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MEETING: JUNE 13 @ 7:00 PM  
DON PABLO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
1935 E. CAMELBACK  
COME EARLY - BUY FOOD!  
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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 STATUS

NEXT WORKDAY:

SUNDAY JUNE 25 @ 9 AM  
BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE  
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## COMING EVENTS

JUNE 11

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

32nd Street & Shea Blvd

6:30 AM

DCTRA IS HOST FOR THIS RUN

OTHER EVENTS

SUMMER IS UPON US

THERE ISN'T MUCH ELSE

GOING ON

SORRY

### A CONTRIBUTION

PLUSH GARAGES AND PRIZE GARDEN COMPETITIONS PROMOTE POETRY AND SONG TO PREVENT PILFERING

Has anyone else noticed the Valley Garage Competition? It started with new home buyers expecting three-car garages instead of two. Then Bob Golfen started his Wednesday Arizona Republic articles on the plush garages of the conspicuous consumers. We always had the comfortable assumption that our neighbors cars were parked in, or outside of, spots like ours--filled with toys, stray car parts, grubby shop rags. Now Mr. Golfen has upped the ante. We must have juke boxes, checkerboard flooring, a glitzy bar.

There was another article last week, on the competition between British gardeners becoming so rabid that plant thefts are common. One optimistic gardener hoped to shame would-be thieves by posting poetry by Yeats near her prize flowers. Obviously, then, when the garage competition heats up to the point of stealing each others goodies, we can rely on hanging nearby a copy of Tom Pennell's "The Lucas Song".

Contributed by Beth Horton



## DIANES TIDBITS

Ever notice how its almost always the same people who contribute articles to the newsletter? Not that I dont appreciate their reliability, but, I would like to remind the readers of this publication that we would very much enjoy hearing from YOU! Dont worry about spelling, grammar or punctuation, thats my job! So if you have anything of interest, humor, opinion or education, please send it to me via fax or Internet as printed on the first page of the newsletter

Have you ever been to a "Garage Warming Party"? Well, Eric and I have, along with Karen and Mike Thomas, Bev and Pete Peterson, Valerie and Chris Moore (daughter and son-in-law of John and Beth Horton), and our illustrious hosts, Beth and John Horton. They both outdid themselves in the cooking department and Beth did a bang-up job of decorating their newly completed garage with a race-car theme featuring black and white checkered starter flags and napkins, which she made herself, and candle-lit tables. All this to show their appreciation for those who contributed their time, skills (or husbands time, skills), to help finish their very fine new garage! Congratulations and kudos to you both, John and Beth!

Our apologies to both Chris Wainwright and Suzanna. We completely forgot about your move to a new home. You should have called to remind us. Hope you managed to find a way and all went well. We wish you both much happiness and prosperity in your new home.

Did anyone hear how the Yard Sale went at Pam and Paul Bridgnells? I took some stuff over and was amazed at the amount of merchandise there, not to mention the organization of it all, and the cheerfulness of our hostess. Pam sure know how to throw a Yard Sale!

Dont forget to attend the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at *new summer meeting place*--Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant at 1935 E. Camelback Rd. at the usual time. Half-price drinks are from 4 - 6 PM and we will eat in the room on the lower floor to the right of the entrance.

See you then.

Ta, Ta, Diane

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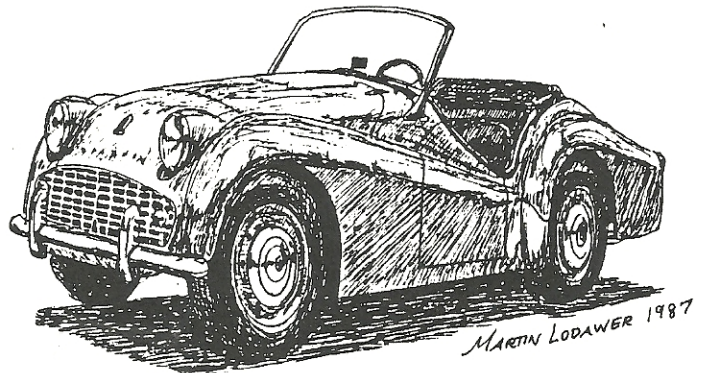
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## COMING EVENTS

September 29, 30 and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> -- BAOA of Albuquerque is sponsoring the TENTH ANNUAL RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL RENDEZVOUS BRITISH CAR MEET--ALMAGORDO/CLOUDCROFT, NEW MEXICO. Contact Kevin Kittle 505-345-4207.

October 19th-22nd--TRIUMPHEST 2000--Shelter Island, San Diego, CA. For more information contact: Mel Hildebrandt at 858-484-1634 or E-mail to: Mel-Kristie@cs.com OR Co-Chairman, Wayne Johnson at 760-757-2865 or E-mail to: AWALARM@AOL.com.



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DCTRA is to sponsor the British Breakfast Run this month. Meet at 32<sup>nd</sup> St. and Shea at 6:30 AM, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Date changed due to Fathers Day!

