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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31
2:00 P.M. at Pennell's house
MORE ENGINE WORK

COMING EVENTS

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

October 30

HALLOWE'EN COSTUME PARTY

Roger & Roni Guzowski's
Flyer Included - Please RSVP

OTHER EVENTS

October 31

NASCAR PYROIL 500

P.I.R.

PROJECT CAR

The September project car day found myself, Tom Pennell, Ken Larsen and Michelle Peters cleaning and refurbishing parts for the engine. We rebuilt the distributor, the oil filter housing, among other exterior parts. I will contact Moss Motors and get the carbs back shortly.

The body is finally being worked on. The left floor pan is in and the right one is next. The sill plates are almost finished as well. The rest of the work will take some time but will go reasonably well. When this is done we need to be ready to reassemble the entire car. This part of the process will require many hands.

Now that the weather is starting to cooperate we can do more to get ready for the assembly. There are a lot of things that need cleaning and repainting. We will schedule a day at Schaller's to do that. We can all learn about restoring a car by helping. So why not give a part of a day to help out?

Cheerio, John Horton.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I owe the club a strong apology for statements that I made during the September meeting. I knew then and I know now that I was in the wrong. I did not know how much I had offended some club members. I have received unsigned "hate mail" from a club member, and another member of our club has also received unsigned "hate mail". I know that at least one member of the club has been campaigning for my office and they are welcome to it, if that is the club's desire. I have been directed by our President that, among other things, I can resign or be removed from office. I will not resign as I feel that I have fulfilled my duties as Vice-President and Event Chairman. However, if a voting quorum of the club wishes to remove me I will bend to their wishes.

We joined DCTRA after attending Triumphest '91 in Lake Havasu City. In all honesty, the only friends we have in Arizona are members of DCTRA! I would not knowingly do anything to harm this relationship. If I have offended anyone, I am sorry. I do not feel I deserve "hate mail", or to have people talk about me behind my back. I was "informed" that certain members do not wish to attend any event where I will be present. Am I that bad? All I have ever wanted is for us to be the best club possible, to go out and enjoy our cars, but more importantly, each others company! If you feel that I am the cause of our club's problems, then please do something about it. I feel that we have a complete lack of commitment. This is a car club, not somewhere to go for free food. I love this club and all of its members, and all I want is what is best for the club. I will not go into my own personal problems, but they are partially responsible for my agitation. Again please accept my regrets for offending the membership.

Sincerely, Richard L. Hammon

EDITORIAL LICENSE

Well I missed another great club event last month. I cannot seem to coordinate my schedule well enough to attend all these events every month. Between work, family, various diseases brought home by the children from school and landscaping the entire backyard by myself there never seems to be enough time for the fun things in life. I'm sure the rest of you are feeling the time pinch also.

To make it easier on the membership, we are now putting the one MAIN club event every month in a separate box on the front page of the newsletter. This is the event the club will promote and sponsor, and also the one we'd like to see the membership try to attend. This does not necessarily mean that other events mentioned in the newsletter will not be well attended, only that time and effort are being directed mainly at the one event. This approach will hopefully cut down on the huge amount of time spent planning and setting up events and also prevent any confusion about what event a member should attend if they are thinking about going to only one event each month with the club. If you want to attend more than one event, that's terrific! However, it is not mandatory. Hopefully, we will see more members attending the main club event and maybe this will stimulate participation in other events as well.

I've got a great idea for an event. Everyone should meet at Lindly's house and help him plant 27 trees, bushes and flowers, lay down 1000 square feet of rock and a sprinkler and drip system in the backyard. I haven't figured how to work in the Triumph angle yet, but I'm working on it. Maybe we'll lay down sod in the shape of a TR3. Maybe Donna won't notice? Maybe I'll find a long door TR2 in mint condition for \$1000. Maybe I'll end up doing it all myself while whistling the tune from "Bridge on the River Kwai".

Good show, John.

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IN PRAISE OF CLUBS

By Dave Destler

While many of you belong to some sort of club, register, or organization

catering to your favorite car, many do not. A lot of people are simply not 'joiners'; they don't like the structure of a club, its politics, or - too often - the myopic view the members have of other makes or models not within their scope of interest. There is a lot of snobbery out there, not just amongst people who drive expensive cars, but even those who look askance at the very same model they drive, albeit one model-year later, with rubber instead of chrome bumpers!

