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An immaculate TR3.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

March 12, 2024 Business meeting @ 7pm **Denny's Restaurant** 3315 N Scottsdale Road; Scottsdale, AZ

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Cover: David Ker's TR3 owned since he was in high school.

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Prez Sez – March 2024

John Heisser, President

Drive Your Triumph Day was on Saturday February 10, but as it turned out for me it was Drive your Triumph Weekend! The weather that weekend was cold, and rain was predicated but I decided to take a chance. Friday afternoon I drove to my friend Peggy's house in Buckeye to spend the night, and she was kind enough to let me park in her garage. Saturday morning was cloudy, but the chance of rain was less than 50% so I drove to Dave Ker's "Tin Lizzy" ranch for his car show which included several car clubs. There were 3 Triumphs present, my TR8 parked outside, Dave's TR3 inside with his car collection, and a Triumph Typewriter! (See Photos)



Dave has an interesting collection, so if he has this show again next year I urge you to make the trek to Buckeye. Armand LaCasse, George Montgomery, and Bev & Pete Peterson attended as well.

On Sunday I drove from Buckeye to 32nd St. & Shea to meet for the Pancakes in the Park. The route to the park included the Beeline & Bush Highways and Usery Pass; it was even a more impressive drive than usual given the snow on Four Peaks, the clouds below the mountain tops and fog at ground level around the Salt River. At the park for breakfast I did notice that all the Collectible British cars present were all Triumphs!







(These photos were taken by Armand LaCasse)

I mentioned in last month's newsletter how much I miss the BEAT tour, so I'm planning on Wednesday April 17th to drive the Prescott using the morning route of the BEAT tour. If anyone would like to join me we could meet at the McDonald's parking lot on north side of The Carefree Hwy just east of Interstate 17. The route is as fallows, Carefree Hwy (AZ74) west to US60 into Wickenburg. We could refuel with gas and coffee then take US93 towards Kingman / Las Vegas then head east on AZ97&96 through Hillside to Kirkland then north through Skull Valley Iron Springs then into Prescott for lunch. Why during the week? Routes 97 & 96 are used by cyclists on weekends this time of year. You really can't enjoy these curvy and winding roads in your sports car while avoiding cyclists riding 2 & 3 abreast. This is a loosely planned drive, just show up! However, if there is enough interest then there might be route instructions, just let me know.

The Highland Games are this weekend; hope to see you there or at the next meeting. Thx, John

EDITOR'S DESK

George M Montgomery, Editor

I'm late getting the newsletter out this month. At least <u>I</u> think I'm late. Partly because I did not get my Editor's Desk column written timely. Yesterday was my birthday, and I had activities during the week that held me or slowed me down in coming up with timely ideas. I have finished writing my first draft for a sequel to my novel, *The Autoist*. Now the process of self-editing and proofing the thirty chapter book, has started. It seems as time consuming as writing the sequel to begin with.

I also didn't receive some articles and photos timely in order to get them sized correctly and spaced within the newsletter. One item wasn't received until today, March 2nd. Fortunately, that material was just a copy and paste item, but I never know how much space to allow for it.

When I took over this job of editor, it was partly because of complaints I'd heard from members about not receiving the newsletter with enough time to read the meeting minutes before having to approve them at the next meeting. Sometimes it wasn't received until the day of the meeting. I promised I would always have the letter sent to Dave by the first day of the month. I know, that's an obligation I have made to myself, and have missed that date for

various reasons such as the hold up for certain events held on the 29th or so, or when I was recovering from surgery and in the hospital.

I would like to have items to be published sent to me as early as possible and at least by the 25th. That date could vary depending on the number of days in the month. Some things could come later, but when four or five stories are received within the last two days, I have to stay up past midnight to meet the deadline.

I'm not able to attend all the Club events. If you attend, could you write 1) a brief description of the activity, 2) how many members were there, and 3) other basic information? Photos are always appreciated. I may not use all of them, but the more that I receive, the better selection I have to choose from. I want this, your newsletter, to be one of the best in Triumphland. I have forwarded some newsletters I've received from around the country and, as you can see, we have some stiff competition.

