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MEETING: OCTOBER 10 @ 7:00 PM  
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE TEMPLE  
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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 OCTOBER 29 @ 9 AM  
BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE  
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## COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 19-22  
TRIUMPHEST 2000  
San Diego, CA  
Entry Form Inside  
See caravan details below

### OTHER EVENTS

OCTOBER 22

#### ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

32nd & Shea - 7:00 AM

Hosted by the AZ MG Club

NOVEMBER 5

#### KIWANIS KID FEST

#### BRASS ARMADILLO ANTIQUE MALL

12419 N. 28TH DRIVE

ENTRY FORM INSIDE

## WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

### TRIUMPHEST 2000

is coming fast! It's still not too late to go. You have missed the September 19 deadline for the special hotel rate - but call 1-800-566-2524 to check room availability. The DCTRA convoy to Triumphest 2000 will meet at the Home Depot parking lot, 7333 West McDowell and will depart at 0530. Call John Horton at 602-843-1399 to let him know you are joining the convoy.

## THE EDITOR'S DESK

Number Four daughter Amanda just had a baby a few weeks ago. Finally, I think I might have a chance of continuing the British car tradition in the family after a couple of false starts. When my oldest Lauri married, she moved to Michigan with her perfectly respectable hockey player husband who prays to the god Mopar. She should have known better. Lauri was born into a family with two Spitfires and a Triumph Daytona flattracker and used Amal floatbowls for teacups at her dollies' tea parties. But I'm afraid her little Colin might be doomed to long Saturday nights at the drag strip. Oh woe! Next up was Karen in San Francisco, who, despite more than adequate exposure to wire-wheeled parental cars, will probably simply ignore little Timmy's sports car education completely. Where are her priorities? I just hope he doesn't grow up thinking Altimas are rad. Dana, on the other hand, commutes in a BMW M3, but I fear her only baby is Riley the lab, and I don't think I can teach him to heel and toe. Heel, maybe, but we'll never make the tighter corners. I think my best chance to be the eccentric grampa with the funny little car will be with Mandy's Matthew. At least he lives close by, and mama is mellow and backward-thinking enough to support and encourage his apprenticeship in all things Lucas and Castrol. All my grandkids are a joy, and I hope I can instill in them the enthusiasm I had when I was a kid with an old Healey. And make their mamas nervous at the same time. This is gonna be fun.

Mike Bayne

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## COMING EVENTS - ALL OVER THE WEST

October 7-8 - The Mini Club is holding its Second British Vintage Voyage. Closing date for registration is Sept. 30th. It's a weekend road trip loosely patterned after the Italian Job Rally in Italy. The trip will be in southern AZ (Safford, Wilcox, overnight in Benson, Mt. Lemmon and Pima Air Museum). Cost is \$35 per vehicle, driver and navigator (additional passengers are \$10 ea.) Hotel is \$42-\$47 per night (Days Inn, 520-586-3000). For registration form and info: 480-985-2531.

October 14 ! Sierra Vista Car Show, Sierra Vista, AZ. Info at 520-459-1900.

October 14 ! Fourth Annual Northland Hospice Vintage Car Rally, Flagstaff, AZ. Info at 520-779-1227.

October 14 ! 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Casa Car Show, Kino Sports Complex, Tucson, AZ Info at 520-624-5600.

October 21 ! Automotive Motorsports Foundation (AMF), State Officials Get-Together. Our cars wanted for display/show. Info at 602-922-8809.


October 21 - Fourth Annual Art-O-Mobilia Art & Auto Show. This would be a great outing for those who won't be making the run to Triumphest. At the West Valley Art Museum in Surprise, AZ. Call 623-972-0635, ext 18, for entry information.

October 27-28 ! 18th Annual POCI Western Region Car Show, Prescott Resort, Prescott, AZ. Info at [www.phxpoci.com](http://www.phxpoci.com)

October 29 ! Second Annual The Group Charity Car & Truck Show, Paradise Valley Community College, N.W. Parking Lot, 18401 N. 32nd St. For info call Jim @ 623-572-8670.

November 3-4 ! 14th Annual Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Games. Friday evening from 5:30pm until 9:30pm. Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm. Food, games, varied entertainment and drink in very nice surroundings. Rillito Park Raceway, 4502 N. First St., Tucson, AZ. Info available at 520-888-1058, [dlandoll@aol.com](mailto:dlandoll@aol.com) or at the November meeting.

November 5 ! First Annual Kiwanis Kid Fest, charity car & truck show. At the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall, 12419 N. 28th Drive. Entry form enclosed or call Ron Garrigus 623-214-5310, [www.drvinyl.com/carshows](http://www.drvinyl.com/carshows).



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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

We opened the meeting at El Zaribah at 7:15pm. There were twenty-four members in attendance plus one guest, Steve Gehring, who drives a TR-4.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter. Ron, our treasurer, reported buying a new airplane, but none of the club's funds went toward the purchase. We are still in the black and doing nicely.

Newsletter editor stated that he now has a fax machine (602-938-1241), and hopes that he will have no further problems receiving with it.

The Project Car work date is Sunday September 24th at Roy Stoney's. The gas tank is cleaned and ready to be installed. There will be a pot-luck with meat and drinks provided by the club.

John Horton reported that he is now a board member of the AAHC, and that background work is nearly completed on the proposal for the emission control bill for cars covered by collector insurance. The AAHC will submit this request for emission control exemption to the incoming session for the state legislature. John also reported on the Arizona State Motorsports Museum.

