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NEXT WORKDAY

APRIL 29th - 10 AM

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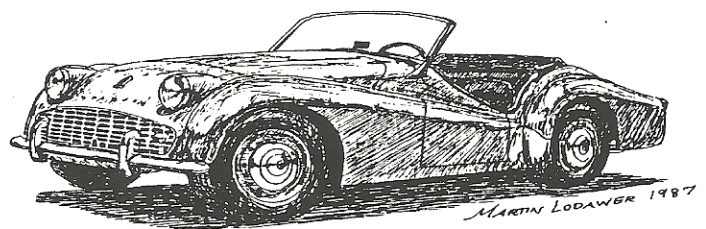
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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 7-8
THE B.E.A.T.
6:30 AM at
Details inside

OTHER EVENTS

THERE WILL BE NO
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May will be hosted by the Jaguar Club



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EDITORS DESK

Once again the fine members of the British Motor Enthusiasts staged an absolutely outstanding Wheels of Britain event. So nice to see a dedicated group rescue a popular event from the brink of extinction and not only run it with skill and enthusiasm, but expand its scope. Damn good show! From cars to bikes to fire engines to military vehicles, there was truly a broad spectrum of the best Brits in the valley. Some exceptional MGs turned out, but surprisingly few! The turnout was phenomenal, even to the point of having to turn away some potential day-of-show entries due to lack of space! (Get those registrations in early, boys and girls!) The weather cooperated and there was an unusually large number of civilians on hand to view our show. TR standouts were Joe Thompson in TR-2/3, Roger Guzowski in a very competitive TR-4/5/250/6 class, Eric Fought in TR-7/8 and Doc & Kathy Smith with their beautifully rebuilt Spit. Congrats to all!

Joyce and I spent yesterday afternoon and evening with the Hortons and Mike and Janice Goodwin at Rogers house stuffing the goodie bags to be given away at The BEAT. Seems we have a serious increase in the popularity of this event, as the registrations with a week to go were well above last year, and the goodie resources were nearly exhausted. There are a lot more entries this year, so it will be wise to show up early on Saturday morning!

Dave Riddle forwarded this note from Alexa Hamilton of the SCTOA, who is the organizing club of this years Triumphest, and I think it signals our need to start thinking about plans for our own in 2002:

Hello, Desert Centre! Just wanted to invite you to include your 2002 announcement/flyers in my T-2001 registration packets. I would need them by about 9/15 for the mass stuffing event!. You can send to the address below. I'm thinking max 200 - last year San Diego had 175. NO clue as to what we'll get this year. I'll be looking forward to ATTENDING your event instead of PLANNING mine!

See you there! Alexa Hamilton

www.geocities.com/triumphest2001

Mike Bayne

RACE REPORT

Local Racing Organization Websites:

National Auto Sport Association

<http://www.nasa-az.com/>

Arizona Sports Racing Association

<http://www.race-asra.org/>

Sports Car Club of America - Arizona Region

<http://www.az-region-scca.org/>

Vintage Auto Racing Association

<http://www.vararacing.com/>

Dave Riddle

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE: 1977 TR7 engine & 5-speed trans. Includes carbs & electrics. Asking \$450 OBO. Call Dick Luna 602-867-8497 (Leave message). (02/01)

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Spitfire 1296cc short block. Disassembled, but all there. Make offer, reasonable interesting trades considered. Call Mike 602-938-1282 (02/01)

FOR SALE: 1966 Spitfire. Ready for paint & assembly. Rebuilt 1147cc engine. Just bought a TR3 and don't have time to finish. Call Dave Mure 480-483-9622 (02/01)

For Sale: 1961 TR4. Restored in early 98. First year production car. The car is not original, but it is fun! The car was disassembled, except for removing the body from the frame. All body parts were stripped to bare metal. The bumpers were removed and bumper holes filled. It is painted BRG. All rubber seals and gaskets were replaced with new during re-assembly. New Chrome beading. The engine was evaluated while out of the car. It required new rod bearings and timing chain. Many, many new parts. Call Jim at 602-201-8869 (pager) (04/01)

RACING SCHEDULE

April 13-15 - NASA Racing at Firebird.

April 21 - GrandAm Race at PIR

See


<http://www.azsportsracing.org/events/422evt.html>

for details.

