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NOTE MEETING PLACE CHANGE

MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 1997 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

For membership information, contact Tom Pennell at 602-951-8472

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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

CANCELED FOR SEPTEMBER

COMING EVENTS

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

September 14

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN
32nd & Shea / Power & Main at 7:00AM

Details in "PREZ SEZ"

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, September 13
ASRA Race & Play Day
Firebird International Raceway

EDITORIAL LICENSE

Well, I took the TR6 in for some work and things are just snowballing before my eyes. It now needs a valve job, new jets and needles for the carbs, a new timing chain, regrinding of the cam, 2 lifters are pitted and will need replacement, and the hoses are shot. I was blissfully unaware of these things a month ago. The car was rough at idle and at low speeds, but great at full song. It couldn't pass emissions, however. I guess the previous owner let it get too hot a couple of times, as well. All this with only 70,000 miles on the clock! This is why I haven't registered for Triumphest. I may not have a car and I certainly won't have the money, even at the great prices for rooms, banquet, etc. I hope the rest of the membership is having better luck and will make the September 15th deadline for registration. Ignorance really is bliss, isn't it?

Good show,

John

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE= TR3 parts: (4) transmissions \$150-200; Wheels \$5; (3) sets of doors \$100-120 per set; Boot lids \$30-35; (2) transmission covers \$10; TR3 engine \$100; (8) hubcaps w/emblem \$5 ea; (2) heaters \$10 ea; Drive shaft \$10; Exhaust manifold \$10; (2) steering wheels \$5 ea; (2) windscreen frames & brackets \$25 ea; side curtain frames for Bugeye \$5; one rusted body (\$??), one frame (\$??)

Call Terry at 996-4349 or 996-4702 (7/97)

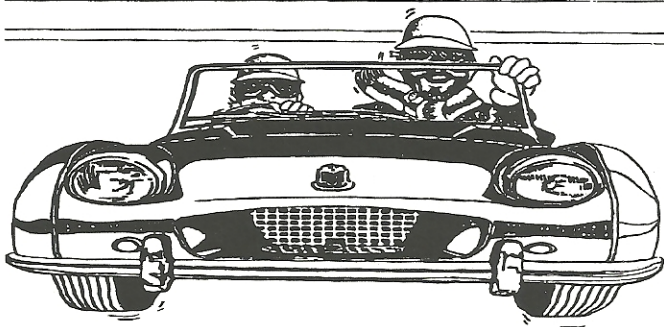
FOR SALE = 1971 Spitfire Mk VI, original blue exterior and black interior, rebuilt engine, factory hardtop, good shape, needs very minor sorting, \$2500 cash or trade. Call Chuck at 520-463-2777 or 800-940-2911 (8/97).

WANTED = J-type transmission with overdrive for 1976 TR6. Call John Lindly at 602-548-1915. (8/97)

FOR SALE = 1973 Triumph Stag, rebuilt engine. Call Brian at 1-800-582-1277 or write to Brian Sanders, c/o John Winkler Motors, 200 Ballard Rd., Pauls Valley, OK 73075 (8/97)

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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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

The meeting was held at the Olde English Inn, with 30 present. New member Dave Smith was introduced, and the July minutes were approved as printed. Treasurer Ron thanked Tom Pennell for printouts of the report, and said the treasury is doing nicely.

As no other events were scheduled this month, we decided to count the All British Breakfast Run to the Wigwam as our August event.

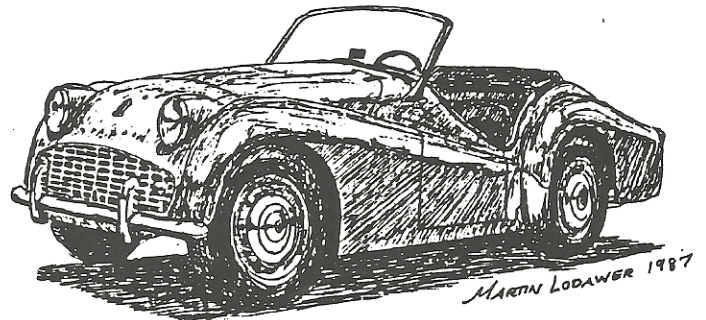
We were reminded that the deadline for hotel and banquet reservations for Triumphfest is September 1. After that date, the hotel will want all unsold rooms for their Kenny Rogers concert. Embroidered polo shirts are finished and other items are being completed. There will be a special edition of the newsletter printed with the results. Committee chairperson reports were given by Armand who said seven more judges are needed for Saturday morning. Already signed up are Roger Guzowski, Marlene and Virgil Cole, Mike Thomas, Rich hammon, Chris and Ron Strong, Marie Thompson, Duane Schoen, Deta Hampsh, John Nuss and Tom Pennell. If anyone else is interested, please call Armand at 870-8585. Judging clinic will be held the Friday previous. There will be a sign up sheet next meeting for registration helpers. many hands make light work. Larry Stewart will be handling the road rally. Roger has contacted a photographer who will do a group photo on Sunday, the individual shots during Saturdays judging. Goody bags for registration will be filled at the September meeting; but, as some items are being shipped later, more may have to be added at another time.

