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MEETING: OCTOBER 9 @ 7:00 PM  
DON PABLO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
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### PROJECT CAR STATUS

### OCTOBER WORKDAY

**CANCELLED DUE TO TRIUMPHEST**

**BRITISH SPORTSCAR SERVICE**

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## COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 18-21

TRIUMPHEST 2001

PRESENTED BY S.C.T.O.A.

Ventura, California.

Caravan plans inside

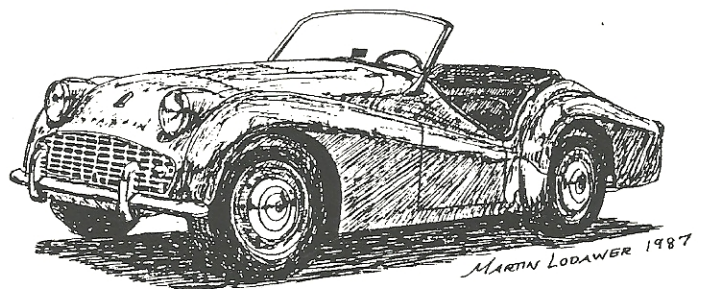
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BRITISH VINTAGE VOYAGE

See <http://drive.to/amo>

for final details

Hosted by the Mini Club



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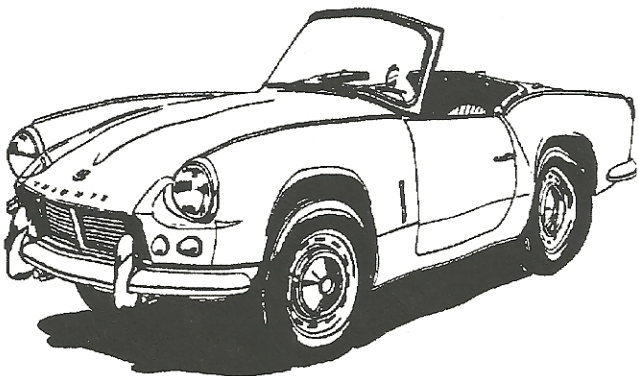


## EDITORS DESK

Hell of a month. Its hard to put into words the range of emotions we all experienced during the past several weeks, and it both puts our personal endeavors into perspective and displays the outright cruelty of those who refuse to understand and even tolerate our way of life. Though it may seem insignificant now, considering the staggering losses so many have had to endure, even our enthusiasm for funny little cars has been jeopardized by these thugs. If they had their way there would be no pursuit of happiness for any of us, and none of us can stand for that. God bless those who have lost so much and those who have struggled so hard to rescue and rebuild. Being brought to justice is far too good a destiny for the rotten bastards who did this.

Note the meeting location change. Seems the new management of the Shrine has had a change of heart so we are temporarily homeless. We can only hope that there is an old Peugeot in their future. Coming in to the meaty part of our driving season, we have a lot of planning to do for the fall season, not to mention our Triumphest in 2002. Come to the meeting at Don Pablos this month ! we need participation and ideas to keep this club vibrant and fresh and that happens at the meetings. DCTRA is no better than its members, and we all need to participate to keep this going. See you October 9<sup>th</sup>.

MIKE BAYNE



### LOCAL RACING ORG'S WEBSITES

**National Auto Sport Association**

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

**Arizona Sports Racing Association**

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

**SCCA - Arizona Region**

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

**Vintage Auto Racing Association**

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

Dave Riddle

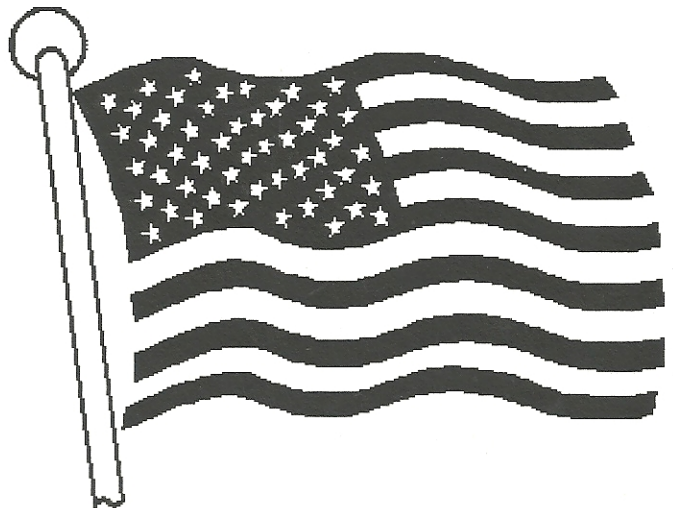
## CLASSIC-FIED ADS

**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)

### TRIUMPHEST CARAVAN

John Truttman and myself are planning to leave early AM on Thursday, October 18th for Ventura (our wives will be flying over & will meet us there) Anyone who is planning to attend, please email me at [fwick@financing-equipment.com](mailto:fwick@financing-equipment.com) so we can coordinate a time and place to meet to caravan to Ventura. We understand that Roger & Roni Guzowski will be driving over several days early and will meet us there. Should be a great event, so hope you can join us!!!

