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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

With all this nice weather lately I have the itch to get the car out. The only problem is, it's on stands in the garage. This is bad. The good part is the weather has given me the impetus to get started on the TR6 projects. I am ready for some nice weather. I feel like I haven't seen anyone for awhile. Well I guess that's true. The last time we where together as a group was at the Holiday Party. That's why I'm looking forward to this weekend.

Saturday, March 30 we are going to have an informal event at the Church Brew Works in Lawrenceville. I have to apologize again. I have been the host of this event for the last 5 or 6 years and this year, somehow, I lost track of time. I forgot to make reservations and by the time I realized it, I was out of time. So this year we will do it differently. So; no reservations, no money to send in. If you don't want to eat, no problem. Just sit with us and have a beer. Do whatever you want. The plan is to meet at the Church Brew Works around 1:00pm and try to take a corner of the restaurant. There is no separate room. The only thing I ask is to please be courteous to the restaurant staff. We have not made reservations and with no idea how many WPTA members will show; they may be short staffed. So, if service is slow, please be patient. If possible, we may try to have a very short General Business Meeting. If the restaurant is too busy we may save the meeting till April. But I'm hoping to see many of you at the Church Brew Works this Saturday.



Our next scheduled General Business Meeting is April 12, at the 911th Air Wing Club in Moon Township. Please notice that this date is a Friday night. We've had a request that we go back to our Friday night meetings instead of Wednesday, so we'll give it a try and see what happens. We started out at the 911th with some good turnouts and then people just stopped coming out. I'm not sure if the extra security at the gate due to 9/11 has been a problem for some of you or if it's something else. If anyone has any thoughts about this please drop me a note. It's hard to know what the membership's needs are when you don't have a chance to talk to the members. At these meetings you get a chance to talk about your project and ask for help or advice. And I always like it when someone brings pictures of their project to talk about.

If the problem is the place then lets find a new one. As always if anyone else has any ideas for a meeting place please give me a call. The only criteria is there must be a place to have a meeting, the food hot, the beer cold, and no charge for the use of the room. Hope to see you at the 911th Club.

"I love the smell of 90w in the morning". That's right, the Tune Up Clinic is coming. Time to plan for this driving season. Doug Foyle again is hosting this event May 4th at Roy Miller and Son Plumbing, located in Sharpsburg. If you have a pro-

ject that you need some help with please give Doug a call so he can be sure that someone is there to help you. Or, if your vehicle is not road worthy yet, you can come out and practice on someone else's car, or just come out for some pizza, beer, and conversation. It is always a good time. The Roadster Factory will be out to supply your entire tune up parts needs, so put your order in early. The only thing to remember is that it has to be able to leave under its own power at the end of the day. Many Thanks for Doug and Roy for their help in this event. I'm looking forward to seeing some of the clubs new restorations making it out to the Tune Up Clinic.

It is hard to believe, but it's time to talk about Carlisle. This year, Import Carlisle is May 17th-19th in Carlisle Pennsylvania. Sherry will be so excited this year; Carlisle misses our anniversary by one week. However, that usually means Ed Major is in trouble because Carlisle weekend is either on Sherry and my or Ed and Lori's anniversary. One of us is always in trouble this weekend. Other than that, it's a great time and a great place to find that long lost Triumph part, or more likely, it's the same old parts from last year with more rust. It however is a great excuse to get away and drink beer with your WPTA friends and tell lies about our driving skills, our sex lives, and our drinking abilities.

If you are planning to come out and need over night accommodations; Ed Major has made arrangements for a room. The number is under the Calendar of Events on the last page. You don't want to delay too long if you need a room. We have not reserved as many as we have in the past. You will have to find your own roommate. If that fails you can just come out for the Friday or Saturday.

