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MAY 1990

MEETING: May 8, 1990 @ 7 PM
HUNAN RESTAURANT
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month.

Dues are \$12.00 per year

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PROJECT CAR WEEKENDS

WORK SCHEDULE UPDATED

Details inside

COMING EVENTS

MAY 20, 1990

COOKOUT

LYNX LAKE, PRESCOTT

Details inside

JUNE 12, 1990

50'S NIGHT AT THE 5 & DINER

PHOENIX

Details next month

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

Boyce Thompson Arboretum Picnic

The day started at 9 A.M. when the four Hortons in their Ford departed their home in northwest Phoenix. They were the advance party to reserve tables and set up the grill for the rest of the gang scheduled to arrive around noon. And the rest of the gang assembled, as scheduled, at Power Road and Apache Blvd: most noticeable was Sue's RED XKE, surrounded by the TRs of Phil, Sam, the Pennells, the Hugheses, the Coleses and followed by the Morey clan in their van. When all arrived at the picnic area, the tables were reserved and the grill was already lit. After lunch there was a leisurely (to some) walk thru the arboretum grounds ending up at the new visitors center, where pockets were lightened by purchases of cacti and succulents for home gardens.

Sometime after three the gang broke up and everybody went their own way home. It was a leisurely and beautiful day.

JOHN

PS: A bunch of us went on the Route 66 Fun Run -
Read all about it next month!

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Pres. John Horton at 7:15 P.M. April 10, 1990. Reading of the minutes of the March 1990 meeting was waived and minutes (as printed in the newsletter) accepted. New members were introduced and welcomed.

Sam Conklin reported on the St. Patrick's Day parade in Sedona. Six cars represented DCTRA. The Friday night party, hosted by Walt Gilbert, was enjoyed by all.

Pres. Horton announced that not enough orders were received to make up an order for shirts. Anyone interested was to contact Digger Davitt to get enough names together for an order.

Dave Hanson gave the Treasurer's report.

Tom Pennell, membership chair, requested that all delinquent members pay their dues.

Tom Pennell, Mike Mullan and Jim McCormack volunteered to co-chair the TRIUMPHEST'91 event. John Horton volunteered to assist them. Peg Conklin volunteered to assist in phone-related areas.

Phil Hunt, project car chairman, gave a report on the project. The presentation, complete with flip charts, outlined the goals of the project. The prime considerations were: social get together for the participants and mutual sharing of information and experience among club members. The making of a profit was to be a secondary consideration.

Since the project car was donated by Bob Schaller, he requested it be painted yellow. The club will have possession of the car for disposal when the car is restored. This will entail a long-term commitment by all the volunteers available. Bob Schaller also requested that the volunteers should be at the work site no later than 10 A.M., so that a work schedule could be implemented.

Methods of financing the project and immediate needs were discussed. John Horton made a motion that the members vote on continuing the project. The motion was seconded by Digger Davitt. Vote was unanimous to continue the project.

After much discussion of ways to raise capital, Sam Conklin made a motion that the club should accept loans from club members, to be repaid when the project is completed. The motion carried and several members made immediate contributions to the treasury.

It was also agreed that the project car finances would be kept separate from the club treasury.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Virgil Cole, Secretary

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The April meeting was interesting, to say the least, thirty people showed up and rose to the task of settling the problems at hand. Phil Hunt gave an excellent presentation on the project car. It is now an official go! With motions and all, we even arranged some financing, a collection of loans was taken up and we can now have the frame dipped.

I have ordered catalogs from Victoria British Ltd., they will be available at the May meeting. We will take up more ways of funding the car then.

We now have three chairmen to handle TRIUMPHEST'91. More about this in May.

I am progressing on the Spitfire that we are restoring for my daughter. I now know the meaning of "basket case". It will take another year to complete. With that and the project car I will learn a lot about cars.

It was pleasing to see the type of cooperation that was shown at the April meeting, Great show! Bully! If we can keep this going we will have a great year and a finished car.

See you at the May meeting!

