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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 22

Let's start '92 off with a bang!

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, 15 February 1992

PEORIA AUTO EXPO'92

CITY OF PEORIA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Details inside

Sunday, 8 March 1992

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

METRO SHOPPING CENTER

Details inside

Sunday, 26 April 1992

COPPERSTATE 1000

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM

Details next issue

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We are starting the new year off with a major tentative change in the listing of auto related activities in the CALENDAR OF EVENTS. We solicit reactions (good or bad) and suggestions for changes.

And speaking of the new year naturally brings up the subject of dues. Dave Hanson reports that a good response at the annual meeting has us ahead of last year in collection of '92 dues.

A BYLAWS CHANGE. At the annual meeting, the members present, by a majority vote, approved a change to the ByLaws. Add a fourth sub-paragraph to ARTICLE IV, Section 1 as follows:

The Technical Advisor and the Membership Chairman will also serve on the Board of Directors.

DIGGER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE CLUB EVENTS ARE IN CAPS

- Feb 14/16 **Vintage Challenge V, Firebird**
Feb 15 **PEORIA AUTO EXPO '92 (Ken Blatter 892-3084)**
Feb 17 **Presidents Day (Mon)**
Mar 1 **SCCA Solo II, Firebird (265-9797)**
Mar 7/8 **Wahlers Car Auction (257-9797)**
Mar 8 **ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW, Metro Center (?)**
Mar 8 **Pomona Swap Meet**
Mar 14 **ST PATRICK'S PARADE, SEDONA (Jim Hughes 924-3565)**
Mar 21/22 **19th Annual AAHC Car Show & Swap Meet**
Mar 28/29 **Auto Auction, Tuscon (790-2979)**
Apr 5 **SCCA Solo II, Firebird (265-6530)**
Apr 19 **Easter Sunday**
Apr 24/26 **5th Annual Route 66 Fun Run**
Apr 26 **Copperstate 1000, Phx. Art Museum (?)**
Apr 26 **Pomona Swap Meet**
May 3 **SCCA Solo II, Firebird (265-6530)**
May 10 **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH (?)**
May 24 **Indy 500**
May 25 **Memorial Day (Mon)**
Jun 6/12 **Mercedes Star-fest'92, The Pointe (235-0116)**



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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

Meeting called to order by President John Horton at 11:55 A.M.

Secretary's report, as published in the January newsletter, was accepted and approved. Dave Hanson gave the treasurer's report. The project car fund stands at \$331.

In answer to a question from one of the new members, President Horton gave an explanation of what the project car is. All members, old and new, are urged to participate. Saturday, 22 February, will be the next project car date.

Sam Conklin gave a report on the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Sedona. The parade will be held Saturday, 14 March. Entry fee for the club will be \$25.00. A block of rooms at the Sky Ranch Motel, Sedona (282-6400), has been set aside for participants. Reservations must be in by 13 February to hold a room. Members needing more information may contact Sam Conklin (265-8282). Digger Davitt, newsletter editor, gave a report on the status of advertising in the newsletter. Due to a lack of support by DCTRA members, some of our advertisers are not renewing. Members patronizing our advertisers should make it known that they are DCTRA members.

Digger Davitt proposed a change to the Bylaws, adding the Membership Chairman and the Technical Advisor to the Board of Directors. Motion for approval was made by Armand LaCasse. Proposal was approved by a majority vote of the members present.

Dave Hanson, treasurer, asked for suggestions for the annual charity donation. Anne LaCasse suggested DCTRA adopt a family, with Easter as a target date. President Horton deferred a decision to the incoming president.

ANNUAL ELECTION

President Horton opened the floor for nominations.

Jim Hughes and Phi Dooley were the nominees for president. All other nominees ran unopposed. Club officers for 1992 will be:

President:	Jim Hughes
Vice Pres./Events Chair:	Ken Blatter
Secretary	Beth Horton
Treasurer	Dave Hanson
Newsletter Editor	Digger Davitt

The February event will be the Vintage Challenge V. The event will start at The Pointe at South Mountain, at 8 A.M., Saturday, 15 February. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per car. Car show entries will convoy to Firebird Raceway. Car entry fees also include entry fee to Firebird.

On behalf of DCTRA, Tom Pennell presented outgoing president, John Horton, a plaque of appreciation for two years as president.

President Horton welcomed the new president and officers. Meeting adjourned by new president, Jim Hughes, at 1 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Virgil Cole, Secretary

TECH TIPS

LUCAS BATTERIES

(The following article is reprinted "en toto" from the Blue Bonnet, newsletter of the Texas Triumph Register.)

While Gary and I were at the Vintage Triumph Register meet in Fort Mitchell, KY. we saw a really exquisite TR3A with what appeared to be a brand new Lucas battery. The battery was correct in every way, big red "LUCAS" letters, screw on terminals, and of the correct size. We were suitably impressed, and we asked how the owner had found such a treasure. Much to our surprise, he told us that he had bought the battery right here in the United States and when he got back home he would send us the address of the manufacturer.....Well, he was as good as his word and we have since contacted the company and would like to share the information with the club.

