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MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12 @ 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 SEPTEMBER 24 @ 9 AM**  
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## COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 30  
RALLYE - TO - DINNER  
Rural & Rio Salado  
4:30 PM  
DETAILS BELOW

### OTHER EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 17  
ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN  
32nd & Shea - 6:30 AM  
Hosted by the Lotus Club

OCTOBER 19-22  
TRIUMPHEST 2000  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
ENTRY FORM INSIDE

## WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

### FUN-FILLED "GIMMICK" RALLYE

Saturday, September 30th.

The rallye will be in Tempe (around ASU) and end up at a local restaurant. It is a 'gimmick' rallye and should last about an hour or so. We will award prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for those who answer all the questions and finish closest to the proper time.

Place: Meet in the parking lot at the northeast corner of Rural and Rio Salado in Tempe at 4:30 p.m. Enter parking lot from Rio Salado. 1st car leaves at 5:00 p.m. Dinner to follow rallye. Prizes for top 3 finishers.

Paul Bridgnell

## EDITOR'S DESK

I've been sitting here at the computer for the last three hours trying to organize, evaluate, interpret and generally make sense of an interesting mass of letters, faxes, scribbled notes and e-mails to assemble them into a newsletter for the club. By no means would I call the task daunting, but I am surprised at and intrigued by all of the correspondence generated by people who gather together informally to celebrate a common interest. I guess we tend to be more passionate about the things in our lives that take us away from more mundane, everyday endeavors, and we want others to know about it. It looks like many of us have tales to tell about our cars and the places they have taken us, the friends they helped us make, the trouble they have gotten us into and the smiles they put on our faces. This is a great forum for us to share these stories, or at least a good excuse for us to exercise a good case of motor-mouth. I'm easy to reach if you want to submit a story about anything you think might be informative, funny, personal or just plain interesting. At home you can call me or Joyce at 602-938-1282, fax 602-9381241, or e-mail me at [mkbayne@uswest.net](mailto:mkbayne@uswest.net).

At this point I appreciate all of the time and effort that Diane has put into keeping this going over the past number of years. Having been in the midst of trying to sell a house and move in the past, I know what a problem editing this newsletter would be for her. I'm sure I speak for all of the club in expressing our sincere thanks for the great job she has done on the newsletter, and we wish her and Eric good luck on their move to Florida.

Mike Bayne

## CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE: Radiator for TR4/TR4A. Freshly rebuilt. \$100.00. Call John Horton, 602-843-1399. (6/2000)

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## COMING EVENTS - ALL OVER THE WEST

September 9-10 - Tour and British Car Day - Palo Alto, CA. Info: Rick Feibusch 310-392-6605

September 22-24 - 17th annual Run to the Pines Car Show - Pinetop, AZ. Info: Ted Corbin 520-368-5332

September 23 - Very British Car & Motorcycle Meet - Fresno, CA. Info: Kurt Lanse 559-297-0102

September 23 - ASRA Open Track - \$25 gets you 1 hour of track time. Firebird Raceway, gates open at 7:00 AM

September 23 - Italian Job Charity Car Show - Mesa Marketplace, 10550 E. Baseline Rd. - by the AZ Mini Club - 9AM to 2PM. Entry fee \$5.00 per vehicle. 100% of proceeds go to charity. Winners based on most "votes" (cash donations) Dash plaques for those who sign up by September 15th. Info & registration - 480-985-2531 or 480-924-2292

September 24 - British Car Day at Woodley Park - Los Angeles, CA Info: Rick Feibusch 310-392-6605

September 25 - Newport Beach Concours d' elegance - Oaks Polo Field, San Juan Capistrano, CA. Info: Ann Stefanucci 562-592-1727

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.

September 30 - October 1 - Battle of Britain 2000 - Santa Monica (Moss Motors). Info: 805-681-3400

October 1 - San Diego British Car Day & Picnic - sponsored by the San Diego British Car Club Council - Fairbrook Farms, Bonsall, CA. Info: Steve 760-746-9028

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](mailto:Mel-Kristie@cs.com) OR Co-Chairman, Wayne Johnson at 760-757-2865 or E-mail to: [AWALARM@AOL.com](mailto:AWALARM@AOL.com).



