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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

STILL ON HOLD
LOOKING FOR PAINTER

COMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, March 1st - 9:30 AM
ARIZONA BOYS RANCH OPEN HOUSE
Rittenhouse Road 2mi SE of Power Rd.
Details below

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday, February 21/22
HIGHLAND GAMES
Looking for British cars to display
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ARIZONA BOY'S RANCH OPEN HOUSE

DCTRA has elected to make this event our "official" monthly event for February, even though it actually takes place in March - March 1 to be exact. As in previous years, the Boy's Ranch is inviting all of the Valley's car clubs to display their toys. There is no charge to you and you will receive TWO tickets to the excellent BBQ just for showing up with your car.

The Boy's Ranch holds two of the open houses each year, spring and fall. There are many interesting displays and entertainment going on all day. There are also a number of booths selling snacks, mementos and refreshments. At the fall event, there was also a swap meet on the grounds with all kinds of stuff, just like a mini-Park&Swap.

The Boy's Ranch is located on Rittenhouse Road about 2 miles SE of Power Road (South of Williams Gateway airport. Please leave early so you can plan to arrive at (or before) 9:30 AM enabling the staff place your car in its assigned area.

See you there!

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FOR SALE= Rear window for late model Spitfire hardtop. Donated to DCTRA. Best Offer with proceeds to project car fund. Call 843-1399. (1/98)

EDITOR'S COLUMN

As I type this, I am wondering if, indeed, an actual DCTRA Newsletter will result. As you know, John Lindly will be a very tough act to follow after several years of dedicated service as editor. I spoke with him prior to the elections when my name came up as a nominee for the job, since I have no previous experience in this realm. He was quick to assure me that, if I were elected, I would have no difficulty handling it. If only I had such confidence. I told him I would run if he promised to submit some of his splendidly humorous articles from time to time to the Newsletter. And he said he would. Also, Tom Pennell, strongly influenced me to stay in the running for this position, when he spoke so passionately about the long history of the Newsletter, and what a shame it would be if it were abandoned. So, with all that momentum, I stayed, and now I am, your new editor, for better or worse, etc., etc. And I wish to thank all of you for your support. Keep those articles coming! Fax me at 375-3559 or phone 942-1113.

Ta, Ta,

Diane Carney



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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was called to order at 7 PM with 22 present. December minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurer Ron reported that we did very well last year, and all bills are paid.

Events: our Vice President was absent, so Roger told us that the major coming event is the Champagne Brunch at the Beefeaters. The next event is the All British Run and Breakfast on Feb. 1st. We'll take the scenic route to New River. Also in February, the Jaguar club is sponsoring an event on Sunday, Jan. 22, to the World Wildlife Zoo. The previous Saturday, the 21st, is the Highland Games at Mesa Community College. Come at 8 am with your British car for free entry, though cars must remain in place until 5 PM.

On Sunday, March 1st, the Arizona Boys Ranch will be holding their Spring Fling BBQ and Open House. More information at the next meeting.

No news on the Newsletter or Project Car.

Old Business: 1998 dues are due; \$18 per year.

New business: Candidates for officers were read. There were no new nominations, but they will be opened again at the brunch.

We had a pair of colorful seat covers to auction for the project car fund. John Horton played auctioneer, and the fund gained \$8.

Tech session followed. Chris Wainwright said when the dip switch fails, headlights blink from high beam to low in a random and annoying fashion. He gave a temporary repair tip. Several cars for sale were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Horton, Secretary

PS to Minutes: For years, the secretary used a clear acrylic clipboard etched with a British flag, which was passed along with the job. Somewhere in time, it disappeared. Does anybody know where it is?



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THE PREZ SEZ

The annual Champagne Brunch was held at Beefeaters Restaurant with about 32-34 people in attendance. Many drove their Triumphs and proudly displayed them in good fashion in the parking lot. The food was delicious and plentiful and the champagne flowed liberally. Elections were held and the results were as follows:

President - Roger Guzowski
 Vice President - Mike Thomas (Events Chairman)
 Secretary - Beth Horton
 Treasurer - Ron Strong
 Newsletter Editor - Diane Carney
 Membership - Tom Pennell

Im sure I speak for all in thanking everyone who nominated and voted for us. Were looking forward to another fun and successful year for DCTRA. Which leads me to mention the fine turnout at the All British Breakfast Run last Sunday at the Roadrunner Cafe in New River. It was buffet style, which worked out well. There were 25 cars, including 1 Mini, 3 Jags, 2 Mgs, 9 Lotuses and 10 Triumphs (2 TR-3s, 4 Spitfires, 1 TR-4A, 2 TR-6s and 1 Renown). The next All British Run will be sponsored by the Lotus Club on March 28th, the last Saturday in March - more details later re: location, etc.

