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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETING:
MARCH 8 - 7:00 PM
BILL JOHNSON'S BIG APPLE
3757 E. VAN BUREN STREET
COME EARLY -
HAVE DINNER -
SUPPORT OUR

Breakfast Run
March 20th
32nd St. & Shea

Wheels of Briain
March 13, 2005
Heritage Square, Phoenix



Highland Games



Stu Lasswell and Art Wallis discuss the weather!

The Caledonian Society of Arizona hosted the 41st Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 & 27, 2005. Gates opened at 8:00 am and closed at 5:00 pm. Opening ceremonies were at noon on Saturday, and closing ceremonies were at 3:00 pm Sunday on the Campus of Mesa Community College, located on the northeast corner of Dobson and US 60.

For the most part, with the exception of a freak gust of wind on Saturday, the weather was beautiful, and visitors had plenty to do. Triumphs were few in number, but their owners had fun joining the crowds enjoying the clan ceremonies, and watching others admiring their cars. This is a fun venue, with a chance to visit with one another, other little British car owners, and learn a bit about the Highlands. The athletics are amazing, the kilts are bonny, the pipes and drums are lovely, and the food is tasty.

2005 DUES ARE DUE

All members who have not yet renewed their membership for the 2005 year are requested to pay their dues as soon as possible. Non-members are invited to join. A Membership Application/Renewal Form is available on page 5 of this issue.



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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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THE PREZ SEZ

Well, February is over, and some of us are glad to see the wettest February in history go. All that rain reminds one of England!

We worked hard to find other meeting places and came up with several that might work well. The first one will be a test location: This month's Club meeting on March 8th will be at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 3757 E. Van Buren St., 602-275-2107. Ask for the DCTRA seating or Diane and Rich's area when you arrive. At the meeting we can decide if we would like to try Macayo's Mexican Depot on Rio Salado in Tempe for the April meeting or stay at the Big Apple. Or we can try the Golden Buddha in the Chinese Cultural Center. By trying several different restaurants we can get a better idea of what suits our tastes and where we feel comfortable.

It was an interesting car club month. First, HB 2357, the emissions bill, passed the House. John Horton will have an update on it at the next meeting.

Then there was the February meeting, still at F1 Race Factory – but there were 30 members there, and several new members and guests. Great turnout!

There was the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Parade, which was flooded out and took some of the roads and houses with it. Needless to say, no Triumphs ventured up there. Too bad!

Then the breakfast run, sponsored by the Jaguar Club. We chickened out and didn't want to drive in the rain.

Finally, the Highland Games at Mesa Community College had beautiful weather in which to display those little British cars. John Nuss reported that the Games were well attended Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 27th. Unfortunately, Diane and I could not attend due to Wednesday night's storm damage in the back yard. The 30-mph wind left us with tarps, car parts, and metal pipes bent like pretzels. It's time for a permanent garage in the yard, following the example set by John Horton.

(Prez Sez, continued on page 6.)

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting opened at 7pm at F-1 Race Factory with 30 present. Kimberly Dally was a new member with her Spitfire from California. John Nuss told of upcoming events. The Wickenburg Gold Rush Parade was coming on the weekend on Saturday, the Highland Games were coming up Feb 26-27, and the Wheels of Britain on March 13th at Heritage Square in Phoenix. Also, don't forget the B.E.A.T. on April 23-24, and the British Vintage Voyage in the fall. We may drive to Buzzard's Roost in Yarnell sometime for a club event.

Minutes were accepted as published with the correction of adding the word hospital to our charity donation at John C. Lincoln. Diane Aubert told about the trip to Mystery Castle in south Phoenix. She highly recommends the trip. About 32 people attended. Treasurer Ron Gurnee said we are plush. We have a nice bundle to start our hosting of the Triumphfest, over \$7,700 in the CD, and about \$5,800 in the club treasury. Ron Gurnee is still our membership chairman, but needs a volunteer to take over since he is now treasurer as well. John Nuss volunteered. Stu reiterated the upcoming events, and added a March 5th Commemorative Air Force event to show our cars. He outlined the events for the coming year. The TRA will meet in Branson, MO in June, and the VTR will meet in Rockford, IL in July. The Pancakes In the Park Breakfast Run will be on March 20th. If anyone has suggestions please talk to Stu.

