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

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### PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

STILL ON HOLD  
LOOKING FOR PAINTER

## COMING EVENTS

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

November 16 - 9:00 AM  
ARIZONA BOY'S RANCH  
CAR SHOW & BBQ  
Rittenhouse Road, near Williams  
Gateway airport

### OTHER EVENTS

Sunday, November 23  
ALL EUROPEAN BREAKFAST RUN  
Central & Camelback  
8:00 AM - Leave at 8:10  
Destination - Wigwam resort - parking near the fountain, so BRING YOUR CAMERA!

### TRIUMPHEST '97 WRAP-UP

Those of you who attended Triumphest '97 have by now received your "Special Edition" of the Triumph Trumpeter, which gave you the rundown on all of the events held over the weekend.

We remain the only club hosting the event that has produced such a followup newsletter, mailed to every participant.

It seems, however, that whoever says "You can't please all of the people all of the time" is absolutely correct. Notes in other club's newsletters indicate that they thought \$30 for the banquet was too much. Too much? For an all-you-can-eat buffet in a Nevada casino that is obliged to charge a 17% food tax and a 15% gratuity? For your information, each one of those meals cost us \$28.37, so we made \$1.73. Shameful profiteering!

DCTRA believes that Triumphest '97, with its "smokin" deal on hotel rooms AND the \$30 banquet was and shall ever be the most affordable Triumphest in history.

## CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE = 1974 TR6. Red with black interior, 84 k miles, runs strong, very clean with hardtop included. Contact Stuart Bark at 991-2157 ext. 14 during the day or 998-1489 in the evening. (9/97)

FOR SALE = Early Triumph Spitfire parts; 1147 heads and blocks; brake and suspension parts; drive shafts and transmissions (no OD); 13 x 6 wheels; competition and stock parts. Call Alan at home 944-5674 or office 248-4501. (9/97)

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FOR SALE = Herald/Spitfire 1147 engine on pallet, was running when removed from car 4 years ago, \$50; 4 real magnesium minilite-style wheels for Herald/Spitfire/GT6/Vitesse, as is, \$200; Weber DCOE40 Carb, rebuilt by Bob Schaller, \$50; Weber DCOE40 Carb and Manifold for 1147 cc engine, ready to bolt on, \$75. Call John at 780-1286 work or 548-1915. (11/97)

### TRIUMPHEST PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Roger Guzowski has received the proofs of the Triumphest '97 group photo and is prepared to accept orders at the November meeting. Bring cash or check with you and we'll order them "in a batch"



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## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

Our meeting opened just after 7:00 p.m. with 25 people attending, including guests Hank Hastings, and Paul and BJ Patrick, who own a Renown. The minutes for September were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Ron Strong, Treasurer, reported that Triumphest did very well, with only a few bills outstanding. Gracie said we should not do another one until well into the next century.

Upcoming events are the Italian Job car show, the Sun Cities Art Museum show, and the British Auto breakfast run, all to be held in October. We voted to have the Boys Ranch BBQ as our November event - a head count of those attending will be taken at the next meeting.

Rich and DiAnn Hammon, who are moving to Missouri, thanked everyone via Jim Hughes, for pitching in at Triumphest. All agreed that it was a success, and that this was due to volunteers enthusiasm. The Triumphest photographer will be sending proofs to the President of each club. Orders will then be returned to the club. DCTRA will publish a special newsletter that will be mailed to participants that will list how participants did in all events. Tom Pennell is awaiting some results. Fun-cours judging sheets will also be available, so car owners will know what to improve for next time.

The next Triumphest will be held at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo, CA, a beautiful sportscar driving environment.

Tom reported he is picking up parts for the Project Car and the car is ready to be painted. Jim Hughes mentioned Algodones, Mexico has shops highly recommended by other clubs.

The Pavilions gathering is still the first Saturday of each month, near the front of Target. The major cross streets at Pima and Indian Bend in Scottsdale. Also on Saturday nights is an informal car show at the McDonald's near Paradise Valley Mall. John Horton brought raffle prizes left over from Triumphest, which were sold to benefit the project car fund.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Horton, Secretary

### WE GET E-MAIL FROM ENGLAND

Tom and Gracie: Well, it has been awhile since we last contacted you re: life in jolly old England. Don't really know just where we left off, but believe it was after Bob died. We have both kept busy with our particular interests - Sue has the Swedish drawloom going to a fare thee well at present, and finishing some projects that got delayed during the summer, due to travel to Scotland in Aug and other activities since. She is still very active with the guild and Complex Weaver's newsletter for Europe as well as her various weaving projects. She held an open house for local friends and fellow weavers/spinners for the last two weekends. We reckon the Brits think we are both slightly deranged, since Sue has all this weaving equipment and doesn't sell her wares commercially.

