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MEETING: OCTOBER 8 @ 7:00 PM
MANUEL'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
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Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month. (Including January)

Dues are \$18.00 per year

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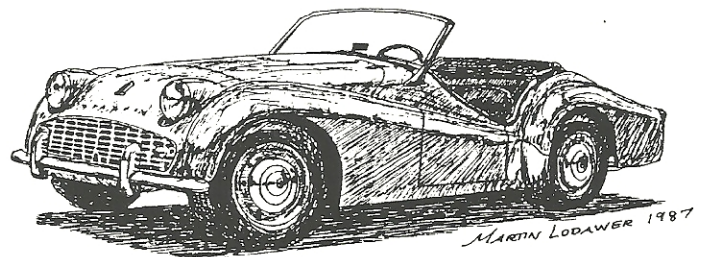
PROJECT CAR STATUS

The car is now in the paint shop for a final going-over. It will be ready for Triumphest 2002!

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17 - 20
TRIUMPHEST 2002
River Palms Resort & Casino
Laughlin, Nevada
BE THERE or BE SQUARE!

OCTOBER 13
ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN
Hosted by the Arizona MG Club
32nd & Shea
7:30 AM



TRIUMPHEST 2002 APPAREL

For those of you who either have not yet ordered your apparel and regalia (or found that you didn't order enough of this simply fabulous merchandise), I will bring a limited number of pieces to the October meeting for sale. If you would like to contact me with a pre-order, I will bring it to the meeting, or you can take your chances that something will be left by meeting time.

Shirley Blahak

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with John Horton presiding, in light of Roger's passing. John stated that rather than assume the title of President he would remain Vice-President through the rest of his term.

Thirty-seven members attended, with three new members: Rob Uhl (TR7/Morgan), and the Myers (Spitfire). Welcomes all around, and the club introduced themselves around the room. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published. George Montgomery reported all was well with the treasury, but that he and Cherise were relocating to Austin, TX just after Triumphest, so we will need to elect a replacement for his position. John Horton announced that we had reached our goal of selling the maximum 1,000 raffle tickets for the project car. John Truttman reviewed a list of committees for Triumphest and put out a call for volunteers to work at the event. As of meeting time we had 77 entrants, with 149 people attending. A trailer has been obtained to transport the project TR3 to Laughlin. A call went out for anyone who has not yet registered for the event to do so now, and we are somewhat short of expected registrations.

Upcoming events include: This Saturday there will be a Tech & Tune at Roy Stoney's British Sportscar Service for those planning to drive to Triumphest (Delta Motorsports will offer a 10% parts discount), September 22 - Gracie Pennell is holding an open house in Show Low for Tom's birthday, and September 28 there will be a get-together at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa.

John Truttman offered his home for the Christmas party this year, to be held on December 7th. We will resume our gift exchange this year.

The British Breakfast Run is this Sunday at 7:00am. Also this Sunday will be a memorial for Roger at the Wickenhauser's from 3:00 - 6:00pm. The club unanimously voted to pay all expenses involved for Roni's attendance at Triumphest, if she chooses to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Delta Hampsch

EDITOR'S DESK

Earlier this year Roger and I made an exploratory trip to Laughlin to set up the initial arrangements for this year's Triumphest. I picked him up at his house before sunrise one Saturday morning, stopped at the Circle K to get some cups of really bad coffee and set off for the River Palms.

Even considering the early hour Roger proved to be a most animated conversationalist. Roger was primed, enthusiastic and rarin' to go, and dove into his plans for Triumphest as if he could visualize the whole event before it actually happened. Roger had a good feel for how to accommodate people, how to make them feel at ease, and how to help them feel welcome and personally involved. That attendees would feel satisfied with the event was his most important concern.

I didn't get the impression that Roger was particularly organized, but he did eventually cover all the bases in his own way, and his inquisitive nature led him to address areas that I would never have even considered. He had a kind of nervous energy that was that was at the same time invigorating and challenging! if you've ever seen a funny car staged at the starting line just before the light turns green, that's how Roger was when he was hooked on a new project.

