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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

It's been a busy month with something for everyone in the club depending on what state your project is in. There was a "find it" event, a "fix it" event, and a "drive it" event. All three necessary when you own a Triumph.

The "find it" of course was Import Carlisle. It was great to see as many club people come out in the rain to find that precious NOS part. I arrived Friday morning in the rain and I must admit I considered turning around. The drive along the Turnpike was terrible. Between the weather, construction, and tractor-trailers it was almost too much. I made it however and was not disappointed. From what I heard Thursday was quite the raucous day. I was not present but I understand Dan Greene was the designated driver to get everybody back to the motel. I did witness the rest of the weekend and can attest to the fact that great triumph finds are still out there.

Finding that perfect NOS part is only part of the weekend. The other is social. This is really the first event of the season in the northeast and it gives us an excuse to met with friends from other clubs, drink their beer, and talk about Triumphs. It is always nice to see the Maryland group, and our friends from Ohio, and from across the boarder in Canada. I don't know about you but I'm going to miss this event as the first of the year but I'll be there next September.

The "fix it" was our yearly tune up clinic. A special thanks to Roy Miller for letting us spill oil all over his garage floor, Doug Foyle for organizing the event and making sure everybody left under power, John and Cathy Swauger for bring down the needed parts from The Roadster Factory and Scott Schober for the oil. We finally kicked the barrel.

The talk of the event was Donald Harkus's TR4. Fred Williams and Donald found this car with several non-Triumph vehicles in Zeliople. You might remember the ad in April's Newsletter. The car sat unused for over 20 years in a widow's barn. It is amazing that Donald and Fred got the car titled and in driving condition for the Tune up clinic. From what I could see it is a very solid car with some great sheet metal. I think Donald plans to sort the car out this year and begin to restore it next year. Good luck Donald let us know how it goes.

Finally the "drive it" events were the Roadster Factory Spring Drive In and the first annual "Drive your British Car Week". I was unable to attend The Roadster Factory event due to other commitments but from what I understand it was the usual successful event, well planned, great parts, and great food. Hopefully someone who attended can fill in the gaps with an article. As far as the "Drive your British Car" week I again was unable to participate. As some of you know and as I'll explain later I got myself involved in a TR6 project which turned my TR6 into a piece of furniture for a few weeks.

Coming this month is our first club sponsored driving event and TRA 2000. I'm not sure this newsletter will get out to members before the event but just in case. Wil and Linda Schewitzer

are planing the "Run to Dover" June 3rd. The plan is to meet at the Schweitzer's in Hickory around 9:00 am drive to Dover Ohio stop for lunch and then drive home. Sounds like a great first driving event of the year. Sherry and I will see you there.

Also, as I mentioned in last month's newsletter we are short driving events in June, July, August, and September. I have had a few people approach me concerning sponsoring an event but nothing scheduled yet. Please, if you can, consider running a driving event for the club. Contact me with the event you are considering and a possible date and I'll get it in the newsletter.

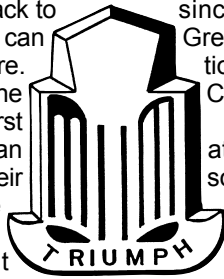
Later in the month TRA 2000 is scheduled for June 15th thru 18th. It is being sponsored by the New Jersey Triumph Association and being held at the Fernwood Resort and Conference Center in Bushkill PA. It looks like we will have a good WPTA contingent planning to attend. Which is good since we are a charter club and present the Fred Greenburg award each year at TRA. If you want registration information contact Bruce Hoppe of the New Jersey Club at 973-635-2570.

Also, coming soon is British Car Day, July 15, 2000 at Schenley Park. As you already know we are a sponsor of the event and the chair of the committee is Jim Underwood. If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help at the registration desk, park cars, or at the club tent please contact Jim. Please get that car finished and plan to attend.

As far as Sherry's TR4 is going, little progress this month. I'm still blasting chassis pieces but I tackled a project on the TR6. I have been planning to change the trailing arm bushings for several years. I have been experiencing the dreaded rear end steer. Since it has come out from the restoration last year it was a project that could not be put off any longer.

It started out simple but soon turned into one of those typical Triumph projects where everything is apart and you don't have the right parts. The plan was to just change the bushings and get it back together. To start things off when I pulled the drums off I noticed the brake linings were cracked. Well I figured brakes don't last forever and can't put cracked linings back on. Add replace brakes to the list. Next several rusted nuts made the job more difficult then you can imagine. Thank God for the Sawsall. But the trailing arms were finally down. This is when things went bad. Upon closer inspection the universal joints were in questionable condition. Two joints did not move very well, one joint was missing a circlip, and one of the bearing caps was cracked. It was not a good afternoon. Replace the four universal joints got on the list and if you go that far you might as well replace the protective boots. Of course all I had planned to do was the bushings but thanks to the Roadster Factory and a quick order and I had everything I needed to get it back together.

Well with everything cleaned, painted and put back together I'm looking forward to Wil's event to see how the rear end handles. Ask me how it's handling at the event. See ya soon.



