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MEETING: JANUARY 13, 1998 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
522 N. 40th Street (N of Van Buren)
COME EARLY - BUY FOOD!
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

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PROJECT CAR WEEKEND

STILL ON HOLD
LOOKING FOR PAINTER

COMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, January 18 - 10:30 AM
DCTRA CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
Beefeaters Restaurant
3rd Ave. & Camelback
Details below

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday, February 1
ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN
Destination: New River
See below for details

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

It's time once again for our annual Champagne Brunch and election of officers. Thanks to Roger Guzowski for making the arrangements with the Beefeaters Restaurant, located at 3rd Avenue and Camelback. Their buffet opens at 11:00 AM, and we have reserved their meeting room for the day. Everyone should arrive at about 10:30 to ensure a "front of the line" spot and the best selection of goodies. The cost is \$12.95 per person - including champagne! A pretty far cry from some previous brunches. We hope to see you ALL there (the meeting room has a capacity of 300).

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

Continuing the "tradition" of these inter-club events, the Lotus club is hosting the first Breakfast Run of 1998 on Sunday February 1st. East valley-ites should meet at 7:00 AM at Power & Main (departing at 7:15) and all others meet at 32nd St. & Shea (Peter Piper Pizza) to depart for New River along with the Power & Main group at 8:00 AM. See you there!

EDITORIAL LICENSE

After 61 newsletters, it is ironic that I can't think of anything to say that conveys the way that I feel about these last five years. I guess Bob Hope sang it best, "Thanks for the memories!"

Good show,

John Lindly

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE= 1965 TR4. New Robbins top, radiator, battery and tires. Runs and drives. \$2100 OBO. Also, new TR4 rocker panels, both inner and outer, left and right, \$200. Call Brian at 917-8371 after 6:00 p.m. (11/97)

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)

FOR SALE= 1973 Spitfire 1500. Only 58,037 actual miles. Professionally rebuilt engine by Steve Mack - less than 5 miles. New fuel pump, water pump, throwout bearing, clutch disk, pressure plate, rebuilt carb. Body good, not perfect, no rust, bright yellow color. Rag top sound, needs new plastic window. Upholstery and carpet acceptable - but have new custom cut carpets ready to install. Also has nice black hardtop. Car has been garaged - now need the space. \$3100 obo. Call Don at 494-7172 any time. (1/98)

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)

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

A smaller than usual group of 22 was present for the December meeting. Minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurer reports that all Triumphest expenses are in, and most of the income.

Events that were discussed included the Christmas party on the 13th and the Mini owners Holiday Lights Drive on the 21st. A location is needed for the January brunch and election. Several people volunteered to scout locations and it was decided to choose a moderately priced spot to boost attendance. In terms of the election and selection of officers, of primary importance is filling the Editor position. Three persons were suggested: Chris Strong, Diane Carney and Chris Wainwright. There are two more opportunities to nominate for this and any officer's position at the next meeting and at the brunch.

In Old Business, Rich Hammon brought out a box of goodies to pass out to committee heads for Triumphest and announced that Triumphest business was now officially closed. Roger will bring extra tee shirts and polos to the brunch.

In New Business, Gracie Pennell suggested that we give to a Christmas charity this year, as we have in most years past. All agreed that this was a good idea, and beneficiaries were suggested. Gracie made a motion that we donate \$300 to the Shrine for their hospitals for crippled children and burn patients and this was seconded by John Horton. The motion passed unanimously and a check will be given to Jim Hughes to deliver. In other business, John asked about ordering more custom jackets from Stitches Unlimited. Discussion will be at the next meeting and we will have until Feb. 1 to order.

A tech session followed and is a good reason to attend the meetings. Several cars were listed for sale, and the Peterson's announced that they now own a TR6, "mostly red." Roger then read the previous list of officer nominees and asked for any additions. Eric added Diane Carney for secretary with Bob Mazur seconding, and Roger named Tom Pennell for President with Deta Hampsch seconding. The meeting adjourned 8:00

Beth Horton, Secretary

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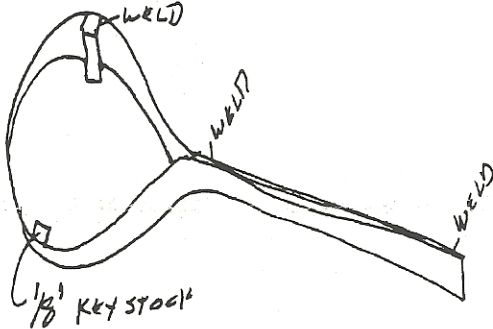
OUTFOXED BY PRACTICALITY

On the TR7 & 8 models the McPherson struts attach to the top assembly with the shock insert shaft. The problem is the cup type washer is used to hold the shaft still while tightening the nut. This washer is hard to hold with channel locks, pipe wrenches, vice grips or whatever.

After rebuilding any number of struts, including the set belonging to Mike Thomas. I decided to design and build a tool to hold the washer while tightening the nut. I laid the "tool" out on paper consisting of two turned rings and a milled slot to hold the key ways in the washer. I had hoped Julius Walters would attend the December meeting of the club so I could give the design to him and he could try out his newly rebuilt lathe. As things go Julius was not there. So I had to wait til January. I did show the design to others at dinner before the meeting.

This weekend Mike Thomas called to arrange to pick up some parts for his TR7 convertible we are restoring. When Mike and Karen drove in he handed me the slickest hand-made tool to hold the infamous nut. The "tool" I had designed was in the best tradition of mechanical engineering with proper tolerances, turned and milled to a "T". Mike took the practical approach, bent a 1/8th by 1" bar around the washer and welded two keys in the proper location. The long ends were welded together and formed the handle. *VERY SLICK, MIKE!* I wish I had thought it up. I am including a drawing of this tool for you to duplicate if you desire. Credit for this goes to Mike Thomas.

McPherson Strut Tool
by Mike Thomas



Cheerio, John Horton



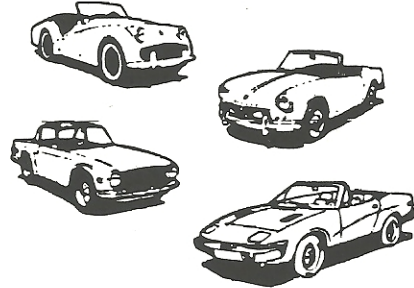
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| TR8 | INSURANCE PROGRAM | etc. |

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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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