Saturday, February 21st, is the Highland Games at Mesa Community College and on Sunday, February 22nd, the Jaguar Club is sponsoring an event with lunch at The Olive Garden on Bell Rd. and 97th Ave. at 10:30 am and a trip to World Wildlife Zoo afterward. On Sunday, March 1st, the Arizona Boys Ranch Spring Fling BBQ and Open House will be held. Also, dont forget to mail in your pre-registration forms for the Tenth Annual All British Car Day to be held on March 15th at Heritage Square and sponsored by Arizona MG Club. The pre-registration forms must be postmarked by Feb. 23, 1998 for the \$15 fee for first vehicle and \$10 for each additional vehicle. Late registration (postmarked after Feb. 23rd) and day-of-show fee is \$25. Lets have a good showing of Triumphs! With a smile,

Roger Guzowski



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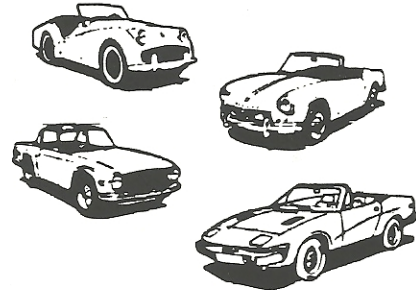
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DCTRA's 1998 EVENTS

As the Events Coordinator, I'll need some input from the DCTRA membership so I can plan events that everyone will want to attend.

In the past we have tried to have events on both sides of the Valley. On the east side of town, we have gone to the Mining Camp in Apache Junction and to Tortilla Flats for dinner. We planned a trip on the tour boat at Canyon Lake, but only a few showed up. We have gone to Fountain Hills for a picnic. Maybe we would go to the air museum at Falcon Field. Does anyone have a suggestion for a breakfast place in that neighborhood?

On the north side of town, we have had dinner at Rock Springs in Black Canyon City. We have gone to breakfast at the Roadrunner Cafe in New River. We've had an evening picnic at Bartlett Lake.

On the west side, there is the Wig Wam resort in Litchfield or Wickenburg, where we have gone for breakfast. There is also the Wild Life Zoo. We could go to one of the casinos south on I-10 by Firebird Lake or over to the one in Maricopa.

If there is interest in longer trips, it has been suggested that we do an overnigher to Flagstaff or Prescott or Payson (there are casinos there, too). Do you prefer the shorter trips around the valley or does a longer jaunt appeal to you? Do you prefer a Sunday breakfast run or a Saturday night dinner run? Since most of our cars don't have air conditioning, the shorter trips would probably be more comfortable in the summer. How about a bar-b-que and pool party? I would host that one if I only had a pool. Any volunteers?

On the 1st Saturday night of the month, an all European show and shine takes place at the Pavilions shopping center at Pima and Indian Bend. We could meet at one of the restaurants there and then on to the show.

I am wide open for suggestions or comments. You can e-mail me at "wienerandratdog@juno.com" or call me at 569-3444.

Mike Thomas, Events Coordinator



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MORE ON RUST

It seems like everyone has their own special brand of penetrating solution. I have been using Kroil to break into rusted nuts & bolts. Kroil has worked well and broken loose any number of stuck nuts. However, with the changing technology, trying new and different things is in order.

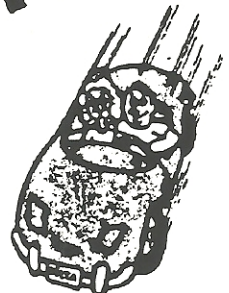
We had a new heat pump installed last fall and I helped the installer, who used a different penetrating oil. He showed me a bottle of RUST BUSTER that he gets at the local sheet metal & furnace supplier on Hatcher Rd. I stopped by and bought a bottle and put it away. Last week the starter motor on the TR/8 went futz and I had to remove the down pipe and catalytic converter to get at it. I could not find the Kroil, but found the Rust Buster. I soaked the three nuts on the exhaust manifold all night and hoped for the best.

The next day I attacked the nuts with a wrench and, to my surprise, they came loose with very little effort! I took a good look at the nuts and the rust was indeed cleaned away from the threads. Chemical compounds are becoming very specific and this is a fine example of one that is use specific.

Cheerio,

John Horton

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