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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

GETTING CLOSER

COMING EVENTS

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

February 22

FOUNTAIN HILLS ADVENTURE

Fountain Hills

Details below

OTHER EVENTS

February 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

On February 22, 1997, all you East Valley-ites meet at the parking lot of the Hampton Inn and Native New Yorker at US 60 at Gilbert Rd. If you leave there at 2:15 p.m. and head for the Fountain at Fountain Hills, you should meet up with the West-Siders.

All you West-Siders should gather your jackets and meet at the Capstone Cathedral (the Green Pyramid Church) on the south side of Shea, just west of Tatum. If the West-Siders leave at 2:15 p.m., you should meet the East Valley-ites at 3:00 p.m. by the Fountain in Fountain Hills. WHEW !!

Hopefully, everyone will be at the Fountain around 3:00 p.m. Plan on following a "lost" Triumph through the hills. If all goes well, we will end up at a place where we can enjoy great food and other "refreshments" while we watch a beautiful Arizona sundown.

Get your jackets out and your cars in gear!

Duane Schoen

EDITORIAL LICENSE

A fifth year of eclectic rambling! Since I was unable to attend either the meeting or the Wrigley last month, I have no idea who was elected. I assume that since no one has called for all the newsletter junk that I hold in my possession, that I am still the editor. What a surprise, since no one was running against me. Yet, I accept this honor, again, and I will try to keep the TRumpeter as informative and useful as ever.

As you may have noticed, this month's TRumpeter is kind of a downer (as they use to say in the olden days - the 1960s). Once again, the people who are supposed to serve the people and protect the environment have sold out to Big Business and Industry with regard to the fight against pollution. We, the "collector car" and old car owners have been made the scapegoat (again) for the lousy air in Phoenix. Please read John Horton's article and write your representative. This is no joke, and this is a real threat to you owning a Triumph. These pin-heads will pass anything they think they can get away with. Let them know we are watching them and we vote as a group. A threat to take away their pitiful little jobs seems to be the only thing they care about.

I saw a "debate" on Channel 8 about pollution, the Horizon program, that involved one state representative and one representative of big business. No one from the Hobbyist Council or anyone representing US. How surprising that they felt "WE" were overreacting. They kept saying this retirement of cars was "voluntary" and what's the big deal? If I wasn't concerned before, I was terrified after that show. Obviously, these people think we are really stupid, to put up with this. I cannot emphasize enough that this is all out war. If you snooze, you better get used to cruising around on the weekends in your indistinguishable Japanese or American box-mobile, because I guarantee they will take your Triumph in a heartbeat, if you let them. These people could care less about us. They are either completely misinformed or they are as crooked as a bag of elbows (old Grandpa saying).

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty". Wendell Phillips (1811-1884)

Good show, John Lindly



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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The January 14, 1997 meeting was called to order by President Ken Larsen at 7:05 p.m. Treasurer, Tom Pennell, gave his report and also reported that the Project Car was still on hold this month. The monthly car event will be announced by the incoming elected chairperson after the elections on January 19.

Rich Hammon, '97 Triumphest co-chairman, gave a status report. Everyone planning to attend the event should contact Rich to volunteer for committees. There will be a meeting for the Triumphest planning committee and anyone interested in attending on Saturday March 1. The meeting will be held at Denny's, 16th Street and Camelback at 10:00 a.m. Armand LaCasse, Funcours Chair, requested that anyone wanting to be a Funcours judge should call him at 870-8585.

John Horton gave a report on the activities of some of our state legislators regarding the possible mandatory scrapping of older vehicles. The names of the proper people to contact will be in the newsletter. Everyone is strongly urged to participate in making these contacts as this is a serious matter for old-car collectors.

Members present were asked for further nominations for officers but none were nominated.

The tech session was devoted to emission testing and how to get vehicles to pass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Virgil Cole, Secretary

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A THREAT TO OUR HOBBY

I recently attended the Arizona Hobbyist Council meeting. Senator Allen, who is in charge of the transportation committee, was in attendance. She spoke and she stated she is on our side concerning more restrictions on our hobby. She drives a 1982 Cadillac.

