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MEETING: JULY 10, 1990 @ 7 PM
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PROJECT CAR WEEKENDS

WORKER ROSTER REPEATED
PROJECT STATUS REPORT
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COMING EVENTS

JULY 14, 1990

4th ANNUAL NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE

In the desert, naturally
Details inside

August 18, 1990

4th ANNUAL PIG ROAST, POOL PARTY & REGATTA

Details next issue

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

50's NIGHT AT THE 5 & DINER

Maybe the heat kept you all away - attendance was somewhat sparse: the Hortons, the Pennells, the Coles, and Bob S. and Digger D. Enjoyment of a scheduled activity does not depend on quantity but on quality, and we had that. We had invited the Arizona Mini Owners club to join us. They brought some excellent examples, even including a beautifully restored "woody" belonging to John Braden. Jeff Harris showed up with a restored red Volvo 544 (his Mini was "down"). The Coles had to leave early. They had another event scheduled - they were off to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary!

Of note was the fact that the Remember When Cruisers Association was having a poker rallye that evening. The 5 & Diner was the third stop to pick up a card. Early arrivals for the DCTRA outing were treated to a long parade of street rods, T-birds, finned monsters from Detroit (circa 1959) and a lot of people having a good time. Most cars were running with 4WD-50MPH air conditioning. We wondered what it takes to bring out so many on a hot day. Any suggestions?

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

Meeting called to order by President John Horton at 7:05 P.M. Dave Hanson gave the treasurer's report. Dave also gave a report on the expenditures for the project car and the balance on hand. Minutes of the May meeting (as published in the newsletter) were approved.

Tom Pennell, TRIUMPHEST'91 chairman, had nothing to report. So far Lake Havasu seems to be the best choice with an early November date. Tom reminded members of the garage sale to be held at the Phoenix College parking lot this coming Saturday to raise funds for the project car.

Digger Davitt reported that the cars participating in the Great American Road Race would begin arriving at the Phoenix Civic Plaza at 6 P.M. on July 4. The cars will be on display until 10 P.M. Admission is free to the public.

President Horton asked for a show of hands on those planning to attend TRIUMPHEST'90 at Ventura, California. Four cars from DCTRA will be in attendance.

Tom Pennell announced that the desert barbecue is planned for July 15. Look for details in the next newsletter. (Details are elsewhere in this issue. Ed.)

John Horton volunteered to organize Western Night-on-the-town for Saturday, September 15.

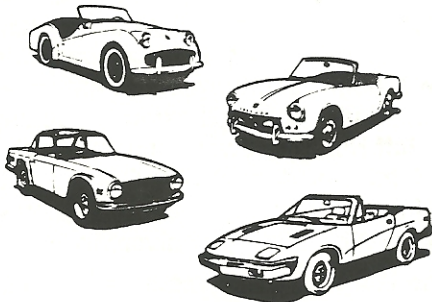
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Cole, Secretary

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THE PREZ SEZ

Summer is here and inactivity is rampant. It's too bloody hot to work on cars, pity the auto mechanic.

The nite out at the 5 & Diner was fun. We had 3 TRs, 3 Minis, and 1 pick-up truck. Thanks to the Mini people for joining us on the outing. Even tho' I had an ignition cable overheat and burn up. Had to use a rag to hold it together 'til we could get home. The conclusion? When hooking up extra goodies use proper wiring techniques!

July 14 is our annual night desert barbecue under the stars. This takes place northeast of Cave Creek. We will have a charcoal fire ready for all comers. Maybe Tom Pennell will bring out his reflector telescope again. Tom gets a sharper image than the 1.5 billion dollar space boondoggle, I bet. Everyone is welcome, feel free to come out and spend an evening with us.

We need more articles for the newsletter. Send something in to Digger. He needs the help. Randolph, where are you?

Sept 15 is the Western Night at the Mining Camp Restaurant in Apache Junction. How about us getting together somewhere in Phoenix and convoy out there. This is an open invitation to any and all British marque clubs to join us for this night out!

I am told that the frame is blasted and painted. We have a different body shell and are on the track of an engine block. It looks like some preliminary assembly can start very soon.

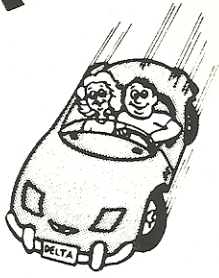
See you at the July meeting.....Cheerio, John H.

