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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Except January)

Dues are \$12.00 per year

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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
2:00 P.M. at Schaller's house
PARTS is PARTS

COMING EVENTS

D.C.T.R.A.'S MONTHLY EVENT

November 21

ARIZONA BOY'S RANCH

CAR SHOW & BBQ

Details Inside

Baseline - Gilbert Road

OTHER EVENTS

November 28

TURKEY TROT RALLYE

AZ MG Club

Sports Authority Parking Lot

12689 North Tatum Blvd.

Details Inside

Tom

*10am
Lunch
12:00*

POLITICAL ISSUE

This newsletter contains several very important messages about the political situation here in Arizona. John Horton has pointed out many times that our state representatives and senators are reviewing and processing legislation that will affect our hobby. These people will NOT KNOW how YOU feel about it unless YOU TELL THEM. We have presented you with all the tools. Now it up to YOU to make use of them. BE LOUD! BE HEARD! This is not "Chicken Little" talking. These elected representatives, given enough rope, will hang all of us "car nuts". We don't want our hobby destroyed by Big Brother! Do you? Take the time to call or write your District Rep and/or your Senator. If they hear from enough of us, they WILL pay attention (or be out of a job next election).

Your Editor and Publisher

EDITORIAL LICENSE

In this issue we have published the names, addresses and phone numbers of our state representatives. Looks like these mental giants have decided once again that old cars are responsible for just about everything that ails us in this state, including, hair loss, the heartbreak of psoriasis, and those annoying panty lines. Well, we need to contact these jugheads and let them know that we will not stand still for crushing ANY old cars in the name of one of the bigger problems we are facing, i.e., clean air. A phone call to your individual representative is needed if we are going to nip this kind of nonsense in the bud. An article on vehicle scrapping is included in this issue to let you all know exactly how far this has gone.

In other news, the November Club event is the annual Arizona Boys Ranch Open House and BBQ on November 21. The club has traditionally participated in this event and it is always a very good time, especially for kids, so bring them along. We will need a count at the meeting to give the Boys Ranch, so if you will not be at the meeting but still want to go, contact Richard Hammon at 463-2693.

Also, the MG club has invited DCTRA to the "Turkey Trot" club rally Sunday, November 28. This will be a fun rally with questions to answered on your way to getting hopelessly lost and a bail-out envelope for those that want to come back. Meeting at Sports Authority parking lot, 12869 N. Tatum Blvd. at 9:30 am, contact Marie Thompson, 971-7807 to make your reservation. Sounds like lots of fun and also a good chance to hob-knob with our MG brethren.

Please note in the classified ad section that All Models is having a big "blowout sale" on November 20. Starting at 6:00 A.M. all Triumph parts and cars will be sold by the pound, i.e., at huge discounts. This is one day only so if your restoring something or even thinking about restoring something it might be a good time to collect some parts. Besides, your significant other is probably thinking they got you figured out, so it's time to bring them back to reality by showing up with all kinds of cool parts they can't begin to understand the attraction of.

Also note in the classified that Mark at Auto Britannia is selling Girling slave cylinders and Payen head gaskets at killer prices.

On a literary note, I was reading a copy of Rider magazine (motorcycles) the other day and they did a great interview with Jay Leno. Mr. Leno in his days off from the Tonight Show likes to work on and drive his cars and motorcycles. These apparently number about 50 and include many priceless and one of a kind vehicles that Mr. Leno drives like the proverbial bat out of h...e..double hockey sticks. I found his attitude towards driving his "collection" admirable. Some of you are probably saying to yourselves that if you made 3 or 4 bigillion dollars a year you would drive your collection too because you could afford to break or crash them. I wonder? Mr. Leno has vehicles that are irreplaceable at any price and yet he still ENJOYS driving them. This is one "show business type" that I

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would be very happy to meet. Maybe he'd let me drive his 8 litre Bentley?

On the magazine front, the December issue of British Car magazine features the TR3 along with the MGA in a good overview of both models. The September issue of Thoroughbred & Classic Cars features a TR2 rebuild. The Oct/Nov Issue of Historic Race & Rally has a nice article on Works Triumph TR4s. Finally the September and October issues of Your Classic Magazine has back to back articles on tearing down and rebuilding a Spitfire 1500 engine on the cheap and the September issue has a TR4 buyers guide while the October issue has a reader's rebuild of a TR4A. Lots of Triumphs to read about. Hopefully, it will make you want to jump into the old war-wagon and come on out to an event. Disease-laden kids not withstanding, I'll see you there.

