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Dues are \$18.00 per year

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PROJECT CAR STATUS

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

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
DCTRA POOL PARTY & REGATTA
Nancy Herman's House
6:00 PM
Details Below

OTHER EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 27
ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN
(Hosted by the Mini Owners Club)
32nd & Shea
7:00 AM
BE THERE!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

DCTRA POOL PARTY

Saturday, June 19 at 6:00 PM

This month's event will be a pool party at Nancy Herman's house. There will also be a "powerboat regatta", where you can compete for a "neat" prize. See "Regatta Rules" inside.

The Club will provide meat (hamburgers, chicken or whatever), buns and soft drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Call Nancy at 767-7184 to RSVP and declare what you are bringing.

Directions: Go East on Shea Blvd, turn South on 96th St, left on Mountain View. Follow Mountain View to the end, turn right to the guard post and tell the guard you're going to Nancy Herman's. He'll give you the rest of the directions.

Don't forget your swim suit!

John Reynolds, Events Chairman

DIANE'S TIDBITS

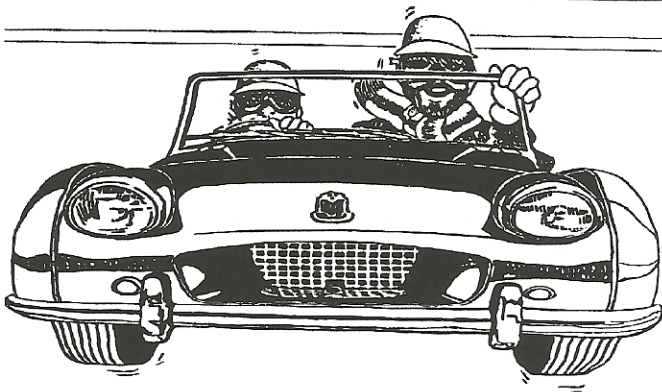
By the time you read this, Eric and I will be "lazing on the beach" (weather permitting) and, hopefully enjoying a much needed respite from the day-to-day world as we know it. I have been dreaming of this trip for a long while, but will miss our 3 little "Doxies" Nicki, Gunther and Hansel (Dachshunds, to the uninformed) very much. We are sorry we were unable to attend the last two events, but had other priorities beckoning. One of which was to clean a lot of stuff out of our garage (previously contained in rented storage-\$\$\$), and am now able to pull my van in and out of the coming high temperatures. We thank Jason and Cathy for their help which made the entire project much more tolerable.

I want to thank John and Beth in advance for their help with getting the newsletter out this month. They have helped me in the past and I know I can depend on them for a job well done!

I also want to pass along Eric's regrets that he could not fulfill his office of VP and Events Coordinator due to his very frequent work trips out of town. He felt he just couldn't do it justice. Our thanks to John Reynolds, runner-up, for so graciously stepping in when asked. I'm sure he will do a fine job.

One more thing. When we got back from the B.E.A.T. I nearly died laughing when John H. told me he got to do something he's always wanted to do. I asked him what? He said "I rolled down the rear window of the Rolls-Royce and leaned out and asked 'Pardon me, do you have any Grey Poupon?'". Now that was almost worth all the transmission trouble, wasn't it, John?

Ta, Ta, Diane



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THE PREZ SEZ

It seems that Triumphs have a devious form of humor. Tom Pennell brought Beth's Spitfire back from Flagstaff and we put it in the new garage. Eric, Jason and I put the new transmission in and rebuilt the clutch and hydraulic system. You would think it would be happy to be back on the road. However, I rolled it out of the garage and the bonnet dropped on my fingers--no broken ones.

We left for the club event at the arboretum and before we got to the meeting point, we smelled "Lucas", i.e. SMOKE. The alternator decided to go FUTZ! Tom kindly returned home and removed one from Jason's car and we got underway. The arboretum was excellent with the flowers in bloom and cool weather. We had four cars, plus three Jaguars that accompanied us part way due to a misdated E-Mail.

The breakfast run to the Roadrunner Cafe was attended by 28 people. We had a good breakfast, not the usual buffet, but ordered from the menu. Food was good and a new member joined-- another Spitfire in the fold. The next run is by the Mini Club with Pancakes in the park somewhere. By the way, Beth's Spitfire behaved itself during the run.

