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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've been watching the weather forecast, and you know, we are beginning to turning the corner on winter. The normal high temperatures keep going up. The 2002 driving season is coming. I have noticed however, that some of our members don't worry much about the weather. Donald Harkus and Fred Williams showed up to the Steering Committee meeting in Donald's TR4, snow flurries or not. It was nice to hear that Triumph 4 cylinder pull up in front of my house that evening. Kind of makes you wonder why we park our cars all winter long. They do have a heater, and it does work occasionally, so why not drive? Good question. Thanks Donald for reminding us that these are cars and if we enjoy them we should drive them.

Speaking of the Steering Committee Meeting, it was held February 22nd. Ten members showed up for discussions about the WPTA and this year's calendar. We will distribute minutes at our next General Business Meeting, which will be this month. But let me hit the highlights.

First up Treasurer's Report. As Bruce likes to say, "we have money", and maybe it is time to use some. We have talked about making an additional contribution to the Vintage Grand Prix for several years and maybe it's time to do it. The Committee talked about several figures but I want to get some input from the membership. This will be a topic at our first meeting to discuss and vote on.

A concern was voiced that our meeting attendance has dwindled because our meetings are on a Wednesday, and that maybe we should go back to having a Friday night meeting. I personally picked Wednesday nights because Fridays are big nights at the bars and it was impossible to find a place that was willing to accommodate us on a Friday without them wanting to charge us. However, know that we are at the 911 Air Wing Club that may not be an issue. Dexter is investigating what the 911th club would want, if anything, to change to a Friday night. Also, we discussed the possibility of moving the meetings to another location. As always, I'm open to suggestion. The only requirements are, we don't pay for the space and beer is cold. Anyone knowing of a place please let me know. Our first General Business Meeting at the 911 Club is scheduled for Friday April 12th at 8:00pm.

Events in general were discussed, and other than a few we had scheduled already, our calendar is not full. We need members to volunteer to host events. If you have an idea for an event, and are interested in hosting, please contact Gary Fredo.

One event that we talked about in particular is the Anniversary Run. Richard Dick has volunteered to host the Anniversary Run again this year. I hoped with this being our twenty-fifth we will do something special. We kicked around several ideas for Richard to work with but nothing was cast in stone, we are hoping to make this Anniversary Run something special. If you can only make it to one event this year please make it the Anniversary Run.

A somewhat surprising, but very welcomed thing happened at the Steering Committee meeting. We have a new newsletter editor. We have been searching for an editor for several months

and we finally found a sucker, I mean volunteer. Bruce Stutzman volunteered to be the editor for at least the next two years. I hope this wasn't the beer talking, but I am very glad. Bruce while being the current Treasurer has been our only steady contributor to the Dzus Dnus in the last year or so. Thanks for your help Bruce and I am looking forward to more of your interesting articles in future newsletters.

The longest discussion of the night was concerning the creation of a WPTA web page. Ken Nelson did a first rate job investigating this for the club. He will be making a brief presentation at our first General Business Meeting later this month. The time seems right to have one, but we need more input from the membership.

Those are the highlights from the Steering Committee meeting; minutes will be distributed at the next General Business Meeting. Thanks to everyone who gave up their Friday night to sit around and talk about the WPTA. If you have a concern about the club and were not able to come that night please feel free to give me a call or drop me a note anytime.

Now onto this month, March's event, historically, has been the Penn Brewery Event, an event that I have hosted the last five or six years. I however, dropped the ball. I let last month get away from me somehow and have not scheduled anything for this event. I have to apologize to everyone. However, Fred Williams has volunteered to pull my butt out of the fire. We are going to have a gathering at the Church Brew Works in Lawrenceville Saturday March 30th. This will be a very low-key event. We are not catering the event, we will just order off the menu, so there is no money to send in, just show up on March 30 around 12:00 noon for an informal gathering and a short business meeting. Thanks for your help on this Fred.

Coming up in April is our annual Tune Up Clinic. Doug Foyle has generously volunteered to host the clinic so start planning that tune up clinic project. See Doug's article inside.

