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## AUGUST 1995

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MEETING: AUGUST 8, 1995 @ 7:00 PM  
GEORGE and DRAGON PUB  
4240 North Central Avenue  
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### CLUB OFFICERS

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

Dues are \$12.00 per year

For membership information, contact Tom Pennell at 951-8472 or 393-6409

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### PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

ON HOLD UNTIL THE BODY IS READY!

## COMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST EVENT

Saturday, August 19

NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE

Details Inside

### OTHER EVENTS

TRIUMPHEST '95

October 5-6-7-8

Palm Springs

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### MEETING PLACE CHANGE

President Bob Mazer has invoked "Executive Privilege" and has declared that the August meeting will be held at "George and Dragon" English-style Pub, 4240 North Central. He has further declared that due to the acoustics of the place, no attempt will be made to hold a regular business meeting. Instead, let's all get together, have a few beers and a great meal. We've had our best turnouts at the two meetings held there so far, so we'll just call it a satisfying social gathering. Business can wait until we resume our regular meeting place in September. See you there.

## MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mazer at 7:15 p.m. at the George and Dragon Pub. The minutes of the June 13, 1995 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Gary Hampsch, reported little change in the club finances, which are in good shape. Events/V.P John Horton presented trophies for the Father's Day Malibu Grand Prix club event. Project car chair Tom Pennell reported no further progress to date. He also reported that membership is currently 114. Newsletter editor John Lindly, reported that all was going well with the newsletter. Technical director Bob Schaller reported that it was too hot to work. Triumphest '97 chair Gary Hampsch reported that plans are going well.

In Old Business, Gary Hampsch reported that the Arizona Corporation Commission requires a club to have 3 directors and asked for volunteers for these positions. Tom Pennell moved to dissolve the Corporation, stating that he believed the club should be a "non-entity". After an attempt to discuss the subject was unsuccessful due to noise, it was agreed to table the motion for decision at an executive meeting to be held sometime within the next two weeks. (Publisher's Note: This meeting has not yet taken place, it will be better to take it up at the September meeting back at the El Zaribah Shrine Temple).

In other Old Business, Bob Mazer offered to loan the 1994 Roadster Factory video to interested club members.

In New Business, John Lindly mentioned the noise problem at the George and Dragon and asked if a different location (Pizza Express, Thomas and Hayden) might be more desirable. General consensus was that the food was worth the noise and the August meeting will be held at George and Dragon. Mike Mullan offered to provide a microphone.

Bev and Pete Peterson have a 1971 Spitfire for sale (or free to the right person).

Melvin Morgan displayed one of a signed, numbered, limited edition print of a pencil sketch he did that will soon be for sale in Scottsdale Art Galleries for \$150.00. He offered these same prints to club members for \$40.00, from which he will donate \$5.00 to the project car fund. He will have this to show interested members again at the August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Peterson, Secretary

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## EDITORIAL LICENSE

I'm driving the Herald, top down, the other day around 12 noon, and it occurs to me that it's kinda hot. Feels like at least 105 degrees today I say to myself. It's my bright idea that the truck needs a rest and I'll just run my errands in the old Triumph. I haven't driven it in a while. For the last several meetings I've wanted to drive the car but I've wimped out because of the heat - it's been over 100 - and if I wait for cooler weather it will be October. So it's now or the fall.

It's not so bad, the heat, I try to convince myself. I use the "at least it's a dry heat" phrase with little relief. Got to go to the hardware store and get some wood screws, then down to the paint store, and finally to the post office. It's tolerable when the Herald's doing 40 - I don't seem to be sweating very much - but those pauses at traffic lights are telling me it must be at least 110 today and this may not have been a good idea. I get back to the office and stand in front of my 1942 era air conditioning unit for a few hours. The Herald looks no worse for wear. When I get home that evening the hippy-dippy weather man tells me it was 118 today. I collapse on the couch - I feel much worse than I thought. I try to milk this situation with the wife but she immediately figures out that I chose to take the Herald today of my own free will and all that sympathy disappears pretty fast replaced with sarcasm.

