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1963 TR4

By Jim Mills

This is an old picture - what my baby looked like when I essentially stopped the restoration. Work got busy (lots of travel), so no time. Ran out of money, and somewhere along the way, life kind of killed my motivation. I'm trying to get back at it, but it is hard. That is why I have rejoined the CCBCC (was a member in the 1990's) - I really want to get this 1963 TR4 back on the road and do the things the club does.

My plan has always been to essentially keep it stock (or at least to not make any modifications that would prevent its being returned to a stock condition). The color is not a Triumph signal red, but rather a color I observed at the Flag is Up Farms on another members TR (Gordy - I cannot remember his last name - Darryl Struth would probably remember him). I just thought it was a great color. (cont. on pg. 3)



GENERAL MEETINGS:

Are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month unless it falls on a holiday at:

Carrows Restaurant

2401 E Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

2017—2018 GENERAL MEETING DATES:

Nov. 7, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6, April 8,
May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2,
Nov. 6

Dec 3, 2017 Sunday Christmas Brunch, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Ventura

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Jim Mills TR-4 (continued)



I wanted to do most of the work myself - I figured that if you break the restoration tasks down to smaller and smaller tasks, you get to using a wrench and a screw driver, and I can do those sorts of things. I didn't feel too comfortable doing the body and paint work, but I found a guy named Bob Robinson (lived in Newberry Park) who did it for me as a side job (I have lost his phone number, and he still has [I hope] my front bumper). Bob did that stuff for a living on Mercedes Benz's.

I did the underside - scraped the 30 years of crap off, cleaned and painted. I rebuilt the front and rear suspension, and installed new brakes. Had to replace the wheels, as the originals couldn't be balanced. The gas tank had to be repaired (rust and pin holes); chrome had to be re-chromed. I disassembled the engine, and sent the parts to the Williams machine shop in Ventura. Boiled out, magnafluxed, and balanced. Sent the head to the Roadster Factory for a rebuild and mods to use unleaded gas.. I have a lot of new parts and rebuild kits waiting for me to get off my butt (I have a rebuild kit for EVERYTHING !). Interior, engine, transmission, seats, new wooden dash, new Moto-Lita steering wheel, anti-sway bar, luggage rack, top. I have replaced all the rubber (body mounting kit - didn't do a frame off; it will be a driver). I was going to try and rebuild the tranny, but am afraid to attempt that.

Anyhow, that's where I am. I hope the shelf life has not been exceeded on the parts I bought so long ago <grin>. I bought this car in 1969 from the Grand Prix Pit Stop on El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego when I was a single, second class petty officer in the Navy. Closed the deal around midnight one Friday over a six pack of beer.

I drove it for two years (when I was not at sea), and took it off the road when I bought a Datsun 240 Z in 1971. It became our second car after I got married, and served us well (my wife took the kids to the beach in it - what a great memory for them), and became my primary vehicle for commuting until 1981. It became unsafe to drive, and I did not have the money to get it repaired. I took it off the road, and had it trucked to Fillmore when the company I worked for opened an office in Ventura in 1987.

I decided to start the restoration in the 1990's. I am now retired, kids are grown and out of the house; but unfortunately, my wife is deceased (2010). I need to restore this car !!

ReCap of Paramount Ranch Car Show



Dave and I attended the Car show at the Paramount Ranch. There were 3 British cars there, only ours from the club. There was a nice selection of cars on the warm day. We did not stay for the outdoor movie; but there was quite the crowd.



UP Coming CCBCC Events



Nov. 5 Sunday. Teddy Bear Run, See pg. 10

Nov. 12 Sunday 3rd Annual ADA Chairty Car show, see pg.13

Dec. 1 Friday Luncheon at Douglas Penfield school see pg. 10

December 3rd Sunday, CCBCC Christmas Brunch at the Four Points Sheraton. Flyers available at the October meeting. Cost \$20 per member, \$40 for guests that are not members . As a club member you receive a discounted price on the brunch. Sign up sheet available at the Oct and Nov. meetings and in this newsletter. See pg. 8

March 2-4, 2018 CCBCC Wine Tour Pismo Beach, see pg. 12

Pictures from The **Seaside Highland games.**

Bottom one is Dave Wellwood's Austin Healey that won the Tartan Surfboard award at our car show in July.