Meanwhile, I hope to see you in person at our next meeting, March 12th.

George

March 2024 Membership Report:

We have one new member this month, Jane Barlow. Jane and her 1961 TR-3 are in Sun City. Welcome Jane. I too have a "Sidescreen TR", Jane (a 1960) and am looking forward to seeing yours and meeting you. Our DCTRA membership ranks now stand at 150 memberships with 208 total members; thank you spouses and significant others for your participation and support! Once again, a hearty thanks to Marv "Mr. Membership" Miller for his years of service to the club as the Membership Chair. I realize I am filling some "big shoes"! In Marv's own words "It has been my pleasure serving the club as Membership Chair these last seven years, I have gotten to meet & greet several interesting characters and friends." Finally, a quick reminder that we have these Triumph logo'd items in stock: Grille Badges (\$25), License Plate frames, chrome or black, (\$15), TR Pins, 3 types, (\$10), and DCTRA Patches (\$5). I will bring an assortment of each to our monthly meeting in Scottsdale.

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DCTRA EVENTS

DCTRA Events December

Mar 12th -- DCTRA February Meeting – Denny's Scottsdale Mar 2nd & 3rd Highland Games Mar14th -- DCTRA March Meeting – Denny's Scottsdale Apr 7th – Copperstate 1000 send off – Tempe Diablo Stadium Apr13th – Triumph/MG Centennial Celebration Drive

Regular Occurrence Events

Second Saturday each month, October through April: Cars and Coffee 8:00 to 10:00am The Shoppes at Casa Paloma, 7131 W. Ray Road Chandler Hunts Donuts – 3rd Thursday University and the Loop 101 Cruz'n at Phil's - (every Sunday) Phil's Filling Station Fountain Hills, AZ Cars N Coffee – 1st Saturday of the month, Mayo Blvd & Scottsdale Rd Cars N Coffee – 2nd Saturday of the month, Alpio's at Troon

NEXT CLUB MEETING: March 12, 2024, in-person, a Zoom link will be sent out.



Desert Centre Triumph Register of America December DCTRA Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

The February 2024 meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President John Heisser. (There were some continuing problems with the ZOOM program, which calls into question the accuracy of the opening minutes.)

Attendees: Pete Bowen, Ron Cole, George Durkin, John Heisser, David Ker, Armand LaCasse, George Montgomery, John and Kathy Nuss, Deborah O'Brien, Jeffrey and Cathy Potter, John Reynolds, David Riddle, Marie Thompson

New members: introduced themselves: Kathy and Jeffery Potter have two Spitfires 1973 and 1978 Deb O'Brien and son Collin O'Brien 1970 TR6

The minutes, as they appeared in the Trumpeter were approved-Ron Cole moved, George Montgomery seconded.

The Treasurer's report: was accepted and approve.

Membership: chairman reported that name badges had been delivered, and a reminder that the club has license plate frames, pins, patches, and grille badges available.

Members reported on the gathering at Tin Lizzy Ranch on February 10. Apparently, there were at least two Triumphs in attendance; one Triumph automobile and one Triumph typewriter.

Activities: in February and March: The Concours at Fountain Hills February 18 The Highland Games March 2 and 3

New Business: There was a brief discussion regarding the Digger Davitt Award regarding that, since there is no Triumphest this year, did the club want to honor a person from the local car community, not necessarily a DCTRA member. The decision was to wait for Triumphest, since not many outside the Triumph clubs would recognize the name.

