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MEETING: MARCH 14 @ 7:00 PM  
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### PROJECT CAR STATUS

NEXTWORKDAY:  
SUNDAY MARCH 26 @ 10 AM  
BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE  
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## COMING EVENTS

APRIL 15 - 16

3rd Annual B.E.A.T.

Sheraton Crescent Hotel

Dunlap & I-17

6:30 AM Sharp!

Details & Entry Form inside

### MS WINIFRED'S VALENTINE

February is supposed to be the month for romance: flowers and candlelight. It didn't quite work out that way for me. Perhaps what I have is not a courtship, but a truce between two old curmudgeons.

First, my beau rang me up with bad news. Seems he'd slipped on oil spilled in the garage, gone sprawling, and twisted an ankle. Since he lives alone, I rushed over to help. There he sat, looking helpless, ankle propped up and wrapped in an elastic bandage.

Of course, this gave me the urge to be domestic, which does not come to me often. I hustled about, tidying up, muddling through lunch and even mucking up teatime sandwiches. He didn't mind too much, as after years of eating his own cooking, the chap's not too picky. But then I remembered the oil spill! I dashed out to scrub up the spot, and continued on to put the garage in more the order I thought it should be. No wonder he can't find anything. Gathering up all the red shop rags on the floor, I added them to the laundry pile on the bedroom floor and tossed it all into the washing machine while he napped. The trouble came when he woke up and found that his clothing had emerged looking like Sheriff Arpaio's underwear.

He did make a date for Valentine's Day - with an auto body shop for a quote on fixing a parking lot dent. I spent the evening plotting what I could do to the other ankle.

Ms. Winifred



## WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK

### WHEELS OF BRITAIN SHOW

**FLASH!** The show was a major success! We left the house about 06:20 for the show in a steady rain, wondering if this was a smart move. There was rain on and off during the day, however, it seemed that no one really minded it. Everyone was having fun. Tops and covers went up and down many times. One thought was "these are British cars and this must be British weather, and the cars are used to it".

There were about 120 vehicles including 11 motorcycles. The Triumphs were well represented with about 28 cars. There were comments about the apparent careful organization of the entire show. Over 80 people went home with door prizes. Many trophies were awarded.

From the registration table-- thanks to Cliff Daniel for setting up a shelter, and Doc Smith for providing a heater. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help as necessary. This is what makes a show fun.

#### Resultswere:

Triumph TR/2 & TR/3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sean Mee; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Thompson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Montone

Triumph 4 & 4A - 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Engle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen Faulkner

Triumph TR/250 & 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Mazer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Binford; 3<sup>rd</sup> Eric Fought

Triumph TR/7 & 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> John Horton

Triumph Spitfire - 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Curry; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Nuss; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Bayne

Best in Show - Roger Guzowski & Spitfire

Look forward to next year. The Wheels of Britain show will be held on March 11, 2001.

Cheerio, John & Beth Horton

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## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH 2000

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

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

6<sup>th</sup>: A.A.H.C. Monthly General Meeting, same as January above.

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

26<sup>th</sup>: A.A.H.C. Car show.

### APRIL 2000

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

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

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

### MAY 2000

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

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

### JUNE 2000

15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>: NAMGBR Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH 614-899-2394.

### JULY 2000

22<sup>nd</sup>: Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Annual Western Washington All British Field Meet, Car Show and Swap Meet in Bellevue, WA. To enter, use website: [www.abfm.com](http://www.abfm.com)

### AUGUST 2000

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: AMGBA Meet 2000, The Roadster Factory, Armagh, PA 800-723-MGMG

### SEPTEMBER 2000

### OCTOBER 2000

19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>: TRIUMPH 2000. Shelter Island, overlooking San Diego Bay. Info: M. Hildebrandt @ 858-484-1634 or W. Johnson @ 760-757-2865.

