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For membership information, contact Tom Pennell at 928-537-3355

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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 Triumphest. Mike will keep a list of things needing attention.

COMING EVENTS

JULY 13

DCTRA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

7:30 PM

Rich & Diane Aubert's Home

See article inside

JULY 8

TRIUMPHEST PLANNING MEETING

Rich & Diane Aubert's Home

7:00 PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL-JULY EVENT

Since it is always hot in July, it seems an old fashioned Ice Cream Social is in order. The idea is that the Club supplies ice cream in different flavours, bowls, and spoons. You who attend bring the toppings: cherries, CHOCOLATE, marshmallow goo, strawberries, nuts, whatever you like. Each person bring something. Be creative.

Meet at the Auberts about dusk, i.e. 7:30, on July 13th. Be sure to have din-din before coming. This is going to be a fabulous high calorie affair. There is also a nice pool to cool off in, so bring your swimmies.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a map to the Aubert's. Let us know how many will attend by e-mail,

johnehorton@yahoo.com.

John Horton

RACING REPORT

Racing Schedule for 1st Quarter 2002

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September

7-8 SCCA Driver's School - Firebird

28 - 29 NASA - Firebird Main

THE ASRA 2002 SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN POSTED
TO THE WEBSITE

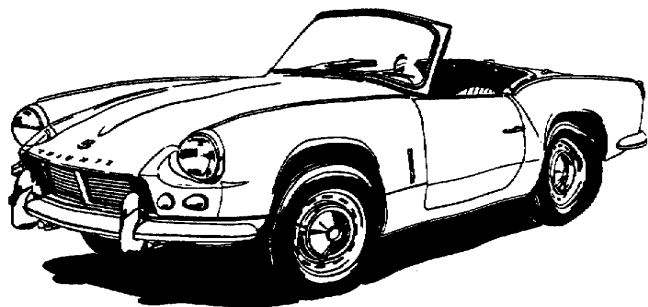
IT INCLUDES SEVERAL WEEKENDS AT PHOENIX IN-
TERNATIONAL RACEWAY!!!

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



THE PREZ SEZ

I know that most of you have been following the trials and tribulations of Tom & Gracie Pennell from their e-mails to members@dctra.org from up north. Through the graciousness of friends they and a few others have been staying at a safe place in Taylor and are understandably eager to return home to Show Low as soon as possible. The fires on the rim have devastated a lot of homes as well as lives and we hope they find out soon if their place was spared the flames. Tom started this club, helped most of us out with our cars at one time or another, and the two of them are our friends, have always had a big influence on us and the club, and we love them dearly. Keep a good thought for them in the next few weeks while they try to get back home and to some sort of normal life.

With A Smile, Roger Guzowski

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

Our meeting opened at 7:00pm with 28 members present. Two new members joined us! Nick Stankovic with a green '79 TR7 Convertible, and Bill Close with a '59 TR3A. Minutes were accepted as printed. The treasurer reported that all is well with the treasury, and that there have been 611 raffle tickets sold for the project car. Five TR's and about twenty owners enjoyed the English Music Recital and High Tea at the Episcopal Cathedral downtown last weekend, and gave it great reviews. Coming events include the British Breakfast Run on June 23rd, an Ice Cream Social in July and in August we will go to the Organ Stop Pizza Parlor in Mesa.

Some TR parts are still needed for the table centerpieces for Triumphest. Please call Diane Wickenhauser at 480-563-3224 to let her know what you might be able to donate. Roy Stoney mentioned that he would gladly hand out copies of the monthly newsletter if we would send them to his shop. Name badges for club members are available to members for \$7.50/pair, and a list was passed around for anyone who wanted to order them.

Volunteers are needed for all sorts of committees for Triumphest.. John Reynolds and Bob Mazur volunteered to work with Armand LaCasse to organize the funcours. The next planning meeting will be held at Rich & Diane Aubert's home on July 8th at 7:00pm, and anyone who would like to help out is welcome.

