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PROJECT CAR STATUS

AUGUST WORKDAY

NO AUGUST - STILL TOO HOT!

BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE

4290 E. INDIAN SCHOOL

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 19

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

7:00 AM

DELTAMOTORSPORTS

2724 EAST BELL ROAD

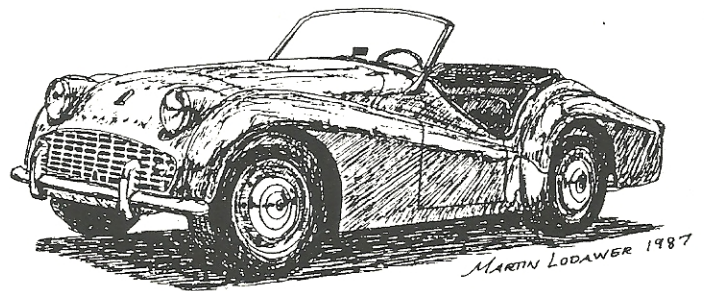
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AUGUST 22-25

VTR CONVENTION

Breckenridge, CO

See "All over the West" column
for details



AUGUST ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

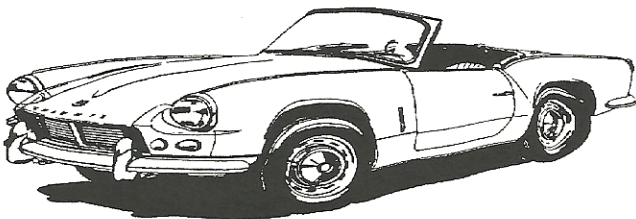
Be sure not to miss this one! Hosted by Jim Medland of Delta Motorsports, it will start at his store at 2724 East Bell Road. Jim is providing coffee and doughnuts to get you started and the run will be just a little over an hour. The secret ending place won't be too far away, according to Jim.

EDITOR'S DESK

We had the best antidote for a hot summer, s evening last Saturday night with the annual DCTRA summer party and regatta at Ann and Armand LaCasse's home. Their newly remodeled backyard, with its nice pool and creative landscaping was a welcome place to spend time with friends. Virgil & Marlene, George & Charisse, John & Lila, newcomers Bill & Jill, and Joyce & I, along with Amanda LaCasse and her friend Sydney all enjoyed the burgers and dogs and other good summertime eats. George also brought along some of his home brewed beer, a fine India Pale Ale, and we all agreed that it was a winner (We need to remember this important club resource). As for the regatta, I think we had more boats for this one than any in recent memory! single and multi-engined crafts, multi-hulled, wooden boats, K-Mart boats, simple boats that went straight and fast, and engineering marvels that went slowly around in circles. Aside from Armand's swift runner, the winners have to be Amanda and Sydney, their simple plastic boats embarrassing us smart guys. Theme for next year! keep it simple, stupid! Though there were relatively few of us there, the LaCasse's made us feel welcome and comfortable, and we all thank them for their hospitality.

As a prelude, the weekend before the regatta, I had just a few finishing touches to put on my world-beater (one of the slow ones that went around in circles), when I inadvertently tried to cut a finger off with a brand new blade. Lots of blood, lots of rushing around, off to the hospital, lots of stitches. Joyce gets really funny whenever it's determined that I am not going to die from my current catastrophe, and I think the ER people must have thought we were quite amusing sitting there laughing as much as bleeding. All for a good cause though! blood, sweat & tears for the DCTRA!!

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: After restoring my TR3, I am left with a box of parts that I would like to get rid of. Included are: Adj. Steering wheel, bonnet hinges, trunk hinges, rear nameplate, front badge, trunk handle (no key), water pump, one sidescreen mount (Duzs), taillight lens, hub caps, and side mirror. All parts are serviceable, however the chrome is dull, pitted and rusty. I am located in Prescott and not interested in packing and mailing these parts, so if anyone would like to make a reasonable offer for the whole lot and pick it up, please contact me. Dick North, 928-445-0940 (7/01)

WANTED: I am currently looking for a J type overdrive unit to add to my 66 TR4A. I have already spoken with Roy Stoney and Greg Lund but the search goes on. If anyone knows where I might go searching please let me know. Contact Steve Thompson at oakchart@home.com (7/01)

