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PROJECT CAR STATUS

NEXT WORKDAY:

SUNDAY FEB. 13 @ 10 AM
BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE
3948 E. AIR LANE

COMING EVENTS

February 20

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

Sponsored by the Jaguar Club

32nd & Shea @ 7:30 AM

OTHER EVENTS

February 19 - 20

VARA race and open track
Phoenix International Raceway
details below

ATTENTION RACE FANS

We have the opportunity to get some "track time" at absolutely minimal cost. Dennis Eynon, of VARA, is offering the use of the PIR road course for one hour at noon for two (2) days during the upcoming VARA races.

Rules, as I understand them, are: Speed is your option, passing is by "wave by". Race-prepared not necessary. No helmets are required. Remove all loose items from the boot and inside car. Windows are to be open. Most people do not have the opportunity to try a car out at speed. This lets us safely speed! All this for \$25.00 for BOTH days, that is \$12.50 per hour. Use your Triumph and enjoy some fine "high-speed" time.

The date is February 19-20, time is 12:00 Noon. Try to be there before 11:00 AM to get a spot and register. You must call Dennis at 480-998-9686 to pre-register. Otherwise, you will pay \$35.00 day of race if there is still space. See you all there.

Cheerio, John Horton

TECH TIP

FIXING SAGGING DOORS

V. Michael (via the Internet)

If you live in a city like Chicago, for example, and drive your Spitfire on bumpy streets, sagging doors could happen to you over a period of time...here's how I fixed mine. I'll probably need to do this again since I drive these horrible streets more and more.

You'll need help for this! Someone needs to hold up the doors while the other loosens and tightens the bolts to the doors.

This assumes you have checked for all other possibilities of sagging doors, including the rusting of the A-posts, rocker panels and any central portion of the bucket. This would indicate warping somewhere in the body that requires more drastic repair.

*Open the bonnet.

*Place a piece of cloth around the bottom and rear edges of the door.

*With the door as close to the closed position as possible, have someone lift very slightly on the door.

*Loosen all six bolts that mount the door hinge to the A-post about 5 or 6 turns out.

*Have your helper lift so there is a little resistance, making sure the door is still as close to the closed position as possible.

*While the door is being held in this position, tighten only the top bolts on each hinge.

*Your helper should now slowly and carefully lower the door.

*Check the alignment of the door. The edges of the door should not rub against any part of the body (front, back or bottom).

*If the door is aligned properly, your helper should now lift a little gentler on the door while you tighten the remaining bolts on the hinges.

*While you're there, you might as well shoot a squirt or two of WD-40 into the hinges, the door check strap and the door mechanism hardware.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2000

7th A.A.H.C. Monthly General Meeting. 3546 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix. Info: Charles Mullen @ 623-872-9693.

18th to 20th: 27th Annual World of Wheels TCC in Tucson. Info: Bill Roblinger 520-459-1224.

19th & 20th: Vintage Auto Racing Assn. (VARA) at Phoenix International Raceway. See article entitled ATTENTION: RACE FANS elsewhere in this newsletter for details. The Jaguar Club will be sponsoring the Breakfast Run on Feb. 20th and plans to blend this with the VARA event. Meet as usual at 7:30 AM at Shea and 32nd St. for the Breakfast Run ready to leave PROMPTLY at 8:00 AM to have breakfast at an IHOP on the west side so that if you so desire, you can continue to PIR. The cost of general admission is \$10.00 and \$25.00 to drive the track. If you have questions or to pre-register, call Dennis Eynon at 480-998-9686, as he is coordinating that part of the event.

26th & 27th: BME, Highland Games at 7146 E. Arcadia Cir. Mesa, AZ 85208, Mesa Community College. Info: 480-985-2531 or 480-924-2292.

MARCH 2000

5th: "Wheels of Britain" car show sponsored by British Motor Enthusiasts at Heritage Square, 6th and Monroe Streets, Phoenix, AZ. Info: 480-985-2531 or 602-840-3554.

5th: Antique Car Show & Swap Meet at Fairplex in Pomona, CA. Info: George Cross & Sons 714-538-7091.

6th: A.A.H.C. Monthly General Meeting, same as January above.

12th: Arizona MG GT 2000, All MG Car Day, 602-439-1142.

26th: A.A.H.C. Car show.

APRIL 2000

8th: Peoria sports complex 2nd annual for the kids Masonic car show. Info: 623-815-1901.

