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The TR Coaster

The PREZ SEZ:

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone has had a great beginning to a new year

Thanks to all who attended our annual Xmas Party.

N.C.T.A. is a wonderful club to be a part of. You couldn't ask for a nicer group of people.

Our January meeting will be at Doogan's of Aurora on the 8th . We're pushing it back a week so you all can recoup from New Years Eve! This will also be our planning of events meeting so, bring along your calendars and ideas of activities.

It was brought to my attention that at our party I neglected to have an "official" election of officers. For that I apologize. As stated in the Nov. newsletter, the officers are exactly the same as the last two years, but at our January meeting an election will take place.

If anyone notices that I have forgotten any item of business please come up to me at the meeting to remind me. Thanks.

Happy Holiday!!

Renee Karns, NCTA President



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Editor's note:

Any comments, photos, story ideas, car hobby-related articles, and forms would be appreciated. All submissions must be to the **Newsletter Editor**, by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter. If they're not submitted, they won't be in the newsletter.

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VTR. ***Vintage Triumph*** ***Register***

NCTA is a regional Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register.

The VTR is for owners of all Triumph models, both sport cars and family saloons.

www.vtr.org

The NCTA VTR Director is Eric Langreder, who can be contacted at 330-699-0005 or elangtr4@aol.com

No meeting minutes this month

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kasper NCTA Secretary

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

The following list is the result of an extensive survey of 300,000 participants worldwide listing the top 10 New Year's Resolutions. These ten items are things we should all be doing everyday of the year.

1. Lose weight and get in better physical shape.
2. Stick to a budget
3. Debt Reduction
4. Enjoy more quality time with family and friends
5. Find your soul mate or keep your current soul mate in your heart everyday
6. Quit smoking or better yet don't start
7. Find a better job or do your best at your current job
8. Learn something new
9. Volunteer and help others
10. Get organized

Now to lighten it up a little here is a list of funny New Year's Resolutions

1. I will read the manual just as soon as I can find it
2. I will spend less than one hour a day on the internet. This of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher
3. I will avoid taking a bath whenever possible and conserve water
4. I will do less laundry and use more deodorant
5. I will give up chocolate totally. 100% Completely Honestly

I wish you all a Happy New Year

Doreen Triska



The NCTA is a regional center for the TRA.

Our Regional Director is **Ron Boals**, who can be contacted by telephone at: 440-442-4859
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2009 Calendar

As we wind down the 2009 calendar, let's reflect on what we have done as a club, and think of how we can make 2010 better.

We as a club, need to come up with ideas on how to make 2010 the best year yet.

December 4th, 2009 Christmas Party

The NCTA Xmas Party was held at the Grotto in Tallmadge on December 4, 2009 with 41 members in attendance. The evening started out with the usual social time followed by a delicious buffet and of course our gift exchange. Although there was no actual meeting the following awards were given out:

Golden Quill Award – Doreen Triska

Judy Smith Award – Bruce Lapierre

Dick Hemsoth Award – Ken & Marge Kreiner

Bragging rights went to Jim Shear and Sharyn Kitzmiller

Our next meeting is our planning meeting. Come with your ideas to fill our calendar and also with ideas for meeting places. The meeting will be January 8, 2010 not the first Friday which is New Year's Day, and will be at Doogan's of Aurora. Hope to see you there. Happy Holidays!

Respectfully submitted Mary Kasper NCTA Secretary

PS: Anyone leaving a ladies black scarf at the Xmas Party contact Mary Kasper at 440-729-6230. I have your scarf.

**California Dreamin'
VTR 2009
Part Two**

Our tale continues as we leave Carthage, Mo and headed for Oklahoma. Ron's car sounds so quiet! It is a bright and sunny morning. Lots of interesting sights but we need to keep moving. Arrived in Oklahoma about 2:15. We finally stopped in Claremore for lunch at a little hamburger joint. They had the best burgers. Temperature is 80 and not a cloud in the sky. We see lots of cattle and stockyards. Tulsa is next in line and now on to Oklahoma City. We exit Rt. 44 and get on to old Rt. 66 for a while and the road is pretty good. Out of nowhere a Sonic Drive Inn



appears and we stop for some ice cream and cold drinks. It's hot so it tasted so good. Back in the cars we arrive in Arcadia, Ok and there on the left no more than 50 ft from the road is the famous round barn. This barn was built in 1898 and is quite a structure. We stopped and looked around and took pictures before going on our way.