A vote will be held next month on whether to hold future meetings at the El Zaribah or the Olde English Inn. Jim Hughes showed a price list and samples of convertible tops from Caribou Canvas. He also thanked the patient and tolerant people who helped him with his TR3 problems.

The project car is on hold as our body man has departed the business. Another is needed and a painter as well. Several suggestions were made. The rolling chassis is finished and all other plans are in place. About 500 project car shares are still available for \$5 each.

After a brief tech clinic, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Horton



ON PHOTO ENFORCEMENT

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Photo Radar (PRD) was invented in Germany, where the law states that when a vehicle is observed in violation of a law, the OWNER is responsible regardless of who was driving. Therefore, a picture of the speeding car can legally be enough evidence to support a traffic violation. Somebody (Paradise Valley) decided that PRD could be a lucrative cash cow and pressed several units into immediate service without checking our traffic laws. In this country, it's the OPERATOR's responsibility, not the owner's, to belly up to the fine or school or whatever. PV proceeded to set up these diabolical machines right where everybody goes fast and began to mail out tickets. Surprise! A large number of these tickets were PAID by mail, the victims being hoodwinked into believing they had no choice. The original photos were of the front of the car only and didn't have sufficient resolution to identify the driver. Some folks read the Arizona law carefully and discovered that it is NOT required to mount a front license plate, so they removed them. This forced PV into modifying the system to take TWO pictures (front AND rear). They are still mailing tickets (illegally) and collecting fines. It's nothing more than a scam.

Lately, PV and Scottsdale have installed "Photo Red Light" (PRL) devices in several locations. These boxes will take your picture if your car is beyond the painted (red) line when the light turns red. Even if the timer says the "violation" occurred .008 seconds after the red signal, they will say "You did it" and slap you with fines of up to \$150. Once again, they are ignoring the law and sending the "evidence" to the car's owner.

There are PRL's at the following intersections:

Tatum & Lincoln
Hayden & McDonald
Hayden & McDowell
Hayden & Shea
Hayden & Indian Bend

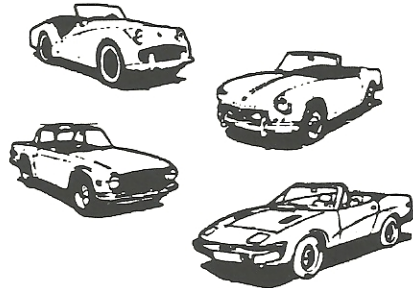
It would seem that Scottsdale has expended quite a bundle to install these traps and expects to recover their costs and then some. PV has set the benchmark for "easy money" through the PRD's and the PRL's. Scottsdale has once again followed suit by setting up its own PRL's (list above) and PRD's. The PRD's are mobile units and are regularly moved around. I saw one of Scottsdale's PRD's clocking traffic on northbound Hayden Road during the 5-6PM rush hour. Nobody could even reach the 45MPH speed limit, let alone go "Too Fast". A ridiculous waste of money and manpower. Most of the time these things run unattended, but it still takes time to set them up.

My opinion? These gadgets are illegal and you can tear up any ticket you get in the mail. The burden is on the accuser to POSITIVELY identify the person driving the car in the photo. Difficult to do. Obey the traffic laws, don't run red lights (even by milliseconds) and carry a rubber Nixon mask with you at all times. Good hunting!

Tom Pennell

Phoenix, Arizona

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When I had my MGB in '85, HARTFORD could not insure it because it was a sports car. I found a program in CAR COLLECTOR for \$106 per year. GREAT!! Then in '86 I traded for the TR8, and Grundy couldn't keep me. Hartford took me back in '86, but the annual premium had risen to \$1104. A new program has been introduced...my new annual is under \$300. Full coverage, no deductible, agreed-stated amount Coll. & Comp. No car too new. Carrier is A.M. Best Co., Rated "A".

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THE PREZ SEZ

Our event for August was in conjunction with the "All British Breakfast Run". The Jaguar Club sponsored this event, a drive to the Wigwam Resort. A great time was had by all. It was great fun to see the heads turn as a caravan of good looking XKE's, Minis, MG's and TR's pass by. You should come out and enjoy this feeling. We are going into our 5th month of these events and I volunteered our club to sponsor the next one for two reasons:

1. It will allow our members time to get the bugs out before Triumphest.
2. We may not be able to attend the October event, depending on the date.

Anyway, the next All British event will be September 14th at 7:00 AM pull-out time. There are two starting points:

1. 32nd Street & Shea Blvd. (Peter Piper parking lot, NW corner)
2. Power & Main in Mesa

The drive will be about 1 hour to breakfast at Harrah's Casino in Maricopa.

I will head up the 32nd & Shea group (Roger 997-2583), Jim Hughes will lead from Power & Main (Jim 924-3565).

Another thought - Don't forget: Come to the meeting for final Triumphest assignments, final information and to help with the "Goodie Bag" stuffing after the meeting.

With a smile,

Roger



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