## 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!



## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Our meeting at El Zaribah opened at 7 PM with 28 present. Minutes from last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Ron Strong gave the Treasurer's report that we still have money in the bank. His report was approved as read.

Tom Pennell announced that he was pleased with the electronic newsletter response, but would like to see it grow.

**PROJECT CAR:** Apologies were given for the last work day mix-up. We also got a letter from Phil Hunt requesting a picture of the finished car. The body is now fastened to the chassis and the wiring harness is in. Next comes the pedal assembly, steering column. On 2/13 at 10 AM, Sunday, there will be another work day. Jim Hughes donated a black back panel to cover the gas tank area.

**AAHC Report:** There was lots of discussion about emission exemption for collector cars having collector car insurance. There was not enough support to go through legislature this year.

**TECH Report:** Discussion about emission testing for TR's.

**HISTORIAN:** No report. Any pictures from previous events are requested. A number of videos were donated and it may be possible to set up a "Lending Library" in the future.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Only 10% of members have paid this year's dues. Ron requested payments be made by check for easier bookkeeping.

**EVENTS:** Feb. 19 & 20-PIR races, 26 & 27-The Highland Games--show your car, get in free. March 5-Wheels of Britain--9 AM to 3 PM. About 12 cars should be represented by DCTRA. April 15 & 16-BEAT--\$45 plus hotel reservation at Inn Suites--the whole motel is reserved, 120 rooms, in Flagstaff.

**HELPING TOM PENNELL MOVE:** March 11-- many trucks or vans are needed to help move remaining items from Tom's shop in Phoenix to Show Low. Tom will furnish free burgers at lunch and steak for dinner that night to all who help. Meet at Tom's house in Phoenix at 7:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

Deta Hampsch, Secretary



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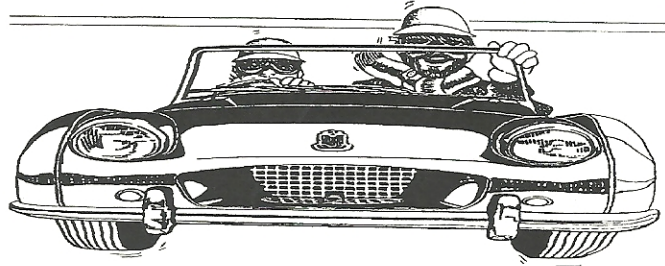
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**FOR SALE:** 1973 GT6. Completely redone, bumper-to-bumper, roof-to-road. We have over \$5000 in it and would like to get our investment back. Contact Karen Bell @ 623 934-2554 or E-mail karenbell\_gus@hotmail.com (2/2000)



### MARCH INTERNET JOKE

#### HAIRLESS

A man was driving along the highway and saw a rabbit hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the rabbit, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of the car and was hit. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road and got out to see what had become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit was dead. The driver felt so awful that he began to cry.

A blonde woman driving down the highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled her over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong. "I feel terrible," he explained. "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it." The blonde told the man not to worry. She knew what to do. She went to her car trunk and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead rabbit, and sprayed the contents of the can onto the rabbit.

Miraculously, the rabbit came to life, jumped up, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped down the road. Fifty feet away the rabbit stopped, turned around, waved at the two again, hopped down the road another 50 feet, turned, waved, and hopped another 50 feet, etc.

The man was astonished. He couldn't figure out what substance could be in the woman's spray can! He ran over to the woman and demanded, "What was in your spray can? What did you spray onto that rabbit?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said:

are you ready for this?are you sure?, here it comes...

"Hair Spray- Restores Life to Dead Hair. Adds Permanent Wave."



## THE PREZ SEZ

I am not certain what happened to January and most of February. It seems that weeks fly by at an astonishing rate. Lots of things were accomplished at the last meeting. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, we have been asked by Tom Pennell to truck his workshop to Show Low. He will reward us with a stop at Burger King in Payson (WOW), and a steak dinner at the cabin (Not all bad!). I might be persuaded to burn the steaks, English style. Beth and I talked about just getting a room in Show Low for the night to get out of this constant heat. There are some nifty antique stores in Show Low.

