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DTSC Kart Racing Thrills All Our Second Time Around!

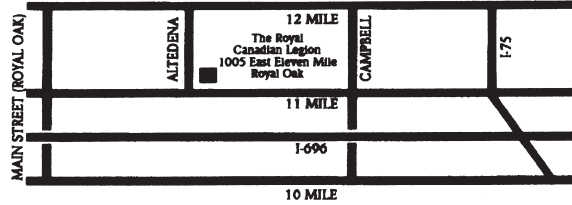
DTSC's second shot at kart racing turned out to be a "smashing" success as 59 members and their guests converged on the Kart 2 Kart facility in Sterling Heights. Of those attending, 51 people tried their skill as drivers, while the others cheered us on. Those playing the all-important role of enthusiastic and supportive fans were Laurie Carlson, Bill & Denise Goin, Linda Laskos, Bonnie Holas, and junior members Hannah Ehrhardt & Aaron Meyer. (The drivers' names can be found in the race results at the end of the article.)

For the second race series, we decided to have drivers out on the track in a randomly selected grouping, rather than in their qualifying classes. This seemed to work well as it tended to have each driver competing with the clock, rather than with the others out on the track. As we wished this activity to be a "fun" activity, rather than a competition, this arrangement was most successful, giving drivers of various skill and aggressiveness the same conditions and handicaps.

Because we had many first-time drivers present, we felt this gave them a more welcoming introduction to the wonderful world of racing!

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Above: Driving champions pose with their trophies and prizes at the Rochester Mills Beer Company after racing at Kart 2 Kart.



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Regular membership meetings of the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 8:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Post 84, 1005 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan. Please see map above for location details.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings and regular meetings.

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Ideas for articles relating to club activities or of general interest to Triumph and other British car owners are welcome!

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| JANUARY | 1, Tuesday 8, Tuesday 12, Saturday | Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion Year End Party Holiday Inn, Troy | DTSC DTSC Dan Campana |
| FEBRUARY | 5, Tuesday 12, Tuesday 24, Sunday | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Pinewood Derby Races Canadian Legion | DTSC DTSC Brian Sims & Terry Walters |
| MARCH | 5, Tuesday 8, Friday 12, Tuesday 12-24 | DTSC Board Meeting, Canadian Legion Friday Fish Fry Commonwealth Club DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Trip to England | DTSC Andy Dixon & Gretchen Parks DTSC Carlsons & Zorns |
| APRIL | 2, Tuesday 9, Tuesday 17, Wednesday TBA | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville DTSC Spring Tech Session | DTSC DTSC Dave & Laurie Carlson TBA |
| MAY | 2-5 7, Tuesday 14, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 18-19 | Tour to 14th Blount British Car Gathering, Townsend, TN DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi DTSC Mystery Tour | Sue & Dave Snyder DTSC DTSC Dave & Laurie Carlson Pat & Tamara Barber |
| JUNE | 1, Saturday 2, Sunday 4, Tuesday 11, Tuesday 14-16 15, Saturday 19, Wednesday 30, Sunday TBA | Tour to British Car Day, London, Ontario Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, MI DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion Sprint Vintage Grand Prix, Mid-Ohio Race Course 4th Annual Cruisin' Gratiot DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville Larry's International Tour DTSC Brunch Run to the River Crab | Sue & Dave Snyder Dick Arend DTSC DTSC *** *** Dave & Laurie Carlson Dave & Sue Tomaszycski DTSC |
| JULY | 2, Tuesday 9, Tuesday 13-14 15-21 17, Wednesday 28, Sunday | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Kalamazoo, MI Tour to VTR National (Convention Dates: July 16 - 19), Red Wing, MN DTSC Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi 6th Annual DTSC Family Picnic & Pool Party St. Heights | DTSC DTSC *** Mike Bilyk & Sue Snyder Dave & Laurie Carlson Sue & Dave Snyder |
| AUGUST | 2-4 3, Saturday 4, Sunday 6, Tuesday 8-11 TBA 14, Tuesday 17, Saturday 21, Wednesday | Meadowbrook Festival Weekend Meadowbrook Historic Races BBQ, Waterford, MI Larry's Island Beach Party! Harsen's Island DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion TRF Summer Party, Armagh, PA WAMBO, Wallaceburg, Ontario DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion 8th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise Picnic DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville | *** Roger Cotting Larry & Sue Tomaszycski DTSC *** *** DTSC Jim & Sue Watch Dave & Laurie Carlson |
| SEPTEMBER | 3, Tuesday 8, Sunday 10, Tuesday 13-15 18, Wednesday | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion 19th Annual Battle of the Brits Freedom Hill County Park DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion Tour to TTC British Car Day, Bronte Provincial Park, Ontario DTSC Summer British Knights Local Color Brewery, Novi | DTSC Synders & Carlsons DTSC Sue & Dave Snyder Dave & Laurie Carlson |
| OCTOBER | 1, Tuesday 8, Tuesday 16, Wednesday TBA | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Summer British Knights Bravo Restaurant, Roseville DTSC Fall Colour Tour | DTSC DTSC Dave & Laurie Carlson TBA |
| NOVEMBER | 5, Tuesday 12, Tuesday TBA | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Day at the Races #3 | DTSC DTSC Sue Snyder & Mike Bilyk |
| DECEMBER | 3, Tuesday 10, Tuesday | DTSC Board Meeting Canadian Legion DTSC Member Meeting Canadian Legion | DTSC DTSC |

