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MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 1994 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
552 North 40th ST., (NORTH OF VAN BUREN)

**NOTE: BACK TO THE
REGULAR MEETING PLACE**

CLUB OFFICERS

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

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**PROJECT CAR WEEKEND
ON HOLD UNTIL THE BODY IS READY!**

COMING EVENTS

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

September 17
POOL PARTY and
BARBECUE
Details inside

OTHER EVENTS

September 29 - Oct. 2
TRIUMPHEST '94
San Diego, CA

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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

Vice President Gracie Pennell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Pizza Express. The minutes of the July 12, 1994 meeting were approved as submitted.

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

Events Chairperson Gracie Pennell reported that our September event will be Triumphest '94 in San Diego. An additional September Club event will be a pool party, held on the 17th and hosted by Rich and Diann Hammon. Details in this newsletter. Other events mentioned were the AAHC Pancake Breakfast in October 8, 1994, \$15/person and the official October event on 10/29/94 - the Halloween Rally - details to be forthcoming. Other events were discussed but are omitted from these minutes since they will have occurred by the time the next newsletter is produced.

Project car leader John Horton reported that today is the 2 year anniversary of rolling the frame from Bob Schaller's house to Bob Hassle's.

Membership Chair Tom Pennell asked new and prospective members and guests to introduce themselves: they were: Don Akiyama - TR7, visitor; John Leet - '67 Morgan + 4 - John is a former member returning to the Phoenix area after an absence of several years; Amy Hatcher - '76 TR7 - new member.

Newsletter editor John Lindly reported that all with the newsletter is well.

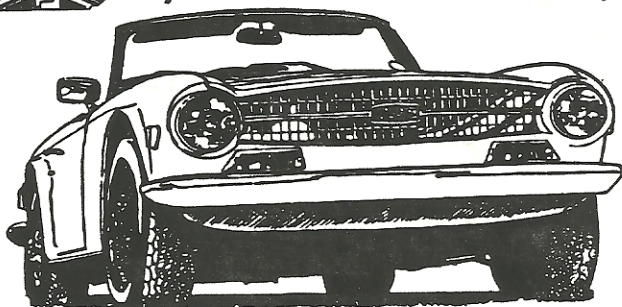
At the technical report, in the absence of Bob Schaller, Armand LaCasse displayed pictures of some of the special tools he had built and will rent to the club members for a nominal fee: Differential spreader, flange wrench, depth micrometer jig.

In New Business, Tom Pennell moved that the Club cover Bob Schaller's expenses for Triumphest '94 (gas, banquet ticket and 1/2 lodging) and asked for someone to volunteer to share their room with him, since the Outrigger is fully booked. The motion passed and a room is being sought. In other New Business, Pete Peterson announced that he has a TR4 body shell available FREE for the taking.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Peterson, Secretary

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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

POOL PARTY

Other than the obvious (Triumphest), DCTRA will still hold a September event; a pool party / barbecue at the home of Richard and DiAnn Hammon. The party will officially open at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 17 and will close when everyone goes home. Bring your own meat to BBQ and drinks of your choice. **DON'T FORGET SWIMSUITS AND TOWELS.** Rich and DiAnn live in Queen Valley. Follow these directions to get there:

1. Take route 60 east toward Globe.
2. Turn LEFT on QUEEN VALLEY ROAD (2 miles east of Florence Junction - the turn is just BEFORE the RR tracks)
3. Turn LEFT on VICTORIA VIEW (after Queen Valley Baptist Church - pay attention! If you get to the STOP, you've gone 1/4 mile too far)
4. Climb to the top of the hill. You'll be forced left at the top. The first house on the right after the forced left is it.

If you get lost, or need any other information, call Rich or DiAnn at 463-2693.

Hope to see a LOT of you there.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS for 1994

September 13

DCTRA MEETING

El Zaribah Shrine Temple

522 North 40th Street

September 17

DCTRA POOL PARTY / BBQ

Queen Valley, Arizona

Sept 29 - Oct 2

Triumphest '94, San Diego, CA

Oct. 2

San Diego British Car Day, Del Mar, CA

EDITORIAL LICENSE

Well, it's finally here - Triumphest!! I don't know about the rest of you but for some reason I have really been looking forward to this year. It couldn't have something to do with the fact that I'm actually going this year, could it? It turns out that I couldn't have picked a better year as by all indications this will be one of the biggest ever. This coupled with the British Car Show in Del Mar on the subsequent Sunday will make for one heck of a good time. Apparently, all the Triumphest participants that are also attending the Del Mar show can caravan over Sunday morning. To quote the great philosopher Aristotle (Jones, that is), "Cool".