John Horton

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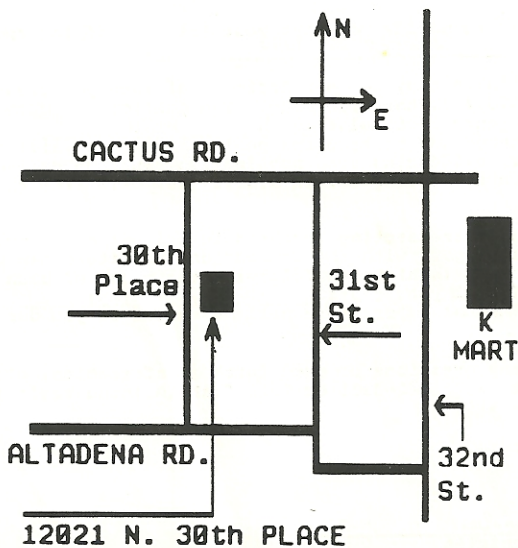
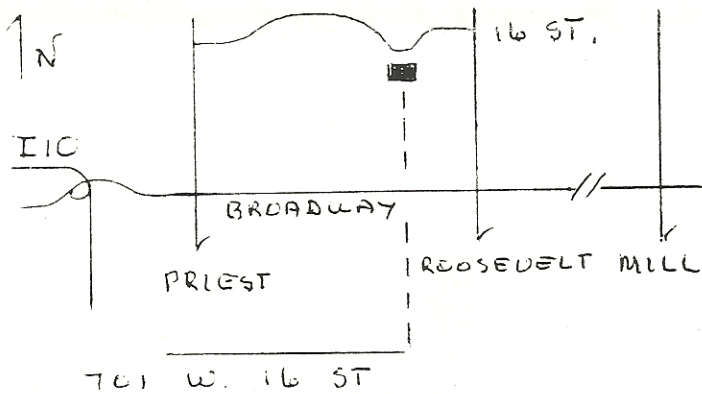
ENGINE PRE-REBUILD DEMONSTRATION
& CLINIC

Saturday 2 June 10:00 A. M.
At Greg Lund's by Greg L.
701 W. 16 St., Tempe
(see map for location)

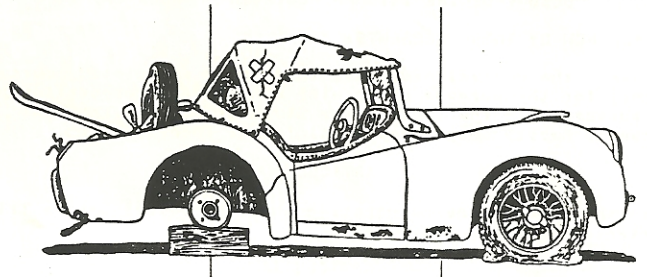
TRANSMISSION TEARDOWN
DEMONSTRATION & CLINIC

Sunday 24 June 10:00 A. M.
By Nick Walker at Bob's
12021 N. 30 Pl., Phx
(see map for location)

Since clinics require a lot of work by the presenter, the participation by club members is critical. Scant attendance jeopardizes future clinics.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE
WHO WANTS TO WORK ON TRIUMPHS



CURRENT TR3A WORKER ROSTER

Work begins at 1000 hours on listed days at 12021 N. 30th

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5/5 Cole	5/12 Hunt	5/19 Liebich	5/27 Sharp
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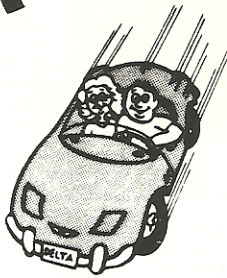
6/2 Schmidt	6/9 Gibbs	6/16 Hughes	6/24 Hanson
Cole	Hohansheldt	Kathe	Sharp
Davitt	Harvey	LaCasse	Killion
Dooley	Horton	Lemmon	Zigler
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6/30 Lund	7/7 McCormack	7/15 Skurda	7/21 Schmidt
Martin	McFarlane	Bohn	Cole
Mazer	Pennell	Carter	Davitt
Lopez	Poore	Blesh	Dooley
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During the last several workdays a curious thing has been happening, the attendance rate for the "volunteers" is averaging between 40% and 50%. You all can do better than that.

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MORE EDITOR'S CORNER

Included elsewhere in this issue is a reprint of our articles of incorporation (approved by Arizona 14 Jan., 1990) and our by-laws (approved by the members at the annual general meeting Jan., 1990).

VTR National Convention. Just a reminder to those members planning to be in Boulder, Co. on 1 Aug. that if you register before 1 June you will receive an additional chance on the all expense paid trip for two to England. So now is the time to send in your registration form.