Kart Racing

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By 12:45pm, all participants were ready to go, with releases signed, fire suits & safety equipment checked, and trophy classes 7 racing groups assigned. We gathered together for the all-important pre-race drivers' meeting, where we received instructions on track rules and safety, a bit of racing etiquette, and the most important "flags" and what they meant. The Kart 2 Kart staff did a great job of handling our groups and getting us organized to move on and off the track with a minimum of lost time. Each one of our five groups had three sessions on the track, including two practice sessions and a final "trophy qualifying" run.



Joan Ehrhardt



Dave Carlson

We did have a few mishaps and minor problems during the race sessions. For example, some drivers (who shall remain nameless) had a slight problem getting started and leaving the pit area. Others, like Dave Snyder, seemed to enjoy going in a circle so much that they spun out a few times. I must admit, I did this, too! Paul Dawe seemed to enjoy running along the rail at several points about the course, and Wayne Larose decided to show Larry Tomaszycski how much like bumper cars the karts really were! At one point, Joan Ehrhardt decided to pull over for a rest - but not in the pits. Dave

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Lesley Discher



Jeff Meyer



Paul Dawe and Wayne LaRose



Jeff Zorn

Kart Thrills

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"Nagi" Jonker had quite a time modeling the latest style in fashion head wraps, and the lovely Lesley Discher spent some pre-race time warming up with several stretching exercises. There were plenty of minor bumps and scrapes out on the track as we blissfully attempted to pass, cut corners or get the threshold braking just right. Thank goodness there was no need to heel & toe shift!

At 3:00pm, as we finished our qualifying sessions, most of the group headed over to the Rochester Mills Beer Company for dinner and presentation of trophies. Dave and I stayed behind at the track to tally the time results. We arrived at the restaurant shortly thereafter to present trophies, and were followed in by the

Complete racing results are on next page!

Sims. Rather surprised at their arrival after ours, I asked Connie, with some surprise, if they were just now getting over from Kart 2 Kart, and she replied, without missing a beat, that she let Brian drive. We all got a chuckle at that as Connie had some of the best times of the day! Without further ado, Dave began the presentation of awards, which included first through fourth place in each of the classes. Dave also made quite a show of presenting "Lego Go-cart" awards to the "Slow" and "Slower" driver in each class. Of course, this was all in good fun. (A complete rundown of results follows.)

Thanks to long-time DTSC member Mike Bilyk's donation of two hours of Kart 2 Kart track time, the Club was able to use this event to raise \$780.00 for the Children's Home of Detroit, while having an absolute blast. In fact, we enjoyed it so much, we will definitely have a repeat of the event in 2002. Stay tuned to the Review for updates and details on our next "Day at the Races."

Written by Sue Snyder



Sue Snyder and Brian Sims



Jim Watch



Sue Tomaczewski



Mike Bilyk



Mike Simon and Dave Snyder



Jim and Carole Moore



Pre-race drivers meeting



Drivers sit in their karts awaiting the signal to start their laps.

