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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, you could not have gotten any more extreme in the weather than this last week, two days of incredible snow and cold; and two days of spring like weather. This has been one of those old fashioned winters, the kind I grew up with. It seemed when I was growing up it started snowing in December and didn't stop till March. My neighborhood buddies and I would build snow forts that would last all winter. Funny how times change, this year I have seen only one snowman and I haven't seen a snow fort in years.

I think this little spring weather tease we got is going to get several club people thinking about top down weather, you know its coming. Better get those winter projects finished up, and we had the perfect event to help do that last month.

Many thanks to Jim Shaw for donating his time and expertise in explaining the Triumph hydraulic brake and clutch systems at our first Tech Session in several years. Jim went through the subtle differences between the early Laylock systems and the later Girling. We went through the process of a master and slave rebuild, and also wheel cylinder and caliper rebuilds, and lastly brake pad installation. If you didn't know how to rebuild your brake and clutch hydraulics before you arrived, you left with the confidence that you could rebuild them now.

Also, thanks to Bruce Stutzman, for helping to explain the finer points of the rebuilding process, and a special thank you to Joni Shaw for once again providing us with homemade cookies and making the call to the pizza place at just the right time. It was a really great day; we had a great turn out, which makes it obvious to me that this is something that we need to do more of. The membership really turned out for this one. So watch our calendar for the next Tech Session coming soon.

Also last month, we had a General Business meeting on the 21st at the 911th Air Wing Club. We had another nice turn out for this. We discussed several upcoming events, and believe it or not we are starting to plan for British Car Day, it'll be here before you know it. I am already receiving inquires about our event from people viewing the Vintage Grande Prix web site and linked to my email address. I have been in contact with the PVGP and I am hoping to be able to sign our sponsorship contract before the end of the month.

We also reviewed the clubs financial status. Special thanks for Treasurer Bruce Stutzman for providing our financial statement for 2002. Just to give you the highlights, as Bruce would say, "we have money". If anybody who was not at the meeting wants a copy of the 2002 financial statement drop me a note and I can either email you a copy or send you a hard copy. Just so everybody is aware we did have some expenses last year that we typically have not had, this being the start up cost associated with our web page.

Speaking of the web page, Ken Nelson gave us an update. Our site is nearing completion, but actually if we use it as it should be used, it will never be complete. I should say there are two remaining areas that need developed, these being our merchandise page and our "for sale" page. Hopefully, within the next few

months these remaining areas will be developed. Next time you get the chance check out the page, I think it is one of the best car club sites I have seen. I hope the membership is happy with it, I am. Many thanks to Ken Nelson for taking on the huge responsibility of being our first Webmaster. Many of you don't realize the commitment Ken has made to develop this site. All I can say is it would not have happened without him.

Also, due to the current political situation I believe we will soon have to move our meeting location. If anyone has any ideas please pass them along. Remember we cannot guarantee a dinner total and we cannot afford to pay too much for a room.

We have one event scheduled for this month. March 15th is our annual brewery event, this year Dexter Stoltz is the host and he's planning to take us over to the Church Brew Works in Lawrenceville again. This is the same place we where last year, and as I remember they had several interesting brews to taste test. So mark your calendar, and if necessary we may have a very short meeting at that event. See Dexter's article for all the details.

This last month included with the Dzus Dnuz you received our annual WPTA directory. Hope everyone got a copy, if not it is also available on our web site in the member's only section; however if you don't have your password yet please contact Ken Nelson at either nelsonk@nauticom.net or 724.772.9042 and he can get you one. This is the only way you can view the member's only section. I would like everyone to take a moment to review your personal listing in the directory. This is the lifeline of the club, and this information needs to be as current as possible. Don't worry this information is only available to club members; we do not make it available to anyone outside the club. I would like anybody that has any correction or additions to make to their list to drop me a note. I'm particularly interested in email addresses. Email gives us the ability to send out reminders to the membership of upcoming events. It is one of the best ways to stay current with the doings of the club.

Also, if you have any updates on your current Triumph status, that too is helpful in keeping track of what our membership is driving and working on. As you will notice the TR2/3's once again edged out the TR6 category. Funny how that always happens; I haven't yet received any official protests on the outcome but to assure that we have an impartial accounting I may make an executive order asking Sergeant at Arms, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor Bruce Stutzman to recount due to the closeness of the vote. Bruce what did you do before you retired? I've heard unsubstantiated rumors of hanging and pregnant chads. What was a pregnant chad anyway?

Well that's it for now. See ya soon.

You only need two tools.

WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use duct tape.