In the newsletter report, Rich Aubert printed the newsletter this month. We only need about 25-30 newsletters in hard copy since it has been made available online. Rich and Ron proposed buying a laser jet printer for the club instead of having a printing company do the printing. The approximate cost would be \$500 for a color printer. Kathy Nuss made the motion and Armand LaCasse seconded. It passed in a unanimous vote.

John Horton spoke for AAHC. Numerous bills are up, going through the legislature. John will



give all details in a separate article. These are very critical and need our close attention. Club bylaws need reviewing. Copies will be put out on the web for review. Please read and be prepared to comment and vote at the next meeting. Rich asked for a committee to be in charge of charity ongoing events so we can help throughout the year and not only at the end of the year. Beth Horton and Diane Aubert volunteered. Rich will look at a couple of places to meet next month. He will let us know by e-mail where we will be meeting. We need volunteers to help sell ads in the newsletter, and to put together a list of recommended vendors to use in connection with our cars. In the tech report, we learned that BAP gives a discount to DCTRA members. Ron Gurnee told about his "project" TR7. It has certainly been an experience!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Deta

TECH TALK

HOW LONG CAN I PARK MY VEHICLE?

<http://www.batteryfaq.org/carfaq15.htm>

Last Updated on January 16, 2005

The amount of time, usually referred to as “airport”, “garage”, or “storage” time, that you can leave your vehicle parked and still start your engine is dependent on such things as the battery’s initial State-of-Charge (SoC), the Reserve Capacity, the amount of natural self-discharge and parasitic (ignition key off) load, temperature and battery type (plate chemistry). Car manufacturers normally design for at least 14 days or more “airport” time; based on a fully charged battery in good condition, moderate weather, and no additions to the original car’s parasitic load (for example, an after market alarm system). The number of days will vary based on the temperature. When a battery drops below 100% SoC, sulfation starts slowly occurring, and this will reduce the capacity of the battery, and left unchecked, will kill the battery.

If you leave your vehicle parked for more than two weeks, then you have several options:

The best long term (over one month) option is to continuously float charge your car battery in a well ventilated area by connecting a “smart” battery charger, voltage regulated float charger, or 5 watt or greater solar float charger. *You will need a “float” charging voltage between 13.2 and 13.8 VDC at 80° F (26.7° C) and at least .5 amps (500 milliamps) to overcome the vehicle’s parasitic load and the natural self-discharge of the battery.* Do not use a cheap “trickle” charger, because it will overcharge your battery and dry out the electrolyte. This option will allow you to park your vehicle indefinitely, but the battery should be checked periodically.

Disconnect the **NEGATIVE (-)** battery cable to remove the parasitic load, but be sure that you have saved any security codes or radio stations presets that will have to be reprogrammed, but the battery’s natural self discharge **will continue**. This option will work from one month to six months depending battery type and temperature.

Replace the battery with the largest VRLAAGM or Spiral Wound AGM type battery that will fit, e.g., an Optima or Exide Select Orbital, with very low self-discharge rates. For periods greater than two months, also disconnect the **NEGATIVE (-)** battery cable to remove the parasitic load. This option will work for six months to twelve months depending battery type and temperature.

Install a battery with a larger reserve capacity or connect an identical battery in parallel, but the battery’s natural self discharge **will continue**. For periods greater than two months, also disconnect the **NEGATIVE (-)** battery cable to remove the parasitic load. This option will work for two months to twelve months depending battery type and temperature.

Replace the battery when you are ready to drive the vehicle again, especially if the battery is over three years old and in a **hot** climate.

Have someone drive your car during the day at highway speeds every two weeks for at least 15 minutes to keep the battery charged.