FINAL RESULTS

Results for the DTSC Winter Kart Races of 2001, which were held at Kart 2 Kart in Sterling Heights, MI on Sunday, November 18, 2001. *Please note: Final standings are based on the third or "Official" driving session, while fast laps include times from both practice and race sessions.*

LADIES - CLASS 1

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Connie Sims | 36.00 |
| 2. Karen Osen | 37.11 |
| 3. Sheryl Majewski | 38.84 |
| 4. Lesley Discher | 38.95 |
| 5. Maureen Jonker | 39.86 |
| 6. Anneke Peterson | 41.25 |
| 7. Jamye Meyer | 41.57 |
| 8. Carol Uloth | 41.99 |
| 9. Sharon Simon | 42.05 |

LADIES - CLASS 2

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Sue Snyder | 36.74 |
| 2. Tam Barber | 37.96 |
| 3. Julie Derikx | 38.48 |
| 4. Carole Moore | 38.74 |
| 5. Sue Tomaszycski | 38.80 |
| 6. Elizabeth Stevenson | 39.91 |
| 7. Robyn Guibord | 38.95 |
| 8. Joan Ehrhardt | 41.12 |
| 9. Pat Grant | 44.21 |
| 10. Jan Zorn | 44.85 |

MEN - CLASS 1

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Ian Pardonnet | 36.67 |
| 2. Dan Campana | 36.81 |
| 3. Jeff Meyer | 36.91 |
| 4. Steve McPhedran | 37.07 |
| 5. Paul Moon | 37.21 |
| 6. Alan Sheets | 37.30 |
| 7. Stu Ehrhardt | 37.76 |
| 8. John Uloth | 37.80 |
| 9. Jim Moore | 38.22 |
| 10. Mike Pardonnet | 38.86 |
| 11. Ken Pardonnet | 39.28 |

MEN - CLASS 2

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Bob Osen | 36.26 |
| 2. Dale Smigelski | 36.41 |
| 3. Dave Jonker | 36.81 |
| 4. Tony Vincent | 37.08 |
| 5. Brian Sims | 37.50 |
| 6. Mike Bilyk | 37.56 |
| 7. Jim Watch | 38.24 |
| 8. Mark Rollinson | 38.40 |
| 9. Roger Cotting | 38.67 |
| 10/ Ryan Peterson | 38.78 |
| 11. Dave Carlson | 39.66 |

MEN - CLASS 3

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Pat Barber | 36.87 |
| 2. Blake Discher | 38.07 |
| 3. Wayne Larose | 38.35 |
| 4. Paul Dawe | 38.85 |
| 5. Dave Snyder | 38.88 |
| 6. Mike Simon | 39.07 |
| 7. Bill Grant | 39.38 |
| 8. Jeff Zorn | 39.38 |
| 9. Duane Burleson | 39.96 |
| 10. Larry Tomaszycski | 46.44 |

FASTEST LAPS OF DAY (including practice*)

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Bob Osen | 35.70* |
| 2. Connie Sims | 36.00 |
| 3. Dale Smigelski | 36.41 |
| 4. Ian Pardonnet | 36.67 |
| 5. Sue Snyder | 36.74 |
| 6. Dave Jonker | 36.81 |
| 7. Pat Barber | 36.87 |
| 8. Jeff Meyer | 36.91 |
| 9. Mike Bilyk | 36.94* |
| 10. Steve McPhedran | 37.07 |