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## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

We opened the meeting with 30+ members present at Don Pablo's. The secretary's report was accepted as printed. Ron Strong gave the treasurer's report and says that our club is still afloat. He also said that if you have paid your dues and the club's records don't indicate that you have, you need to let him know so that he can adjust the record.

Thanks to Mike Bayne for taking over the newsletter from Diane Carney when she and Eric move to Florida. Diane said that he would still need to keep in touch with the lady in England for the authentic English recipes.

Project Car Day is August 20th at 9AM. Some parts are on order, the seats are disassembled and ready for refinishing, the gas tank is ready to be flushed out, and donated parts will be there ready to install. **MORE PEOPLE ARE NEEDED to work on the car!!!**

No AAHC report (they are off for the summer).

A big thanks goes to Virgil Cole for the loan of a much better sound system for the meeting.

Tech report ! Two members had good reports on service and repairs that they had done recently. (See the entries from Al Melendez and Bob Lee is the Tech Section)

Tom Pennell reports that some mistakes have been made concerning who still owes this year's dues. Corrections to this have been made, and if you have further questions, please check with Tom or Ron.

Paul and Pamela Bridgnell were recently in Hawaii, and Paul told of seeing TR's alive and well in paradise.

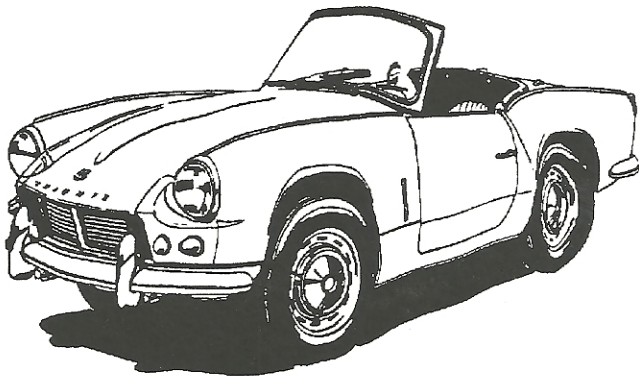
Saturday, August 12th the club will have a cookout at Lake Pleasant. Meet at 32nd St & Shea at 6:30PM, or I-17 and Bell Rd at 7:00PM. John & Beth Horton will get there ahead of time to set up the ramada. It will be pot luck with meat and soft drinks provided by the club.

For September Paul is planning a rally, September 30th, and ASRA has a track event planned that we can run with our street cars. Details at the September meeting.

A vote was taken to decide where to hold our next meeting, and it was decided to go back to El Zaribah for the September meeting. From there we will decide on future meeting locations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.50PM.

Deta Hampsch



## THE PREZ SEZ

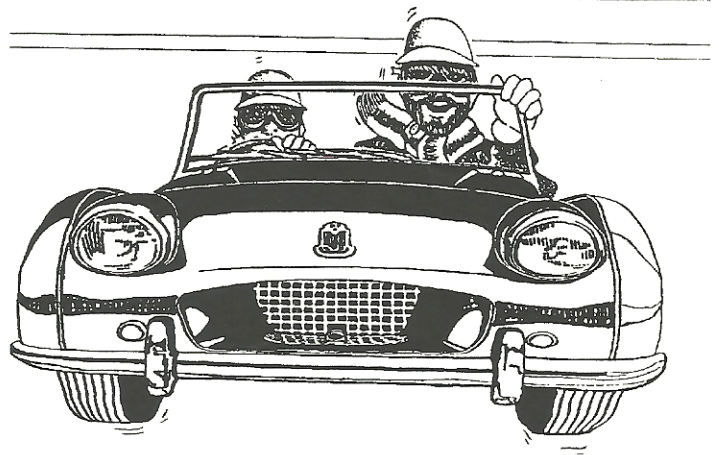
### A Little Rain Among Friends

The Triumph outing at Lake Pleasant came off as fun ! slightly damp, but fun. Contrary to popular belief Triumphs do not melt if wet, nor do their owners. Saturday night looked ominous and rainy. Beth and I left the house at 18:00 for the lake and watched the rain in front of us. It did rain, however it was gone when we got there. The Carneys had their new motor monster all set up and ready for the weather.