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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

ANNUAL NIGHT DESERT BARBECUE

At Dusk, Saturday night, July 14

This will be the fourth year for us to visit the gravel pit and party. There is plenty of room for parking. A common grill will be big enough for all your cooking requirements.

Remember to bring lawn chairs, food, drinks, utensils and garbage sacks; but please leave pets and boom boxes at home.

How to get there:

1. Go **NORTH** on Pima Road from East Bell Road (East Bell becomes Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd at Scottsdale Rd. and then **ENDS** at Pima) An eastbound extension to FLW is being built at press time. It may be complete by July 14, so be alert.
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, a sign tells you to turn right to go to Bartlett Lake. **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 (we mean it. Only a few feet) and to your left.

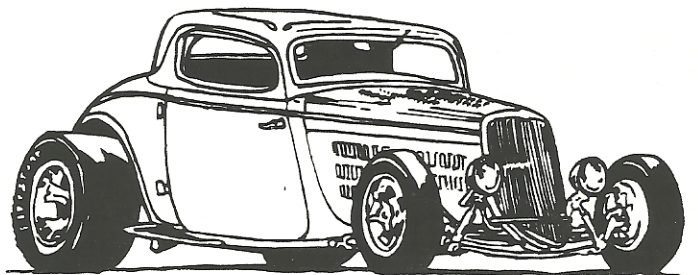
EDITOR'S CORNER

During the last several months in national newspapers and in several different car magazines there have appeared articles noting the increase in value of the older British sports cars. It would be interesting to collect the articles and compile the data with respect to our beloved Triumphs. The problem I have is that I am not a magazine subscriber nor do I get the daily paper. So my knowledge of this value increase is second hand so to speak. If members would like to see a consolidation of data on Triumph values, I volunteer to put it all together and publish it in a future issue. If you wish to see this done, start going thru your old magazines, copy the pages with the value data and send it to me. I will advise you next month as to your reactions (positive or negative).

Two issues ago, I sent SASEs and a small form to each member that had not submitted the serial number for their car for the club records. Triumphs are not identified by calendar year but by ID numbers. Several years ago, our membership chairman, Tom Pennell dropped the calendar year data from our records. As we go to press with this issue of the newsletter, there are seventeen members who have not responded. I hesitate to publish names so will therefore will put a little reminder note on your newsletter. Before the next newsletter goes to press, I hope I have the seventeen numbers.

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Up to now we have been "tearing down." Now we can start "building up." The frame, sandblasted and painted, is sitting on its own set of stands waiting for pieces to be added to make it a rolling chassis.

Concurrent with frame work, there will be a shuffle of tubs and body parts so that body work can commence.

ENGINE CLINIC

A mob of members showed up around 10 June at Greg Lund's place: Gibbs, Riley, Mazer, Dooley, Chandler, Ragan, Hall, Hughes, Schmidt, Sharp, Davitt, and Hunt. We washed parts, cleared oil passages, checked the block, and learned how to use a micrometer on sleeves and pistons. A crack was found in the block so the project will be looking for another one. It was a leisurely laid back sort of a day, enjoyed by all. Everybody will agree that it was a success only because Greg did such an outstanding job as our "teacher."

GARAGE SALE

Early Saturday morning, June 16 seven members showed up at the Phoenix College parking lot loaded with resaleable (?) merchandise. By the time the sale ended (around one) the coffers of the project car was increased by \$190.00! Just think of what we could have done if more members had showed up. The most popular items at the sale were paperback books (mostly donated by Bill Sharp), priced at an astronomical \$0.25 (twenty-five cents). One customer took 90 books at that price and left smiling. A later bargain hunter offered 10 cents per book but refused to pay 20. We still have lots of books. We were pleased with the results of the sale, and IF we had more participation and IF we had a better location (Thomas Road is all torn up), we MIGHT be able to get the general public to totally pay for the restoration. Many thanks to those who did participate and thanks to Jim Hughes for arranging the place (it's not your fault they tore up the road).

As was once said at a meeting, there are probably a hundred ways to raise funds for this project. We tried ONE and made \$190.00. Where are YOUR ideas for the other 99?