There are very large, well-organized club networks, such as the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA), American MGB Association (AMGBA), Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), etc., and smaller clubs as well, from regional chapters of the big organizations, down to local marque or mixed-make clubs, some only having a handful of members.

Regardless of the size or format, the clubs comprise the backbone of our hobby. Without them, the majority of British car owners would be existing in a perceived vacuum, thinking they're the only person to still love and drive a (whatever). They'd rarely see another like-minded individual. Enthusiasm would be hard to muster. Without that sense of camaraderie we feel when all of our cars are lined up on a lawn, or pulling into a checkpoint on a rally, the enjoyment of the cars would be diminished.

Less enjoyment means less usage; that creates a smaller need for parts and services, which would in turn shrink the parts, accessories, and service industry that supports our hobby. There would be almost no advertisers in this magazine. Soon, there wouldn't be a magazine.

See what I'm getting at? Organization is sometimes not only a good thing, it's the only thing. In numbers, we have strength, to fight potentially threatening legislation, to justify manufacturers in reproducing long-obsolete parts, to encourage promoters to create large, enthusiast-oriented events. These things would not happen without clubs.

The clubs have a problem. They're finding their members becoming less and less involved in club functions, leaving all of the work to a small core of dedicated, but increasingly frustrated volunteers. The club newsletters, the only link between all members are crying for submissions. The larger clubs have long given up on relying upon contributions from members, and have adopted magazine-like formats with regular columns and features.

Despite the advantages of participating, the vast majority stay at home. Many clubs experience only about a 10 percent membership participation in

their events. So, you don't like that kind of event? Then why not go to a meeting, or write in to the newsletter, and suggest something different? Your club officers would be thrilled to know what the members really want!

CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN

PRAISE - CONTINUED

I think the non-active members already in clubs are more a problem than those who do not yet belong to one. They have made the effort to join, but are not getting everything out of it that they could. And discontent breeds on itself. Most not yet in a club, on the other hand, can still be reached by some sort of promotion, and if signed up, usually are fairly active, at least in the beginning. They joined for a reason, attracted to something they perceived as beneficial. Simply networking to find better sources for parts, restoration and repairs, etc., is worth the dues.

My suggestion to clubs with participation problems, or a shrinking roster, is to make the club more interesting for members. Mail out a questionnaire to members, with a postage-paid return envelope, to get input as to what they'd like more of, less of, etc. Ask what it would take to get them out to club events.

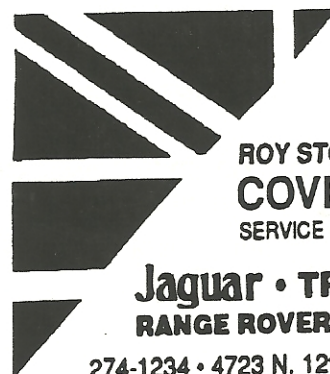
Another idea would be to create a competition within the club. Award points to members who participate in various functions, i.e., 10 points for attending a monthly meeting (the hardest function to get them out to), 5 points for a club driving event or tour, 3 points for a club-sponsored event, etc.

The member with the most points at the end of the year is awarded the Clubman of the Year Award. It

could be a handsome trophy, an engraved plate, etc. Or even a perpetual trophy upon which the winner gets his/her name engraved.

Competition creates interest, and this in turn could bring more members out of their garages. You'll never get 'em all, but if you double your 10 percent to 20 percent member participation, your club will prosper, and your members will enjoy themselves that much more.

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Armand LaCasse. Since there were new and prospective members present, everyone introduced themselves and described their cars.

Armand then introduced the guest speaker, Don Scher, from Arizona Classic Car Museum who gave a personal history (growing up in Pasadena, working in Hollywood, selling Ferraris, etc.) and outlined his plans to open a classic car museum in the Scottsdale/Phoenix area, describing the locations being considered, with a projected opening by the first of the year. He said that clubs will be encouraged to utilize the museum facilities for meetings, tech sessions and restoration projects. He asked the club for loaner vehicles (a possible tax advantage) and/or memorabilia to display, and for volunteers when the museum opened to help with escorting tours and educating visitors concerning historic cars. He also explained his plan for setting up a computer database for information exchange between historic car owners.