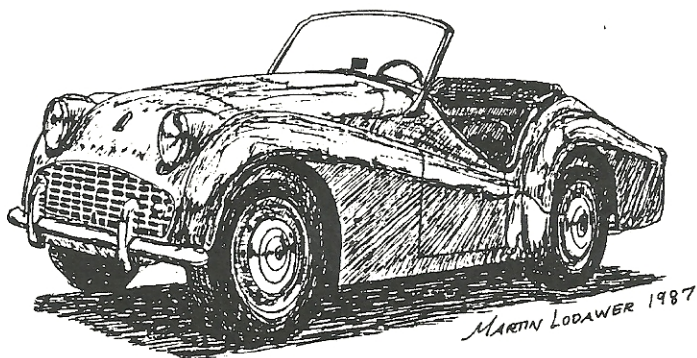
By now the ABCD and Wheels of Britain shows will be history. I have had a number of calls concerning the ABCD. I was not there due to scheduling conflicts. The British breakfast run and visit to PIR was on the same day. The PIR stint was just plain FUN! We got about 45 minutes track time. Although we were told to hold down the speed, we all managed to get some fast laps in. Mike Bayne was there, some Jaguar people, and about 25 to 30 other cars and their owners. I visited the tire sales company at the track and was given a set of racing take-off tires. They had one practice session on them.

The project car is now rear-fendered and pedaled. A number of small braces and covers were installed. The next project car day will be March 26<sup>th</sup>, that is a Sunday, at 10 AM. We will install the dashboard components and heater assembly.

The manager of the AJ's market at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Thunderbird has invited us to have a car show at his market. He offered to provide coffee and Danish. This would not be a full-blown show, just a shine and "buff" for a couple of hours. Ideas anyone?

Again I will try to have someone at the meeting to give a talk about something. We will also have a door prize drawing for both genders. See you there.

Cheerio, John Horton, President



## ELECTRICAL UPDATE PART 2

*Last month we described the mechanical installation. Here's the rest of it. Sure hope you saved your newsletter.*

7. Install a jumper from TB1 to TB2. This will tie all four screws together (electrically).
  8. Connect the HEAVY BROWN/YELLOW wire to the 'B' lug on the alternator. Your alternator may have TWO lugs marked 'B'. If so, use the bigger one located near the three-prong connector.
  9. Connect the SMALL BROWN/GREEN wire to the 'F' terminal on the alternator.
  10. Run a new wire from the 'N' terminal of the alternator to TB3 on the barrier strip.
  11. Connect the YELLOW regulator wire to TB3.
  12. Run a new wire from the 'E' terminal of the alternator to the engine block or chassis GROUND.
  13. NOTE: If your Toyota regulator has a BLUE wire coming out of it, CUT IT OFF and INSULATE it. When the system is operating, this BLUE wire will have +12 volts on it.
  14. Connect all of the BROWN wires and the large BROWN/YELLOW wire to TB1 and/or TB2.
  15. Connect the WHITE regulator wire to TB1 or TB2.
  16. Connect the SMALL BROWN/YELLOW wire to TB4.
  17. Connect the WHITE/RED regulator wire to TB4.
  18. Connect the SMALL BROWN/GREEN wire to TB5.
  19. Connect the WHITE/BLACK regulator wire to TB5
  20. Connect the BLACK/WHITE regulator wire to TB6.
  21. Run a new wire from TB6 to the Lucas fuse block, fuse A4. Attach your new wire to the lug with all the GREEN wires. This connection will be 'hot' only when the ignition switch is on.
  22. Connect the BLACK regulator wire to TB7.
  23. Jumper TB7 to the mounting screw of the barrier strip. (You are GROUNDING the black wire).
  24. Reinstall the battery cables, making sure that the negative(ground) cable goes to GROUND and the positive (+) cable goes to the starter solenoid.
- REMEMBER - YOUR STEREO, CB OR WHATEVER WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED OVER TO NEGATIVE GROUND BEFORE YOU TURN IT ON.**
25. Reverse the wires on the ignition coil. The WHITE wire goes to the 'SW' (+) terminal, the WHITE/BLACK wire to 'CB'. Also reverse the wires on the ammeter if you have one.
  26. You are finished.
- With the installation of this conversion, you have also given yourself a convenient place to hook up new electrical equipment. If you want the new whatzit to work only when the ignition is ON, connect it to TB6. If you want it to work all the time, connect it to TB1 or TB2.



