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### PROJECT CAR STATUS

The car is now being stored in Mike Bayne's garage in Glendale. There will probably need to be a workday or two to fine tune some of the finish work prior to Triumphfest. Mike will keep a list of things needing attention.

### IN MEMORIAM



ROGER GUZOWSKI

1931 - 2002

Our president and friend Roger Guzowski passed away after a sudden and thankfully short illness at VA Hospital in Phoenix on Thursday, August 29, Roger was admitted to the hospital in after consulting with his doctor about some nagging ailments and after an extensive battery of tests it was determined that, among other things, he had hypereosinophilia syndrome, a non specific infection that is extremely rare and a cure is not readily available. A treatment of steroids had been started, but the recovery miracle that he needed just did not happen. He is survived by his wife Roni and children in California.

Prior to moving to Phoenix about ten years ago, Roger served as president of SCTOA. He was the twice and current president of DCTRA. Roger, along with Roni, were the soul and spirit of the DCTRA. As longtime members they were more than a fixture at meetings, events and

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## ROGER GUZOWSKI - CONTINUED

runs, and their company and friendship were always welcome and appreciated. Always quick with a quip or a comment, a suggestion or a friendly dig, Roger instilled life into the organization and was well respected for his opinions. Roger had a sparkle in his eyes and an enthusiasm for his clubs that made events more enjoyable just by his presence. His organizational skills were evident in all of the events he was involved with, from the monthly breakfast runs he started in Phoenix to his pride and joy, the British-European Auto Tour. He took so much joy in organizing and running the BEAT, and was well on his way to preparing the sixth annual event. Roger was always more concerned whether people were having fun on the run than whether or not it broke even. He jumped in with both feet in organizing the 2002 Triumphest in Laughlin and the experience he gained as chairman of the '97 event was put to good use. He was really looking forward to this event. One of the proudest moments of his recent past was receiving the Digger Davitt Award for outstanding service to Triumph clubs. He was so proud that he and Roni could share that recognition and no one deserved it more.

Roger was the dotting owner two immaculately prepared Triumphs, a TR250 and an early Spitfire. He kept them in a carpeted garage full of his mementos and toys and it was his perfect refuge and retreat. His cars were always gold winners at Triumphest.

His many friends both in Phoenix and California will sorely miss Roger, and his loss will leave a hole in our lives that won't easily be filled. Needless to say, Roni could use all your prayers and support in dealing with her loss.

A memorial service will be planned in a couple of weeks.

John Horton



### THE PREZ SEZ

Roger Guzowski 1931 - 2002

Anyone who knew him knows that he left us

With a smile

## COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14

TUNEUP FOR TRIUMPHEST

9:00 A.M.

British Sportscar Service  
4290 E. Indian School Rd.

SEPTEMBER 15

ALL BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

Hosted by Rolls-Royce & Morgan Owners

32nd & Shea

7:00 AM

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with 30 members present. Justin, who has a TR7, is our newest and youngest member at the age of 13. We did a round of introductions, which were spiced up by a few personal tidbits that were enjoyed by all.

At present there are thirty-nine cars and 78 people registered for Triumphest, and everyone is encouraged to get their registrations mailed in ASAP so that we can better plan for the event. George Montgomery also stated that all was fine with the treasury. John Horton gave a run-down on the progress made on the Project Car. Minor glitches and annoyances are being found and repaired by Cliff Philpott and John. Only about fifty-five raffle tickets are left to be sold, so we have met our goal with time to spare! John also spoke about the karting event to be held this Saturday. Should be fun!

This Sunday we sponsor the British Breakfast Run on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Next month's event will be a get-together at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa.

October brings us to Triumphest, with a Tune & Tech at Roy Stoney's British Sports Cars to be held before the event. Final details are coming together for the events to be held. Goodie bags will be prepared on Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at John & Beth Hortons house! volunteers are needed.