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Election of club Officers coming at the Holiday Brunch

All positions are available for any interested party to run for. The presidents position is a 2 year job, so Mike has one more year.

Nominations will be taken at the brunch and a votes will be tabulated that day. The board welcomes new individuals to put their name into nomination.



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB GENERAL MEETING Oct. 3, 2017



Meeting brought to order by: Michael Gustafson CCBCC President at 7:00 pm.
Number of members present at start of meeting: 34

Board Members in Attendance:

President:	Michael Gustafson	Yes
Vice President:	Dave Reid	Yes
Treasure:	Chris Vujea	Yes
Recorder:	Martin Keller	Yes
Membership:	Pam & Joel Justin	Yes
Newsletter Editor:	Terry Schuller	Yes
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Newsletter Editor is still looking for photos and articles for the newsletter. If you would like to see your car on the cover of the Clear Hooter, provide a digital photo or photos to Terry Schuller or any board member who will pass them on to Terry.

Topic 1: Seaside Highland Games

The Seaside Highland Games will be on Oct 14th and 15th at the Ventura County Fair Grounds. The club will be displaying some of our cars at this event again this year. For more information and passes to the event contact Paul Keener at pktools@gmail.com

Topic 2: Teddy Bear Run

The annual Teddy Bear Run will be on November 5, 2017 and is in support of the Douglas Penfield School and the kids who attend the school. We will be meeting at 9:30 am at the Penfield School in Saticoy, CA.. The address is 640 Jasmin Avenue so we hope to see you there and do not forget to bring a stuffed Teddy Bear or two to be given to the school so that the kids who attend the school will all be able to receive a Christmas gift at the CCBCC holiday spaghetti luncheon on Friday December 1, 2017

Topic 3: CCBCC Christmas Brunch

The 2017 CCBCC Christmas Brunch will be held at the Four Points Sheraton on Harbor Blvd in Ventura, CA. Cost for current members is \$20 per person and guest \$40 per person. The club is subsidizing this event for current member. We will also have our election of officers at this event so if you wish to run for any of the board positions please let any board member know either at the November meeting or before the holiday brunch. All board positions are open except for the president as the president term is a two year term and anyone wishing to run for the treasure must be approved by the current board members.

Topic 4: CCBCC Wine Tour March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2018

The wine tour is a go and if your planning to attend you need to contact Neal Subic at neal@nksubic.com to let him know your attending the event. Neal is the POC for this event and has said that the Cottage Inn by the Sea in Pismo Beach is taking reservations for the event so call them and ask for the CCBCC room rates and make your reservation now so you will have a room at the Inn with the other participants. Look for more information to be passed out via email to the membership and the web site for this event.

Topic 5: Proposal for New Members who join at the CCBCC Car Show

A proposal for any new members who join the club at the CCBCC Car Show or before December will receive the following year as a full year. Proposal was seconded and put to a vote of the membership present at the club meeting by a show of hands. All members present for 34. All members against 0. Motion passed and by-laws will be amended to reflect this.

Behind the Wheel editors corner



Please note this will be the last newsletter of 2017, Next one is Januarys, coming out the end of December.

I am attempting to put out a newsletter every month, there may be times I miss a month due to being away.

The newsletter is a vital piece of communication to keep members informed of what is happening within our club and lists events that are happening that may be of interest to club members.

I would like to feature one member's British car on the cover of each newsletter. If you would like your ride displayed on the cover, please send me a high resolution picture of it in a nice place (not just the parking lot at work!!) to dtreid@gmail.com

I have photos through the Dec. newsletter; but nothing beyond

ARTICLES NEEDED:

The newsletter is in desperate need of articles on anything to do with the club or british cars. Please use Microsoft Word and save as a document. If possible use font Arial and do not do any formatting, just paragraphs of words.

Minutes continued

"JULIE TIME" presented by: Julie Root
Members name and what they won from the raffle.

