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MEETING: DECEMBER 10 @ 7:00 PM
MANUEL'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
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PROJECT CAR STATUS

IT'S ALL OVER!
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED!

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 7

DCTRA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

7:00 P.M.

Hosted by John & Lila Truttman

See announcement inside

DECEMBER 21

ALL BRITISH RUN

Christmas Lights Tour - 6:00 P.M.

Hosted by the Mini Club

Meeting place TBA

NOT at 32nd & Shea!

Details at the December meeting

RECIPE TIME

At a recent get-together, Kathy Nuss brought a Broccoli Salad that everyone simply raved about. It really was quite distinctive, and the ladies insisted that I put the recipe in the newsletter, so here are the ingredients:

1 head broccoli (blanched)

1 cup chopped celery

1 cup sliced green olives

cup chopped onion

3 hard boiled eggs, sliced

1 cup mayonnaise

Mix everything together and serve it cold ! yum!

Thanks, Kathy!

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm with 32 present, John Horton, VP, presiding. Secretary's report was accepted as printed. Any remaining bills from Triumphest need to be presented ASAP to Jim Bartels, our new Treasurer.

A new editor is needed for the newsletter, since Mike Bayne will be resigning in January 2003. He can be contacted at 602-938-1282. Project car report consisted of "Glad it is over!" The new owner, Dale Wells of New Mexico, picked up the car from John Horton and drove home in it. There were a few assembly glitches that nobody caught, but Dale's grin was ear to ear. Many thanks go out to all who worked on the car.

Bob Spencer passed around a Lucas Service Manual for everyone to peruse, and copies can be ordered from him at a nominal fee.

Triumphest report from John Truttman and Fran Wickenhauser was in the same vein as the project car report: "Thank God it is over!" All went very well at the event and a big thank you went out to everyone who made it such a resounding success. Many comments by attendees were overheard about how great a time everyone had. Everybody really liked the fact that all the events were in one location. Dave Riddle will be posting pictures on the web (www.dctra.org).

Our Christmas party this year will be December 7, hosted by the Truttmans. Our gift exchange will resume, with gifts costing no more than \$10.00. RSVP John and Lila ASAP. A number of items from Triumphest were left unclaimed and John Horton raffled off a few of them.

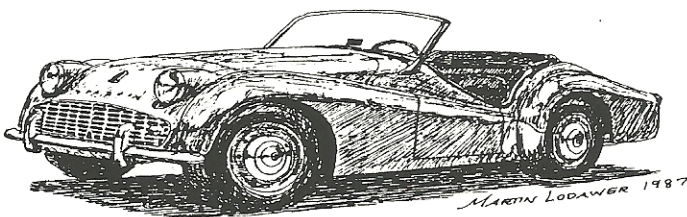
By unanimous vote we will donate \$100 to the Chrysalis Foundation and \$200 to St. Mary's Food Bank this season for our annual charity donation. Dave Riddle will scout out a location for our January Champagne Brunch & Elections. Nominations were taken for '03 club officers. They Were: President: John Horton and John Truttman; Vice President: Fran Wickenhauser and Rich Aubert; Secretary: Deta Hampsch; Treasurer: Jim Bartels.

It appears that Mike and Janice Goodwin will present the B.E.A.T. Run on the last weekend in April, '03. Dave Reynolds expressed an interest in being our club's liaison with them and he will report back next month on the progress of the event.

Discussion was initiated by Stu Laswell concerning the need for incorporation of the club and insurance for our events. A motion was passed to investigate and research exactly what DCTRA needs in these areas, and Ron Gurnee will report next meeting on what he has learned.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Deta Hampsch



THE VICE PREZ SEZ

(OR) MY POLITICAL STATEMENT

I was nominated to run for president for 2003. I am honored with this. There are some points to be made. The DCTRA has survived since 1980 as an "extended family with a common interest in the Triumph automobile". Some items to consider in selecting a new president: We have been a low-key conservative group of friends, deliberately with few rules. Arizona is a casual, conservative, and laid back state. Radical changes to the club can hurt the membership and create conflicts.

We have deliberately not created a set of bylaws or rules to govern ourselves. As an adult organization we have solved any problems without difficulty, as friends do. I do not believe a set of bylaws is needed, or even wanted. Insurance for the club is becoming a necessity due to the problems with rampant lawsuits being filed today. This is being looked into by Ron Gurnee and will be presented for consideration at the next meeting. I recommend passage.

We have been incorporated in the past. This proved to be much paperwork and created a tax problem, so as a non-profit organization with limited funds, the club wisely decided to drop this burden. We were open to government probing and auditing at any time.

Triumphest has been our moneymaker to keep the club operating in the interim. Regarding the funds needed to start the next Triumphest, I believe we should protect adequate funds for our next Triumphest in 2007 by putting an amount in a trust or certificate of deposit until we need them. That way funds will be assured to be available.

