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## JULY 2001

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MEETING: JULY 10 @ 7:00 PM  
DON PABLO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

For membership information, contact Tom Pennell at 520-537-3355

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### PROJECT CAR STATUS

#### JULY WORKDAY

NO JULY - TOO HOT!

#### BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE

4290 E. INDIAN SCHOOL

## COMING EVENTS

JULY 21

DCTRA ANNUAL POOL PARTY & REGATTA

5:00 P.M.

202 East Harmont

Details Below

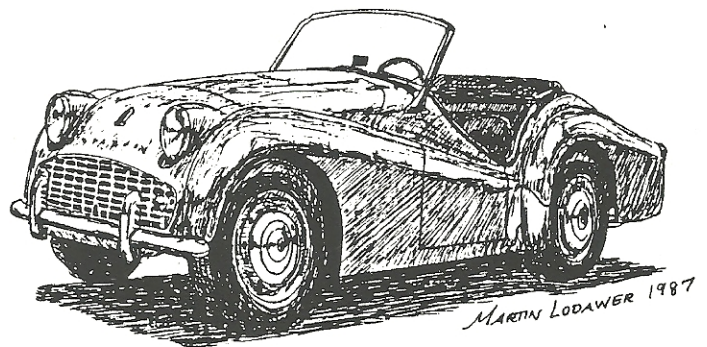
### OTHER EVENTS

JULY 15 @ 7:00 AM

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

32nd & SHEA

Hosted by BME



### DCTRA'S ANNUAL POOL PARTY

The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, etc. Bring a pot luck item to share and if you want something else to drink, bring it as well. The regatta rules were published in a previous newsletter, but if you want details in person, come to the July meeting.

## EDITOR'S DESK

Had a great opportunity to go with the Hortons to see Virgil and Marlene Cole perform their harmonica numbers a couple of weeks ago. The Glendale Public Library at 59th Avenue & Peoria has a Wednesday evening "coffee house" style performance series in their cozy little auditorium, and the Coles were one of the acts that performed. As Virgil said, "We all learned way more about harmonicas than we ever needed to know", but those two really put on an enjoyable show. Nice to have such talented people in the Club.

Dave Riddle forwarded this inquiry from a fellow TR owner in New Mexico: Is anyone from your area going to VTR2001 in Breckenridge? I'm a new member of VTR, and couldn't find any organized (note spelling) clubs in New Mexico. If you are going, what route will you be taking? Will you go thru Albuquerque? I'm just interested in joining a few Triumphs on the road to the convention. There is a great ride from ABQ thru the back way (mountains) to Los Alamos. Contact Robb Hermes (VTR 13390), Los Alamos, NM [MSIhermes@aol.com](mailto:MSIhermes@aol.com)

I finally ordered the parts to fix the leaky differential in the Spitfire. Perfect timing, as usual! I always start a project in the garage just about the time that the high dew point renders my cooler ineffective. And I really love those jobs that require a zillion hours of labor just to replace a couple bucks worth of parts. Oh well! I guess that's the price we pay for living in a place where we get to drive neat cars all winter long. A little sweat is well worth the benefits.

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/>

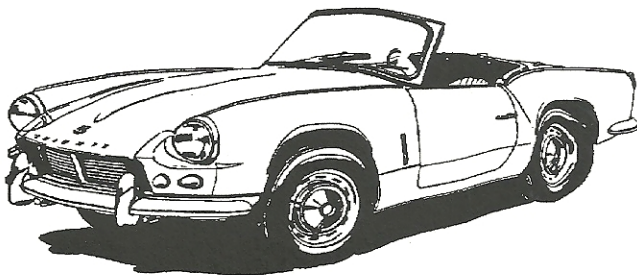
Sports Car Club of America - Arizona Region

<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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dave@microworks.net) (7/01)

## MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:07pm at Don Pablo's. The minutes were accepted as printed and the treasurer's report was accepted as read.

