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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

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COMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, October 28

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Gnepper's Place
Details Below

OTHER EVENTS

TRIUMPHEST '95

October 5-6-7-8
Palm Springs

IF YOU'RE NOT THERE - YOU MISSED IT!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

MURDER MYSTERY or "WHO DUNIT?"

The October event will be combined with the members of the Metro club. We will meet at the Gnepper home in rural New River to solve a murder mystery, talk with friends about cars, eat and drink (who would guess), and display the latest fashion in costumes. Costumes are mandatory.

The club will chip in hot dogs, buns, cider and chips. Tom can bring the Grey Poupon. The Metro Club will make the chili and the other fixings. This is not a pot luck event. There should be plenty of fun and chow for all. The date is October 28th. Timing is about 6:00 p.m. and it will go until we tire.

The Gneppers kindly sent a map to their home. I think we can negotiate the driveway. See me at the next meeting or call me for directions. Come out and Kick back!

Cheerio, John Horton

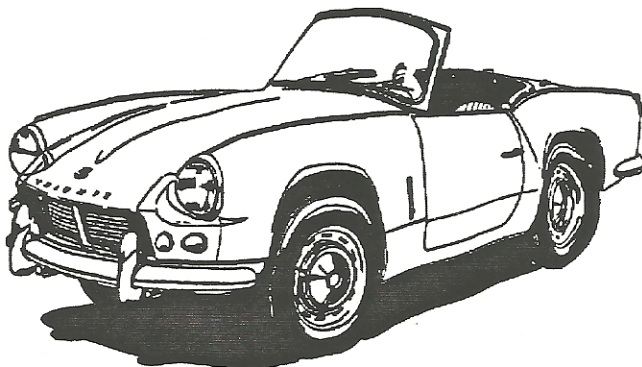
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The weather over the last week has been perfect for Triumph driving. I hope you are all out enjoying your cars! I've had to drive the Herald to work again and it still amazes me how many people will come up to me at gas stations, on the street and even while I'm driving down the road to talk about the car. I was out in Sun City / Sun City West and talked to everyone. I even had a guy drag race me down 107th Avenue in his golf cart. He was right up with me through second gear but then I smoked him. Mess with me will you, Ha!! Actually I think he was trying to figure out what kind of fancy golf cart I was driving. At any rate, it was very special to drive the car in this weather.

In this newsletter you will find 3 ideas of what the logo should look like for the Triumphest '97 that we are hosting. If you have any other ideas or suggestions about the logos you should come to the next meeting. It has been suggested that we let the entire membership vote on the final designs in the newsletter some time in the immediate future so watch for this.

Speaking of Triumphest, I hope all of you that went this year had a great time and those of you that didn't regret it by now. If I get out there for a day I'll give an account next time. Anyone else that would like to give a Triumphest '95 report, send it in, we'll print it next month.

Good Show, John Lindly



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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Bob Mazer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the El Zaribah Shrine. There were no minutes from the previous meeting since no business was conducted.

Treasurer Gary Hampsch reported that the club finances are doing well. He also needed signatures from the club officers to file with the AZ Corporation Commission.

Regarding events; places and times to meet to convoy to Triumphest '95 were decided. Participation in an upcoming parade will be discussed at the October meeting. Details concerning a November rally will be in the October newsletter. Other upcoming events which will have occurred by the time the newsletter is published were discussed.

Tom Pennell reported that no progress had been made on the project car. He suggested turning the bodywork over to Dave Underwood.

Tom Pennell also read a letter from a new member, Kevin Askew, who lives in Kalamazoo, MI. (His mother lives in Mesa)

Newsletter editor John Lindly, was not present to give a report and Technical Guru Bob Schaller reported that it was too hot to do anything.

With regard to Triumphest '97, Gary Hampsch reported on three different proposals he had from Laughlin resorts. He also displayed several logo ideas that Cliff Daniel has been working on. Also, since 1997 is the 30th anniversary of the production of the TR250, he proposed incorporating that as a theme for the event.

No Old Business was discussed but under New Business Cliff Daniel donated a book "Owner Workshop Manual for TR5- TR250 -TR6" to auction for the project car fund. Bob Mazer was the successful bidder (with help from John Horton) at \$6.00.

John Horton explained that, on the European price list he distributed under the British prices, M.O.T. stood for Motor Inspection Tax. This inspection is very thorough and required twice a year for all vehicles.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Peterson, Secretary

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THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

Those that are planned and those that need planned:

October - Triumphest 1995, Palm Springs, 5th to 8th.

October - Halloween Party at the Gnepper's

November - ???????

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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SAM CONKLIN - 1656 W. Whitton, Phoenix 85015

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

BAR-B-QUE NIGHT

I thought it doesn't rain in the desert. We met at the Bell Road meeting point and wondered about the dark clouds to the north. We were joined by the Metro club members and arrangements were made to hold the October events jointly (see the announcement elsewhere in the newsletter).