WANTED: I am also looking for a J type overdrive for my 1966 TR4A. Hope we find two or three! Jim Andres (480) 797-7944

FOR SALE: I have a five speed manual trans in excess of my needs. It's in very good working condition and came out of my wonderful 1980 TR-7 Spider at less than 44K miles by mistake. My brother and I replaced it when I first bought the car because we had changed the oil in the trans when I first bought the car but used the 'book specified' 90W oil and, of course, it was too stiff to shift easily. Misdiagnosed the problem as a trans problem. Not! Changed the trans with a spare trans and same symptom: stiff shifting. Then I learned the 'specs' were wrong and was educated by British Motors wizard to use transmission fluid (much thinner viscosity) instead. I've kept the original trans in case the one now in car ever has a problem. None. No excuse to replace it. I need the space in my garage before my wife 'seizes' it. "A guy can never have too much 'stuff'", I said but to little avail. After 44 years of marriage, I've learn when to duck. If you want to buy it (no fair offer refused), please contact me, Brad Veek, at: (520) 771-8735 or by e-mail - veeking@earthlink.net (7/01)

FOR SALE: Dave Riddle was contacted by Vance Williams to help him clear out some room in his garage of some "left-over" parts from a TR-3 Project, these parts are now in Dave's garage. Per the list supplied by Vance, Dave has the following items, which could go for the benefit of the club's project car either to use or for sale: Windshield frame with glass, Cylinder head, Clutch pressure plate and flywheel, Generator, Heater assembly, Steering box, and a bunch of small parts, some gauges, hardware, etc. (four small boxes). Of his personal stuff, Dave also has a spare TR3 motor, Tranny, rear end, doors, windshield in frame, hood and wide mouth nose, any of which could be for sale if someone was in need. Contact Dave at 480-649-9231, or at dave@microworks.net (7/01)

DCTRA ON THE INTERNET

In addition to the new DCTRA website I have created an email list server on the site for use by members only - meaning that only members of the list can send messages to the list. If you reply to a message sent to you by the list it will by default go back to the list for distribution to everyone on the list - not just to the original sender. For those unfamiliar with a list server the benefit is that instead of having to have everyone in the DCTRA group in your email address book you can simply send an email to "members@dctra.org" and everyone on that list will get a copy of it. Now Tom can send the updated newsletter announcement to the list as opposed to having to send it to each member. The use of the list is only for sharing news and information that would be of general interest to members of the Group (i.e., car shows, upcoming activities, etc...) it is not for the use of spam and spam-like email (i.e., virus alerts, internet postage alerts and missing children alerts - of which 99.999999% are hoaxes or other such messages). I hope this list can be of benefit to the club and can help increase communication among members. For those interested, I started the list with the addresses taken from the email Tom sent out on June 3rd announcing the newsletter. We currently have 89 names on the list.

Dave Riddle

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AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

***Friday Nights at 5:30pm ! Cruise-In at NW corner of Cooper & Warner (Stapley turns into Cooper when it crosses Baseline, and Warner is three miles south of US 60)

***Saturday Nights at 5:30pm ! Cruise-In at US60 & Power Rd. in Mesa (It's really on Hampton, just east of Wendy's) ! On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

August 22-25 - Vintage Triumph Register Convention. Breckenridge, CO. Contact Harry Cornelius at 303-840-2504 for details or visit their site at www.vtr.org.

September 21-23 ! Eleventh Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendezvous British Car Meet. Raton, New Mexico. Sponsored by the British Automobile Owners Association (BAOA) of Albuquerque. This 3-day event will feature a car show, road rally, tours and a banquet with awards. Located in the beautiful high country of northern New Mexico. Contact Kevin Kittle for registration info at 505-345-4207.

September 23 ! British Breakfast Run - Will be organized by the Lotus Owners of Phoenix.. This will be the last one on the summer schedule.

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 enclosed registration form. Better hurry, as there is a limit to how many cars can make this trip.

October 14 ! British Breakfast Run - Hosted by the AZ MG Club and back to winter hours, meet at 7:30am to leave at 8:00am.

October 18-21 ! 2001 Triumphfest. Ventura Beach Hotel, Ventura, CA. Sponsored by TRSC. See ad elsewhere in this newsletter. Contact

November it will be the turn of the AZ Roadrunners to play host. Date to be announced.

