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MEETING: MARCH 12, 1996 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
522 North 40th Street

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

Dues are \$12.00 per year

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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND
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COMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, April 14 @ 8:00 AM

BREAKFAST RUN

EAST MESA

Details Inside

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, April 13

MOSS MOTORS OPEN HOUSE

Goleta, CA

Saturday, May 18

ASRA PLAY DAY & RACE

Firebird International Raceway

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

BREAKFAST RUN & MUSEUM VISIT

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

For April, the planned event is an early morning Breakfast run from the Peter Piper Pizza parking lot (NW corner of 32nd Street & Shea Blvd.) to "somewhere" in East Mesa, via the scenic Shea Blvd - Route 87 - Down the BeeLine - out and about route. After a liesurely breakfast, the group will visit the Champlin Fighter Museum at Mesa's Falcon Field. Kick back, stay all day or blast off whenever you feel like it. Plan to arrive at the starting point so that the caravan can depart at 8:00 AM. As always, we would like to see a large group of Triumph motorcars on this outing. Dust it off & bring it out! Before too much longer, it's going to get HOT. See you Sunday!

Roger Guzowski

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Larsen at 7:10 p.m. In the absence of Treasurer Gary Hampsch, no financial report was given. Tom Pennell, project car chairman, reported no action for last month.

Roger Guzowski, events chairman, gave a report on the Club's outing to Globe. Eight cars took part in the run. Keith Gustafson, one of our members from Globe, met the group and gave a tour of the city. Keith also inquired about the Club's participating in an upcoming parade in Globe. When a show of hands failed to produce enough people, it was decided to cancel the run to Prescott scheduled for March 17. A discussion then followed as to what would be the better day for events (Saturday or Sunday). A show of hands favored Sunday.

The All-British Car Show was discussed. Attendance was down considerably from previous years. Triumphs were well represented, but not in the same numbers as we had last year.

Coventry Motors donated a lube and oil service to be auctioned off by the club. Chuck Liebich was the high bidder.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Virgil Cole, Secretary

THE PREZ SEZ

Our March meeting was very well attended with many members driving their Triumphs to the Shrine Temple. These older cars need regular exercising, as do we older drivers, and usually the faster the better! Our club does offer you the opportunity to do this twice a month: first at the monthly meeting and second at our monthly event. While Triumphs are the preferred vehicle of choice, other automobiles are welcome. What our club really desires is your company and participation.

At the March meeting quite a few members asked for more of our monthly events to be held on Saturdays. A schedule of events will be published soon in the newsletter and hopefully everyone will be able to attend at least some of the future activities. Also, I want to share with you some of my thoughts about our monthly events.


First, Roger Guzowski, V.P./Events, should not be confused with being the entertainment director on a cruise ship. It is very frustrating to have many people endorse a particular activity at the monthly meeting, but to have only a very few actually attend and participate in the event. Roger works very hard to organize these events and we are thinking of asking various members to assist in coordinating the different events. We are thinking that perhaps this type of personal involvement will make the events more meaningful to the membership and increase the level of participation. As a bonus if you have a type of event that you are especially interested in doing and are willing to work with Roger to get it done then we will gladly substitute it for one already on the schedule.

Second, perhaps the club should reduce its schedule from 12 events to only 6 or 7 events per year. By having fewer events the membership would have more time to work these activities into their schedule and it will not seem like the club is taking up so much of your time.

Third, in reviewing past issues of the club's newsletter it appears the events with the highest level of participation are those that are being done for the first time or are unique in some way.

If you have any suggestions along these lines please let us know. We want and need to hear from you. Don't be afraid to become involved in the club - you might actually have some fun. Just look at Roger and myself! Be sure

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THE PREZ SEZ - CONTINUED

to attend the next meeting and be ready to discuss any of these topics or submit some of your own for discussion. New ideas are always welcome!

As promised earlier in the year, we have started holding a expanded technical information sharing session at the end of the monthly meeting. I was pleased to learn of the many ways to repair a faulty speedometer or tachometer. Unfortunately, this was 2 weeks after I paid \$65 apiece to have my instruments repaired. We should have started these tech sessions sooner.

As a final item of official business, I am encouraging all members to submit articles of a relevant nature or subject for inclusion in the newsletter. Believe it or not, other members are interested in reading about your automotive experiences. As a matter of fact, Bob Schaller has promised to have copies of his book detailing his experience and accumulated knowledge of Triumphs available at the next meeting for a nominal cost. These are "limited edition" copies, possibly even signed by the author himself! A true collectors item, so be sure to be the first in you neighborhood to acquire one.

Now, as a personal thought, I want to tell the membership how disgusted I was with the current exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum that dealt with the American Flag. As a United States Marine Corps Veteran, I was repulsed by the way our country's symbol was treated and displayed. I am therefore urging all our members to boycott the upcoming "Copperstate 1000" hosted by the Phoenix Art Museum and the Men's Art Council. I will not support any organization that endorses or engages in that type of exhibit or demonstration and, I hope, neither will you.

Until that time,

Ken Larsen

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I am sure some of you have noticed my absence from the back of the room at the meetings and my no shows at events of late. Well, life has been intruding on my hobbies this year to a much greater extent than before. I won't be at the April meeting either as I have a professional meeting to attend in New Orleans that week. It was a tough choice but Bourbon Street won out over the Shrine; something to do with better jazz, I think. See you in May!!

Good Show, John Lindly



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While the Internet is confusing to many, it is the direction of the future. It can make life much simpler for obtaining information and ordering parts. Many club members have Internet addresses. I suggest that the next membership list include those addresses for those interested in using this method of communicating.

Once we finalize the details on Triumphest '97, we plan to offer a WEB SITE promoting that event just as they have done for Triumphest '96.

Gary Hampsch

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