FINAL STANDINGS: ALL DRIVERS

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Connie Sims | 36.00 |
| 2. Bob Osen | 36.28 |
| 3. Dale Smigelski | 36.41 |
| 4. Ian Pardonnet | 36.67 |
| 5. Sue Snyder | 36.64 |
| 6. Dave Jonker | 36.81 |
| 7. Dan Campana | 36.81 |
| 8. Pat Barber | 36.87 |
| 9. Jeff Meyer | 36.91 |
| 10. Steve McPhedran | 37.07 |
| 11. Tony Vincent | 37.08 |
| 12. Karen Osen | 37.11 |
| 13. Paul Moon | 37.21 |
| 14. Alan Sheets | 37.30 |
| 15. Brian Sims | 37.50 |
| 16. Mike Bilyk | 37.56 |
| 17. Stu Ehrhardt | 37.76 |
| 18 John Uloth | 37.80 |
| 19. Tam Barber | 37.96 |
| 20. Blake Discher | 38.07 |
| 21. Jim Moore | 38.22 |
| 22. Jim Watch | 38.24 |
| 23. Wayne Larose | 38.35 |
| 24. Mark Rollinson | 38.40 |
| 25. Julie Derikx | 38.48 |
| 26. Roger Cotting | 38.67 |
| 27. Carole Moore | 38.74 |
| 28. Ryan Peterson | 38.78 |
| 29. Sue Tomaszycski | 38.80 |
| 30. Sheryl Majewski | 38.84 |
| 31. Paul Dawe | 38.85 |
| 32. Mike Pardonnet | 38.86 |
| 33. Dave Snyder | 38.88 |
| 34. Elizabeth Stevenson | 38.91 |
| 35. Lelsey Discher | 38.95 |
| 36. Robyn Guibord | 38.95 |
| 37. Mike Simon | 39.07 |
| 38. Bill Grant | 39.10 |
| 39. Ken Pardonnet | 39.28 |
| 40. Jeff Zorn | 39.38 |
| 41. Dave Carlson | 39.66 |
| 42. Maureen Jonker | 39.86 |
| 43. Duane Burleson | 39.96 |
| 44. Joan Ehrhardt | 41.12 |
| 45. Anneke Peterson | 41.25 |
| 46. Jamye Meyer | 41.57 |
| 47. Carol Uloth | 41.99 |
| 48. Sharon Simon | 42.05 |
| 49. Pat Grant | 44.21 |
| 50. Jan Zorn | 44.85 |
| 51. Larry Tomaszycski | 46.44 |



DTSC Pinewood Derby

Sunday, February 24, 2002 at 1:00pm
Royal Canadian Legion
Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak



The contest consists of designing and building a small wooden racecar from a kit that meets certain prescribed criteria and specifications. The derby is run in heats to determine fastest cars with the cars starting by gravity from a standstill on a track and run down an inclined ramp to a finish line, unaided.

Rules, Specifications and Fine Print

Design. The intent of the Organisers and the Club is for cars to be purpose built for this event and that the shape, color, accessories, decals, etc. should be that of a British marque or model as opposed to the usual "hot rod", "dragster" or American type car seen at traditional Pinewood Derby's.

Classes. Competition will be based on the following four (4) categories: 1) Members, 2) Associates (aimed at adult, females), 3) Family Members (aimed at boys and girls 16 years old or less) and 4) Classics *(vintage Pinewood Derby cars from your first childhood). Additionally, awards will also be presented to best and/or most authentic British car. ** Note: Each registrant will be allowed one entry in the Classic class in addition to their required British entry in one of the other three classes noted above.

Registration/Inspection. Pre-registration is requested in order to help us to better plan this, our first such event, however, is not mandatory. Registration on the day of the event is allowed. Each car must pass weigh-in and inspection by the Official Inspection Committee before it will be allowed to compete. If at registration a car does not pass inspection, the owner will be informed of the reason (s) for failure and will be given 10 minutes in which to make the necessary adjustments. No adjustments or modifications will be allowed on any car after it passes inspection unless the car is damaged in handling or in a race. The Committee has the right to disqualify those cars that do not or cannot meet the specifications.

Kits/Material. For most, it is highly recommended that the Official Grand Prix Pinewood Derby Kit be purchased which includes the correct axles and wheels as well as the basic wooden body to facilitate building your model and meeting the above race specifications. They are available at many local hobby and sporting goods stores that handle Scouting materials for less than \$4.00.

Costs. For those who wish to purchase their own Kit or material, a \$5.00/car entry fee will be assessed to cover the costs of trophies and awards for the Derby. If you would like the Organisers to provide you with the basic Kit noted above as well, the cost per car will be \$10.00. No entry fees will be charged for the additional cars entered in the Classic class.

Food/Beverages. The Club will provide a light afternoon meal, however, participants are allowed by the Legion to bring in their own munchies and other snacks. All beverages must be purchased from the Legion.

Width. The overall width of the car shall not exceed 2 3/4 inches.

Length. The overall length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.

Weight. The weight of the car shall not exceed 5 ounces. No loose materials of any kind (such as lead shot) are permitted in the car. The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight (Kit weighs substantially less than 5 ozs.) provided the additional material is securely built into the body, not taped on for example.

Wheels. Only the Official BSA/Cub Scout Grand Prix Pinewood Derby wheels and axles are permitted. Wheels may be sanded slightly to remove any imperfections, but the treads must be left flat. Burrs and other minor imperfections in the axles may likewise be removed with a fine emery cloth, etc. Wheel bearings, washers and bushings, etc. are prohibited.

