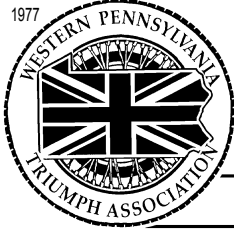


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Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

On The Mark

I know it is still a little early but it sure feels like summer. This past weekend was superb. Hope everyone was driving down his or her favorite road with the top down, I was. When you live in Western Pennsylvania you can't waste days like that.

We had a meeting April 14th at the Crow's Nest. There was no club business decided since there was not a quorum. It was a small turn out but the food was good, the beer cold, and the conversation entertaining as always. The quote of the night goes to one of our more intellectual newer members, Ken Nelson, who stated during a reflective pause, "beer is food but food is not beer".

This is our last scheduled meeting till November, so if anybody has questions or concerns about the club, feel free to contact me directly. I am thinking of trying to have a business meeting sometime this summer during an event. Things always come up between now and November and I think it might be a good chance to talk things over. I'll let you know. Also, with our meetings over for awhile I want to investigate new meeting locations. I have several ideas so if anyone else knows of a small neighborhood tavern that would let us meet for a nominal fee let me know.

Gentlemen start your engines. You hope. Next on the schedule is our annual Tune up Clinic. Doug Foyle is sponsoring it again this year. If you have a project you need a hand with please call Doug so he can make sure we have the right experts and tools in place (i.e. "Bruce, this looks like a 2 six pack project")? See the article inside for more information.

Also, this month is the last spring **Import Carlisle May 18th through 21st**. Come on out and enjoy the end of an era. As most of you probably have heard, Import Carlisle is moving to September next year. The "rice burners" are taking our traditional spot. The young replaces the old, it was bound to happen. So if your interested in coming out and need a room contact Ed Major; questions on part sales call Jim Shaw, this year is bound to be memorable.

Coming soon is our first real driving event. Wil and Linda Schweitzer are planning the "**Run to Dover**" **June 3rd**. The plan is to meet at Wil and Linda's at 9:00am June 3rd in Hickory. Make sure to make your calendar. This is your last notice on this.

After the Schweitzer's event comes TRA 2000. It is scheduled June 15th through 18th and is being sponsored by the New Jersey Triumph Association. The location is the Fernwood Resort and Conference Center in Bushkill PA. If you need more information contact Bruce Hoppe of the New Jersey Club at 973-635-2570.

Also, we are short on driving events during the summer months of June, July, August, and September. If you are interested in hosting an event please contact me. It can be as easy as writing a one-paragraph article announcing a date and a place to meet and leading a group of cars to your favorite watering hole for lunch, diner or just drinks and con-

versation. Please consider helping.

I've been busy this month with Triumph projects. I'm sure nobody was able to get a good night's sleep wondering if I fixed that marker light. As things go all it took was patience and a scotchbrite. I was positive it was a ground fault. I went back to each ground connection and instead of just inspecting I cleaned the contact and reconnected. Well I'm not sure which connection it was but it works perfect now. That's one for me.

I've made progress on Sherry's TR4 this month. I got the tub back from the media blaster and was nicely surprised that everything is as solid as I suspected. Thanks to Pete Shaw for giving me a hand picking it up and getting it unloaded. The only blow out in the tub occurred in the battery box and that is not that bad; it also had putty in one rocker and the only real setback is the rear valance. It has more putty in it then expected and I'm going to have to replace it. Looks like a field trip to Scott Harper's to rummage through his bits. The media blaster did an excellent job and if anybody needs anything cleaned up I highly recommend this place; call Enviro Safe at (412) 370-2064 ask for George and tell him your from the Triumph Club; he is located in the old Dravo barge yard on Neville Island.

Once I got the tub back there was no time to waste. You can't let bare metal sit too long. I got an acid wash and a light coat of primer on it so it can sit till I get around to starting bodywork. Thanks to Jim Shaw taking a day from his many projects to get dirty and dusty working on mine. My new priority is the chassis now. Last month I got it broke down and now I've got suspension and frame pieces scattered all over the garage. I have to get serious about blasting and painting these pieces. You guys that have been through this know how tedious this part is. I can only stand at that blast cabinet so long. But I have to get the chassis together and the tub on the chassis before I start any real bodywork. Space is a premium in my garage.