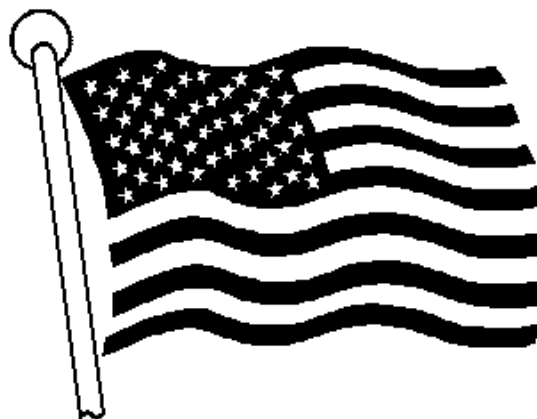
Mike Bayne said he would appreciate notes and articles for the newsletter. In Tech Tips Fran Wickenhauser told about a local fellow that cut and red-lined his tires for a very reasonable fee, and John Reynolds has found a very reasonable brake servo rebuilder.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Deta Hampsch

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. Contact Monica Gustafson at e-mail: gustafso@mail.arizona.edu (05/02)



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JUNE BRITISH BREAKFAST RUN

The Mini Club did a dandy job of setting up a run where we could enjoy our monthly event without being melted by summertime. 24 people in the usual colorful assortment of cars met at 32nd & Shea early on June 23rd, where the Blahaks passed out directions all of two sentences long. On the way there, our TR6's radio quit, causing John to notice that the voltage had bottomed out. The alternator only worked when we hit a bump. However, good people gave us a push, and twenty minutes later we arrived at Mimi's at Tatum and 101. They were ready for us with a pretty, separate room.

Raffle prizes caused an unusual amount of interest, as Blahaks had brought all the goodies from their latest trip to England and Scotland, including mementos of the Queen's 50 years on the throne. While waiting for breakfast, we heard stories of the auto events they attended - can you picture 2500 Minis in one spot? Among the group of Triumph drivers present were Dave and Denine Mure, who are restoring a red TR3. After breakfast, we all got to sing a ragged but heartfelt "Happy Anniversary" to Virgil and Marlene Cole, celebrating their 24th.

After another push, we were on our way, and home by 9:30 am. John got out his trusty soldering gun and fixed the offending loose wire on the alternator, so we're ready for another breakfast run.

Beth Horton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes a lot of cogs to turn the wheel, so your help is needed to make Triumphest 2002 run smoothly. Volunteers will be needed in several areas, the largest number in Funcours judging and Registration.

Registration workers can sign up for two hour shifts. A sign up sheet with open hours will be passed around at the August club meeting. For now, anyone who can help with registration can call Beth Horton @ 602-843-1399. Requests from other committees will be forthcoming.

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)

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

October 5-6 - Fourth Annual British Vintage Voyage - Flyer and entry form in this issue.

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

DIRECTION TO AUBERT'S HOUSE

The Aubert house is located almost 2 blocks east of Granite Reef Road, between Camelback Road and Indian School Road in the East Valley, just west of Pima Road and the Salt River Indian Reservation.

So -- find your way to Scottsdale and the Indian School Rd. exit off the 101 North. Turn left (West) off the ramp and take Indian School Rd. 2 blocks through 2 stoplights to 87th St. Turn right (North) and go to the stop sign (Heatherbrae). Turn left (West) and go 2 blocks to the next stop sign. Turn right (North) onto 86th St. and go 2 more blocks to Turney Ave. Turn left (West) and go 5 houses to 8538 on the right side of the street (or look for the green TR7 in the driveway)!

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EDITOR'S DESK

I e-mailed Tom Pennell last week to let him know that I wouldn't bother him with the newsletter this month, what with he and Gracie having to evacuate their home due to the Rodeo-Chedeski Fire. Tom takes care of publishing the paper and sending it to the printer for mailing, and I really didn't want to add any more worries to what he already has to deal with. He replied that he had brought his computer along with him and he would still take care of getting the thing published for July. Thanks, Tom ! its guys like you that go the extra distance that really keep clubs and organizations like this together.

Since I work for a mapmaker, and we all have a personal interest in the fire, I'll give you this website so that you can access maps of the fire's progression since day one. They are big files, but are worth the wait www.land.state.az.us/agic/fire/index.html

The next committee meeting for Triumphest 2002 will be at Rich & Diane Aubert's home on Monday, July 8th, at 7:00pm. Their address is 8538 E. Turney, Scottsdale (see attached map). This will be an important meeting, as the event is drawing closer and there is still so much to do. The committees have a good handle on their specific events and responsibilities, but there are still a zillion details that need attention. Your participation is welcome.

Registrations for Triumphest are coming in steadily, but few are from DCTRA members. Anybody going? Don't wait until the last minute ! get your forms mailed in soon, and call the River Palms to reserve your rooms. You can find the registration form at our web site: www.dctra.org, or call me and I'll mail you one.