I finally got in contact with Senator Bee and we spoke about emissions. He agreed to help sponsor a bill to eliminate show and specialty cars from emissions based on reduced mileage. The qualifying part will be the show car insurance with reduced mileage requirements. This is intended to be entered in the next legislative session.

Our new Vice President should have trips and events in planning. John will enlighten us at the next meeting. Beth and I did the fold, staple and mutilate for this issue of the newsletter as Diane and Eric are on holiday. See you all at the next meeting. Remember, this is summer time and the meeting place has changed to the OLDE ENGLISH INN at 7111 East Thomas Rd.

Cheerio! John Horton



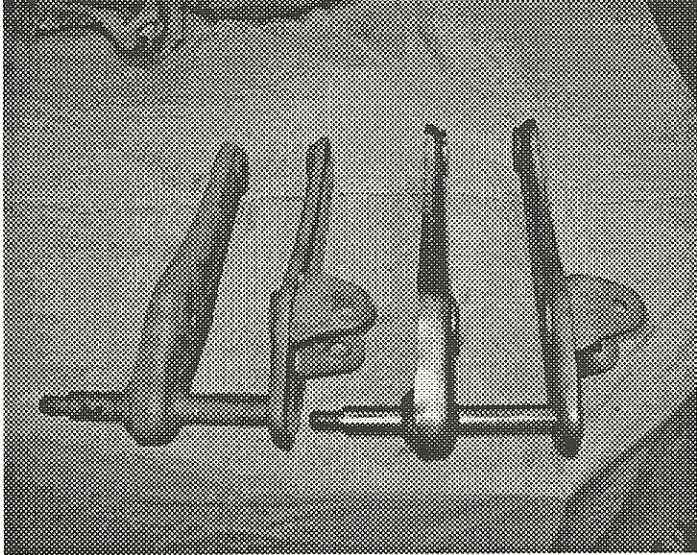
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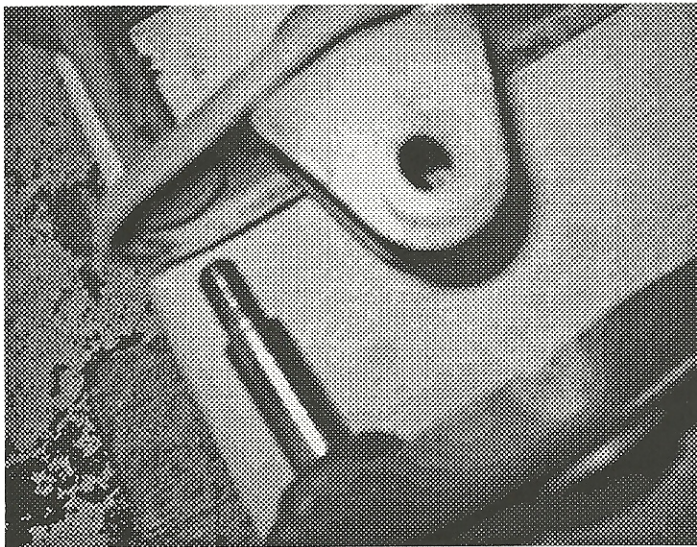
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CLEANING PARTS DURING RESTORATION

If you are going to restore a car, most often you will decide to replace all of the suspension bushings, oil seals and such. In the process of removing some components, you have a choice as to whether to thoroughly clean the "hard parts" or just wash them off. (You certainly wouldn't put them back on dirty). Here's a good reason to clean them really well. Note the two Spitfire rear uprights pictured here.



They both seem OK, but upon closer examination the one of the left has severe wear in the hole for the rear radius rod pivot bolt.



This kind of damage can be repaired by boring the hole out, then "sleeving" it back to standard size. A small slice of an old valve guide can be used for the sleeve, welding it in place to provide the proper size bearing surface for the pivot bolt. There's nothing worse than driving your "Frame Off" restoration for the first time and hearing a "clunk" from somewhere you can't find. This is a prime example of discovering the cause of such a noise. If this part had not been cleaned meticulously, the elongated hole may have been overlooked.

