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MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 1996 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

ON HOLD UNTIL THE BODY IS READY!

COMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, February 18
ANTIQUING and LUNCH
GLOBE, ARIZONA
Details Inside

THE PREZ SEZ

Fellow members, I am surprised and honored to be authoring this column for the next twelve months. I am not a polished "wordsmith" so I will keep my monthly messages concise and contrite. As I stated at our wonderful brunch at the Wrigley Mansion I have two main goals for our club this year.

First, I want all members to enjoy the club and their cars (not necessarily Triumphs) by participating in our monthly meetings and monthly events. Roger Guzowski is very enthused and energetic as the new V.P. Events Chair and he is inviting all members to submit their most desired types of activities for consideration to be included on our calendar of events. Remember, we can only do twelve per year so if you want to do some particular thing you have to let us know about it.

Second, let's all help each other by sharing our technical knowledge and tricks. Novice mechanics, such as myself, experience many moments of desperation (I once called the newsletter editor for advice, so you know I was REALLY desperate) and a helping hand from one of the "old pros" in our club is not only instructional, but encouraging. So please share the knowledge - communicate.

I thank you all for honoring me with this position, and with your help I will strive to fulfill your expectations.

"Until that time" (Famous movie quote - anyone know it?)

Ken Larsen

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The meeting on January 9, 1996 was called to order by President Bob Mazer at 7:15 p.m. at the El Zaribah Shrine. Minutes of the December 12, 1995 meeting were not available. Secretary Bev Peterson promised to submit both 12/95 and 1/96 minutes to the newsletter.

Treasurer, Gary Hampsch, gave a complete rundown of the club's bank account. Expenses to prepare for Triumphest '97 and the income expected to be derived from it were discussed. In the absence of John Horton, Gary Hampsch had the final information on the Champagne Brunch.

Tom Pennell, reported there was no progress on the project car but said that work should start up again in March at his house. He felt that Triumphest '97 was a feasible completion date. Tom also reported that a new member is Minga Navarro of Claypool, AZ who owns a 1967 TR4. 24 members were present and one visitor: David Carter who owns two GT6's and two Spitfires.

Newsletter editor John Lindly reported that all is well and Technical Guru Bob Schaller expounded on the beauty of SU carburetors.

Triumphest '97 chair Gary Hampsch reported that progress is occurring "with great vigor". Ken Blatter talked about promotional items such as cloisonne car badges, etched sandstone rocks and other art work. John Lindly requested a job description of the various committee positions still needing to be filled so he can print them in the newsletter.

In Old Business, Tom Pennell withdrew as a candidate for VP/Events Chairperson in the upcoming election.

In New Business, Tom Pennell reported he has a spare title for a TR250. Contact him if you need it. Bob Mazer expressed his appreciation for a wonderful year as president.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Bev Peterson, Secretary

(Please note: Due to space limitations the December minutes were not printed. Please contact the editor if you want to read them at the next meeting.)



PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

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CHROME

Many people don't understand exactly what chrome is. They only know that when it's new, it really dazzles. And, if you need to re-chrome a part, it's quite expensive.

Chrome is the second, third or even the fourth coating that is electronically bonded to a metal part in question. When it comes out of the plating tank, it is cleaned with glass cleaner and delivered to the customer. ALL polishing is done BEFORE the part is plated. (As a matter of fact, the only difference between "show chrome" and regular chrome is the quality of the polishing job.)

Chrome plating is quite hard, but it scratches very easily. A new part can be ruined instantly with the wrong cleaner. Once ruined, the only way to renew the finish is to have it replated. For new chrome, the only cleaner that should be used is Windex or similar glass cleaner. Then, you can protect it using something like glass wax or a good automotive wax as long as there are no abrasive materials in it. Liquid silicone auto products seem to work very well. Hard to remove water spots and baked on grease can be safely removed using X-Treem Metal Polish (a two part product) as it has no abrasives.