Starbucks Gift Card=Michael Gustafson
Subway Gift Card=Judy Halpin
Yogurt Land Gift Card=Dale Buss
Chipolti Gift Card=Ron Root
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Aloha Gift Card=Leonard Halpin
Trader Joes Gift Card=Dave Kromko
Shamwow chamois=Dave Reid
Shamwow chamois=Ron Root

Meeting adjourned at 7: 50 pm by Michael Gustafson

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



CCBCC Christmas Brunch Dinner—Dec. 3rd



2016 CCBCC HOLIDAY BRUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

WHERE: Clipper room, Four Points Sheraton
11050 Schooner Drive
Ventura, CA 93001

TIME: 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Champagne BRUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30 am

FEATURING: WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE: Just wrap a gift that you have received that's totally useless, gaudy, or just isn't "you." After the exchange, have more fun trying to unload your gift onto someone who might actually like it.

CHARITABLE GIVING: As in the past the club will support the RAIN Project by setting up a table for your donations. This year we had a donation list to pick from which includes the following items: All Toiletries, (large shampoos and conditioners) (men and women), towels, laundry detergent, (liquid), bed in a bag (twin)

COST: \$20.00 per person, this price available only to members in good standing.
\$40.00 per person for guests and non members (includes gratuity)

RSVP: Mail check payable to CCBCC with the form below by November 23rd 2016

LATE RSVP: If you can't make the deadline, call Terry at (805) 484-9624

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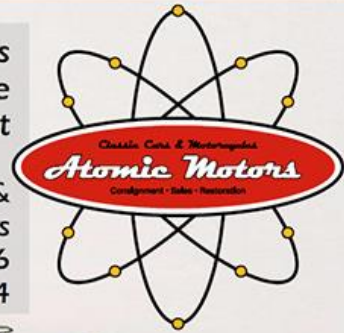
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CCBCC UPCOMING EVENTS

Teddy Bear Run and Luncheon



Come one, come all! Every year, in November, the Central Coast British Car Club sponsors a special event in support of the children at the Douglas Penfield School. The location is [640 Jasmin Avenue](#) in Saticoy, CA. The school serves students from kindergarten to fifth grade with moderate to severe disabilities. This is a fun event, including a wonderful drive through scenic back roads, but most of all, it is an event that will give joy to the children at Douglas Penfield School. So, do a little early Christmas shopping and bring one Teddy Bear (costing at least \$10.00) for each person in your car. Bring additional Teddy Bears if you are able. Participants will then be given a driving route to experience the beautiful back roads of Ventura County. The destination will be a local restaurant where you may enjoy the company of your fellow participants. The Teddy Bears will be distributed to the children by Santa Claus during our annual CCBCC Spaghetti Luncheon on Friday, **December 1, 2017**. On that day, club members gather to make and serve spaghetti with all the fixings to the students, faculty and families of the Penfield School. A "Thank You" to C. Darryl Struth and the Footprints for their many years of dedication to the worthy event.

