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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

JUNE WORKDAY

JUNE 12 @ 10:00 AM

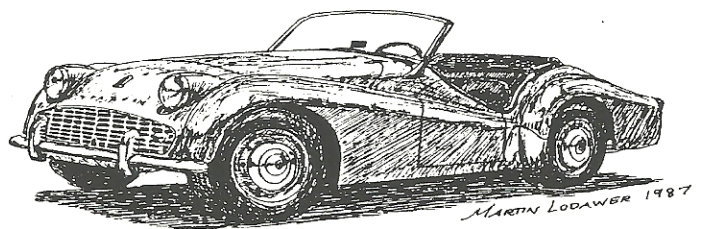
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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 10
ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN
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EDITOR'S DESK

Well, summer's just started and I'm already tired of the heat. And don't give me the dry heat line ! I've lived here all my life, so I know hot is just plain hot! So many projects to do while the car is down for the summer. I've got to replace the seat bottom foams before the fall ! they have collapsed to the point that we're sitting on the floor of the car. Kind of like riding a hardtail Harley, only possibly less comfortable on the tailbone. I should also pay some attention to my leaking differential ! the spot on the garage floor has started to get alarmingly large, and I'm tired of having to fill it before every drive. And the used wire wheels that I got from Tom a couple of years ago sure do need some straightening before I can mount them on the car. All fairly simple things to do, if I can just get up the energy to go out into the outdoor oven (garage) and get to work. Maybe next week....

For anyone interested in old sportscar websites, there are some dandy places to find neat old pics from the 50's and 60's by some of the best photographers. I've always been a fan of great automotive photography, and these sites provide views of cars, drivers and motorsports that have long been difficult to find. Check out the list elsewhere in the newsletter.

Also included in this newsletter is an article forwarded to me from the TR Sports Car Club of San Diego concerning forthcoming legislation concerning the repeal of some existing emission laws relating to classic cars. It's worth paying attention to, because as John Horton (our AAHC Rep) has pointed out, similar proposals have started to take root in our own legislature, and as a club we cannot sit idly by and allow them to do this unopposed.

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/>

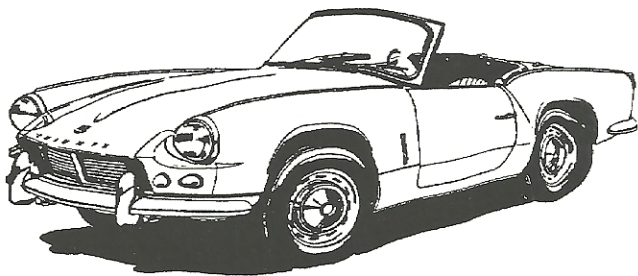
Sports Car Club of America - Arizona Region

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

Vintage Auto Racing Association

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

Dave Riddle



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

For Sale: 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)

For Sale: Spitfire 1296cc short block. Disassembled but all there. Make offer -or- reasonable interesting trades considered. Call Mike at 602-938-1282. (05/01)

THE PREZ SEZ

At the meeting this month we will need to finalize our plans for the summer pool party. The LaCasse's have graciously offered the club the use of their home for the party, and this will be the ideal time to christen their brand new pool. As usual this will be a potluck, and a good time for us and our families (bring the kids) to get together. The club will supply the burgers and weenies, and of course, it is BYOB. The annual Boat Regatta will be held and it promises to provide some creative entertainment. Rules are simple: This is a swimming pool regatta, a match race until there is only one boat left undefeated; your boat must fit into a shoebox with the cover closed (no bigger than 7x14); two classes ! electric and non-electric power, with no internal combustion engines; no external attachment points, and no external launch mechanisms. Prizes will be awarded. As I said, we'll decide at the next meeting when to hold the party, and I hope everyone will plan on attending. Should be fun.

With a Smile, Roger



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URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT (from SEMA)

Legislation to Repeal Old Car Emissions Exemption Introduced in California Senate

As predicted, legislation has been introduced in the California Senate to repeal the state's current rolling emissions test exemption for vehicles 30 years old and older. S.B. 1172 repeals the current pro-hobbyist exemption and replaces it with a static exemption for pre-1974 vehicles. S.B. 800 repeals the current exemption and replaces it with a static exemption for pre-1975 vehicles. However, S.B. 800 was introduced by Sen. Maurice Johannessen (a long-time friend of the hobby) and we believe strongly that this bill will be amended to remove the repeal language. At this point, we do not believe that S.B. 800 poses a threat to the hobby. Therefore, We Urge You to Contact Your State Senators Immediately to Oppose S.B. 1172. Existing law in California exempts all pre-1974 vehicles from emissions testing until 1-2003. After 2003, vehicles 30 years old and older will be exempt from emissions testing. California's current emissions testing exemption recognizes the minimal impact of vehicles 30 years old and older on vehicle emissions and air quality. Vehicles 30 years old and older constitute a small portion of the overall vehicle population (currently less than 3% of the over 23 million vehicles in California) and are a poor source from which to look for emissions reduction. Antique and classic vehicles are overwhelmingly well maintained and infrequently driven (about one-third the miles each year as a new vehicle). Legislators and regulators are feeling the heat from a failed effort to meet air quality goals and are looking for a convenient scapegoat. The old car hobby should not carry the burden of their mistakes!