Driving through Oklahoma City was about the most challenging driving we had to do. We were whipping in an out of traffic trying to keep up with Jim and Sharyn as they were trying to figure out where to go. Glad to be out of that traffic. We stopped in El Reno for the night. Jim, Sharyn, Marge and I drove into town and ate at Sid's Cafe. The food wasn't that great but the owner was nice. I ordered chili and forgot that they don't put beans in their chili. It was not good. I will digress at this point to say that Marge in order to keep from dozing has started to write songs. The following are lyrics to the song Oklahoma. So hum the song as you read the following: Oklahoma

where the triumphs sweep across the plains, they sure look sharp as they show their parts while they cruise beside the waving grain. Oklahoma, on the way to Calif-orn-ia and you'll rue the day if your in their way as on Rt 66 they will play. We pray they are safe all the way and each day as they go we shall say, Ok-la-homa. As we leave El Reno it is another gorgeous day and we cross into Texas at 10:45 am. We are now traveling



on Rt 40 as we head for Amarillo. Vast farmlands and wide open country. We stopped for lunch at the famous Big Texas Steak House and the temperature is close to 90. Big Texas is famous for its 72 oz steak.



If you can eat it in an hour, it's free. I don't think the 6 of us could have eaten it in an hour, we had normal size steaks and they



were very good. It was a very interesting place. Ok, time to hit the road we have a long way to go. Left at 2pm and at 3:30 we entered New Mexico and its now about 100 degrees. But its dry heat and what they say about dry heat is correct. Without the

humidity like we have in Ohio we were not exhausted at the end of the day. The scenery is pretty sparse, just cactus, cattle and sagebrush. Even the mesas and buttes were gone. We pass thru Tucumcari, NM. Tucumcari is famous for its neon lights at night. Since the temperature is now up to 106 we stop early for the night. Sept 28 we leave at 8:15 and we're surprised how cold it got over night due to the altitude. But it's another cloudless sky and we head for Albuquerque, NM. We spot Pronghorn sheep and prairie dog holes. Now getting



close to the Continental Divide. There are Indian Trading Posts everywhere and I have never see so many trains in my life. It's about 2pm when we cross into Arizona and the landscape it much more interesting and the temperature is much lower. Arrived in Flagstaff, Az. at 4:30 and spend the night. It's windy and about 72 degrees. We are about 60 miles from the Grand Canyon and right on schedule to reach San Luis Obispo by noon Wednesday. Left at 8 am to 65 degrees. Driving up to Williams, Az. to check out the train that will take us to the Grand Canyon on our way home.



It's a really nice western town. Back on the road again we are headed for Barstow, Ca. About 11am as we are driving along a pretty desolate area and knowing that a gas station was ahead, all of a sudden Ron pulled over on the berm of the road and put on his flashers. I was behind him and my first thought was that he was running out of

gas. We still hadn't seen the exit for the gas station. Ron was in fact on empty and he was able to nurse the car into the gas station. Our tanks hold 11.2 gal and Ron put in 11.1. That was a close call. We are back on the road again for California. At 12:15 we reach Needles, Ca and its only 104 degrees when we stop for lunch. We stay the night in Mohave, Ca. It has cooled down and is very windy. In the morning it is still cool and windy and as we head for Barstow we see lots of wind turbines up on the mountains. Thousands of wind turbines. In Barstow we pick up Rt 58 and what a terrific road all the way to San Luis Obispo. It was a sports car drivers dream road and interesting scenery. At noon we pulled into the Best Western in San Luis and we had arrived. Wow what a trip!



To be continued.....

Ken Kreiner



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Ken Kreiner
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