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MEETING: JANUARY 13 @ 10:00 AM
MICHAEL MONTI'S RESTAURANT
1233 S. ALMA SCHOOL RD.
RSVP by JAN. 10th !
NO REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH

CLUB OFFICERS

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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 928-537-3355

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PROJECT CAR STATUS

It's almost finished! Tasks are down to one-man jobs. Cliff will be at British Sportscar Service just about every Tuesday. Come on down! Donuts will be provided.

British Sportscar Service
4290 E. Indian School Rd.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 13

DCTRA ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
and ELECTION of OFFICERS

10:00 AM

Check details in the "Meeting" box!
and inside

JANUARY 20

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

32nd & Shea

7:30 AM to leave at 8:00

Publisher's note: The article below should have been printed in the December newsletter, but I GOOFED!

THE PREZ SEZ

Once again we are coming to the end of a year with lots of things to look forward to in the next. Just coming off a marvelous holiday party at the Wickenhausers, we've got the Christmas lights run coming up on December 22nd. Shirley Blahak has always organized an interesting run for this event, so be sure you set aside some time for this one. In January we have the annual Election of Officers and Brunch at Michael Montis in Mesa. We have the Project Car to finish up, Wheels of Britain, the BEAT, and Triumphest to organize. Lots to do. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time and effort during this past year, and I hope we can count on your support in 2002. Heres wishing you and youre the very best of the holiday season.

With A Smile, Roger Guzowski

EDITORS DESK

A few weeks ago Roger and I traveled up to Laughlin to make some preliminary Triumph arrangements with Shonda Dennis, Banquet Coordinator at the River Palms Hotel. She showed us around the hotel and grounds, and it looks like their facility will provide a nice venue for our annual gathering. They are very experienced in dealing with automotive events (a hot rod show was just concluding the morning we were there), and the meeting rooms, vendor display areas, parking facilities and security are also first-rate. We'll keep you posted on the developments as they happen.

A number of members have stepped up and volunteered their services in helping organize the events for Triumph. These are most welcome, but there is always room for more help. If you would like to participate in any way, please contact Roger or me. We will most likely have an initial organizational meeting within the next month.

Miscellaneous Stuff: It was a privilege to have the Stoneys share their 53rd wedding anniversary with us at our December meeting at Don Pablos. I guess we're all family now. Thanks and congratulations!

Please don't forget to RSVP George Montgomery if you are planning to attend the Champagne Brunch and Election on the 13th! He needs to let the restaurant know many will attend. Please contact him by January 10th.

There are upcoming legislative situations that will most assuredly affect the way we enjoy our automotive hobby. Read the articles in this month's newsletter and contact your representative to let him know how you want him to act on these issues. Don't wait for somebody else to do it. Our AAHC rep feels that we finally have a real hope for emissions law relief with the introduction of the proposed legislation and we need to lend as much support, both individually and as a club, as we possibly can.

Mike Bayne

MEETING ROOMS - START THINKING

It's apparent that the DCTRA is in need of a new meeting spot. Just to get things started, I talked to the Arizona Restaurant Association, who directed me to their website that did show some spots with banquet rooms. A walk through the yellow pages and a dozen or so phone calls came up with these possibilities, all centrally located:

1. Macayo's, 4001 N. Central. They have a meeting room, no charge. available on 2nd Tuesday, and sounded as if they would be delighted to have us.

2. Old Spaghetti Factory, 1419 N. Central. This place has lots of atmosphere, good food, and several private meeting rooms. However, there is a \$25 charge if less than 25 people show up.

3. Jerry's Restaurant, 2323 East Thomas. Home to several car clubs, they have a room and the 2nd Tuesday is open. No alcohol. \$50 minimum total order charge for the room.

4. Treulich's Steak House, 5020 N. Black Canyon at Camelback. Room for approximately 30 available. No charge for over 10. Order from menu at early-bird prices, plus 17% gratuity.

5. Manuels, 2820 E. Indian School Road. No charge to use this room if ordering off the menu. Second Tuesday open.

Most of these restaurants were not checked out personally - if you can take time to do it, it would help. If you know of any other places, please check them out and bring information to the Champagne Brunch, as well probably have to make a decision then. Let's get moving!