Dec.22 - Christmas Lights Tour - In response to requests made last year the Arizona Mini Owners will arrange the tour on SATURDAY at 6:30PM. The meeting place to be announced later when we find out where the best lights are!



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MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

Meeting came to order at Don Pablo's at 7:10pm with sixteen members in attendance. As Prez Roger Guzowski and Secretary Deta Hampsch were unable to attend, their roles were filled by VP Bob Lee and Mike Bayne. Roger is off checking on accommodations for Triumphest 2002, and has been quite busy caring for Roni, who has been undergoing additional surgery.

Minutes of the June meeting were accepted as read. George Montgomery reported that little has changed in our treasury, and our current balance is \$4878.16. Cliff reported that the project car is finally running! He says that it sounds good and makes no strange noises. The only snag was an improperly installed oil filter, which caused the engine to pump its oil out on the ground, but that was easily corrected. No work day is scheduled for July (or August! too damn hot!)! the next scheduled day will probably be in September.

John Horton reported that the AAHC has taken the summer off, but their reports can be found on the web at www.azhobbycouncil.com.

For the tech session, Bob Lee discussed his TR-3 fan pulley and throttle linkage needs, George got speedo rebuild help, and Mike's thump-thump problems were diagnosed as being differential and expensive. Roy mentioned that Tucker Tire now has a laser balancer that can balance your tires on the car.

Bob discussed the recent run and dinner at Reata Pass Steakhouse, and the upcoming Summer Party and Regatta at Armand & Ann LaCasse's home on the 21st! 5:00pm, RSVP, BYOB, etc8 For future events, a ball game at BOB was discussed for August, and progressive dinners and a trip to Karchner Caverns was recommended for the spring (Dave Riddle may have connections for tickets). Dave and George also related their land-speed record trip to the St Johns GP (see Daves Article).

Everybody ate lots of good Mexican food, had a drink, and we adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Mike Bayne for Deta Hampsch

UPCOMING SCHEDULED RACE DAYS IN AZ

SCCA

October 6-7 Double Regional at Firebird

November 10-11 Double Regional at PIR

December 8-9 Double Regional at PIR

NASA

September 28-30 at PIR

October 12-14 at PIR

November 23-25 at PIR (with an Enduro)

ASRA

October 28 at Firebird

(Halloween Run and Open Wheel Invitational)

November 18 at Firebird

(annual Enduro and a Drivers School)

THE PREZ SEZ

I just got back from my latest round of host-hotel searching for our 2002 Triumphest, and think I have narrowed it down to one great location in Laughlin. I know that, based on our last experience there, a lot of you expressed a concern over too many outside distractions taking away from the event, but the hotel I've found should provide quite a different experience.

The River Palms Hotel has had extensive experience catering to car groups. They are willing and eager to accommodate groups like ours and their setup is pretty nice. Unlike the last Laughlin gathering, all of our functions will be in one place. From one entrance, go up to the rooms, down to the banquet and assembly halls, and out to our own fenced lot for the cars. The lot is large enough to stage a slalom and other motorized games (at least as big as the breakfast run lot at 32nd St & Shea), and contains a large carpeted building to house vendors, displays, happy hours, and our original TR-2. The hotel will supply the concessions, and the room rates will be the most reasonable in years, around \$40 a night. There are other places that I have looked at, and we will need to discuss them at the August meeting, but from what I have seen, the River Palms looks like a winner.

Please try to attend the August meeting. The club needs to finalize our plans soon, even though the event is over a year away, and it's a decision we need to make as a group. We will want to announce our plans in the program of this year's Triumphest, and they have a quick-approaching deadline. A lot of planning needs to go into making a memorable event, and I'll need all the help I can get.

With a Smile, Roger

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please check the most current membership list at: <http://www.dctra.org/news/memlist.pdf>

to see if your membership expiration date has passed. If so, there is a form in almost every newsletter for you to fill out and send to the Club Treasurer, along with your check. Don't forget, DCTRA offers multi-year discounts! We will soon begin to purge those members who haven't renewed. Don't be left out of all the fun - renew now!

