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OCTOBER 1990

MEETING: OCTOBER 9, 1990 @ 7pm
HUNAN RESTAURANT
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PROJECT CAR WEEKENDS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ROSTERS
GARAGE SALE RESULTS
details inside

COMING EVENTS

October 6/7, 1990

SCCA Regional Races

Firebird International Raceway

October 6, 1990

SCCA SOLO II

Tempe Diablo Stadium

October 7, 1990

All Buick Show

Childress Buick

October 14, 1990

VCCA Car Show

Glendale Community College

October 12/14, 1990

TRIUMPHEST'90

Ventura, California

October 27, 1990

HALLOWEEN RALLYE

Details Inside

October 26/28, 1990

Packard Car Show

Christown Mall

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Pres. John Horton at 7 P.M.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Our Sept. meeting opened at the Hunan with good attendance. Our treasurer's report was that the chassis rebuild parts have been ordered for the project car, and that fund is getting slim. Digger offered to sell our lapel pins at TRIUMPHEST'90 for \$2.50.

Membership chair, Tom Pennell, said that all members should have the updated full membership list. Our visitor and now new member, Charlie Contreras was welcomed, he drives a '64 TR-4. A classified ad for our club is appearing now in the Pennysaver.

Phil Hunt gave us a project car report: the -3 is well on its way to becoming a rolling chassis. More manpower is needed for each session - there is plenty of non-technical work to be done; some items can be checked out and done at home. Phil thanked all of those who have turned up and supported this project.

TRIUMPHEST'91 report: definitely the 1st weekend in Nov. in Lake Havasu City. John Horton suggested that we take a display on the area to the coming meet in Ventura. Flyers are being prepared.

The Technical Committee's report was that Jeff Bailey has found himself in Saudi Arabia.

Ron Strong told us about the Hobbyist Council meeting he attended the night before. The speaker had said that most anti-auto legislation slides thru because legislators are ill-informed on automotive subjects. All enthusiasts

MORE MINUTES

are invited to attend the AAHC's pancake breakfast and car show.

Our own garage sale was announced, for 8 A.M. of Sept.23. Another idea for fund raising was an auction at our meetings. Members Blatter, Davitt, Horton, Pennell, Poore and Zigler volunteered to call a page of members each for garage sale items.

Lucky Gracie Pennell told us about a comedy club called the Last Laugh, where she won 25 tickets to attend, and was kind enough to pass a sign-up sheet for those of us who'd like to join in.

Our Halloween Rallye is coming up - a few frustrated actors will be needed to man checkpoints. More info later.

Digger suggested we have a rallye with competition between the British car clubs, perhaps in conjunction with the Phoenix Rally Organization's first Friday night gatherings.

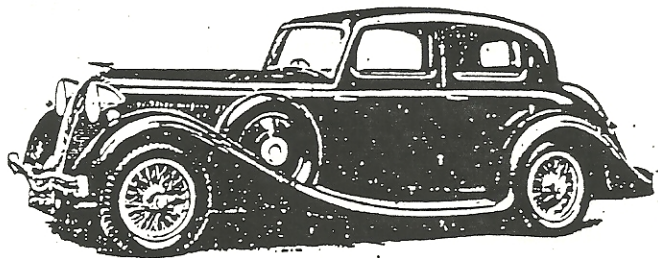
It's time to think about running for office in 1991. Chris Wainwright volunteered to fill in as Vice President/Events for the remainder of this year in Phil Hunt's absence.

An impromptu auction was held by Phil, who brought a dandy TR cap and a stack of shop towels. Tom added an owner's handbook. After a lively few minutes, the project car fund was \$23 fatter. Bring a car-related surprise for next month's auction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Horton, subbing for Virgil Cole, Secy.



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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

HALLOWEEN HAUNT RALLYE/PARTY

Can't tell you much about it. The instigators are not revealing much to me beyond the following:

1. The date: Saturday, October 27, 1990.

The time: 7:00 P.M.

First car out at 7:30 P.M.

2. Show up, in pairs (one car-two people), at the S.E. corner of 32nd Street and Cactus.

3. Bring a clipboard and at least one pencil.

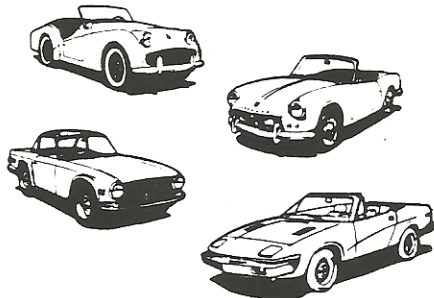
4. Come in costume, if you can.

5. Prizes to Metro and Triumph club winners.

6. Rallye will end at the Gnepper's home in New River for goodies.

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THE PREZ SEZ

And a good time was had by all. 86 people and 41 cars were at the Mining Camp bash, including 21 Triumph people. I pigged out on ribs and enjoyed every bite.

A list of proposed 1991 events is printed elsewhere. We need new ideas and events. Perhaps more people will attend if new events happen. Bring your ideas to the October meeting.

We are about \$200. short on the funds for the order placed recently with TRF. I hope the garage sale will be a success.