There were no new cars in the club, so the meeting was adjourned to the parking lot at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Nuss Acting Secretary



Tin Lizzie Ranch Roundup

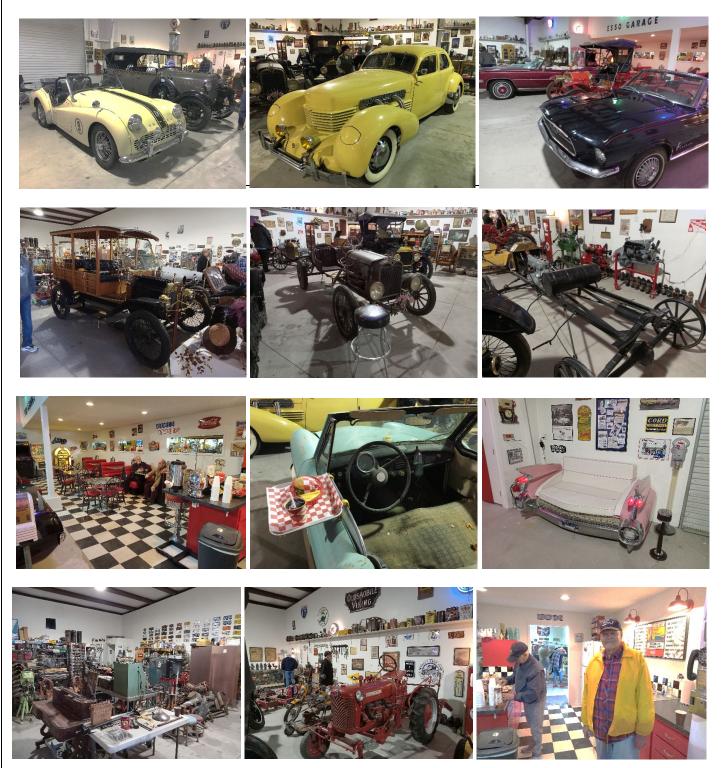
Article by George M Montgomery Photos by John Heisser, Armand LaCasse and George Montgomery DCTRA member, David Ker, (that's correct one "r") held his annual Tin Lizzie Roundup on February 10th at his "Tin Lizzie Ranch" in Buckeye. This made a great opportunity to drive your Triumph on Drive Your Triumph Day.



David has a large collection of various Model Ts and other collectable as well as antique cars. His TR3 he has had since he was in high school. He as a large assodrtment of other antiques: lamps, cameras, TVs, tractors, pedal cars, ect. I tried to capture photos of most of them and included them here. Dave, although has been active with several car clubs, he has been most active with the Model T clubs. He Just found about our Triumph club a couple of years ago. We were invidet to his "Roundup" last year, but I don't think many of our members attended. I didn't get to attend last year but made a point, I was going to go this year.

Armand LaCasse, John Heisser, Pete and Bev Peterson and I made it this year. It doesn't matter what you are only interested in, you'll find many things of interest there. There were about 30-40 people there. Members of other car clubs David and his son, Aaron were members of. David had a gas grill fired up and everyone brought either hamburger patties or frankfurter/bratwurst to cook. They also brought a side dish of potato salad, baked beans, chips, or other condiments. If you went away hungry, it would have been your fault.

Tin Lizzie Ranch Roundup (cont)



Many cars in various stages of restoration. Some were antiques, some classics. There was a shop area, a malt shop, a couch made from the back of a Caddalac and a car hop set up. Our host.

Tin Lizzie Ranch Roundup (cont)













Tin Lizzie Ranch Roundup (cont)



Centennial Drive

Roger Prior

"Open Drive" as you wish, take photos to send to George Montgomery, newsletter editor, then meet up from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. at Clancy's Pub & Pizza, 4432 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 for a get together with the Arizona MG Club for a libation. We have an indoor room reserved for 6 hrs. Celebrate the Day and drive with Triumphs and MGs. 'Tip on the Cap' to the MG T Series, and those WWII service members who became inspired by the TCs, and brought them home with them. They paved the road for so many British marques that we have cherished over the years. "*Open Drive*" is defined as a drive where you wish, as long as you wish, enjoy your drive, or simply spend time with your Triumph or MG as this will include owners whose cars are being tended to – "to drive another day" so to speak and mileage *need not* be documented. Commemorative dash plaques might be available for nominal charge, details being sorted out. The only requirement is to Celebrate the Day.

Tech Tips

By Roger Prior

Pozidriv? They show up every so often...