Tune Up Wrap Up

by Doug Foyle

This years tune up clinic was a great success. Many new faces and cars were in attendance. It was wonderful to see everyone. We had excellent weather, what more could you ask for.

Don Harkus came with his newly acquired TR4 that had a seized engine when purchased 4 weeks previously. He limped in on 2 cylinders and a soon-to-be flat tire, but was back on the road after a few minutes of work.

"Thank You's" to Roy Miller for the use of his garage; Scott Schober for supplying Castrol 20W-50 and The Roadster Factory and John & Cathy Swauger for setting up a parts store.

To those of you who missed it Shame! Shame! Shame! But, I understand that next year the clinic might coincide with the National "Work on your British Car" Day.

British Car Day 2000

By Jim Underwood

British Car Day on July 15, 2000 will mark the 20th anniversary of this WPTA event in Pittsburgh. That should make more than a few of you "feel your age"! The show was held at Hartwood Acres from 1981 to 1986 before being moved to Shenley Park in 87 to coincide with the PVGP. So in case you didn't know it, we've been around longer than the PVGP!

I had several thoughts of how we could make this years show special but decided not to screw with success. However, you all, as members of WPTA, can make it special by your attendance and participation. You need not have a show quality car to enjoy this show. To the contrary, if you already know you're not going to win anything, you can put away the polishing rag & just enjoy the day. There are the qualifying races to watch, all the great cars and the best part... the people. So plan to spend the day, bring a picnic basket or buy from the food vendors, have a cold one and trade some stories with your British car friends. As usual, we will be looking for some volunteers. We will need people for the field setup and to pack goody bags on Friday then again on Saturday to work the registration tent and park cars. Last year went very smooth since we had plenty of help. If you were there, we hope to see you again this year. Chris Martin handles the field layout and coordination of the workers. He has a reminder article elsewhere in this issue that you should read if you would like to volunteer.

Also in this issue, you will find a registration form attached. The forms may be photocopied if you have more than one car or know someone else who needs one. Registration is still \$15.00, provided Dan receives it **prior to June 21**. After that, late and gate registration is \$25.00. **NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!** Preregistration is highly recommended. It helps us to determine class breaks, how many awards to purchase and how much room to allow on the field. Every year we have complaints that classes were combined or that "I didn't get a form and don't want to pay \$25.00". Avoid this unpleasantness and sit down right now, write your checks and send your registrations. Oh, and don't forget to pray for nice weather.

**Quote of the Month
overheard at Carlisle:
"Just a bunch of old guys,
selling junk,
to other old guys"**



Top: Contemplating Ryan's Carbs, middle: Dave & George work on oil changes, bottom: Ed does his "carb magic" Digital Photography courtesy of Gerry Van Vlack.

Call To Arms Episode 1

Hello again, and welcome to this year's reminder about British Car Day. This is our club's biggest event, and it depends on the volunteer efforts of the membership to be a success. If you haven't already signed the list, and are interested in helping out, please give me a call. We'll need volunteers both Friday evening to set the field, and Saturday morning to park it. Always entertaining, almost always beer.

Something else to consider, how cool would you look parking cars while wearing a shiny-new club shirt?

Thanks again, Chris Martin 724 443-1428

Whistling A New "Tune"

by Ed Major

If your anything like me, you sometimes need a brick to hit you on the head to try something new. Well seeing is believing and after watching Ed Woods synchronize the carborsators on his and Dave Hershbergers TR3's with the "Color Tune" system, and I have to say . . . I believe. I believe that I'm going to run out and buy that system and hopefully make my car run a lot better. I believe that "seeing" the actual rich or lean mixture burn takes the guesswork out of the whole process. Maybe I still have a lot to learn about the Color Tune system, but I'm willing to start and maybe the old "3" will have better performance because of it. I believe I have said enough . . . amen.

MG Invite to The Steak & Lube 'n Stuff

by Bud Osbourne

The MG Club will be doing a **Steak 'n Lube Tour on Saturday, July 8**. We are planning this in response to an invite from Emerald Necklace MG Club to meet us there. Hopefully, we'll have enough folks attending to take-over Thunder Alley. Naturally, W.P.T.A. is invited, and we hope to see many Triumphs joining us for the run.

Next item is the **Washington County Tour**. This year, instead of the Saturday before PVGP week, we are going to do it **on Sat., July 29**. We'll meet at 5:30PM at Capi's (new location, now just west of town on route 50. First group of cars will leave by 6PM. The run will be approximately 90mi., and we'll end-up back in Hickory. Haven't decided which restaurant to finish the run at (there's a new place about 2mi. outside of town), but I promise it will be good.