Several club members volunteered information concerning possible vehicles and/or displays for the museum.

REPORTS

TREASURER: Ken Blatter reported on the Club's general account and the project car account.

PROJECT CAR: John Horton reported that the body work is now under way and more money will be due to Bob Hassle in 4 to 6 weeks.

EVENTS: Rich Hammon reported on upcoming events:

9/18/93 - (CLUB EVENT-SEPTEMBER) Photographic Rallye - Phoenix to Prescott and Sedona. Roger Guzowski explained the photo contest and the following categories were chosen: Best Red Rock Picture; Best TR Portrait; Best Domestic Car; Best Party Animal; Best Mile Marker; Best Picnic Scene; Best Travel Shot (motion); Best Road Kill (humorous); People's Choice (open). There will be a slide show at the next meeting of the winning pictures.

9/25/93 --- ASRA Test & Tune at Firebird

9/30/93 --- AZ Governor's Cup Rallye

10/02/93 ---Checker Grand Prix IMSA at P.I.R.

10/07-10/93 --- TRIUMPHEST '93 - Sacramento, CA

10/30/93 - --(CLUB EVENT - OCTOBER) Halloween COSTUME Party, hosted by Roger and Roni Guzowski

A heated discussion followed concerning member participation in Club and non-Club events.

MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

OLD BUSINESS

ROADWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Mark Haas reported that the Highway Dept. representative had not gotten back to him yet with more information.

PATCHES, HATS, SHIRTS, ETC.: Beth Horton had prices on embroidered items: shirts - \$14; jackets - \$17.50; baseball caps - \$7.50; driver's caps - \$8.00.

NEW BUSINESS Virgil and Marlene Cole volunteered to host the Club Christmas Party on 12/11/93.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Peterson, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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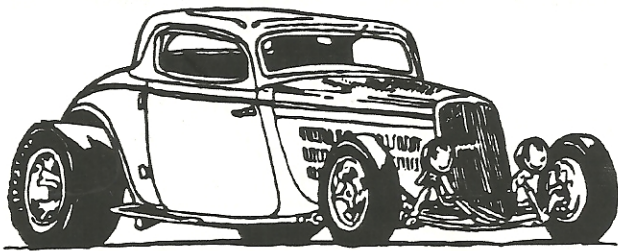


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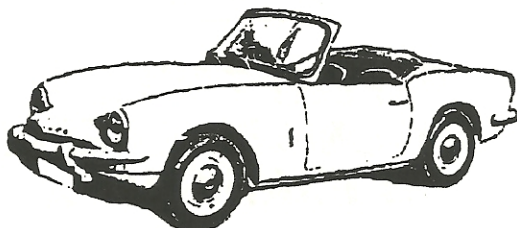
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WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

We received a call from Eric and Diane Carneys of Snowflake asking about Triumph clubs. I invited them to come down and join in on our rally. They showed up Friday night in an RV with a Spitfire in tow and set up camp in our driveway.

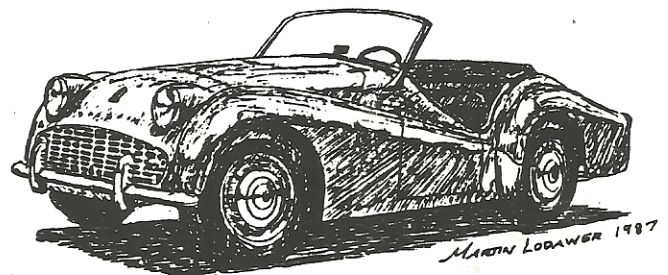
4:45 A.M. is way too early for most people to arise. There is something uncivilized about it. We got up anyway and both cars (ours and Carneys) left for the hotel. When we got there we found Armand LaCasse, Michelle Peters, John and Darcy Reynolds, George and Florence Reynolds, Richard and Diane Hammon, Roger and Roni Guzowski, and Duane Schoen. Not a bad turnout for an early drive. We left for Wickenburg at 6:00 am and arrived around 7:15 am. We ate at the Golden Nugget then set out for Yarnell.