Most chrome polishes are designed to try to bring old chrome back to life. Yes, they will scratch the surface. The secret is to make the scratches so fine they can only be seen up close. When the only other option is replating, trying to revive the old plated surface can be well worth the effort. Products like S.O.S. and Brillo (not Scotch-Brite!) can many times be used to remove heavier surface corrosion, even some rust. Cleaning powders like Bon-Ami and Bar Keepers Friend are really effective if made into a paste and applied with a cotton cloth. They are also readily at your local Fry's Food Store. Of Course, if the plated surface is deeply scratched or pitted, no amount of elbow grease is going to make it look new.

For everyday chrome care, there are dozens of products like Never-Dull, Semichrome, Blue Magic, Mothers, X-Treem and others. A new product, Cape Cod Metal Polishing Clothes, have also proven to be an excellent product for chrome care.

Before trying any product on your chrome, try some "Destructive Testing" on an old piece of chrome and see how that products works. Better to be safe than sorry.

Compiled by Ken Blatter from an article by D. Larry Paterson from O.B.J. and Lucky Barrett of Advance Chrome Connection.

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SAM CONKLIN - 1656 W. Whitton, Phoenix 85015

TRIUMPHEST '97

When I assumed the position of Triumphest Chairman, we all commented that we still had three years to prepare for the event. How quickly time flies! We now have only 18 months and the clock is ticking. It is now time to get down to business in order to avoid any last minute panic. I am certain that with everyone's cooperation, we will make this the best Triumphest in history.

I am pleased to have John Lindly as the co-chairman of Triumphest '97. No, he did not agree under the condition that we have a category for "Cute" cars. We also have a number of volunteers for key positions, and there is much to be done. Following is a list of "Chief of Specialty" functions which will be required in order to successfully stage the event:

Registration

Accommodations / Banquet

Procurement (Door prizes & goodie bags)

Optional Events for early arrivals

Rallye

Funkhana

Funcours

Model / Photo Contest

Pentathlon

There will certainly be more positions as planning gets under way. I am certain that (as in the past), DCTRA members will once again rally, give their support and join in the fun. The more assistance, the easier it is for everyone. Triumphest is a lot of hard work, but you will experience many rewards for participating in its planning and execution.

I will provide a signup sheet for the various specialties at the next meeting. If you cannot attend but want to help, please give me a call at 404-1940 or drop me a line. Next month we will have a meeting of all "Chiefs of Specialty" to outline a plan of action.

Thank you in advance for helping to make Triumphest '97 the best ever!!!

Gary Hampsch

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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

GLOBE, ARIZONA

For February's pleasure, we will travel to Globe, Arizona to eat, visit antique shops, eat and generally enjoy ourselves.

DETAILS ARE:

We will meet at the VF Factory Outlet Store at Dobson & Baseline at 8:00 A.M. Sunday February 18 and proceed to Globe via route 60. We will pass the Renaissance Festival, so we may be delayed a little. Once arriving we will visit the Copper Hills restaurant. This is the place for stragglers (or participants coming from another direction) to meet up with the gang. We figure it'll be about 9:30 - 10:00 AM. Any other club or individual is always welcome. Drive a Triumph or what have you.

We are here to have fun and kick back. See you Sunday!

Roger Guzowski

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE = 1980 TR7 Convertible. Complete car but apart. \$500 or best offer. Call Rick at 867-9239. (1/96)

FOR SALE = 1965 TR4a, green with black interior. Good condition, fun car. \$6750. Call Ken at 395-0505 after 3:00 p.m. (1/96)

FOR SALE = TR7 Coupe. Engine apart, all parts reconditioned and ready to re-install. All gaskets, etc. included. Make offer around \$800. Call Ron Strong at 944-6097 daytime. (1/96)

FOR SALE = Video Poker machine. Reno veteran, 5 cent mechanism. Very good condition. \$800 obo. (1/96)