We were a member of the VTR in the past. This has lapsed and should be reinstated. The Triumph logo has been with us since inception. The color scheme has also existed and can be reviewed, upgraded, or changed if needed. Club jackets and hats in blue have always been available from Stitches Unlimited, although with our weather use has been limited. A polo or tee shirt is also available. We can certainly review these items and make changes if desired.

The club is meeting at Manuels by common consent. This may not be the best place to meet. The room is cramped and too noisy. However after being put out of the El Zaribah Shrine temple on very short notice, we looked at many possible meeting places. Most either were not applicable or were not affordable for everyone. If we are not happy at Manuel's, we need suggestions for a new place to meet. I suggest recommendations be made at the next meeting.

We are always open to changes to the club to keep current. I firmly believe we have continued as a club and have survived by not making radical changes. The needs of our members new and old can and should be addressed. Your input is the fodder that makes us what we are.

As president I would value and implement the input of members and attempt to guide the club through 2003.

Cheerio, John Horton

RACING REPORT

Racing Schedule for 1st Quarter 2002

Sports Car Club of America

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

Sports Car Club of America (Solo2)

<http://www.azsolo2.com>

Arizona Sports Racing Association

<http://www.azsportsracing.org>

National Auto Sport Association

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

September

7-8 SCCA Driver's School - Firebird

28 - 29 NASA - Firebird Main

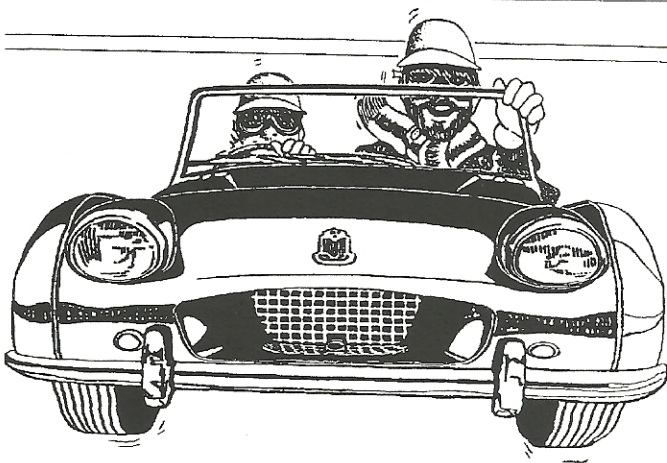
THE ASRA 2002 SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN POSTED
TO THE WEBSITE

IT INCLUDES SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY!!!

That's Right Folks. You asked for it, so in 2002, we are
at PIR!!!

Events and Registration details
will be announced shortly.

Dave Riddle



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A LETTER FROM PHIL & SUE HUNT

Tom Pennell invited me to share personally in TRIUMPHEST this year and have the honor of being present at the drawing of the lucky number for the proudly completed Project Car.

Life's blessings are sometimes a two-edged sword, true in this case as well. While you DCTRA'rs were enjoying the naughty pleasures of Laughlin, Sue and I were thinking of you while in Victoria, B.C. on Navy business (likely story, you say!) - guests of the Canadian Forces. Alas, we were away, but assure you we were there in spirit. Tom reminded me that I in fact initiated the Project Car over twelve years ago. It was envisioned back then to take only two years and \$2000 to complete. Perhaps I should have gone into defense contracting, as time and cost overruns have been considerably above estimates! At any rate, this fine RED specimen of British craftsmanship and Yankee labor is finally on the block. I hope that she went to a fine and loving home. Lest we get too teary-eyed, just remember that all the parts that fall off this car will undoubtedly be of finest British manufacture.

Sue and I want all of you to know that DCTRA became for nearly eleven years our extended family and comprised much of our social life. We shared many a smile with the likes of Tom Pennell, Bob Schaller, Digger Davitt, Augie and Teresa Lopez, Tom and Marilyn Larsen, Bill and Sheri Sharp, and a host of other demented TR owners. Our caravans to distant TRIUMPHESTs led to roadsides repairs, tomato field close encounters, and some spectacular awards dinners. Most of all, we remember the friends we made and have kept through the years. Your fellowship and support were the real treasure, and always will be. TSF11253L and I parted ways nearly seven years ago, but the memories will always be crisp as the autumn breeze - whipping around the windscreen with the pavement only an arm's length away. Some joys of youth extend well into later years - as well they should. Remember, God only gives you so many heartbeats, so enjoy your TR's thoroughly, but more so enjoy each other.

We have become residents of the Pacific Northwest - probably for good, but we'll keep the light on for you, should you wander by. Stay well, keep in touch, and keep 'em running!

