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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

Well summer is official. Memorial Day is here and the weather has even begun to cooperating. No excuses now. Get out and uncover those cars, this is going to be a great summer. This month is going to be extremely busy for anyone that is planning to attend everything on our schedule. Between the WPTA events and the Events of Interest June is going to be a Triumph lovers dream. But first, let's recap May for those that missed a great month.

First up, May 4th was our Tune up Clinic. Thanks to Doug Foyle for organizing the event. Also, thanks to The Roadster Factory for bringing out the right parts. Special thanks to Roy Miller for donating the use of his businesses garage, and a big thank you to Scot Schober for donating the 20w50. It was a great day and everything left under its own power except a TR3, which arrived on the back of a trailer. But, we did get it started after some of the Triumph experts had some time with it.

On May 10th, we had a General Business Meeting at the 911 Air Wing. Thanks to everyone that came out. We discussed some up coming events but mostly talked cars. We had several triumphs show up. Jim Shaw's TR2 made an appearance. I think this is the furthest it has ventured from home so far, a very nice car and a more interesting color. Also, Scott Schober showed up in his latest acquisition, an early 60's Land Rover Ambulance. Scott had just gotten it road worthy and decided to bring it out. The last owner had used it as a camper and Scott mentioned he had similar notions for its use.

We also discussed British Car Day. Just to remind everyone, the date is July 20th, and as always I need the memberships help pull this off. The schedule for the BCD weekend is, Friday July 19th 5:00 pm we set the field. Anyone interested in helping set the field please show up on the show field that evening. Saturday show day is when I really need the help. I need as many WPTA members that can make it to park cars that morning. If at all possible please show up before 8:00am that morning. It is always fun and it is a really good way to see every car. I have been told by some of the VGP people that our show is the best-run car show at Schenley during the Vintage Grand Prix weekend and I can't do it without the membership. So if at all possible please lend a hand. That was about if for the meeting.

I think everyone made it back, I have not seen any of our WPTA member's faces showing up on milk cartons so I guess everyone found their way home after Carlisle. The weather could have been better but I guess it was better Thursday and Friday. I did not make it out till Saturday morning and it was dreary all day. That, however, did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm, sales in the WPTA tent where brisk and talking to the members that were selling most were only slightly in the red. Thats what we'll tell the wives anyway. I think Harvey Woods had it right a few years ago. In a flash of genius, he was overheard talking to his brother Ed about the sale of a car that they where trying to break even on. "You know, we would be way

ahead if we give this car away and throw in \$2,000 cash". But Ed and Harv, just think of all the fun you would have missed.

I did not hear of any cars following anyone home from Carlisle, but their where deals to have had. I bought a few items, a clutch set for Sherry's TR4, Happy Anniversary dear. Aren't clutch sets the usual gift for the 18th year? I also got some tools, not because I needed them, but that I could not find anything else to buy and I had money burning a hole in my pocket.

That is about all I can write about Carlisle in a public forum. From what I could see everyone had a good time. If you haven't made Carlisle yet you owe it to yourself to go at least once.

Finally, the driving season is upon us. Just to remind everyone of this month's driving event we have Bud Osbourne's run to Marietta June 1st. See the article in May's newsletter for hotel accommodations if you are planning to spend the evening. Also this month we have a General business Meeting scheduled for June 7th at the 911.

Lastly this month, is probably the largest event of the summer for the Triumph lover and that is the Vintage Races a Mid Ohio "Celebrating 50 years of Triumph". The dates June 14th - 16th this should be a weekend to remember, if you're free that weekend you should be there. The WPTA will have a presence, so look for the banner under the tent. Hope to see you at one of these events.



The 50 Years of Triumph Celebration

Don't forget to be at Mid Oil on June 14-16 for the big celebration. there will be plenty to do and see for TR enthusiasts regardless of whether you are a race fan, show car fan or (like most of us) just generally a TR person.

WPTA will have our tent up in the Triumph paddock and will be supplying coffee and donuts each morning. So be there or be square!

If you haven't heard, the FOG Bros are planning FOG-Stock 1 to be celebrated concurrently. The FOG's will be retiring at 8:30 pm but everyone else is welcome to party into the wee hours.