I have been working my tail off trying to get the Herald ready. I put on a new convertible top - much more difficult than any other Triumph top that I've seen as the top is permanently attached and it stores behind the rear seats. It is not a perfect job but it isn't bad considering it is my first. At any rate it will be one heck of a lot more water proof than the TR3. I have also put in 4 seat belts and replaced all the rotten rubber I could find. There are several companies in England who really like me now. I even got a customer card and number from one of them. The VISA card is still smoking.

I still don't have a good handle on who in the club is going but it looks like around 15 or so people. I wish we could have had more than this but it looks like many folks just couldn't swing it. I understand, as we are taking the kids out of school so they can go and calling in markers at work so people will cover for us. I'm going to try to take a ton of photos so that those of you that do not go can still see some of the cars, people, events, etc.

Maybe we will have a dreaded slide show at one the of fall meetings? You know: Slide 12 - "and this is rest stop we stopped at on the way, note the interesting brick work of the trash receptacle to the left"; Slide 57 - "and this is a bush flowering in front of the hotel, we didn't realize that shrubus tedious bloomed this close to the ocean"; Slide 213 - "and here is Tom Pennell eating at one of the fine restaurants in the area, this was one of the nicest Taco Bells we saw on the entire trip"; Slide 498 - "here is a close up of the correct lower rear trunnion gusset plate of a transitional 1957 2/3 TR3 small mouth/large mouth.

It should be grand!!

Good Show, John




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SUMMER PARTY '94

In 1986 (Ye gods, that was eight years ago), Tom Larsen and I cruised east to the Vintage Triumph Register's national convention at Greensburg, PA. On Saturday night the entire group was invited to a PARTY at the Roadster Factory, just 22 miles up the road in Armagh. That turned out to be a BEERBUST! and lasted until the weeeee hours. So started the Summer Parties held annually since.

How it has grown! At the '86 affair there were possibly 120 people in attendance. This year at the Saturday night dinner party they served over 1400 and the food was excellent. They also managed to feed everyone in about an hour and a half.

The number of entrants for the weekend was at least 718, as that was the highest entry number I saw. That count doesn't include me or any of the Roadster Factory people. Since my car stayed in Arizona, I was not an official entry - just a guest, thanks to Charles Runyan.

The events included a drag race on Saturday, a gymkhana in downtown Indiana and an autocross at Jimmy Stewart airport. Friday night sported a movie, hamburger, beer and wine outing at a local drive-in movie, and there was a smaller affair at the Coventry Inn in downtown Indiana.

Sunday was the Concours on Philadelphia Street in Indiana and OH BOY did it rain!!! The local paper ran a cartoon on Monday -- "If you have a British car show, why not have London weather to go with it!". People displayed their cars anyway and it all came off in fine shape. Who says TH people aren't hardy souis?

There was a VIP breakfast on Sunday morning at the Coventry Inn. When I came downstairs to face the rain one of the RF girls (Dolly) immediately handed me an umbrella. What a doll!

There were several visitors from England, among them were Tom Dron (editor of *Thoroughbred & Classics*); Peter Buckles (formerly of *Cox & Buckles Spares*); Dick Newton (the upholstery man) and another guy named David something. Sunday night Charles invited the Englanders, the RF people and me for dinner at what has to be the best Italian eatery in the country. It's in a little town 15 miles out of Indiana that you never heard of called Clymer. There were about 25 of us and we filled the place! Monday night I was invited to dine with John Swauger and his father (who is a good friend by now - I first met him six years ago).

A friend from Regina, Saskatchewan drove in from Ashville, NC after the VTR convention. That, kids, is a long way in a TR3. He made it with no problems.

One of the brightest spots in my life has been all of the friends I've made from all over by going to these events. Can't begin to count them and if YOU don't go, you're missing a good part of life.

Of the approximately 700 cars that showed, all but a half-dozen were driven in (those were pure competition cars). Problems were few and corrected before departure. Rob Moore (from NY State) handled them all, mostly minor

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SUMMER PARTY - CONTINUED

but a couple were serious. Everyone was able to drive home. Most cars looked better than when they were built. The mix was about half and half MG's and TR's. There were 54 TR3's.

This is without a doubt the most enjoyable Brit Car event in the country. The Roadster Factory people and the Town of Indiana make it one of the best.

Bob Schaller

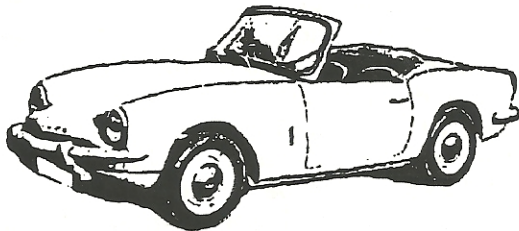
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FOR SALE = 1958 TR3A. Frame off restoration, better than new. \$8600 obo. Call John Bergh at 584-6410. (9/94)

AVAILABLE = ONE DOUBLE ROOM in San Diego for Triumphest weekend - Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Call Ken Blatter at 892-3084.

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