These few warm spring days have been what I needed to light a fire under me. I have finally found some time to get to work on the TR6. Some of you know that I have been trying to replace the front suspension bushings on our TR6 with the up rated nylon for some time now. Well, I'm half way there. The right side is complete and a few more few hours should just about finish it. Front suspension work is not difficult. A little time consuming, it is a job even a novice can tackle. The only dangerous item is releasing the spring. It's no problem really, there are several tools you can purchase at any Auto Parts store that do the job, or you can do as I have and make one out of a section of all thread, a steel plate and a couple washers. Either way, you need to be very careful. There is tremendous energy stored in the spring and could easily do serious damage to you or the car. But, there is nothing like the satisfaction of a job well done by your own hands.

Hopefully by the time you read this I will have road tested the TR6. I am hoping for some nice weather and drive the TR6 to the Church Brew Works this Saturday.

See ya there.

The Carlisle Quiz

by Bruce Stutzman

Answer yes or no.

1. I like being with car guys & drinking beer.
2. I like pizza and beer.
3. I like having pizza and beer with car guys.
4. I also like beer without pizza.
5. You can never have too many car parts or beer.
6. I could get turned on standing in the middle of acres of Triumph parts & holding a beer.
7. You can never have too many tools.
8. I can't resist tools when they are half price or free beer.
9. You can never have too many car books.
10. I can't resist car books at half price or free beer.
11. If I had to choose between a kielbasa and sauerkraut sandwich or a sausage, peppers and onions sandwich I'd take both.
12. I can tell lies with the best of them.
13. I think the FOG Brothers are cool.

If you answered yes to questions 1-12 you should be with us at Import Carlisle on May 17-19 because you are our kind of guy.

WPTA rents two spaces so if you want to sell some parts you are welcome to do so. Otherwise do as the regulars do and just screw off. Browse through thousands of car books. Buy that old issue of ROAD and TRACK that has the road test of your car. Root through bin after bin of tools. Buy that quarter inch ratchet wrench that fits your rear brake adjusters (you got to have one of these). Learn from car care demonstrations by Eastwood and others. Find that hard to find TR part you've been looking for.

Just don't do what I did several years ago and buy a car.

Ed Major has a block of rooms reserved for us at the Comfort Inn. Call 1-717-243-5411 ext. 146 and ask for Karen or Jean. Say you are with WPTA.

Now if you answered yes to question 13

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For Sale: TR 6 aluminum wheel rings, used but free to good home. TR 6 1975 or later wood dash in excellent condition, \$75.00 or best offer. TR 6 1974 grill good condition, \$25.00 or best offer. Tom Mueller, 412 366-3945 or tom_mueller@brady-corp.com

Got this note from Chris Martin, Sunday's post gazette classifieds, 58 TR3, in kit form, best offer. I talked to the guy Sunday afternoon, hadn't gotten any response yet. Said it was running, took it apart to have the crank done, would like to get a 1000 bucks for it. West Mifflin area, 412 466-6991

For Sale: Wheels & Tires. Set of 4-14x6 Panasports with 195/60 14 BF Goodrich TA Radials. Fit TR7/8 (Plus One Conversion) Wheels are as new, tires have 50% or better tread. Mounted, balanced, ready to bolt on with lugs & centers. \$650.00 Jim Underwood 724 925-8787 or underwood@dp.net



Two Thousand 'n Two-ning Up

by Duggie

It's coming around to driving season soon...Thank goodness! Granted, some have never put their cars away. In fact, rumor has it that one crazed individual took a TR4 to the steering committee meeting.

But I digress. This years Tune Up Clinic will be held again at Roy Miller's garage in Sharpsburg on May 4 2002 from 8 AM to 5 PM. The Roadster Factory plans to attend!!!

Make sure you do!!

Editors Note: This is last months article from Duggie about the tune up clinic. He promised one for this month also - - -. While we're waiting, however, if you want to schedule work on your car and need help from us, call Doug at 724-452-5218. Otherwise, just show up with or without your car. We get a lot done and have a lot of fun doing it. Anyway, it's about the only time we see Roy anymore.

