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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 is amazing how quickly we went from summer to winter, the other day it was snowing! I'm not ready for this, but you know with our Fall Leaf Tour we close the official driving season for the WPTA. I am however still hoping for a few more top down days before I tackle a few projects I have lined up for the TR6 and park the car for the season. Overall I believe we had a good group of events, some went better then others and for the few people that complained this year all I have to say is, "Its your turn to host an event". Speaking of hosting events we are just starting to put together next years calendar so if you're interested see the article on hosting an event in this month's newsletter and please drop me a line. As far as last month here's a recap.

October 10th General Business Meeting was a great evening. We again had it at the 911th Air Group Club. Security was tightened due to the war starting, I was asked to get out of my car and open the hood and trunk. I think however they wanted to see the car, I brought the TR6 out, and not due to any perceived security risk I was presenting. We did have a nice turn out for the meeting. This place is really working out. I have not heard any complaints. The food is good, they make one of the best hamburgers I've tasted and the beer is cheap, the perfect combination. I think that as long as they'll have us we'll keep coming.

October's General Business Meeting is reserved for nominations for vacant executive committee positions. This year unfortunately we had one, as it turns out, actually two. This year Dave Jerman has resigned as Vice President. Dave has been a great 2nd in command and I know I could always count on Dave and Kit's support. The Jerman's also have put on some great events and we hope they will continue to support the club in hosting events and helping out. Thanks Dave for your years of services to the club. I really appreciated you help.

Dave's leaving created a vacancy. Taking nominations for the Vice President's position, Gary Fredo was nominated to run as Vice President. Gary will have to vacate his current Secretary's position and nominated to fill that position was Dexter Stoltz. There where no other vacancies, and the rest of the executive committee will remain; myself as President, Bruce Stutzman as Treasurer, and Ed Woods as Membership. Please, if you have a chance come out to the November 14th General Business Meeting and vote your support for these nominees and your executive committee.

October 20th, the final WPTA sponsored driving event of the year was our annual Fall Leaf Tour. This year's host was again Dave and Kit Jerman and Mark and Meghan Twist. What a great event! We met at the King's Family Restaurant at routes 66 & 22 and had a nice relaxing drive through the wilds of Armstrong and Indiana counties. We stopped at Smicksburg, which is a small community in the heart of Amish county for a short shopping experience. The women shopped and the men searched their coolers for the last beer. Sherry actually did some Christmas shopping.

From there it was a short run to the Twist estate, and as

usual the food was excellent. We ended the evening with a bon fire adjacent to the stables. Question of the evening was how many FOGs could we get on the fence. It was an event not to miss. If you did, shame on you. Many thanks to the Jerman's and Twist's for hosting this event and especially Mark and Meghan for opening their home to a group of mostly strangers who did nothing but eat, drink, and generally make a mess. Many thanks.

Finally this month the Vintage Grand Prix invited me to the check presentation to the VGP charities. The presentation was at the Wyndham in Oakland the evening of October 24th. The event was very low key but very nice. The best part was when a group from the Autism Society preformed a dance routine and a young woman from the Allegheny Valley School sang. It is nice to think that we have a small part in helping these groups help these young people become the best they can be. The check presented to the charities this year was \$80,000.00. It's nice to know we had a hand in helping out.

We don't have much scheduled for this month. The only thing on our official calendar is the General Business Meeting on November 14th. As I stated we will have election of officers for the posts of Vice President, and Secretary. If you have a chance come out to the meeting. I promise it will be very short so as not interfere with the important business of talking Triumphs and drinking beer.

The last scheduled event for the year is our annual "no meeting, meeting". This is usually an afternoon where the men hang out in a bar while the women folk go out as a group and do some Christmas shopping. This year we have scheduled it for December 8th around 1:30 pm at the Quaker Steak and Lube at the Point in Robinson. This will give the ladies a real opportunity to do some shopping with all of the available shopping choices. Look for me I'll be the guy behind the bucket of wings and a cold Rolling Rock.

