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MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 1988 @ 7:30 PM
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month.

Dues are \$12.00 per year

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 17
NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE

Details Inside

September 29-October 2

TRIUMPHEST '88

Need we say more?

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

THE DCTRA NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE IS ON!

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 17, 1988 AT DUSK

You all will be pleased to hear that the gravel pit so successfully invaded last year and the year before that is still there. There is a lot more gravel, but still plenty of room to park and set up the grill. A charcoal grill will be set up for your cooking convenience. Everything else will be brought in (and taken out) by the participants.

Remember to bring lawn chairs, food, drink, utensils and maybe a lantern, but please leave your pets and ghetto blasters at home. For those of you who didn't go last year, follow the directions given here:

1. Go NORTH on Pima Road from East Bell Road (East Bell ENDS at Pima.).

2. Turn RIGHT (East) at the STOP sign in Carefree - in other words, go toward Bartlett Lake.

3. At the top of the hill near the microwave tower, the signs tell you to turn right to go to Bartlett. GO STRAIGHT at this intersection. DO NOT GO TO BARTLETT LAKE.

4. Follow the road until the pavement ends (just after a sharp left turn and at the bottom of a dip).

5. Take the FIRST turn to the RIGHT after the gravel road starts. The place is just over the hill and to your left.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Anyone planning to attend Triumphest '88, please contact me as soon as possible.

Digger Davitt
966-9712

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1988

The following list of events is presently anticipated by our Events Chairman Armand LaCasse. 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

Sept. 13	7 PM Meeting
Sept. 17	Desert BBQ
Oct. 11	7 PM Meeting
Sept.29 - Oct.2	Triumphest '88
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. 3-4-5 '89	ASRA Vintage Car Race
Feb. 14 '89	7 PM Meeting

"BILL'S BANTER"

FROM THE PREZ

At this time of year, Western Triumphers' thoughts lightly turn to thoughts of Triumphest. Sound like something you've heard before, right? For those of us who will be making the trip to Santa Clara, plans are coming to fruition. Reservations have been made (right?) and decisions have been taken as to what activities in which to participate, travel plans are firming up and vacation days have been spoken for. That's great. Can't argue with that. In fact, I think we'll join you. BUT! how about next year? Where will T'fest '89 be and who will host it? How about 1990? I think we need to discuss our feelings about the venue, the work, and the potential profit from Triumphest before we all saddle up for the North so we know what we want to do in the next couple of years as far as running another one. After all, DCTRA was responsible for the concept, the first meet, and two since then. It may be that next year is too soon for us to put out that kind of effort again (it takes all year, for those of you who just joined), but we may have some ideas on who and where we think would be appropriate for '89 and we may want to make a bid for 1990 at the same time, just as the Triumph Travelers of San Jose did two years ago. If that's our decision, we'll have TWO meets to observe and TWO years to organize. That may not make it painless, but it will help a bunch. Let's think about it and I'll put it on the agenda for the Sept. meeting.

Now, on an absolutely unrelated and shamelessly self-serving note, how many of you out there really, REALLY, REALLY love Chili? I mean the REAL kind—no beans, hamburger, tomatoes, filler or junk, just the real thing? Well, the 8th of October your favorite President (who couldn't even TALK to the guys who got into the National Guard) will be competing in the ALL NEW ARIZONA STATE CHILI COOK OFF at the Pointe South Mountain for real money (\$500) and a chance to go to the Nationals in SoCal and win \$25K. A certain very recent ex-prez has agreed to help in this effort (even though he can't actually eat any of the stuff) and a whole bunch of other people will be there to compete and eat. We'd love to win, but mostly, we'd be proud to stand up and say -- Thanks for your support.

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Bill Sharp

"CHUCK'S CHATTER" ,

FROM THE EDITOR

Your Editor-in-Chief is vacationing this month -- racing a Porche around a track in Aspen, Colorado. Hopefully (!!!) he'll be back in time for the September meeting.

Dottie

WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON

NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE

September 17 - Dusk

This month's event is the "don't tell anyone where we are going until we get there" Night Desert Barbeque. Assuming the place is still there, we will go to the same place as last year. Where is that you say? You could look in the August 1987 newsletter, (or search this newsletter for more info.)

- WHAT TO BRING -

Steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs to grill

(Club will provide charcoal and grill)

Cooler full of whatever you like to drink

Jacket or sweater (it's cool at night in the desert)

Lawn chairs Guitars, harmonicas, etc.

- WHAT NOT TO BRING -

Ghetto blasters

Pets

THIS IS A WONDERFUL ROAD FOR TR-ING. HAVE FUN, BUT DRIVE CAREFULLY.

Thank you, Ben North, for organizing last month's campout. Hopefully the event was full of happy campers!

Bob Schaller, Bob Morey and I did a fine job of representing DCTRA and Arizona in Dallas at the VTR National Convention. Y'all come to the meeting and see what all we won!

