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 MEETING: APRIL 12, 1988
 THE HUNAN RESTAURANT
 1575 E. CAMELBACK @ 7 PM

The TRIUMPH TRUMPETER is the official newsletter of:

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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month.

Dues are \$12.00 per year

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TRIUMPH

COMING EVENTS

April 17
PRESCOTT SUNDAY DRIVE
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ELOY GRAND PRIX
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May 14/15
TUCSON OVERNIGHT TRIP
Details Next Month

SPECIAL NOTICE

As a courtesy to your fellow Club members, PLEASE wear your name badge to meetings and other events.

NO MORE MR. NICE GUY!

THIS REALLY WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU DON'T RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

**'BILL'S BANTER'
FROM THE PREZ**

Two areas of concern this month. First, some thoughts on British Motor Car Day held at South Mountain Park 27 March. DCTRA accepted an award because more Triumphs were registered than any other marque. I was really very proud until I did the count myself and realized that fewer than half the Triumphs registered belonged to DCTRA members. I guess this is a good news--bad news deal; not nearly as many of us were motivated to participate as I had hoped, but fresh Triumph owners were lured into a pleasant situation to be sweet talked by the members present. It looks like at least 4-5 new members may result, perhaps more. At least that many promised to come to a meeting to "try us on for size". Let's bring them on home!

Second thought. On the geographic dispersion of members and the mapping thereof alluded to here last month. It took a bit of time with membership lists, phone books, calls, magnifying glasses, maps, pins, etc., but the graph proof is in. If we were to start with no place to meet and wanted to pick out a place that would be closest to the center of population, HUNAN would be !!! Lucky for us Mr. Lee still puts up with us!

A note at this point to those who, for whatever reason, can't make all the meetings. I guess no one really can, all the time. If you miss a meeting of the DCTRA, no one will call to castigate you. If you miss two or three, we'll worry about you. If you don't come at all, you're only getting about 10% out of the club that it can offer, but it's still a fair deal. The newsletter comes, the activities are available, and members are only a phone call away for advice or help. If you can't come to meetings because of work or distance and would like to get more out of DCTRA, I have a suggestion. Since meetings are fixed in time early on and activities are scheduled several months in advance, pick one or two specific meetings or activities in advance and plan ahead to make them. If it means leaving work early or juggling commitments, so be it. You get something from DCTRA or you wouldn't belong and you're at least as important as your job or your outside responsibilities, so do something for yourself once in a while. The idea is to have fun and keep the Triumphs on the road. Come on out and get reinforced once in a while!

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Bill Sharp

**'MARY'S MINUTES'
DCTRA MARCH MEETING**

The meeting of DCTRA was opened at 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 1988, by president, Bill Sharp. The minutes of the February 9, 1988, meeting were approved as published. Visitors and new members were recognized. After calling for a treasurer's report and events report it was determined that the meeting should be suspended until late arrivals could get to the meeting from the restaurant. The meeting was suspended at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Armand LaCasse reported on up coming events - there will be a day trip to Prescott on April 17 - the overniter to Sedona has been changed to Tucson on May 14 & 15. There was discussion on a pool party where a pig would be roasted. Bill Sharp volunteered to cook the pig but not dig the pit. While discussing events, Bill reminded everyone that Triumphfest will be September 29 through October 2.

Chuck Liebich got a round of applause for the work on the newsletter. The historian (Sherry Sharp) asked for pictures of DCTRA events for the club album.

Bob Schaller discussed his TR running in the Vintage ASRA race at Firebird until it developed a hole in a piston. Bob says that is being fixed.

Bill Sharp reported that he had done a survey on where people in the club live and as it turns out the Hunan Restaurant is almost exactly in the middle.

Next there was a discussion about what the rules should be to authorize club expenditures. After the discussion it was determined that things will remain the same.

Bob Schaller brought up why you should carry a fire extinguisher in your car and the advantages of the halon type over the powder type.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
John Poore (for vacationing Mary)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1988

The following list of events is presently anticipated by our Events Chairman Armand La-Casse. Also see 'Armand's Agenda' column with details of these events, changes that may occur for various reasons, and additional happenings of interest to our membership.

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1988 CALENDAR

April 12	7 PM Meeting
April 17	Prescott Sunday Drive
April 23/24	Eloy Grand Prix
May 10	7 PM Meeting
May 14/15	Tucson Overnight Trip
June 14	7 PM Meeting
June 18	Western Night
July 12	7 PM Meeting
July 16	Pool Party
Aug. 9	7 PM Meeting
Aug. 11/14	VTR National-Dallas
Aug. 13/14	Overnight Camping
Sept. 13	7 PM Meeting
Sept. 17	Desert BBQ
Oct. 11	7 PM Meeting
Sept.29/Oct.2	Triumphfest
Nov. 8	7 PM Meeting
Nov. 12	White Tank Mts. Picnic
Dec. 13	7 PM Meeting
Dec. 17	Christmas Party
Dec. 31	New Year's Party
Jan. 8 '89	Champagne Brunch
Feb. 14 '89	7 PM Meeting
Feb. ?? '89	ASRA Vintage Car Race

'ARMAND'S AGENDA' WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON

The Tortilla Flats picnic was a success (I bought just enough hotdogs to feed the crowd)! Most people drove their Triumphs which caused many campers' heads to turn as they drove by the three campground sites we occupied. A special thanks to Bev Peterson who was unable to attend but still sent the goodies she promised to bring to the picnic. Phil and Sue Hunt also brought a mess of cowboy beans. We all were glad to see that someone brought (and shared with those of us who forgot) the condiments.