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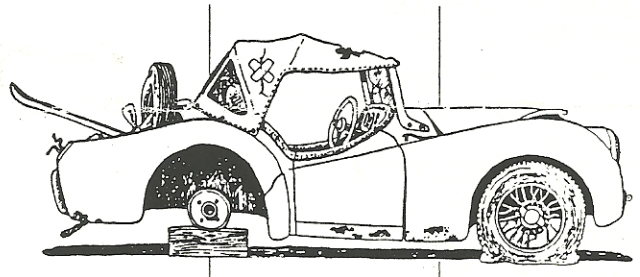
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TRIUMPHEST 1990. October 12, 13, 14

To whet your appetite for TRIUMPHEST '90 the following was extracted from the June issue of The Triumph Standard (the newsletter of SCTOA)

THE PLACE

All events will be held at the Harbortown Marina Resort, Ventura Harbor Marina. Rooms are \$65 per night. Overflow rooms are blocked 1/2 mile down the road at the exclusive Doubletree Inn, 24 hour trolley car tram between the two. NO reservations taken early. The room reservations will be opened in July with the code # which will be in your flyer in June.

THE BANQUET

Everybody likes Italian! For something different the Harbor Town's Catering Staff will be serving up....A full salad bar, an antipasto bar, chicken malamaise, lasagna, rotelli, linguini w/sausages, marinated veggies, four (4) other unusual side dishes and a dessert cart of home made cheese cakes w/rum, chocolate or carmel cremes. Beverages (coffee, tea or milk) included. Wine lists at the tables with wicker-wine bottle candles, checkerboard table cloths, etc. The cost is \$20 per person. Kids less but not fixed yet (maybe free?). What could be better!!!!

REGISTRATION

\$40 for the car which will be used in the events. Your goody bag of freebies will be bursting, the event book a collectible to treasure, the solid brass dash plaque and your banquet tickets of course.

While registration will be requested by mail (please!), the registration room will open at 6 A.M. Friday morning and will close Friday ?? P.M.(time TBD). Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets.

HOSPITALITY SUITES

Lee and Pucha Burkett will be your hosts in adjoining suites with marina views which will house registration as well as Friday night's Hospitality Party. The balcony alone will hold 70 or 80 people (for a while). There will be continuous vintage video tapes and tons of munchies. All booze will be hosted by the Harbortown Resort with cash and carry bartenders to wet your whistles. Soft drinks will be free of course.

RAFFLE

Also known as the "Taking of the Cheese", the drawings will be streamlined this year and there'll be some "BIG" giveaways to make you drool. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!!

FUNCOURS

Hosted by the Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego (TSCCSD). The now traditional Funcours will continue the Gold, Silver, Bronze theme of judging cars on the quality of their preparation. And if all goes as planned, everyone will take their trophies home with them.

FUNKHANA

Hosted by Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club (TTSCC), this bit of parking lot bedevilment should intrigue all. It won't be easy.

MORE ABOUT TRIUMPHEST

HOTEL RALLYE

This year's walking rallye will take you over bridges, over creeks, past gazebos, to and thru a quaint fisherman's village, and maybe on a merry-go-round(?). You'll just have to wait and see what SCTOA's Barry Norman has cooked up. Bring your walking shoes!

DRIVING TOUR

SCTOA's own Jeff and Cheryl Trautman have once again set out to take you on some of the most scenic Triumph roads Southern California has to offer. Designed to be run at your leisure, take this break and bring your camera!

ROAD RALLYE

Hosted by Central Coast Triumphs (CCT), no one should know the roads better than CCT. Last year's rallye will be a tough act to follow but I bet they succeed! Never been on a rallye? This is the one for you! Classes for Novice and Experienced alike.

CLUB PENTATHLON

We're trying to coax the Triumph Register of Southern California (TRSC) to do this one, although they deserve a rest after last years excellent adventure in Arrowhead; and Desert Center Triumph Register of America (DCTRA) is waiting in the wings; more to come!

CONCOURS SCHOOL

What is a concours? How is it judged? How much does or should 'Original' count? Designed to entertain and inform, the concours school will be an open forum event hosted by two teams of three judges each using 4 to 6 cars donated by serious Triumph owners. The intent of the school will be to allow all west coast Triumph clubs to input to the development of a basic set of concours rules for Future Triumph Events."

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