Triumph Enthusiasts:

by Joe Alexander

Do you want to see some real kick-butt Triumph racing? We are currently estimating more than 50 entries from North America. Provenance laden cars, Triumph Specials, and the rest of us Great Unwashed, all led by Kas Kastner as Grand Marshall.

A tribute to the Triumph Marque. The 50th Anniversary of the Triumph Sports Series. A celebration of those folks who make racing Triumphs, past and present, the exciting times that it was and is today.

But hold it!!! Keith Files, with support from Vern Brannon (VTR President), SVRA, & Mid-Ohio Race Car Course, has put together a contingency of off shore entrants together from the UK.

Keith Files	TR6
John Whitely	TR6
Chris Petch	TR5
Mark Butterworth	TR3A
Steve Adams	Triumph Spitfire
Jon Wolfe	TR7V8
Malcolm Chapman	TR7V8
Colin Pendle	TR7V8

Please come to Mid-Ohio this June and welcome this merry band of Triumph Racers from England. They are coming for this one race at great personal expense. Shipping their racecars to Newark and then transporting them to the famous & beautiful Mid-Ohio Race Car Course. Some of the folks are flying to Cleveland, renting RVs and driving to Mid-Ohio.

Put it on your calendar, June 14-16 NOW! This is a "once in a lifetime event" for some of us geezers.

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

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| May 4-5 | British Swap Meet & Car Show
Wadsworth OH, Jack Akers 1800-334-6566
Email: lynn@ahkeley.com
Web: www.ahbugeye.com/neoahc |
| June 11-13 | Triumph Register of America National
(In conjunction with Mid Ohio Races) |
| June 14-16 | Vintage Races, Mid Ohio
Celebrating 50 Years of "Triumph" |
| Sept 6-8 | US Vintage Gran Prix, Watkins Glen, NY |
| Sept 15 | British Cars at Hartwood |

British Car Week

The Last Full Week of May - Every Year

During the past several years you may have heard about the Annual British Car Drivers Week. This idea came from an article titled "Seldom Seen Cars" written by Peter Egan for the March 1997 issue of Road & Track magazine. In this article, Mr Egan writes that he never see's old sports cars on the road anymore. As a result, we've decided to do what we can to help change this, for British cars anyway.

From that date on, British Car Week will always be celebrated during the last full week of May, and will always include both oposing weekends for more driving pleasure. The object of this week is for all British car owners to get their cars out of the garage, drive them, and help promote these treasured cars in whatever ways they can. Most of you drive your cars during the summer months and for some throughout the entire year, but rarely do we drive them on the roads in unison. This special week has been set aside for owners of "all British marques" to help promote these cherished cars, and possibly attract the attention of another potential enthusiast, young or old, who might decide to get involved and help preserve our hobbies, businesses, clubs, and most of all, our cars, and help us keep them on the roads well into the 21st century!!

The participation of this annual event has been very impressive. Many clubs get together and plan outings ranging from picnics, club meetings, or drives to a special place. Others use their cars for errands or drive them to and from work and find that it was so enjoyable, they keet right on doing so all Summer long! As indicated by Gary Anderson, publisher of British Car Magazine, this event didn't create any traffic jams that we know of, but it did attract some attention and got people talking about these very special cars which is exactly what was intended.

International Triumph TR Registry

We are sending you this note because of your club affiliation and passion for the Triumph marque.

After many months of development, we just release the International Triumph TR Registry ("ITTR"). We are seeking the support of all major clubs.

We would like the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association to encourage all of it's members that own Triumph TR automobiles to register their cars so that this online database will document the existence and whereabouts of the cars. Other significant features of the TR Registry include the documenting of Stolen or For-Sale cars, an online registration Certificate and Photo Gallery. Please visit the site at <http://www.trregistry.com> and see for yourself.

