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## COMING EVENTS

December 16

Christmas Party at the Horton's  
details inside

December 31

New Year's Eve Party at the Cole's  
details inside

January 14, 1990

Annual Champagne Brunch  
details next month

### EDITOR'S CORNER

Many, many years ago I was subjected to a course in public speaking. When queried by one of his students as to how long should one speak, the teacher said, "Like a woman's dress. Long enough to cover the vital parts but short enough to make it interesting."

I have enjoyed being the editor for 1989. So much so, that I am seeking the same office for 1990.

DIGGER

## PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

HELD OFF FOR DECEMBER

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### WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT YEAR!

#### ST. PAT'S PARADE IN SEDONA

You can drive up and party Friday or you can get up very, very early Saturday morning to be there in time to line up with our group. For the party people Peg has reserved ten rooms at the Sky Ranch Motel - five kings and five queens at \$50 and \$55 respectively. By January 1, Peg needs a deposit for one night and a manifest of names.

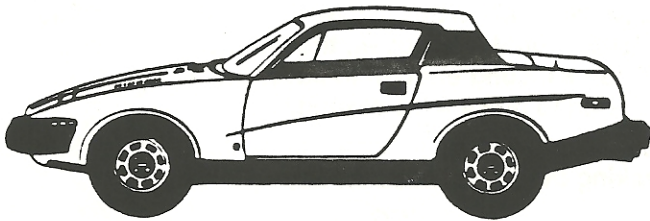
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## PREZ NOTES

I received a letter from Bruce Clough, President of the Miami Valley Triumphs in Dayton, Ohio. His club is concerned with TRA's ability to get the newsletter out. A copy of the letter is included in this newsletter.

Ironically, I have also received a letter from John Hartley, Editor of the TRA National Newsletter. John is trying to get things moving to publish the newsletter and has enlisted the help of Joel Rosen, President of the Mason Dixon Club.

Please give me your thoughts about TRA so I may respond to Bruce by year's end. Since we have a strong local club, we should have some influence and input on TRA's future direction.

Nominations for next year's officers have begun. In our organization, there usually is a core of members who take on the majority of duties needed to insure the organization's success. You can make a difference by becoming involved. If you do not want to jump in with both feet, then just offer to help someone who did. It is a good way to wet your feet before you are ready for the big jump. See you next month.

ARMAND

### WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

#### THE CHRISTMAS PARTY 7-7:30

Our annual Christmas party will be held at John & Beth Horton's home on Saturday night 16 December starting at eightish and ending when everybody has left. Their address is: 15205 North 40th Lane, Phoenix and their phone number is: 843-1399. Directions to their home: Freeway north from Phoenix, exit at Greenway, go west one block past 39 Ave., turn south on 40th Lane. Their home is the fourth one on the East side of the lane. Park in the driveway or on the street.

It is BYOB and snacking stuff. If you are uncertain what to bring call Beth for advice or guidance.

The "PRESENT GAME" will be played. Each attendee brings a wrapped gift (if bought, around \$5., if not, let your fertile mind run amuck). The rest of the rules will be explained at the party.

#### THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Since Marlene & Virgil Cole's home at 1829 East Crocus Drive, Phx. is a little bit difficult to get to (that address is not on my map) elsewhere in this issue is a map that Virgil has thoughtfully provided. If you still get lost, their phone number is: 493-5144.

The party starts after 7:30 P.M. or after you all get there. Naturally it is BYOB and a dish (something to snack on or maybe even a desert). Call Marlene if you are unsure of what to bring. The Coles will provide the ham and chili and, of course, the ice.



## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting opened at 7 P.M., after which the minutes of the October meeting were approved. We were shown how our name badges could be drilled to hold the new lapel pins.

Our November event has been canceled. Armand recited the traditions for our Christmas party, Dec. 16. Virgil and Marlene invited us to their home for New Year's Eve. Jan 14 will be the Champagne Brunch, place to be decided. Tom Pennell and John Horton volunteered to check arrangements.

Tom then passed out catalogs from Special Interest Car Parts, and other assorted mail. He gave us the news that Ken Schmidt is now the proud owner of the Spitota racer.

We heard the treasurer's report, and a letter from Sunshine Acres, the children's ranch that our club supported last year as a Christmas project. The floor was opened for other ideas. Sherry told us about the Veda B. Frank School's gathering of food boxes for poor families in Guadalupe. Digger moved that we support the latter project, with a minimum of \$300., which was adopted.

Digger then presented us a draft of our Articles of Incorporation. Any suggested changes must be turned in before our next meeting, in writing, so that the articles can be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission on Feb. 1, 1990. We must also have by-laws, and he has written a sample set. The by-laws have been adapted to fit the style of the club. We only have to make a report each year listing the new officers. A round of applause thanked Digger for all his time and effort.

