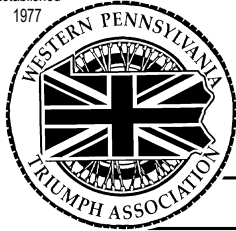


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Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

## On The Mark

I think we can put away the ice scrapers and snow shovels. The top of our TR6 was just put down for the first time this year for the drive to the Brewery Event. Sherry has gotten good use out of our club blanket so far this year. Can't be too much longer before the top comes down for good.

This past weekend was our annual Penn Brewery Event. It was good to see everyone that attended. The weather cooperated and there were several TRs in the parking lot. Fred Williams had his TR6, Wil and Linda Schweitzer had the TR4 and I had the TR6. While our turn out was down from previous years it was a nice crowd. As usual the food was excellent. Mary Beth Pastorius and her staff do a fantastic job. Everyone had their fill and then some. The best part however is sampling of the various liquid refreshments. I hope everyone had a good time.

Coming up is a General Business Meeting at the Crow's Nest April 14th. Please plan to attend there are several issues the club needs to discuss. I have been talking to several people and I think it might be our time to sponsor a national show. As usual the meeting will begin around 8:00pm. If you plan on having dinner before the meeting be sure to give yourself enough time. Also, ask to sit along the front wall of the dining room where the new bar and wood burning stove is. That way we won't have to relocate like we did last time.

Also, coming soon is the Tune-Up Clinic, which has a date change. The new date will be in early May at Roy Miller's shop. Watch the newsletter next month for the date. If anyone needs a hand with a project please contact Doug Foyle so he can schedule the appropriate help. Another date to mark is June 3rd. Wil and Linda Schweitzer are planning the Run to Dover. Wil has talked to me about their plans and it sounds like a great run. See Wil's article in this issue. Also coming soon is TRA 2000. It is being sponsored by the New Jersey Triumph Association and being held at the Fernwood Resort and Conference Center in Bushkill PA. It is scheduled for June 15th thru the 18th. If you need more information contact Bruce Hoppe of the New Jersey Club at 973-635-2570.

This month I've been busy with Sherry's TR4. I'm progressing nicely with no real surprises. I got the tub to the media blaster and expect to have it back in early April. I have seen this guy's work and it should be good. The worst part so far was scraping undercoating. What a mess, and the smell of melting undercoating doesn't make me any points with the boss. It's done, and now I have to wait. Since the tub left I've been working on the chassis. Thanks to Dan Greene, Jim Shaw, and Pete Shaw the chassis was stripped in a couple of hours. It's amazing how quickly these cars come apart. It took 3 hours to strip it and I'll spend the next 18 months trying to get it back together. After I got the chassis stripped I degreased it with Simple Green and my pressure washer. It worked great. I was told by one of my neighbors who came over to inspect my work however that while I was getting the

dirt and grease off the frame most of it was ending up on me. It's getting close to getting painted. I still have to blast all the front suspension bits but we're making progress.

I'm hoping to have the chassis and its parts painted and put away before the tub shows up. When the tub comes back it needs priming immediately and space is at a premium. Once the tub is primed I'll put it in storage till the chassis can receive it. Don't tell Sherry, but I need a larger garage.

Not everything worked out this month. These cars while most times are therapeutic can at times be the ultimate frustration. The last time I had the TR6 out I noticed the front marker lights on the fenders and bumper were out. I finally got a chance to look it over the other day. Well, it quickly became a joust with Lucas, Prince of Darkness. I found a loose connection and thought I had it solved. However, the left side fender marker light was still out. It would only work when I turned on the left turn signal. I figured loose ground somewhere. I'm a genius. The Prince thumbed his nose. I checked every ground on the car that I know of and still no change. After several hours and using every word in the dictionary I gave up. I'll try again after I've cooled off.

Eric Stoltz came out the other day to play. He had stopped by to see Jim Shaw and was quickly put to work on Dan Greene's project. I am sure Eric had no idea what he was getting himself into when he called Jim. While we were working on Dan's car Eric taught us a new way to get a warp out of a panel by heating and quickly cooling it. Dan was welding on the firewall and when he was done we discovered the panel had warped and oil canned. We were discussing whether to cut the firewall and reweld it or do we just putty it. Eric told us of this method so we figured to give it a try before we cut anything. We did not have an acetylene torch but we heated it up with a propane torch. We got it as hot as we could with propane and hit it with a cold wet towel. After several applications the panel stopped oil canning and the bow was within tolerance.

