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## MARCH 1997

### ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

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MEETING: MARCH 11, 1997 @ 7:00 PM  
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### PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

MARCH 22 - 9AM

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## COMING EVENTS

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

March 16  
ALL BRITISH CAR DAY  
Heritage Square - Downtown Phoenix  
Details below

#### OTHER EVENTS

March 22 - 9AM  
PROJECT CAR DAY  
At Tom Pennell's house  
Cleaning up the chassis and preparing for engine and transmission installation

### WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

#### ALL BRITISH CAR DAY

By now, you should have registered your car for this event. The venue will be Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix. Detailed maps of the area were published last month. We will need several volunteers to help park and align the cars - so arrive as early as you can (we will be allowed to park cars starting at 8 AM).

DCTRA wants to turn out as many cars as possible for this event. It would be very nice for the Triumphs to outnumber the MG's! There will be classes for TR2 & TR3, TR4 & TR250, TR6, TR7 & TR8, Spitfire & GT6, and "others" so John Lindly can bring the Herald. This marks a breakthrough in Phoenix's All British Car Day tradition which up to now has been pretty much an MG thing, but now all of the British car clubs are helping to put it on. Show YOUR support and SHOW UP!

Duane Schoen

## EDITORIAL LICENSE

I was having a bad day. The water heater decided to irrigate the garage, laundry room and part of the family room. Dealing with insurance people must rank right up there with dealing with 2 year olds. You know they understand you, but they are just being difficult.

While waiting for the water heater company to come out, I decided to mow the lawn. The lawn mower would not start even after I threw the full bulk of my mechanical knowledge at it. Fortunately my neighbor's full bulk was rummaging around his garage and he got it to start. Then the left rear wheel decided that it will not, under any circumstances, stay at any one level, so now I have a very artsy pattern in the lawn that looks like it was done by someone with a limp and a defective weed eater.

To add insult to injury, my wife comes home from the video store with a "chicks" movie, i.e., intelligent acting, a plot and absolutely no explosions, car chases, or any adventure of any kind. While the kids and the wife begin to watch the movie, I had a quiet, yet intense breakdown in our flooded garage.

That was it! I grabbed the TR6 keys and left. I didn't know where I was going but I knew I had to go. After 5 minutes a smile started to appear on my face. After 10 minutes and a neat dice with a 1962 Cadillac, I was smiling and waving. For 54.7 miles, I terrorized North Phoenix, riding like the wind, as they say. When I returned home, all was grand. \$\$\$\$ for a new water heater? No problem, my good man. Got to have a huge fan blowing air under the carpet all weekend long? Ha, who needs a family room? \$250 insurance deductible? Hee, hee, I thought it was \$500!

One glorious hour in the TR6 made a new man out of me and changed me from looking like a candidate for the ripe mellon farm to someone that people would comment "I'd like to slap that guy, cause he's so happy". How can anyone put a price on that? And more importantly, how dare anyone try to take it away from me, in order to gloss over big business violations in polluting the air.

Take your Triumph out for a spin on one of these glorious spring days, and then think about NEVER DOING IT AGAIN. It should scare the hell out of you.

Good show, John Lindly



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## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by our new President, Roger Guzowski, at 7:05 p.m. Minutes were read and approved. Stan Laswell, a visitor who owns a TR3, was introduced. Treasurer, Ron Strong, told us that dues are coming in, and to send them to him at the address on the front of the newsletter. Editor, John Lindly, reports the newsletter is fine, thank you.

Vice President, Duane Schoen, gave us an update on coming events. We were reminded that the schedule printed in the last newsletter is flexible - people with ideas about neat places we might go, call Duane. Next event is the British Car Show on March 16; Ron gave us the particulars. There will be more categories for Triumphs this year; volunteers needed.

Duane showed us letters received from Gov. Symington and Rep. Eberhart in response to John Horton's letters on pending legislation concerning older cars. John Lindly noted that there is a proposal to extend these laws to the entire state and also include pre-1967 vehicles as well. We were urged to write asking for exemptions for "collector" and "special interest" vehicles. Senior citizens groups in Sun City are asking for exemptions for any car driven less than 4000 miles per year.

Triumphest report from Rich Hammon began on a "bad news" footing when it was reported that changes in personnel at Harrah's caused much lost paperwork. Through much hard faxing and telephoning, Rich was able to save the day and now reports all is well. Rich is going in person to sign the contracts. We are still waiting for flyers.

Tom Pennell reported that Al Steen has volunteered to expedite the progress on the Project Car restoration. We need the chassis so the club can continue work.

Early members, Dale and Darlene Behie are rejoining the club. Rich Hammon donated two tickets to the Renaissance Fair to be auctioned to benefit the project car fund and the Behie's were the top bidders.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Beth Horton, Secretary

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## MAKING BRACKETS

Over the years I have made many brackets. Most have required bending in some for or another. My metal bending techniques have been somewhat less than perfect. Normally I would heat up the area that was to be bent, beat the hell out of it with a large hammer and hope that I had guessed the point of the bend correctly.

When bending a bar of steel, I had been using a narrow flame to heat a line on the piece and restrict the bend to a small radius. I had a large plate (4.5") wide to bend at an exact point, but I was not happy with guessing the point where the bend would occur.

The only way was to restrict the radius to a particular line. The answer seems to be in backing the piece being bent with another piece the same width or larger, clamping both in a heavy vise and heating both then hammer bending to the angle needed. Hot or cold, rolled steel requires heating to at least cherry red to light orange. Then slowly bending while keeping heat applied. This worked well and gave me the radius and angle needed. Be careful not to rush the bend as cracks will appear like magic.

You might try this technique next time your need a non-standard part.

Cheerio, John Horton

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## DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR WEEK

In a recent editorial, Road & Track's Peter Egan was lamenting the fact that he seldom sees British cars used as daily drivers these days. In a response to this, a bunch of British car owners on the Internet have unofficially designated May 12-18 as British Car Week. If possible, drive your LBC (little British car) everywhere you go that week. And if you see another one on the road, don't forget to wave!!!

Keith Abraben, in The Triumph Herald

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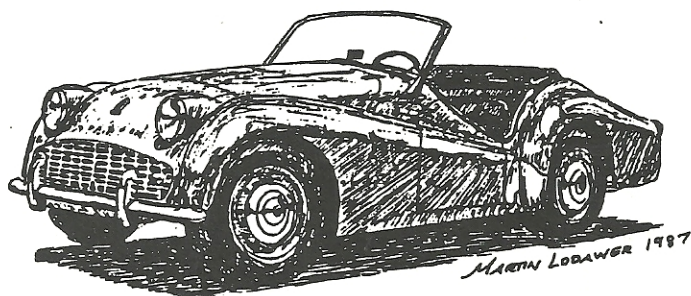
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