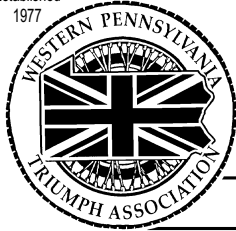


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Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

On The Mark

Well 01/01/00 has come and gone. Hope everyone survived. Sherry and I would like to extend to all our wish of a happy and healthy New Year. We were hunkered down at home with several good friends wanting for the collapse of western civilization and planning world domination playing the board game Risk. I m a novice at this game and before to long found myself run off the board and forced to drown my sorrows with a fresh Rolling Rock.

It was great to see everyone at the WPTA Holiday Party. I would like to thank the Germans for doing a first class job again. It just doesn't get any better than good food, good friends, and good conversation. An evening like that is one of the reasons I m proud to be affiliated with this group. From what I saw it looked like everyone had a good time; I know Sherry and I did. Also, many thanks to the Roadster Factory and S&T Bank for providing several door prizes.

The only club business at the holiday party was the presentation of the Drivers Award. Thanks to Jim Underwood for making the presentation. This year's Drivers Award ended in a tie. This award originally was given to the person who accumulated the most miles in the year. Over the years it has changed and been awarded to the person who has made an effort to make it out for the sponsored events and has pitched in and helped the club. This year the award goes to Ed Major and Bruce Stutzman. Bruce was not able to attend so the award was accepted by Ed's date for the evening. These two guys pitched in and helped though out the year supporting Jim Underwood and the WPTA. Thanks guys and I know I can count on your support again this year.

This month we have a general business meeting at the Crows Nest in Sharpsburg February 11th. Please plan to attend. The meeting will begin at 8:00pm. If you plan on having diner before the meeting be sure to give yourself enough time. Sherry and I are planning to get there around 6:00pm. At this meeting we will be reviewing the calendar of events so bring your calendar. Most importantly we will be accepting nominations that evening and voting for Recording Secretary. I had approached Gary Fredo to be our interim Secretary and I appreciate his help and I m hopeful Gary will be the next Recording Secretary. Lastly, I want to ask everyone's help on something. Most of you know that I m an architect but most probably did not know I have an interest in early roadside architecture. These are buildings that began to spout up after the automobile became a major mode of transportation. These building supported the automobile and its occupants. I became interested in these early highway buildings while writing my Master's thesis, which focused on the resurrection of the picturesque style of

architecture in American during the early 80 s. The major building types of Roadside architecture are gas stations; cabin camp s, diners, and the roadside oddity. I would like to get a list of roadside buildings that could be a destination or meeting point for future rallies.

The gas station was obviously in support of the automobile. Motorists need gas, tires and water to maintain the vehicle. Early gas stations where nothing more then a general store that would sell gas. They quickly evolved into a building type to provide specialized service. Soon, gas companies were building their own stores so motorists could identify their brand from the highway. Many also resorted to drawing attention to their business by building gas stations that where also a roadside oddity.

Cabin camps where the beginning of the motel business. Motorists needed a resting spot on their travels. Early motorists would camp along the road either sleeping in their cars or pitching a tent. Soon many people seeing an opportunity to make a few dollars would open their homes to travelers renting a room for a night and some began to build small one room cabins on their property. Soon to attract more business, enterprising owners built elaborate one and two room structures that would resemble a cozy cottage or build that roadside oddity again.

The roadside diner started out as horse drawn lunch wagons that served the manufacturing workers in the inner city. Soon they were permanently located in vacant lots and abandoned rail diner cars became the preferred model. The railcar evolved into a manufactured stainless steel and Formica building that only resembled diner railcars. Finally, Ray Kroc's Golden Arches perfected the diner for the McDonald brothers and the rest is history.

Finally, the roadside oddity is the most interesting and the rarest to find today. These buildings are best described as knowing what is being sold or advertised without a sign to tell you and there were oddities in all roadside building types. These buildings were built to draw attention and attract business. Some examples may be the hot dog stand shaped like a hot dog, the blimp motel, or the shoe house. These are my personal favorites.

Well now that I ve put everyone to sleep what I want everyone to do is to send me a list of buildings that you may know about that fit into one of the above-described categories. I am hoping to put together this list of roadside points of interest through the year. So drop me a line or give me call if you have any. My email address is phillips@fmis.facmgt.pitt.edu. See ya soon.



Dzus Dnuz On Line

by Bill Kern

As some of you are aware of this new technological marvel instituted by Fast Eddie Major, this is for you in the dark members who need enlightening.