Later we put Eric to work on Dave Parks TR3. We were just going to stop by and see Dave's progress but before you knew it the sanding blocks were out and everybody was sanding. Dave is getting really close to final bodywork and primer. Thanks Eric for your help and information. Any time you're looking for something to do stop by. What is everyone working on? Give us your status report. See ya soon.

## The Journey is Everything

Perer Egan, Road & Track, March 2000

## Run to Dover

It's time to start planning for the summer driving season. On Saturday, June 3rd, we have an all day tour to Dover, Ohio. The event starts at Wil and Linda Schweitzer's home in Hickory for a continental breakfast and socializing from 9 A.M. until the tour departs about 10:30 A.M., for the drive of about 100 miles to Dover. The route is scenic and the roads are great. At Dover we have some interesting sites to visit. With the return drive, expect to be in Pittsburgh about 6 P.M. More details next month. Meanwhile mark your calendar!!

## Tune Up Clinic Change

There has been a date change for this year's tune up Clinic. May 6 is the new date; 8:00am the time; and Roy Millers Plumbing in Sharpsburg the location.

The Roadster Factory will be in attendance so place your order early and state it as being for the Tune up Clinic, you'll receive free freight.

Scott Schober has provided 20w-50 Castrol. Call Doug Foyle if you plan a project. 724-452-5218  
email: rfoyle@bellatlantic.net Plan to be there!

## Carb Tune-up Help Needed

by Bill Kern

Peter Hadfalvi 17 Dove St. Hilton Head, S.C. 29928-6552, 843-785-5571, phadf@juno.com needs some assistance with his 74 TR6. He is having a problem similar to mine and would appreciate members help. Peter is a transplanted W.P.T.A. member and still keeps up to date with the Dzus. He has been living in Hilton Head area since Feb of 93 and was driving his 6 once a week until recently.

Peter has been having a problem as detailed here: car needs quite a rich mixture when idling, he has changed plugs, rotor, wires, set timing, and started carb adjustment from scratch, tried colortune without success and tried to adjust mixture by lifting piston method, Peter says, by the way this method never worked for me with any of my previous sports cars. I can sympathize with that statement as nothing seemed to work for me either, raising those pistons just gave me more of a problem, with no remedy evident. Further Peter says, I also notice that after about half an hour of driving the idle speed goes up to 2000rpm. The dampers are filled to specs. Since the temp sensor in the water hose is gone and the dist to manifold and carbs nonexistent I can not understand the change in idle speed. I have tested for air leaks by spraying around the carbs and manifold. any help or information/solutions would be greatly appreciated.

So all of you carb tune-up gurus out there have any answers for Peter? I can only sympathize with you Peter as my problem has still not been rectified, yet. After screwing around with my carbs I got a rebuilt set from TRF and am still in the process of trying to get this problem solved. My car also went to 2000rpm after warm up and my solution there was choke adjustment, it seemed that for some reason my cable would walk itself out after driving a bit. I found a rebuilt set a better option to rebuilding myself as parts and rebushing were almost as much as the TRF rebuilt units. I removed all my pollution control components and plugged all the holes and replaced the exhaust gaskets along with various other components. I am still sorting out this problem and I'll let you know how it goes.

So members, anybody have any advice for Peter? Please contact him at one of the above locations. Thanking you in advance, Peter and Bill.