Night racing at PIR is great to watch. No massive crowds, and it is still early enough in the year to enjoy the cool evenings. Gates open at 10:00am, racing starts at 3:00pm, and the big guns hit the track at 7:00pm for the Sun Automotive 200. Tickets are \$20.00 at any PIR ticket outlet.

April 22 - ASRA Racing at Firebird (they will have a special worked out for the Grand Am race on April 21) - see the website above)

Dave Riddle



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TR Trailer -built in 1985 from a TR2 body -licensed -needs paint work -\$950

Spitfire Trailer -on GT6 rotoreflex suspension frame with GT6 rear hatch to cover the seat area - still under construction-\$200

Four Cosmic 13" wheels fit Spit, GT6 and maybe TR7

Two Rostyle 13" wheel covers in the original boxes

Dash Crash Pad Overlay fits GT6 Mk3, and Spit Mk4 & 1500

Body and Suspension Parts

70 GT6+ body on rolling chassis

74? Spitfire Mk4 body on rolling chassis

Right front fender for GT6 Mk1 and Spit Mk I & 2

69 GT6+ Rotoreflex suspension frame

69 Spit cleaned and painted frame with front suspension including Koni shocks GT6 Mk1 frame

(same as Spit Mk1 & 2 except radiator mounts)

69 GT6+ bonnet and 69 Spitfire bonnet

Rotoreflex rear suspension parts and hubs

Front suspension, rotors, hubs and calipers

Assorted Doors, hatches and deck lids

Spit Mk 1,2,3, IV and 1500 top bows

Spitfire wheel covers

Engine and Drivetrain parts

69 Spit Mk3 overhauled engine with header and carbs -\$950

70 GT6+ engine

TR 250 and TR6 2.5 liter crankshaft

GT6 Mk1 crankshaft (small journals)

GT6+ Block and crankshaft (large journals)

Spit Mk4 engine -1296 or 1500? -Supposedly rebuilt but I would not trust it! Weber carb and Cannon manifold for Spit 4 port head (1296 and 1500)

TR6 Head and TR 250 Head

Spit Mk I & 2, 69 Spit Mk3, and Spit 1500 transmissions

Assorted GT6 and Spit rear ends in various conditions

Assorted driveshafts

GT6+ and Mk3 exhaust system

Miscellaneous Parts and Neat Stuff!

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THE PREZ SEZ

Thanks to all of you who have called to inquire about how Roni is doing and offered your prayers and help. Roni is having some rocky times right now, going back in the hospital a couple days ago, and its always easier knowing that the love and support is there when we most need it. Thanks to Bob Lee for handling the last meeting - Hopefully I will have heartier news at the next one.

At our goodie bag stuffing marathon last night I was thinking about how far The BEAT has come. The increase in registrations is amazing, with a significant number coming from Tucson and California and a total of over 170 entries. My living room, back porch and shop are full of donations from sponsors, the logistics and time and contacts are getting really getting involved and Toto were not in Kansas anymore! I never imagined when I started this four years ago that it would develop into something this big and popular. This event has really helped put our club on the map, and to all those who have helped with the organization and running of it, I offer my sincere thanks. See you all EARLY on Saturday.

With a smile,

Roger

JIM MEDLAND, President

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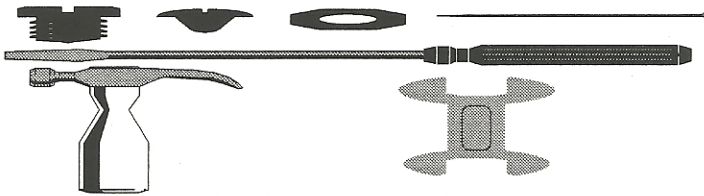
MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with 24 members present, three of whom were new guests: Rich and Diane Aubert (80 TR-8), Ev Micou (looking for a TR-2 or !3), and Kevin Grindle (79 Spitfire). Secretaries minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurers report accepted as read. In the newsletter report Mike said that he would like to add color to the newsletter. He will see how expensive it will be and will let us know next month. He also noted that Rogers phone number was wrong and that it will be corrected. The project car work day is March 25 at Roy Stoneys (43rd & Indian School). Cliff says the car is coming along nicely. The \$5.00 shares in the car are still available.