WPTA Calendar of Events

- July 8** **MG/Triumph Invitational
Steak 'n Lube Tour**
Bud Osbourne
- July 15** **British Car Day**
Jim Underwood 1-724-929-8187
- July 29** **MG Club Washington County Tour**
Bud Osbourne
- Aug 11-13** **The Roadster Factory Summer Party**
Armagh PA
- Oct 14** **Fall Leaf Tour**
Mark & Meghan Twiest

~ Of Other Interest ~

- June 10-11** **Central PATriumphs British Car Festival**
Altoona PA-Jim Pastore 814-942-7742
- 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
- June 24** **MG Club "Summer Solstice Tour**
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- July 12-15** **VTR Mid Atlantic Regional Convention**
Richmond VA. www.tsquare.com/rtr
Ken Nachman 1-804-659-2183
- Aug 2-6** **VTR National Convention**
Portland, OR 503-357-5640

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For Sale: 4 1980 TR7 Stock Steel Wheels, Wheel Covers, Tires, Lug Nuts, and Spacers. \$80 obo for all. [Wheel Covers in good condition (no cracks) with a little sun bleaching and 1 "Triumph" Center Label Missing. BF Goodrich Radial T/A 185/70 R13 RWL Tires, 2 ~75% Tread, 2~10% Tread. Lug Nuts and Spacers Good.] Not Related: 4 Sears Guardsman Plus 155/80 R13 Whitewall Tires (Spitfire). All 75%+ Tread. \$30 obo. Call Tom or Wil Schweitzer at (724)356-7341 or email tschweitzer@stoltenberg.com.

For Sale: 1980 Triumph TR7, one owner car purchased new form dealership in 1980. 48,000 miles if interested contact Karlee L. Hilliard 513 474-2691 or email karlee-hilliard@msn.com

For Sale: 1980 TR8 Lo Miles 2nd Owner \$8,000 Drew Mooney 724-283-6474

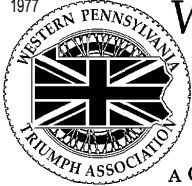
Notice to all members

If the address label on this issue of the newsletter has a red dot you are being dropped from our current membership list. If this is in error please notify Ed Woods. If it is not please send \$15.00 US to Ed to get back on the list.



WPTA notes the passing of Marsha Phillips, a.k.a. Miss Olde Frothingslosh, a grand lady in every sense. As some of you may know she was pictured on a beer can sitting in a TR4. She also has a history with our club. This picture from the archives shows Bruce Stutzman and Woody McVicker with Marsha. Marsha is the one in the middle.

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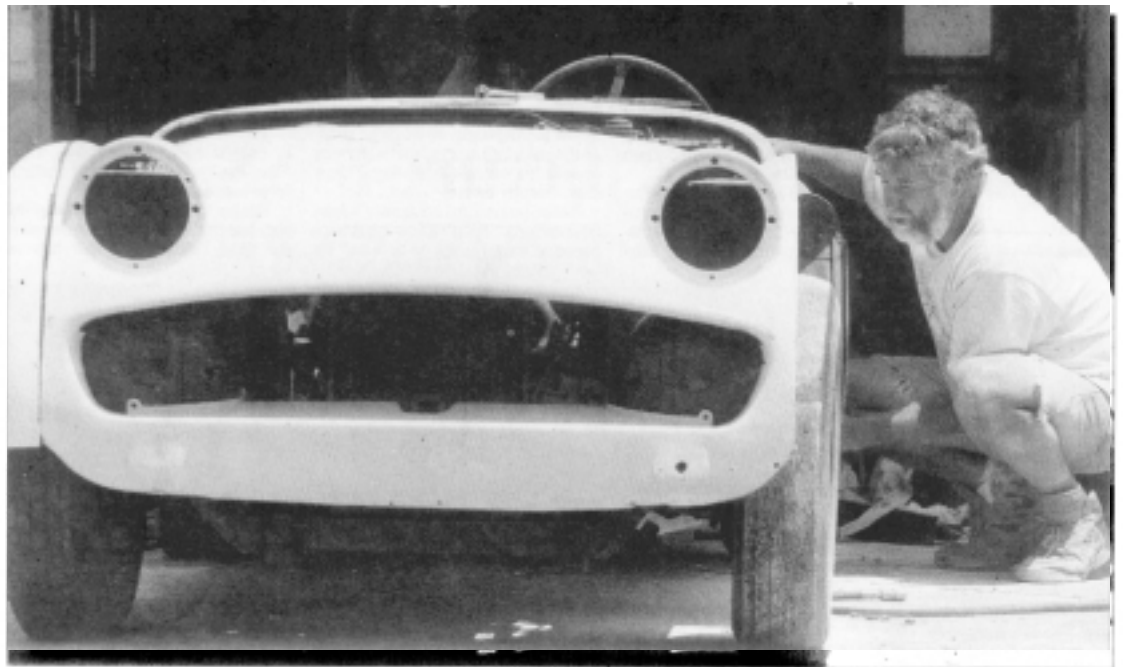
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British Car Day Registration Deadline June 21, 2000



HOT SHOT



JIM MINNITT / THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Car buff

Dan Greene of Virginia Via in North Franklin Township spent a good part of the afternoon of June 10 working in the hot sun, restoring his 1959 Triumph TR3. When finished, his antique car will be bright red. Inside the garage sits his wife's

'59 Triumph, but it's not quite ready for a new paint job. According to Greene that care needs a little more work. Dan purchased the Triumph in 1970.