Tom Pennell, Membership Chairman

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ST JOHNS GRAND PRIX

This year we were not racing in the event (trying to heal from an injured elbow) but we did make a run up to the event to watch and help out on radios for another racer. George Montgomery and I along with my son Tyler made the run from Mesa up to the St. Johns airport in my fairly newly acquired 1988 Porsche 944. Mapblast.com and Mapquest.com both claim that the drive to St. Johns via Snowflake will take 4 hours and 19 minutes; well we put that claim to the test and it came up sorely lacking! We left my house at 4:15am on Saturday July 7 and including a 20 minute stop for breakfast at the McDonald's in Payson we made the run in 3 hours 17 minutes.

The weather was very pleasant up in the White Mountains for race day. The friend I had gone up to watch and help had not arrived at the track yet that morning when we arrived so we walked around to look at some of the cars that would be competing and when we came over to some other friends working on their Formula Atlantic car George and I jumped in to lend a hand on some of the tasks such as checking fluid levels and straightening skirts on the side pods that were damaged in an off-track excursion the previous day in qualifying. After helping out for a bit we decided to go ahead and register the Porsche for a Street Car group (ran it in the Green - Advanced Group). While Tyler was helping my friend Ron Bergamo clean the windows on his 1967 Porsche 911 George and I hit the track for a session. I had taken my racing kit with me (just in case you know) so we borrowed a helmet for George and off we went.

The track layout was of course just like the previous year although this year they had sealed the surface which helped with grip and between that and the use of three street sweepers between sessions they had also managed to take care of the issue of all the loose sand and rocks (last year it was so bad that the sidepods on my car in front of the rear wheels were sandblasted down through the gelcoat to the bare fiberglass). We got in a bunch of laps and George must have had a good time during the session since I kept hearing hysterical laughter from the passenger side of the car (although there were no fluids to clean up inside the car after the session). The 944 lived up to its billing as the best steering production car ever made. I tried to get the car out of shape on the tight 90 degree turns at the end of the long straights and it just remained neutral for the most part with only the faintest hint of oversteer. I had been keeping an eye on the gauges and when I saw the water temp hit the last tick before the red zone I called the session over for us (fortunately it was also the last lap of the session). Once we parked the car it ported a bunch of fluid so we left the car to cool down and spent the rest of the day watching races and looking at cars. There was a fantastic kit Ford GT-40 parked next to us that had everybody taking turns sitting in it and imaging blasting down the Mulsanne Straight at Le Mans while they tried to keep from drooling all over the car.

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ST. JOHNS GRAND PRIX - CONTINUED

I ran radios for a guy in a new Boxster during the Blue group race (over 3 liter cars) and since I had brought my radios with us as well George and Tyler were able to listen in while watching the race. A Monte Carlo bodied NAS-CAR style car and a Speed Truck provided the best show during that event as they competed for 2nd and 3rd overall. In the closing two laps of the event however the Truck blew his motor on the half mile uphill straight in a big cloud of smoke and it then looked like the Monte Carlo would cruise to an easy 2nd place finish until he took turn 12 onto the front straight for what would have been the start of the last lap and instead he just coasted to the side of the track with a dead car.

Start planning for making the run with us next year for this fun event up in the cool mountains.

Dave Riddle

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

The time has come to part ways with our little Spitfire. I'm offering it up to the local Triumph gang 1st before anyone else. Here is the description:

1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500, 63k miles, 1 family owner, original Pageant Blue with fresh tan interior and black soft top. Car includes factory hardtop with matching paint and intact orig headliner, factory boots for hard and soft top configurations, 50w AM/FM Cass stereo, tonneau cover, factory tool kit, original spare tire with vinyl cover, older front bra, dealer window sticker, purchase docs and owners manual, misc triumph automobilia. The car has current registration and has been garage kept for past ten years since being refurbished. There are some "character" dents dings and scratches but overall appearance is very good. This is the last year for chrome bumpers. Car has been driven mostly to car shows over past ten years. The engine has been modified with a Weber DGV carb and K&N air filter. Recently replaced parts include: Michelin radials, battery, alternator, air pump, water pump, starter, dist cap/wires. Extra parts include: full set of used gauges, 2 stock wheels, rear spring, differential, header, orig intake, Zenith carb, air cleaner. Price is \$6500 call Cliff Daniel at 480-838-3260 or email at cdaniel@ix.net-com.com. Digital photos available at <http://pages.zdnet.com/cdaniel2/1978triumphspitfire/08/01>