Good show, John.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE PRESIDENT

It's nominations time again. Who wants to be President? V.P. of Events? Secretary? Treasurer? Everyone should have a chance at trying to keep this group motoring along down the road. Nominate someone w yourself at the November or December meeting. Elections will held at the January brunch.

Those of you who missed the scenic drive to Sedona missed a great road trip. The scenery was wonderful and the multitude of stops along the way kept the drive very interesting. Great job Duane Schoen.

This is all for now since I am going on a 2 week vacation out of town. See you at the next meeting!

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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Armand LaCasse. The minutes of the September 14 meeting were amended to correct the prices given for jackets (\$47.50) and hats (\$7.50).

Our treasurer, Ken Blatter, reported on the clubs general account and the project car fund. There is money in both.

John Horton reported on the project car and stated the next work day will be 10/31/93 when the distributor will be cleaned and some other engine assembly will be done. The body and frame are still at Bob Hassle's. Some discussion followed on types of paint. Lee Shapiro recommended a person to paint the car. Mike Perez suggested using Concept paint. John Horton said that it would probably take 2 work days in November to sort and organize parts.

Rich Hammon reported on upcoming events:

10/15 & 16 - Lou Grubb Ford - All Ford Car Show

10/30/93 - Club Event October - Halloween Party, hosted by Roger and Roni Guzowski

11/21/93 - Club Event - November - Arizona Boys Ranch Car Show, BBQ, etc. John Horton commented on past year's trips and encouraged everyone to participate in what is a fun event for a worthy cause. Marlene Cole announced that the "\$1.25 Band" which she and Virgil play in will be performing between 3:25 and 3:55 that afternoon

11/28/93 - Marie Thompson invited DCTRA to participate in the "Turkey Trot" rally being put on by the AZ MG Club. For information all her at 971-7807 no later than 11/14/93. 11/28/93 - Lions Club Autorama - Roger Guzowski had some information and more details to be published in the November newsletter.

Rich Hammon also informed the club that the car show scheduled in November at the El Zaribah Shrine Temple had been CANCELED.

OLD BUSINESS

Rally to Sedona Photo Contest: Photos were submitted to Roger Guzowski for judging. Winners will be announced at the next meeting .

Beth Horton gave final prices and distributed order forms for club logo hats, jackets, shirts, etc. She will be picking up orders at the November meeting for delivery at the December meeting. (Editor's note: A reproduction of the order form is included in this issue.)

Tom and Gracie Pennell reported on their participation in Triumphest '93 (a silver and a gold medal).

NEW BUSINESS

Newer members introduced themselves and their cars, including: Dave Lawrence, Chuck Nedrow, Steve Francis, Bob Behan, Marie Thompson .

Gracie Pennell announced that she would be hosting a "Triumphest/Mary Kay" shopping party on 10/31/92 between 2:00 and 7:00 pm while project car day is going on.

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MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

The Pennell's also spoke about upcoming Triumphest dates and locations. Discussion followed concerning hosting Triumphest '97, possibly in Laughlin. Ken Blatter mentioned club finances and the expenses that would be incurred before registration fees would be received .

Cliff Daniel displayed some of his artwork and gave prices for pen and ink drawings.

Lee Shapiro announced that he has some collector's models of Triumphs for sale. Call him for prices at 730-8040.

Tom Pennell has a "Triumph Trivia" item and gave a clue as to what it really is - winner gets to keep the item.

John Horton introduced the subject of proposed legislation denying registration for cars that fail emissions MORE THAN ONCE. Club discussion followed concerning contacting representatives and the need for all club members to take an active part to protect our special interests. A sample letter and list of state representatives will be published in the November newsletter.

John Horton also announced that he will take orders for club name badges. Contact him at 843-1399.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Peterson, Secretary.