The Halloween party is a combined event with the Metro Club to be in New River. It will be different. Bring your thinking caps.

Along those lines, we are printing a list of other club events. Fry them out, meet some new folks.

Chris Wainwright is the interim V.P. now that Phil Hunt has moved to San Diego.

TRIUMPHEST'91 is firming up nicely. A full report will be given in October. Hope you are looking forward to this as much as I am. Cheerio

John H.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

THE CLIFTON HILL CLIMB

Yes, DCTRA was represented. Steve & Jo Chandler drove up from Tuscon Sunday morning and back home again Sunday night. In between Steve attacked the hill in their newly acquired TR-8 convertible. No, he did not get FTD. He was about in the middle of the pack with a respectful 140.687 time. Not too shabby when you consider he did not get any practice runs Saturday. One incident provided proof that good planning and cooperation amongst "car guys" is a hidden benefit. Bob S. and Tom P. trailered Bob's TR-3 behind Tom's camper equipped truck. Since they worked registration they used the camper as their "office" and used the -3 for their running-around car. On the last run Sunday James Medland (Delta Motor Sports) fried the engine in the Jensen-Healey. So the Jensen came home on Rob Uhl's trailer and Rob's Morgan came home on Tom's trailer and Bob S. drove his -3 home.

THE MINING CAMP BASH.

The Mining Camp Restaurant parking lot almost could be mistaken for a British car show - Minis, Metros, MGAs, MGBs, MGTs, Sunbeams, Triumphs, Jaguar, Lotus, Al-lard, and a Volvo, and a couple of Brand-X trucks. WOW! Some convoyed and some came direct. Since this event was a farewell for Phil & Sue Hunt a couple of old-timers showed up, Bev and Pete Peterson. The restaurant reserved the big dining room solely for our party and, with the exception of one table, we filled the room. Since the restaurant closes at 9:30 P.M. and since the sky looked like rain the parking lot was empty before then. Some did get caught in the rain on the way home.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 1991

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- Jan 13 Sun Annual Champagne Brunch, General Meeting and Election of Officers
Feb 16 Sat Tortilla Flats Picnic
Mar ? MG Club All British Car Show
Mar ? St. Patrick's Parade, Sedona
Mar ? AAHC Swap Meet & Car Show
Apr 14 Sun Boyce Thompson Arboretum Picnic
Apr Route 66 Fun Run
May ???
Jun ???
Jul 13 Sat Night Desert Barbecue
Aug 17 Sat Pool Party, Pig Roast, Regatta
Sep 14 Sat Western Night-on-the-town
Oct AAHC Pancake Breakfast
Nov 1/3 TRIUMPHEST'91
Dec 21 Sat Christmas Party
Dec 31 Tues New Year's Eve Party

Of course, there will be the regular general membership meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January).

Here are some proposed events that may stir up some interest:

1. A wine tour to Bill Saltari's San Dominique Winery (located 11 miles south of Camp Verde off Cherry Rd., east of I-17).
2. Join AAHC's tour of Williams Air Force Base.
3. Challenge another club in a PRO First Friday Night Rallye.
4. A day trip to the Pima Air Museum, Tuscon.
5. Repeat our overnight trip to Sedona via Wickenburg, Jerome, Montezuma's Castle and Arcosanti.
6. Have a club contest at the Malibu Grand Prix and then challenge another British club to a challenge match.



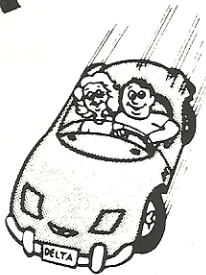
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TECHNICAL TALK

STEERING BOX ADJUSTMENT

At the last tech session of 1-12-85, I was amazed to see how many of our members cars have steering boxes that are out of adjustment. Most of the cars I worked on and I think most of the cars that Steve Hedke worked on, ranged from the minor end play adjustment to those that should have been dangerous to drive.

However, only the sector shaft end play is adjustable without dismantling the steering box. First, place the front end of the vehicle on stands at a comfortable height. On the top of the steering gear box is a 7/16" set screw running through a lock nut (5/8") and into the top of the steering box and is what controls the end play of the sector shaft. Have someone rock the steering wheel back and forth just far enough to move the front wheels a little each way and with the left front wheel off you can watch the steering arm which is attached to the sector shaft at the bottom of the steering box move up and down.

By loosening the lock nut the set screw can be wound into the steering gear box to remove the slack. The only caution is to remember that the tightest part of the steering geometry is at the center of the travel and too tight an adjustment will make it difficult to steer. It is generally best to tighten a little at a time and turn the steering side to side to check for binding.