Clearance. A minimum of 3/8" clearance to underside of body must be maintained in order to clear track lane strip.

Springing. The car shall not ride on any type of springs or suspension. The car must be freewheeling with no starting device.

Details. Details and accessories such as steering wheel, driver, motor, windscreen, etc. are permissible as long as they do not exceed the maximum width, length and weight specifications.

Additional information regarding logistics, conduct of the race, heats, etc. will be provided on "race day". Any questions/concerns with these specifications or other event issues should be referred to the Organisers, Brian Sims at (248-814-8441, simscl@ameritech.net) or Terry Walters at (734-464-8149, twalters@twmi.rr.com).

Welcome New Members

Please extend a welcome to the following new members:

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1975 TR6 Brown

Leigh and Kimberly Stanley
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248-644-4610
glstanley@mediaone.net
1960 TR3 Red



Leigh and Kimberly's 1960 TR3

2002 DTSC Calendars Available

If you haven't already picked up your copy of this year's calendar, what are you waiting for?

It's available in person at member meetings and club events or you can get one by mailing the order form below with a check for \$5.75.



Your name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Telephone (in case we need to call you) _____

Mail to: Dave Snyder
39148 Boston, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

DTSC Membership Renewal

Remember, your 2002 DTSC dues are due on January 1, 2002. Please use this form to renew your membership and update your information for the DTSC Directory. DTSC dues are still a great value at only US\$30. If you do not wish to cut this form from the Review, it is available online on the club's website at: <http://www.detroittriumph.org>.

DTSC Member _____ **Driving Companion** _____
Address _____ **City** _____
State/Province _____ **Zip/Postal Code** _____
Country _____ **E-mail address** _____

I am interested in the following activities: Tech info Mech help Tours Rallies Shows Social

I can volunteer to help the club in it's activies and events.

British vehicles owned (please include year, marque, model and color)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Send to: Dave Jonker, DTSC Membership Chair, 22609 Carolina, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

My First Triumph: Dave Murphy's addiction began at age 5!

I grew up in a Canadian university town where a lot of the students drove British (was there ever another kind?) Sports Cars. These flashy roadsters attracted the eye of my father, who although he could not afford such an impractical toy, was forever curious about how they drove and just liked to be around them. We even participated in a few Sports Car Rallies in our Chrysler Windsor, just so my dad could pretend he was in a Healey, MG or TR.



One of the last of the TR6s produced is this 1976 owned by Dave Murphy.

In 1959, when I was five, my father took me with him to test drive a used red and white Austin Healey Hundred with a fold down windscreen and wire wheels. It was my first Sports Car experience and my first convertible experience! From that moment onwards, I was hooked on British Sports Cars forever.

The next car my dad and I test drove (I was about eight) was a white Sunbeam Alpine with wire wheels and tail fins and really cool electric overdrive. As it belonged to a teachers college student who was boarding at our house, we got to test drive the Alpine a lot! But my dad said that it wasn't a real Sports Car because it had roll-up windows!

Our third Sports "Test" Car was the most memorable. I was nine. It was a 1959 British Racing Green TR3A with wire wheels, black interior and black hood. My dad had borrowed it early Friday for a long weekend from the local Volvo dealer, who was no doubt hoping my father would buy it. It was in absolutely mint condition, and very fast! We went

everywhere that weekend - to the beach, to the malls, to visit friends, par 3 golfing, to the ice cream store, before breakfast drives, evening drives, etc., etc. My dad drove all my friends in it, scaring the Hades out of them on the corners. I was really sad when we had to return that car

In the winter of 1969, when I was 15, I had my first sight of a TR6

on Tuesday. My father felt guilty enough about racking up so many miles in the TR3A that years later he bought a new Volvo from that dealer. I wanted a green Triumph TR with black interior from that moment on.

When I was almost eleven, one warm winter weekend my parents actually purchased a used MGA as a second car. However, when the weather turned cold again on Monday, the car decided not to start, when my mother needed to get to work. So back to the dealer went the MGA. What a shame that we never got to put the hood down! A used VW beetle eventually became our first second car.

In the winter of 1969, when I was 15, I had my first sight of a TR6 driving around the local shopping mall after school. It was Damson maroon and was owned by an English/Theater Arts teacher at my school. I just loved that car! Many times I was late for class after spending too much break time just staring at that car in the teachers parking lot.