Fran Wickenhauser



**UNITED WE STAND**  
NEVER FORGET 9/11/2001



# 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](mailto:cdaniel@ix.net-com.com). Digital photos available at <http://pages.zdnet.com/cdaniel2/1978triumphspitfire/08/01>

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

I got the suggestion to tour the Hall of Flame and to see the restoration area. I have set up a date with the museum for Saturday, October 27. They are open from 9 to 5, but the gentleman (all 80 years worth) who does the restorations is usually only there in the morning on Saturday and not on Sunday. I think that we could have a couple of gathering points and drive to the museum, tour, and either have lunch or go on to whatever Saturday holds. Are there any thoughts about locations to start from, routes to take, etc.?

Bob Lee

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, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street & Shea, to leave at 8:00am.

October 18-21 - Triumphest 2001. Ventura Beach Hotel, Ventura, CA. Sponsored by TRSC.

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!

January 26, 2002 - Tubac Car Show

February 23-24 - Highland Games ! Mesa Community College

March 10 ! Wheels of Britain Car Show ! Heritage Square



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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The El Zaribah shrine has changed their food and drink license to a members-only status. Last Tuesday we were ejected. We cannot meet there any longer. The food service was changed also to make it almost impossible to eat there. The eleven people that did attend went to Bill Johnsons for barbecue and an impromptu meeting.

I had the details of the project car raffle with me. I will also have them at the next meeting. We need to get this underway. I understand the project car is well along and will be ready for Triumphest 2002 Forms and tickets are ready to distribute.

Roger suggested we meet at Don Pablos at 20th Street & Camelback on the date of the next meeting at the normal time.

JOHN HORTON

## TRIUMPH PARTS & PIECES FOR SALE

The garage needs cleaning and you can help! Excellent selection of GT6 and Spitfire parts from 1966 through 1973. TR3 and other Triumph model parts are also available. I am motivated to sell so you can get a good deal! Please call if you are looking for something not on the following list of goodies:

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

Two Cosmic 15 wheels fit TR2 through TR6 - \$50

Dash Crash Pad Overlay fits GT6 Mk3, and Spitfire Mk4 & 1500 - \$40

70 GT6+ body on rolling chassis

74 Spitfire Mk4 body on rolling chassis - very cheap to FREE???

Right front fender for GT6 Mk1 and Spit Mk 1 & 2

69 GT6+ Rotoreflex suspension frame (similar to Spit Mk 3 except radiator mounts)

69 Spitfire cleaned and painted frame with front suspension including Koni shocks

GT6 Mk1 frame (same as Spitfire Mk1 & 2 except radiator mounts)

69 GT6+ bonnet

69 Spitfire bonnet

GT6 Rotoreflex rear suspension parts and hubs

GT6 and Spitfire front suspension, rotors, hubs and calipers

TR3, GT6 and Spitfire Assorted Doors, hatches and deck lids

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

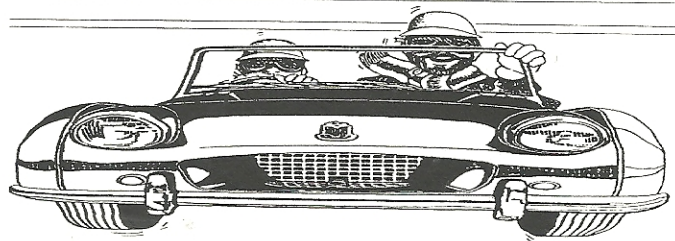
Early Spitfire hubcaps and wheel covers

## THE PREZ SEZ

We showed up at the El Zaribah for our September monthly meeting, the same way we have done for the past nine years, and were promptly informed that they have converted the Red Fez Room into a private club ! Members Only. The dozen or so club members that attended, even amidst the tragedy in New York, were left without a meeting place, and without a dinner, so an abbreviated, impromptu meeting was held at the Big Apple.

This necessitates a good turnout for our October meeting. We need to come up with a new, permanent meeting place that is acceptable to the majority of our club, and this isnt something weve had to do for a long time. We have a number of things to go over in addition to that ! the project car raffle, fall events, our breakfast run and plans for Triumphest 02. We also need to coordinate meeting times and locations for those who are attending this years event in Ventura. So plan on being at Don Pablos this month ! we have quite a bit to do.

