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MEETING: APRIL 13, 1999 @ 7:00 PM
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE
552 N. 40th STREET
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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 STATUS

BODY IS IN THE PAINT SHOP
MORE WORK DAYS TO COME
WATCH THIS SPACE!

COMING EVENTS

April 17 - 18

BRITISH - EURO AUTO TOUR
DEPARTS AT 6:30 AM SHARP!

Sheraton Crescent Hotel

I-17 & Dunlap

Details Inside

OTHER EVENTS

April 30 - May 2

Las Vegas All British Car Show

Hampton Inn - Las Vegas, NV

Details and entry forms Inside

April 30 - May 1

Route 66 Fun Run

Flagstaff

Call 520-753-5001 for info

IN MEMORIAM

DCTRA has lost another good friend in Tom Larsen. He died at his home on March 28 after a brief illness. Tom was an active member of the Club for many years and a good friend to many of us. His immaculate silver '61 TR4 earned many Triumphest 'gold' awards. Tom retired from Motorola in 1993 and among his retirement activities he and Bob Schaller embarked on a two-TR tour most of the way across the country. In Bob's article about the trip, he described Tom as "the best traveling companion anyone could wish for". We will miss his dry wit and his Triumph enthusiasm. A memorial service will be held in about two weeks. No flowers, please. Cards may be sent to: Marilyn Larsen, 4715 E. Cypress, Phx 85008.

DIANE'S TIDBITS

Eric and I are sorry we missed the Breakfast Run hosted by the Jaguar club. Heard it was a good time. Well, I finally got our taxes in order (always a headache) and I'm glad that's over, just have to clean up my office.....again! Eric spent last weekend finishing our tile floor in the family room with Jason Horstman's help. We sure do appreciate him, too! Likewise, Eric and Mike Thomas and Mike Bayne have been helping John (the Prez) with his new garage. I bet John can't wait to tear into one of his Triumphs indoors for a change, if he hasn't already. Don't you just love how club members help each other out?

I received an interesting letter from DCTRA member, George Hahn, of Tucson, who, from time to time, writes copy for The Desert Octagon. He sent an article which might be of interest to owners of cars 25 years or older. Most owners of older cars are aware that the state of Arizona offers an Historic Plate for such cars. These are very nicely done on bright copper with red letters and offered as a pair. What may not be as well known is that owners of these cars also have the option of registering their car with a plate from the year of manufacture. George said that he recently did this, registering his 1959 Triumph using an AZ plate from that year (Blue background, white letters). He thinks it can be a nice touch on an older car--something distinctly associated with the era in which the car was new. If you are interested in more information regarding this matter, please let me know and I can provide you with a copy of his letter to me, or, if there is enough interest, I will be happy to put the entire letter in the next newsletter.

Something else I would like to share with you came from a friend via E-mail warning of a Phone Scam NOT A JOKE! He reports: "I received a telephone call today (at home) from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician who was conducting a test on our telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test, I should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#) and then hang up. I was suspicious and refused."

He continues: "Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which allows them to place long distance telephone calls billed to your home phone number. I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons. I have also verified this information with Southern Bell, MCI and GTE. Please beware. DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE. The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with others. PLEASE pass this ON to everyone you know. If you have mailing lists and/or newsletters from organizations you are connected with, I encourage you to pass on this information to them, too." Thank you, Tom F. for this warning!

REMINDER: *YOUR* articles, ideas and comments are a *MOST* welcome addition to this newsletter, so LET'S HEAR FROM YOU! If you have a good, appropriate joke,

CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN

TIDBITS - CONTINUED

a Tech hint, an enlightening experience with your Triumph, a great idea for a club activity, a subject you'd like to hear more about, a speaker you can get to come to a meeting, any suggestions you can think of to make our newsletter and our club better, something we've already done that you'd like to do again, or not do again, or anything, PLEASE don't be shy. You can phone me, E-mail me, write to me or stop me at the meeting with your contribution. See you at the meeting.

Ta, Ta, Diane

THE PREZ SEZ

The breakfast run hosted by the Jaguar club led us through the mountains and northeast Phoenix to view the scenery and homes. I did note, on the side of one mountain, a Triumph TR7 convertible was parked in a garage. Someone up there has good taste!

I believe there were 32 cars and about 65 people. Some nice gift certificates were won in the raffle. We are hosting the run on May 23rd. Summer hours are in effect, so we will meet at 32nd and Shea Blvd crossing at 7 AM and depart for parts unknown at 7:30 AM. I am sure Eric will have an interesting event for us. The B.E.A.T. trip is this month and will be our event. I hear the run will have more cars than the last one. As we have two cars with FUTZ transmissions, Beth and I will probably be using her Spitfire on this run, unless the clutch appears and I take delivery of the transmission.

We all wish Roni Guzowski rapid recovery from her recent surgery. I understand she is also scheduled for one more bout under the knife. Our good wishes go with her. Its been raining for two days and I'll probably not get to work on the garage this week end. We did get the roof on in time, however. Drywall is very heavy when wet.

I like to see pictures in the newsletter. Tom, with his new digital camera, was able to publish the ones in our last newsletter. Tom and Diane are working on ways to import photos and drawings into the newsletter for your enjoyment. Joyce Bayne is your club historian and appreciate photos that are dated and labeled for the scrap books.