29th Annual CCBCC Teddy Bear Run, 9:30 AM, Sunday, November 5, 2017

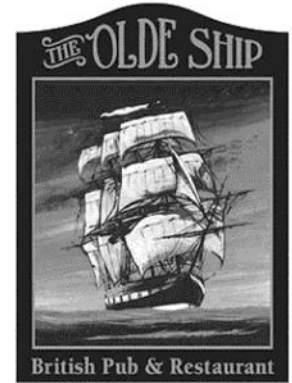
Pictures from prior events



Other Car Events



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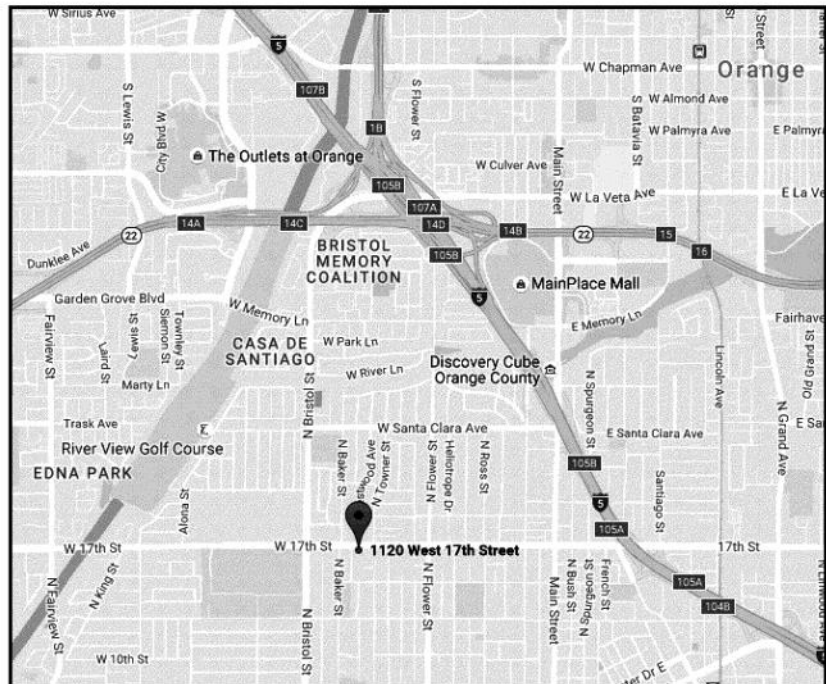
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CCBCC Upcoming Car Events

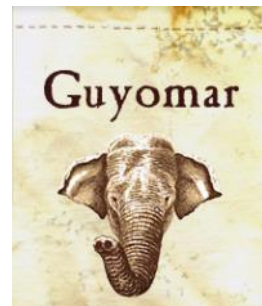


- The CCBCC 2018 Wine Tour will be held **March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2018**
- Friday afternoon/evening March 2nd (check-in and socializing), Saturday March 3rd (back-roads drive, winery visits/tours, reserved winery stop for our group picnic lunch, and then the evening potluck dinner), Sunday March 4th morning departure.
- We have a block of rooms set aside already at the Cottage Inn by the sea in Pismo Beach (The “bring your own picnic” lunch stop will be held at Guyomar Wine Cellars in Paso Robles, CA where we will have reserved space set aside exclusively for the CCBCC! There is a \$15 tasting fee per person but if you buy something this is waived.
- The Saturday evening potluck (everyone brings something to share) will be in the hotel’s dining area.

Jim Hill and Neal Subic are coordinating the event, and the drive will be focused on being “back road/ twisty” vs. “freeway” routes. I can’t guarantee that there will be doughnuts at the hotel’s breakfast buffet, nor can I guarantee that some of the wineries will not have “unpaved” driveways (but there will not be unpaved public roads on this trip)... . If there are questions or suggestions that anyone may have, they can email me at [‘neal@nksubic.com’](mailto:neal@nksubic.com).

Here is a breakdown of the reserved rooms.

- 17 Standard King @ \$199 per night
- 2 Partial View King @ \$239 per night
- 5 1st Floor View King @ \$279 per night
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More Highland Games, Picture of the Justin’s cars. Photo by Pam Justin



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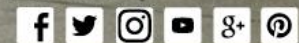
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Route 66 to Triumphest By Joel & Pam Justin

9/19/2017

Martin arrived and was having problems with his GT6. It was sputtering and wouldn't run smoothly. He thought it might be fuel, so we disassembled the fuel filter and cleaned it. There was some "bits" floating around in it. He also adjusted the points. We left home at 7:34am and went to the Cactus Patch for breakfast, then the 76 station in Moorpark for gas. Martin was still having problems, so he went to AutoZone to try to buy a new set of points. They didn't have any, so he changed the rotor, condenser and points with a used set he had. He found a crack in the rotor.



At 10:10am we stopped at side of Hwy 14. We then got off at Soledad Cyn exit. Martin's car was still not running well. While troubleshooting, the throttle cable broke! So I took Martin to Palmdale to a bike shop to get a new cable. Pam stayed with the GT6.

We didn't get back for 2 hours. The first bike shop was robbed the previous night and couldn't help us, so we had to find another one. There we bought two cables, but then had to go to NAPA for a cable clamp. We got the throttle cable patched together and checked the points again, then decided to head to a gas

station to blow out the gas line.