Please fax a copy of your letters to us at 202-783-6024 or mail to:

SEMA Washington Office
1317 F Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004

Attn: Steve McDonald or Brian Caudill

SPORTS CAR PICS WEBSITES

For anyone who appreciates the artistry of fine motorsports photographers, such as Friedman, Klemantaski, Alexander, Snowdon or Goddard, these sites will help you waste an afternoon.

www.dfphotoservices.com
www.klemcoll.com
www.autosportsltd.com
www.f1-photo.com
www.sutton-images.com
www.tomfarrington.com
www.gpl-images.com
www.jessealexander.com
www.jarrotts.com

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 (Its really on Hampton, just east of Wendys) ! On the first Saturday of each month, we try to reserve spots for British cars)

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. For info call Larry or Nancy Bertram (520) 472-7769.

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

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.

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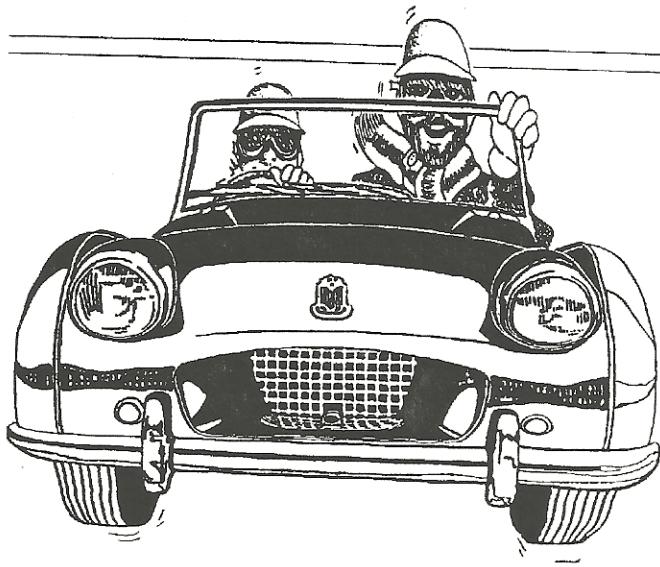


MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting at El Zaribah opened at 7:05pm with twenty members present. We had one guest ! Joe Dickerson (TR-6). Minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was also read and accepted. The mailed newsletters were not yet received and some members were not able to print complete newsletters from the Internet. A lot of electrical work has been done on the project car and it is looking good! The next work day will be in June ! the date will be announced. AAHC met for the last time at Mt Olive's church. There will be no meeting for the summer ! in September the meetings will resume on the first Monday of each month, at El Zaribah. On the tech side John Horton mentioned that he had loaned out a lot of tools on the BEAT and that not all of them have found their way home. Please check your tool boxes to see if you can help those wayward tools find their way home. We will be holding our summer meeting at Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, as a result of a unanimous decision. It is our turn to host the British Breakfast Run in June, and it will be held on the 10th. In July we will have our annual summer swim party and regatta at Armand LaCasse's home. In August we will have a trip to Rustler's Roost and in September we will have a tune & tech session at Roy Stoney's garage. Everyone is welcome to bring their TR's to be checked out before the trip to Triumphest. Our historian needs pictures from the BEAT for the scrap-books. Roger filled us in on the state of Roni's health, which is not good, and we all pray for the best. In new business, Roger is making arrangements for next year's BEAT for us to stay at Little America. The management approached him, and they are offering some very nice benefits. Roger will keep us all informed to what is going on. A Triumphest '99 grille badge was auctioned, and went to Roger for \$11.00, proceeds to go to the project car. John & Cathy Nuss reported on the Las Cruces British Car Days, and said that they really enjoyed it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Deta Hampsch



INTERNET INFO

Dave Riddle forwarded this item which may be of interest to many of us:

From: "DennisAcker"(dacker@britishcarauction.com)

To: Dave @ microworks.net

Date: Sat, 26 May 2001 23:44:25 -0400

Hello - I am just starting up an online community for British Car

Enthusiasts, and I was wondering if you could help me get the word out to others that would be interested. This community has an auction for British Car enthusiasts to buy, sell, and trade British cars and British parts. A Discussion Group/Forum for Individuals, Clubs, and Groups. This discussion forum is very powerful. It has many features that you will enjoy. Soon to be released are: Members WebSite Section, Member's Classified Section, Member's Personalized Page, Member's E-mails and E-mail lists, Member's News and How-to section. I have just completed the auction site after a year of work. I planned to formally launch the site the first week of June, but with the overwhelming response I received when I put the site up as a test I decided to launch the site early. The website is now fully functional and officially launched. I am writing you since you obviously have an interest in Triumphs. I would very much appreciate it if you could take a few moments to review my site and if you have any comments please let me know. I am always looking for new ways to improve the site and the functionality. Please register at the auction site by clicking on "Register

NOW" so that I can keep your e-mail address up to date and keep you informed of new features when they are added. It is completely free to register. The British Car Auction can be found at <http://www.britishcarauction.com>

The BRITISH CAR AUCTION TEAM

A father took his young son to a British car show. The son looked at all the cars and then said 'Dad, when I grow up I want to drive a Triumph'. The father looked down at him lovingly and replied "You can't do both, son".

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