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NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE

MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 1998 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
552 N. 40th STREET

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
GETTING CLOSER
LOOKING FOR PAINTER AND THE
REST OF THE BODY PARTS**

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 22-25

TRIUMPHEST '98

San Luis Obispo, CA

Details Below

OTHER EVENTS

There ARE no other events

TRIUMPHEST IS IT!

San Luis Obispo, California

Registration form enclosed

(Again - we did it last month, too)

Get with it - GET REGISTERED

CARAVANS

Wednesday, 4 PM - Call Duane Schoen 996-6554

Thursday, 7AM - Meet at IHOP, 51st Ave & I-17

THE PREZ SEZ

Hi Folks,

Our September event was great. The weather was in the 70's range for the drive to Harrahs Casino. \$4.95 bought a great all-you-can-eat buffet and the Raffle prizes were great, too—jack stands, a set of hex key wrenches, a set of three tin snips and a short circuit light.

Sorry we missed some of our regulars for this event. The next All British/Euro Breakfast Run is Sunday, October 18. We will meet at 32nd St. and Shea at 7:00 AM and leave at 7:30 AM. The Jaguar Club will sponsor this one. This is the Sunday after our club event on Saturday night, October 17th. Mark your calendar for a great weekend.

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DIANES TIDBITS:

At last, my favorite season of the year is upon us. I look forward to a long ride in our Spitfire, with camera and binoculars in hand, up to the White Mountains to view the beautiful fall colors. Might also do a little camping, however, big problem with that--where to stow all of the gear in the Spitfire....hmmm. There must be a way.

We did have a fine time camping out with the Hortons a couple weekends ago at Dead Horse State Campground and then enjoyed a delightful ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. We sprung for the first-class car (as comfortable as any living room, complete with love seats, plush chairs, full-service bar, and complimentary appetizers--delicious!). All cars are climate-controlled and have restrooms.

Through the panoramic windows or from the open-air cars, the views are spectacular. Passengers have the opportunity to see Sinagua Indian ruins, wildlife and waterfowl, pass through a 680-foot man-made tunnel, see unique rock formations and pass through a covered trestle. The 40-mile round trip usually takes between 3 and 4 hours. The depot is located in Clarkdale, AZ near Cottonwood and Jerome. I encourage you to give this a try, you won't regret it. Perhaps it might be considered for a club event sometime.

Well, we sold the TR7 and now I can park my Sable in the garage once again. The buyer, a good friend of Eric's from Colorado, flew to Phoenix and, after tending to some minor adjustments and a good night's sleep, left early on Sunday morning and drove it approximately 900 miles to his home. He nearly made it....but had some trouble with the fuel pump about 20 miles from his destination. He called his dad to pick him up about 4:00 AM. Not bad for a car that hadn't been driven in a coon's age. He's a pretty good mechanic and wanted a car he could tinker with and restore, so he's still happy with his purchase and still friends with Eric.

Eric just walked in with some new "air shocks" for the rear-end of the Spitfire. You know what that means. Maybe, after they're installed, I won't need a "hand up" to get me out of my seat. Well, I guess I've rambled on enough for now. See you at the meeting.

Ta, Ta,

Diane

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

25 people returned to El Zaribah for our September meeting. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Our treasurer was absent, but Roger assured us there was still money in the treasury.

Mike described the upcoming morning drive to the Harrahs Ak Chin Casino. This will be in conjunction with the All British Breakfast Run. Plans are underway for an October drive to Lake Pleasant.

Triumphest caravan plans were made. Contact Paul Patrick (830-8770) if you wish to leave on Thursday, or Duane Schoen (996-6554) for Wednesday to arrange times and meeting places.

Newsletter: More articles needed. Submit by **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month. What did you and your car do on summer vacation?

Tech Session: A discussion on difficult differentials in Triumphs. Then John H. showed a hitch pin to use when changing brakes, an improvement over the cotter pin. Eric told about an assortment of unusual, restorable cars for sale in Rye, AZ.

The last of the 97 polo shirts were sold.

Gracie asked that the club replace our missing blue nylon DCTRA banner. It was decided that a Wanted Poster for that banner be printed in the newsletter and a hanging oilcloth-type banner will be purchased for use at Club events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Beth Horton, Secretary

THE PREZ SEZ - CONTINUED

Then on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th of October is Triumphest in San Luis Obispo, CA. Hope we have a great turnout. So come to the meeting and get together with someone else who will be leaving on Wednesday or Thursday, so you can drive together.

By the way, if anyone has a friend who would like to be a guest speaker, bring them along. I'm sure we can fit them in.

With a smile, Roger

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WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

The morning had not begun well. Beth and I decided to drive her Spitfire to this event. Of course, it had not been run in months due to the heat. Charged the battery and tried to start the beggar. No luck. Finally took the Weber apart and dug the crud out. Now it started, but as we were leaving for the breakfast run, it refused to shift gears.

Quickly, we switched to the TR7. At the meeting point were the Pennells in their TR3, the Montone's TR3, Guzowski's with the TR250, a Jaguar XJ12, a couple of Jag owners in Detroit Iron, plus Walt Skurda in his new Mercury, the Neiderkorns, the Nuss's and some others.