It was time for Martin to give up. The car was running poorly and it didn't seem likely any roadside repair would suffice. Plus it was getting late and we needed to be on our way. So we left without Martin after he called AAA for a tow home.



Arriving in Victorville we stopped at Apollo Burger on Route 66 for some awesome burgers. I'd highly recommend this place if you're in the area in need of lunch. The Route 66 Museum was closed, but we stopped for a quick photo in front of the mural, then were on our way to Barstow. Being pressed a bit for time, we didn't stop at the Bottle Tree Ranch. We arrived in Barstow and filled up the gas tank. We made a quick stop at the Bagdad Café for a few photos, then on to Roy's Motel and Café where we stopped and bought a few Route 66 trinkets and got some good photos in front of Roy's.



We arrived in Needles just as the sun was setting. After checking into our room at the Quality Inn, we headed down to the pool to enjoy a cocktail (whiskey for me and a glass of wine for Pam). Martin had texted me telling me he got home. He included a photo of him with a glass of wine in his hand. So naturally we texted him back with a photo of us by the pool with our cocktails! But the best news was that he and Chris were going to head out the next day and meet us at the Grand Canyon!

Our plan was to go to Munchy's Mexican Restaurant for dinner. We headed out a little later as we weren't hungry yet. We walked by the El Garces (the old Harvey House and train station) and on to Munchys, but it was closed. The only other open place was a pizza place which was a 30 minute walk away, but we were in no hurry and were happy to stretch our legs, so off we went. It was a warm night, but the walk was worth it. Very good pizza and cold beers to boot! On the way back to the hotel, I had a craving for ice cream, so we stopped by a liquor store near the hotel to satisfy that craving.

9/20/2017

We were up, fed and on our way at 8:38am. We drove thru old Needles and towards the airport before having to get on Hwy 40 to cross the Colorado River (unfortunately the original Route 66 bridge – which is still there – is no longer for vehicle use). As soon as we crossed, we exited on Route 66 and headed towards Oatman. We stopped at Golden Shores for gas. As we were winding our way across the desert towards Oatman, we were greeted by a wild burro alongside the road. He didn't seem to be too concerned about us though.



We parked in Oatman and wandered around the old town a bit, poking into the tourist traps, which trapped us like they probably do most people. Pam was enamored by an old rusty plow disc/tine and made me go measure the boot to see if it would fit. It did, so my wallet was a few bucks lighter and my car a few pounds heavier! After an ice cream in the old Oatman Hotel, we got under way at 11:10am.

We stopped at the top of Sitgreaves Pass for a photo op. If we ever incorporate this into a Mille, it would be a great spot to stage a car ahead of the group and do a video of all the LBC's coming up the grade.

We got to Kingman around noon and stopped at what we thought was the Route 66 Museum, but it was the Mohave Museum. We paid for admission which was also good for admission at the Route 66 Museum and wandered around a bit. But since our real destination was right around the corner, we didn't stay at the Mojave Museum long.

While we had been at the Powerhouse (Route 66 Museum) before, we never paid to actually go into the museum. It was pretty neat for anyone who wants to learn more about Route 66. Lots of cool old maps and photos/stories. We left there and headed towards Hackberry.

Since we had been to the general store before, we didn't stay long. Just long enough to do a quick walk-thru and visit the restrooms (if you ever stop there, be sure to poke your head into the men's room – ladies too. It is a room every high school boy dreams of. I won't say more than that!).

Next stop – Seligman and Delgadillo's Snow Cap! Even though it was late, we waited until we got there for lunch. We had burgers and shakes while we watched lots of people drool over the car. While we were inside ordering, we heard honking outside. Someone popped in and said that "a bunch of your friends just drove by". We knew that was Jason and Marilyn McIlhaney, Jon and Claudia Korbin, and several others who were caravanning with them. We had been trying to connect with them from the start, but things just never worked out. By the way, if you are ever driving Route 66 or Hwy 40 thru Seligman, you need to take a 20 minute detour to stop at the Snow Cap. If it's lunchtime, have lunch. Otherwise, get a shake. The place is way cool and a great example of old Route 66 fun.