We hosted the British Breakfast Run this last month. Everyone had a great time on an interesting tour through parts of Camelback Mountain and Paradise Valley. About forty people attended. We will go out for dinner at Reatta Pass Steakhouse later this month on June 23rd. The next breakfast run will be held July 15th. Our annual regatta will not be held on July 10th as previously announced. The pool party/regatta will be held on July 21st at Armand and Anne LaCasse's home, 202 E. Harmont. In August we will go to Rustlers Rooste for dinner. In September we will have a tune & tech at Roy Stoney's garage. In October you have a choice between the British Vintage Voyage or Triumphest.

Our planned trip to England will be delayed until 2003 in order for us to concentrate on Triumphest 2002, which we will be hosting. It looks like we may end up in Laughlin, Oct 18th and 19th! Roger is working out the details.

Cliff is working on the project car every Monday, and he needs help! We hope that everyone who can will turn out on June 24th to work on the car.

The tech report consisted of various car problems being discussed and solved.

Tucker Tire has given us a very good deal on a set of tires for the project car, and any member is eligible for the same deal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Deta Hampsch

## THE PREZ SEZ

Selection of the host hotel for Triumphest 2002 is progressing nicely. In Lake Havasu City I spoke with the people at the Ramada, who can devote a 160 room hotel to our group. Though they can host our informal gatherings, they have no banquet facilities. We can arrange to have our banquet at the convention center about four blocks away from the hotel, next to London Bridge, and we can have our car show on the grass at the golf course. Prices are good and they seem eager to work with us. Also in Havasu, for a pricier location, the hotel on the island is available, all the facilities are there, and the cost is slightly less than last year's San Diego meeting.

In July I will be checking out the River Palms Hotel in Laughlin. These people are pretty experienced in hosting car group get-togethers, the cars can be with us on-site, the prices are great, and we can have our reception on their beach! Lots of details to iron out, but I should have some pretty concrete figures by the July meeting.

With a Smile, Roger

## 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

## 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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CONTACT TOM PENNELL AT "tpennell@cybertrails.com"

## TRIUMPHEST 2001 NOTES

Hello, Triumph friends! Have you made your Hotel Reservations for TRIUMPHEST 2001: A TRIUMPH ODYSSEY yet? If not, please do so soon! It turns out that the Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk (3500 people!) is passing through Ventura on "our" Triumphest weekend. They are camping Friday night at a local state beach, but I am concerned that many walkers, staff, volunteers, and the press might instead chose to book rooms at "our" hotel! The good news is that the walkers will be arriving late afternoon on Friday and depart by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, so they shouldn't interfere too much with our events.

VENTURA BEACH HOTEL [www.venturabeachhotel.com](http://www.venturabeachhotel.com)

Event Price: \$92/night. Reservations: 1-877-983-6887 or 805-643-6000. Best time to call: 8am-5pm, ask for "in-house reservations". Use the Event Name "Triumphest" for your special rate! For registration information, please see our website at <http://www.geocities.com/triumphest2001>

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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)

July 5-7 ! St. Johns Grand Prix ! Sports Car Racing at the St. Johns Airport, 8am to 6:00pm daily. Tickets are \$1.00, and info is available at 480-961-3864, or at <http://www.nasa-az.com>. Dave Riddle raced there last year and had a blast! Could be a great way to escape the summer heat!

July 15 at 7:00am ! British Breakfast Run ! Meet at 7:00am for departure at 7:30am ! Hosted by British Motor Enthusiasts

July 21 ! Annual DCTRA Pool Party & Regatta ! 5:00pm at Armand and Anne LaCasse's home, 202 E. Harmont, Phoenix !

August 22-25 - Vintage Triumph Register Convention. Breckenridge, CO. Contact Harry Cornelius at 303-840-2504 for details or visit their site at <http://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.

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 18-21 ! Triumphest 2001. Ventura Beach Hotel, Ventura, CA. Sponsored by TRSC. See ad elsewhere in this newsletter. Contact <http://www.geocities.com/triumphest2001>



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