AAHC is now preparing an e-mail newsletter and will begin meeting monthly at the JB's restaurant at I-17 & Indian School. There was no tech report. The historian reported that we now have a nice selection of books and videos for loan ! please contact Mike to check them out. A list of the books was published in the January newsletter. There was no membership report.

The Wheels of Britain show was very well attended, with over 177 cars entered. Lots of visitors showed up to see the cars and this year there was NO RAIN! Just cloudy and cool for a very nice day. Many thanks for a job well done by the BME. The BEAT will be April 7th and 8th this year, and it should be a great time.. We will travel about 500 miles. The next breakfast run will be in May, sponsored by the Jaguar Club. Dave gave a racing report for the upcoming events at PIR and Firebird. Grille badges are still available for \$15.00 each. No new business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Deta Hampsch



MEMBERSHIP LISTS

As "keeper" of DCTRA's membership list, I am the one who puts the list on the Web for the purpose of allowing DCTRA members to find and contact other members. In the past, I would publish complete membership lists about every six months in the snail-mail version of the newsletter. My membership database has a special field called "unlisted", which is to keep phone numbers of those individuals who do not wish to have their phone numbers "in public". All anyone has to do is to ask that his or her number not be listed. The majority of the members have accepted and are pleased with the convenience of an up-to-date membership roster being available on the Web. If there is any person who does not wish to appear on the list, please let me know (e-mail me at:

tpennell@cybertrails.com

and I'll see to it that their address and / or phone number does not appear on the web-based roster.

Tom Pennell

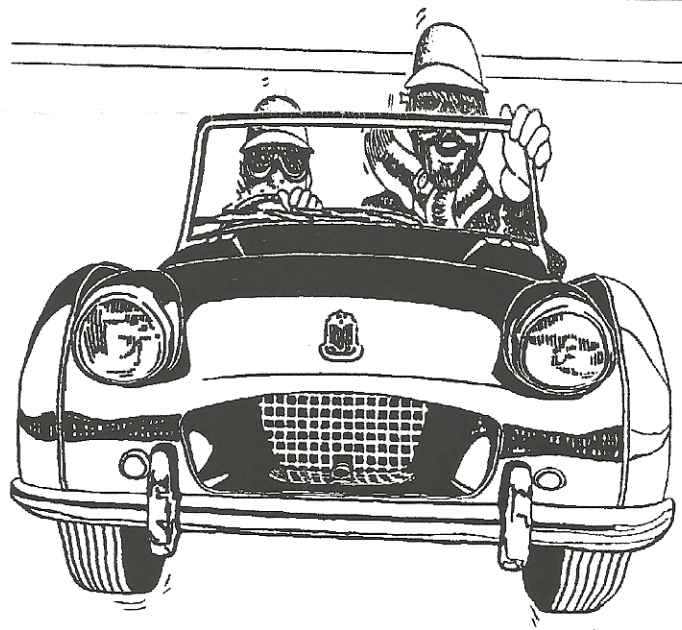
MARCH BRITISH CAR BREAKFAST RUN

It was a perfect Spring morning for the British Car Breakfast Run, this time Pancakes in the Park on March 18. About 30 people and their assorted fine cars showed up. Among them was a 1945-49 MG that needed a push and some TLC to get started (no, it wasn't wearing that "I'd rather push an MG." bumper sticker), a Morgan, a variety of Triumphs, MG's, Lotus, Minis, and Jags, including one with a high-tech thermostat: a plastic salt pellet bag over the radiator.

Shirley Blahak passed out instructions, which led us eastward. Another classic, on the far east side was a B-17 flying overhead. We wound up at Jefferson Park where Phil Blahak had the pancakes started, with the help of a few friends and a generator. Seems they arrived to find the park's power was off. An Easter rabbit and spring flowers awaited the rattle, along with the usual car stuff

DCTRA people present were John & Cathy Nuss, Roger Guzowski, Doc & Kathy Smith, Fran & Diana Wickenhauser, Marie Thompson, the Hortons and new members Rich and Diane Aubert. Thanks to the Blahaks and the Mini Club for once again planning a dandy run

Beth Horton



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SUMMER POOL PARTY & REGATTA

Plan On a July or August date for our annual DCTRA Pool Party and Regatta. As in years past it will be a pot luck, and this year Armand and Ann LaCasse have been gracious enough to offer their home and freshly minted pool for the clubs use. Details and dates will be worked out at an upcoming meeting, and based on some of the gatherings in years past, it should be a good time. Gives us a good reason to get together when its too hot to drive our cars.