This month we have two events:

- **SUNDAY DRIVE TO PRESCOTT**
Sunday, April 17, 10 AM

Meet at the Cave Creek Exit (#223) and I-17 on the east side of the freeway at 10 AM. We will finalize the sites to see and where to stop at that time. Departure time is 10:30 AM, so don't miss the proverbial bus! We will use CB radio channel 5 for the stragglers.

- **ELOY GRAND PRIX**

Saturday and Sunday, April 23/24
Saturday will be practice sessions starting at 9 AM. The Mayor's Cup will start about 2 PM. Sunday practice sessions start at noon, with the main event starting about 2 PM.

Armand LaCasse

'CHUCK'S CHATTER'

FROM THE EDITOR

The time is here --- beautiful sunshine -- light breezes -- 80 degrees! What more could you ask for? Well, personally I would enjoy a sweet little Triumph roadster to take advantage of these wonders. The Triumph roadster I have, but the enjoyment seems endlessly limited to the garage. Each repair accomplished requires a "road test" and each road test around the block reveals additional repairs and adjustments needed. After several major operations, the engine noises are gone, the radiator is not spewing rusty water on the alternator and starter, and the puddles on the floor appear to be limited to brake fluid and transmission oil. Brake fluid?? Oh boy, here we go again! Somehow the kitty litter soaking up oil on the floor must have gotten under the seal in the clutch slave cylinder. Visual examination is now required from underneath, resulting in oil drips in the face and oil soaked kitty litter caked in the hair and inside the shirt neckband. Now I'm REALLY having fun! Well, back to the repair manual, the parts price list, and the VISA statement balance to overcome this latest setback. While the rest of you are enjoying your Sunday Drive to Prescott, the Kitty Litter Kid will be hard at work. Those glorious days of roadstaring in the sunshine will happen, but they'll be delayed a little longer for me.

Chuck Liebich

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FREE...FREE.. Personal ads are free for paid-up members!

FOR SALE: '71 Spitfire MkIV. Complete 1296 eng., parts for 1200 eng.; elec., carb and body parts. 1147 race-ready engine. Need to sell this stuff. Jim Chadsey, 256-3591 or 983-1916.

FOR SALE: '68 TR4A IRS Yellow w/black int. Many extras. 64K miles, AZ car. Lots of new stuff. Ken Milward 493-9782

FOR SALE: '74 TR6 Yellow, Fact. air, Fact. hardtop. Jack 836-7859

FOR SALE: TR2, and 3A and some TR2, TR3A and TR4 parts (everything in need of restoration) . Call Pete Peterson. 581-9733.

FOR SALE: SPITFIRE MK IV, good condition, make offer. Call Bob Schaller 992-7969.

FOR SALE: TR7 parts: John Horton 843-1399 after 6pm.

FOR SALE: 1968 TR4A, IRS, BRG, Arizona car, excellent condition, original owner, Doug Whitneybell. 955 8643 after 6 pm.

HELP an Auto Crosser hold off the Jap invasion. Speed parts needed for MK II/III GT-6's. Especially interested in 3-40 DCOE Webbers for a reasonable price. Call Steve: (702) 399-0089

FOR SALE: Factory TR6 Hardtop
Best offer. Bill Dapuzzo 971-9516

FOR SALE: '62 TR4 White w/red interior, beautifully restored. \$5500 call 991-9073

FOR SALE: 1976 TR7 COUPE, Excellent condition, detailed and clean. New clutch, alternator and transmission. All service records available. \$6000 invested, asking \$2500
Call Gary Johnson, 263-9587 after 2 PM

TRIUMPH and MG (Ed. note: MG???)

Quality rebuilt engines & cylinder heads at realistic prices. Many in stock or will rebuild to suit. SPITFIRE, GT6, TR3, TR4, TR6, TR7. Also MGA, MGB, MGC and Midget. Large selection of used engine components (blocks, cranks, etc.)

DAVID L. BENNETT
(602) 230-1862

1967 TRIUMPH SPITFIRE For Sale. Under 30,000 Miles on SCHALLER REBUILT ENGINE. TRANSMISSION, REAR END, CARBURETORS and STARTER also recently REBUILT. Also includes COMPETITION SUSPENSION, FIBERGLASS HARDTOP, TWO SOFT TOPS, TWO TONNEAU COVERS, CHRYSLER ALTERNATOR CONVERSION, EXTRA GAUGES and MORE! Call Armand LaCasse at 968-5639.

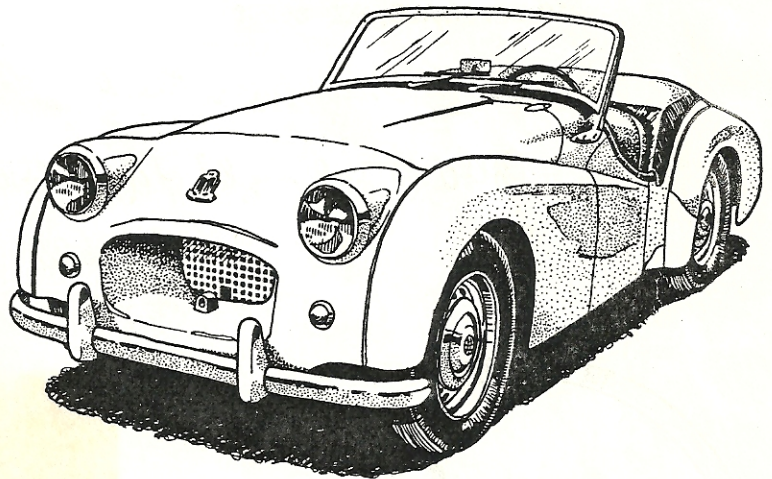
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Complete wiring loom	\$175
Kenlowe cooling fan	\$60
Tonneau cover	\$75
Exhaust manifold	\$25
Oil cooler	\$55
Fan belt	\$2

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STOP RUNNING YOUR ADS!**