One final word. It seems that very few bother to check the gear oil in the steering box and that can be both expensive and dangerous. The fill is a rubber plug pressed into the

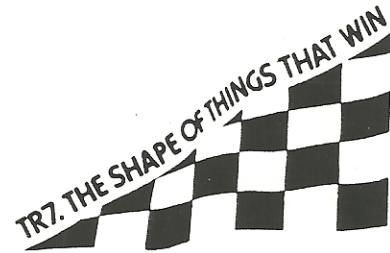
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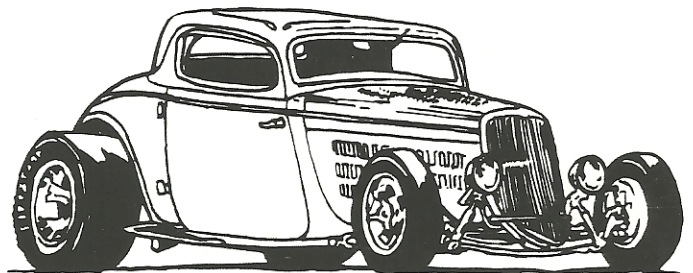


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steering column about a foot above the steering box itself and a good gear oil SAE 80-90 will do fine. Remember that a steering box that doesn't leak oil is just empty.

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SALE II, Sun., Sept. 23

Altho' the temperature was in the high nineties, we (and our customers) enjoyed the shady pavilion in the front of Mike Mullan's car lot. Mike also had hot coffee and iced tea available for us workers. There were enough of us there so that nobody was overworked as salespersons. Gracie kept track of the "green stuff" and at the end turned over to Dave H. a little over \$180. But we didn't have a sell out. So, the unsold stuff goes back into storage awaiting the next sale. After paying for the front end parts we are in the "black" but just barely. With a little more work on the parts on hand and with the arrival of the parts ordered we should see a rolling chassis. But we can't put it on the ground until we find some money for tires. Any ideas?

Phil Hunt/TCF1253L



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EDITOR'S CORNER

I'd like to call you'all's attention to three items in this newsletter.

1. Moss Motors, Ltd. is now supporting our newsletter with a half page ad in all issues thru the end of 1991.
2. Auto Britannia has moved. And they are celebrating with a sale. Their enclosed flier contains a 10% off coupon for your use sometime before the end of October, 1990.
3. Elsewhere is printed the draft of the 1991 calendar of events. It's called a draft 'cause that is what it is. As mentioned, in the past, by John H. and Randolph, there has been a gradual decrease in members attendance at club scheduled activities. One of the possible causes is the type of events scheduled. Now is the time for members to express their desires on the kind of events they would like to see in the calendar. Bring your ideas (in writing) to the next meeting or mail them to me. The goal is to have an amended draft for the November issue and meeting and a final 1991 schedule for the December issue and meeting. This would also decrease the workload of the 1991 V.P./Events position, making it easier for someone seeking a club office for 1991.

Digger

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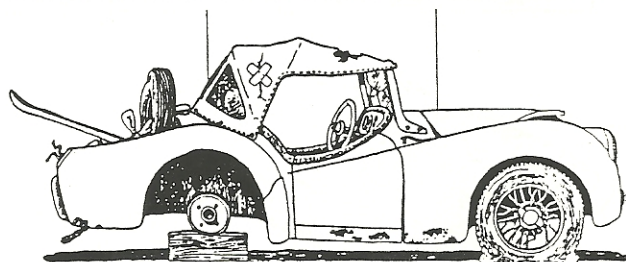
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Sat. Nov. 3rd

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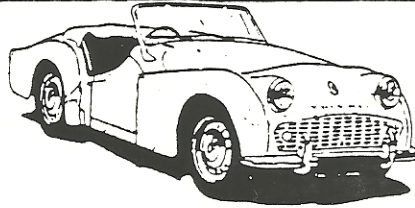
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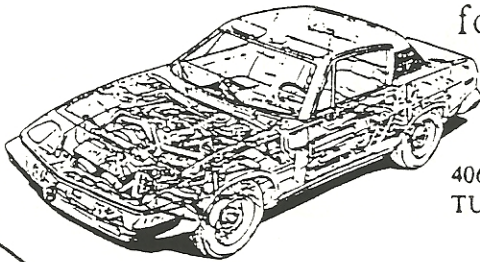
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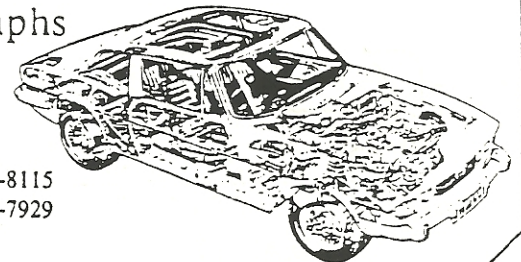
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1990

- Oct 12/14 TRIUMPHEST'90 Ventura, California
- Oct 27 Halloween Rallye
- Nov ?? (open date)
- Dec 15 Christmas Party (hosts: Armand & Ann La-Casse)
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party (host ?)

NON-TECH TIPS

A Squealing Electric Motor

Do you have a problem with a squealing electric motor that has plain bushing bearings? If so, try packing the bearing with thick high temperature grease. One of my air conditioning cooling fans motors on my TR-7 is now quiet again and running smoothly.

Engine Miss

Do you have an engine that misses on one or two cylinders at start-up and then runs normally after five or fifteen seconds? You may have a leaky cylinder head gasket. Check the coolant level: if it is going down rapidly, you have a gasket problem.

Chris Wainwright

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