As far as my projects, I have not been making much progress. The TR6 suspension is all over my garage, I'm in the middle of replacing my OEM bushings with nylon. I am hoping to improve the handling. I was able to find a refurbished gas tank at Team Triumph, along with a few treasures that I found hidden on his shelves. If you don't know Scott Harper or Team Triumph it is time you give him a call. He is located in Warren Ohio, a very pleasant 45-minute drive from Pittsburgh. Scott is always taking something interesting apart and you never know what he's got.

But the main reason I fell behind was Sherry and I where involved in the December 28th chain reaction accident on I79 north. Since that day I have gotten to know my insurance agent and the State Police investigating officer better than I would care to. With only my word, and my explanation of eight grade physics to defend myself, it was an uphill battle. Finally, I am happy to report that I have my vehicle back, I have been reimbursed my deductible and the accident has been removed from my record. So with that behind me I am hoping to be able to concentrate on the TR6. See you soon.

2002' n UP

by *Douggie*

It's comming 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!!

50 Years of Triumph Racing

by *Jerry Van Vlack / jerryvv@att.net*

Greetings, last month I wrote to announce what should be the highlight of the summer for those of us interested in Triumph Sports Cars; the Mid-Ohio 2002, Vintage Races. In case you haven't noticed the more formal press releases in several recent publications the races will be held from June 14 through June 16 in near by Mansfield Ohio. I saw in The Roadster Factory's recent sale flyer that Charles will be in attendance and is planning to bring his LeMans TRS Racer. Charles we all encourage you to do so even if it needs to be powered by a TR 4 engine. That won't diminish its very significant place in our history and the car should be there regardless of it's present power source. Go for it Charles.

There are other very significant TR racecars planning to participate. You can see a list of them at the FOT web site; www.fot-racing.com some are ex factory-sponsored cars while others are cars that have a rich SCCA history spanning several years. Previous SCCA National and Regional winners as well as the Group 44 cars are among the listed entrants. Finally, a few one of a kind racers powered by TR engines with rich racing histories will participate. Neat stuff.

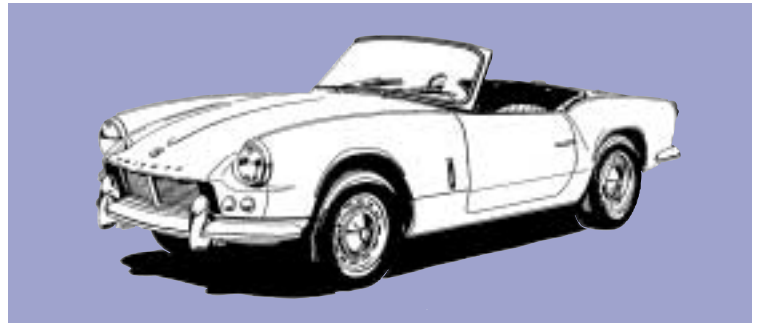
While Triumphs have been racing for 50 years, I have been participating for about 40 of those years in one way or another. I drove to my first race in my 1937 Chevy with my good friend Dave May during the summer of 1963. As I recall it was in Connellsville, Pa and run on the local airport runways. We had a ball. Like the Triumphs, that old Chevy had an overheating problem. The only time it was ever cool was when it was first started. Long trips were a challenge but to two teenagers we were up to the challenge. I owned that car for 2 years, and my brother had it for the 2 years prior to me and I never remember being particularly concerned about it overheating. I sold it in the dead of winter and it overheated that day too. My brother was the person responsible for my interest in these Little British Cars (LBC) for you see when he sold the Chevy to me he bought a 1955 Austin Healy 100-4. Bill drove it and I fixed it. It was a brotherhood made in heaven, or so I thought, because I got to take it on extended test drives, which of course it needed frequently. Things progressed from there, Bill bought another Healy 100-6 and I bought a 1955 Chevy. Just think what those 4 cars would be worth today. The point of all of this is that I've enjoyed these LBC's for many years and hope to for many years to come. I know that all of you enjoy them too so come on out to Mid-Ohio in June and join in the enjoyment together.