## NEWS FROM THE EAST END GANG

For the past few months, there's been a hardy group of British car enthusiasts meeting out at the east end of our valley (or should I say "basin"). Some are DCTRA members, others are Jaguar club members, MG club members, and of course, there's those Mini folks. We can be found on about any Saturday evening in east Mesa at Main Street and Sossaman Ave., right behind the Big Boy restaurant. This event, consisting of 130+ classic and historic automobiles, was formerly held at the Superstition Mall area near Circuit City until about a month ago. The event usually starts around 4:30 PM and goes until about 8:00 PM. Of course, the first Saturday of each month is "European Auto" night. You'll love the disc jockey and the 50's music, along with the prize drawings, 50/50 drawing, auto trivia contest, etc. There's the Big Boy to dine at before the event, and Wendy's to take in the snacks and coffee during the event. As if that wasn't enough, some of us (we must have no meaningful lives!) have been meeting on Fridays between 5 PM and 8 PM at Stapley Drive and Baseline Road near the new AMC theaters. This is a relatively new event that musters about 60 cars or so and is growing each week. This is a great alternative for those folks who can't get to the Big Boy's event on Saturdays. Plenty of drive-by traffic, especially those attending the theaters. There's plenty of nearby restrooms and coffee pots (not in that order).

Pete and Diana Normington with their white 1968 Jaguar XKE (E-type). Pete's the elder statesman of the gang (that makes us feel younger and we call him Mister). How about this, Pete gets a concours XKE for his birthday!! Pete, what's the secret to your success (if it isn't a private thing)? He usually displays the Jag with the bonnet open for those who appreciate real machinery. The only engine in the world that might look more imposing is a Rolls Royce Merlin!

Steve Normington with his primo white 1985 Pontiac Fiero along. No bonnet nor boot on this ride. Neat car!

Murph, AKA Martha Stahnke, with her mustard 1978 MG Midget "Basil", although we understand that it's sometimes referred to as "Basil the Bastard", depending on runability. That's the name of her MG, not the very large hairy guy who sometimes accompanies her. Also, she and Philip have this things for wads of aluminum foil. Come see the weird action!

Shirley Blahak and Philip Blahak with their usual varied display of Mini's, including "Bertie", "Gertie", "Flossie", "Goldie", "Kato", and "Pipsqueak" and many more. These folks are the maestros of our events. Top of the pecking order, shall we say. Shirley lets us be the boss, sometimes. It's fun to watch them park two or three Minis into one or two spots!. These cars are quite the crowd pleasers. We need to get Philip to open the bonnets more often. Guys like to see what makes them tick. Cute!, Cute!, Cute!

Mike and Janice Goodwin with their very nice yellow 1968 Jaguar XKE (E-Type). Both have been very active in the

## THE EAST END GANG - CONTINUED

Jaguar Club and are instrumental in organizing the British European Auto Tour next month. I know that many of us will be attending this great event!

Ken Schmidt and Deborah Cooke with their lime green 1970 Spitfire "Smedley" (no, it's not a MG kit car!), along with their newest son "Gary", a recent Mini arrival to the states! Just look for all the bright green jackets, green car, green chairs, etc!