Almost certainly there will be more bills entered to further restrict or ELIMINATE our hobby. At this writing, they have not been introduced, so nothing is known about how they intend to restrict us. Things like raising our license fees to \$500 to \$600 per older car. Creating a "voluntary" (not so voluntary) vehicle retirement program, like San Diego's, that the state will block the transfer of title if an older car does not comply. That way it can only be sold to the state for crushing and creation of pollution credits.

Governor Symington has been quoted as saying "old cars have no place in our unique desert environment". This MIGHT be a knee jerk reaction or a real opinion. I believe he is serious.

The people behind this new onslaught are National Automobile Dealers Association, ARCO, GM, petroleum producers, and the public utilities. The auto industry stands to make BILLIONS from forcing you and me to buy a new car every few years that they specify. Other industries that are interested in placing the BLAME elsewhere to draw attention away from themselves, is intent on the continuing use of "POLLUTION CREDITS". These allow industries like oil companies, public utilities, mining, aviation, and construction to continue to buy their way out of cleaning up their act by buying and trading these "credits".

The EPA has stated that Arizona has the oldest fleet of cars and is targeting us for more regulation. This is a VERY REAL threat to us and our hobby. There is a sample letter I have written to our senators and legislators in this issue of the newsletter. PLEASE, PLEASE write to your representative in your own words and take time to call them and express your feelings that crushing cars will not work. Ask for an exemption for "collector cars" from polluting requirements. They are only driven less than 2500 miles per year. Florida gave such an exemption.

Tell them to eliminate pollution credits, create a collector car class, force industry to clean up their act. Explain that off-road construction equipment does not have ANY pollution controls. Jet aircraft at Sky Harbor idle for 45 minutes with no pollution equipment, all 1280 flights a day.

If we do not act and let government know we are out here and we do not want our hobby taken away from us, THEY WILL TAKE OUR CARS AWAY AND CRUSH THEM IN THE NAME OF POLLUTION!!!! You will have been done to by Detroit. If we lose this, we will be meeting to discuss why it costs \$1500 to have your oil changed at your friendly new car dealer.

Cheerio, John Horton



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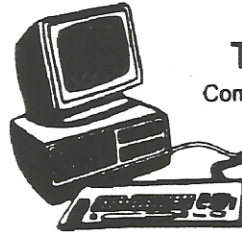
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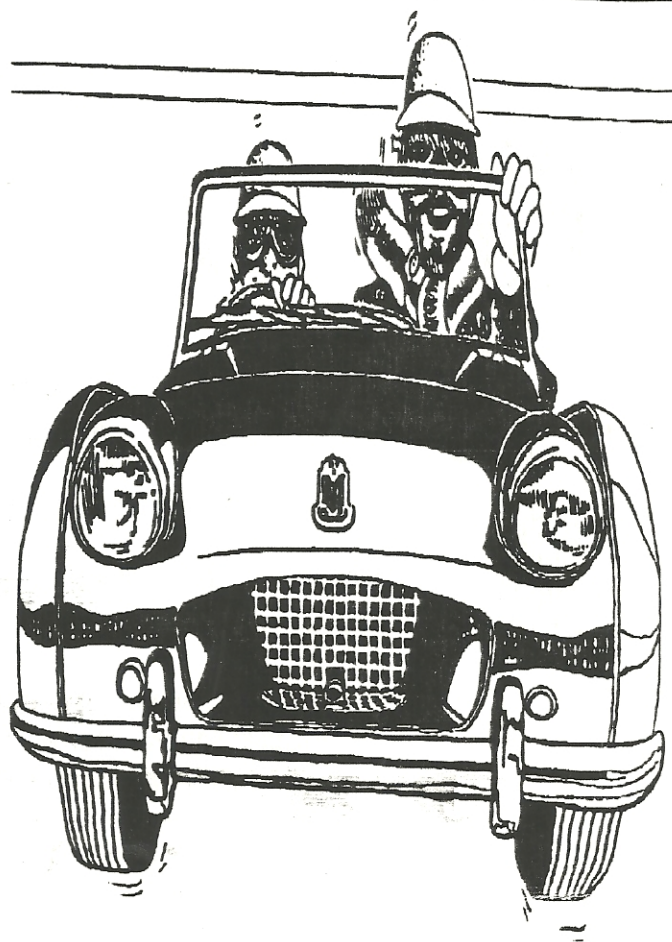
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