Beth Horton

CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE: 1966 Triumph Herald. BRG, beige top mechanically restored. Interior needs finishing. New top, front seats, lots of spares. Engine & transmission updated to Spitfire 2/3 specs. \$4000 firm. See at British Sportscar Service, 4290 E. Indian School Rd. Call Lewis Smith at 602-231-0706. (11/01)

For Sale - 1962 TR4. Original Arizona/California car with very little rust. Straight body. Car has strong engine (excellent compression, not an oil burner). New tires, brake hoses, battery, teak dash, front bumper, dash pads, trans tunnel, other new parts. Replaced gas tank and wiring loom, recored radiator, rebuilt generator, brake & clutch master cylinders, overhauled carbs. License, title and registration are current. Needs repainting and interior finished. Includes 1 gallon of Dupont Centari Signal Red paint. Actual cost records and invoices available. Price - \$2,750. Steve Francois, 480-946-3590 (12/01)

Wanted - TR-6 in decent running and cosmetic condition as I would like a good car to start from in restoring it. 480-610-8234 (12/01)

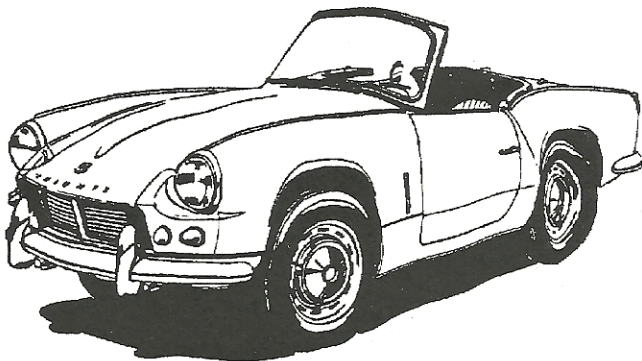
For Sale - 1972 MG Midget - Red roadster - New engine - body and interior original. Call Bill Maybaum at 480-905-9071 (01/02)

HIGH TEA, ANYONE?

Beth & I recently went to Trinity Cathedral for an organ concert. In the program a listing of a recital caught my eye. On Sunday June 4th there will be a recital of English cathedral music followed by a high tea.

I contacted the organist and asked if he would be interested in having some English cars on display for this event. He agreed and offered a block of tickets for any English car brought and displayed. The tickets will be at \$8.00 instead of \$12.00. If anyone in ANY of the local clubs is interested please contact me at johnehorton@yahoo.com and I will make the arrangements.

Cheerio, John Horton



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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)

December 9 - DCTRA Rallye - 9:00 AM - Meet at 32nd & Shea.

Dec.22 - Christmas Lights Tour - Kiwanis Park, Tempe 6:00 PM - see announcement elsewhere in this issue.

January 13, 2002 - DCTRA Annual Champagne Brunch & Election of Officers - Michael Monti's - See announcement elsewhere in this issue

January 11-13 , 2002 - Kruse International Auction - Rawhide Wild West Town

January 17-19, 2002 - Russo and Steele Auction - Scottdale Rd. just North of Frank Lloyd Wright

January 17-20, 2002 - Barrett-Jackson Auction - West-World

January 26, 2002 - Tubac Car Show

February 23-24 - Highland Games - Mesa Community College

March 10 - Wheels of Britain Car Show - Heritage Square

THE (JANUARY) PREZ SEZ

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With A Smile, Roger Guzowski



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JANUARY BRUNCH & ELECTION

Location: Michael Monti's Mesa Grill
1233 South Alma School Road
Date: January 13, 2002 at 10:00 AM
Cost: \$19.95 per person

Menu: Champagne Punch
Various Chilled Juices
Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruit
Assorted Danish, Muffins and Bagels
Dairy Fresh Butter, Jams, Jellies and Cream Cheese
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patties
Fresh Crudite with Dipping Sauce
Fresh Garden Salad with Selection of Dressing
Grilled Breast of Chicken with a Lemon Herb Sauce
Roasted Rosemary and Garlic Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Vegetable Medley
Assorted Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Fresh Brewed Coffee and Tea

Please RSVP by January 10 to George Montgomery at
480-610-0279 or
georgemontgomery@mail.escapees.com



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

On Friday the data gathered over the last two years was presented to Senator Dan Cooley. He is writing a bill to eliminate "collector cars" from emissions testing. The key will be collector or special interest insurance. This is what I and others have been fighting for for years.

Cars with this insurance will have a one-time registration fee of approximately \$140.00. Then they will be permanently exempt. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK THEM TO CO-SPONSOR, AND SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION! WRITE A LETTER! This way they will know we are serious about this issue.

We have had to fight this restrictive law for more years than I care to think about. This is the first positive thing we have been able to accomplish.

I will keep you informed as this progresses.

John Horton

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES II

If you have a vintage auto or one that is 15 years or older this bill WILL affect you. URGENT FEDERAL SCRAPPAGE ALERT

U.S. Senate Bill Would Fund Scrapage Programs Nationwide

A bill (S. 1766) has been introduced in the U.S. Senate containing a

provision (Section 803) that would federally fund state scrapage programs for vehicles over 15 years old. Owners who turn in vehicles for crushing would receive a "minimal" payment and a future credit toward purchasing a newer vehicle, all in a misguided attempt to improve the overall fuel economy of the country's vehicle fleet. This bill represents the most formidable Federal legislative threat to the vehicle hobby in many years.