The screws that hold the wooden dash in place on my '73 TR6 have 'Pozidriv' heads. Pozidriv heads are a patented screwdriver head similar to a Philips head.

Found this out after removing one screw to 'freshen' up on the brass wire wheel. There was light rust on the shank portion of the1-1/8" long screw. It took just a few seconds on the buffing wheel, to gently polish it. I touched it up with a spritz of ACE BBQ High Heat Rust Stop in the 15 Oz. spray can. I then top coated it with a light coat of Rust-Oleum High Heat Ultra Semi-Gloss Sheen in the 12 Oz. spray can (also from the nearby Sun City ACE). All similar dash screws have received the same treatment. All paint work was allowed to dry overnight in the garage. I am using the High heat paint varieties. It just seems to make sense as we live in the Phoenix area, and additional product cost is marginal.

To keep the screw heads from being 'marred' during screw removal/replacement – use a 'Pozidriv' driver. I am sure most of you have a set of these special drivers #1 and #2 in the tool kits, as they are the 'right tool for the right job'. Amazon has a variety available, as does Rimmer Bros.

"What Is Pozidriv?



Pozidriv, commonly spelled incorrectly as "Pozidrive", is an improved variation on the Phillips drive design. After the patent for the Phillips head expired, the company GKN Screws and Fasteners created the Pozidriv design.

The Pozidriv drive style was originally formed to address the largest issue Phillips heads are prone to: cam-out. Cam-out is defined as the slipping out of a drive recess that occurs when torque exceeds a certain limit. The Pozidriv drive style has the same self-centering design of a Phillips drive style but improves upon the two following factors:

Tech Tips (cont)

• Increased torque without cam-out

• Greater surface contact engagement between the drive and the recess in the fastener head making it harder to slip when installed correctly."

Can I Use a Pozidriv on a Phillips Screw? Or Vice-Versa?

While we at Albany County Fasteners do NOT recommend using the improper drive style on a screw, technically speaking you can. A Phillips drive style fits into a Pozidriv drive recess decently when using the right size. It's important to note that even if the Phillips does fit snugly into the drive recess, it is still much more likely to strip or cam-out than when using the proper driver.

Alternatively, you can attempt to remove a Phillips screw with a Pozidriv drive but they do not fit into the Phillips drive recess snugly and are much more likely to slip or damage the recess during removal.

Where Are Pozidriv Screws Used?

Pozidriv screws can be used just about anywhere, although they are not nearly as popular as standard Phillips screws. Over the years, many other drive styles, such as the Torx and Robertson, have come out as being more reliable than the Phillips drive style at preventing cam-out and stripping. The Phillips drive is still extremely popular in manufacturing due to its self-centering design but is starting to lose popularity for manual applications due to other drive styles having a better design.

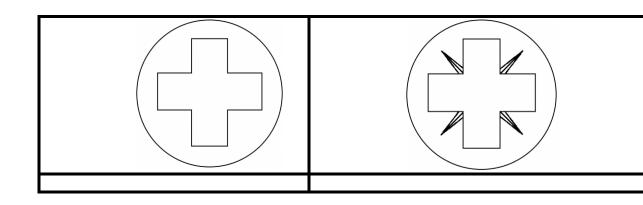
Benefits of the Pozidriv Drive Style

As an improvement on the Phillips drive style, the main benefit of using the Pozidrive is the increased torque without the increased risk of cam-out. Pozidriv screws can handle significantly more torque on the fastener recess than a Phillips drive can.

How Do You Identify A Pozidriv Screw?

While Phillips and Pozidriv screws look similar, Pozidriv are actually quite easy to recognize at a glance. This is due to four notches marked into the head of the Pozidriv screw that are not present in the Phillips Head Screw.

Phillips	Pozidriv



Pozidriv Screwdrivers

The Pozidriv drive style can be found in a range of sizes from 0-5. The letters PZ or PSD are usually listed before the size number (e.g. PZ3 or PSD5). ANSI standards refer to Pozidriv as a "Type IA". The Pozidriv style can be found in two forms. Either as a Pozidriv screwdriver or as a Pozidriv screwdriver bit.