WITH A SMILE, ROGER GUZOWSKI



## MORE OF ARMAND'S STUFF

69 Spitfire Mk3 1296cc overhauled engine - \$900

1296cc and 1500cc Spitfire SU carburetors with four-port intake manifold

70 GT6+ engine

TR 250 and TR6 2.5 liter crankshaft

GT6 Mk1 and Vitesse 2 liter crankshaft (small journals)

GT6+ Block and crankshaft (large journals)

Spit Mk4 engine ! 1296 or 1500? ! Supposedly rebuilt but I would tear it down first!

TR6 cylinder head and TR 250 cylinder head

Transmissions for Spitfire Mk 1 & 2, 69 Spitfire Mk3, and Spitfire 1500

Assorted GT6 and Spitfire rear ends in various gear ratios and conditions

Assorted drive shafts

GT6+ and GT6 Mk3 new exhaust system and muffler

Running lights, gauges, wire harnesses, wiper motors, special bolts and fasteners, steering columns, radiators, glass, wheels, seats, hardware, small parts, carbs, just ask for the part you need.

Armand LaCasse

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## RACING REPORT

Newswire: Riddle Formula Racing "hires" a new driver!

My Son Tyler (age 9) will be getting his feet wet on the track within the next month. We recently acquired a 1997 TopKart Cadet with a SuperDyne prepped Yamaha 100cc motor for him to run in the Junior 1 class out at the PKRA track in the North Valley. Mom did not appear to be too nervous at first until he got behind the wheel for the first time and drove the kart in our cul-de-sac. At that point it dawned on her that her little boy was piloting a vehicle without seat belts or roll bars capable of speed in excess of 70mph! So far Son and Mom are both doing well. By the way, the current car of his dreams when he is old enough to drive on the street is a Spitfire, so you had better watch out Doc he is eyeing that pretty red Spitfire of yours with it's flashy white Le Mans stripes!

The week of Sept 17-23 will see the SCCA holding its annual National Championship - the "Valvoline Runoffs". This year instead unlike years past the event will not be shown live. While this is bad news for the diehards it is great news for those with lives that require them to work since in the past the coverage stretch across three days of continuous coverage on Speedvision. Now the races will be broadcast on tape delay with the following schedule. Many of the "Production" and "GT" Classes feature front runners driving British cars such as Spitfires, TR-6, Sunbeam Tigers, Mini's, MGA's, Midgets and Sprites. The following are the initial program dates on Speedvision current as of 9/18/2001, be sure to check listings as to accuracy and for the currently scheduled two repeats of most

events. The initial broadcast times appear to be 7:00pm PST for all the

events. I have included the car "type" that won in some of the classes

from last year.

Class Dates -

"C" Sports Racer 10/11/01

"G" Production 10/12/01 Fiat Spyder

Formula 500 10/14/01 (This is my class!)

T1 (Touring 1) 10/18/01 Porsche 911

Formula Ford 10/19/01

SSC (Showroom Stock "C" 10/20/01 Mazda Protege

Formula V 10/21/01

GT4 11/01/01 Nissan 200SX

GT2 11/02/01 Porsche 944

T2 (Touring 2) 11/04/01 Camaro Z28

Formula Mazda 11/05/01

AS (American Sedan) 11/15/01 Ford Mustang

SSB (Showroom Stock "B") 11/16/01 Mazda Miata

"F" Production 11/17/01 MG Midget

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## RACING REPORT - CONTINUED

SRF (Spec Racer Ford) 11/18/01

Formula Atlantic 11/19/01

S2000 (Sports 2000) 11/22/01

GT5 11/24/01 Mini

"H" Production 11/25/01 MG Midget

GT3 11/26/01 Toyota Paseo

"E" Production 11/30/01 Fiat Spyder

Formula Continental 12/01/01

GT1 12/02/01 Ford Mustang

"D" Sports Racer 12/03/01

Dave Riddle

## CHOICES, CHOICES8

Here is an interesting article from Autoweek a couple weeks ago, and embellished by a few members:

Most people assume WWJD is for "What would Jesus do?" But the initials really stand for "What would Jesus drive?". One theory is that Jesus would tool around in an old Plymouth because "the Bible says God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden in a Fury. 'But in Psalm 83, the Almighty clearly owns a Pontiac and a Geo. The passage urges the Lord to pursue your enemies with your Tempest and terrify them with your Storm. 'Perhaps God favors Dodge pickup trucks, because Moses' followers are warned not to go up a mountain "until the Ram's horn sounds a long blast." Some scholars insist that Jesus drove a Honda but didn't like to talk about it. As proof, they cite a verse in St. John's gospel where Christ tells the crowd, 'For I did not speak of my own Accord...!' Meanwhile, Moses rode an old British motorcycle, as evidenced by a Bible passage declaring that "the roar of Moses' Triumph is heard in the hills." Joshua drove a Triumph sports car with a hole in its muffler: "Joshua's Triumph was heard throughout the land." And, following the Master's lead, the Apostles car pooled in a Honda. "The Apostles were in one Accord."!!!!