In the summer of 1975 before my second last year of university, one of my neighbors bought a 1974 Mallard blue TR6 with black seats. At the time, I was busy enjoying my second big GM convertible (a 1969 Delta 88 with a 455 V8), and I didn't see much of the TR6 anyway. Then the following year just after Leyland discontinued the TR6, Rodney, the owner of this TR6 offered me a ride in

it to the local Hunt Club. The half mile winding road had a 20 mph speed limit and Rodney did 75, eventually double clutching into second gear at a parking lot full of cars! Boy I was impressed! The love affair was rekindled.

Rodney ordered a brand new TR6 from distributor stock in the winter of 1977. When that beautiful car came in, Carmine red and loaded with every option, including hardtop and overdrive, Rodney couldn't afford to buy it - supposedly the last new TR6 that the dealership would ever have. I saw it in the show room window at night and decided to buy it the next day, but someone else beat me to the punch. There used to be a saying "Never buy a used Sports Car", so I gave up on the idea of ever owning a TR6.

The dealer had received one final TR6, made the last month, July 1976

My mother took me to dinner during final exam week in late April 1977. We parked next to the Triumph dealer, who's continuous string of TR6's had ended months ago with Rodney's special order. But that dark night, in the middle of the unlighted lot full of cars that all appeared black, but were in fact various shades of blues and reds, stood an obviously green TR6 with cellophane on the seats. The dealer had received one final TR6, CF57742 made the last month, July 1976, and I sacrificed a good grade on one of my final exams to buy it the next day April 29, 1977-a new Java Green Triumph TR with black interior.

Submitted by Dave Murphy

Have an interesting story about how you came to love British cars? Please share it with your fellow club members! Send it to dtsc@blakedischer.com along with a photo.

BMW Said to be Considering Retro-Fit Option Packs for New Minis

Buoyed by the success of the new Mini, BMW is to release new option packs to capitalise on the car's retro design. The new packs will compliment the existing Salt, Chili and Pepper trims, but are designed to capture the appeal of the old Mini.

First up, the Soy Sauce package includes a unique engine management programme which will allow the car to piss oil all over your drive. State-of-the-art multiplex wiring has also allowed engineers to create deliberate 'bugs' in the car's electrics, causing phantom operation

of the lights, wipers and de-misting fan whilst permitting them to 'pack up' when a sensor detects bad weather.



Have a Mini? Want to jazz it up? Here's some ideas to help you in your efforts!

A second complimentary pack, dubbed Balsamic Vinegar, comes with a feature linked to the rain sensing wipers which allows water to leak into the car when it rains. Thanks to lightweight valve technology, the water leak can be switched between ten different locations, making it utterly impossible to trace. Ever. Balsamic Vinegar equipped cars will also come with small pieces of loose metal inside randomly chosen body cavities, creating a series of irritating and ever lasting rattles which nothing short of dismantling the entire car will cure.

Continuing the old-skool theme, dealers will now offer a new deal to compliment the revolutionary TLC servicing scheme. For an extra £100 customers can chose the PITA (Pain In The Arse) option which will attempt to replicate the elusive 1970s BL dealer experience. Your car's service will be done in a really half baked way and your Mini will be returned scratched, dirty and smelling of spaniels. Some lucky customers may even find that their car has been lent to a 17-year-old apprentice who has had sex in the back seat and then crashed it into some sort of tree.

— from the Sniff Petrol web site at www.sniffpetrol.com

December 4th Board Meeting Summary

Attendance: Pat Barber, Dave Snyder, Sue Snyder, John Uloth, Carol Uloth, Mike Simon, Ken Pardonnet, Alan Sheets, Andy Dixon, Gretchen Parks, Larry Tomaszycski, Jim Watch, Blake Discher, Mike Bilyk

The meeting began at 8 pm.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Approximately 171 members as of December 1.

Treasury: Member information only, direct inquiry to Dave Carlson.

Web site: Pat Barber reported that all continues to go well. He requested that those hosting events get a one-page flyer to him ASAP to post on the site and to share with Blake for The Review. It was further agreed that we would continue to publish as many events as we could while bolding those that are hosted by the DTSC.

Most Miles Driven: John Uloth will present awards at the Year End Party. Jack Fuller has secured first place award and Sue Snyder will do certificates.

