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NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE

MEETING: JULY 14, 1998 @ 7:00 PM
OLDE ENGLISH INN
7111 East Thomas Rd.

CLUB OFFICERS

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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

STILL ON HOLD

LOOKING FOR PAINTER AND THE REST OF THE BODY PARTS

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 18 - 6:00 PM
POOL PARTY / BBQ / REGATTA
 Tom & Gracie's House
 6434 East Corrine Drive
 Details inside

OTHER EVENTS
NOT MUCH!

THE MONSOON IS UPON US!

FROM YOUR EVENTS CHAIRMAN

This month's event will be a pool party and bar-b-que at the home of Tom and Gracie Pennell on July 18th at 6:00 P.M. The club will provide the meat (chicken, hot dogs, hamburger) for the grilling. Everyone will be asked to bring a side dish to share. In order to insure a variety of items, everyone attending is asked to call Gracie Pennell at 951-8472 and tell her what you would like to bring. The club will also provide plates, flatware and soft drinks. If adult beverages are more to your taste, you will have to BYOB. Bring your swim suit and a towel if you would like to take a dip in the pool.

Also, at this event a miniature boat race will be held in the pool. This will mark the third time the DCTRA "Regatta" has been run and you won't want to miss it! The rules for the race and the construction of the boats will be found in this newsletter.

The Pennell's house is located at 6434 E. Corrine Drive. Corrine Drive is located two blocks north of Cactus and 6434 is east of 64th Street.

Mike Thomas

A LETTER FROM THE HAMMONS

Dear Friends,

Howdy from Hannibal, Missouri, "America's Hometown". If you're having as much rain as we are, you're probably fit to be tied, bound and gagged! I got the computer up and running this week and it's "light-years" ahead of what I had before! I had not plugged it in after Tom "up-graded" it, so went from Windows 3.1 to Windows '95 and a whole bunch of new software, now if I can just figure it all out. Our E-mail address is: stonesschool@hotmail.com - this through the MicroSoftNetwork [MSN]. Phone number is 573-406-0398. Our address: Stone School Inn, 5300 Marion County Road, Hannibal, Missouri 63401.

We went to the Hannibal Convention and Visitor's Bureau today, perfect timing. They were just ready to send off to Missouri Tourism a revised listing of "Bed & Breakfasts" for 1999, so we will automatically be included in all of the official Missouri Tourism Information! Likewise, we're listed here locally as well. It would be nice if we can be open by September as a big HOG (Harley-Davidson Owners Group) Rally will be here, with literally every room in the area sold out. So, we will see if we can make it. We also met a lady with the Bureau who writes a food and travel column for the paper and she wants to come and visit us! Things are looking up!

We are having an Engineering firm doing blueprints and a heating/air conditioning firm drawing up plans, so hopefully, IF IT EVER STOPS POURING RAIN, we can break ground soon for our master suite. We bought paint today and will soon start inside. The place is really starting to look great, can hardly wait 'til all of the planning and work finally pays off! I'm sure that you all are the same way.

We are both doing well, with the exception of a little case of poison oak which I wish was a "cash crop" as we have so damn much of it and/or poison ivy. DiAnn is unpacking china, clothes, etc. while I'm moving tools and doing F-O-R-D (fix and repair daily) on odds & ends around here.

James is to move into a new apartment today (6/16), so we are eager to hear how that went. He sounds real happy on the phone, work and school doing fine. I'll drop you a note soon. Please let me know if you get this OK.

Love to you all!

Rich & DiAnn Hammon

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

A nice turnout at the Olde English Inn for our June meeting. Introduced were Greg Scott (TR4), John Nelson (TR6), and Gordon Taylor (TR3A). May minutes stand as printed. Our Treasurer reported few expenditures for the month.

Events: Mike told us about the June event, a drive to Rock Springs Cafe. Coming up shortly is the ASRA Dry Heat Street Bash. Tom and Gracie volunteered to host a pool party/barbecue at their house to be held July 18. We may even have a boat race. Ideas for an August event were solicited, preferably to be indoors, but nothing was finalized.