Jump start the battery and hope that there is no latent damage.

Install a low voltage disconnect. This is especially helpful if the driver forgets to turn the headlights off.



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IF MY BODY WERE A CAR

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little MG; now they look more like my mother's old Buick.

My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging.

Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Ben & Jerry's opened a shop in my neighborhood.

Air bags? Forget it. The only bags I have these days are under my eyes. Not counting the saddlebags, of course.

I have soooooo many miles on my odometer. Sure, I've been many laces

and seen many things, but when's the last time an appraiser factored life experiences against depreciation?

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My reaction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. I'm burning fuel at an inefficient rate.

But here's the worst of it - almost every time I sneeze or cough, my radiator seems to leak.

-Author Unknown

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Comments/Suggestions:		



More Highland Games



Photos by Pam Rineholt



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March will see the exciting Wheels of Britain on Sunday, the 13th in Heritage Square. Please plan on attending. Our V.P. and Events Chairman, Stu Lasswell, sent out information earlier. If you still need information or an entry form, see those attached to this newsletter. (Even Diane's cousin, newly moved to Tucson from California, is driving up in his Sunbeam Tiger and participating!)

I will be e-mailing copies of the updated By-Laws and also be bringing copies to the March meeting for the Club's review and approval. See you at the Big Apple!

RICH

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March

Hi everyone,

As an update of what is happening locally for those of you without internet access...

Tue 8th **VHVC Club meeting** - At the Riverside Centre, Newport from 8pm will include a talk on working in Formula 1 motor racing. *Please check your magazine for more info.*

Sun 20th **VHVC Afternoon Tea Run** - Meeting at Butterfly World, Wootton 2pm for 2.30pm start. *Please check your magazine to confirm date has not been changed.*

Mon 21st **IW Triumph Club meeting** - All Triumph owners / enthusiasts welcome, the free club catering for all clubs! At the Woodman Arms, Wootton from 8pm

Angela & Graham
Isle of Wight Triumph Club

Classic Cars Live



Date: 18th March to 20th March 2005
Location: Alexandra Palace,
London, United Kingdom
Website: <http://www.classiccarslive.com>



London's biggest Classic Car Show, since the show was first held in 1988, the event has become the major curtain raiser for the historic vehicle show season. The memorable combination of the striking architecture of the Palace with an outstanding selection of classic vehicles and display stands consistently attracts thousands of visitors year after year.



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Calendar of Events

March 5th — 3rd Annual “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles” show at the Commemorative Air Force, Falcon Field. 10a.m.-3p.m.

March 8th — DCTRA Meeting Dinner at 5:30, meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Bill Johnson’s Big Apple Restaurant, 3757 East VanBuren Street, Phoenix.

March 13th — Wheels of Britain at Heritage Square. Registration form on page 6 of January issue. 6th & Monroe, Phoenix. Gates open 8a.m.-9:30. Show 10a.m. through 3 p.m.

March 20th — “Pancakes in the Park” Breakfast Run Meet at 32nd St. and Shea Blvd, NW corner, at 7:30am ready to leave at 8. Drive to a park in Tempe for an open-air breakfast!

March 20th — Car show at Joe’s Crab Shack, Southern at McClintock in Tempe. Attend after the Breakfast Run! (see above).

April 9th — Central Ave. Cruise Night. A semi-annual event for all types of cars, but heavy on hotrods & muscle cars.

April 23-24 — The 8th annual B.E.A.T. (British Euro Auto Tour) drive. Our own little “Copper State (half)1000”! Overnight in Flagstaff, lots of scenic roads...don’t miss it! The route remains the same but we have added some additional fun things to make the drive memorable. Applications and the information sheet are available to download from www.beataz.com. Mike & Janice Goodwin (E-Mail: koolkataz@qwest.net)

May 21st — British Car Week trip to Prescott with the Mini group (at least I think we’re invited!) Details to come.