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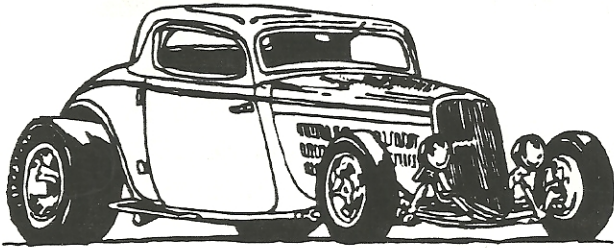


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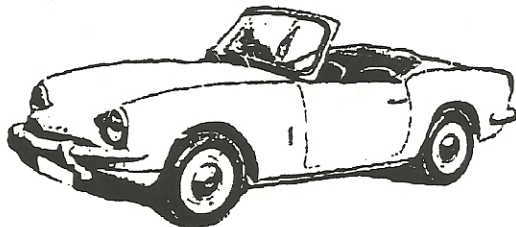
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SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR SENATOR or REPRESENTATIVE

Dear _____

I am deeply concerned about the pending legislation on air quality. Singling out "old cars" is not the only answer to the problem, nor is the new IM40 testing the answer. You will only succeed in having more people register their cars out of Arizona. Any more restrictive legislation will kill a Special Interest Car market in Arizona that is unique to our state and worth almost a billion dollars annually to our economy.

Why do I see School buses spewing black fumes, construction equipment with clouds of diesel smoke and particulate matter? What about the tons of air pollution from pesticides? One oil refinery in Maricopa spews out over 170 tons of pollution every year! Why is this allowed while the legislators harp on "old cars"?

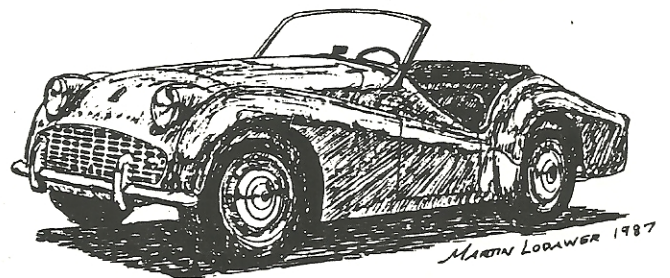
There are 1300 flights a day out of Sky Harbor airport. Commercial jets sit and idle for 45 minutes between flights. What consideration is given to the background count and basic air quality in Arizona? Do the Federal EPA guidelines require us to return the Arizona air quality to pre-human habitation levels?

What does it take to convince the EPA that we are doing as much as possible? After all, we were "out of compliance" for only two days in one year. Why is our state being singled out? Is Washington trying to make an "example" of Arizona? Let us say "NO" to the EPA - we did so on MediCare and Arizona is still solvent. When will you stand up to them?

We elected you on the promise that there would be less and simpler government, but we are getting more and more regulations. You are in office to represent the citizens of your state, not the powers of Washington.

There are more than 150,000 classic and special interest automobile owners in Arizona. We keep these classics in excellent condition and most are driven sparingly. According to recent newspaper articles, automobiles account for only 35% of Arizona's air pollution problem.

We, the owners of classic and special interest cars, DO NOT WANT MORE RESTRICTIONS! We want representatives who listen to us! Please consider our position (and our collective voting power) when you vote on these bills.



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE = Toyota conversion for TR7. Includes R21 engine, 5-speed transmission, all mounts, driveshaft. Runs great! \$750. Call 282-3544, leave message for Dan. (10/93)

FOR SALE = Parts for TR6 frame including flare fenders, four Carrol Shelby wheels with Tru-Trac radial Armstrong tires - P245/60R - 14, grille, rear end, front rotor, spindle bearing assembly. Call Paul 370-0846. (10/93)

FOR SALE = 1981 TR7 Parts car. \$500. Call 282-3544, leave message for Dan. (10/93)

FOR SALE = Spitfire 1147cc engine. All there except carbs. Not running. \$200 firm. Call John 780-1286 (11/93)

FOR SALE = 1967 Spitfire MK 3, white w/blue pearl paint, black interior. New radial tires, fuel pump and upholstery. Runs great. \$1000 obo. Call Jay at 926-3511 (11/93)

FOR SALE = HUGE DISCOUNT - TR3 to TR4A slave cylinders - Girling - normally \$99.99 - special discount \$52. Also TR2 - TR4 87mm head gasket sets - Payen - normally \$69 - special \$25. Call Mark at 224-0111 days. (11/93)

FOR SALE = ALL MODELS IMPORT PARTS is having a closeout sale on all used Triumph parts and cars November 20, 1993, beginning at 6:00 A.M. We will no longer handle Triumph recycling and will be selling cars by the pound and will be offering parts at huge discounts. This your LAST CHANCE! All remaining cars after the sale will be crushed! (11/93)

FOR SALE = Good TR4 frame - front suspension, spindles, rear springs - no steering, no brakes or wheels. \$100. Also TR4 rigid rear axle, no brakes, \$50 or both for \$125 OBO. Call Ken Blatter 892-3084 (9/93)

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FOR SALE = TR3 Radiator - Re-Cored with 5-row core. Never Installed. \$300 firm. Call Bob at 992-7969. (11/93)

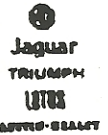


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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following people joined DCTRA at the last meeting. Please welcome:

Chuck Nedrow

Steve Francois

Chuck is the owner of two TR7's and is looking forward to participating in DCTRA's events.