Cheerio, John Horton



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FOR SALE= British coins, 1856-1992. 119 great coins for \$125.00 or Best Offer. Call Mary Lou at 602-788-8880 (3/99)

FOR SALE= Spitfire 1500 / Mk IV body parts. Bonnet, front/rear bumpers, front overriders, L and R front valances - all in good condition. Any reasonable offer will be accepted. Hurry - leaving town April 15th. Call Herb Mueller at 867-8499 (4/99)

FOR SALE= '74 TR6 - 33,000 miles - \$4500; '76 TR6 - 55,000 miles - \$5500. Call Mark at 274-1234 (4/99)

FOR SALE= '71 GT6 "MK" model racing coupe. Only 150 built. Car is straight with a little rust. Barrett-Jackson states car worth \$15-20 K + when restored. Asking \$4000. Call Keith at Greulich Machine 948-3042. (4/99)

FOR SALE: 1980 TR8, good body, lots of performance parts + all original parts included. Engine needs lifter work. See www.primenet.com/~chand for photos and more information. \$3500 firm. Located in Tucson. Call Steve at 520-907-3969 (4/99)

FOR SALE: TR7 5 speed transmission and bellhousing \$50. TR6 Monza Free flow exhaust for dual pipe models, as new \$100. Located in Tucson. Call Steve at 520-907-3969 (4/99)

SPECIAL GARAGE SALE

Bob Schaller's shop stuff & Triumph parts. Friday, April 23rd - 12 noon to 6 PM for DCTRA members only. April 24 & 25, Saturday & Sunday, 9 AM to 4 PM, all others welcome. 12021 N. 30th Place (just south of East Cactus. Call Geneva for further information at 992-7969.



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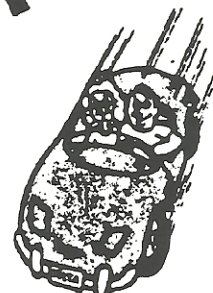
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MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

John opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. The minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Two guests, Don Becker and Rob Sanders, attended.

Project Car: Tom brought us up to date on the status of the car. He located seats and some spare body parts. Chris rehabbed the steering wheel. Shares are still available at \$5.00 each.

Events: Future event ideas include steamboat ride, wine runs, perverted poker run and Halloween run this fall. Jaguar club to host breakfast run in March. We will host ours on May 23rd, destination yet to be determined.

Current: John will join with other clubs to lobby for exemption of collector and classic cars from emission tests.

Treasurer: Ron reported the treasury balance. He also stated that we need a keeper of the club banner.

Tech Tips: Mike McGregor was unavailable this month, but will come in April. However, information was passed out to members. Chris is in need of a TR6 overdrive box.

B.E.A.T.: Roger reported the arrangements are moving along well and there will be more cars this year. 22 vintage cars will join the rally. The photo shoot will be outside of Prescott.

John closed the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Nancy Herman, Secretary

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

If you are a member and your expiration date has been "enhanced" with a pink hi-liter, it means **YOUR DUES ARE DUE FOR 1999**. There is a renewal form in this newsletter with all the information you need to renew for 1, 2 or even 3 years! We hi-lited the expiration date last month, and a few of you took the hint. Remember, your dues pay for the newsletter - so, no dues, no newsletter, no information about what the Club is doing, an **NO FUN!** Come on, dust off that checkbook! We must eventually drop those members who don't pay their dues, so don't miss out - send that form in today.

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

This month DCTRA has selected the B.E.A.T. as its monthly event. There is an entry form elsewhere in this newsletter and the event promises to be the best B.E.A. T. yet. Hope to see you all there.

Eric Carney, Events Chairman

COMING EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS

April 10, 1999 "For The Kids" CAR SHOW Sponsored by Montezuma Lodge #35 Free & Accepted Masons at Manistee Town Center, 59th Ave & Northern, Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

All proceeds benefit: Shrine Childrens Transportation Fund, and Pappas School for Homeless Children.

April 17-18, 1999 2nd annual British Euro Auto Tour Registration: call (602)759-9386; General information: call (602)997-2583.

April 24, 1999 The City of Peoria presents the "Pioneer Days" Festival. STREET CLASSICS Car and Truck Show. Proceeds benefit: Easter Seals of Arizona Hosted by Fabulous Fifties Ford Club. Time: 10 AM - 3 PM at Peoria Sports Complex. Info: Ron Garrigus (623) 214-5312.

April 29 - 25, 1999. British Car Days '99, Las Cruces, New Mexico sponsored by British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico. For more information: George Duckworth (505)526-2318 or e-mail: gclyde1@aol.com or Nancy Mackey (505)524-8887 or e-mail: efmackey@lascruces.com

There will be NO Breakfast Run in April due to the BEAT being held April 17th & 18th.

April 30, May 1 & 2, 1999 12th Annual AZ Route 66 Fun Run sponsored by The Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona. For information call: (520)753-5001

April 30 - May 2, 1999. Moss Motors returns to Buttonwillow Raceway Park in Central California for their fourth annual BRITISH EXTRAVAGANZA. Attendees in a British car will pay a mere \$25 for the weekend for a program that will include: VARA Racing over 2 days; the Moss sponsored Sprite.v. Mini challenge race; The MG.v.Triumph Challenge race; A British car show & display with trophies and prizes; a delicious Tri-tip barbecue on Saturday evening; the chance to drive the track on each race day; the opportunity to see the latest Chrysler models up close; Unique pre-war racing with historic classics; free RV parking & camping trackside; other special attractions, personalities and gifts. For further information contact: Ken Smith at Moss Motors 1-800-566-3166 or VARA at 1-800-240-9275. Entry forms are also available at Moss Motors.

May 23rd - Breakfast Run hosted by DCTRA Triumph Club - meet at 32nd St. & Shea Blvd at 7:00 AM to leave sharp at 7:30 AM.

September 30th thru October 3rd, 1999 - TRIUMPHEST 99 sponsored by the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club. To be held at the San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA. Info: Rich Gibbon at 510-656-3607 or Gary Oehuie at 925-803-1299.