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2018 January

**OUR MEETING VENUE IS UPSTAIRS AT THE COMO HOTEL, CANNING HWY, COMO
Starting 8.00pm second Tuesday of the month**

Come along a little earlier for a pre-meeting drink or a meal.

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To keep members up to date on club events between receiving our glossy quarterly publication '**TRUMP**', 'Backchat' is issued each month following the general meeting. We encourage all members to use this to communicate and share any Triumph related news or topics of interest. Backchat is emailed to members or posted in 'hard copy' if you prefer. **Trump Magazine** Our glossy 'TRUMP' magazine which is produced quarterly covering club events in detail from the preceding 3 months and outlines up-coming events. Please forward any articles which you would like to have published to our Editor, Sophie Vanzetti (trump@tsoa-wa.com).



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Editorial Comment:

Naturally our first comment here is to wish all members a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Where did 2017 go??? There is much to report here, your club has been ultra busy throughout 2017 and 2018 looks to be another fun filled year.

A milestone of note, if not a historic outcome of significance is the father and son champion driver award with Paul Dodds passing the mantle to young Thomas. There has been much said about the points mix up resulting in the presentation being mis-presented, enough said here, the important thing is that Thomas has been presented with his trophy plate setting the record straight for posterity. We will have an article including some very 'tasty' pics of the Father and son team taken at the awards hand over at the December meeting included in next Trump.

The 2019 National Meeting Committee are beginning to gather some momentum with the first meeting for 2018 to be held in a couple of weeks time. Looking at the organizing group, rest assured you are in very good hands as many have had much experience in organizing this national event for many years. I'll be setting aside some Backchat space to keep you up-dated on developments. But be sure to 'lock in' for this event. It'll be a ripper.

Registrar Dave was beside himself at January meeting announcing some more new Stag owning member applications. Needless to say these new members were voted in most heartily. Speaking of member numbers.....we're now at 158, a very impressive set of numbers in accountancy speaking terms.

COMPETITION:

- **Kwinana Time Attack** - Our final comp event for the year went off with a bang, 32 entries with nearly half being TSOA members, this ratio greatly pleased your Comp Sec. The day was relatively straight forward till William Knubley had a close encounter with a curb, nearly the same spot as Glen Farquhar last time in his Dolly. Gotta watch those curbs, they'll jump right out at you.

All 4 classes were well represented with Luke Johns in the '5' setting a blistering pace. Luke took top spot ahead of Andy Hamilton then Trevor Allen just a whisker behind in third overall. It must be said, Luke Johns performance against the V8's is remarkable, well done Luke. Class winners were Andy Hamilton, V8, Luke Johns 6 cylinder, Bruce Pollock 4 cylinder. New member, James Mason ran his potent little Spitty; hope to see this car out n about more. Nicely sorted too. I understand the Masons brought this car with them from the UK and have been its custodian for many, many years. .

The fairly warm, humid conditions were a bit unpleasant, but this didn't waiver our intrepid officials, Dave Ryder again waving the Ozzie flag signifying the start, Doug Simpson in pit boss duties and our timing team consisting of Anne D and Denise F. What a great team effort once again. Watch for a full report in March Trump.

Coming Up

- **Midvale Speed Dome Autotest - Sunday Jan 21 (morning session).** We have a few spots left for late entries if you have the inclination to join us. This venue has proven very popular over many years, so come along for a look if you're not entering. It's always nice to have supporting club members attend, this adds to the atmosphere.
- **Good Fun Observation Run – Sun March 11.** After you have had a most enjoyable brekkie at Avocados (see social info below), take the opportunity to blow the cob webs out of your Triumph and join in this relaxed, no stress run where we will be converging at a coffee stop around 3ish to tally the score and award the victors. This is a competition outing, so competition points are on offer. Pam and Greg Willimott are your rally masters, they have much experience so be prepared for the unexpected and don't take things too seriously. It's all about getting out n about.
- **April Fools Rally – Sunday April 8** Actually, nobody is a fool who attends this run. Join us for our annual pilgrimage into the unknown, and the person to blame, oops I mean applaud, is the very lovely Anne Douglas who has picked up the baton on behalf of Andy and Trevor who were victors last year. More details will emerge later on departure and times etc.

CAMS Report:

CAMS rep Jeff attended the recent meeting. No minutes were forthcoming from CAMS so nothing to report.



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SOCIAL:

Christmas Party at Kings Park. Always a popular spot, Kings Park is the jewel in the crown here in Perth. Members gathered at the kids playground area near Synergy Park on the greenest of lawns for a share plate picnic and a tippie or 2. In some case a tippie or 3!!! Plenty of food was passed around and always the best of company as we joined in the Christmas spirit.