Steve owns two TR4's and a TR6. He likes driving events and seeks help restoring two of his three cars.



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VEHICLE SCRAPPING BILL

I have been trying for over a week to finish this issue and go to press, but things have been moving so fast at the Capital that I have waited until the last minute to see what changes would be made. It has been a frustrating month. Remember back in March, there was a big movement to include vehicle scrapping in the Clean Air Act, but was removed before HB2129 was passed. I would like to believe that the many calls to legislators helped stop the idea.

Since the beginning of September when the new hearings started, everyone testified against including Vehicle Scrapping in the bill. At the same time the news media ran big headlines about vehicle registration fees being based on amount of emissions. Also that old cars would be charged \$300 registration fees. All of this was presented as a "red herring" to direct attention from the problem, which was IM-240! In fairness, no one wanted IM-240 either. However, this is the big item pushed by the EPA. as stated elsewhere, it is expensive, slow, and the car dealers don't have enough trained people. Besides this is for 1981 and newer cars which we are told don't pollute! (If it were not so serious, I could laugh) At the final days of the hearing, the legislators also spoke out against vehicle scrapping, including both co-chairpersons. One senator even called a news conference to state that picking on old cars was being directed against poor people.

VEHICLE SCRAPPING RETURNS

The special session for this clean air bill should start on the 4th of October. The IM-240 provision has been killed, to be replaced by a "Vehicle Scrapping Program!" Why the sudden reversal? What happened to all those that were against it?

Perhaps our legislators are not aware of what it will do to the economy. Perhaps the BIG question is where is the state going to get the money? This has not been worked out yet. Does the Governor think the state can afford to finance it when they do not have enough money for the general fund?

More than one lobbyist has said to me, "What are you concerned about? This is a voluntary requirement." "B.S." I can't think of any requirement that could do more harm!

However.... It's not over 'till it's over! This could be a time for YOU to act. I have included a list of all Legislators with their phone numbers. Remember that most of them either do not like vehicle scrapping, or are unaware of the opposition. If you decide to phone, call YOUR legislator.

SENATOR KEITH BEE AGAINST SCRAPPING

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman, Keith Bee is vehemently opposed to any Vehicle Scrapping Program, for the following reasons: - improves air by only .5% - would cost the state \$7 million - only registered vehicles that fail emissions would qualify - If ALL pre-'80

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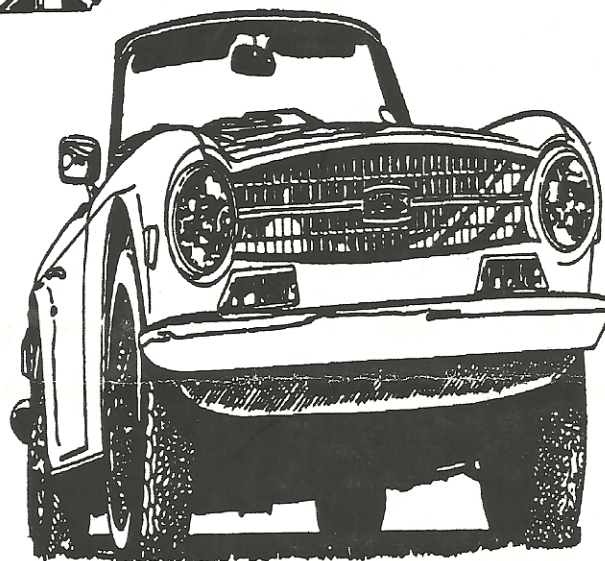
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cars were removed from the road it would not meet EPA requirements

Perhaps I am becoming senile in my old age, but I don't believe the Legislators are the enemy. We just have to let them know we don't want anymore B.S.

Taken from Frank Goetz, The Auto Insider, Oct. 1993

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