Also coming up and a date to mark in your calendar is January 20th 2002. This will be the date for our Holiday Party. Details are still incomplete but mark the date and watch December's Newsletter for the details.

This time of year is pretty slow for the club, but it does give you some time to work on those car projects you have been putting off. This winter I would like to schedule at least two garage tours. If you have a project you are working on and need a hand drop me a line. The important thing to remember is that the projects should be simple; the expertise of the group may be limited. Some of the projects could be stripping down a front suspension, helping to assemble a front suspension (if all parts are present, cleaned and painted), simple bodywork (sanding, fitting, and priming) or anything else that you might need a hand on. One thing to remember, sometimes there is more talking and looking then work going on, and once the first beer is opened all bets are off. Sometimes these garage tours have been helpful and at the very least they will get you motivated to get some work done. So, hope to see you at the next meeting.

# Event Hosting

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## How to do as little as possible and still have a good time.

Let's talk about how to host an official WPTA driving event. It is really not as difficult as you may think. In fact it can be a very simple thing to do. First, you have a route in mind. Generally try and stay on roads that you are familiar with, county roads that are paved and not graveled or shot and chipped. Avoid roads that are potholed and poorly maintained. If possible after you have planned the route run the route yourself as close to the day of the planned event as possible to make sure Penn Dot hasn't been out installing detour signs along the route or a paving crew has started a repaving project. You should have written instructions for each driver and a small map of the area in case someone gets separated from the group.

Once you have a route next you need to get a date and get it on the WPTA calendar. That you do by contacting the Vice President, which very shortly should be Gary Fredo. Gary will be the keeper of the calendar and he will work with you to get a date that works best for you and doesn't interfere with other club or area events. The last thing we want would be to try to have a driving event the same day as Parts A rama, or the Mid Ohio races. Once you have a date and a route, next you have to advertise. That you do by writing a short article that we will get in the Newsletter the month before the event will occur. Your article should describe the event, pick a meeting place and time and describe the end so people not able to do the run could still make it out to meet at the end. The final item is a recap article for the next Newsletter telling all how the day went, who broke down, who got lost, which couples broke up over the questions, how much bail was, and who was dancing on the tables at the end.

As far as the actual event, this is something that is totally up to the host. It can be as long or as short as you want, you can plan an intermediate stop to see a place or partake in refreshment. Remember the idea is get out the cars and enjoy, these things should be as low pressure as possible. Also, do something that you enjoy, don't try to guess what someone else would enjoy, and don't over plan, the best events I have been involved in had very little planning and just happened.

The best runs seem to go for 2-3 hours and 70-80 miles, but many have been longer and some much longer.

Remember many of the participants will be driving an additional amount to get to the meeting place and then get home from the end. All should end at an establishment that serves refreshments because there is nothing like a drive that makes a driver and passenger thirsty. Or at least get away from one another for a while. The refreshment part of the event should not require RSVP's or the collection of money (except for very special events) since that discourages last minute participation. Some people may wait to see what the weather will be like, or some may discover that they have some free time that day at the last minute. Just remember that the number of cars that show up do not make the event a success. A Successful event is when the people that showed up had a good time. That could be you and one or two other cars.

The idea is to have fun in your car and enjoy the drive. As far as types of events we have done several rallies with questions to answers, poker runs, bar runs, all night rallies, take your turn to lead, early morning runs, and email runs. The type of event is up to your imagination and don't be afraid to experiment. So if you have ideas drop me or Gary a note. And remember it's about driving the cars.

## Classified

**Wanted to buy:** Spitfire 1500, contact Mike Colaizzi at 412.793.5659

**For sale:** Decent right front wing for TR4 or TR250, one size fits all actually, Ed at 412.486.4294 or Harvey at 412.486.2549 Also have TR6 bonnets, boot lids and various TR6 bumpers (face bars?) for sale cheap lost our lease.

