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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

Today, the temperature was 61 degrees; spring can't be far behind; can it? In a few days that longhaired rat comes out and sees his shadow or not. All I have to say is he better get it right. I don't know about you but after a day like today I'm ready for spring and forget the groundhog. I'm half tempted to get the TR6 out and go for a drive. This weather starts you thinking about the year to come and the great events we're going to have during this our silver anniversary year. I can hardly wait.

Well, I guess the Holiday season is finally over. That's right the WPTA's Holiday Party is over. Everyone can now get to those diets and lose that holiday poundage; I'm still trying to get closer to my fighting weight. My holiday weakness is fruitcake. I know all the jokes about fruitcake but my mother-in-law's fruitcake is incredible. The Holiday Party however, was not the right place to try to start a diet; the food was excellent and the whole thing came off great. The weather for a while looked as if it might have been a problem but there ended up being little or no accumulation of snow.

We had over 25 couples come out to enjoy and evening with their WPTA friends. It was nice to see everyone that came out. The Party from what I could see and hear was a great success. Thanks to my lovely bride for hosting the event this year. The food was great, the room festive, and the company the best. It was a great party.

Sherry made a little addition to the party with a "grab bag" this year and I think this may stick around for a while. The items wrapped up for the exchange ranged from a case of oil, to Union Jack jewelry and everything in between. A few items were trade back and forth several times. The important thing was everyone had a good time with it and the trading made everyone circulate through the room to see what everyone had. Hope everyone enjoyed thanks for coming out.

Well let's talk about this month. Coming up, I am calling for a Steering Committee Meeting. I have scheduled the meeting for Friday February 22nd at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at our home in the South Hills, 647 Royce Ave., that's in Mt Lebanon. This meeting is open to all people interested in hosting an event this year, I hope this group fills my living room, all past presidents, all current officers, and anybody that has an issue or item that they want to bring up to the committee. Typically this meeting sets the calendar for the year so if your interested in hosting an event but can't get out that night please feel free to contact either myself or Gary Fredo to get on the calendar.

Remember that this year is our 25th anniversary and I'm looking forward to the summer full of driving events. Several months ago I wrote a short article about hosting an event so if you are not sure what is required you might what to go back and reread that. But the simplest explanation of what is involved to say "do what makes you happy". The whole idea is just to get out in the car and drive. Please consider hosting an event this year.

One item that may interest some of you that we will discuss at the Steering Committee meeting is that the WPTA may finally

be getting a page on the Web. One of our members has some experience in this and stepped forward to volunteer doing some research on this matter. Ken Nelson will be presenting what he has found out about hosting expenses, set up costs, and maintenance of the page. I only know enough about computers to be dangerous so we will see what Ken has to say. I personally in the past have not be enthusiastic about a WPTA web page but more and more people ask me about if we have a page about the club and how do they get information about the WPTA. The time may have come. However, since this item will require set up cost and there will be a yearly expense to maintain, we will not take any action at the Steering Committee Meeting. I do expect to ask for a discussion and vote at the first General Business Meeting in March if the presentation is well received at the Steering Committee Meeting. In the meantime if you have any feelings about the WPTA having a web page or if you have an idea on the kind of information you might want to see on our web page please drop me a note at mdp@adelphia.net or give me a call.

We will be setting the WPTA calendar at the Steering Committee Meeting this month but here are a few items you might want to mark on your calendar early. This year is not only important for the WPTA but also for Triumph Sports cars in general. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the appearance of the first TR at the 1952 Earls Court Motor Show in London and it is also the fortieth birthday of the Triumph Italian styled TR4 model. So far I have heard of two events that will commemorate these events. First, the Historic Races at Mid Ohio, June 14th-16th are planning several exciting days of Triumph fun, see the article inside for more information. Also, I've just received the flyer for VTR 2002. This year Minnesota Triumphs and the Vintage Triumph Register are hosting the National Convention in Red Wing Minnesota and they are planning a party worthy of a golden anniversary.