The company is the Dave Lane Battery Co. located in Hudson, Ohio. Dave can provide batteries for 1950 to 1968 TR2, TR3, TR4, Renown, and 2000 which take group 27C (12 1/2"x 7"x 9" high to top of post) and for 1950 to 1966 TR4A, TR250, TR6, 1200, Mayflower, Sports 6, Herald and Spitfire which take group 24C which are (10 3/4"x 7"x 9" high to top of post). The batteries have a three year warranty (pro-rated). They are of the top design and use a hard rubber case with "LUCAS" embossed on the side. It is a dry charged battery which means you don't have to fill it with acid and charge it until you are ready to use the battery. The batteries cost \$125.00 each plus UPS charges. Club members can get a \$5.00 discount if they mention that they belong to the Texas Triumph Register with their order. Dave tells me he can rebuild any (for the most part) hard rubber case batteries up to 1968-69. In fact, Ron Stein, was going to contact Dave to see if his original Standard battery could be rebuilt. It will be interesting to see how that works out.....Those of you that received the Christmas Wish Catalog from the Roadster Factory may have seen Charles Runyan's advertisement for Lucas batteries. They are, in fact, Dave's batteries, and since Charles charges only \$137.50 for them, his profit may be "minimal" as he states.

Complete ordering information is as follows: Dave Lane Battery Co., 2320 Old Mill Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236, tel: 216-425-2395 or 1-800-426-7580

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UFF-DA

Herewith is the third "First Prize Winner" at Triumphest'91.

Dateline: 10:00 AM, the day of the Great Pumpkin, 1991, Mohave, California.

Our TR-8 story really began a couple of months ago, with a Labor Day weekend accident which caused great bodily damage to "HER TR- 8". But two days (actually 30 hours) before time to leave for Triumphest'91 "HER TR-8" was lovely, whole, and green again and the silver "GREAT-8" was up and running. All in the nick of time.

Thinking all well that ends well, we were driving merrily along, obeying all the laws as to speed, courtesy, etc, through the "brisk" morning air, tops down and the heaters blasting when a jealous XXX in a California Black & White looked us over, pulled in between us, and pulled both -8s off the road. The CHP's turkey XXXX went on about sports-car mentality, the likelihood of drivers of convertible cars with tops down being drunk (at 10 AM yet?). Note here - we were not asked to walk any lines or etc.)

After the marlarky, we both were awarded tickets for failing to have front license plates on our vehicles. These are "fix it" tickets which now, due to the sad state of the state budget, must be accompanied by a hefty "processing fee" so we can keep our states' finest harassing us on the highway. Oh, well.....

DIANE GOLD

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This was the second event in a row with a record breaking turn-out. First the Christmas party with thirty-three people and then fifty-one showed up for the breakfast and the meeting! I wonder what we are doing right?

Hungry people started showing up at nine-thirty and the last couple got there at eleven forty-five. So we delayed the meeting until their hunger was sated. The food must have been good 'cause several were seen bringing pastries to the meeting (to go along with the coffee that was set up in our room).

What went on in the meeting is all contained in the minutes.

DIGGER

WHAT HAPPENED MONTH BEFORE LAST

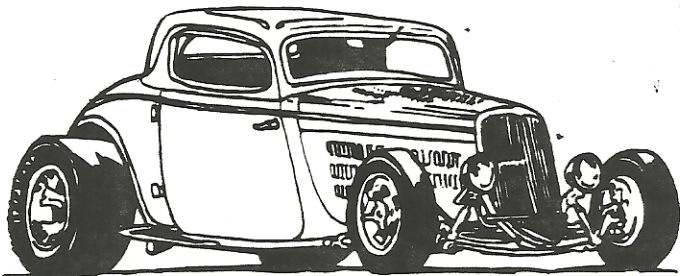
Every once in a blue moon I make a mistake. And most of the times I get away with it. BUT NOT THIS TIME!

'Cause this time, I made THREE MISTAKES! And all in one article! There were three (not two) guest TRs in the LaCasse' driveway, there were 33 (not 31) people at the party and the Coles were left out of the list of guests.

So, Marlene, accept my apology for the three mistakes I made.

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LOST & FOUND or LOANED & FORGOTTEN = I would like the following to be returned = A Color Tune Test Kit. Digger Davitt 966-9712.

PREZ SEZ

This is the only time I will be able to make a first impression on many of you and I really want it to be a good one.

I've been asked what I want to do this year, and what I want the club to do this year. I want to have fun! I want every member of DCTRA to have all the fun they want or can handle with their TR on the road.

I want to drive my TR on winding roads on cool evenings. I want to occasionally clean the grease from my hands after doing some small repair on the TR. I want to sit and talk TR's and have fun. Do you think this is fun? If so, you'll enjoy 1992 as a member of DCTRA, but only if you join in.