The all Triumph race will be a sight to behold. Besides the regulars there will be a contingent of cars from England and a contingent of cars from California. There will be several Group 44 cars as well as cars built by Kas Kastner. The big question - can the TR6 hot shots beat Kent Bain's Spitfire?

Two Thousand Twune Up Wrap Up

by Doug Foyle

This year's addition of the tune up clinic was a great success. Roy Miller welcomed us into his garage only ten days after major surgery. It was wonderful to see him recouping so quickly.

We had a nice turn out of about twenty cars taking advantage of the greatly appreciated oil donated by Scott Schober and the tune up parts provided by John Swauger and The Roadster Factory.

I want to thank Roy, Scott, and John for their contributions to this event. Without them, we would just have been a bunch of beer drinkers meeting at a bar exchanging Triumph tales of yore. At least now we can say that we did it with dirty fingernails and exhaust fumes.

Speaking of exhaust fumes, Ken Busby hauled in his non-running TR3 on a trailer. After 45 minutes and several heart stopping back fires, the car was running. The whole episode made me think of what the Battle of Gettysburg must be like; cannons, smoke and all. Ken has a very nice solid car, and I am sure he is anxious to get it on the road.

Ed Major showed up in his beautifully restored TR250. Other than a rather anemic sounding engine, the car was great. Ed, what IS the cost of Turbo Blue these days?

Thanks to every one who attended.





Wray in his newly restored TR4. . .won't be long now!



So what do it do?



Wray's TR4

by Bruce Stutzman

A short while ago I stopped at Wray Brady's garage in Bethel Park. The occasion being the re-introduction of the restored tub to the restored chassis on Wray's TR4.

I was fashionably late; when I arrived Jim Shaw, Ken Nelson, Ed Major and Wray had already done the deed. Perfect timing! I did arrive in time, however, to participate in the ceremonial anointment of the TR4 with a proper British Stout. We also enjoyed a few pints of Wray's beer and otherwise enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Wray's car is an early small bubble TR4. He is doing a correct restoration and, I am sure, the car is going to be beautiful. Reassembly, however, takes time. Anyone interested in doing some wrenching and drinking Wray's beer should give him a call.

Anyway, it's worth the trip just to see the marvelous garage Wray built!

THE TRIUMPH CHRONICLES:

Hollywood Duster

by Mort Binstock

I discovered the "Hollywood Duster" while visiting my son, Cliff. Cliff has a collection of several old Ford automobiles. His "Hollywood Duster" is used to keep his cars dust free.

The duster is advertised to remove dust quickly, simply and without scratching the vehicle. Just brush the dust off car! That quick and simple!

The duster consists of a plastic handle with cotton strings hanging down. These strings are wax impregnated. Just brush the dust off! The duster never needs cleaning, the dirtier it gets the better it works. These are the manufacturer's claims, not mine.

I subsequently saw and purchased a "Hollywood Duster" on sale at K-Mart for \$10. The instructions caution to let the duster initially sit on newspaper for a while to remove excess wax. This step is important. I cut this step short initially in my haste to try it. The results were wax streaks on my TR's trunk.

After my initial wax streaking problem, I found that the duster does work. It is scratch free and does remove dust that accumulates while the car is sitting. It does not remove dirt.

You might want to try a "Hollywood Duster". If you do, let the rest of us know your thoughts.

Here is to a great summer of trouble free Triumph driving!



~ Events 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"
- Sept 6-8** US Vintage Gran Prix, Watkins Glen, NY
- July 16-19** VTR National Meet
Red Wing, MN 763-557-1949 Larry Berg
- Sept 15** British Cars at Hartwood
Jaguar Cars of Pittsburgh
- Sept 22** Metting of the Marques 2002
Boiling Springs PA 717-259-0180

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June Meeting, Friday June 7th June 1-2 Meander to Marietta Ohio

~WPTA~ Calendar of Events

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| 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 24 | 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 30 | Newsletter Meeting, (Tuesday)
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 |
| Sept 21 | Anniversary Run
Richard Dick |
| Sept 30 | Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar |
| Oct 11 | General Business Meeting at the 911th
Officer Nomination |
| Oct ?? | Fall Leaf Tour
Don Harkus |
| Oct 28 | Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar |

June Meeting

**Friday, June 7, 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.