Tom Pennell

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

John opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Pete Davis, a new member and owner of a TR6, and visitor, Paul Wilson from Pennsylvania, who also owns a TR6, attended.

April minutes were excepted as written in the TRiumph Trumpeter.

Treasurer's report: Ron reported that the treasury is in the black! Not so lucky, the Project car.

History: Mike and Joyce need photos of events for the Club history books/albums.

Tech: Chris advised that the oil drain on the TR7 needs an "O" ring to seal properly.

Emissions Control: John continues to work to have collector and show cars with restricted mileage exempted from emissions control inspections. A bill will be presented to the state legislature in the fall.

Events: Eric asked to be relieved from his position as Vice Pres/Events Coordinator due to work schedule problems and John Reynolds, runner up, is now VP/EC. Meeting place for run to the Boyce-Thompson Arboretum was decided. Nancy (that's me) has volunteered her house for a pool party sometime in June. Tom will run the regatta. Boats must fit into a standard-size shoe box, no internal combustion engines, no rockets either, must be able to survive hitting the end of the pool. Prize will be awarded, club provides meat and pop. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to pass.

Project car: Tom says the paint will be in Thursday.....for sure.....er, maybe! Needs 5 or 6 guys to put engine in.

Next year B.E.A.T.: Biggest question is "will John return in same car he starts with?"

John closed meeting at 8:10.

See ya next month,

Nancy Herman, Secretary

REGATTA RULES

In order to compete in the 1999 DCTRA Regatta, your entry must meet the following criteria:

1. Size: Must fit completely inside a standard shoe box and allow the lid to close.
2. Power: Must be spring or rubber-band powered. (Note: This is a new rule). No electric motors or internal combustion engines permitted.
3. Guidance: Must be free-running. That is, no radio control or wires permitted.
4. Stamina: Your boat must survive multiple impacts with the far wall of the pool. "Catchers" (people) are not permitted, and the runs will be drag-racing style, with one-on-one elimination runs.

We're sure that this year's regatta will be challenging and rewarding for all you Engineer types out there.

See you at the party!

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

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

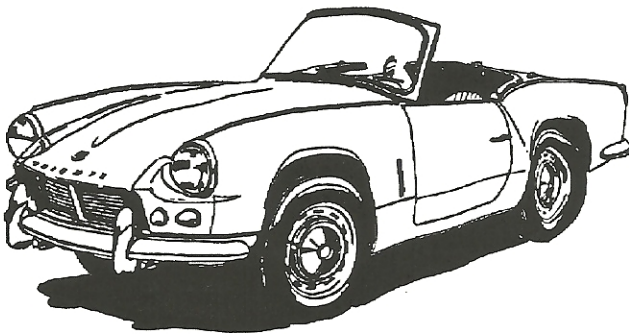
FOR SALE = '71 GT6 "MK" model racing coupe. Only 150 built. Car is straight with a little rust. Barrett-Jackson states car worth \$15-20 K + when restored. Asking \$4000. Call Keith at Greulich Machine 948-3042. (4/99)

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)


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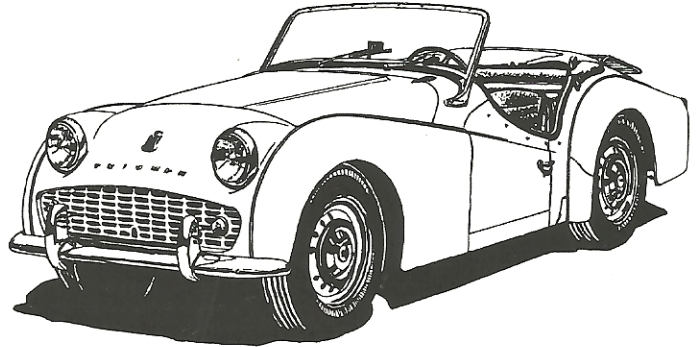
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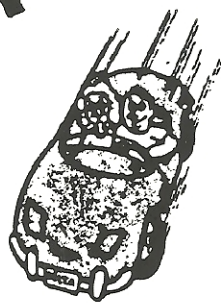
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