Plans are being made for the 1999 B.E.A.T. trip, to be the 17th and 18th of April 1998, Roger said. Mark your calendars. 80 cars attended this year's event. Tom cautioned we do not follow any VW's with a broken exhaust, and Eric entertained us with a couple of stories from the trip.

There followed a discussion on having the club's business cards re-printed. Lee Niederkorn offered to assist.

There are still several vital parts missing from the TR3 project car, which were lost by the last, and now defunct, body shop. Unfortunately, these may have to be replaced.

Editor Diane told us all is well with the Newsletter, which was out on time.

Tech Tips: Chris W. has an alternator light flashing ever more brightly. One wag suggested removing the bulb, but further wisdom was that it is probably a missing ground. There followed several more examples of wiring 'challenges'.

Patricks said they will be driving to the Moss 50th Anniversary Festival in July. There was some preliminary planning on the trek to Triumphest '98.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM and the crowd then gathered to admire Hohanshelt's TR2, Mr. Taylor's yellow TR3, etc.

Beth Horton, Secretary

P.S. Few things are finer than cruising home after the meeting on a perfect desert night...top down, full moon, Creedence Clearwater on a tape...

P.P.S. NEWSFLASH!!! The position of DCTRA Historian has been filled by the dynamic duo of Mike and Joyce Bayne. Congratulations!



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DIANE'S TIDBITS

Friday, the 26th of June, we returned from a week in Orlando spent with my youngest and oldest sons, my daughter-in-law, and, best of all, my two grandkids! I began planning the trip over a year ago by booking our resort through our timeshare exchange service. The accommodations couldn't have been better! Our plane fare was earned through Eric's frequent-flyer miles on Southwest Airlines, and we rented a van through Hertz which comfortably held all 7 of us. It had been my dream for some time now to take my only grandchildren, Amanda Diane, age 7, and Gabriel, age 12, through Disney World. I've only seen them about 3 times in their lives and I wanted to do something special with them that they would always remember. It was a very wonderful experience! Amanda explained to me right away that we shared the same name! And she insisted on riding every ride with me in the Magic Kingdom! What a time we had - laughing and screaming on "Splash Mountain" and the "Tower of Terror" and playing "I'm a Little Teapot" in the swimming pool at the resort. And my grandson, Gabe, played his trombone for me and, while on one of the rides, put his arm around me and gave me a hug and shyly thanked me for taking them to Disney World. Those two little angels even won over Eric's heart, I think, as Mandy always reminded "Grandpa Eric" to "buckle his seatbelt" whenever we got in the van to go somewhere and Gabe rode on most of the rides with him. Yes, it was hot! Yes, it was "muggy"! And yes, there was smoke from the forest fires burning to the north, but, it will always stand out in my mind as one of the most enjoyable times of my life! Hurrah for grandchildren and grandparenthood!

Well, Monday I thought I'd really done it this time! I drove Eric's Spitfire to work so my youngest Son, Matt, could use my car, and on the way to the office near Metro Center, I noticed the temperature gauge had maxed out on "H" and the little red "engine" light was lit up! Oh Dear! What to do. I was almost there, just another half mile to go. I decided to continue on, because, if there was any damage done, it was probably too late to prevent it now anyway. Then I called Eric and told him what had happened and he brought my car over and exchanged vehicles in the parking lot. Later, he said the fan belt had come off and that the alternator needed to be replaced. Fortunately, John Horton had couple of alternators laying around, and Eric was able to install one of them successfully that same night. Now he only needs to get a new fan belt and we're back in business! He didn't think there was any damage done to the engine (at least in wasn't out of oil and it didn't need to have much water added, either). But why me? Here I thought I was doing so good, I even found reverse this time, too. Oh well, I guess that's what makes driving a Triumph such an adventure. Of course, when I got home from work, he reminded me that the additional fan with a switch on the dash that, had I remembered to use it, might have kept things from "heating up" quite so much. I wonder what will happen next time?

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TIDBITS - CONTINUED

Oh, one more item of possible interest. I am now officially on the "Internet". My E-mail address is:

dcarneylpn@hotmail.com - so if any of you wish to contact me that way, now you can!