15th & 16th: Third Annual British-Euro Auto Tour (BEAT).

29th & 30th: British Car Days, British Motorcar Club of So. New Mexico, Las Cruces, NM 505-524-8887, Nancy Mackey.

MAY 2000

20th - 28th: British Car Drivers Week, Wherever You Are and Whatever You Are Doing: <http://members.aol.com/trmgafun/britishcarweek.html>

27th & 28th: Second Annual All British "Run to the Gorge" Location: Leaving Puyallup, WA for Hood River Oregon. For Entry Form, check website: www.abfm.com or Contact: Arnie Taub at 415-644-7874 or FAX 425-747-0205.

DUES NOTE

You all know that your dues are due for 2000. Due to Treasurer Ron Strong's temporary absence, those of you who paid within the last month will not see their expiration dates change until next month. The rest of you -- PAY UP!

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

Our meeting opened at 7 PM with nearly a full house and a missing secretary. President John passed out tickets for a door prize. Bob Lee moved that the December Minutes be accepted as printed. Deta seconded, motion passed. Treasurer, Ron, gave us a report, with the only expense being for newsletter printing. Newcomers present were introduced.

Publisher Tom said that about 40 issues of the TRUMPETER were received "on-line" this month and repeated the DCTRA Website address: "http://www.microworks.net/dctra". The cost of publishing will drop as the number of issues downloaded increases. Our club, along with the Triumph Travelers, is one of the first to make this available. Eric wondered if we should have a password to restrict the newsletter to those who have paid dues. Tom said the honor system has worked well, but changes could be made if needed.

PROJECT CAR: A work day was scheduled for Saturday, the 29th of January at 10:30 am. Roy stated that we'd need more that one day a month in order to finish the car for Triumphest.

AAHC: John spoke about new laws in other states that effect auto owners, as reported by AAHC.

TECH: We heard from Roger about the Roadster Factory's help for clutch problems in his TR250. In answer to a question, Pennspeed Engineering was recommended for carburetor rebuilding.

Bob Lee asked about having cars licensed with their original year's plates, and was told that a plate from that year can be taken to the Special License Dept., and can be used if that number is open. This may work only in pre-1960 autos, and the branch on Jackson St. is more likely to have the expertise to handle it.

Our speaker was Marie Thompson, representing the British Motor Enthusiasts. Their vision is to further the performance and enjoyment of all British vehicles. They are a non-profit group, and plan to sponsor events and act as a clearing house for local club events. She was asked to tell more about the World of Wheels show on March 5.

EVENTS: The Vintage Auto Racing Assn. will be holding an event at Phoenix International Raceway on Feb. 19th and 20th. The Jaguar Club will be sponsoring the Breakfast Run on Feb. 20th and plans to blend this with the VARA event.

A beautiful plaque was displayed by Roger Guzowski, whose Spitfire won the European Sports Car division in the World of Wheels show. He then updated us on the B.E.A.T., April 15 & 16, promising some surprises. There will be a video of the '99 B.E.A.T. at the Champagne Brunch, and videos can be ordered for the 2000 one.

Duane reported that there was no spot in Globe as a destination to replace the closed brewery/restaurant at this time, but that it was a cold trip indeed on a Harley. Other events were the Highland Games, the Kruse, Barrett-Jackson and Silver in Fountain Hills auto auctions.

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MINUTES - CONTINUED

V.P. John Reynolds gave final details on this month's Champagne Brunch. Ballots were distributed for those not attending that day. Roger nominated Deta Hampsch to be Secretary. The slate was re-read.

In non-auto events, Gracie shared photos of their new grandbaby, Alan Thomas. Bev Peterson announced that she and Pete are to be grandparents in September, thanks to son, Luke.

Name badges, bumper stickers, and club cards were available. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Beth Horton, Acting Secretary

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

We had been installing an electric garage door opener on the new garage, so the door was left open for a period of time. Before the elections brunch, I went out to move the cars around to get the TR/8 out of the back of the garage. In order to do this, I had to move Beth's Spitfire.

Much to my surprise as I opened the door, I found one of the neighborhood cats had caught one of the "also stray" chickens and hauled it into the Spitfire and "dined" on it. Feathers and other "parts" were spread around the floor mat. Luckily, removing the mat got it all out. I am still looking for the cat to thank it for the "decorating job". --by John Horton.

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE POTATOES

Those who are content to watch while others think and work are called SPEC-TATERS.