Cheers! and all our best,

Phil and Sue Hunt

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

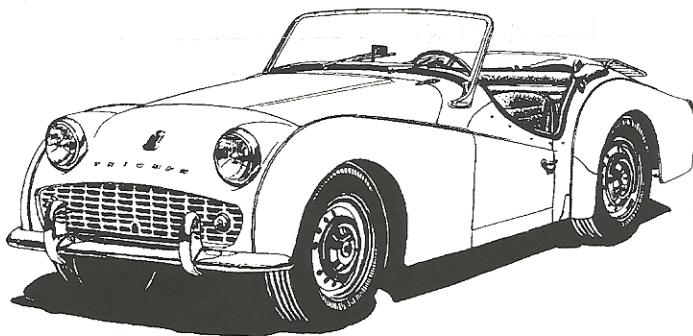
For Sale - Spitfire MK1 - Frame-up restoration started 3 years ago. Frame and running gear complete. Still need to do engine, transmission, body and interior. Seats reupholstered, ready to install. Floorboards renewed, body in very good condition, will need minimum work before re-spray. New top, many other new parts. No time to finish. \$1500 obo. Call Tom Pennell 928-537-3355. (12/02)

EDITOR'S DESK

I recently got nicked for doing something stupid on the road (Mesa is Red-Light Camera Hell) and had the pleasure of attending traffic school. Normally "pleasure" would have been printed in sarcasm, but this time I use it seriously. I actually had an instructor who showed intelligence and creativity in his class, and had a speaking ability I rarely encounter. God forbid, if you should ever have to take an Arizona Defensive Driving course, look up an instructor named Mike Freeman. Not only will you NOT be bored to tears; you'll probably learn something and actually enjoy the experience.

As I announced in last month's newsletter, this will be my last Triumph Trumpeter. We now need another member to step up and take the reins. The job is not difficult, but somewhat time-consuming. If you really, really, really like to write, this would be a good choice for you. Think of the newsletter as our clubhouse! everyone should go there for the last word on what's happening with us. As I won't be able to present this in the future, we need an enthusiastic member to assume the role of editor. You know how to get in touch with me.

Mike Bayne



TRIUMPHEST PHOTOS

All group photos from Triumphest 2002 have been mailed out as of this date. I was not able to mail out the following individuals since I had no address for them in the registration sheets:

BOB BROCK 11 X 14 photo

DAN CARRINGTON 11 x 14 photo

JIM CAIN 5 X 7 photo

Bob and Dan have paid for their prints and Jim won his by raffle. Maybe someone in the club knows who they are or the club they belong to. If so contact me so I can mail them their photo.

Thanks, Al Melendez

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS MONTH

DCTRA's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The halls will be decked with boughs of holly, and we'll be fa-la-la-ing all night long!

This year's Christmas Party will be hosted by John and Lila Truttman, on Dec. 7th, 2002. Bring your favorite dish, but please check with Lila ahead of time so we don't double up on too many of the same type of dish. Give her a call at (480) 563-5519. And, please RSVP so we know how many to plan for.

We'll have a surprise visitor who is a very famous person. So make sure you are on your best (naughtiest) behavior. I heard he likes red dresses.

Bring along a gift to share! one per person! valued at around \$10. We'll have a gift exchange, whereby names will be selected based on birthdays for the order of the gift draw. The next person named to draw will have the option of taking an unwrapped gift, or one of the gifts already opened. If a person's gift is "stolen", they will draw again from the unopened gifts. This will continue until there are no more gifts to draw.

Don't miss the most highly anticipated event of the season, the annual DCTRA Christmas Party. P.S. Please park your Little British Cars IN THE STREET.

Directions to the Truttmans': Exit the 101 Loop freeway at 101 and Frank Lloyd Wright heading east. If this is unfamiliar, it is the northeast corner of the loop. Follow FLW about mile to Thompson Peak Parkway, and turn left (north). Pass over the CAP canal bridge, and turn right at the next light, which is McDowell Mtn. Ranch Road. Follow MMRR and turn right onto 105th St. Follow 105th about 1 mile, up the hill, and look for a sign on the left reading "SIENNA CANYON". Just past the sign, turn left onto Gelding Drive. Follow that up the hill, and look for 10877 on the right hand side. We'll leave the light on for ya!

John & Lila Truttman



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AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

***Friday Nights at 5:30pm - McQueen & Warner (McQueen is Mesa Drive north of Baseline) on the northeast corner in the parking lot of a vacant ABCO grocery store.

***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)

***Sunday Nights at 5:00pm at Famous Sam's in Apache Junction.

December 21 - Christmas Lights Tour - Shirley Blahak is in the planning stages of yet another festive holiday run - we will meet at 6:00 PM, first car off at 6:30. Place TBA but it will NOT be 32nd & Shea !!! Details at the December meeting.

January 10-12 - Kruse Auction, Rawhide, Scottsdale. See www.kruseinternational.com

January 15-19 - Barret-Jackson Auction - Westworld. See www.barrettjackson.com

January 17 - RM Auctions sale - AZ Biltmore, Phoenix. See www.rmauctions.com

January 17-18 - Russo & Steele Auction, Scottsdale. See www.russoandsteele.com

March 9 - Wheels of Britain show - Heritage Square, Phoenix. Hosted by British Motoring Enthusiasts. Entry forms to come in future newsletter.

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