The TR Registry is not directly affiliated with any one company or club, but rather (we hope) supported by all vendors and clubs who are serious about the preservation and documentation of the TR automobiles. No club or organization can provide any value to its members without input from its members. This is NOT a commercial website; there are NO Fees or Dues involved; and participants privacy is paramount.

We believe there are many compelling reasons why a TR owner should participate.

The ITTR provides...

- the only 'open' repository of TR series Production data
- unrestricted access to comprehensive reports
- a network of global & local subject matter experts & resources
- the ability to post 'For Sale' and 'Stolen' vehicle information
- strict adherence to privacy rights & policies (not a commercial site)

~WPTA~ Calendar of Events

Mar 30	March Meeting at the Church Brew Works 1 pm Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
Apr 12	General Business Meeting at the 911th 8 pm Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
Apr 29	Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
May 4	Tune Up Clinic Roy Miller Plumbing, 8AM to 5PM Doug Foyle
May 10	General Business Meeting at the 911th 8 pm Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
May 17-19	WPTA at Import Carlisle Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207 Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
May 28	Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
June 1-2	Meander to Marietta (Overnight Run) Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
June 7	General Business Meeting at the 911th 8 pm Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
June 25	Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
July 13	356burgh Washington County Tour Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
July 20	British Car Day at Schenley Park Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
July 20-21	Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix
July 29	Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
Aug 9-11	The Roadster Factory Summer Party
Aug 26	Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
Sept 15	Dogs with the Fogs

- self administered data (clubs/users may change info anytime)
- a means to the further preserve the Triumph marque
- both an entertaining & self-rewarding experience (owner profile/photo)

- free services with No Fees or dues required

Clubs can benefit from the TR Registry as well...

- provides an online listing of its members
- attracts potential new members to your club
- demonstrates the club's continued support of the marque

Our intention is to roll out the TR6 first, and then once the wrinkles are smoothed out with the site, open the registry one model at a time in an organized fashion. We are looking for support from clubs, individuals and vendors. The 6-PACK has committed to support the registry and will begin doing so in their next newsletter. The TR Register in the UK.... specifically TR6 Registrar (Derek Graham) will also be encouraging his constituents to register their cars.

So, We are wondering if you could put in a good word with your members about this exciting tool for our hobby. Perhaps an announcement or article in your newsletter; a mention at the next club meeting; adding a link on your website; or just simply a word-of-mouth recommendation - every bit helps.

Contact me with any questions.

Feedback and comments always welcome.

Thanks for your time and support.

Corey Sherman

917.886.7797

staff@trregistry.com

Editors Note: This sounds interesting but WPTA doesn't know enough about it to endorse it. Remember, VTR has a TR register that we consider the official register. Hopefully, all WPTA members have registered their cars with VTR.

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**Meeting, Friday April 12th
Tune Up Clinic, Saturday May 4th**

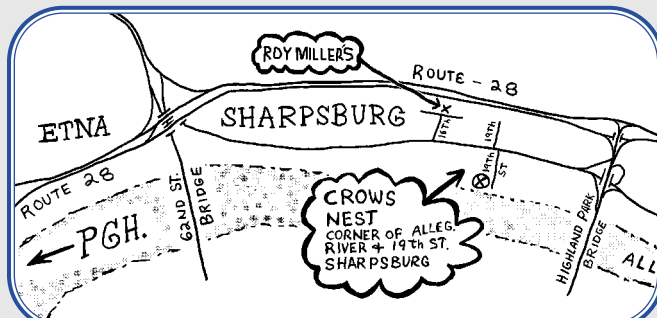
Tune Up Clinic

May 4, 2002 at
Roy Miller Plumbing
1700 South Canal Street,
Sharpsburg PA 15215

Directions to Roys

From Main Street turn away from the Allegheny River
on 16th or 17th street,

Roy Miller Plumbing runs from one street to the other at
the Canal Street intersection.



April Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2002 at the
911th Air Group Club

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.