An update on the AAHC's petition drive was given by Ron Strong. The initiative is to be added to the ballot, for voters' approval or disapproval, the state's increase of the basic license fee. Not only auto, but boat, motorcycle, utility trailer, and even golf cart licenses are affected by this.

Sam Conklin announced Sedona's 1990 St. Patrick's Day Parade. He has managed to grab the last 10 rooms at Sky Ranch for us, for the Friday night previous. They must have reservations and deposits before Jan. 1st. Balance due by Feb. 1st. Look forward to the party at Sky Ranch the night before the parade - Saturday, March 17th this year.

## MORE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Phil Hunt took the floor to suggest ways to get more members INVOLVED. One idea is a club project, such as restoring a car. Immediately, Bob Schaller volunteered a 1961 TR-3A for such a project, and Chuck Liebich offered a parts car. Bill Sharp reminded us that this would be a restoration clinic; a learning experience of considerable value. Other ideas for involvement are get-togethers such as volley ball nights to appeal to younger members. John moved that we accept the generous donation as a club project, with the intention of raffling the car at the 1991 TRIUMPHEST. Tom suggested that the club should cross that bridge when we come to it. Phil volunteered to co-ordinate the crews.

Nominations were opened, and will be repeated in December. Nominations are: President, John Horton; Vice President, Phil Hunt; Secretary, Virgil Cole; Treasurer, Dave Hanson. Digger bravely volunteered to continue as newsletter editor. In nine years, our club has missed only one issue of a newsletter, and Digger was praised for his outstanding job in 1989.

Lastly, a letter has been received from Bruce Clough of Miami Valley Triumphs concerning involvement in TRA. It will be reproduced in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M. and we filed out carrying our Lake Arrowhead souvenir sun visors.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth H.


## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We hope you noticed a new box on the front page labeled "PROJECT CAR WEEKEND". The box will appear on the front page every month, announcing the work weekend on the project car.

If you don't know what we're talking about, check the minutes of the November meeting in this issue. In a nutshell, here's what it's happening. The membership voted to undertake a frame-up restoration of a TR-3. Bob Schaller has donated the car (and a place to work on it) and Chuck Liebich has donated a parts car. Over the next however-long-it-takes, we are going to completely disassemble, clean, fix, paint, straighten, lubricate (and maybe even replace) each and every part of a 1961 TR-3. The car will be at Bob Schaller's, but you are welcome to take parts home to work on (provided you bring them back).


Naturally, we will have to spend some money to do this. There will be a special session at each meeting during which the project car expenditures will be presented for approval by the voting members present.

Phil Hunt will be the project co-ordinator and will have a column in the newsletter each month. His column will list needed parts and services. What to do with the finished car will be the subject of a later discussion (much, much later, we suspect).



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## INCORPORATION

### STATUS REPORT/TIME SCHEDULE

A time schedule that will lead up to the submission of the articles of incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission was presented to the members present at the November meeting. To wit:

1. The draft version was prepared using the Arizona Corporation Commission instructions and sample formats and copies of the Arizona MG Club's articles of incorporation and by-laws. The draft version contains:

- a. The letter of submission.
- b. The articles of incorporation.
- c. The by-laws.
- d. Membership application (not to be submitted to the ACC).

The certificate of disclosure (an ACC form) will be filled out after the election of officers.

2. The draft version was presented. Members are to submit written amendments, changes, deletions, etc. at the next meeting, 12 Dec. The final draft will be ironed out at that meeting.

3. The final draft version will be presented to the members at the annual general meeting and election of officers on 14 January 1990.

4. The final version will be prepared to include the newly elected officers (who will also be the board of directors) and will be submitted to the ACC between 15 Jan. and 1 Feb., 1990.

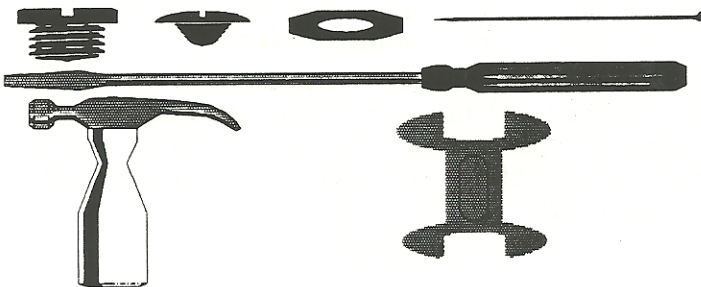
5. 1 February to 31 January of the following year has been selected as our fiscal year. This allows us to submit our required annual report immediately after election of new officers (and the board of directors).

So that those members not present as the November meeting have an opportunity to check the draft version, each of the following members has a copy of the draft: John Horton, Bill Sharp, Bob Schaller, Phil Hunt, Armand LaCasse, Paul Hedstrom, Dave Hanson, Tom Pennell, Paul Blesh, Virgil Cole, and Digger Davitt. Contact one of them to read the draft.