During the tech session, Fran told of the electrical malfunction that caused an underhood fire in his TR6, and Roy's new electrical wizard informed us about possible causes and what he has done to repair the problem. John Reynolds told us about a disintegrating gearshift mechanism in his TR6 and how he repaired it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Deta Hampsch



## 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/>

September

7-8 SCCA Driver's School - Firebird

28 - 29 NASA - Firebird Main

THE ASRA 2002 SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN POSTED  
TO THE WEBSITE

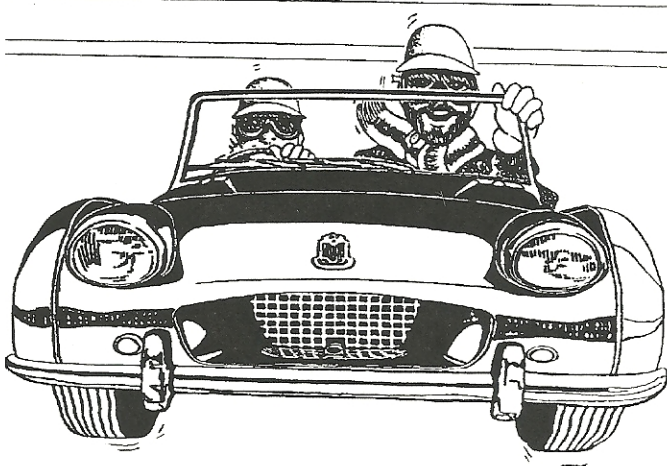
IT INCLUDES SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX IN-  
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That's Right Folks. You asked for it, so in 2002, we are  
at PIR!!!

Events and Registration details

will be announced shortly.

Dave Riddle





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## OVER THE HILLS AND TO THE GOLF COURSE

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, DCTRA had the honor of hosting the British Breakfast Run. We were pleasantly surprised by the great turnout at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street & Shea. Shirley and Phil took attendance ! 27 cars and 47 people! A goodly amount of Triumph owners supported us, plus representatives of nearly every other car club in the valley.

Turning north to Thunderbird we headed across the mountain pass to Coral Gables, wending our way through that scenic drive beside Shaw Butte to Greenway Parkway. Heading northwest we passed Turf Paradise, threaded through industrial and residential neighborhoods, and after a half-hour turned into Belair Country Club. The tall trees shading 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue felt good by 8:00am. At the south end of the golf course we parked at Ironworks Restaurant, which sits beside a lake.

With such a crowd it was a bit too warm in our separate room, but the staff treated us well, and the food was good. Ironworks added a couple of free breakfasts to our door prize drawing. John Horton played emcee, and winners got to choose from prizes spread out on the tables.

Volunteers from the Rolls-Royce and the Morgan clubs will share planning of September's Breakfast Run. They've set the date ! September 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last month of summer hours, meeting at 7:00am and leaving at 7:30am.

Beth Horton

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).



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## TRIUMPHEST 2002 APPROACHING FAST!

If you don't have your registration sent in yet, please do it soon. The club desperately needs your registration funds for deposits to order regalia, reserve hotel space, etc. We also need volunteers for the many committees doing the planning and executing to make this Triumphest a fun and memorable experience for you, the Triumph enthusiast! Please call John Truttman and let us know you'd like to help in some way.

If you've never been to a Triumphest before, you are in for a real treat. Do you like your TR? Do you enjoy fraternizing with other TR owners? How would you like to see 125-150 different TRs all in one place at the same time? You'll be able to talk to other owners about what they've done to their cars, share experiences, marvel at some of the truly pristine examples of ground-up restorations, and meet new friends. I for one can easily count up to 50 or so people who I know well, all of whom I met at various Triumphest gatherings.

This year's Triumphest is shaping up to be a great. The event planners are anticipating a compact and well-organized weekend. Except for the banquet, all of the events will take place in a large pavilion-style tent adjacent to the hotel, or in the parking lot right next to the tent. There will be plenty for everyone to see and do, and lend a festive air to our Triumph version of "Oktoberfest". Don't miss it!

Fran Wickenhauser



## AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WEST

\*\*\*Friday Nights at 5:30pm - The Cooper & Warner Friday Cruise-in is moving to McQueen & Warner (McQueen is Mesa Drive north of Baseline) on the northeast corner in the parking lot of a vacant ABCO grocery store. Dan Gilbert has gained the support of the Town of Gilbert AND the Gilbert Police Department as well as the shopping center owners. Amenities include Island Pizza, First Round Draft (bar & grill), Oriental food, Baja Fresh and a coffee house. Lighting is great and there is plenty of parking. There will be NO food vendors because of the above-mentioned tenants. This will begin Friday August 30, but there will be no music. Everything should be back to normal by Sept. 6th. All 'nice' cars and their owners will be given a parking permit by Dan and Steve which can be withdrawn at their discretion.

\*\*\*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.