John and Kathy Nuss with their white 1964 Spitfire "Trevor". New rebuild, new paint, new red racing stripe! This is a very nice little Spitfire restoration. Fun, fun, fun!

Ron Robertson with his concours Blue 1964 XKE (E-Type Coupe). We understand that Ron has been a national judge of E-Type competition. Really nice guy!

Shelley with her 1966 Triumph GT-6. This is our mystery lady who periodically shows up with her beautiful GT-6. She's owned this car for over 25 years and takes great care of her golden beauty. We hope to see more of her and the car in the future!

Doc "where's the coffee pot" and Kathy Smith with our 1974 Spitfire "Spitty Smitty" (mistaken last week for a Fiat!). Recently, a Triumph "purist" almost fainted when he realized that it's a Jag factory color! Oh no! The usual question posed to us is, "Ok Doc, what's the latest piece of chrome this week?" In aviation terms, we call this "perfuming a pig", but I love my little piggy! If it ever gets wrecked, we can always have a yard sale for the goodies. No, it's not a midlife crisis. I just love making my toys pretty and perfect! Kathy enjoys displaying the "time out" life-sized doll with the Spitfire (it covers the left-side dent!). It gets kind of irritating that more of the crowd gives attention to the doll more than the car! Oh well...

Ask Philip sometime about the bonfire that he so carefully constructed and burned. What a great way to rid yourself of old award plaques! They burn very nicely. We "Brits" were the envy of all the "fat fender" guys and gals that chilly evening! On other evenings, it's not uncommon to see some of our folks break out a barbecue grill! Anyone for a few "s'mores"?

It's fun to bring out the folding chairs and sit in a group and share all those restoration and repair success and horror stories, along with the usual ribbing, fibbing, and kidding around. We've become quite the bunch!

Philip will be reserving 10 spaces for each month's "European Auto" event. Of course, after 6 PM, we can't reserve any spaces. First come, first serve.

Make a point to drop by and join in the fun and camaraderie.

Doc Smith

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## DIANE'S TIDBITS

What fickle weather we are having! The weekend before last, it was a beautiful, sunny day when Eric and I and our "Little Brother" enjoyed the activities at the Highland Games held at Mesa Community College. It was a long drive over there, but worth every mile. I have never seen such goings on! Men in "skirts" everywhere and women and men both "tossing trees and heavy iron weights" over poles. Astonishing! And all those strange musical "wind-bag things" I believe they called them "bagpipes". And everyone laughing and having such a fine time! And the food--so delicious!! And bands marching and all those "cute little cars", too! What a great time!

Then, this Sunday, it rains on and off all day! At the Wheels of Britain car show at Heritage Square, it was "put your top up, then put your top down, and wipe off all the dribbles" all day long. Just like 'merry ol' England". But, it didn't seem to stop anyone from having a fine time anyway, especially with all those beautiful British cars to admire! And lots of door prizes and even some trophies, too. Quite a success, in spite of the dampness, I'd say.

I wonder what Ol' Mother Nature has in store for us next Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, when we pitch in to help move Tom Pennell's shop up to Show Low. Actually, I'm looking forward to it. I don't get out of town much since moving to Phoenix. May even rent a room and stay the night!

On a more serious note, I want to remind all of you who haven't paid your Club Dues yet, that they are DUE! Just because you can download the Trumpeter from the Internet now, is no excuse for not paying up! And, I also urge you to attend the meetings. We need your support. It will be our Club's turn to put on the Triumphest in 2001, but planning and committees need to be started now! So come on and get involved. We need your support! See you at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

Ta, Ta, Diane

## AUTOMOTIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE WEST

### FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISES

35<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Northern

35<sup>th</sup> & Bethany Home Info: 602-246-3906

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

Tatum & Cactus Info: 602-996-1140

### SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISES

77<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Bell Frys Food Store

108<sup>th</sup> 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 32<sup>nd</sup> & Union Hills Paradise Valley Community College



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