## Say It Aint So

by Bill Kern

I thought this may interest members to know that our government has admitted to making a blunder and is actually taking steps to solve the problem they created. Ya right, and I have some ocean front property in Arizona, (sorry G.S.). I'm sure all of you will remember the various articles and clips I put in previous Dzus concerning this EPA nonsense and the strong presence of the guys who manufactured this additive at a recent PVGP event in 97 or 98, strongly touting the safety and benefits of MTBE. Well, read on:

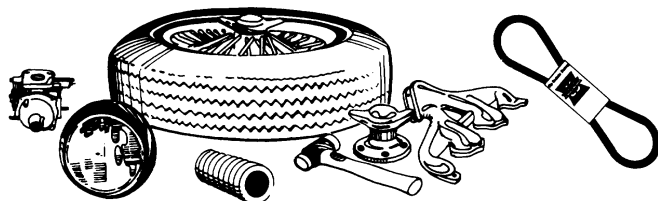
From the AP, Friday March 24, 2000 came the following from czarista Carol Browner of the EPA. The time has come to take action, said Browner, Americans deserve both clean air and clean water, and never one at the expense of another. The addition of MTBE to fuels is now used in 1/3 of the gasoline sold in the U.S. The ban is expected to take 3 years to implement. (?) Research from around the country has shown that as many as 9,000 community water wells near leaking under ground storage tanks in 31 states may be affected by MTBE contamination, according to a study being published in the journal Environmental Science and Technology.

Ya, and I'll let you know how many people got sick from this also. @\$%^&\*()\_+<>???

So what did Ms. Browner not understand in the first place. Researchers in the metro areas where MTBE was first added as an oxygen booster to decrease pollution repeatedly warned her and the rest of the cronies at EPA that this was a dangerous, and very toxic additive. Many people and animals had become ill in the Denver, and L.A., area when this was first introduced, yet they failed to listen. Remember Big Brother knows what's best for you whether you like it or not.

So about those census forms? Did you get the long or short version? Regardless, either is intrusive, and hey, if you don't respond they'll fine you \$100.00. Hum! Once again the feds trying to redistribute the wealth, and pry into your private matters. It's none of their business, all they need are the people in the home. If you believe that the information will be confidential, fill it out. If you believe that big brother needs or is entitled to this info, fill it out. My reply was to cut the bar code off and enclose a post it note with the following: male, 40ish, Pa., Alleg. county, Plum Boro.

So about those income taxes.....



## Carlisle 2000

by Ed Major

The last spring Carlisle is set for this year. Next year's event will be in September. So now is the time for you to schedule some time off (you deserve it) and reserve your room for **May 19 & 20th**. We had a good time last year with the new kids on the block (Custom Compacts) with their flashy paint jobs and all. Come on out and show them what they're going to look like in 20, 30 or 40 years. This year we're moving up in accommodations as we had too many complaints about the lodging last year. The Comfort Inn will be our new headquarters this year. It's on the same side of route 11 only a few blocks away. Make sure you sign up with me soon as space is limited.

# Those Ugly Dings and Dents

By Bill Kern

As documented in last month's Dzus my 94 Seville that I purchased in February had some dents and dings from various errant mergers with other doors, missiles and assorted trespassers. As I wanted to have these taken care of the service manager at Watson Chevy / Olds recommended I take the vehicle to Dent Wizards and have them look it over. A franchise in Monroeville gave me an estimate of \$199.00 to do the passenger side of the vehicle which was the most abused. While contemplating whether to have the work performed my water pump bit the big one. As I had purchased the 36/36 extended warranty, all was covered. Fortunately for me as well as them as I would have really raised a bitch about that since it was only two weeks after purchase.

I made my appointment and Watson provided me with a loaner car while they replaced the pump, a costly time consuming affair on this vehicle. While talking to Ed and Artie they asked me if I would like to have Dent Wizards do their magic while the car was there as they get a better price. Sure why not, two ducks with one stop.

The service department at Watson is the absolute best I have ever encountered. They bend over backwards to help you. Examples; I pulled all my wheels to walnut blast and polish the chrome and discovered the left front wheel had a damaged wheel stud. No problem Ed said bring it out today and we'll take care of it. They did at no charge. They gave me a loaner vehicle to use while my car was being serviced, I talked to a few customers that bought new Cadillacs at another dealership and they said they were never offered that courtesy, imagine a loaner for a used car purchase. While the pump was being replaced Dent Wizards looked over the vehicle and Ed called me to say that he made a deal and for \$300.00 they would fix all the little dings and dents, if that was agreeable to me. I authorized the service and I was not disappointed. When I got the car back it was washed and waxed and not even a hint of the damage was evident. Try as I might I could not see where they had done any work. I thought that one dent in particular on the passenger door would not be fixed. Wrong! This dent was more like a ball pein hammer style, round and deep. They fixed it and I can't tell where it was. I highly recommend this service, with all due apologies to guys that make their living doing body work, I was absolutely shocked at the results. The car looks as straight as a new vehicle and I am extremely pleased with the results. So if you have some dents and dings on your TR or significant other, give Dent Wizards a call. Finally the service manager who just started there a month ago, Tom Brashear, heard I was trying to locate a gold grille badge for the car. I wanted something to contrast on the grille as it is the same color as the car. This past Friday I got a call from Tom and he said he had a new grille badge for me, at no cost. Incredible! He had called Cadillac and got them to send out a badge for me, these badges are usually only available to people who purchase a new car.