We found an olde antique store and stopped for pictures and gawking. Some set up pictures for the contest. Then on to Yarnell hill. We all had fun going up the hill; the turns and dips are great. We did get one surprise, however, when I went around a tight turn and found four trooper cars and many cops and dogs. They must have been looking for someone else as they just waved as we went by. At the top we passed a chili cook-off and took in more antique shops.

Somewhere South of Prescott we stopped at a meadow for lunch and pictures. Eric Carney was shooting a lot of video tape. He said he would edit it and send the tape down for us to show. We arrived at Prescott and found a hot rod and custom show in progress on court house square. The contest pictures should show them. Then on to Jerome for more looking and something to drink. It gets dry in this heat. The views from Jerome are great. Some of the stores take advantage of this to lure you in. We arrived at Sedona about 3:30 pm and took advantage of the Guzowski's room to clean up before dinner. We did not join the group for the super dinner at Pietro's but instead tried a different fare at the 50's style diner. We got back to Phoenix about 8:00 pm after clicking off 330 miles. With food, goodies, and petrol we spent about \$30.00. Not bad for this trip. The Triumph gave a little trouble; i.e., 3 blown fuses and a stuck carburetor float. We can live with that.

We really want to thank Duane Schoen for setting up this rally, it was a great time. We might try one to another town with perhaps a bit shorter drive. Triumphs can really go the distance.

Cheerio, John and Beth Horton



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

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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)

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FROM THE SEVEN SEAT

Well dear friends and Triumph lovers, I hardly know where to begin this month. I will have an open letter in a separate portion of this newsletter. First of all, a brief rundown of the scenic drive to Sedona. Nine vehicles, eight Triumphs and one corvette (my lights had quit on the TR7) met at the Crescent Hotel and made a departure for Wickenburg and breakfast. A leisurely pace to Prescott followed. The Arizona Street Rod Association were having a car show around the court house, with some truly beautiful custom cars on display. We again met in Jerome and later Sedona, where quite a few of us enjoyed a fine dinner at Pietro's. We all left for Phoenix around 7:00 pm after a great day of driving and sightseeing.

On a personal note, about 60 miles north of Phoenix we lost a bolt on the alternator bracket and had severely damaged our alternator. By the time we got to Tempe, we had virtually no instruments, lights, etc. We just made it to Schoen's house before the car expired with no electrical juices. An interesting drive!

The club will not be able to participate in the IMSA Checker at P.I.R., we simply could not get any commitment to attend when I needed the checks to mail to the box office. What I don't understand is that when we discuss going to an event, we usually can get an excited response. Members openly say that this is a desired club activity, but when it is time to make a commitment, where is everyone? I found this to be the case when we went to the Wildlife Park, our drive to Sedona, the participation at P.I.R., and several other events. For the common good of the club, if you like and event - say so and support it, if you do not like an event - say so! How can we plan club activities, if we never know if anyone will even show up? I know that everyone is extremely busy and that many times something will happen to prevent someone from participating, however, to vote for an event, allow the planning to progress, and then just clam up, say nothing, and not show up is not fair to the club as a whole. This is my final word on the subject.

Upcoming events: Triumphest '93 is the twelfth in a series of West coast regional meets. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, CA, October 7-10. The Third Annual Rio Grande Regional Rendezvous - British Car Meet will be held in Albuquerque, NM, October 15-17. For information call (505) 823-9595, or (602) 299-7964. Other car shows/events to be held in Arizona during October include: Oct. 3 - Hot Rod Harleys Show at Scottsdale Community College (602) 833-4683; Oct. 9 - First Annual "Mopar Mania" Car Show (602) 993-3486; Oct. 30 - NAS-CAR GM Goodwrench/Delco Battery 300 at P.I.R.; October 31 NASCAR Winston Cup Pyroil 500 at P.I.R.

The official DCTRA club event is the Halloween Costume Party at Guzowski's October 30.

Coming events for November: Nov. 14 - El Zaribah Shrine 2nd Annual Car Show in Phoenix (9:00 am to 2:00 pm) 40th Street and Van Buren; Nov. 21 - Car Show and BBQ at Arizona Boys ranch - Rittenhouse Rd., Higley, AZ.

Rich Hammon