We (all 30 some of us, 15 more met us there) drove along I-17 north watching the rain approaching. We got about 5 miles south of the restaurant and it decided to rain. That's two events in a row we got rained on!

Ron and Chris Strong drove their brand newly restored TR3 on it's first outing. Very fine car Ron and Chris! We stopped at Rock Springs Restaurant and got down to some serious waiting for dindin. All said the "Hogs in Heat" was excellent! We got plenty to eat and some loud "band" music to boot. This was a really good event. But we eat good don't we? See you at the Gneppers in October.

Cheerio, John Horton

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The secondary cause was the idiot that removed the fuse holder that covers the lighting circuit. Fixing the rear wiring and the passenger part was a snap. The problem was the part inside the dash. My son and I finally had to remove the entire dash and replace the burned wiring to the fuse box. It cannot be done any other way. Apparently the former owner had some problems with the lights and just cut out the fuse and twisted the wires together.

Needless to say, we DID reinstall a fuse holder in the circuit. The 1976 TR7 car only had 4 fuses in the box necessitating the addition of a couple of outboard fuses (bless Lucas). Later cars use 10 fuses for adequate coverage. To forestall any problems with the light, remove the plastic screws and replace them with a small screw of proper size. It is 4-40, I think.

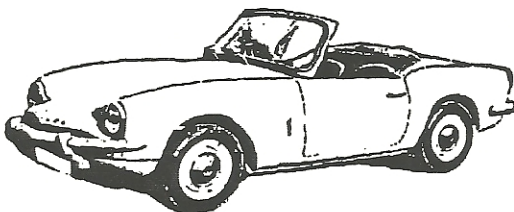
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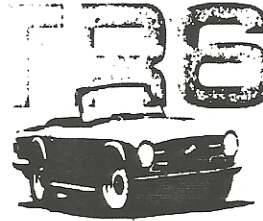
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Frightfully British, + old chap

Gourmet food store smacks of the isles

By Julia Jones
Special to Community

SCOTTSDALE — British Gourmet Food and Gifts moved north, to Indian River Plaza, about eight months ago. The shop has been in Scottsdale for about eight years.

By now, owner Steve Heathcote says, he knows his customers: English, Scottish folk, those from New Zealand and surroundings, and some from South Africa — or those married to any of the above.

The market continues to grow, as more move in from California, but his is still the only shop specializing in British food in the state, he says.

By and large, those customers know what they want.

But for those who don't really know British food, those whose tongues trip over the words "British" and "gourmet" in the same sentence, shopping is an adventure.

Near the door, for instance, is an array of familiar-looking Heinz labels, but the contents pull you up short. Wholesoup? It's subtitled lentil, for the unschooled.

It's right there by British baked beans, which Heathcote says are a consistent best seller. Beans? "They taste like beans," he says, patiently. "Brits don't need to put all that sugar and flavoring in their beans."

Nearby are gooseberries and rhubarb, a green variety, just past the Demerara sugar — an unyielding solid block of an unrefined variety packaged in the West Indies. Around the corner are condiments, such as Colman's mustards. But why visit a specialty shop when you can get Colman's at the supermarket?

Heathcote pounces on a Colman's jar. Read the label, he says. "This stuff is packed in New Jersey," he says. "You can feed it



Mark Henle / Staff photographer
Steve Heathcote's British Gourmet Food and Gifts moved to 7901 E. Thomas Road about eight months ago. It features such staples as steak and mushrooms and steak and kidney pie.

to your baby." But the real stuff, the mustard packed in England, is pretty stout. "It's not the same thing at all."

There's Heinz Salad Cream (\$3.25). What's it like, one must wonder? "It isn't like anything," Heathcote says, warming to the task. "It's salad cream."

Over in a freezer case, there are crumpets. Sort of like English muffins, say.

"It's not an English muffin at all," Heathcote says, temperature rising again. "There's no such thing as an English muffin in England. It's a thing for here, and it's made of bread mix. Crumpets are made from batter."

On another shelf are steak and mushrooms and steak and kidney pie (\$2.15), Scottish meat pie, and bangers, the English sausage.

The chiller next door holds Irish and Danish bacon, looking for all the world like fresh ham.

There's also British lemonade, in a soda can. "It's not like 7-Up or anything else," Heathcote says, pre-empting a question. "It's British lemonade."

And it's what some pub keepers mix in equal parts with ale to serve female customers as a drink called shandy, "because they don't think it's ladylike to serve a female a pint of beer," Heathcote says, steaming at the memory.

That's the sort of thing that finally got him fed up with the situation in England and led him to leave.

If you go

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Information: 994-3887.

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