Where does my attitude leave the DCTRA membership? Hopefully right in the middle of a lot of fun activities during 1992. There will be the usual types of activities, parties, desert sing-a-longs, a rally, and some other interesting events.

I know there will be times when time and resources will not permit some of you to attend events. I know occasionally that will be my position. But the major thrust for all of us is to try. Try to make an event and definitely try to have fun at it.

There are several appointments to be continued and a new one made:

Membership Chairman	Tom Pennell
Technical Advisor	Bob Schaller
Historian	Sherry Sharp
AAHC Representative (new one)	Michelle Peters

See you at the next meeting when we will talk about plans for this year, events for the coming months, and wrap up some old business.

Remember, always buckle up. Even the dummies know why.

--- here's to ya ---

Jim Hughes



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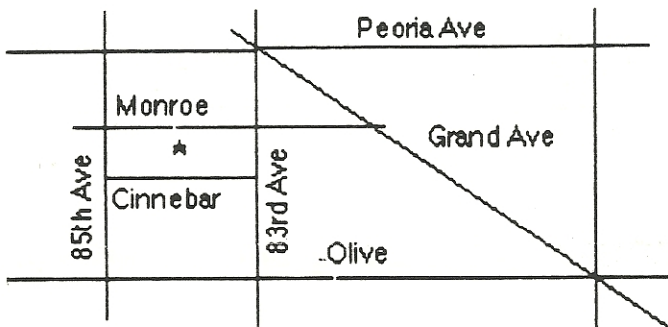
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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

PEORIA AUTO EXPO, 15 February, 1992

This is the first of what is planned to be an annual event, a show featuring antique, classic and speciality vehicles. It will be held in the new City of Peoria Municipal Complex and will use its new 600 space parking garage for the main display. Registration is \$5.00 per car prior to 15 February. Registration on 15 February at the Expo will be \$8.00 per car. ONLY the cars preregistered are GUARANTEED dash plaques. To make it easier (and cheaper) do it by phone! Call Ken Blatter at 602-892-3084 and provide him the details from the registration form enclosed. He has made arrangements to bulk register all club members who call him. You can then repay him at the next meeting or at the Expo. General admission is one non-perishable food item to benefit the West Side Food Bank. More details will be forthcoming at the next meeting. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Note, as of 27 January, 170 cars have been registered.



Between 83rd and 85th Ave
and Monroe and Cinnebar Ave.
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ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW, 8 March 1992

I know it is two months away, but we only have the February meeting to fine tune the details for our participation in this annual event put on by the AZ MG Club. In the past it has been held in the Town & Country Shopping Center. However the meet has grown bigger than the space available and has been moved to the Metrocenter Shopping Center. Enclosed with the newsletter, is the flyer and the registration form for entry into the show. Note that registration is \$10. until 22 February when it jumps to \$20. Only pre-registered cars are guaranteed dash plaques.

POT POURRI

BUILD RECORD GOODIES

All of us have talked about colors we have seen on TRs, some of them are pretty unusual - to say the least! So, for this article I think I will pass along some different color combinations used on early TRs.

Here are some examples of colors that have adorned the TR exterior: Ice Blue, Geranium, Olive Yellow, Apple Green, Pearly Grey, Phantom Blue, Primose Yellow, Sunset Red, Beige, and Wedgewood Blue. The is does not include the usual Pearl White, Black, British Racing Green, Signal Red, and Powder Blue.

Interior colors vary somewhat less widely that the exterior, but were extreme in their own right, here are some examples: Blackberry, Geranium, Grey, Blue, and Targo Purple. As with the exterior, there were the usual colors of Black and Red.

The combinations of these two groups are what makes for an unusual car! Apple Green with a Brown Leather interior; Primose Yellow with a Blue Leather interior; Geranium with a Blackberry Leather interior; Olive Yellow with a Geranium Leather interior; or Ice Blue with a Blackberry Leather interior. There were, of course, the usual color combinations of Red cars with Black interiors or White cars with Black interiors, and in a greater number than the odd ones - but isn't that always the case?

To continue this train of thought, most cars seem to have been fitted with soft tops, and here the color is not as varied as either the interior or the exterior colors, but there are some I had never heard of before - Ice Blue, Blackberry, Geranium, Beige, Fawn, as well as the more usual Black and White.

Some of the color combinations seem unusual, but there are others that would seem to be very striking, for example: Pearl White exterior, Grey Leather interior and an Ice Blue soft top; Ice Blue exterior, Blackberry interior and a Blackberry soft top; Geranium exterior, Grey interior, and an Ice Blue soft top.

I have heard a story that I'm not sure is true, but I like it and it explains some of the color combinations I have included above: Sir John Black's wife is said to have made the color choices for the early TR-2s - it is rumored that she was color blind! And that is why the strange color combinations stopped with the TR-2!

By Jon Korbin

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