Roger and Roni Guzowski rode in with them. Welcome back Roni! We got the fire started and made ready to cook chicken, brats and hot dawgs. Mike and Joyce Bayne came in shortly after followed by our vice pres, son and friend. Total 12 people. The weather was coolish, some rain spotted, and we all had a fine time stuffing on goodies.

To all of you that missed, we missed you all. We might try to have the remainder of the goodies at the project car day. It will have been put on the web by the time you read this. We like to see people attend the events rain or shine. Remember the Wheels of Britain show? Cooler weather is on the way, I hope. See you at the next meeting and event.

Cheerio, John Horton



ROY STONEY'S  
**British  
Sportscar Service**

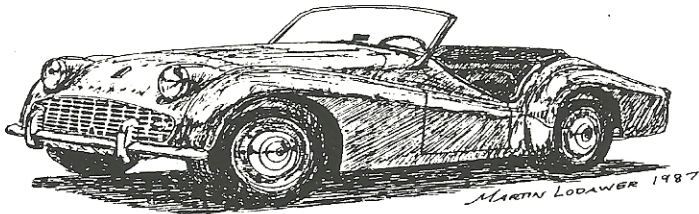
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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Last month we published this list in an effort to straighten up our membership records. We have received several responses and made the necessary adjustments. We are reasonably confident that the following members have NOT paid their dues for 2000. This will be the LAST newsletter for everyone on this list. The address for dues payments is: DCTRA Treasurer, 11747 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85029. PLEASE??

Scott Bailey	Dale and Darlene Behie
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Jerry and Brenda Katis	Ken and Joyce Kleikamp
Jonathan Leet	Howard and Cindy Leonard
Bill and Dawn Martin	Bob and Vickie Mazer
John and Chris Mihalka	Chuck and Joanie Pagano
Paul and B.J. Patrick	Alan and Susan Riley
Clay and Pamela Rineholt	
Arnold and Barbara Shackelford	
Al Steen	John and Nickki Sulentich
Martin and Laura Teague	John and Elizabeth Titus
Bill and Karen Watson	Mark and Wendy Weathers
Jim and Mary Lou Winters	



### A SPECIAL NOTE

This special thanks goes to Chris and Susan Wainwright. Thanks to Chris for donating his TR-7 for the raffle held at the July meeting, and thanks to Susan for putting up with us while waiting for the tow truck for two hours to pick up the car. More thanks to Chris for all the helpful information he gave us. I was amazed by all the spare parts (especially those made of "unobtainium"). Lee bought the car for me as you know. It has been a LONG four years without a TR. Chris, you will never know how much joy and pleasure you have given me to be able to own my very own TR. Plus, I think we now have a new TR enthusiast!!

Thank you Chris & Susan!  
Deta Hampsch

## WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

### August Breakfast Run

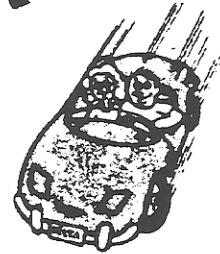
Sixteen beautiful cars and over 30 beautiful people showed up for the August Run. One Mini, quite a few Triumphs, Jaguars, MGs and Lotuses. Jim and Kay Medland brought their Jensen Interceptor. One fellow's MGB proved its daily driver status by proudly bearing 258,000 miles on the odometer.

The Jaguar Club planned an unusual drive. We paraded down Central Avenue through downtown all the way to South Mountain Park. There we bypassed riding horses and bicyclists (some hiding behind bushes on the turns) to wind upwards to Dobbins Lookout on the summit, where we paused to admire the view. Some mentioned that they somehow felt better seeing so many fields still in the valley.

From the summit it was a brief trip to the Buttes Resort, where we all had the breakfast buffet at the Market Cafe. After our un-airconditioned cars, the waterfall inside looked tempting. Everyone seemed well pleased with the Jaguar club's event. Next month's Breakfast Run will be on September 17th and sponsored by the Lotus Club.