One thing has come to mind regarding the Triumphest ! we will need someone with a truck or full-sized van to be our event driver. We will be hauling all of the event materials and supplies, paperwork, registration packets and goodie bags, event clothing and regalia, etc to Laughlin from Phoenix, as well as trailering the project car (a couple months ago I volunteered to take the project car to Laughlin, but my mechanic told me that my transmission would die somewhere between here and Yuma). This is a really important job that will coordinate with all the committee chairmen. If you are planning on going and would like to take on this responsibility, please let us know at the July meeting, or notify us as soon as possible.

Since we have an upcoming gubernatorial election this fall, and there have been a number of legislative issues involving our hobby, we have invited Independent candidate Richard Mahoney to say a few words at our July meeting. He will be available for questions, so if you have an interest, come to Don Pablo's for the meeting this month.

Mike Bayne

THE RODEO-CHEDESKI FIRE

Many thanks to all of the DCTRA members who called with their concerns over us. Thanks also to John and Jane Welker, who put us up during the evacuation. We returned home on July 1st to find that our house had survived the inferno, mostly because the firefighters had used our cantilevered deck as a command post to call in slurry bombers and water-copters. As we were unloading, a fireman walked down our driveway and introduced himself as Larry Bunge, a professional Hot Shot from Minnesota (one of over 4000 firefighters who came to fight this monster). Larry asked if I had been upstairs yet. I said no. He told me to go look under the 'phone. There, I found the note pictured below.

6/22/02 3:20 pm
Fire spotting below
Tower & coming
down slope. Your
Sprinklers are still
working. We just
completed dozer
line and working
working east.
Retardant being
dropped below your
house. We are out
of here. Hope this
note survives
Larry Bunge

LARRY BUNGE'S NOTE



The upstairs deck - "Fire Central" for 4 hours at the height of the fire. You can see for several miles from this vantage point - Firefighters directed slurry bomber runs and water-dropping helicopters from here on Saturday June 22.



This is what more than 100 homes in Timberland Acres look like today. There are no "damaged" homes here. They are either completely destroyed or untouched. This fire reportedly had interior temperatures over 2000 deg.

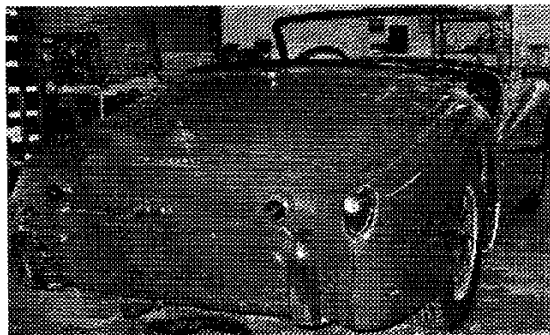
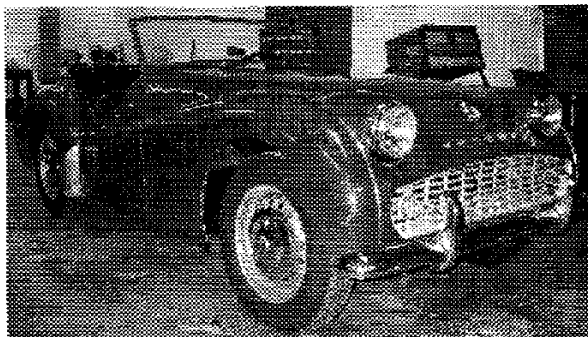


Our house on 7/1 - notice the intact trees. It helps to have firemen around when the going gets hot.



This is all that remains of a home where Duke used to go to play with his friend Bandit.

DESERT CENTRE PROJECT CAR RAFFLE



Additional photographs of the car are on the DCTRA website: www.dctra.com

The Desert Centre Triumph Register of America has completed their 12 plus year project car. This is a red 1960 Tr/3, total frame off restoration. The car will be presented and raffled off at TRIUMPHEST, October 17th 2002, held at Laughlin, Nevada.

RULES OF RAFFLE.

Quantity of tickets sold will be 750 minimum, 1000 maximum.

Purchase price is \$20.00 each.

A duplicate ticket will be mailed to the purchaser by return mail. This ticket is your entry.

Ending date will be October 7th 2002, or when 1000 tickets are sold. No other tickets will be sold.

No refund of tickets allowed before or after the drawing.

