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NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE

MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
552 N. 40th STREET

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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

GETTING CLOSER

LOOKING FOR PAINTER AND THE
REST OF THE BODY PARTS

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - 7:00 AM

BREAKFAST RUN

-and- Casino visit

32nd & Shea --> Maricopa

Details Below

OTHER EVENTS

October 22 - 25

TRIUMPHEST '98

San Luis Obispo, California

Registration form enclosed

(Again - we did it last month, too)

Get with it - GET REGISTERED

CARAVAN TIMES WILL BE DISCUSSED

AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

Do you feel lucky? This month's event is a breakfast run to Harrah's Ak Chin casino in Maricopa. On Sunday, September 20th, at 7:00 AM we will meet at the parking lot on the northwest corner of 32nd St. and Shea. At 7:30 AM we will head south on the Squaw Peak Parkway to I-10. We will proceed west to 59th Avenue and then south past the west end of South Mountain to Maricopa. We will have breakfast at the casino dining room. Bring your good luck charm!

Mike Thomas, Events Chairman

DIANE'S TIDBITS

Last month's breakfast run with the Mini Club for their "Pancakes in the Park" event turned out to be a delicious repast at Dreamy Draw Park. The pancakes were yummy, as was the sausage, juice and coffee. Hats off to the chef!

After lots of amiable chatter, we drove to the Champlin Air Museum, where a large group of us followed the very well-informed tour guides through the hangars and display areas of WWI and WWII planes and memorabilia. I found it to be a very contemplative experience, having family members who took part in both wars, some losing their lives in service to their country.

I have no Tech Tips for you this month, even though I did read all the other Clubs' newsletters. However, last month we learned about "minding our P's and Q's". This month I learned from the Tucson British Car Register's Desert Octagon Newsletter that before thermometers were invented, brewers would dip a thumb or finger into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot and the yeast would die. This thumb in the beer is where we get the expression "the rule of thumb".

John H., Tom P. and Eric have been helping Mike Thomas put the original engine back in his TR7 and hooking up all the various connections. Maybe Mike and Karen will soon be driving a Triumph again (instead of their Corvette, that is). Eric did some work on our Spitfire's steering wheel recently. Looks pretty good, too! Also saved the cost of a new one.

Last Sunday Eric and I took a ride up to Rye, mostly for the ride, but as an excuse, I told him I wanted to check out a little turquoise and white Metropolitan I saw sitting on the hill near the restaurant. Eric also found a '59 Bug-eye Sprite and a Mark 4 Spitfire, among other vintage cars on the lot. We drooled quite a while and finally sated our thirst and appetite in the nearby restaurant. All in all, it was a pleasant way to while away the afternoon. 'Til next month.....

Ta, Ta,

Diane

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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

Roger brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. After the July minutes were accepted as printed, Ron gave us the current Treasurers report.

Events: the July event is hosted by the Mini Club. Mike gave us directions. We will have a group rate at the Champlin Museum. The suggestion for Sept. is a drive to Harrahs Ak Chin Casino for breakfast. Details will be in the Trumpeter. Sept. 20 was planned and is also the birthday of two members.

Our planned speaker did not appear.

Visitors were introduced: Kent and Pauline Harrison (60 TR3) and Bryan and Daphne Floyd, new Spitfire owners.

There was some discussion on the San Luis Obispo Triumphest - who is going and when. Time to be planning. The 1999 fest will be in Carlsbad, CA. Flyers were passed around for the Mini Clubs show, Sat. Sept. 19th. This will be brought up again at the Sept. meeting.

Old business: We now have business cards! These will be available at meetings to pass out to prospective members.

Newsletter: Diane thanked Paul and B.J. for their contribution newsletter article on the Moss Motors festival.

Tom said dues are being prorated: \$1.50 per month or \$27 til the millennium.

Project car: Good news! Tom and Roy have accumulated the body parts necessary to complete the TR3. A number of members volunteered to help move the car to Mountain View Auto Body for painting. Tom motioned that 10 shares be awarded to the Petersons in payment for these parts. John H. seconded; motion passed. Roy has offered to make room for the car at British Sportscar Service later, so that assembly work can continue.

Tech tips: Chris W. talked about electronic tachometers and Steve Francois described summertime driving without a temperature gauge. An acceptable alternative is an electric version.

A big box of Triumphest polo shirts was carried in by Roger, all size XXX, for \$5 each. A lively sale followed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Our next meeting will return to El Zaribah.

Beth Horton, Secretary



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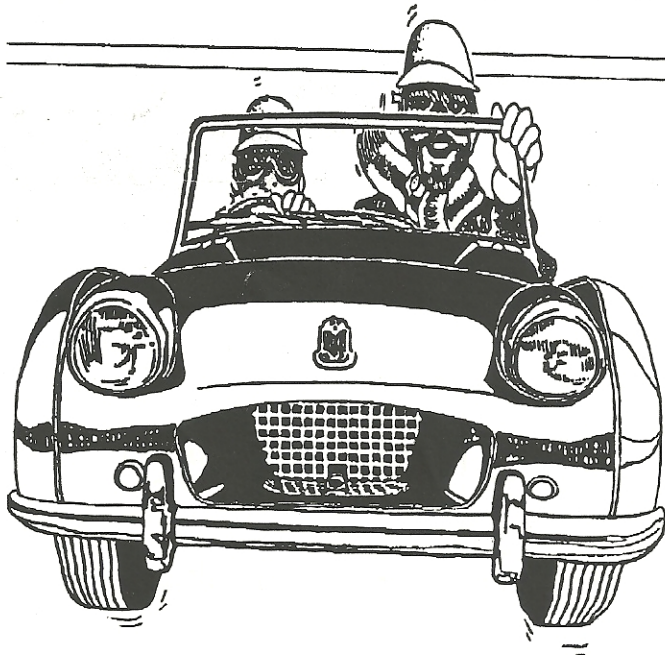
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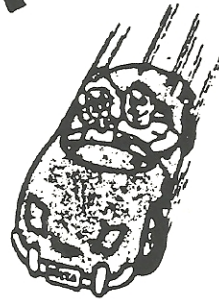
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