June 23rd - 26th — The 2005 TRA – Bigger, Better, and Uncut NEVER BEFORE has the TRA been held west of the Mississippi River, and NEVER BEFORE has there been a participants’ choice show at the TRA with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for all classes of cars entered. The

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attendees. The actual schedule, costs, and details will be provided soon, but it's time to start planning this event, so put it on your calendars for Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2005. Branson, MO is a vacation destination for the whole family, so start making your plans now! We look forward to seeing many new faces and many new cars that will take advantage of this location and expanded events. Texas Triumph Register, P.O. Box 40847, Houston, TX 77240-0847.

July 26th - 29th — A Time for Triumphs - VTR 2005 - Rockford, IL. The Illinois Sports Owners Association is proud to be your host for the 2005 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. ISOA is focused on providing good-spirited competition and fun-filled events for all participants. While Concours and Participants' Choice are a major part of the convention, we encourage all Triumph enthusiasts to bring their Triumph to Rockford - in any condition. Four beautiful days in early summer were chosen to give you more travel options. Rockford is Illinois' third largest city. Located along the Rock River in north-central Illinois, it has many big city amenities without having to try to cover up big city hassles. Interesting and uncongested local roads are perfect for tours, rallies, and fun. The nearby interstate highway system puts Rockford within a two day drive for over two thirds of the U.S. and Canada. Rockford is also accessible by air (via Chicago O'Hare Airport or Northwest Chicagoland International Airport at Rockford) for those who choose not to drive. Convention Headquarters will be the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center. The facility has been the host of many past car conventions with great success. The resort has restaurants, shops, and many recreation facilities. It promises to be a great place for families, with lots to do in the general area. Featured models for the 2005 VTR National Convention are the Stag and TR3 as we celebrate their 35th and 50th anniversaries, respectively. The Triumph Stag Club USA has designated the VTR 2005 convention as their Annual General Meeting. They are encouraging all Stag owners to attend and have set an ambitious goal to have over 100 Stags in attendance. This would be the largest known gathering of Stags in the USA to date.

OCTOBER — San Diego - Just plan to spend a week in San Diego!

OCTOBER 2nd — San Diego British Car Day - San Diego, California - All Marques - More information at www.sandiegobritishcarday.org.

OCTOBER 6th -9th — Triumphfest 2005 - San Diego, California - The Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego, California proudly announces Triumphfest for 2005. This 4-day event will be hosted at the luxurious Shelter Pointe Hotel, www.shelterpointe.com, from October 6 - 9, 2005. (Special room rate for Triumphfest participants is \$130.00/night double occupancy. This is only \$10.00 more that what we were charged in 2000.) Our tentative list of activities include: · A scenic driving tour guided by a native San Diegoian who wants to share "his" San Diego. · A bus tour to the Evans Garage (famous private collection of vintage car, aircraft and memorabilia), followed by lunch at a local "British" pub, and then onto the U.S.S. Midway museum, www.midway.org or if you prefer, shopping at Sea Port Village, www.spvillage.com. · Harbor cruise on San Diego Bay. <http://www.sdhe.com/san-diego-harbor-tours.html>. · Friday evening catered social with music, that includes a friendly darts competition and the Pinewood Derby. · Model car and photography displays/contests. · Funcours car show · Autocros · Walking rallye · A challenging gimmick rallye that will leisurely take you through the open back roads of San Diego County and test your powers of observation. · Saturday night banquet and awards dinner · Triumph is being a featured marque on Sunday at the Coronado Speed Festival, www.coronadospeedfestival.com, just across the bay from the hotel. We have reserve parking in the car show paddock, which will have almost a 1000 vintage and custom cars. · Triumphfest 2005 will give special recognition to the TR7/ TR8 models in celebration of the "Wedge's" 30th anniversary. · Plus opportunities to visit the various San Diego attractions, e.g. Zoo, Balboa Park, Sea World, Legoland, Wild Animal Park, Maritime Museum. As a bonus, for those so inclined to travel early, British Car Day is being held the weekend before Triumphfest, www.sandiegobritishcarday.org. A Splendid
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CLASSIC-FIED ADS

Trumpeter Classic-fied ads are free to members and will run for three issues, unless extended by the advertiser. (That's why you see a date at the end of each ad). If you sell your item, let us know and we will remove the ad from the next issue. Otherwise, it will automatically disappear after the third consecutive printing.