Since Triumphest '88 is scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 2, we will have another event after the October meeting. Just what that event will be is a subject for discussion at the September meeting.

See you there
Armand LaCasse



DCTRA AUGUST MEETING

The meeting was called to order on August 9, 1988, at 7:05 p.m. by President Bill Sharp. Minutes of the previous month's meeting were accepted as published.

The Triumph Nationals are being held in Dallas, Texas on August 11-14, 1988. Bob Schaller and Bob Morey will be going to Texas for the event.

Get all newsletter information to Chuck Liebich as soon as possible.

Tom Pennell, Membership Chairman, said there were no new members this month.

The new club decals are now available free of charge to members. Get them from Wally Skurda or Tom Pennell. Club business cards are available from Digger Davitt.

Bill Sharp noted that a 1956 TR2/3 shop manual and supplement could be made available to us if we would like to make copies. However, the manual is leather bound and would have to be taken apart to reproduce. Club members felt that would not be worth while and would ruin the original manual. Bob Schaller said copies of the above mentioned manual have already been reprinted. Any people going to Triumphest '88 need to get their reservations in now.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. and a social hour followed.

Mary Poore

COOL COUNTRY CAMPOUT

As was already mentioned in 'Armands Agenda', the Club hosted an event on August 13 and 14, called the 'Cool Country Campout'. Event coordinator Ben North did a fine job in organizing this annual get-together in the tall pines on the Mongollon Rim. However, much to Ben's disappointment, only Ben and Carol and Tom and Gracie actually attended the event.

The four of us had a really nice time, with good food and good conversation in addition to the truly beautiful weather. We couldn't have asked for a better weekend. All of you who elected to stay in the steaming Valley really did miss something.

The question is this: should we continue to schedule this annual event for four people? Looking back, we have had very good attendance at this and other over-nighters, so what happened this time, and what is happening in general? (Remember the Prescott drive?) Did we goof somewhere? Your opinions and feedback are requested. Please come to the next meeting with your ideas to improve attendance at the events. We currently enjoy the status of "most active car club in the Valley" and we want to stay at the top of the heap.

Tom Pennell

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

GARAGE SPACE FOR RENT in Tempe. Call Bob Morey, 838-5359

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 Webers for a reasonable price. Call Steve: (702) 399-0089

FOR SALE: Factory TR6 Hardtop. Best offer. Bill Dapuzo 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

Early Spitfire and GT6 parts For Sale. Transmissions, carburetors, generators, starters and more. Also a 1967 GT6 body and frame with title. Call Armand La-Casse at 968-5639 before you visit the wrecking yard.

ASRA/SCCA Legal Triumph Spitfire Race Car. Ready to race, trailer & race wheels included. \$3500 OBO. 951-8472 eves/wknds.

ATTENTION SPITFIRE/GT6 RESTORERS: We've done the hard part for you! Many suspension and driveline parts available (A-arms, spindles, hub carriers, etc.) removed from chassis and ready to sandblast & repaint. Also have complete MK III and a MK III body tub in good condition. Come see what we've got. Tom Pennell 951-8472 eves.

FOR SALE: Four new fake wire wheel hubcaps, fit all 15". Not bad looking for J.C. Whitney. Make offer. Bob Morey, 956-1471

FOR SALE: Wrecked G-Production Spitfire race car and parts car. All the best equipment. Recently rebuilt race engine, balanced, ported and polished with Cline cam and crank and pop-up pistons. Close ratio gearbox and regular gearboxes. Koni shocks, coilovers in rear. Competition springs, locked 4:11 rear end, Mueller rear axles, Aeroquip lines throughout. Strong rollbar (I tested it!). Too much to list, enough to build another car. Sell together or part out. Call Tom Piper in Winslow, 1-289-5674

WANTED: Oil pump operating cam for A-type Triumph overdrive. Chuck Liebich, 998-0657

1977 TR7 engine and 5-speed. Has had some recent engine work. Call Lynn Fischer, 833-1118

PURCHASE of TR-928 requires sale of TR-740GLE. This Swedish imitation Triumph was built in 1985 by Volvo. It has a few more accessories than most of our Triumphs -- air conditioning, power rack and pinion, power brakes, cruise control, power side curtains, central locking system, sun roof and four doors. Even though Randolph will revolt when he reads this, Ann and I would still sell him (or her) this car. With two years left on the manufacturer's warranty, we are asking \$12,500. Call Armand LaCasse, 968-5639

LOTS of Spitfire parts: clutch, brake, electrical parts. Original black Jaeger speedo and tach, full set chrome lug nuts, hub covers, tonneau cover. Many more misc. small body, engine parts. Shop manual, intake and exhaust manifolds, Stromberg carb, oil filter adapter--all for 1300cc engine. \$100 take it all or call for pieces. Kevin Richmond (work) 961-2393; (home) 898-0721.

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STOP RUNNING YOUR ADS!**