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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

MARCH 10

WHEELS OF BRITAIN CAR SHOW  
Heritage Square - Downtown Phoenix  
Gates open at 7:00 AM  
Details and entry form inside

MARCH 17

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN  
PANCAKES IN THE PARK - HOSTED BY MINI OWNERS  
32nd & Shea  
7:30 AM to leave at 8:30

### MS. WINIFRED PREPARES FOR BATTLE

That did it! Just as I was rubbing chrome polish on the bumper, my fingernail broke off. In a huff, I came inside, dropped in my favorite chair (no, it's not a rocking chair), and contemplated the irony of it all.

Preparing for a show, I can get my auto close to its show room condition. But what about the driver? A glance in the mirror would no doubt confirm that I could use some Armour All to make ME look like new. WD40 on my joints would be really welcome. Some wax to fill the creases. Replacement parts? Don't get me started. At least a basketful needed there. When the car's top gets flabby and frayed, just pop on a new. Why can't I do that with my skin?

My auto is pampered and shined, ready for the party. Here I sit, dirty and disheveled, still looking like an antique. With a broken fingernail. "All right dearie", I said to myself as I stood up, "It's time for some paint and polish!"

Ms. Winifred

## RACING REPORT

Racing Schedule for 1<sup>st</sup> 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/>

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 short-  
ly.

Dave Riddle

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

We met at Manuel's this month and had a near record attendance of 36! Included in that number were 3 "old-time" members and a guest from Alaska.

Minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer George reported that we are doing fine and still in the black.

John Horton reported on the Wickenburg Parade. There were 11 British cars in the parade this year. Our next event will be the March 10 "Wheels of Britain" car show at Heritage Square.

Roger Guzowski spoke about Triumphest 2002. We still need volunteers - it is already February and decision MUST be made. The B.E.A.T. trip is April 20 and promises to be lots of fun and will feature some new routes. We will be staying at Little America in Flagstaff this year. Registration is \$50.00 per car.

John Horton reported on the AAHC doings. The emissions bill is now dead. An attempt to resurrect it as an amendment to another bill is underway..

The Project Car Raffle is well along, with tickets having been sold to individuals in 18 states (including Hawaii) and Canada. Suggestions were given as to how to advertise the tickets for sale.

Mike Bayne would appreciate ANY article for the newsletter. You mail e-mail or FAX them to him. His e-mail address and FAX number are on page 1 of the newsletter every month.

There will be a Triumphest chairperson's meeting on February 20 at John & Lila's.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Deta Hampsch

## CLASSIC-FIED ADS

WANTED: TR3 or TR4 - Needs to be clean and rust free. Contact Dave Riddle at [dave@microworks.net](mailto:dave@microworks.net) or by phone at 480-610-8232. (02/02)

FOR SALE: Tube shock conversion kits for TR-6. Multiple orders will bring the price WAY down! Call John Horton 602-843-1399 (02/02)

FOR SALE: 1971 TR-6 - Project car. Runs, drives, needs work. \$3200 OBO. Call Gene Rogers 602-617-1912 or 4

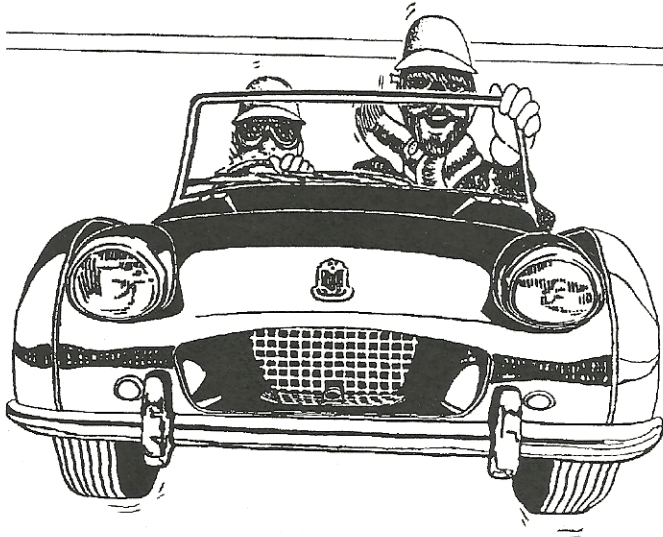
For Sale - 1962 TR4. Original Arizona/California car with very little rust. Straight body. Car has strong engine (excellent compression, not an oil burner). New tires, brake hoses, battery, teak dash, front bumper, dash pads, trans tunnel, other new parts. Replaced gas tank and wiring loom, recored radiator, 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)

## RACING REPORT

Veteran Valley broadcaster Rick DeBruhl this week landed what has to be THE primo job in all of broadcasting by being named the play-by-play announcer for F-1 races broadcast by SpeedChannel. This is a huge feather in his cap, and having watched him on KPNX Channel 12 over the past few years I have no doubt that he will be great in his new role. **FORZA Rick!**



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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)

March 10 - Third Annual Wheels of Britain Show. Gates open 7:00am. Heritage Square in Downtown Phoenix. Sponsored by British Motor Enthusiasts. Trophies will be presented for each class of British car and motorcycle, and there will be raffle drawings and games. During the year this is the largest gathering of British vehicles in the state, and has proven to be a great time for both exhibitor and spectator alike. Info: John Nuss 480-983-3945, Mike Goodwin 480-759-9386.