Those who never help, but are gifted at finding fault and telling others how to do things are called COMMENT-TATERS.

Those who cause discontent among everyone else are called AGI-TATERS.

Those who smile and do what they say they will do are called SWEET-TATERS.

Author unknown. submitted by Beth Horton.

Editor's note: I believe we have a lot of SWEET-TATERS in our DCTRA club, don't you?



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THE PREZ SEZ

The elections and Champagne Brunch were held on January 23 at the BeefEaters on Camelback. Is this a record?? 43 people were in attendance. All were out of their grubby car clothes and lookin' good! The food was excellent and the service impeccable. I do not think anyone left hungry. Duane Schoen and I considered staying to have lunch, however, other forces prevailed.

Tom Pennell presided over the election and the results were: I was re-elected President for 2000. Paul Bridgnell is our new VP. Deta Hampsch is the Secretary. Ron Strong is the Treasurer and Diane Carney is Newsletter Editor. I think we all appreciate your confidence placed in us. Many thanks.

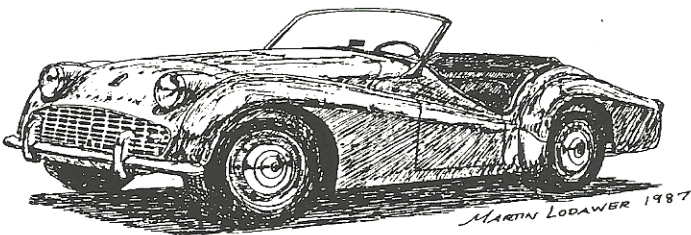
We need to push ahead with the Project Car and get it ready for presentation at the next Triumphest. One day a month is going to be a MINIMUM to accomplish this. Triumphest 2001 is our responsibility. We need to start planning to get a place located to hold the event. I strongly suggest we nominate or "arm twist" Roger Guzowski to run this event. His organizational skills are necessary. By the way, Roni Guzowski put in an appearance at the Brunch...Welcome back, Roni! We also enjoyed seeing some of the other long-time members again.

Please E-mail Tom Pennell (tpennell@cybertrails.com) and opt to have your Newsletter delivered ON-LINE. This will make it easier to get and save the club mailing and printing fees.

Many thanks to the good people who contributed to a food drive during the last two meetings. As a result, 43 cans and jars of staples were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul charity. The cash donated was sent to the St. Mary's Food Bank, to help purchase fresh items for their food boxes.

More events and trips will be in the planning. We will also have a "one-prize raffle" at the next meeting. See you there.

Cheerio, John Horton



PROJECT CAR UPDATE

Just in from John Horton--5 members attended the 1/29/00 gathering at Roy Stoney's to work on bolting down the body and getting the wiring harness in position. They were: John Horton, Tom Pennell, Cliff Philpott, Dave Riddle and Bob Lee. The next tentative date will be Sunday, February 13th, at 10 AM and will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting on Feb. 8.

ELECTRICAL UPDATE

(Reprinted from an old newsletter)

Here's how put a Toyota alternator on a Spitfire which is currently equipped with one of those wonderful Lucas GENERATORS. You will be changing from a POSITIVE GROUND system to a NEGATIVE GROUND system. If you have any radio, stereo or CB equipment in your car, the supply wiring will have to be changed BEFORE you reconnect the battery. Failure to do so may result in serious damage to your stuff.

The part numbers here were once at Delta Motorsports, 2724 E. Bell Road, telephone 602-265-8026.

Alternator P/N REB 14130

Regulator P/N ITM 03-41501

The mechanical installation of the alternator requires a small amount of fabrication. You must make a spacer to fit between the lower rear alternator mounting hole and the rear ear on the Spitfire's U-shaped generator bracket. Spacers have been made successfully using thin-wall electrical conduit or half-inch galvanized pipe. Also, the existing front spacer for the bottom bolt may have to be shortened in order to properly align the fan belt.

The regulator will attach to the firewall in the same place as the removed Lucas unit. The Toyota regulator comes with a six-position plug attached. Also, the Toyota alternator has a special 3-prong connector with recessed contacts. We recommend that you use the matching plugs from a junkyard Toyota to mate with the new units. The wires you will be dealing with (both on the new regulator and on the car) are color-coded, and in the following text, you will see the notation (COLOR/COLOR) when we refer to the connections. For example (BLACK/WHITE) means a BLACK wire with a WHITE stripe. Conversely, (WHITE/BLACK) means a WHITE wire with a BLACK stripe.