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

LYNX LAKE COOKOUT

You won't have to fix breakfast Sunday morning, 20 May. Leave home early and eat at Marie Callender's at 51st Ave. and Bell Road. We leave from MC's parking lot as close to nine o'clock as warranted. We will travel the back road, State 89, thru Wickenburg and Congress and up Yarnell hill and in the back way into Prescott. We will picnic at Lynx Lake east of town. The schedule from there on in is open. A visit to Arcosanti near Cordes Junction on the way home is one option.

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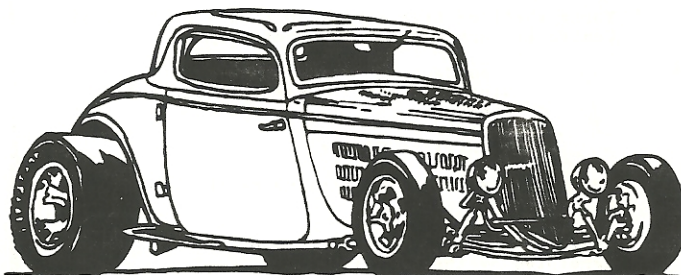
After the March meeting was formally adjourned, enough members revised their orders for logoed shirts. We now have enough ordered to exceed the dozen minimum. Once John can squeeze some time out of his busy schedule (seminars in San Diego, checking out his new boat, getting his Triumph ready and running for the Route 66 Fun Run) he has promised that they will get priority. Alas, tho' they will not be ready for delivery at the next meeting. The April newsletter contained a current tho' abbreviated membership roster. What is not included is car model and commission number. This data was not included to allow a compact list. This does not reflect a club policy change. The club continues to maintain complete records of car models and commission numbers. But currently our records are incomplete with respect to commission numbers for our members' Triumphs.

Several members will receive extra surprises in this newsletter.

They are the members who have never submitted their Triumph's commission numbers. Just in case they don't know where to find your commission number, some hints: it is the vehicle ID number on your title and your current registration; if you can't find either document, it is on the plate on the firewall bulkhead or on the inner fender.

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FOR SALE = 1975 TR-7, with Buick 3.8 V-6 and automatic transmission, re-wired, with new front suspension, \$3000. OBO. Call Phil Hunt 942-9479. (4-90)

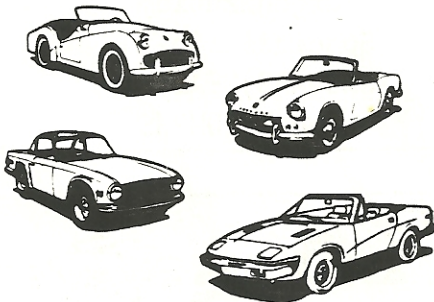
FOR SALE = Spitfire, 1974 MK IV 1500, roll bar hard-top, convertible top, boot, very good condition, tags good until July 1990, electronic ignition with side draft Weber. \$1800. OBO. Reason for selling: Baby on way and three don't fit in a Spit!

Call Greg Mann 272-3900 between 3:30 P.M. and Mid-night. (5-90)

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British Wire Wheel provides another service (rare in Az.) truing and rebuilding wire wheels. Price for basic truing (including two replacement spokes) is: painted \$50.00 and chrome \$40. per wheel. Wire Wheel pays 1/2 of the return shipping charges.

DASHBOARD NOTES

Valerie and I are restoring a "basket case" Spitfire for her to drive. Like most cars with wooden dashboards, the sun and past owners have trashed the Spit's.

A complete rebuild was in order. Valerie wanted something more interesting than birch veneer to cover it. First we glued all loose plies together, then cut plugs and used JB Weld glue to anchor them. The JB is weatherproof and fills nicely. We peeled all the old veneer and glue off, and sanded the face down to bare wood.

Valerie wanted something "AWESOME". We ordered "olive-ash burl" from an out of state company. They sold us only what we needed. When it arrived, we checked about glue. Contact glue was eliminated. It will loosen in the heat and the sun. We chose Franklin hide glue (presumably because they had never seen an Arizona horse's skin fall off - ed.). It is holding tight. All edges were sanded and instrument holes rounded with a Dremel tool for fit. The finish is clear urethane with UV blocker to eliminate fading. The mounting plates are screwed and glued (JB Weld) to the base. The edges and back will be enameled to seal out moisture.

It is not finished yet, but it is definitely "AWESOME".

JOHN & VALERIE HORTON