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## E-MAIL

I bought a Browning shotgun (B25) back in Feb., and have been spending most available weekend time getting my eye and shooting brain back - have started shooting English Sporting; it's a bit more challenging than either skeet or trap, and definitely not boring - a good substitute for golf. I'm definitely not a threat to the British CPUSA scores, but what the Hell, I'm just an American! Maybe not an adequate substitute for Triumphs, but the Mini takes up the slack there - never know what new malady it is going to come up with. We came back from the States last week to find it running on three cylinders - probably a broken oil ring in #2 with plug fouling, but what the hell, that 'A' engine will run with terminal problems, much like the TR. Just pull the plug, clean and replace it and keep pouring oil into the sump. Still fun to drive - kind of like a pig on skates. Also, hardly worth the expense of pulling the engine/trans at this late stage with only 9 or 10 months to go.

We have a new addition to the family (no, not that kind - we haven't gone completely around the bend!). We are proud parents of a 10-week old Golden Retriever puppy by the name of Amber. One of my US shooting friends up at Lakenheath RAF Base is responsible for this - was up shooting three weeks ago, and before we knew it, were introduced to this great puppy, and here we are - but no longer dogless! She is a dandy, and should be a good hunter, once the puppy part has subsided a bit. Will start field training in a few months after we get the obedience drill down first.


Obviously the Triumphest did well this year, Hooyah! So has the Project Car become an infinite project, or does the Club really plan to finish it some day? Glad I kicked that particular activity off before I left; sounds like a lot of folks have had a good time tinkering!

Our two boys are coping with the world nicely. Steve is still in Maui, enjoying sun and surf while working at the Ritz Carlton on breakfast detail. Maybe he is actually the smartest one in the family! Dave is doing fine with the computer graphics business in Seattle. He and Kris are happy there, and have a nice place. We enjoyed their brief visit here last February, but wonder if they will get back before we leave. Doesn't seem that we have been here for two years now. Already peeking around the corner to see what's next. Looks like I may be going back to the East coast for an Emergency Medicine assignment in Norfolk at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. I really won't know until I get my orders in my hand. Was selected for O-6 in June (Captain), but have not been confirmed by Congress yet - probably the first of the year.

Let us know what's up in Phoenix - seems like an age since we left, but then sometimes like last week. All the best, and keep 'em running!

Phil and Sue Hunt

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I was driving the TR6 last Thursday, having a blast and enjoying myself, when I noticed that nearly everyone else around me was not happy. They all were frowning and not even paying attention to the glorious weather outside. Some even had their air conditioning on in 80 degree weather! All looked miserable, except one guy. The only difference was that this guy was eating.

He looked happy and content, even looking around outside at the beautiful sun and sky. He smiled and waved at me with a thumbs up for the TR6. I watched him through the next few lights and over the course of a burger and fries. He drove the speed limit, he let people into traffic in front of him, and he wasn't the least bit bothered by people cutting him off. Other than driving the speed limit, this guy was behaving just like me. Food and Triumphs appear to have the same effect on people; they both relax them and take away all that nasty stress.

Over the next several weeks, I tested my developing hypothesis, and found that people who were eating were much better and kinder drivers. The cure for "road-rage" was right in front of me. Short of making everyone buy a Triumph, it should be mandatory that we eat while we drive. Shootings and fighting would become a thing of the past, and fast food outlets would flourish. Maybe a few of the more diet conscience out there will trade in their boring-mobiles for a Triumph?

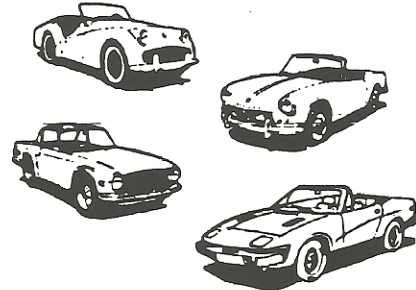
Madness, you say? Try this test yourself, and don't be surprised if I'm right. That diet tape my Mom used to listen to was wrong. You do need to eat to be happy, at least in your car. The rest of us will just have to drive our Triumphs more. However, I wouldn't try driving your Triumph AND eating at the same time. It might just throw you into a serious stage of happiness and positive thinking. One Richard Simmons is enough.

Good show,

John Lindly

## Phoenix, Arizona

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