Along the way, we picked up a Jaguar XKE that had died on the side of the road, but had restarted. On arrival, we met the Blahak's and trouped in for breakfast. The food was good and we had our fill. Roger held a raffle for door prizes.

A note for all: Tom Pennell achieved another year of age that Sunday. Beth remembered a single candle and we found a small muffin to mount it on. I felt the offering was very small and added a bunch of prunes to assist Tom in next year's endeavors. Gracie even brought party tooters. Happy Birthday, Tom!

After breakfast, we had an impromptu raffle and Walt won some new jack stands. (hope they are strong enough to hold up the Mercury). After breakfast, we looked at the Jag to try to determine the problem that is causing it to drop dead and then restart. Nothing was obvious, like broken wires or loose connections. We all blessed it and went our way.

Now that cooler weather is on the way, we can start driving the sports cars and enjoying the type of season they were made for. We both are looking for all of you at the next event.

John & Beth Horton

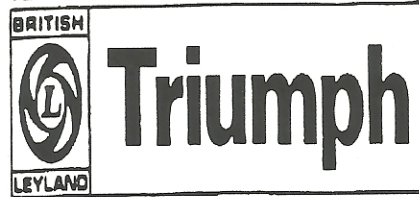
NEW MANISTEE TOWN CENTER CAR SHOW

There is a new CAR SHOW now in the offing. This one has a couple of pleasant twists. It is on the west side of town and although there is only one class for "European sports cars", the manager is willing to create additional classes for different cars. The good twist is, if six (6) cars from one club show up, the management will give the club \$25.00. The show is monthly and held at: Manistee Town Center, 55th Avenue and Northern. Show hours are 1 PM to 5 PM Sunday. Maybe we can make this our next month's event.

John Horton

TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

NO. 75-A-2



May, 1975

CYLINDER HEAD TORQUE AT PDI

MODELS:

TR7

It has been established that to correctly torque the cylinder head retaining nuts and bolts at the pre-delivery inspection will prevent premature head gasket failure.

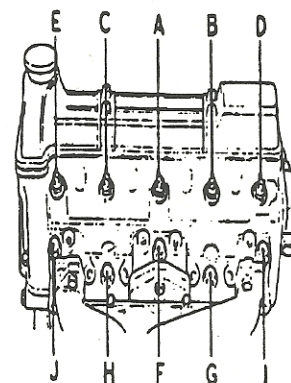
To avoid distortion of the cylinder head, it is important to follow the correct tightening sequence which is as follows:

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J (SEE DIAGRAM)

When releasing the nuts and bolts prior to removing the cylinder head, the above sequence must be reversed, i.e.:

J,I,H,G,F,E,D,C,B,A

Please note when checking the torque loading of the nuts and bolts they should first be slackened off to overcome static friction and then retightened to the correct torque figure of 45/55 lbs. ft.



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE= 1976 Triumph, parts car. Call Mike McQueen, 602-971-7465. (8/98)

FOR SALE= Spitfire TR-ailer (back half of '78 Spitfire made into trailer). Really neat job. \$400 firm. Call Jose at 899-9059 (9/98)

FOR SALE= Parts for 1970 TR6: 4 fenders, 1 hood, 1 deck lid in good condition - \$100.00. Also, assorted transmission parts. Call Charles McIlvain at 520-778-5608. (10/98)

FOR SALE= Convertible Triumph Spitfire - Royal blue with hard top. Runs and looks excellent. Needs nothing. Must sell. \$2500.00 OBO. Call 849-4409. (10/98)

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

This month's event will be an evening drive out to Lake Pleasant for a dinner picnic. We will meet at the Smith's parking lot on the NW corner of 19th Avenue and Bell at 4:15 PM on Saturday, October 17th. At 4:30 PM we will leave for the lake. The drive should take about 35 minutes. That will get us there with enough daylight left to enjoy the view of the lake and watch the sunset. Entrance to the park is \$4.00 per vehicle. We have reserved a nice ramada that overlooks the lake. There are restrooms and plenty of parking. Everyone should bring a dish to share and their own flatware and plate. The club will provide the soft drinks and meat for the bar-b-que. A sign-up list will be passed at the meeting so we will know what everyone will be bringing. Those not attending the meeting, but attending the event should call me (Mike Thomas) at 568-3444.

If you should miss us at the departure point, the directions to the lake are as follows: Go north on I-17 to the Carefree Highway exit. Go west to 99th Avenue. Turn right and follow the road to Castle Hot Springs Road. The park entrance is a couple of miles. Once inside the park, take the first right (there wasn't a sign, but it is called South Park Rd.). Follow that road up the hill to Overlook Road. At that intersection is where the picnic area is located.

See you there!

Mike Thomas



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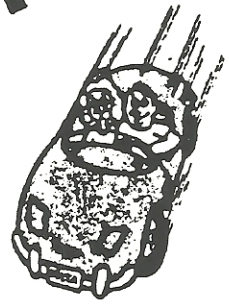
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