News this month. I've heard that the Shaw's TR4 is in Larry Learn's shop for the final touch. Can't wait to see it. I was involved in doing final sand on a Spitfire bonnet project at the Parks residence and saw the TR3 project. It looks like it is coming together nicely; hopefully we'll see it out this year. Lastly I also was involved in another project in Washington

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OP-POOR-TUNE-ITY

Saturday May 6th, Roy Miller's garage in Sharpsburg (see map) at 8:00am-5:00pm is your chance to fix your "poor tune" at this years tune Up Clinic.

We will have the Roadster Factory on hand with various parts. Place your order early, specify the tune up clinic and as long as it fits into a small car, it will be delivered free (shipping).

Scott Schober has graciously kept us supplied for years with Castro 20W-50. We will be ordering out for lunch. Bring your own refreshments.

If you are planning a project, please contact Doug Foyle at (724) 452-5218 or email rfoyle@bellatlantic.net.

Important Carlisle Update

by Ed Major

Well, I didn't lose the sign-up sheet this year, but, I got such a late start that I want to make sure that all interested parties are on the room list. If your not listed below and you need a room, you must call me by 4pm May 3rd to get a reservation. We still have six slots open and if necessary we can get a cot for a room or two. But I Have to release unused rooms soon. Ed Major, Jim Shaw, Dan Greene, Mark Phillips, Bruce Stutzman, Ray Brady, Wil Schweitzer, Tom Schweitzer, Dave Parks, Gary Freido, Bud Osbourne, Alex Osbourne, Dolly Taskey, Don Taskey, Fred Williams and Don Harkus.

Once again, if you are not listed above and need room reservations at Carlisle for May 19 & 20 please call Me at 412-488-1600 before May 4th.

We got a tremendous rate of **only \$57 per night** at a great facility (that means it has a bar) Hope to see you at the **LAST** spring Carlisle!!!!

On The Mark Continued from Page One

PA. Dan Greene is finishing up the engine compartment of his 59 which last year was the recipient of a total respray. Better hurry up Dan, soon Linda may demand that kitchen floor project moves up on the list and you'll be SOL. Have not heard from anybody else on his or her Triumph project. Drop me an email and let me know what you working on. See ya Soon!



Spring Drive-In at The Roadster Factory

Saturday, May 13

By Jim Underwood

Thank heavens it's finally that time of year again! I know many of you have had your cars out already but this is probably the first chance, in the new millennium, to get together as a group for a driving event. This is the third year for this event and it is always a great time with a strong turnout of WPTA members. I also enjoy seeing some folks from other parts of the country, like those "wild & crazy" brothers from Ohio! For the benefit of those who have never done this one before, here are the details. The date is Saturday, May 13 at The Roadster Factory. Registration will open at 9:00AM. Registration fee is \$15.00 per British car or \$15.00 per person if you show up in your VW Golf or Cadillac Seville. Those with Stags ..ahem..Brad or Austin Americas, are at a distinct advantage! For this nominal fee you will receive a lunch and a picnic dinner served up by Charles himself. There are also special parts discounts from TRF, a flea market, a mountain road tour, a tune up clinic and seminars. Last year, Larry Learn did a demo on how to install a convertible top. Afterwards, we all agreed that the best thing to do is take it to Larry & let him do it! The best part though is just hanging out with other British car aficionados & swapping stories of what you have been doing, or not doing, over the winter. Preregistration is highly recommended so TRF can plan accordingly for food & space. Call 1-800- 234-1104 for more details and to register.

PS: Contrary to popular belief, Nancy & I haven't completely sold out to the Harley group and I am not planning on any tattoos or body piercings at the present time. We hope to see you all at TRF.

British Car Showdown

Saturday, June 24 at Mid Ohio

By Jim Underwood

British car clubs and individual car owners are invited to participate in the British Car Showdown at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. The popular vote car show, scheduled for Saturday, June 24, is a feature event of the Sprint Vintage Grand Prix race weekend (June 23-25)

All British marques are invited to enter the show, which will feature more than 25 awards. All registered show entrants will receive a commemorative souvenir and can take a parade lap around the 2.4 mile, 15 turn road course during the lunch break. Additional features for British enthusiasts include a swap meet and a commercial vendor midway.