Finally, this year will also be important for our group in that we have several new cars that will be hitting the road for the first time. It has been several years since I can remember four cars coming out of our group in one year. Dave and Joyce Parks' TR3 should be out now that all the bugs are worked out, I have helped Dave on several occasions but have not seen it completed, I am looking forward to see it. Also, Ed and Lori Major's TR250 is very close and will be out. I saw the car first hand this past weekend to lend a hand sorting out the wiring and it is a car that will turn heads but if you don't see it you certainly will hear it. Another car I'm aware of is Jim and Joni Shaw's TR2. This car also will attract attention and not only because it is painted its original color of geranium. Lastly, Chuck and Mary Lee Chapas' TR3 I understand is also in the paint shop. Some of you may have seen Chuck's car last year at several of the events. He has a very original powder blue TR3, I'm not sure what color it will come out of the shop as but it should present very nicely. I know how all these guys feel sometimes you wonder if you'll ever get done.

So as you can see this year has so many positives how can we not have a great driving season? I can hardly wait. See you soon.

50 Years Of Triumph Racing

by Jerry Van Vlack / jerryvv@att.net

Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 14, 15 and 16, 2002. You will not want to miss this historical event.

2002, marks the 50th year of Triumph's racing heritage. Much has been written about when in 1953; Ken Richardson drove the prototype TR 2 on the Jabbeke Motorway in Belgium to 124 mph starting his long career with Triumph as the Competition Department Director. Since then, Triumphs have been raced in all types of competition events ranging from factory sponsored International Rallies and Le-Mans, and Sebring type endurance races to amateur SCCA road racing and locally run autocross events. National and Local Sports Car Clubs have evolved from owner's enthusiasm for these cars and the enjoyment that they have provided to their owners.

In honor of the rich Triumph racing history, a very active group of Triumph racing enthusiasts has decided to recognize these last 50 years by organizing an anniversary of Triumph racing history. On June 14, 15 and 16 the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in conjunction with SVRA and the Sprint Vintage Races will host what is developing to be the one of the highlights of this coming summer for anyone who is interested in Triumph Sports Cars. There is enough interest being generated that participants from England and Europe are planning to attend. I should have more information in the next few months to share with everyone as it relates to the level of participation. Also some very familiar Triumph racing personalities are planning to be in attendance. Again stay tuned for late breaking news.

The weekend will have something for everyone who is interested in Triumphs. TRA has scheduled their yearly convention to coincide with Mid-Ohio as a mid-week event in nearby Wadsworth, Ohio. Qualifying and feature races are held from Friday thru Sunday. There is usually a well-attended British Car Show on Saturday in the Mid-Ohio infield. Luncheon parade laps of the racetrack are offered to the car show participants. Numerous vendors are present in the pit areas that offer more than just racing related products. There is talk of an autocross for those Triumph racers who do not have track prepared cars. Plans are to have an all Triumph race and we can hope for another MG vs. Triumph bragging rights race that has been so enjoyable in past years. And as has been the practice at SVRA events, the Pits are fully open to spectators so you can walk right up to those vintage Le Mans racers from the early days and talk to their owners and drivers. Many of the cars seen at these events are one of a kind and irreplaceable. To think that they are out on the track, competing wheel to wheel with other racing cars and not museum pieces is truly amazing.

Several of us are planning to stay the entire weekend and there is even talk of a first ever fully sanctioned gathering of the nationwide FOG's fraternal organization. Wake them up if you happen across them sleeping in the shade. We will have an official WPTA gathering spot staked out close to the pits for all to gather around.

I'll have some follow up information in the next few months as well as some personal stories to tell of my involvement in racing activities past and present to share with all in future issues of the Dzus Dnuz.

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 tell your friends over and over that you love them.

New Members

Jack Chalmers

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Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Mark Chandeysson

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Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Dues:

by Ed Woods

The perceptive Dnuz reader will have noticed the additional line of text on the address label of this issue of The World's Most Periodic Triumph Newsletter. Right there on top is the date of expiration. I was going to say "your expiration" but most of us are getting on in years and might misinterpret such phrasing. If it says "...December 01", your dues are due. Please send your check, made payable to "WPTA", to Ed Woods, 105 Hawk Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116. Any multiple of \$15 is accepted. I will update that first line accordingly. If you have an email address and are not receiving the electronic version of the Dnuz, please include it with your payment. If you've changed addresses, Significant Other, or other personal information which you'd like to make public, please include it also.

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Wanted: Good used hood latch and catch assembly to fit a TR250, no reproductions please. Ed Major weekdays at 412-488-1600 ext 207



Logo from the 40 year commemorative Decal

News Release . .

Triumph Will Be The Featured Marque at Mid-Ohio, June 2002

Triumph will be the featured marque for "The Sprint Vintage Grand Prix" at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio on June 14-16, 2002.