The winning ticket will be drawn at TRIUMPHEST 2002 only. There are no other prizes.

Entrant need not be present to win.

The winning ticket must be presented to claim the car.

The winner (if not present) will be telephoned and notified by registered mail.

The car must be picked up at TRIUMPHEST, or at Phoenix, Arizona by arrangement. Any transportation costs are the winner's responsibility.

By signing and entering, you agree to these terms. No other terms are implied or indicated.

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October 5th & 6th 2002

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Every year we try and plan a different itinerary. This year we will taste the wines produced by the Dos Cabezas Wineworks, stay overnight in Willcox with our usual fun games in the evening...we are looking forward to trying a couple of new ones as well.

On Sunday we are hoping to visit the Kartchner Caverns, before your luncheon in Tucson. This visit must be booked ASAP as they are booked up two months ahead. This will be an

additional cost if you wish to participate.

Registration is \$35.00 per vehicle, which includes driver and navigator, additional passengers are \$10.00 each. A meal on Saturday, wine tasting, a number of game tokens and a souvenir of the event are all included in your entry fee. The Sunday awards lunch is not included in the registration. Lunch cost will be approx \$9.00 per person, including gratuities, for an all you can eat buffet.

Closing date for registration is September 28th 2002 or as soon as the maximum number of 50 teams has been reached.

Sorry, no "day of" registrations can be accepted.

Arrangements have been made for accommodations at the Best Western Plaza Inn in Willcox. Call 520-384-3556 and be sure and mention the British Vintage Voyage to get the special rate of \$62.00 + tax per double room, including breakfast. **This rate is only available till September 7th so make your reservations early.** This weekend is a busy one in Willcox as they celebrate Rex Allen Days.

.....cut here and mail.....

The British Vintage Voyage Registration
 (Please Print)

Name of Owner/Driver..... Navigator.....
 Street Address..... Passengers if any.....
 City..... State..... Zip..... Home Phone ().....
 Car Marque..... Year..... Club affiliation.....

Number for wine tasting please.....
 Number for Kartchner Caverns..... (\$14.00 Per person)

E-mail.....

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Signature..... Date.....

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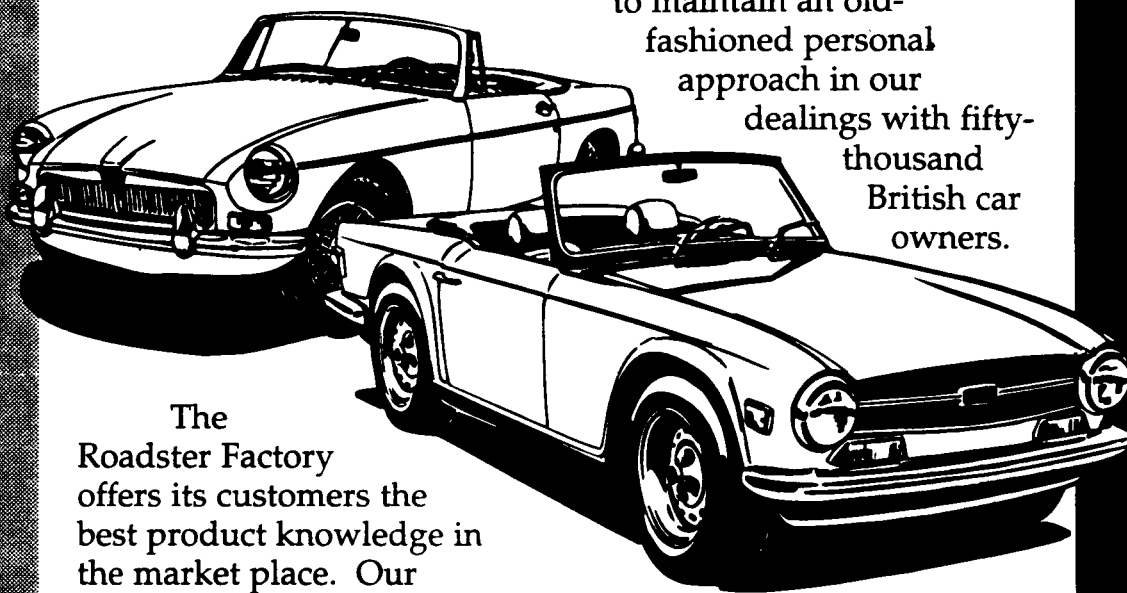
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