The Sprint Vintage Grand Prix is one of the country's largest celebrations of history on four wheels. Over 300 vintage racing machines from almost every era will take the track during the SVRA-sanctioned group races highlighted by a historic MG versus Triumph battle on Saturday.

A special **20 percent discount** on Sprint Vintage Grand Prix general admission tickets is available to British Car Showdown participants or club members **on orders placed by May 8**. Be sure to mention your club affiliation and the discount when ordering. All other orders placed before June 16 will receive a 10% discount. The general admission fee covers show entry. Ticket prices are as follows: Friday-\$10.00, Saturday-\$17.00, Sunday-\$22.00, and weekend(Fri-Sun) - \$30.00. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

For additional information on the British Car Showdown weekend, call Steve Bidlack at 614/793-4619. Tickets can be ordered at the special discount by calling 1-800-MID-OHIO or 419/884-4000, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST.

Note: We had at least a dozen WPTA members out for this one last year. It was the first time for Nancy & I at Mid-Ohio & I can tell you it is an awesome facility. Unlike other sportscar courses, there are several vantage points where you can view large portions of the track at once. Try to hang out with Bruce if you want to know the history & specs of all the cars and where to find the free parties!

Run to Dover

by Wil Schweitzer

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd - This will be an all day event, starting with continental breakfast, or for those who can't wait that long, a mid-morning snack at Wil and Linda

Schweitzer's home in Hickory. Plan to arrive after 9 A.M. and before 10:30 A.M., when the run will depart. There will be a stop about noon for a lunch break at Tappan Lake Marina, which is only about an hour drive from our first destination, Warther Carvings, in Dover, Ohio. Here we will see the work of "World's Master Carver", Ernest Walther who was born in 1885. One of his pieces, which we will see, was appraised by the Smithsonian Institution as a "Priceless Work of Art". Warther Carvings has been showcased by National Geographic, described by Readers Digest as "Most interesting out of wth way place", and is a AAA Star Attraction.

Our second destination, which is about six miles away, is the Broad Run Cheese House. Bring a cooler if you like cheese. There is a Victorian shop adjoining the cheese house with many beautiful things at reasonable prices. Just up the road there is a winery salesroom with tasting. Sorry, no brewery in the area.

See the map for directions to Hickory.

British Drivers Car Week - May 20 - 28

Trmgafun@aol.com wrote:

British Car Drivers Week.....it's not just a week for hopping into your favorite old British car and driving it around for a good time, but rather, an occasion to think about its very interesting history, its contribution to the world of cars, and how it's changed your life and the life of others for the better. It's a time to think of the friends you've made, the good times you've had, and what you can do to return the favor to these very special old cars that have been a treasured companion to so many people throughout the years. I've always felt that if these cars could talk and tell us of some of their adventures from the day they rolled out of the factory, we'd be greatly entertained.

Most of these cars have had a very colorful past. Their owners tend to be more adventurous than the average person, and for that reason, these cars have seen some very exciting days. For many of them, the excitement is still going strong, but unfortunately, some are currently sitting in a dark storage place covered up with who knows what, or heaven forbid, collecting sap under an old tree or the like. Sadly enough, these are the cars that are not given the chance to prove they are still perfectly capable of providing a world of entertainment to their current owner. In many cases it's because the owner doesn't know how to work on the car, and they haven't the foggiest idea what to do to get the car ready for the road.

Many people don't realize there are local clubs with good people who are more than willing to lend a helping hand. Whether it's physical help, or good advice, there are almost always plenty of people more than willing to help get the car safely on the road in one way or another. Whether it's parts, service, or technical help, there's almost always an abundance of choices. In many cases there are people who currently don't own a British car, but have always had a passion for them, but unless they have the chance to acquaint themselves with someone else with these interests, they may never have the courage take advantage of a life long ambition that could greatly enhance their lives. We all know these cars can be quirky, and for those who are not handy with a hammer or screwdriver, owning and driving one can be an intimidating experience. Knowing there are others nearby to lend a helping hand can make a world of difference.

I had an interesting experience late last year while attending a local auto auction in Auburn, Indiana. I pulled my Triumph TR6 into a parking spot, and while getting out of my car a man with a look of excitement walked up to me and asked about my car. We talked for a while, then during our conversation he told me that he has a TR6 that he bought brand new, and explained that he needs to get it out and start driving it again. During our conversation I mentioned the national Triumph TR6 club, called 6-Pack. He looked at me very curiously and asked "6-Pack? What is 6-Pack?". I told him all about the club, and he was amazed that he had never heard of a TR6 club. So was I.....

