. The lecturer was Kurt Lohmeyer, presently owner of WIRE WHEEL SERVICE, 3116 W. Thomas Rd., #604. A comprehensive guide to wheels was essayed, as well as buying, application guide, and overview of the price structure in the market. Kurt generously offered to check any club member's wheels for ture at no cost. For more information, contact Kurt at 233-2363.

The next order of business was round robin introductions of all present. Our newest member is Sara Martha Riddle, 2 months - a short wheelbase model. Minutes of the past meeting were approved as published in the Trumpeter. The activity for June is Western Night. It will be held on the evening of 13 June. Details will be available later from Phil Hunt, the events co-ordinator. Jeff Bailey, V.P. and events chair, gave a rundown of all remaining events. Each month has been set except November. It was mentioned that a commercially sponsored (AUTONET) parts swap will be held May 23/24 at Mesa CC. The treasurer's report indicated that DCTRA is solvent and this was confirmed by the fact that Palace Station accepted our credit report as the ponsering organization for TRIUMPHEST '87. Gracie did, however, emphasize that the stock of DCTRA coolers was still large and that they are for sale at \$10. T-shirts are also available at \$7.50. Greg Lund reported that AAHC has gone dormant for the summer (till Sept.). A correction of the AAHC car show show results and distribution of the trophies was held with Bob Hohanshelt taking 3rd, Tom Larson 2nd, and Bev & Pete Petersen winning first place in the Triumph division. DCTRA ID badges are in, thanks to Bob Morey, and are priced at \$3.00 each. Those who ordered them should pick them up as soon as possible. A progress report on TRIUMPHEST '87 closed the meeting. All systems are GO, with the choice of venue taken care of and most committees beginning to function. An impassioned plea was made by yr fthfl srvt for a person to co-ordinate the effort to be made by ALL CLUB MEMBERS to solicit prizes and items for the raffle and for

door prizes in Vegas. No one yet has stepped forward. . . here's your chance for glory. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
WPS

EVERYBODY CAN  
PARTICIPATE  
IN  
TRIUMPHEST '87

As a member of DCTRA, start bringing an item which can be placed in the raffle at Triumphest '87.

Silly, functional, and/or car related.

We NEED lots of items!

NEEDED BY: SHERRY SHARP, HISTORIAN

- Any old, but functional 3-ring notebooks.
- Any of the British Flag scarves.

Result: British Flag covered notebooks for raffle at the TRIUMPHEST '87 and as photo albums for our car club.

Thank you

NAME TAGS

Michael Colaizzi  
Bryan Pratt  
Morgan Reed  
Robert Todd  
Ross Selvidge  
Bob Hohanshelt  
Dorothy Hohanshelt

Your name tags are gathering dust. Please pick them up at the meeting. The cost is \$3.00.

## FROM THE EDITOR

This has been another slow month for newsletter stuff. Thank goodness. I have been overwhelmed with work and a zillion other things. In fact, if things keep going as they have been, I just may ask for a *lot* more help with the newsletter. It takes around twenty hours to enter whatever comes in the mail and the various and assorted other things that go along with putting the monthly newsletter into the computer. That includes editing and re-writing. While we're on the subject of rewriting. . .

Word drifted down that my decision to rewrite portions of newsletter submissions created some hard feelings. To be honest, I cannot bring myself to say I am sorry for rewriting. It goes along with being the editor of this publication. If the rules were *type it as you see it and just check spelling and punctuation*, I would have said "Thank you, but no thank you," to this job. I make my living as a writer. It is work. It is serious. It is not fun. For me, this newsletter is fun. I complain about the deadlines, and wish I had more time and help to get more graphics, photographs, and cartoons into it. But, hopefully, that will happen during the next couple of months. So, the business of rewriting. It is fun. I do it for free. Hopefully, my style give a few people a chuckle now and again. But, if it really bothers people that much, say the word and start looking for a good typist who can spell and correct punctuation.

**READ THIS!** New PHONE NUMBER & ADDRESS for the Newsletter:

TRIUMPH TRUMPETER  
6434 E. Corrine Dr.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

951-8472

I will probably be moving in the next month or two, so we had better get a permanent address and telephone number out there.

