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On The Mark

October is not one of my favorite months, the wind turns cold, frost shows up on your windshield in the morning, and all the green disappears and is replaced with brown, orange, and red. The only redeeming feature is our annual Fall Leaf Tour. This year again, Donald and Sandy Harkus hosted the event on October 18th. Many thanks for planning a great event with some great roads. We met at Kings on I-79 for breakfast, and after we ate our short stack of pancakes we headed north with a brief stop to regroup at Lake Arthur. We had another stop at the Harkus residence to try to find a few "lost" cars. Funny what happens when a line of driving instructions is missing. No blood no foul, everyone made it to the Foxburg Inn for our late lunch. After lunch, the Harkus, Phillips, Chiappetta and Stricker cars continued to the Shiloh Resort for a late evening around the campfire roasting peanuts, burning hotdogs, and making campfire pies, not to mention the beverage of your choice. What a great day, this has become one of my favorite WPTA events. The next day after the Shiloh Resort's Buffet and before the locals all showed up for the church service, we headed out for a leisurely drive home. Thanks Donald and Sandy for a great event to send me out with.

Well, that's right; this is it, the last "On the Mark"; after four years as your president, its time to pass the baton to someone with fresher legs. Before I say anything else, first I have to thank the officers that have served during my administration: Vice Presidents Dave Jerman and Gary Fredo, Treasurer Bruce Stutzman, Recording Secretaries Gary Fredo, and Dexter Stoltz, Membership Chair Ed Woods and Newsletter editors Bill Kerns and Bruce Stutzman, thanks guys, I could not have done it without you. Also, I have to thank the membership; everyone has been so supportive of me over these years, thanks for coming out to the events and the meetings making the WPTA a vibrant and exciting organization.

When this thing started four years ago I was your Recording Secretary and very content. I had no intentions of ever becoming your President. But as things go, sometimes you're not really sure what the plan until you get there. For me, the plan was exposed when I left the room at the wrong time and ended up being President of the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association.

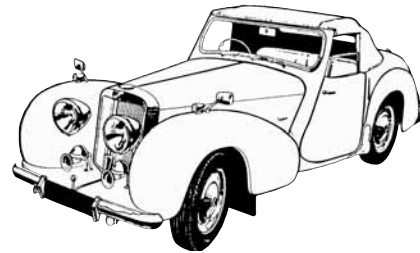
When I accepted the reins, one thing that I was immensely concerned about was that during my term, however long it was, that I would cause no harm to the club. I like to think that I have not caused any harm and that during my tenure the club has continued to grow and prosper and we've had a ton of fun getting there.

Some things that I'll take credit for even though there was a cast of thousands behind me rowing are: four tune up clinics where all the cars that arrived all left under their own power, four Import Carlisle where many treasures were exchanged and it rained the last four years, maybe my leaving will change our luck, twenty-five or so rallies where getting there was more fun than the arrival, three anniversaries where you never get tired of the sto-

ries, one twenty-fifth anniversary, thanks to the two Ed's, four British Car Days where I didn't kill anyone even when they deserved it, forty-eight newsletter meetings where some of our best thinking is done, and that's also forty-eight, half an Italian sub and about 240 pitchers of Iron City, fifteen business meetings or so where the bar talk was more entertaining than the meetings, thanks for putting up with me, and four holiday parties where everyone got exactly what they wanted.

Also, many thanks and my love to my boss and bride, Sherry, for putting up with me during these four years, always being my sounding board and conscience and even when she thought we were going about it all wrong, getting in there and rowing with everyone else. Thanks and love you.

Well, all I can say now is it has been an honor to serve as your President, thanks for having me and lastly, see ya soon.



Your Vote Counts

By Bruce Stutzman

Remember, the November Meeting is WPTA Election Day. The race for president is still too close to call.

Your vote could decide the election, so make sure you get to Cupka's on the South Side on November 14. Cupka's food is great, their selection of brews is extensive and they have the best fish sandwich on the South Side!

There will be plenty of free parking available at Ed Major's "Typecraft" parking lot just two blocks away on South 23rd street.

Arrive around 6:30 for food and the official meeting starts at 8 pm.

Elect Schweitzer

After much soul searching the *Dzus Dnuz* Editorial Board has decided to endorse Wil Schweitzer for WPTA President. After an exhaustive investigation, we have found that the allegations about Schweitzer's womanizing and general lewd and lascivious behavior, although perhaps true, have not been proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Anyway, we understand he has bought enough votes to win the election so we don't want to back a loser.

Although persistent and perhaps persuasive, we deny the rumors that Schweitzer also bought this endorsement.



by Bruce Stutzman

The weekend after Labor Day means Watkins Glen to many vintage sports car fans. Located on the southern tip of Seneca Lake, the largest of New York's finger lakes, Watkins Glen looks like it hasn't changed since it hosted

the first sports car race in the USA in 1948.

This is the Holy Grail. Smalley's Garage, where tech inspections were held in the early days is still there, still looks the same and is still an operating garage. The Seneca Lodge, the site for post race parties since the beginning is still there, still looks the same and is still an operating bar, restaurant and motel.