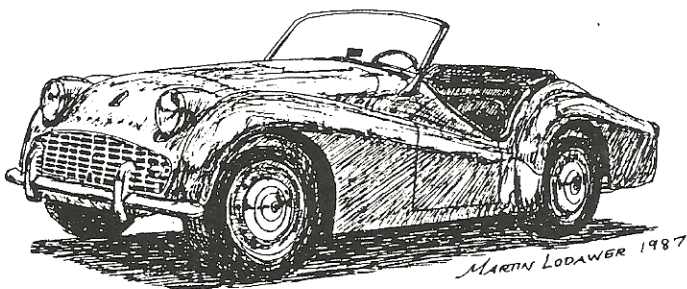
September 14 - Tuneup for Triumphest - 9:00 AM at British Sportscar Service, 4290 E. Indian School Road. Roy Stoney has graciously offered his shop for us to inspect and tune up our cars prior to driving them to Laughlin. In addition, Jim Medland of Delta Motorsports, 2724 E. Bell Road, has offered to supply needed parts at a 10% discount. We need a head count prior to the event to see what resources may be needed. e-mail John Horton at [johnehorton@yahoo.com](mailto:johnehorton@yahoo.com) or call him at 602-843-1399 if you will be able to attend. Tech wizard Armand LaCasse will be there to assist anyone needing help.

September 15 - All British Breakfast Run - Co-hosted by the Rolls-Royce Club and the Morgan Owners Club. Meet at 7:00 AM at 32nd & Shea for a 7:30 AM departure.

September 21 - Mesa Marketplace Car Show - Details to follow soon

October 5-6 - Fourth Annual British Vintage Voyage - Get your entry form at the website. Go to: <http://www.dctra.org/news/bvventry.doc>.

October 17, 18, 19, 20 - TRIUMPHEST 2002 - Laughlin, Nevada. Get your entry form from our web site at: [www.dctra.org](http://www.dctra.org).



## EDITOR'S DESK

The clock is ticking away on Triumphest 2002 preparations. As of today I have 6 cars registered and 114 attendees. Considering that most TR owners seem to put registering for this event off until the last minute, it looks like we'll have a decent turnout. If there's any way possible, send your registration in now! yesterday if possible! we really need to know how many cars and people are going to be in Laughlin so that all of the committees can plan their events efficiently. You'll be able to tell the committee heads by their grey hair. Obviously, due to Roger's passing, the mantle of responsibility for putting on a good show will fall to the rest of us, so if you aren't already involved, we could use your help.

For efficiency we have moved the registration location for the event into the Event Center tent, in the lot to the north of the hotel. That way all of the Triumphest events, cars, vendors and gathering places will be in one place, with the exception of the Saturday night banquet.

One must-do event for members will be helping with the packing of the goodie bags. A few hard-working members have spent a lot of time and twisted a lot of arms to gather a vast amount of booty to give away in Laughlin, and we need to get it packed. Its kind of a tedious job made enjoyable by having a lot of helpers so plan to show up at Hortons on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. They live at 15205 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Lane, just south of Greenway in Phoenix. We have enlisted press gangs to scour the countryside for those that don't volunteer.

When I joined the club four years ago I never thought that I would see the Project Car completed. I took a few boxes of parts home to sort and clean and repair, but never imagined that this collection of stuff would ever be made into a car in my lifetime. When we started to sell tickets for the completed car I dont think anybody thought that we would ever sell out the 1,000 tickets, much less before Triumphest. John Horton really took the bull by the horns and pushed the sale of the tickets by contacting clubs and publications all over the country, and he has efficiently managed the handling of the tickets received to keep everything fair and organized. The members who worked on the car over the past twelve years should be really proud of their efforts. The shareholders will be really pleased, and they buy the first round!

On a sad note, Marlene Cole's nephew, Ken, passed away a few weeks ago. He was a neighbor of mine, and over the past year I stopped by his garage a couple times a week to check the progress of his TR250 restoration, which he completed shortly before he died. He was a master craftsman, and the quality of his fabrication and engineering on the TR was remarkable. But even overshadowing that, he was a nice guy, always friendly and outgoing, eager to help me with my car problems or just hang out and bench race. Even if he hadn't had the TR, I'd miss him.

Ron Gurnee recommended a web site that he has had great luck finding car books on! [www.books4cars.com](http://www.books4cars.com)! check it out.

See you at the next meeting.

Mike Bayne