'Til next month, Ta,Ta,

Diane

THE GREAT BOAT RACE #3

As an added incentive for you to attend the pool party and BBQ at Tom & Gracie's place, DCTRA will sponsor a MODEL BOAT RACE in the pool. Here are the rules:

1. Your boat may be of any hull design you desire (flat, v-bottom, hydroplane, whatever).
2. Your boat must fit completely inside a standard shoe box and allow the lid to fit.
3. Your boat may use any means of propulsion you desire EXCEPT AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE. PS: A rocket IS an internal combustion engine.
4. Your boat must be free-running. That means NO radio control or guide wires may be attached.
5. Competition will involve 2 boats at a time in drag-racing fashion, the winner will run again, so your boat must be able to survive the impact with the far end of the pool completely unassisted. No boat-catchers permitted.

Armand LaCasse is the defending champion of this event. Build something, come on out and see if you can topple him from his perch.

DCTRA will provide a desirable prize to the winner.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 22-25: TRIUMPHEST 98 - San Luis Obispo, CA. Sponsored by Southern CA. Triumph Owners Assoc. To be held at Embassy Suites Hotel. Register before July 1, and be eligible to win one free nights stay at Embassy Suites during the event. For information, call

Jan Dawson, co-chair at (909) 735-1626 E-Mail: akatr5@aol.com OR call Paulette Caudill, co-chair at (310) 322-2546 Or Greg Taylor, registrar at (562) 430-2935 E-Mail: tricat3@aol.com



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FOR SALE = 1967 TR4A - needs 2nd gear synchro, front & rear gearbox oil seals. Otherwise in excellent shape.

(Publisher's note: We have photos of this car. Ask for them at the next meeting)

Call Dean Kenney at 566-1478. (5/98)

WANTED: Volunteer to assume DCTRA HISTORIAN position. Only duty is to keep up the Club photo album. Call Beth Horton, Secretary, 843-1399, if you can help.

FOR SALE = 1978 SPITFIRE 1500 engine 52,000 miles \$150.00. Shell and rolling chassis \$200.00. Transmission 4 speed \$50.00. Seats and assorted interior and electrical parts \$5.00 - \$25.00. Call Bill Hardin at 815-7789. (6/98)

FOR SALE to good home = 1971 GT-6 Red with tan interior. Nice car. Runs and looks good. Many new or reconditioned parts. Asking \$4000, but very negotiable. For more information, call Earle Williams at 939-1495. (6/98)

FOUND: A black bumper over-rider from a Spitfire in the street after the All British Car Day event. Have you lost one? If so, contact John Horton, 843-1399. (6/98)

FOR SALE = Two Spitfire seats, set of pseudo "wire wheel" covers for Spitfire, miscellaneous parts. \$100/obo for all. Call Deta Hampsch at 404-1940. (7/98)

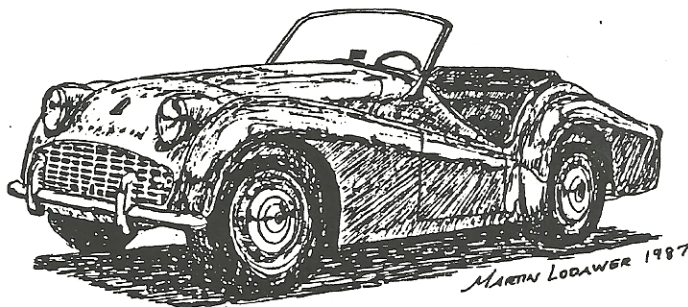
FOR SALE = 1970 Spitfire Mk3. Great looking and running car. Gloss white, black top and interior. JVC removable face cassette deck. Extra tranny and some other parts. Asking \$3900 OBO. Call 655-0775. (6/98)

FOR SALE = Triumph 2000 sedan. No engine or tranny. Rust free! Call (520) 294-3572. (6/98)

FOR SALE = THREE TR7's - At least 2 engines and transmissions. One car modified for Ford 302 engine. Collection of spare parts including all new rubber seals. \$500 for all - you haul. Call Max at 982-0307 after 7PM (Say "MAX_PICK UP" when the machine answers). Cars are in Apache Junction. (6/98)

FOR SALE = Triumphest '97 jacket patches \$2.50, hat pins \$2.00. \$1.25 shipping / handling. Call E&E Enterprises in Calimesa, CA at 909-795-5414 (7/98)

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