We stopped just north of Williams for gas before heading north to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. After checking into our room (Buckey Cabin room 6105) in the Bright Angle Lodge, we walked 25 feet to the rim to watch the sunset. How cool being that close to one of the seven natural wonders of the world. It was breezy and cool, but well worth the view.

We ate dinner at the Arizona Room and were initially excited to see we had a window seat, until we realized it was too dark and becoming darker by the minute to see anything. Dinner was fantastic. Afterwards, we walked to El Tovar with a glass of wine and enjoyed sitting in their expansive lobby. Along the way, we came across several elk grazing by the hotel. It was pretty dark, but they didn't seem to mind us.

Chris and Martin arrived shortly after and we found their room was a few doors



down from ours. We had a nightcap and chatted a while before going to bed.

9/21/2017

Got up early (5:45am) and watched the sunrise between 6:00-6:45am. We then met Martin and Chris for breakfast, checked out, walked the rim and checked out some shops (Kolb and Lookout Studios, the Hopi House and Verkamp's Visitor Center. We then drove to main visitor center and got sandwiches to eat later.

Our one main stop on the way to Flagstaff was the Desert View Watchtower. We wandered around enjoying the views. We found a spot to eat our sandwiches where we could see down into the canyon. While the top of the tower was closed for construction the bottom was open as was the rooftop patio. Chris and Martin had lunch at Desert View Marketplace while I had (you guess it) an ice cream.

We had debated on stopping at Wupatki National Monument, but decided not to as it was getting late and we were anxious to get the Flagstaff and the Little America Hotel.

Martin and Chris checked in (we were staying with our son who lives in Flagstaff Thursday night) and we all registered for Triumphfest. We then walked thru The Roadster Factory's large parts display where we came up with wish lists, and chatted with Charles Runyan for a bit. We then headed to the bar for a beer/wine while we waited for (son) Joel to arrive. Once he did, we headed over to his place to unload, then we met up with Martin and Chris (and Jordan, son Joel's financee) and headed to a local "hole-in-the-wall" Mexican restaurant. It was a bit of a wait, but the food was excellent.

9/22/2017

We left Jordan's for the autocross at 8:00am. It was a bit chilly! We got to Little America at 8:10am and found the autocross set-up in the back of the hotel behind the truck stop. We saw Jason, Jon and Rebecca Mills there. Pam had brought a photo of the car by the Route 66 sign in Amboy to enter in the photo contest.

It was an interesting layout – basically an oval with three different paths around. We did three laps per run, starting with an hourglass, followed by a figure-8, and finally an oval. It was a tight course and I had trouble with traction.

I ran my three laps first and couldn't keep the tires from breaking loose in the turns and even as I accelerated off them – too much torque and too skinny tires! Maybe I'll add a limited slip diff to my upgrade list for next year. I ended up coming in 4th in the men's 4 cylinder modified class.

Jordan came for my runs and took lots of photos. Joel stopped by during his lunch and we all watched Pam do her 3 runs. It started drizzling between her first and second run, so she ran it in slightly wet conditions. Then it poured between her second and last runs. We thought about pulling out as things (car and pavement) were getting quite wet. I actually pulled the car off to get it under an overhang at the hotel where the car wash was and started using towels to dry it. But then it stopped raining and Pam called me back so she could do her last run. The sun actually came out and she did her run on wet asphalt with the sun shining on it and steam rising off it! She ended up in second place! Haha, but there were only two of women in her class. I took some drone footage of her first and second runs. It was getting late and we were hungry, so we decided to head out for lunch. Timing was perfect as we bumped into Martin and Chris as they were heading out



for lunch too, so we joined them. We went to Beaver Street Brewery. Where we had a good meal with some good local brew.

After lunch we checked in and did the Funkhana course. It was fun, so we tried it twice. It was a very tight course too. At the first stop, your navigator had to use a fishing pole and (magnetically) catch a fish. The other two stops involved bean bag tossing. As we watched people do it, we saw most of the time lost was fishing. Fortunately, Pam had an awesome first catch, but didn't do as well with the bean bags, but our time was pretty good. We thought we could do better, but fishing snookered us the second time and we were quite a bit slower.