Beth Horton

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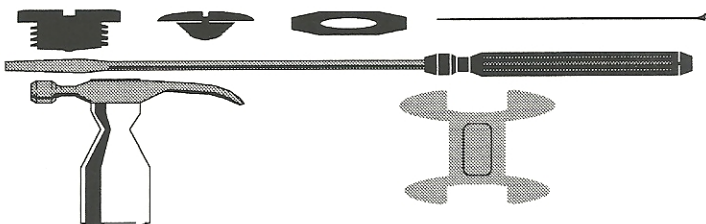


## TECH SECTION

Al Melendez recently had a speedometer for his TR-3A repaired and offers a quite reasonable alternative to the traditional local favorite speedo shop. He was quite pleased with the work and the service he received from Valley Auto Electronics, 19314 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335. They can be reached at 818-758-9500, or fax 818-758-9504. Al says they did an excellent job, had a quick turnaround time and were considerably less expensive than the local quote he received. They work on speedometers and tachs from all foreign cars, and Al recommends them highly.

Bob Lee has a TR-3 starter story:

The starter in my TR-3 began to have problems. The symptom was that it would not turn the engine over. The car ran, so I was not afraid of the worst case scenario of a tightened engine. This left other possible causes, from battery cables to solenoid and starter. The battery checked out OK. Both battery cables had raggedy bolt-on connections and broken and corroded cable strands, so I replaced them and checked out the rest of the connections, but to no avail. The solenoid would connect the starter, and the lights dimmed indicating a higher than normal current through the starter. I removed the starter and my local auto store confirmed the high current with slow rotation. This meant either a very dirty commutator (cheap fix) or shorted or grounded field coils (more major fix). Since field coils are made of unobtainium through the normal channels, I hoped that the visually dirty commutator was the culprit. Disassembly of the starter is straightforward: remove the brushes, a couple of through bolts and it comes apart. Using a VOM to check the continuity of the field coils showed a short between the brush and the case! the insulation was bad. I took the case with the coils to Sambo Perez at SAMS (Starters, Alternators, Motor Repair Shop) at 1241 E. Cheryl Drive, Phoenix (602-870-1413). Sam has recently taken over the former Elliot's Auto Electric rebuilding business. He usually isn't open on Saturday, but happened to be there. He apologized for the fact that it would be Monday before he could complete the re-insulation of the field coils. The job was complete on Monday and when we picked it up we found a very fine re-insulation job, new brushes and a generally better looking connection to the hot feed than was originally there. Sam was concerned about the length of the connector (the original one was shorter than normal) so he included a new longer one in case I needed it. All this for less than \$30. I told Sam that I would pass the word on to others and he said that if club members mention DCTRA he will give a discount. So here it is! electric rebuilds at SAMS! good work, good turnaround time and reasonable prices. Oh yes, the starter works fine.



## MORE STUFF TO EAT

Just when you thought nothing could top last month's recipe from Eric's friend Mary in England, she offers another delight. This time it is for cholesterol lovers only.

### BLACK PUDDING

Ingredients:

1/2 lb Pig's Liver

1 1/2 lb Lard, chopped

15 cups Pig's Blood (no sipping while you cook)

1 lb Bread Crumbs

2 1/2 cups Water (use the water left from cooking the liver)

1 cup rolled oats

1 onion, chopped

1/2 tsp allspice

1 tsp sage

1 tsp thyme

Salt & Pepper

Poach liver in salted boiling water. Drain and keep 2 1/2 cups of the water. Chop up the liver. Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl. Pack into an oiled, heatproof bowl. Cover with waxed paper and aluminum foil. Tie foil down securely over the bowl. Steam for 4-5 hours. Remove it from the bowl and let it sit until cold. Cut into discs about 1/2 inch thick and 2 inches round, like cookies. Fry until crisp on both sides.

Serve with bacon, sausages, fried eggs, grilled or fried tomatoes.

*The host facility for the first Triumphest of the new millennium will be the Shelter Pointe Hotel and Marina*

*located on Shelter Island and overlooking the San Diego Bay ([www.shelterpointe.com](http://www.shelterpointe.com)).*

Every room has a view of the water and the parking is secure. With approximately 180 standard rooms available, we expect to take over the hotel and make it Triumph Central. Room prices for this hotel and other similar waterfront resort hotels in San Diego go for \$160 to \$220 per night. We have been able to lock-in a special Triumphest rate of just \$115 per night, plus tax. This rate is also available for a few days before and after our event for your vacationing pleasure. Make your reservation now by calling (800) 566-2524 and mention "The Triumph Club".

*(Deadline September 19th for special rate DO IT NOW — No \$\$ Obligation)*