Steak & Lube 2003

By Jim Underwood

Just a quick note reminding everyone to mark the calendars for Saturday, June 7. Plans are underway for the 03 revival of the Steak & Lube tour to Sharon. No... not Shaaaaruuuuun!! (What the **** do you want Ozzy?) Osborne,..... Sharon, PA!! We have several other clubs that will be joining us for this event. The Greater Pittsburgh MG club, a few guys from the Healey club, and some extraneous Bathroom Porsche People (sorry Bud), will be traveling the route with us. Meeting us at the "Lube" will be our Cleveland area neighbors, the Emerald Necklace MG club and the North Coast TR Association. Sounds like the makings for a large turnout of LBCs & a few LGCs. We will be working with the Lube to reserve parking and quite possibly our own room. I have enlisted the aid of a couple of our more infamous "Lube Tour" experts (read: experienced beer drinkers & wing munchers) to help with scouting out a pleasurable route. This one is shaping up to be an event you surely will want to plan on attending. Details to follow.

Triumphantune

by Dougie

This year the WPTA Tune Up Clinic will be held Saturday, May 3rd at Roy Miller's Garage in Sharpsburg starting at 8:00 AM.

John Swauger will be there from The Roadster Factory with a wide assortment of tune up bits. There will be discounts on all parts sold at the clinic. If you place an order in advance of the event, notify the sales person that it is for the WPTA tune up clinic; and John will deliver it to the garage at no charge.

Scott Schober has very kindly donated a barrel of 20w-50 for oil changes.

Any one planning to work on their car, please call Doug Foyle at (724)452-5218.

So stop by and prepare your car for summer motoring; listen to old stories and make up some new ones.

Hope to see you there!

Remember- Vote Wil Schweitzer for President.

Duez Notice

"If your mailing label sez "02", your membership has expired. Please send your renewal check in the amount of \$15 or multiples thereof to: Ed Woods 105 Hawk Drive, Glenshaw PA 15116 .

Church Brew Works

by Dexter

The Church Brew Works will once again have us in their fine establishment on Liberty Avenue. If you missed the event last year, you probably remember hearing about the awesome weather, food, and (most importantly) beer. For some, this is the first event their British automobile will be out and about, so be sure you're one of them. This is the perfect opportunity to find the spring bugs that need sorted out, especially if your New Year's Resolution was to get to more WPTA events this year. Be there at noon (if you're not there sharp, that's fine) on 15 March - hope to see you!!!

A New Triumph Wife's Perspective

By: Erin Permar

Many of you have known me by various names such as Scott's girlfriend, Scott's fiancée, and now, Scott's wife. I really do have a first name, and it is Erin (for those that care to know). We married last April, and some thought it would be interesting to hear about the perspective of being a new wife to a car guy. I know many wives have already been through this stage, so they can probably relate to a lot of what I have experienced so far. For those women that are just entering the car guy's girlfriend phase, hopefully, this article will help you understand what you are getting yourself into, and maybe some car guy's will have a better appreciation for those women in their lives and learn how to negotiate with them to get that new car part or tool for the garage.

For over the past four years that I have known Scott, I have graduated to higher levels in his life from being a car guy's girlfriend, fiancée, and wife. Looking back, I realized that with each level, my car guy trusted me more with his car, but that came with the tradeoff of more expensive tools and parts for the car.

As a car guy's girlfriend, I was allowed to sit in the car and look pretty. I remember attending my first Vintage Grand Prix in the summer of 1999. I felt claustrophobic riding in Scott's TR7 after having grown up attending 50-60's gas-guzzler car shows in Toledo, Ohio. In the 24 years I lived in Toledo, I do not recall ever seeing a British car, so when Scott told me he had a Triumph TR7, I had no idea what it was. At the show, I offered to help Scott clean his TR7, but I was not allowed to wax the car or wash the windows because there was a complex methodology to the process. Since I was only the girlfriend, I could only observe my car guy wax his car from a distance.

In November of 2000, I was promoted to a car guy's fiancée. I now enjoyed the pleasure of actually being able to touch and handle some of the car parts. Under my car guy's close supervision, I was allowed to help sandblast one of the Triumph's engine parts. I also traveled with Scott to a machine shop to drop off his engine block for machining. What an exciting date! We then started house hunting. It was more like garage hunting. Our real estate agent was told to find a spacious two or more car garage with some room to eat and sleep. Eventually, we found a decent sized house with a 2-1/2 car garage, so both of us were happy. The challenging part would be getting all of Scott's car parts and tools moved into our new house.

Finally, last year I was promoted to the elite status of being a car guy's wife. I now get to pay the bills for his car insurance, car parts, and tools. I get nervous every time I see him flip through the Roadster Factory and Griot's Garage catalogs because I know whatever he is looking for is not going to be cheap. My car guy's priorities haven't changed. His garage (including the ceiling) was painted before our living and dining room. He also added another ceiling light in the garage a few months ago even though we had no lamp in our living room. Every time we go to Sears, I am introduced to the air compressor that Scott says he needs in order to do sandblasting. The thing is taller, wider, and a lot heavier than I am! Scott still doesn't have his air compressor, but I have nightmares about being pinned under one in the garage.

So I hope those married to car guys chuckled about what you read (and share your wisdom in future articles), and I hope those ladies dating car guys understand more of what they are getting themselves into. I also hope that some car guys out there learn that if you want the woman in your life to be supportive of your car hobby/obsession, you need to let her touch the car and your tools. Therefore, she will gain a better understanding and appreciation of what it takes to rebuild an engine and a car.