In the next few months I'll try and relay some of my more memorable TR moments. Lots of those memories involved participating in SCCA Racing for a few years during the early 70's. There is a great story about some film footage of Paul Newman meeting Miss Quaker State that I am trying to find, I hope my friend still has it; all night drives towing to Watkins Glen only to realize we left all of our tools back in Pittsburgh, and one about (here's that word again) overheating while towing the race car to Mid-Ohio. There are more Mid-Ohio stories too. Stay tuned race fans.

BCD Bowie Maryland Moves Location, Date

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MGT Register announces that The Original British Car Day (BCD) will move to a new date: June 16, 2002, and a new location: Smokey Glen Farm in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This event will be open to up to 1000 cars and held in an attractive country setting.

Quality barbeque food and drinks will be available for sale at reasonable prices, and family activities will also be provided. For more information contact BCD Chairman, John Tokar by telephone at 301-831-5300, or by e-mail; tokarj@erols.com.



Candids from This Years Holiday Party



The Hershey Hillclimb is Back

By Bruce Stutzman

2002 is shaping up to be a great driving year. I can't wait til the 50 years of Triumph celebration at Mid Ohio in June. If you are not there in your TR maybe it is time to switch to a Chevy.

But kicking off the season is the Hershey Vintage Hillclimb on April 19-21. That's right — the Hershey Hillclimb that was so popular in the 50's and 60's is back as a vintage hillclimb. This event was last run on Oct. 1970. It will use the same old back road up to the Hotel Hershey that it used in its heyday.

This ought to be great fun. Jerry and I already have our motel reservations.

The Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club is working with the Hershey Corp. to put this event on. It will include an AACA judged racecar show on the grounds of the Hotel Hershey as well as a car corral for sports cars.

So get that winter project finished; I hear the call of the road!

Dear Triumph Enthusiasts

Outlined below is information on the upcoming Triumph event this summer at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio:

Tickets for the Sprint Vintage Grand Prix at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course featuring the Triumph Show, June 14-16, are on sale now at www.midohio.com or by calling 1-800-MID-OHIO. Special ticket pricing is being offered to Triumph owners on select tickets. Ticket prices are as follows:

Saturday General Admission Ticket: \$14 (gate price is \$17) Weekend General Admission Ticket (Fri.-Sun. Admission): \$24 (gate price is \$30) Children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets must be ordered by Thursday, June 13, 2002. The person must mention they are a Triumph owner when ordering tickets over the phone or on the Website to receive these special prices. Some of the weekend features of the Triumph gathering during the Sprint Vintage Grand Prix event at Mid-Ohio are:

- * Triumph featured marque of the British Car Show on Sat., June 15 (Sat. or Weekend General Admission ticket to the event covers the fee to enter the car show) class awards and commemorative souvenir for all entrants
- * All Triumph Race (SVRA licensed racing competitors only)
- * Historic Stock Car and Formula One/Indy Car Reunion Races
- * 10 different group races featuring over a 50-year span of vintage racecars
- * Triumph owners can take a lap around the track during the lunch break on both Sat. and Sun.
- * Kas Kastner of Triumph racing fame to serve as grand marshal of the weekend (sign autographs, meet and greet Triumph owners, etc.)
- * Reserved parking for Triumph owners on Sat. and Sun. in the infield of Mid-Ohio

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March Meeting at the Church Brew Works

March 30, 2002 at 1 pm

~WPTA~ Calendar of Events

Mar 30	March Meeting at the Church Brew Works 1 pm Mark Phillips 412-561-5972
Mar 25	Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
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 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 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

March Meeting At The Church Brew Works

3525 Liberty Avenue
Lawrenceville

No RSVP just show up @ 1: pm
Directions to the Church

Located on the corner of 36th and Liberty Avenue,
Lawrenceville. This is above the strip, yet not as far as
the Bloomfield Bridge.

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

May 4-5	British Swap Meet & Car Show Wadsworth OH, Jack Akers 1800-334-6566 Email: lynn@ahealey.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