FOR SALE = 1971 MGB-GT. Excellent Condition, original upholstery. Runs & drives great! \$5500 firm. Call Bob at 992-7969 anytime. (1/96)

FOR SALE = Late model Triumph Spitfire convertible boot cover and tonneau cover. Both never opened, never used. \$150 OBO for both. Call Jim 866-8716. (2/96)

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FOR SALE = 1981 TR8 - Green with tan interior, Holley carb conversion (Compete Fuel Injection system included), Good Paint, Good Top, Loads of extras, \$8500. Call Jim 924-3565. (2/96)

FOR SALE = Tow bar complete for TR6. Will also probably fit TR4 and TR250, \$50.00. TR6 complete official manual, \$15.00. Call Ken 892-3084. (2/96)


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More eclectic rambling for a fourth year. Yes, giving some credence to talk that I was dropped (repeatedly) as a child, I have decided to edit the ole Trumpeter for another year. As usual, if you would like to see something different or have any comments on the newsletter, then let me know.

Other officers introduced at the Brunch for 1996 include Ken (but, I AM standing up) Larsen as President, Roger (planning events as we speak) Guzowski as V.P./Events, Virgil (my writing hand hurts already) Cole as Secretary and Gary (I need the money for my 3B) Hampsch returning as Treasurer.

Speaking of the Brunch at the Wrigley Mansion; if you didn't go you missed the highlight event of the past several brunches. What a place, what a spread, and what a terrific bunch of Triumphs parked along the driveway

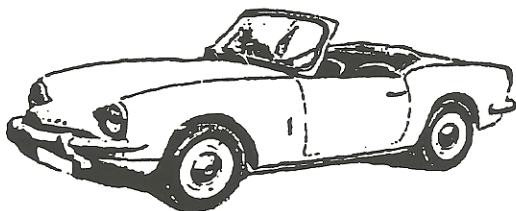
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stopping traffic the entire time. Someone said 36 people and 15 cars including TR3s, TR4s, TR6's, TR7s, Spitfires, and a Herald that was actually running. The food was incredible; where else can you have oysters on the half shell, shrimp, roast beef, Mahi-Mahi, various salads, omelets made to order, bacon, sausage, hash-browns, french toast, more fresh fruit than in most local grocery stores, and countless other foods along with an entire wood-paneled room filled with desserts that would increase your waist size just by looking at them. After leaving, Donna and I decided we did not eat enough and we'll be back to completely stuff ourselves again in the near future. Well done Gary and Deta Hampsch for suggesting this beautiful place and hosting (as members of the Mansion club).

On the magazine front, Practical Classics January issue had a GT6 review and the February issue has a great article on a works TR2 restored in England and reunited with its driver, Ken Richardson, after 40 years. Thoroughbred & Classic Cars has a great review of the Stag, which they proclaim as "great".

On the book front, I've got a couple to recommend. First, anyone who loves, owns, wants to own or has always admired the "sidescreen TRs" needs to get "Triumph by Name, Triumph by Nature" by Bill Piggott. Great book, with never before seen photos, insights and terrific anecdotes of the TR2 to TR3B range. It's not a restorers guide or a workshop companion but more of a personal history of these cars that can be read, perused, and looked at for weeks or even months. The second book has nothing to do with Triumphs, but is a story of courage and honor back in the early days of motor racing when these qualities still existed. The book "Archie and the Listers" by Robert Edwards chronicles the career of Archie Scott Brown and the race cars of Brian Lister that were inter-linked in the mid-1950's and in fact won everything in sight. Scott Brown was severely handicapped from birth but by the time of his death in 1958 he was mentioned in the same breath as Moss, Salvadori, Fangio and Hawthorn. It is both interesting and sad that I had never heard of him before even though Lister-Bristols and Lister-Jaguars were familiar. This is a great view of 1950's primarily English motorsport and an inspiring true story

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