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OCTOBER 9th — Coronado Speed Festival (vintage racing, with Triumph the honored Marque!)

Fall — British Vintage Voyage Watch here for details, when available.

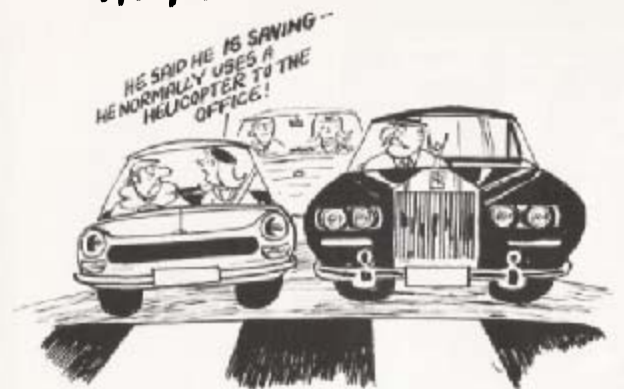
FRIDAY EVENINGS:

- Alma School & Warner, Chandler.
- Lindsay & Warner (on the east side of the Albertson's Parking lot), Gilbert, 5-? PM depending on the weather.
- Hills, 43rd Street & Union Hills, Phoenix

SATURDAY EVENINGS:

- Wendy's, Superstition Springs Mall, Power & Hampton, East Mesa, 4-? PM depending on the weather. First Saturday of every month is for British cars. If you are coming, let me know so we can hold spaces and all park together. shirley@nis4u.com or 480-985-2531 The Pavilions (McDonalds), Indian Bend Rd. at Pima Freeway and Pima Road, Scottsdale. 4-10 PM. 602-443-0800
- Chuy's, Arizona Avenue & Warner
- Dairy Queen, 108th Avenue & Grand, Sun City. 4-8 PM. 623-977-3303
- 5 and Diner, 906 N. 56th Street, I-10 & Ray, Chandler. 5-9 PM. 480-753-1114
- Shoney's, 59th Street & Bell, Phoenix. 602-948-0719, 623-561-1971
- Sonic, 33rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. 6-9 PM. 623-936-6587

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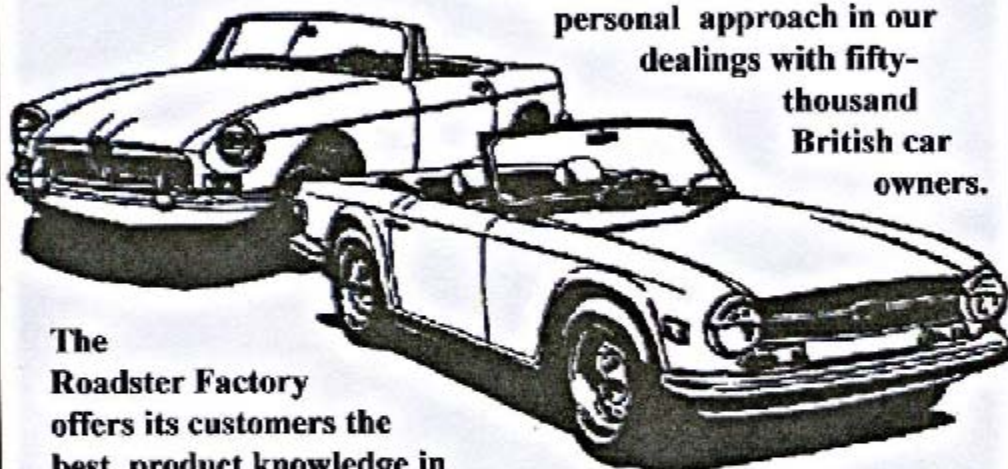
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