The Drivers Walk of Fame on Franklin Street has markers in the sidewalk (much like Hollywood) with the names of famous drivers who raced at Watkins Glen like Phil Hill, Richard Petty, Dan Gurney and Mario Andretti.

This year Ed Major, Jim Shaw, Dan Green and I went in Ed's and Jim's TR3s. TR3s are absolutely the perfect cars for this weekend.

Two different events take place here this weekend at the same time: SVRA vintage races at the racetrack and the annual Grand Prix Festival in the village.

The festival is about as delightful an event as could be hoped for by vintage sports car fans. The village is closed to vehicle traffic and thousands of the faithful descend on the place. It is one huge party with bands, beer vendors and food vendors in the streets.

The vintage racecars go to the village from the track and drive a couple laps of the old road course that goes through the middle of the village, to everybody's delight. I rode with Jeff Snook in his marvelous Devin bodied TR3 and what an experience. We drove "at speed". Hopefully there will be room to include a few of the photos I took from the car.

We made our traditional lunch stop at Pal Joey's in Jamestown, NY on Thursday for wings and beer.

The best wings in . . . at least Jamestown.

Thursday evening we had wine and cheese at Bill Dentinger's pit. Bill, who is from Wisconsin, races a TR3 and the TR3 based Tornado Thunderbolt that is on the cover of the current issue of THE VINTAGE TRIUMPH.

Jim Shaw and Dan Green did a lap of the current racecourse in Jim's TR3.

We made our usual stop at Jim and Nancy Underwood's campsite for hot dogs and corn on the cob Saturday night.

Would you believe, among the thousands of people in the village Friday night, we came across Bernie Clark, Kenny Mikos and Mike Yurko; all of who were in very festive moods.

Dick Stockton was there racing the very same TR4 that he and Bob Tullius drove to first in class in the 1965 Watkins Glen 500.

For Mark Donahue fans, and who isn't, there was a reunion of the cars he raced during his career including 3 Sunoco Camaros.

As always we had libations and dinner at the Seneca Lodge Sunday night.



On the deck at Seneca Lodge



Friday on Franklin Street



Going into Milliken's corner



Bruce in Jeff Snook's Devin TR3

Night Owl Rallye

by Doug Foyle

The night owl rally at the end of September finished as a success. Any body that didn't show missed out on a car raffle (unfortunately it was for Gary Fredo's TR7 and nobody wanted to spare a buck for a ticket). But we had a great time screaming around the back roads of northern Pittsburgh.

I thank The Roadster Factory for the wonderful door prizes. Gary won a gift certificate, but was unwilling to raffle it off. We also were able to give TRF T-shirts as awards (or rewards) for the most correct answers to the rally questions. These were awarded to Dexter Stoltz and Jamie Gamble. Jamie, please don't take too big of a bow.

We ended the run at The Harmony Inn, where we enjoyed great food; drink and talk of the spirits.

Thanks to all who attended.

Miss Nude Universe seen here flaging the cars off at the start of the Night Owl. (photo by doug)

Fall Leaf Candids



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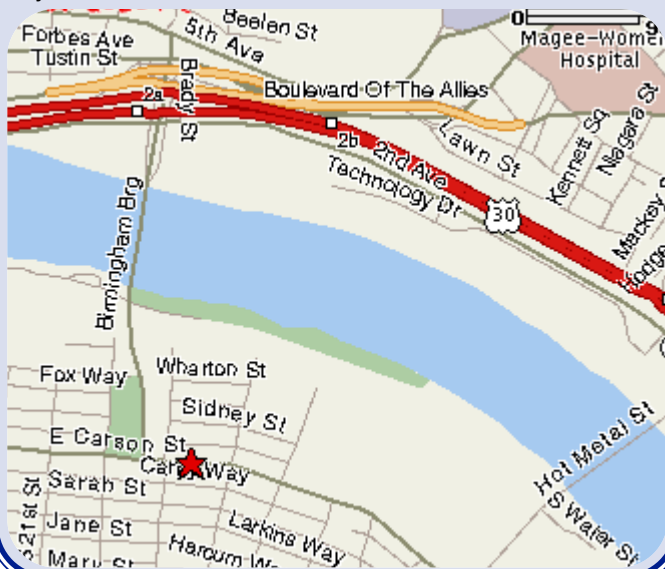
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WPTA Elections - Friday, Nov. 14 at Cupka's

Friday November 14th WPTA Elections

Show up at 6:30 for food, meeting starts at 8 pm at Cupka's II Tavern (upstairs) in the 2300 block of Carson street in the South Side. Parking in Typecraft's lot directly across from 45 S 23rd st.



Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 **Pizza at the Coventry Inn**
RSVP TRF see details inside
- Nov 14 **Election Meeting at Cupka's II**
Upstairs Party Room, 6:30 for food
Meeting at 8:00 pm
- Dec 13 **No Meeting Meeting,**
Cranberry Quaker Steak 'n Lube

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- June 10-13 **Vintage Auto Races**
at Virginia International Raceway
- Jul 14-17 **VTR National, Richmond VA**
804-746-9409

**Remember
Your vote is important on
November 14th**

**Schweitzer
For WPTA President**

Paid for by the Committee to elect Schweitzer president
Mark Phillips chairman