**For Sale:** TR6 non-overdrive gearbox. Low miles \$75, 2-14" alloy wheels with snow tires. TR6 bolt pattern, Dirty, \$10. Engine stand for TR6 or smaller. Also 356/VW adapter. \$15. Misc. used electrical & hydraulic stuff. John Tuleibitz. 724-452-4924

**For Sale:** Early MGB parts, motor, trans, complete dash, seats, wire wheel hubs, and everything else that does not rust. TR3 parts- anything you may need from frame to side curtains, you name it I probably have it. Two complete cars in parts ready for a good home. Call Fred at 724-789-7466 home 412-334-1674 (cell days only)

*Due to increasing products liability litigation, American Beer Brewers suggest the following warning label on beer:*

**WARNING: The consumption of Alcohol may cause you to roll over in the morning & see something really scary**

## Nigel Shiftright Automotive Anachronism (TM) Life is a Cabriolet



# 55 Shopping Days...

Just a reminder, it's never too early to start shopping for the Holidays.

What would be better than to give a gift emblazoned with the WPTA logo? We currently have stock of all items, including the new long-sleeved denim shirts, in all sizes. Order now!

If you need to place an order, send in the handy form attached to this newsletter (I hope) or call, or email, or concentrate really hard, and I'll get your gear out asap.

Thanks and happy impending holidays,  
Chris Martin (724) 443-1428 or rossman@stargate.net



Fogs on a fence, except for Bruce and Jerry



Our hostess Meghan hard at work. "I wonder if there are enough potatoes?"

## Fall Tour Candid

Try to find the Triumph  
in this picture



## Holiday orders being accepted for Club Regalia

jackets, blk , l-2xl	\$45-\$50
blankets, blk	\$35
wpta patches	\$2.50
wpta window stickers	\$2.50
long-sleeve club shirts, khaki duck w/logo	\$28
club golf shirts, wht/blk trim w/ logo	\$26
polar-fleece pullover, half-zipped, charcoal	\$31
club badges	\$45

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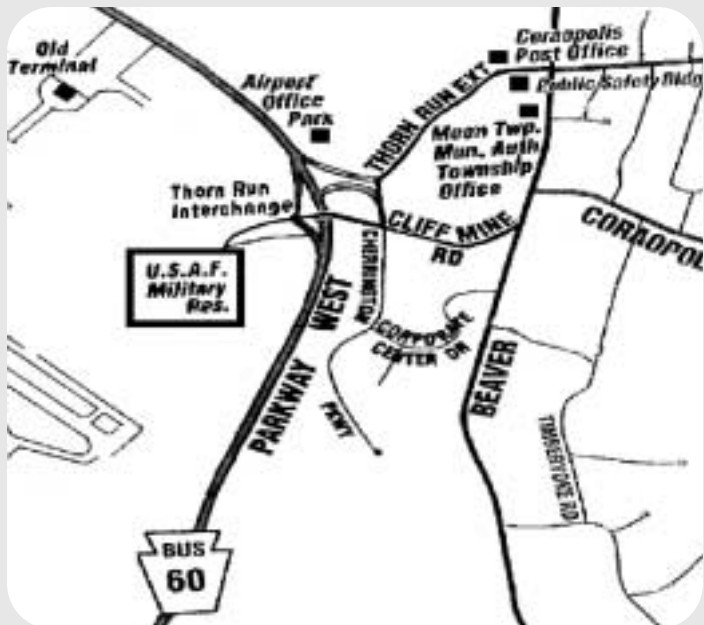
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**November Business meeting on Wednesday the 14th**  
This meeting is the annual election of officers, so you may want to attend to make sure you are not elected.

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## Monthly Meeting at the 911th Air Group Club Wednesday, November 14th



The Club is located in Building 110 on the 911th air base. The base is adjacent to the airport off the Parkway West. Meeting starts at 8 PM. Arrive earlier for dinner.

### ~WPTA~ Calendar of Events

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| Nov 14 | <b>Business Meeting</b> (Officer Election)<br>8:00pm 911th Air Group Club                                      |
| Dec 8  | <b>No Meeting Meeting</b><br>"Just Meet"<br>Quaker Steak and Lube<br>"The Point" at Robinson<br>Around 1:30 pm |
| Jan 20 | <b>Holiday Party</b><br>TBA  |