It is assumed that silence means approval.

After we receive ACC approval, I intend to publish the incorporation document and the by-laws in future issues of the newsletter so that each member has copies.

Digger



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1990

- Jan 14 Annual Champagne Brunch and Election of Officers
- Feb 17 Tortilla Flats Picnic -OR-
- Feb 17/18 Lake Havasu Picnic under the bridge
- Feb 24/25 ASRA Vintage Challenge III, Firebird
- Mar 4 Annual Az Mg Club All British Car Show
- Mar 11 Formula 1 Phoenix Grand Prix, Phoenix
- Mar 16/18 Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council Car Show & Swap Meet, Mesa Community College
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sedona
- Apr 13/15 Eloy Grand Prix, Eloy
- Apr 27/29 Historic Route 66 Fun Run, Seligman/Topcock
- May 12 Valley Rallye -OR- Lynx Lake Cookout
- June 12 '50s Nite at the 5 & Diner
- July 14 4th Annual Night Desert Barbecue
- Aug 1/5 VTR National Convention, Boulder, Colorado
- Aug 18 3rd Annual Pig Roast, Pool Party & Regatta
- Sep 1/3 Weekend Campout at the Clifton Hill Climb
- Sep 11 Western Night on the Town
- Oct 12/14 TRIUMPHEST'90 Ventura, California
- Oct 27 Halloween Rallye
- Nov (open date)
- Dec 15 Christmas Party
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party

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(Extracted from So. Cal. Assoc of MG Clubs newsletter)



# CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE Tow bar for '74 or later TR-6. Custom built, mounts in place of front bumper overriders, \$75. Call Steve Chandler at home in Tuscon, 1-744-0027 (9-89)

FOR SALE = TR- 2/3 clear windshield. New, still in shipping crate, from the Roadster Factory, \$130. Call Bob Schaller. (9-89)

FOR SALE = TR-7 major body, engine parts, and misc items. Call for your needs and prices. Call John Horton at 843-1399. (9-89)

FOR SALE = THE FAMOUS 'SPITOTA' RACE CAR! SOLD! I've left the heading in. It has left Tom's back yard. But it didn't leave the club. Ken Schmidt is the new owner!

FOR SALE = 1965 SPITFIRE, \$1400, OBO. Spitfire transmission, \$125. Spitfire differential, \$125. For details call Hugh Henry at 971- 9175. (11-89)

FOR SALE = 1977 TR-7, ready for conversion. No engine or transmission. Car is in excellent shape. Make me an offer I can't refuse. Lynn Fisher 833-1118. (11-89)

FOR SALE = 1969 GT-6+. Engine balanced and lightened, Triumph S-2 rally camshaft, Jahns 10.5:1 pistons, Allison electronic ignition, Stromberg 75s, Ansa exhaust system, factory rebuilt transmission (300 miles), Koni adjustable shocks, Carroll Shelby 13"x6" alloy wheels, 185/70x13 Michelin MXL tires, Cibie headlighs and driving lights, body damage to left side and hood (repair estimate \$950.). In storage three years. Needs general attention due to lack of use. Passes AZ emission tests. Call David Atkins 867-0157 evenings and weekends. \$2000. (11-89)

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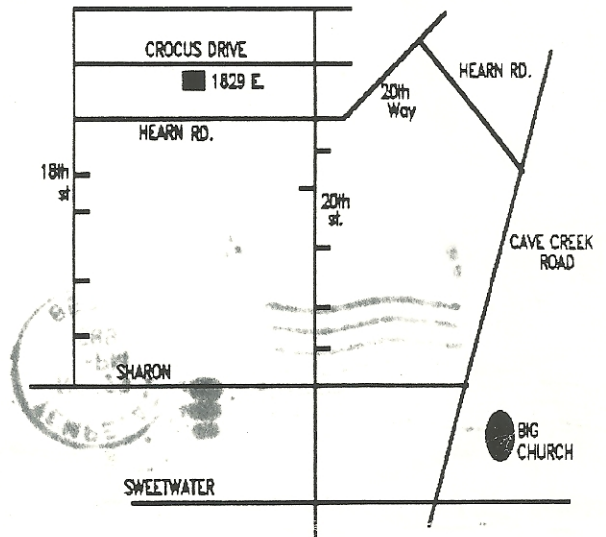
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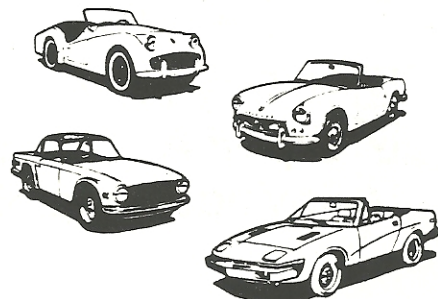
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