WALLY SKURDA

## WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT FAILED???

After three blissful years of owning a 1969 Triumph, this year I was faced with running the Arizona Emission Testing gauntlet. What did I have to fear? After all, the car was running well and didn't put out a smoke screen during acceleration. Never the less, I did check the timing, dwell, idle, etc. before that fateful day. The line at the testing site was short and I revved the engine to blow out whatever carbon may have collected during city driving, none ever collects as I have a habit of running up 5K+ RPMs when shifting. With confidence, I pulled into the testing area. I knew I was in trouble when the attendant asked me to hold the RPMs at 2500. It FAILED!!!

Two days later I spent several hours checking carb float levels and making the few adjustments which could be made. Then, with much less confidence, I returned for re-testing. Failed again. One option on a second failure is a request for WAIVER. I drove directly from the testing site to the waiver site. The line was much shorter there. The attendant made some comment like, "Oh, another one of these", as I pulled into the testing area. I detected that I might have a sympathetic ear as he mumbled some comments regarding our friend Mr. Lucas, and Stromberg carbs. Not being a dummy, with a sorrowful voice, I explained how I could not get parts, no one would work on it, and several other comments I would be ashamed to mention in front of my fellow Triumph owners.

While we should make every attempt to keep our cars tuned and thus reduce air pollution, if it does fail, it may not be necessary to junk your car or spend the family fortune trying to meet the standard. The Arizona Emission Testing recognizes that we proud Triumph owners do have a problem getting parts and meeting emission standards. Oh, yes, I did get the waiver.

Anonymous

## RANDOLPH RIDES AGAIN!

An open letter to all DCTRA VIRGINS:

Now that I have your attention, my definition of a "DCTRA VIRGINS" is in order.

A "DCTRA VIRGINS" is a current club member that has never experienced (as a participant or an observer) a TRA WEST or a TRIUMPHEST. Using my definition, a great majority of club members are DVs.

Now, don't you all think it is about time to change your status? DCTRA has had the distinction of hosting three previous regional meets, and the one coming up will make four of the seven. The last two regional meets were hosted by and held in California. But this year is different. It is being held on "neutral" ground, so to speak. DCTRA is the host and we should have the most (cars, that is).

There are many, many reasons (*read* excuses) members will use for not going. So let me narrow them down and dispose of some of the excuses.

- "I can't afford it." -- \$2 a day into a coffee can from now 'til then will pay for the whole glorious week-end. Figure it out.
- "My car overheats on a long trip." We are going in cool October. So put on a Volvo 122S fan, carry an extra fan belt and a couple of gallons of water.
- "My car won't make it." Come on; it's a mere 285 miles one way. Cars were trailered to Palm Desert and Pismo Beach and trailered and towed home. One of the cars came home from Palm Desert on a tow bar.
- "My interior looks tatty." "My car needs a paint job." "My front end is crunched." "I have a bent grille." These are valid reasons for not winning trophies, but they are *not* valid excuses for *not* going. This is not a concours show. If so, only concours class cars would go. If it is a TR (or Triumph powered), bring it. The judging is just a small part of the week-

end meet.

- "I don't have my TR running." There is no requirement that you *must* drive a TR to the meet. Mike Walton went to Del Mar in a camper pick-up. Gil Simmons went to Del Mar in a Corvette. Digger Davitt went to Palm Desert in a truck. Sam Conklin went to Pismo Beach via commercial air and a rent-a-car. Bruce Bart went to Pismo Beach in a Toyota (or was it a Datsun?).
- "I don't think I can get the time off from work." What sane supervisor could refuse you one day off if you asked for it five months in advance? That's right, the only time off you need from work is *one* day, Friday, October 16, 1987. Drive up Friday AM (in convoy) and drive home Sunday PM (in convoy). Rand McNally Road Atlas quotes Phoenix to Las Vegas as 6:20 hours driving time (and that is their very conservative figure).

Everybody's got to lose their virginity sometime.