You are cordially invited to participate in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the development of the first Triumph sports car. This car, referred to as the TR1, was the first of a long line of Triumph cars considered to be the best all-around sports cars ever produced.

The 1992 Triumph commemorative event at Mid-Ohio was one of the most successful gatherings of Triumph enthusiasts from all walks of life ever to be held. Everyone who attended is talking about returning this summer and about bringing a friend. Those who weren't there in 1992 are making plans to attend this 50-year event without fail. This year's event is expected to draw the largest attendance of any Triumph car event in history.

Attractions will include commemorative laps for enthusiasts, celebrity guests, historic cars, a museum of Triumph marque history assembled on the grounds, and an international all-Triumph marque race.

A special commemorative badge has been designed to mark this historic anniversary, and Kas Kastner, Director of Triumphs West Coast Competition Department in the 1060's and 1970's, will serve as Grand Marshall. Other Triumph celebrities, past and present, including Bob Tullius, founder of Group 44, Paul Richardson, son of Ken Richardson, and various European rallye drivers have been invited to attend. In all, more than sixty Triumph racing personalities are expected along with seventy Triumph racing cars from here in The States and more than a dozen cars from overseas locations.

Watch club newsletters, car magazines, e-mail lists, and the web sites listed below for further information and listings of memorabilia to be made available. For additional information, contact the following:

Joe Alexander, 1710 Cherry Ln, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

Tel. 319-266-6044.

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Overseas participants, please contact

Keith Files, e-mail: kef@filesk.freeseerve.co.uk

Web Sites: Mid Ohio www.midohio.com

FOT Racing www.fot-racing.com

SVRA www.svra.com

Hotel Information www.mansfieldtourism.org

~WPTA~ Calendar of Events

- Feb 22** **Steering Committee Meeting**
Mark Philips home 412-561-5972
- Feb 25** **Newsletter Meeting,**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Mar 25** **Newsletter Meeting,**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- May 17-19** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- July 13** **356burgh Washington County Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- July ??** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
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- Aug 9-11** **The Roadster Factory Summer Party**
Jim Antis

~ Of Other Interest ~

- 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"

Carlisle 2002 or Where else can you have this much fun without sex!

by Ed Major / ejmajor@stargate.net

Well it's that time of year again, time to set some personal time aside to revitalize yourself. And what better way to do this than at Import Carlisle. Once again we will be staying at the Comfort Inn on Route 11. Last year I had 14 rooms reserved and we booked 25 under the "WPTA" banner, I think a few rooms must have been added from other clubs. So get your partner and call the Inn early to guarantee a reservation, as they could only "hold" 20 rooms for WPTA. Call Karen at 1-717-2435411 ext 146 and tell her you are from the Western Pa Triumph Association. The rooms will be \$70 per night for Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th. (Hmmm, something sounds familiar about that date!)

What is Your "Beer Quotient"?

by Ed Major

Everyone's beer quotient is supposedly different, the State of Pennsylvania says that a 170 lb. person should be able to drink 4 beers in 5 hours and remain under 0.10% blood system alcohol level, then they are quick to give you all the disclaimers so that if you use their method and get nailed it's your fault.

To eliminate the guesswork I have developed a much more sophisticated system. It comprises my "Beer Aspect Ratio". To figure this ratio you must first count the number of WPTA members present, multiply that by the number of hours available to "talk Triumph and drink beer", then divide the answer by the total number of beers available. (i.e. 10 members, multiplied by 2 hours, divided by 24 beers = 0.83)

I personally find that at 0.83 BAR my wife doesn't want me driving anymore, and at 0.66 BAR a divorce is eminent. So if you use this simple system you too could stay out of trouble.

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Steering Committee Meeting **February 22, 2002 at 7 pm**



Coming from the west take the parkway to Greentree Rd. Make a right off the ramp onto Greentree Rd. Greentree will tee at the intersection with Cochran. At the intersection turn left on to Cochran, after third light take right on to Royce. We are at the top of the hill on the left.

From the east take the parkway to Banksville Rd. Follow Banksville all the way up to Beverly Rd, past the Dormont Pool. Turn right on Beverly. Follow Beverly to Cochran at Cochran turn left at the next street turn right onto Royce Ave.



**February Steering
Committee**
**At Mark and
Sherry Phillips**
**647 Royce Avenue
in the South Hills**
412-561-5972

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