HOW TO INSTALL A TOYOTA ALTERNATOR ON A GENERATOR-EQUIPPED SPITFIRE

1. READ ALL OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU START. IT WILL SAVE CONFUSION DURING THE JOB.
2. DISCONNECT THE BATTERY (BOTH CABLES)
3. Disconnect and remove the Lucas regulator. Clean the wires so that you can tell what the color codes are.
4. Remove Lucas generator.
5. Install Toyota Alternator and Regulator
6. Install a 7-position barrier strip on the flat portion of the firewall just below the regulator. Barrier strips and the jumpers for them are available at electronic supply houses such as Tri-Tek Electronics, 9014 N. 23rd Ave. (at Dunlap). The cost for the required parts will be \$2 - \$3. We found it convenient and attractive to mount the strip in the "across-the-car" direction. Number the strip from 1 to 7, starting on the passenger side. In the following instructions, we will refer to the strip as TB. The individual terminals will be called TB1, TB2, etc.

WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

ONE FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH VEHICLE REGISTERED
(Photocopies of this registration form is acceptable)

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Contacts:

Registration Information: Mike or Janice, (480) 759-9386

General Information: Shirley or Philip, (480) 985-2531
Ken, (602) 840-3554

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE: '71 Triumph TR6. All factory car. Professionally rebuilt wheel bearings, brakes & carbs within last 6 months. New tires, battery, shocks and more. This is "my baby" and I want her to go to a good home. Asking \$7,900. Must sell. Call 480-948-7848 Sean Andersen. (12/99)

FOR SALE: NEAR NEW WHITE COVER FOR TR3-A OR TR3-B. 3-Plastic windows in excellent shape. (Top has Lift-the-Dot fasteners for rear, Tenax fasteners for front.) Asking \$100.00. New from Moss, Ltd. is \$279.95. Call Al Melendez at 602-953-3589. (1/2000)

FOR SALE: 1973 GT6. Completely redone, bumper-to-bumper, roof-to-road. We have over \$5000 in it and would like to get our investment back. Contact Karen Bell @ 623 934-2554 or E-mail karenbell_gus@hotmail.com (2/2000)

DIANE'S TIDBITS

I sure hope everyone who attended the Champagne Brunch at BeefEaters Restaurant, enjoyed it as much as I did--at least 3 trips to the buffet tables! What a great turnout! It was good to see some folks there that haven't been seen for a while, including Roni Guzowski! However, I did miss Nancy Herman, our secretary and our treasurer, Ron Strong and wife, Chris, too, of course. Our condolences for their recent loss of a beloved family member.

I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of continuing to be your Newsletter Editor and I also want to congratulate the rest of those elected officers for the year 2000. We hope to serve you as members of the DCTRA Club well and appreciate any help or advice you may contribute to help us do so. Be a SWEET TATER! (You need to read the newsletter well to understand this.)

February proves to be a very busy month as you will see if you check out the Coming Events section of this newsletter. And it won't be long 'til Income taxes are due again. As for me, I just got a jury duty summons to be on-call for 60 days beginning in March. Lucky me. I had planned to do some interior decorating and also hoped to visit grandkids in Florida sometime soon. Hope I can "juggle" everything and get it all done. Plus, keep my job! I always pictured my life as a grandmother to be a lot less hectic! What a time we live in!

See you at the meeting.

Ta, Ta, Diane

AUTOMOTIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE WEST

FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISES

35th Ave. & Northern

35th & Bethany Home Info: 602-246-3906

Hooter's 28th Ave. & Bell near Canyon Pavilions

Tatum & Cactus Info: 602-996-1140

SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISES

77th Ave. & Bell Frys Food Store

108th Ave. & Grand at the Dairy Queen

28th & Bell Info: 602-375-0000

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISES - TUCSON

Class Reunion Classic Car Show @ Little Anthonys 7010 E. Broadway 7-10 PM Info: 520-296-0456

SWAP MEETS

Last Sunday of the month 32nd & Union Hills Paradise Valley Community College

2nd Sunday every month Phoenix Classic Car Swap @ Greyhound Park, west-end 3801 E. Washington St.

Editor's Note: The above is a sampling of the events listed by A.A.H.C. For a complete listing please contact Charles Mullen @ 623-872-9693.



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