Hair of the Dog – The Hillers were perfect hosts this year, with a few anxious moments in the build up due to the bush fire in the hills, ash everywhere. But not to daunt the enthusiasm of the large group who attended. Members began arriving right on time, with welcoming drinks and nibbles on the nicely set up tables there was plenty for everyone. The ladies did a brilliant job coordinating who was bringing what. And the result, a perfect balance of salads, savories and ample deserts. (YUM). This long standing traditional event is one that has over many years attracted a large turn out of members. And what a great time of year to celebrate the new year with our TSOA family. Thanks again Desley and Steve.

Coming Up

- **Tues 13th Feb - Valentines Day Ladies evening dinner** – As has become traditional, bring your ‘better halves’ to the Como for dinner prior to the monthly general meeting.). There is a bouquet of Roses for one Lucky Lady. We'll need numbers for the table so please RSVP to Social Sec. if attending. Meet in the restaurant at 6pm.
- **Sunday 18th February: The Greatest Fish and Chip Run on earth.** 6pm at The Kiosk Café. 123 Beach Street Fremantle, on the south bank of the River between Stirling Bridge and The Fremantle Traffic Bridge. The Cafe offers other meals such as burgers. Anyone wanting to take a drive with other members to the Cafe meet at Richardson Park, Labouchere Road, Opp Zoo at 5pm for a 5.30pm start.
- **Sunday 11th March: Autumn Breakfast Run to Avocados Restaurant.** 2 Mount Street, Kelmscott, meet at 9:00 am. The venue operators are so pleased to have us, they will be setting aside an area for a display, so be sure to bring your Triumph. Please RSVP to Social Sec so appropriate seating can be arranged. Then afterwards, join in for the observation run organised by the Willimotts. (more details above in Comp)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2019 TSOA National Meeting – As mentioned above in Editorial Comment, plenty is happening so will keep you advised as we progress towards this national showcase of our state and the capabilities of our club members who have set the bar quite high in the past. We attended the recent Vic national and are pleased to report that already there are plans from eastern staters to be here. Not wanting to ‘ambush’ the 2018 QLD national invitation presentation, we took a low profile as a gesture of good manners, but it was gratifying for us that we are thought of so highly regarding our WA nationals.

Regalia – See Greg W for any regalia requirements. He still has plenty of ‘goodies’. (Greg’s contact is above)

Concessional Code 404 – By now, those of you who are privileged to be Code 404 concessional license holders will no doubt be aware of our club and your personal responsibilities. As a reminder, and to be sure there are no misunderstandings, the following is required as outlined in the Code 404 handbook. Prior to heading off on an ‘impromptu’ outing, to comply with Code 404 the run must be recorded in the club record. To report and log an impromptu event you need to email details of the Run to:

secretary@tsoa-wa .com
Subject Line: Concession 404
Member Name; Vehicle Reg; Date; Destination

Most important, placing Concession 404 in the Subject line will facilitate an automatic acknowledgement and recording of the Run in the Log. This is not monitored but provides the ability to meet our obligations.

I'll repeat this info in the medium term as an on-going reminder. We must not abuse this privilege.

Important Reminder – Bring your ‘Valentine’ to the February Monthly Meeting at the Como. 13th Feb. See detail above in Social section.



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NEW MEMBERS:

We are very pleased to welcome Glen Hannam and Dorothy Warren to the TSOA of WA family. Both are highly esteemed Stag owners. (to quote Registrar Dave)

Classifieds:

Top end overhead oil feed suit 4 and 6 cylinder engines (not TR7) \$50. Half price.
 Contact Bruce 0419 963 295

The lucky prize winners in our raffle this month were:

Denise Farquhar Chris Kaye Jean Stokell Bruce McLoughney Mo Ottey

Anne Douglas John Power Stan Stokell Mick McGrath

Hard to believe the non oil staining Tee shirt donated by Ron Marian was passed in due to a complete lack of interest. A very worthy item for a Triumph owner I would have thought.

Raffle foot note: our raffle sponsor last month Talijancich Wines won a most prestigious gold medal at the 2017 International Wine and Spirit competition in London. We hope those who took one of their wines home for Christmas enjoyed them. Please support our sponsors.

TSOA WA Up-Coming Events Calendar

Jan	Sun	21	Comp – Midvale Speed Dome Autotest Details and entry docs on our web site – Contact Bruce Pollock 0419 963 295
Feb	Tues	13	Valentines Day dinner meeting - Bring your Valentine to the Valentines Day meeting at the Como. RSVP Social Sec please - Contact Steve Hiller 0439 922 701
	Sun	18	Social - Annual Fish n Chip run Contact Steve Hiller 0439 922 701



- **Jan 21 – Midvale Speed Dome Autotest.**
- **Feb 13 – Valentines Day General meeting at the Como.**
- **Feb 18 - Annual Fish n Chip run.**