How I got here

By Jim Underwood

I believe it to have been somewhere around the summer of 1993 and just prior to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. My good friend Jeff Lee, a fellow British car aficionado, had acquired some extra passes for the Thursday night cruise at Donzi's leading up to the Grand Prix and British Car Day. I had recently finished the 1st stage of restoration on the MGB and it sounded like somewhere fun to go with it. After arrival, we parked the B in among a large group of street rods, customs, classics and various other examples of the automotive art form. There weren't a lot of other Brit cars there but I do seem to recall a gray TR4 with a surrey top. After a few beverages and as we were about to leave, I noticed a gray haired gentleman sort of hanging around our car. As we approached, he questioned if I was the owner of the B. I answered yes and he complemented me on its appearance. We chatted briefly and he asked if I belonged to any British car clubs to which I answered no as I had just recently got the car up & running. He then offered me a card that was an invitation to join WPTA and included the phone number for a Mr. Ed Woods. I tucked the card in my wallet, we shook hands and Nancy & I headed for home.

At some point, I think it was a Saturday; I got the card out and dialed the number. I had a nice car oriented conversation with Ed, he took down my address and a few days later I received an application along with a complimentary issue of the Dzus Dnuz. I found the newsletter to be a very entertaining read with several humorous stories and some that consisted of short clips and antidotes of an inside humor nature, which really peaked my interest to become involved. One article in particular related something about a trip to Bowie and Jim's concerns that an unconscious Fred would hang out of the cut down TR3 door and drag on the turnpike! There was also mention of a cooler strapped to the boot lid. Hmmm...beer... I told Nancy at the time "This sounds like our kind of crowd."

Well, as the saying goes "the rest is history" We have had a great time as members of WPTA and that includes the three years I served as president. I wouldn't trade it for anything, well almost anything, and definitely would recommend the experience to anyone.

By the way, in case you haven't already guessed, the fellow at Donzi's was none other than presidential candidate Wil Schweitzer. Thanks Wil. You got my vote!

Paid for by the committee to elect Wil Schweitzer WPTA President in 2003.



Tech Session Wrap up

by Jim Shaw

Thanks to all who came out to our first Tech Session of the year. We had a great turn out and shared our knowledge of brakes and hydraulics with the group. Items covered in this tech session were of interest to all Triumph owners. One thing that we all agreed on was when in doubt with brakes, buy new.

We will be trying to get back on a regular schedule of tech sessions through the winter. Bud has volunteered the Bud Garage for a future session on the mysteries of the infamous S U carburetor. Other subjects to cover in later Tech Sessions will be determined at a later date. We also would like input from our members as to what you would like to see covered. Suggestions can either be sent to ask Bruce, our editor and WPTA Tech expert, or Kenny Nelson our Web Master. Anyone who would like to host a Tech session is course more than welcome to volunteer. In the past we have covered subjects such as transmission rebuild, front suspension, welding and some body work. We have discussed the possibility of engine rebuild and I would like to try one on windshield installation.

Once again thanks to all who came out and Bruce for making it a nice winter afternoon to share our mutual experiences.

"I Am Not A Crook!"

~~Richard Nixon~~

Wil Schweitzer

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March Gathering at the Church Brew Works Saturday March 15th

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Calendar of Events

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| Mar 15 | Church Brew Works,
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201 |
| April 11 | To be determined |
| April 12 | April Tech Session, Carbs,
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464 |
| May 3 | Tune Up Clinic
Douge Foyle 724-452-5218 |
| May 15-18 | WPTA at Import Carlisle
Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878 |
| May 24 | Butler County Tour
Don Harkus 724-284-9172 |
| June 7 | Quaker Steak & Lube
Jim Underwood 412-929-8187 |
| July 12 | Washington County Tour
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464 |
| July 19 | British Car Day at Schenley Park
Mark Phillips 412-561-5972 |
| July 19-20 | Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix |
| Aug 8-10 | The Roadster Factory Summer Party |
| Sept 13 | Anniversary Run
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| Sept 20 | Dogs with Fogs Mk III
Ed Woods 412-486-4294
or Harvey Woods 412-486-2549 |
| Oct 18-19 | Fall Leaf Tour
Don Harkus 724-284-9172 |

March Meeting 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 ~

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| May 3-4 | British Swap Meet & Car Show
Independence Oh, Ken Hiller 216-701-5640
www.northeastohioaustinhealey.com |
| May 25-31 | Drive Your British Car
Unofficial National
Drive Your British Car week |
| June 19-21 | TRA National Meet |
| June 20-22 | Vintage Races, Mid Ohio |
| June 27-29 | International Triumph Challenge
Mosport Ontario, Triumph featured marque |
| Aug 7-10 | VTR National Meet
In conjunction with
The Roadster Factory Summer Party |
| Sept 5-7 | US Vintage Gran Prix, Watkins Glen, |
| Sept 6 | British Car Festival, Altoona
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
or Will Schweitzer 724-356-7341 |
| Sept 20 | British Cars at Hartwood |