So if you have some dents and dings give the Dent Wizard people a call, and if you are looking for a new or used vehicle call Watson Chevy in Export @ 724-387-1500 ask for Vince Opalski, and he'll take care of you. Just watch your step as Vince spent a few years with the L.A. Rams and is still in pretty good shape.

Even though my cousin runs a local Ford dealership, I have never plugged him in these pages, however, Watson is worth the space.

# Oops!, We Goofed! TRF Summer Party Dates

editor at large

As we seem to have made a huge blunder in last month's Dzus, this reporter wishes to remain anonymous. A call from J. said, what were you guys drinkin when you proof read the newsletter, a call from TRF personnel, was equally enlightening. It seems our wysiwyg got crossed with our pdf.doc and we listed the wrong dates for TRF Summer Party. Our apologies to TRF and youse guys out there who are our loyal following. The correct dates for summer party are August 11th to the 13th. So remark your calendars, and plan on attending the festivities this summer in Armagh / Indiana. Hope to see you there.

## Classified

**Foe Sale:** 1969 TR6 Transmission \$75. George Pitcairn 412-831-7126.

**For Sale:** 1973 TR6 with wires & red lines, 2 early MGB's (chrome bumpers), Bradley GT, MGTD Kit car unassembled, 1960 TR3, 1966 TR4A with wire wheels. Fred Williams 724-789-7466

**For Sale:** 4 Michelin red lines for TR6/250, includes tubes. Very good condition \$400.00 Also one set of steel wheels, includes centers and stainless trim rings \$100.00. Contact Ray Suchta @ 412-882-2421 days, 724-941-9667 evenings, fax 724-941-4266, e-mail JOASUCHA@AOL.COM.

**For Sale:** 1983 Olds 98, (ya it's gotta go), 87k inspected till 02/01, new tires, AR aluminum wheels. Good reliable car, not pretty, no holes, some rust. Good car for student or second car for ?????? Best offer call Bill @ 412-793-0411 or 724-339-6856, mail to wildbilltr4\_6@msn.com.

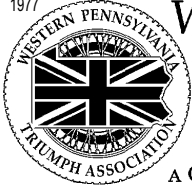
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- April 14** Monthly meeting at the Crows Nest  
8 pm Meeting- Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
- May 6** Tune Up Clinic  
Doug Foyle 1-724-452-5218  
rfoyle@bellatlantic.net
- May 19-21** Import Carlisle  
Rooms - Ed Major 412-488-1600  
Parts - Jim Shaw 412-262-3878
- June 3** Run To Dover  
Wil & Linda Schweitzer  
1-724-356-7341
- July 15** British Car Day  
Jim Underwood 1-724-929-8187
- Aug 11-13** The Roadster Factory Summer Party  
Armagh PA
- Oct 14** Fall Leaf Tour  
Mark & Meghan Twiest

### ~ Of Other Interest ~

- June 15-18** TRA National Meet  
Fernwood Resourt, Bushkill, PA  
Bruce Hoppe 1-973-635-2570
- June 23-25** Vintage Gran Prix  
Mid Ohio Race Course
- July 12-15** VTR Mid Atlantic Regional Convention  
Richmond VA.  
Ken Nachman 1-804-659-2183
- Aug 2-6** VTR National Convention

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# April Meeting the 14th at the Crows Nest

## Tune Up Clinic Changed to May 6

### WPTA April Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2000, at the Crows Nest

If you plan to have dinner stop by around 6PM

Meeting starts at 8pm