Due to Eddie's ever increasing knowledge and expertise at manipulation, transportation, and dedication to cutting edge technology the W.P.T.A. is now capable of electronically transmitting the monthly publication of the Dzus directly to you via E-mail. A test sample of last month's publication was a huge success. The benefits of using this new format are numerous to the club and it's members. First of all it's CHEAPER, second Lori has less to do, (no stamps to lick, or labels to peel and stick). For those of you who didn't know Lori has been an assistant of sorts to the Editor for a while now. She has been doing the grunt work of stamping, and mailing for me and it is a greatly appreciative editor that no longer has to make a second trip to the South side to retrieve and process the Dzus. As I haven't acknowledged this previously I thought now was as good a time as any. A HUGE THANK YOU TO LORI FOR HER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE DZUS DNUZ. Third, you not only get your issue of the Dzus faster, it will arrive in pristine condition, and for those of you who seem to misplace, and or otherwise need some past bit of information you will always have it on file provided you saved it to your hard drive or disk. How about that, your own Dzus library on floppy.

I had absolutely no problems retrieving mine, and you can even forward it to a friend who may find the info valuable.

So if you are on line, (isn't everyone), please get your E-mail address to us and you too can be on the Dzus Dnuz information super-highway.

Remember, it will save the club money, especially since postage is going up soon. If you lose it just go and print it again, if youwell you get the idea, so get those @.com's to either me, Eddie (emajor@sgi.net), or Fog1 (fogbro1@bellatlantic.net), and we'll include you on the WWW.

My E-mail is WildBillTR4_6@msn.com. Please hold those jokes and other goobiley goo, I get sufficient quantities now. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

You've got Mail, Or is it e-Dnuz

by Ed Major

Are you ready for the 21st century? Well your Dzus Dnuz high tech staff is. We have been experimenting with an e-mail version of the Dzus Dnuz and if you would like to be involved with this experiment simply e-mail your e-mail address to emajor@sgi.net and I will put you on the list. You'll still receive your regular snail-mailed copy of the Dzus Dnuz but you will also receive an e-mail version. (roughly 4 days earlier!) You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.0 or 4.0 on your computer (most computers already have this program) that you can download free from Adobe, I will include the download address with the e-mail if needed. If Jerry Van Vlack can download without a hitch, you can too!

Regalia update III

by Chris Martin

At long last, shirts and fleece sweatshirts (perfect for those early-season runs) have arrived! Orders already placed have been shipped, and I still have stock on hand. If you would like to place an order, please use the newsletter order-form, or call me, Chris Martin, at 724-443-1428. Thanks.

More Technology, Er, Ah, New Toy

by Bill Kern

One of my Christmas gifts from my cousin Harry, (the guy with the beautiful Porsche), was an IBM home director. As I had seen this techno marvel in action at Harry's home and marveled at it's capabilities I thought I would pass along a little about the kit.

For the small sum of \$30.00 you can begin to automate your home and customize your living environment. Although Harry has been doing this for 15 years I am new to the game, but learning fast. A starter kit comes with a computer interface, a remote control, an appliance module, and a module to control a lamp. The remote control will take the place of ALL your remotes currently obliterating your coffee table or occupying that space right under your cheek. It will control your TV, VCR, Satellite dish, stereo, and any other remote controlled appliances in your home. It also comes with a program that you access through your P.C. and it allows you to control anything you have hooked up to a module. You can turn lights on and off to give your home a lived in look while away or set it up to turn certain things on when you come home. You can even make it look like someone is actually moving through the house by setting up a simple command that turns lights on and off throughout the house. The interface keeps track of your commands so your P.C. doesn't have to be on all the time. There are many different modules available that can control wall switches or plugs, security motion lighting that when triggered can be programmed to turn on inside lights in whatever part of the house you like. I absolutely love this new toy. I have one remote that controls everything, and I have added on modules to control ceiling fans and various lights and fixtures throughout my home. My favorite programming turns on my lights in my living and dining room. (dim), turns on my stereo, (romantic tunes of course), and sets the mood perfectly. Now if I could just get it to light candles and open a bottle of wine.....visit their web at smarhome.com, You'll like it for sure.