We'll have to wait to see how we did overall.



Pam then drove to Jordan's to get our things while I went to the tech session, which was on timing and fuel injection. Pam got settled in our amazingly beautiful room – one of the nicest we've ever stayed in. After that, she checked out the raffle prizes, then decided to start the walking rally. Just as she was finishing, Martin and I met her. I decided to take a shower while she finished the rally. She had some questions, so we decided to go thru the whole thing together later, when we realized she had left out an entire page!

After resting in the room for a bit, we headed to the hospitality party and met a nice couple from Texas. Shortly after that, Joel and Jordan arrived. We had dinner (lots of hors d'oeuvres really, but still quite delicious and filling) and they gave out autocross and Funkhana awards. We won third place in the Funkhana. I think that's our 3rd Funkhana award in the four years we've been going to Triumphests!

9/23/2017

We woke up to clear skies. I went down to clean up the car for the Funcours and found frost on the windshield and bonnet. Fortunately the sun hit it before too long and things melted quickly. While I got the car ready, Pam got some breakfast of fruit and bagel.

A funny side story to show you how small the world can be sometimes. Jordan texted Pam about a customer that was at her store and was going to the Funcours to see friends – John and Linda Vogel. We didn't know them but Pam walked around looking for the car. We found it at the very end, a red TR3, but they weren't around. But two cars up was where Jon and Claudia Korbin were parked. Pam started talking to Claudia and asked if she knew the people in the TR3, and she said "Yes! They were traveling with them." They finally came back to the car and we introduced ourselves. They had a flat tire on the way out along with many other issues (like the fuel filler hose coming off and getting gas all over Linda's clothes). They won the Ufda award for their (mis)adventures.

During the Funcours, I flew the drone, doing a pass down the middle facing one way, then back facing the other. We also looked at lots of really nice cars.

(Son) Joel was busy working on his new house and didn't want to break for lunch, so after the Funcours we decided to do the 66 Miles on Route 66 Poker Rally. Just as we were leaving with our Queen of Spades in hand, Joel called and changed his mind, so we met him at the mall where there was a small muscle car show, and we'd meet Jordan and have lunch. When we got back to the hotel, we pulled into the rally check-in area and got our last (only second) card, and guess what? It was another Queen of Spades! We told them we didn't do the run and why, and we chuckled about that and the fact that at least we had two of a kind. It was time to retreat back to our room for our afternoon siesta before the banquet.

Joel and Jordan came over around 5pm for happy hour in our room, then we walked to the banquet.

Jordan got to meet John and Linda and we had a great dinner of chicken and prime rib. We found out we won 3 things in the raffle and we only bought \$20 worth of raffle tickets! We won a nice cutting board with the Triumph logo laser etched into it (we put one ticket in for that), a cooling fan I wanted and one night stay at Little America, which we will give to Joel and Jordan. We also won a gold trophy for the TR4 in the Funcours.



9/24/2017

On Sunday, we spent the day with Joel and Jordan working on their house. Joel and I laid laminate flooring and completed the hall and two bedrooms. "I'd pay for all that kneeling and up-and-down later in the week **with very sore legs!**"

9/25/2017

We have a long drive home, so we got up early, packed the car and said our goodbyes. We left at 7:30am with 75,651 miles on the odometer. Our plan was to head back on Hwy 40, but drive parts of Route 66 that didn't take us too far out of our way or be too twisty. We figured it would be nice to break up the 75-80 MPH blast on Hwy 40 as well as miss some of the speeding cars and trucks.

We got off on Route 66 at the Crookton Exit (exit 139) and followed that into Seligman. We hadn't driven that way before and it was fun reading the Burma-Shave signs going that way. We stayed on Route 66 all the way into Kingman, but there, we got back on Hwy 40 and followed that all the way to Ludlow. We arrived in Ludlow and ate lunch at the Ludlow Café. Lunch was good in a classic Route 66 restaurant.

We ended the trip doing 1,082 odometer miles or 1,255 actual trip miles, and with no (TR4) breakdowns to boot!!!





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