In the Tech session, Chris Wainwright related the demise his little white truck in an accident. The lesson to be learned here is to look both left and right before making a left-hand turn. We are all thankful that Chris was not injured. John also reported on his newly refurbished cylinder head for the TR-7, as well as his new TR-8 upholstery and top.

There were no reports from the Historian or Membership chairs.

Paul Bridgnell filled us in on the "gimmick" rally to be held on Saturday night, September 30th, at 4:30pm, with the first car off at 5:00pm. Prizes go to the top three finishers, and dinner at a local restaurant follows. Meet at the Northeast corner of Rural Rd. & Rio Salado.

The Breakfast run this month is sponsored by the Lotus Club. ASRA is offering open track time for your street car at Firebird Raceway on September 23rd. Triumphest hotel deadline is September 15th, so get your reservations in now. Convoys will be arranged for travel to San Diego.

The grille badges have arrived. There is a problem with the colors, but the quality is basically good. Recommendations for the badges were discussed and Roger will provide a color chart so that they can get it right next time.

Raffle winners were Anne Montone and Mike Bayne.

Please send membership dues by check to Ron Strong. His address is on the front of the newsletter.

The membership voted to remain at El Zaribah for the rest of the year for our meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Deta Hampsch

## THE PREZ SEZ

We are in the last quarter of the year. Coming up will be nominations for the new fearless leader of the club. I have been on the hot seat for two years and it is time for a new leader. There have been some changes this year with the club founder moving to the mountains and new members adding vitality to events. I personally look forward to our holding Triumphest, and selling or raffling the project car then.

With the onset of cooler weather (HA HA HA) more events are in the offing. Many drive ins and impromptu car shows, and the beginning of the new legislative year. I have the data necessary to write the legislation to save the constant headache of emissions we suffer each year.

Last night we ran the rally that Paul Bridgnell and John Reynolds laid out in the Tempe area. It was well planned and the route was not overly hard to follow. Only three entrants showed up. Although the weather was hot it was cooling down as we waited to start. First off were John & Cathy Nuss, followed by Mike & Joyce Bayne, and lastly Beth & I. The directions were hints at locations and street names and questions about places on the route. Beth & I showed up at the restaurant an hour later, followed by the Baynes and then the Nusses. I am not telling about the comments about some pointed silence in one of the contestants' cars after a couple of missed turns. It was all fun and we won, the Nusses were second, followed by the Baynes. Nice job John and Paul. Let's get more people out for the next event. If you dont come out, YOU are missing out on the fun.

We found the problem on my TR/7. After replacing the burnt valves in the head, we got it back on and started the car and a test run found the clutch slipping badly. So much for the race. We got the tranny out this morning and think the front seal on the tranny is bad. We will also replace the rear engine oil seal to make sure we got the problem. I did visit the track when the SCCA event was running. I visited the tire changer and got not one but two sets of race tires with only one event on them. This should keep me in rubber for some time to come.

See you at the next meeting at El Zaribah or an event.

Cheerio, John Horton



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### Motor Sports Museum

The Arizona State Motor Sports Museum is located at 1300 N. College in Tempe. It is open seven days a week 10am to 6:00pm and houses a nice collection of cars of significance to all aspects of racing, from Arizona teams, tracks and drivers. It's worth a visit.

### CANS CANS CANS

We are still collecting aluminum cans for the project car. I will be turning in the collection for this last month. This is not a whole lot of money, however it all counts. Bring your cans to the next meeting. Roy and company donated a large barrel of cans to the effort. Thanks, Roy!

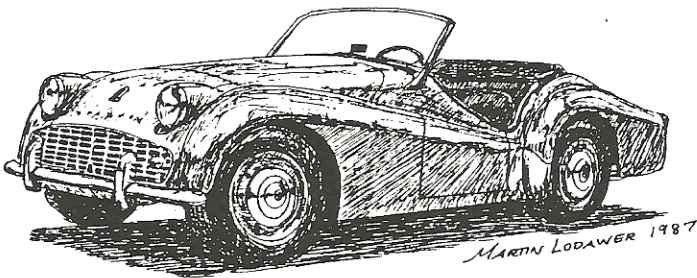
### PROJECT CAR REPORT

It looks more like a car. This last Sunday we had myself, Cliff Philpott, Rick Amundson, Virgil Cole and Hank Hastings in attendance. We got the wing decorations in place, the front apron on, the heater in place and a number or other items completed. At lunch as promised we dined on club supplied chicken sandwiches, knockwurst, and pot luck goodies, INCLUDING some fine cake left for us (I hope) by the Stoneys. The temperature in the garage was not unbearable. Quite moderate. We have about a year to finish the car. This is your project and we need to forge ahead to get ready for Triumphest 2001. I really want to see it presented at that event.

### CAR SHOW

There is a car show that benefits the Kiwanis on November 5th at the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall, on 28th Avenue just north of Cactus. A restaurant is on the lot as well as lots of antique shopping. An entry form is printed herein. Come on out.

John Horton

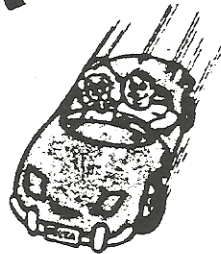


### TECH SECTION

John Horton has recently refurbished his TR-8 with smashing results. New paint, upholstery and hood have really spruced the old girl up. John highly recommends Ambrosio Marin, upholsterer. One look at the TR-8 will show you the high quality of his workmanship. You can reach him at 5100 W. Hubbel in Phoenix and get your seats or top back in shape.



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