Garage Tour 2000

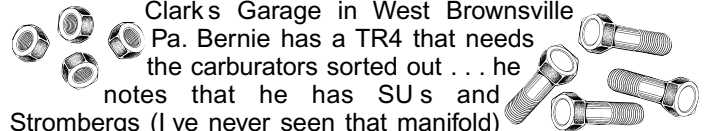
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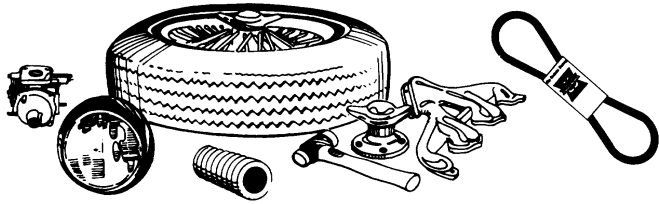
Just when you settle in for the winter to be a couch potato someone comes up with a garage tour to put you back to work! The first work event of the new milenium will be in Bernie

Clark's Garage in West Brownsville Pa. Bernie has a TR4 that needs the carburetors sorted out . . . he notes that he has SU's and Strombergs (I've never seen that manifold)

or mabe we get our pick. We'll probably go over the whole tune-up setup, valves, compression, timing etc. to see if we can sort out his problem. If you have a little expertise in this area come on out and join us. (even if you don't, moral support goes a long way with these cars!) Bernie has some beverages and snacks, as well as a list of some other items we could also work on so mabe we can split up into teams and get his TR4 on the road for the summer. The date is **Saturday, February 19th starting about 9am** and we'll probably work till 1 or 2pm. Please call me for directions at 412-488-1600 (daytime Mon.-Fri.) that way I can let Bernie know whose going to show up.

If You or anyone you know in the club would like to show off your garage or needs some help on a project, give me a call or e-mail me at emajor@sgi.net and I'll try to get you on the schedule.





Carlisle 2000

by Ed Major

I know the snow is still falling, but you'll only receive 3 more newsletters before Import Carlisle comes around. 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.

Winter Blahs Got Ya Down?

by Bill Kern

Up to now we have had a very mild winter. The first significant inconvenience currently on the ground and with what more to follow it's time to plot your start up routine for the fast approaching driving season. Huh? Think about it! The annual Tune-up clinic is only a short eight or so weeks away. So all those improvements you put off due to the ever increasing fast paced disorganization that is the holiday season are now looking like you may not get to them. Have no fear, you can still get SOMETHING done before you lose valuable seat time. Just go down to the garage and get it in gear. Begin your froay into TR heaven by re-acquainting your self with your long lost machine by tenderly and gingerly easing that cover off and just lean back, (not too far), to picture how nice it is to be tooling down the road in your TR. Now that you are at peace again with your thoughts, and delusions of warm driving weather have faded, get started. The Winter parts sale is in full swing

and you should have already prepared your list of to do s, (not those honey do s, your do s), and be well on your way to assessing what your vehicle needs to have done. I have already done a few minor things to improve my motoring season already.

My re-built carbs are in transit to TRF, for some much needed diagnostic observations, and I have replaced my crumbling sun visors, and changed those black fuzzy door seals with politically correct trim that matches my interior. I have also done more work on restoring a set of wheels that will go on my car very shortly. I hope your project is going well and you are ready for the start of another season of good friends, good times, and Triumphs.

WPTA Calendar of Events

- Jan 31** **Steering Committee Meeting**
at Typecraft Press in the South Side
Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
- Feb 11** **General Bussiness Meeting**
Crows Nest 8pm
- Mar ??** **Penn Brewery**
Mark & Sherry Phillips 412-561-5972
- May 19-21** **Import Carlisle**
Rooms - Ed Major 412-488-1600
Parts - Jim Shaw 412-262-3878
- July 15** **British Car Day**
Jim Underwood 1-724-929-8187
- Aug 16-20** **The Roadster Factory Summer Party**
Armagh PA
- Oct 14** **Fall Leaf Tour**
Mark & Meghan Twiest

~ Of Other Interest ~

- Feb 4-6** **Carquest World Of Wheels (Hot Rod Show)**
David Lawrence Convention Center
- June 15-18** **TRA National Meet**
Fernwood Resourt, Bushkill, PA
Bruce Hoppe 1-973-635-2570
- July 12-15** **VTR Mid Atlantic Regional Convention**
Richmond VA.
Ken Nachman 1-804-659-2183
- Sept 8-10** **Watkins Glen Vintage Festival**

Club Regalia Order Form

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blankets, blk	\$35
wpta patches	\$2.50
wpta window stickers	\$2.50
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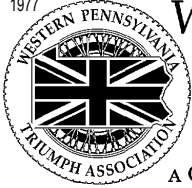
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Stop in around 6pm for dinner
and/or the meeting at 8