Oppose the Use of U.S. Taxpayer Dollars for Scrapage

Section 803 of S. 1766 would give states that don't currently operate scrapage programs an extra incentive to create a program due to generous federal funding. Section 803 of S. 1766 requires that federally funded state scrapage programs crush every car. It threatens enthusiasts nationwide with the loss of valuable parts and parts-cars for repair, restoration, and customization projects.

Section 803 of S. 1766 does not require states to determine the fuel efficiency of vehicles being scrapped or that scrapped vehicles are being replaced by more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Section 803 of S. 1766 ignores the fact that cars turned in for scrapage often barely run or are rarely driven second or third vehicles that have a minimal impact on overall fuel economy.

Section 803 of S. 1766 will diminish the availability of affordable transportation and repair parts to low-income drivers as more and more older cars are crushed.

Section 803 of S. 1766 does not guarantee that low-income individuals will be able to afford to purchase new vehicles - let alone more fuel-efficient vehicles - with the money provided by scrapage programs.

Section 803 of S. 1766 ignores more socially responsible and cost-effective policy options like voluntary vehicle repair and upgrade programs that maximize the fuel efficiency of existing vehicles.

Contact Your U.S. Senators to Oppose Section 803 of S. 1766. Protect American vehicle enthusiasts and low-income drivers. To find out who your U.S. Senators are, call the SEMA Washington, D.C. office at 202-783-6007 or access this information via the Internet at www.enjoythedrive.com/legislative/contact_legislator.asp. For assistance in turning this alert into a letter to your Senator, consult the SEMA document "How to Lobby Elected Officials," available at www.enjoythedrive.com/san. Please fax a copy of your letters to 202-783-6024 or mail to: SEMA Washington Office, 1317 F St., NW, Ste. 500, Washington, D.C. 20004 Attn: Brian Caudill/ Steve McDonald

CLIFF DANIEL

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/>

January

5-6 NASA @ Firebird Main

12-13 ASRA @ PIR

18-21 SCCA @ PIR

February

9-10 NASA @ Firebird East

16-17 SCCA @ Firebird Main

March

2-3 ASRA @ PIR

2-3 NASA @ Firebird West

9-10 SCCA @ Firebird Main

30-31 ASRA @ PIR

28-29 NASA @ Firebird Main

THE ASRA 2002 SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN POSTED
TO THE WEBSITE

IT INCLUDES SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX IN-
TERNATIONAL 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

WEBSITE UPDATES

Well, I was able to squeeze some time given the slowness that is the year end and get a few updates to the website posted. If anyone else has some info they would like posted or a picture of their car they would like added to the members section please either email it to me or give it to me at a monthly meeting so that I can scan it and put it up.

Dave Riddle

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

Displaced again, our group wound up in the middle of Don Pablo's loud and lively dining room. Twenty people attended, trying their best to hear President Roger. Visitors were introduced - Ken Young (TR8), and Bill Maybaum (TR4, etc.). November minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurer George assured us the club is in the black.

On the Sunday previous, Roger Guzowski and Mike Bayne traveled to Laughlin to secure the facilities for Triumphfest 2002 at the Royal Palms. There will be 5 1/2 acres of parking plus an indoor spot beside Registration for Hohanshelt's TR2 and the Project Car. Reservations may be made now.

Events: Reminders were given of the Christmas Lights tour Dec. 22nd, and our Champagne Brunch on January 13th. John Horton passed around the flyer (with color pictures) of the Project Car Raffle. Its title is now current, jointly in Roger's and John's names. Shares may still be purchased for \$5.00 each as well as raffle tickets for \$20.00.

We had a happy interruption as a dessert was brought in to celebrate Jean and Roy Stoney's 53rd Anniversary. Wow! Moments later came another goodie, for Rich Aubert's birthday. Rich had already found his birthday gift, a green '80 TR7 from Tucson.

Bob Lee's name was added to nominations for President. Nominations now include the following: President ! Roger Guzowski and Bob Lee. Vice President ! Bob Lee. Treasurer ! George Montgomery. Secretary ! Deta Hampsch. Nominations will continue at the Brunch.

We heard from John Horton about a bill to be introduced in the state legislature by Sen. Dennis Cooley, which would grant cars with collector car insurance a permanent registration for a one-time fee of \$140, with no further fees or emission testing. Many people will be needed to write their senator and representative to ask for their support in co-sponsoring and voting for this bill.

The restaurant requested that everyone e-mail or call George M two or three days before the meeting if they plan to attend as they now want 72 hour notice of the count. Several people volunteered to check out alternate sites, to be needed in February. We need to make a decision on a meeting place ASAP.

After announcing any cars for sale, the meeting concluded at 7:40

Beth Horton, acting secretary