March 17 - All British Breakfast Run - Hosted by the Mini Club. 32nd & Shea at 7:30 AM. ( Annual "Pancakes in the Park" ABBR).

March 23 - AAHC Show. All makes car & motorcycles, door prizes, top 10 plaques, special awards. 10:00am to 3:00pm. Checker Auto, Cave Creek & Bell Road. Info: Dan 623-435-8961 or Joan 623-937-1171.

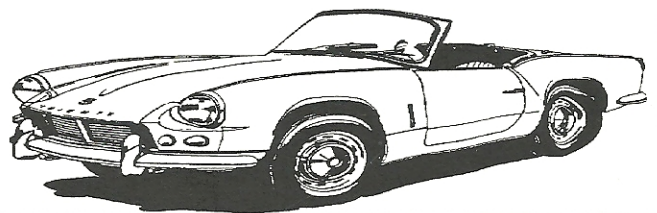
April 13 - Deer Valley Shyhawk Band Car Show. Open to all makes from Muscle Cars to Sports Cars. 8:00am to 3:00pm. Vendors, prizes, food, music & Fun. SW Corner of 51st Ave & Union Hills in front of DVHS gym. Info: Terry Dempsey 623-376-8323 or 602-436-4455.

April 20 - 21 - 5th Annual British - European Auto Tour (The B.E.A.T.) Flyer and entry form inside.

April 26-28 - 11th Annual British Car Show - Las Cruces, NM. Call Joe Machado, Jr. at 915-581-3123 (H) or 915-204-6185 (cell). OR, e-mail to machado338@cs.com OR George Duckworth at 505-526-2318 or gclydel@aol.com

No breakfast run in April - too much else going on.

May breakfast run will be hosted by the Lotus Club - date to be announced.



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## EDITOR'S DESK

Notebook computers are really handy. They allow me to fill otherwise wasted, empty time with something really useful. This particular time is being spent stuck eighteenth in line at the emissions testing station. Sitting in my pre-emissions equipped Spitfire, top down, right about exhaust pipe level with the F-350 diesel adjacent to my nose. Hopefully I'll be asphyxiated quickly so that I won't suffer too much.

With regards to emissions testing, it seems we all got the royal shaft recently courtesy of an elected assassin at the State House. After a lot of hard work by John Horton and the rest of the crew at the AAHC, a solid proposal to eliminate emissions testing for many of our LBC's and other limited use collector cars was introduced in the House with the support of a number of representatives, principally Rep. Dean Cooley, who introduced the bill. A lot of us in various clubs around the state expressed our enthusiastic support to our own reps and many of us received favorable responses. After many years of trying to get this issue presented to the legislature, we finally had presented them with a bill that they could review, consider, debate, possibly modify, and if everything clicked, maybe they would pass the motion. Jeez, are we naive, or what? A couple days after it was presented it was killed without any review, consideration, debate or modification by bureaucrats of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and by the EPA, without any possibility of reintroduction before September 2004, according to Rep Cooley's office.