RANDOLPH,  
The Right Honorable  
etc., etc., etc.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June                                      | Western Nite.           |
| Date and location to be announced.        |                         |
| July 18                                   | Pool Party at Liebich's |
| August 22                                 | Desert Party            |
| September                                 | Campout.                |
| Date and location to be announced.        |                         |
| October 16, 17, & 18                      | Need I say it?          |
| TRIUMPHEST '87 Las Vegas                  |                         |
| November                                  | Open. . . Any Ideas?    |
| December                                  | Christmas Party.        |
| Date, location, and host to be announced. |                         |

## TRIUMPHEST '87

TRIUMPHEST '87 will be hosted by the Desert Centre Triumph Register of America (Phoenix area) at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on 16, 17, and 18 October, 1987. The hotel has been very helpful and willing to work with us in any way necessary. Friday afternoon and evening will be given over to registration, visiting commercial participants and social activities. Saturday will be a full day of events, both driving and static, including; a planned rally, a funkhana, a funcours judging of cars, Technical sessions, etc. An awards banquet is planned for Saturday evening that will include door prizes and a raffle. Sunday will be devoted to social concerns and preparing to depart. The schedule is as yet tentative but promises to offer something for everyone.

Costs are as follows for the hotel: \$45 per night, single or double. \$52 per night, triple. The buffet will be approximately \$14.00 per person, and includes three entres and a full range of ancillaries. More information on regristration costs will follow soon. A packet for pre-regristration will be on the way as soon as we get all the components together. The Palace Station Hotel-Casino is nice looking and is presently being remodeled to include the grounds and redocrated rooms. It is a two-story, horseshoe-shaped building enclosing two pools, a children's pool, and two spas. Eight or nine restaurants and eating places are on the grounds as well as 55,000 sq ft casino. The hotel is about 2 blocks off the strip at a very convenient freeway exit. So, everything is easy access without putting us at a disadvantage as far as traffic or loitering. The rooms are scheduled to be in a block, so we will only bother and be bothered by ourselves.

This promises to be the biggest and best TRIUMPHEST yet, so bring as many of your club members as possible and let's celebrate.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE . . . FREE. . . Personal ads are free if you are a paid-up member of DCTRA!

FOR SALE: 1967 Spitfire MK II parts. Windshield frame; convertible top frame; rough body; straight chassis, Dellorto sidedraft and minifold for 1174. Call John at 271-4174 days, 943-9563 eves.

WANTED: 1174 Spitfire cylinder head; 1967 Mk III seats; 1967 Jaeger speedo; Mk III convertible top frame/mechanism. Call John at 271-4174 days, 943-9563 eves.

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. \$2,300. Call 971-9175 evenings.

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

FOR SALE: Needs good home! TR4A 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: 1974 Yellow TR6, original and well kept. Factory air, as well as factory hardtop, convertible and tonneau. Call Kathy or Jack at 602-836-7859.

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

FOR SALE: 1966 Triumph T100 Desert bike. Be Steve McQueen, and have fun doing it. \$600.00. Many new parts. Call John @ 943-9563.

FOR SALE: A PENDING OVERSEAS MOVE FORCES ME TO PART WITH THE LOVES OF MY LIVE, NEXT TO MY WIFE, OF COURSE. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL GARY AT 867-8413 OR DURING WORKING HOURS @ 438-1362. GT6 Plus, 1969, This up and coming model is fast and solid; a good performer at SCCA Solo. New rear end: \$2,100. SPITFIRE, MKII, 1966. This little gem is a real looker. These early models are becoming rare and desireable. Four new pistons make the engine hum: \$1,800.

FOR SALE: Manuals, Parts, and Misc. HAYNES, Owner/Wkshop, TR5, 250, & TR6, '67 on: \$7.50. AUTOPRESS, Workshop, TR5, 250, & TR6, '67/'72: \$6.00. ROVER 2000 Factory Workshop, '65 & TC / Auto Trans Supp '68: \$25.00 pr. TR-250 Magnetic Aluminum gas cap: \$25. Comml. Fire Extinguishers; ANSUL drychem re-chg. #10 B&C: \$25. #30 A-B-C: \$50. Call Bruce Barth @ 247-6241.

FOR SALE: Very pampered '80 TR8. 46K miles. Mechanically great, needs minor interior work. New cloth top. Car cover. \$5,500. Call Penny @ 258-3561 or 944-1356 after 6.