Competition Points: Jack Fuller has secured the first, second and third place awards. Sue Snyder will do certificates. New Guidelines for 2001 should be published in the Feb Review once Roger Cotting has determined how he wants to handle points.

Recent Activities: Information contained in this issue.

Upcoming Activities: Information contained in this issue.

Old Business:

Year End Party: Jack Fuller is securing the special awards for the evening.

2002 Election of Officers: Nominations will continue to be accepted by the Chair until the December member meeting. Dave Snyder will take care of the election, as the President is a candidate. For President we have Pat Barber and Mike Simon. For Vice-President we have Alan Sheets and Larry Tomaszycski, for secretary we have Tamara Barber and for Treasurer we have Dave Carlson. At this point, there are six board members with the possibility of nine after elections are complete. The elections will take place at the December meeting after another round of nominations and possible write-in candidates. Results will be announced at the Year End Party. It was suggested that the by-laws be posted on the web site.

Pelee Island Tour: Mike Simon will work on this.

Mystery Tour: Pat and Tamara Barber have scheduled this event for May 18 and 19.

Review: Blake has talked with the printer and they have the technical capability to print the names on the newsletter thus eliminating the need for mailing labels. The printer can also use that same information to print the directory. Slower months will be only 8 pages. Membership renewal form will be in the January Review. Final Competition points will be in the February issue along with most driven member. Board members are reminded to fill out and return the personnel questionnaire. It was also suggested that Board Briefs be included in the Review when space permits. Eliminate the financial part. Blake will strive to get The Review out during the last week of the prior month. The deadline for submission will be the 10th.

New Business:

Hard Luck Award: It was agreed to rename the award the Jack Fuller Hard Luck Award.

2002 Events Calendar: Responsibilities need to be shifted to incoming VP.

TR6 Consultant: It was suggested that Terry Walters be asked to consider the position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Submitted by: Gretchen Parks, Secretary

Ole! DTSC Members Stomp Their Feet at Flamenco Dinner and Dance Night

Twenty eight DTSC members headed to Alegria Restaurant in Novi for a fun filled evening of authentic Spanish food and flamenco dancing. The food was tremendous, most ordering paella, a rice dish with either seafood or chicken and sausage. Of course, there was plenty of sangria flowing throughout the night.



President Mike Simon and flamenco dancer and instructor Maria Del Carmen pose for a picture.

A short time later, the flamenco dancers began their fast-moving, colorful show. There were several guitarists, a singer and three dancers. Also sitting on stage was flamenco instructor Maria del Carmen. She has been dancing for more than 50 years. Maria del Carmen is a highly respected instructor who was honored in Spain during a ceremony several years ago by the King of Spain for her contributions to the art form.



Two flamenco dancers perform for a packed house. A Spanish-blues singer and several guitarists also performed.

During the performance, Lesley Discher was asked to step up to the stage. You see, Lesley's been studying flamenco under Maria for several years. She did a short dance with the other dancers. Then Maria asked for people to come up to the stage for a short lesson. Getting up enough nerve were: Dave Carlson, Carol Uloth and Blake Discher. If you missed it, you missed a fun time!

Article and Photo Submission Guidelines

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Photographs: In this age of digital cameras, it's easier than ever to submit pictures for the *Review*. The easiest thing to do is send me the file just as it produced by your camera. If you have a conventional film camera, you can either send me a print for scanning or scan the print yourself. If you send a print, I will scan it and return it to you, usually within one week.

If you care to scan a print yourself, or

want to tweak a digital picture you've taken, it is important to scan at high resolution. The *Review's* columns are 2.3 inches wide, so your picture needs to end up at least five inches on the long dimension so I have the freedom to print the picture two columns wide. In other words, if it's a vertical picture, scan it so it is five inches tall; if horizontal, five inches wide. Most important of all is the PPI, or pixels per inch, setting. Some scanners refer to this as DPI, or dots per inch. This setting must be at least 240. Of course, increasing this figure increases file size dramatically, so there is no need to set it higher. Lower settings result in unsatisfactory reproduction in print. You can save the image as a J-peg (.jpg extension) provided you use a quality setting of at least 10 in Adobe Photoshop v6.0; or quality 8 in earlier Photoshop versions and other imaging programs.

If all that sounds confusing, just send a print and I'll take care of the numbers. Or, give me a call and I can walk you through the process.

With your contribution, the *Review* will continue to be the fun-to-read, valuable publication it has always been.

— by Blake J. Discher

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