In Conclusion:

Should you be in the manufacturing field and find you are having trouble with cam-out, you may want to attempt a Pozidriv configuration. It will give you the added benefits of a reduced cam-out with a better fit into the drive recess while preserving the self-centering functionality that is a must for manufacturing. For manual applications however, both the Star and Square drives are better choices to better suit your needs."

Please visit <u>www.albanycountyfastiners.com</u> from which this 'Pozidriv 101' material was borrowed.

Full credit is given to Albany County Fastiners, Inc.

The Past, Present and Future walked into a bar... It was tense.

Listen and Silent have the same letters. Coincidence?

A good pun is its own reword.

Concours in the Hills

Article and photos by John Carroll

Only Randy Koontz in his TR3 and myself in my TR6, from DCTRA, attended this event. The MG folks had 16 cars right in front of the lake.

It was a beautiful day and busy. I spent a lot of time talking with folks who had interest in Triumph models. I met a chap who'd just purchased the mimosa yellow TR6 at Barrett Jackson.

It was a lovely day surrounded by classic and exotic cars.



Drive Your Triumph Day

Article by George Montgomery Photo by the owner These are the only DYTD photos I was sent



John Carroll's TR6 out near the San Tan Mountain Range



John Heisser's TR8 at the Tin Lizzie Roundup



David Mullvihill's TR6 at his home



Walt Roman at his home



Walt with his grandson

10th Annual British Wheels at the Highland Games British Car Show



Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 in conjunction with the 59th Annual Scottish Games at Gilbert Regional Park, 3005 East Queen Creek Rd.



This Event will be held rain or shine

This Event is an Open Display for All British Built Vehicles - from Show Vehicles to Daily Drivers. All British built vehicles are invited by the Caledonian Society to come & display their vehicles on Saturday 2nd. Each vehicle will get FREE entry for two people, any more & you will be asked to pay \$15.00 per person when purchased in advance.

Gates open @ 7:00am and close @ 9:00am. All vehicles should be in place by 9:00am sharp when the gates open to the public. <u>Due to heavy pedestrian traffic @ Gilbert Regional Park, the Town of Gilbert requests that</u> yehicles remain on display until the gates close to the public.

REGISTRATION

<u>Registration:</u> \$30.00 for the first vehicle (includes two passes), \$20.00 each additional vehicle to the same owner (includes one pass), into the Highland Games. Extra passes can be purchased at a discounted price (but must be done in advance).

Registrations are limited to the first 125 registrations received or as space allows!

Please complete one registration form for each vehicle entered. Registrations must be post-marked by Friday, February 16th, 2024 and will determine vehicle classes and awards.

There will be NO day of show registrations

AWARDS: - Presented at 3:00pm

* Vehicle classes & Trophies will be based upon number of registrations post-marked by February 16, 2024.

- * Best of Show Best of Show with be determined by a committee of fellow British Vehicle Owners.
- * President's Choice & Chairman's Choice Both the President of the Caledonian Society & the Games Chairman will choose the cars they like the best.

*Visitor's Choice - The vehicle that the General public votes the best.

JUDGING - is by popular vote of the entrants with the exception of the Best of Show, and the 3 "Choice's" All decisions by the <u>Organizers are final.</u>

Dash Plaques: will be provided to all registrants.

Vehicle's MUST be driven onto the field under their own power.

Registration Acknowledgement: An e-mail will be sent to acknowledge receipt of your registration Registrants will receive a e-mail with a map & gate pass approximately one week prior to the event. Forgotten maps & gate passes cannot be replaced. At this time any extra passes will be sent out.

Please bring the gate pass to the event. Passes cannot be duplicated at the gate!

For information about the Highland Games-British Car Display & Show call Phil or Shirley @ (480) 985-2531 or e-mail- britishcarsatphxscottishgames@gmail.com

Another Complimentary Additional Year of Membership!

By Armand LaCasse, Treasurer

DCTRA has had another great year! We are financially sound thanks largely to hosting Triumphest and all of the members who made this event a financial success. We again want to thank our members for their efforts and share our club's success.