Forecast for tomorrow - only 114 with higher humidity. I think that, hell, I did 118 so 114 should be no problem. I don't need the truck so I'll take the Herald again to work. My family, including the dog, roll their eyes in unison. So during the day, I go to the bank, get some lunch and pickup the kids. I wonder if the weather service was off a little on their forecast I think to myself, as the moisture in my eye sockets starts to dry up and I swear dust is coming out of my mouth with every exhale of breath. My children's initial enthusiasm at riding in the Herald disappears in the first mile when they realize that it's hotter than H, E, double hockey sticks and even when the Herald is going fast (a relative term) there is no relief. It's hair blow-dryer hot. After we get home, looking like Bedouin after a really bad sand storm in the Sahara, the kids give me the kind of look that all of us have given our parents on occasion, that "ARE YOU CRAZY??", arched eyebrow, blank stare thing. I turn on the news and they tell me it was 121 today. A record for the month and the second hottest day ever!! Man!! I feel a lot worse than I thought. I tell the kid's the news and they have completely recovered from the ride in 5 minutes and give me that condescending "that's nice Daddy" reply meaning they don't know or care what the heck I'm talking about. Don't they know how close to death we were? I check my face in the mirror and I look like a cross between King Tut's desiccated mug and a beefsteak tomato - all I need is a sarcophagus shaped like a submarine sandwich and I'd be all set. I go out to check the poor Herald, and she's still ticking and popping and has a nice pool of radiator overflow underneath, but she still gives me a smile. No harm done. God, I love Triumphs. What's the forecast for tomorrow?

Good show, John

## THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

Those that are planned and those that need planned:

August - Open - Pool party, rallye, and picnic somewhere in the far east on the 19th.

September - Cowboy Night Out on the 16th. This year at Rock Springs. Details later.

October - Triumphest 1995, Palm Springs, 6th to 8th?.

November - Halloween Rally somewhere out of town (not Wickenburg) on the 25th.

December - Christmas party on the 16th. Anyone offering a place?

This list appeared in the February newsletter and has been shortened to eliminate events already past. As I wrote before, this is a tentative schedule. Want to change something? Prefer to do something else? Remember, it's YOUR Club. I'm just the VP/Events Chairman. Please call me at 843-1399.

Cheerio, John Horton

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PLATFORM

This might seem a little strange, but after fixing my pool equipment, I believe that the people who make this material must be ex-Lucas employees. To wit: part numbers have been changed; parts have been modified with different angles or number of gears; parts have been discontinued; parts have too many or too few electrical plugs; and finally the part is five times the amount of money it was weeks ago.

Could it be that these ex-Lucas employees have found a new home in the pool business?? I think so.

Bob

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Issue number 1, April/May, contains such cool stuff as articles on: History of Triumph; the Stag; a Dolomite police cruiser (never imported into the USA); TR4; Herald 13/60; and the TR250 Prototype built by Kas Kasner.

Issue number 2, June/July has articles on: TR6; a one owner 1967 Spitfire with special equipment; Herald 1200 touring in England; 2500 Estate (never imported?); an Amphicar; and an 1800 Roadster, along with part 2 of the Triumph story.

Issue number 3, August/September has articles on: an original works TR3A Rally Car; the nicest Herald 1200 in the world; SU Carb care; Triumph in the USA in the 50s and 60s; and part 3 of the Triumph story.

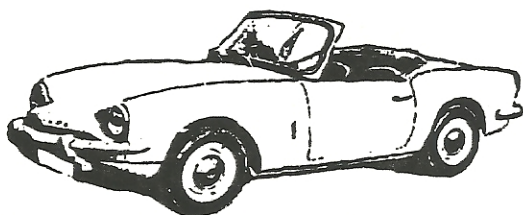
All the above along with regular contributions from Graham Robson, car club news, new merchandise, models, and a regular report from the US by Brett Johnson, a classified section, advertisements, etc. - ALL related to Triumphs and only Triumphs. It's worth a look!!

Good Show, John

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## WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

### NIGHT DESERT BARBEQUE

As threatened last month, we are going to invade the County-owned gravel pit again on Saturday night, August 19. I drove up there on Monday the 31st and found it to be even better than it used to be. There is plenty of room to park and all of the equipment is gone. Bring a cooler full of stuff to eat and drink, lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, but please leave your boom boxes at home. Try to show up around sunset. (The sun set at 7:30 last week). With luck, we will have a barbeque grill to roast your weenies, Bratwursts or steaks. This spot is at about 3500 feet, so it's a little cooler than the valley. You might want to bring a jacket or sweater (no kidding). Follow the simple directions below to get there:

1. Take PIMA ROAD North. You will encounter several traffic lights, but the only STOP sign is the one at Cave Creek Road, 13.3 miles North of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard.
2. Turn RIGHT at the STOP onto CAVE CREEK ROAD.
3. A little less than 5 miles up Cave Creek Road is the turnoff to the right for Bartlett Lake. GO STRAIGHT at this intersection toward Seven Springs.
4. About 2.5 miles after the Bartlett turnoff, the pavement ends just after a sharp left.
5. Take the first RIGHT turn, climbing the little hill. The gravel pit is on your left immediately after the hill crest.
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# TRIUMPH '95 Palm Springs, California

## Riviera Resort

TRIUMPH '95 is a continuation of the joint VTR/TRA Western States Regional Meets which started with the first TRIUMPH EST event held in nearby Palm Desert in 1985.

The SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIUMPH OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SCTOA) is proud to be your host for TRIUMPH '95. This is the third opportunity SCTOA has had to host TRIUMPH (Pismo Beach 1986 and Ventura Marina 1990) for all the Western clubs and our more than 300 members in 23 states and 7 countries hope you find this to be our best presentation yet. We strongly believe it is you the participants who make TRIUMPH a success and hope you find plenty of old and new to make this TRIUMPH your favorite yet.

In 1966 GIOVANNI MICHELOTTI developed the future TR6 concept car code named STAG. It was a personal luxury GT Design based on his TR2000 efforts. The end product wasn't keeping with the TR lineage of simple two-seat, purpose-built roadsters, but the car drew strong support as a flagship platform for Triumph to move upscale. The code name carried over into full scale development and into production. A first for Triumph, the Stag was first launched in the late spring of 1970 in Northern Belgium with the first customer deliveries in September 1970. 25 YEARS AGO.

The Stag is powered by a 2997cc or 3.0 liter V8, twin overhead cam, dual carbureted engine which propels the unibody, independent rear suspension platform to respectably quick times thru an automatic or 4-speed manual gearbox available with overdrive. A unique removable hardtop ala the Michelotti-penned Spitfire..you'll note a strong family resemblance...and a leather padded 'tri-bar' roll bar gives the Stag a truly distinctive profile top up or down. Stags saw some limited racing in Europe and some engine refinement was carried into the late Stag line as a result.

Of the 25,877 Stags produced only 6,780 were exported and the bulk of these to Australia where the unique Triumph GT roadster gained wide popularity of the less than 3000 Stags imported to the US, we hope you'll find those presented at TRIUMPH ARE A CREDIT TO THE MARQUE and give credit to their devoutly loyal owners for the hard work it takes to maintain what ARGUABLY THE RAREST AND POSSIBLY THE FINEST PRODUCTION ROADCAR TRIUMPH EVER PRODUCED.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** for this fun-filled weekend includes, but is not limited to the following. Surprise guests, exhibits and events are sure to delight all who attend.

#### Thursday, October 5

- No events are scheduled for early arrivals, but a packet of delightful "things to do" will be provided to you at the registration desk, including the Riviera Resort Walking Rallye, Lighted 18-hole putting course, tennis courts, relaxing by the pool, and much more. Look for a TRIUMPH STAFF shirt if we can be of help!

#### Friday, October 6

- **Registration**; opens 8 a.m. in QUEENS PALM SUITE; enter Photo/Model Contest
- **Riviera Resort Walking Rallye**; at your leisure
- **Fox and Hounds Funkhana**; 9 am. 'til 5 p.m....watch for your scheduled run time!
- **Vendor exhibits**; open by 10
- **Desert Driving Tour**; Group Tour in AM; at your leisure thereafter
- **Pentathlon**; opens at 2:00 p.m. - is your Team ready?
- **Car Wash**; available noon to 6 p.m.
- **Michelotti Hospitality Party**; 6:30 p.m. 'til ? (Please move your car to Funccourse lot BEFORE attending)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT'D)**

**Saturday, October 7**

- **Registration;** 8 a.m. 'till 11 a.m. Car Wash avail @ 6:30 to 7:30.
- **Funcourse Show;** Parking lot coffee/donuts@7:30; cars in place by 8 a.m.; judging by 11:00
- **Piston Croquet Challenge;** 9:00 'til 2:00 - a genteel sport for all ages..but with a twist
- **Special Tech and Promotional** parking lot exhibits 9:00 'til ?
- **Vendor Sales;** 8 a.m. 'til your card reaches it limit!
- **Stag Hunt Motor Rallye;** first hounds out at 11:00 a.m..Yoiks and away!.
- *Lunch available in the Funcourse parking lot*
- **Moss Motors Pinewood Derby Challenge;**...can you beat my knotty pine STAG?
- **Photo/Model Judging;** Guest Judges at 2:00 p.m.
- **President's Meeting;** 4:30 p.m. in QUEENS PALM SUITE
- **Cocktails;** 6:00 p.m.
- **Banquet/Awards/Prizes;** 7:00 p.m...don't forget to pick up your trophy!
- **Dancing and or Pool Party;** 10:00 p.m. 'til dawn!

**Sunday, October 8**

- **"Tram to the Top";** How about a wake up ride (Yawn) on the famous Palm Springs Tramway before the long trip home! Depart Funcourse Lot at 9:00 a.m.; back by 11:00 a.m. for a great Champagne Brunch at the Cactus Flower Cafe. Special arrangements to hold your luggage at the check out desk...pick them up at your leisure.

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