This is by no means a reflection on how well the club advertises its presence among all the British car clubs, because we all know how expensive advertising is, but it may show how important it is for other British car owners to get the word out. British Car Drivers Week is just one way of doing that. It's important that we all pull together as a community and help do our part to preserve all British marques, the clubs, the parts suppliers, and all the history that goes along with them. I've been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm among all the people who have taken part in this annual week, and they have really made a difference. A difference that we will all benefit from.

So for those of you who would like to spend some quality

time with your good old trusted friend during the week of May 20 to 28, be sure to keep these things in mind. Pull your car out of the garage and spruce it up, but don't stop there, go ahead and take it for a nice long drive, everyday. Think about offering some technical help to a local club member. Take that curious little neighborhood kid for a ride in a car that he or she will never forget. Join the club you've been thinking about lately. Support your British car parts suppliers and buy some parts for your car. There's no doubt about it, there's a lot of things to do with your British car. Most of all having a good time!

Thanks for your time. See you on the road,
Scott Helms

<http://members.aol.com/Trmgafun/britishcarweek.html>

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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 @ (724)356-7341 or email tschweitzer@stoltenberg.com.

For Sale: 72 MG Midget, sorted, reliable, fun \$5000 (making room for new addition, not British) call Bud Osbourne 1-724-356-4464

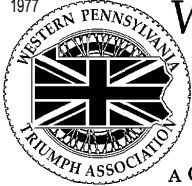
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Doug Foyle 1-724-452-5218
rfoyle@bellatlantic.net
- May 13** **The Roadster Factory Spring "Drive In"**
John Swauger
- May 19-21** **Import Carlisle**
Rooms - Ed Major 412-488-1600
Parts - Jim Shaw 412-262-3878
- June 3** **Run To Dover**
Wil & Linda 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 Resort, 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
raymarty@teleport.com
- Sept 8-10** **Watkins Glen Vintage Festival**
- Oct 4-10** **SCCA National Runoffs**
Mid ohio Race Course

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Tune Up Clinic in Sharpsburg May 6

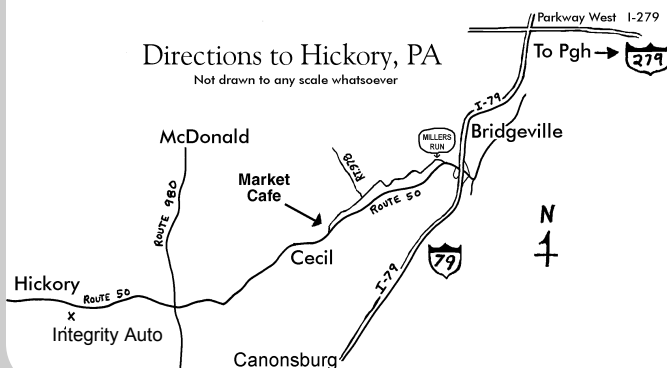
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Directions to Hickory - From I-79, exit at Bridgeville and take Route 50 West approx. 12 miles. From I-70 take the Jefferson Street exit (Route 18) and take Route 18 North approx. 11 miles to Route 50. Take route 50 East 1 mile. In Hickory take Route 50 to the Mt. Pleasant Vol. Fire Co.. If headed west turn left on McCarrell Rd., or if headed east turn right on McCarrell Rd., which is across the road from the large carved apple in front of the fire company. Take McCarrell Road to the first left, which is Grandview Ave. and follow to the 4th house on the left (#20 - the Schweitzer's). Phone Number is (724) 356-7341.



WPTA Tune Up Clinic Saturday, May 6, 2000

We start at 8am, but stop by anytime during the day to work or BS. If you're an early bird, a few of us will be at "Mama Ernies" for breakfast about 7:15am. Located on Main street in Sharpsburg down around 5th or 6th street on the river side.

Directions to Roy Miller Plumbing:

from route 28 take either exit to Sharpsburg, once on Main street go to 16th street, you can only turn one direction on 16th (away from the river) go two blocks to Canal street, turn right and immediately left into Roy's parking lot.