June 13<sup>th</sup> DCTRA MEETING place: DON PABLOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT at 1935 E. Camelback Rd. Half price drinks from 4 - 6 PM and we will eat in the room on the lower floor to the right of the entrance.

Project Car Day is June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at same address. One hour earlier due to summer weather.



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## MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

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We filled the room at El Zaribah. The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with the secretary missing. Everyone introduced themselves and their cars. Visitors were Mark Loeschen (TR6), Dave Reynolds ('67 Spit), and Jeanne Johnston, our pres' sister. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer, Ron Strong, had a more colorful report than usual; it seems that his Buick was stolen while containing the club's briefcase with checkbook and paperwork. Because of this, payment to the printer was delayed and the newsletter issues that are mailed were delayed. Fortunately, car and contents were recovered in a few days and the account reinstated.

Editor Diane's report echoed the treasurer's. The downloaded newsletter was on time.

Project Car: Shares are available! The crew accomplished a lot of small, but necessary, items on the last work day. May's work day was found to coincide with the British Breakfast Run, but the date has already been published. Bring a potluck lunch. John forwarded an idea from Jeanne, whose community collects aluminum cans to help fund activities. He proposed we do this for the project car fund. All were in favor, bring them to the meetings, crushed to fit in TR.

Chris Wainwright told about attending a conference on alternate fuel vehicles, and was particularly interested in a compressed-gas powered Honda GX. He felt that if there is a bind with adhering to emission regulations in the future, conversion to natural gas may be an alternate for our hobby cars. In answer to a question, Chris said he felt it was safer than gasoline. Charging stations are still scarce. Questions and comments followed.

Tech Session subject was extracting broken bolts from an engine. Roy Stoney said he had equipment to help. Then Historian, Mike Bayne told us he's assembling a list of the videos owned by the club, which will be printed in the newsletter so that members can enjoy them.

Tom Pennell brought in a large emission testing machine (neither light nor clean) to be auctioned off for the project car fund. The lucky buyer was Dave Reynolds. On membership, Tom reported that there are currently about 110 memberships, actually nearly double that since most are listed as couples. There is an average of 1.6 cars per member.

On Triumphest 2002, Jim Gerakeris said he took a poll in his club, Triumph Travelers, and a good number were interested in an Arizona location such as Sedona. Facilities may not be available there, but Roger said he would check.

Events: John told about the upcoming East Side Car Show. On the first Saturday, the specialty is European sports cars. Dave Riddle explained how it works. He then told about an NASA-W sponsored event in St. John's on July 1, 2, and 3. Also, final instructions were given for the yard sale at Bridgenell's.

Next month's meeting will not be in El Zaribah, which closes for the summer. Please watch the newsletter for the meeting place. Continuing the mass migration, Chris Wainwright announced that he and Susanna are moving to a new home, and could use some hauling help. Pete Peterson passed out flyers on vehicles and many other items for sale, as he and Bev are moving soon.

Tom Pennell said he and Gracie are permanently in Show Low as of May 10, and to please use the new phone number. Info on the club's web page.

Winner of the door prize was Mike Bayne. Extra tee shirts from the Wheels of Britain show were sold after the meeting, which adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Horton, Acting Secretary

## THE PREZ SEZ

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Summer is upon us with a vengeance. Any activities will be mornings, early! However, our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant at 1935 E. Camelback Rd. at the usual time. Half-price drinks are from 4 - 6 PM and we will eat in the room on the lower floor to the right of the entrance. We will try this. Some of the places I checked for meeting places were downright expensive. I should have the final figures on the grille badges at the meeting. Sorry to say the TR/4A project is history. Time and the car were in major conflict. I will be on the outlook for others.

## PROJECT CAR DAYS

The last project car day saw four workers mounting fenders and other small parts. We will continue to persevere until it is done. I am not knowledgeable on a TR/3 and need help in managing the project. Any takers?

John Horton

# CLASSIC-FIED ADS

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## OFFICIAL CAR ADVERTISEMENT CONVERSION CHART

*How To Interpret Antique Car Ads*

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model	Nobody liked them when new, either
Older restoration	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work	Its been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil	Just throws it out
No rust	Body and fenders missing
Rough	It's too bad to lie about
One owner	Never been able to sell
No time to complete	Can't find parts anywhere
Need interior	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine	Has new spark plugs
May run	But never has
Low mileage	Third time around
29 coats of hand rubbed paint	Needed that much to cover the rust
Clean	It sat in the rain yesterday
Always driven slowly	About what I expect to get
Prize winner	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years	Under a tree
Real show stopper	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration	Parts will come off in your hands
Ready to show	Just washed it
Top good	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment	Can't depreciate any more

By Steve Laifman, HTML, by Paul Heuer (Scions of Laughter Pages)

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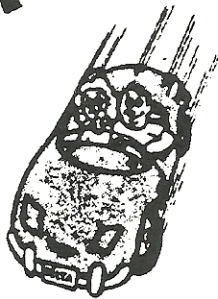
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