The DCTRA Executive Leadership Team decided to provide another complimentary year of membership. President John Heisser, Vice President Roger Prior, Secretary Mary White, and Treasurer Armand LaCasse agreed we can easily afford to do this again thanks to Triumphest 2021.

The details are:

- DCTRA will not collect any membership renewal dues in 2024.
- Every member as of December 31, 2023 will have one year of membership added to their membership expiration date.

If your membership would have expired in 2024, now it will expire in 2025. 2025 membership expirations move to 2026. And 2026 membership expirations move to 2027.

Please ask one of the officers if you have any questions.

Armand

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George M Montgomery editor: georgemonty32@gmail.com.

For sale:

I have a Triumph Windblocker for sale. It's a Moss item. It's in new condition. I'm asking \$100 for it. Rick Hartmann

Cell 708-724-5238 Itzatr6@gmail.com



Free:

John Truttman has a collection of shop manuals and competition manuals for various cars. He only want them to go to someone who wants to use them. John Truttman: 480-695-2591, truttmanj@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

I have 4 American Eagle 8 spoke Aluminum wheels with TR6 Center caps and new lug nuts--I had these special made and drilled to the correct bolt pattern 4x4.5— Will require 6mm /1/4 inch spacer for proper fit. 15 X 5.5 Asking 500.00 OBO Walter A Roman 602-501-2040





CLASSIFIED ADS: (cont.)

FOR SALE:

1958 TR3A – project car, clear AZ title, \$1,400, needs a lot of work. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3640

1954 TR2 (Long Door) – project car, all correct sheet metal, clear AZ title, \$2,500 Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

1961 TR3A – project / parts car, no title \$500. Pete Peterson (602) 615-3540

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FOR SALE: After-market fiberglass hardtop for a TR3. WYSIWYG \$20 or best offer. PETE PETERSON 602-615-3640 <u>carefreebev@gmail.com</u>



Wanted:

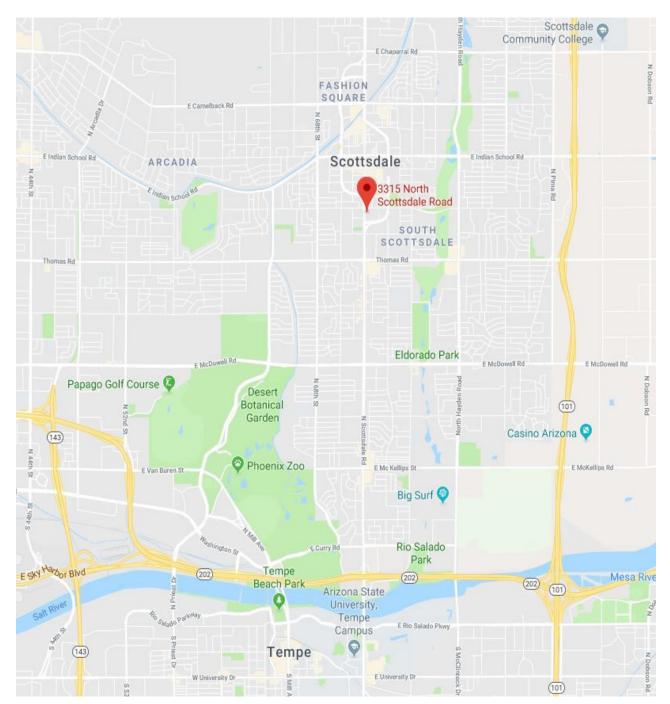
Triumph tr7 5 speed driveshaft Triumph tr7 5 speed brake drums, one or a pair. David Faulkner home # 480-656-4366 rottendave@cox.net



DCTRA Club Meeting Location:

Note: Regular business meets are held on the second Tuesday of each month at: **Denney's Restaurant**

3315 Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ



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We also have Grill badges (\$25.00 each), Lapel pins (\$5.00 each) and License plate frames (15.00 each) available for purchase.



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