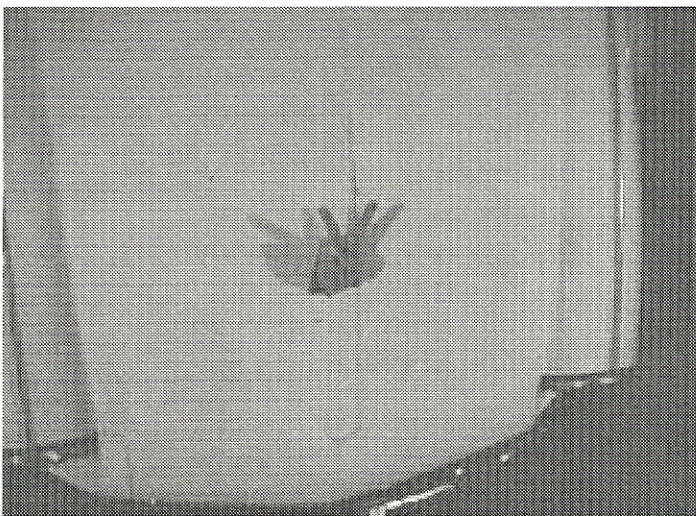
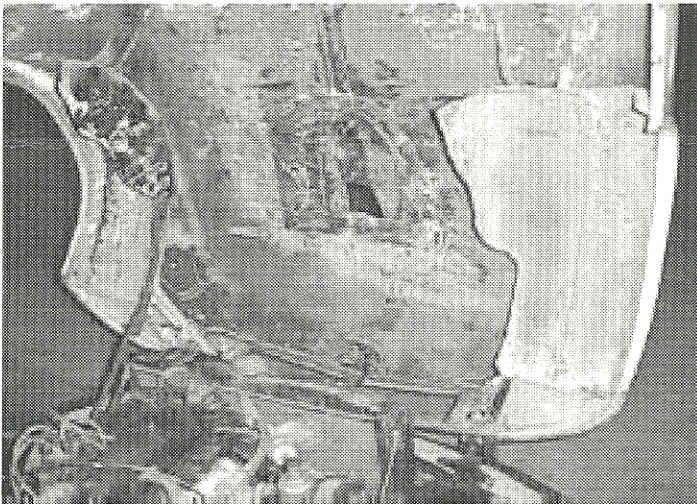
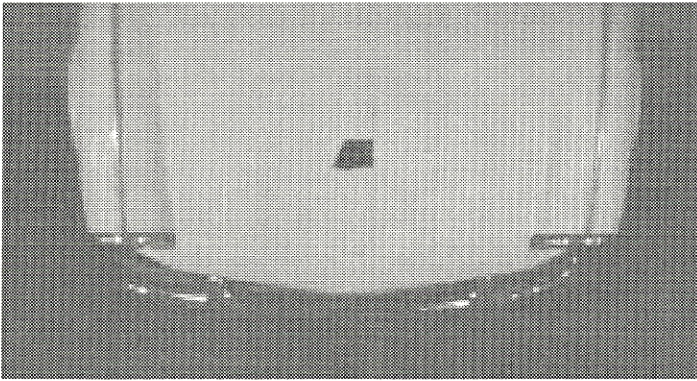
This isn't the way it's supposed to work. Regardless of the bias anyone has towards the merits of the bill, the efforts of those who strove for its presentation should not simply be ignored. Our leaders complain about the dearth of involvement or even interest in the political process by everyday citizens, but when something as nonsensical as this happens, it's pretty obvious that without heavy inside clout we don't stand a chance. A travesty like this shouldn't happen again. Though I'm pretty sure that the house is too preoccupied with important things like kissing the EPA's behind, giving away free SUV's, going broke and welfare programs for the Bidwells to be embarrassed by their snubbing of our petty interests, we should let them know how we feel. Legislation in other states has gone a long way to infringe upon the collector's ability to enjoy fine automobiles. It looks like it's well on the way to happening here too. TR's as trailer queens is just no fun.

Mike Bayne

## DEDICATION!

The attached 3 pictures show the lengths some people will go to drive a Triumph. John & Kathy Nuss wanted to bring Trevor (their Spitfire) to the brunch. The proper bonnet was having bodywork done so a spare was fitted. The spare came off a car that had a hood scoop and had been filled with Bondo. This fix did not allow clearance for the radiator cap. A grinder solved the space problem but.....

Ken Schmidt (Smedley)



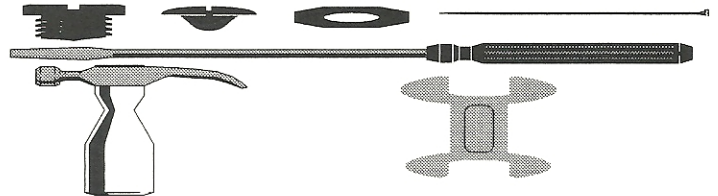
## THE PREZ SEZ

Last Tuesday we had a good preliminary meeting of the Triumphest committee members at John and Lila Truttman's house. Though it took me a while to find the house (they live in eastern New Mexico, I think) we did have a productive discussion about what we wanted to present and who would be responsible for heading up the individual committees. Here's a short list of who will be heading up the various groups:

- Co-Chairmen: John Truttman and Roger Guzowski
- Preregistration : Tom Pennell & John Truttman
- On-Site Registration: Beth Horton, Diane Aubert, Joyce Bayne
- Goodie Bags, Door Prizes & TRF Liaison: John Horton
- Raffle of Project Car: John Horton
- Vendors and Sponsors Liaison: Fran Wickenhauser
- Regalia and Attire: Mike Bayne
- Walking Tour: Rich & Diane Aubert
- Friday Happy Hour & Saturday Banquet: Diana Wickenhauser
- Funcours: Armand LaCasse
- Road Rally: Bob Lee
- AutoCross: Dave Riddle
- Photo Contest & Model Contest: Al Melendez

A lot of effort will need to go into presenting a good show to the 300+ attendees we expect, so volunteers are welcome. Our next meeting will be at my house on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00pm, and any suggestions or help is gratefully accepted.

With A Smile, Roger Guzowski



## 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