As for the pool regatta, there will be two classes: electric boats and non- electric motor powered boats. The rules areas follow - No internal combustion engines or anything that would damage, pollute or otherwise hurt the pool. Your craft should be less than seven inches wide and fourteen inches long. Races will be in single elimination heats. Pool owner reserves the right to refuse any craft from entering the water!

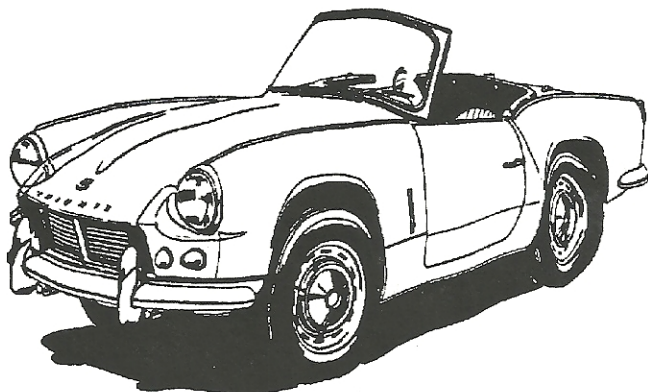
This is a family affair and all children are welcome. With the party a few months away it gives plenty of time to get your boat together, and since Armand will be defending his home turf, you had better put your efforts into building a plenty powerful boat!

WHATS GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

April 7-8 - Fourth Annual British-European Auto Tour (BEAT).

Meet at the parking lot just north of the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, on the east side of I-17 at Dunlap. Registration will begin at 5:30am and departure is at 6:30am SHARP. Here is another opportunity to cruise the backroads of Arizona. The route is basically the same as last year! Wickenburg, Bagdad, Prescott, Jerome, Cottonwood, and Sedona, winding up in Flagstaff. The headquarters hotel in Flag is again the InnSuites. Sunday has a morning tour followed by lunch at the Mormon Lake Lodge. As always, there will be special surprises adding to the enjoyment. If you have been on the BEAT before, you already know how much fun it is. If this is your first time, you will find it a great 500 or so miles.

There is no British Breakfast Run in April. Join us again in May for the kick off of summer hours. Meet at 32nd St. and Shea Blvd. at 7:00am and we will be ready to leave at 7:30am. The Jaguar Club will be the sponsor.



AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

April 8 - 35th Annual Kiwanis BBQ & Classic and Antique Car Show. 11:00am to 3:00pm, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 19th Avenue & McDowell. Car entry fee is only \$5.00, all proceeds benefit Kiwanis Charities. If you cant attend the BEAT this might be a good alternative ! over 5,000 spectators attended last year. Info from Bill Buck (602) 864-3494.

April 15 - Happy Easter - Check to see if the UKEB hid any Cadbury eggs or other items (perhaps a scone or some Lemon Curd) in the nooks and crannies of your wee British car.

April 28-29 Las Cruces British Car show. Possibly too late to enter for this year, but worth considering for next year, or visiting if you happen to be in that area of New Mexico. Shirley Blahak says, "It's roughly a 6 hour drive (I think Marie's mileage from north Phoenix was 355 miles and she didn't get the long distance prize) and worth every minute of it. Only the last 120 miles have to be on Interstates. We went last year and had a blast, got our registrations in early because the old plaza where they hold the show will only hold 90 cars and it was packed last year. Also includes a banquet, a rally and an awards brunch on Sunday. Not bad for \$60.00." Contact Joe Machado at (915) 581-3213 or Machado338@cs.com

June 8-9 ! Eighth Annual Beeline Cruise-In and Rim Country Classic Auto Club Car Show. Payson, AZ This one might be a fun way to beat the heat and show civilians that Brit gear can hold its own against American iron. Food, Prizes, Games and lots of beautiful cars. Registration forms enclosed. For info call Larry or Nancy Bertram (520) 472-7769.

October 6-7 ! Third Annual British Vintage Voyage. The Mini Club will reprise its fall trip this year with a nice drive through southern Arizona. After the heat of the summer this is a nice way to welcome the cooler weather of our peak driving season. Details in the registration form included in this issue. Better hurry, as there is a limit to how many cars can make this trip.

Bob Lee