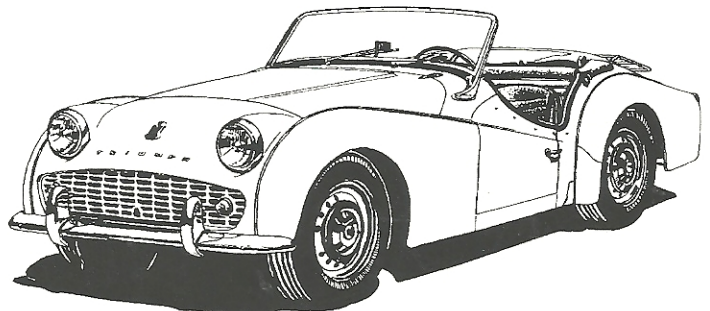
Chain smoking his way through our trip, he touched on many things we had in common, who he was, where he'd been, and what was important to him. We talked about our respective wars, and he regaled me with tales about his service in England in the Air Corps, salting them with the appropriate misadventures of young airmen far from home. Roger loved his time there, the places he visited and the people he met, and he manifested that memory through his love of his British cars. Never having any great technical skill with cars, he drew most of his enjoyment from the people they drew to him. He spoke about his life in photography and I got the distinct impression that he missed it and wished he were more involved still. Roger and I had done business together in the past, and he expressed a genuine enthusiasm for new prospects that were forthcoming.

He talked about the clubs he was involved with in California, visiting his kids and grandchildren, organizing the BEAT trips with the Goodwins and related a fairy-tale story about meeting and falling for a woman named Roni. Roger agonized over the recent catastrophic illnesses she had gone through, and was concerned whether he could do enough to get her well and keep her happy. He felt a bit guilty just leaving her for part of a day to make this trip.

On the way back home that day I could feel that Roger really wanted to be back home. He was worried about Roni. We were flying down 93 from Kingman and I sometimes got the impression that ninety just wasn't fast enough for him.

I was exhausted after that trip, and didn't really think about it too much until Roger was gone. In one trip he had shared with me most of the things that made him tick, made him who we knew as Roger. Over the past few weeks I have been trying to remember more details of what we discussed, but it's difficult after the months have passed. If I ever have a passenger like Roger again I'll make sure I pay closer attention.

Mike Bayne



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

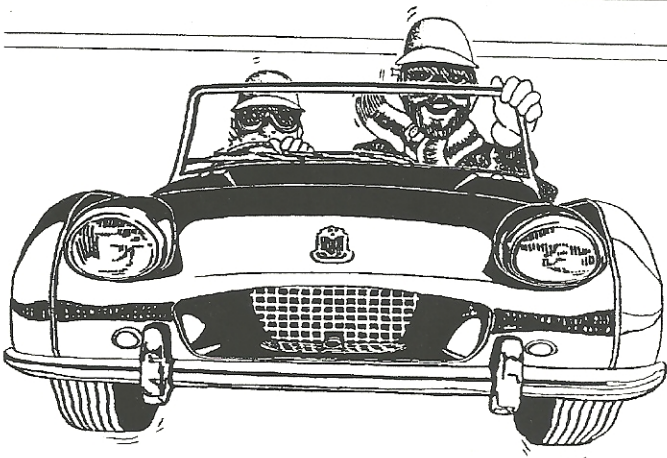
THE ASRA 2002 SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN POSTED
TO THE WEBSITE

IT INCLUDES SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX 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



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THE VICE-PREZ SEZ

We're down to the wire! The last chance to get involved with Triumphest is approaching fast! Even if you don't plan to attend Triumphest, there's things you can do to help the club. If you are at all interested in helping further the success of this event, please attend the October meeting, and we can tell you how you can help. As usual, there are details to be sorted out - Caravans to Laughlin, who will haul what, and all the assorted when, where and how's associated with organizing the event. See you at Manuel's on the 8th.

Also, it is not too soon to start considering who you would like to see running the show next year! Our annual banquet and election of 2003 officers will be coming up sooner than later, so think about it.

Cheerio, John Horton, Vice President



CLASSIC-FIED ADS

FOR SALE - 1979 Spitfire. Red-Orange color, no rust. Hard and soft tops, recent alternator and under-bonnet rewire. Runs well but needs TLC and a good home. Asking \$750 obo. Contact Monica Gustafson at e-mail: gustafso@mail.arizona.edu (08/02)

FOR SALE - 1980 TR7 Spider (condition 4). A/C, F.I., roll bar. Asking \$4250. Car is in Prescott. Call Brad Veek 928.771.8785 or e-mail veeking@earthlink.net. DCTRA members get first option to buy! (08/02)

FOR SALE - 1977 Spifire 1500. Fair shape, need a little work here and there. Sat 10 yrs, so low 26,000+ miles. Hard top, tonneau, cover, manuals, custom wheels, almost new tires. Paint a little rough, interior needs help. Asking \$2200 - no reasonable offer refused. Call Jim Jones 520.298.9382 (home) or 520.861.6965 (cell) (08/02)

For Sale - 1979 TR7 Convertible. Orange, 5-spd, 34K miles. In storage for a LONG time. Runs, needs tires and paint. New radiator, good top. staright body. Everything works. Needs TLC, but will clean up nicely. \$2,000. Call Justin 602-279-4221 or 602-231-0706 (09/02).