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## On The Mark

What a month September turned out to be. My kind of month, a car event on almost every weekend. People that complained that we don't have enough driving events on the calendar had nothing to complain about this month, three out of the four weekends where filled. We're going out with a bang this year, but don't despair if you were busy last month. We have one more WPTA sponsored driving event this month before we are all done. However, before we talk about this month, let me fill you in on what happened last.

First up, although it was not a WPTA event, was the Pittsburgh Jaguar Club's Hartwood Acres Car Show on September 14th. This is the kind of show I wish ours could be a little more like. The show is not as intense as British Car Day and a very nice venue for a car show. It turned out to be a beautiful day even though the threat of rain hung around for most of the morning. The sun did finally show up and it warmed up quite nicely. It was a nice day to be about walking around, looking at the cars, and talking to their owners. This is something that I don't get to do during our show. You know, every car has a story.

It was nice to see several WPTA members supporting our Jaguar friends, remember, they come out every year and support us. It was very nice to see so many members being awarded trophies for their hard work. In addition, this has turned into a great starting point for our WPTA sponsored event of the day, "Dogs with the Fogs".

The "Dogs with the Fogs" event has turned into one of our highest attended events of the year. This year was no different. Held again at North Park, (I think, so the FOGS can remember where it is and won't get lost), was one for the records. Many thanks to Ed and Teena Woods and Harvey and Emo Woods for a great event. The dogs were fixed just the way I like 'em, charcoal black, and a special thank you to everyone that came out to make it such a great evening.

Our second event of the month was held on September 20th, it was the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association 26th anniversary. What where you doing 26 years ago? This year Richard Dick was again our host. Richard picked out some fine roads for the tour and we ended up in Scottsdale PA for a scenic train ride, where Tom Stricker and I had the opportunity to ride in the engine of the train. Talk about horsepower. After the train ride, we had a nice relaxing dinner in a local restaurant. Thank you Richard and Judy.

Last up, on the 26th, Doug Foyle resurrected a run from the past, something we haven't done in years: the Night Owl Rallye. In fact, some of you may remember one of the last times we ran this event was the infamous all night rally, this year's rally was not quite as long. We started out at the Mt. Nebo exit on Rt. 79 and cruised the back roads of north Pittsburgh for over 2 hours at a brisk pace. There was never a dull moment trying to search out the answers to questions Doug dreamed up. I do believe he was dreaming when he came up with these, while also keeping all four tires on the road with the only illumination coming from my Lucas

headlights and our penlight flashlight. What a blast! We ended up at the Harmony Inn in Butler for some much needed refreshment, (amazing how thirsty you can get on one of these rallies), and some great conversation. Also, many thanks to The Roadster Factory for providing several door prizes. Thanks Doug for a great evening.

Coming up this month, sadly, is the WPTA's last sponsored driving event of 2003, the Fall Leaf Tour. Again, this year Donald and Sandy Harkus will be our hosts. I've talked to Donald a little about the tour this year and it sounds like a great day. We are planning on an overnight again, so if you can, plan to spend the night with us. Over the years, these overnights have been something that legends are made of. So, mark your calendar for October 18th and 19th. If you can only come on the rallye that's fine. But, if at all possible, spend the night with us and find out the answer to the age old question of whose "pj's have horsies on'em".

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## The Fall Leaf Tour

by Don Harkus

Plans have been made and the route has been set. The natives have been warned and the authorities notified. The WPTA will be heading north on the 2003 edition of its annual Fall Leaf Tour. This year's addition promises to be a classic affair in the fresh fall air. The leaves are beginning to turn and predictions are for one of the best colorful falls in a long while!

The tour will start with breakfast, if you care, and wind northward in search of forests full of fall foliage, not to mention winding country roads, rural farm country and an occasional scenic stop to rest and refresh (and drain).

Rain or shine we will meet at the King's restaurant at I-79 and 910 in Wexford., We will begin the Tour at 11:00 AM so if you are planning on breakfast, be there earlier. We plan on a more direct, but rural route at first, at least until we break away from major civilization. At that point, the route will turn into a meandering drive through the hills and valleys beyond Butler. There will be frequent stops and we will never be very far from the interstates (but not on them) for those of who you have only 1/2 a day to tour. For those more adventurous we will continue north and have made plans to have dinner and spend the evening at one of 2 destinations. The choice depends on the level of interest in overnights. So let me know if you are interested. Currently there are four to five planning to make a night of it.

For those having dinner but not staying we will set you on a direct southward course toward the Pittsburgh area. Early next morning we will be on our way once again taking an alternate route to the south and hitting some different locations of interest. I anticipate a short but crisp morning drive and breakfast before heading homeward. **Please let me know if you are interested in overnight accommodations** so that we can reserve the appropriate amount of space. Please let me know as soon as possible for best accommodations. Don Harkus 724-822-5447.

# Pat Davis Awarded Richardson Trophy

**Editors Note: I was going to write an article about Pat receiving this Prestigious award but after reading what he sent me, I decided to print it his way.**

The age-old adage, I'd rather be lucky than good, certainly applied to my weekend at the Roadster Factory Party and VTR National Convention. It amazes me how sometimes everything comes together and other times it turns to, well, you know what.

Sunday morning I was sitting in the grandstand at the Indiana County Fair Grounds trying to force down a really bad cup of coffee. Darrell Floyd, Chief Judge for VTR was on the microphone announcing the awards. I was feeling a bit under the weather because of a good time at the Coventry Inn after the car show the night before. Cold bottled amber fluid just seemed to appear out of nowhere. No one knew where it came from and no one cared, was I ever lucky, and didn't have to buy again. A great evening, but not such a good morning "yet."

I remember Darrell saying something like, "next we are going to award the Ken Richardson Cup." This trophy goes to a car that is not necessarily a concourse winner, but to a TR-2, 3, 3A or 3B that does the best in the judged car show and timed competition events. The winner is Pat Davis. You know when a traumatic situation occurs in your life and a million things flash threw your mind in an instant, this is what happened to me as I stumbled down the bleachers. One of the first things I thought about was that it looks like I didn't win the concourse. Then the hill climb came into my head, I must have done well. I had flash backs of sliding the car sideways and mashing the breaks at the top to try to get a better angle on the hay bales. I remember being upset with myself for abusing my new 48 spoke chrome wheels. Did I knock them out of true? With a death grip on the steering wheel, I started back to the Roadster Factory but didn't feel a shimmy, was I ever lucky. Next I thought about the car show. There must have been a dozen cars in the TR2/TR3 class. I overhead someone say that was the most TR2's they had ever seen in one place. I got there early and was the first car in line, but the judges started on the other end and by the time they got to my car, it had stopped raining and I had it all cleaned up and dried off, but it was almost dark, they couldn't see all the flaws in the car. Was I ever lucky. By this time I was finally at the podium and heard Darrell say "but you can't keep it" bummer. Later it was explained to me why. I did get to hold it and that was a real privilege. It belongs to VTR and was donated to them by Ken Richardson. He who wins it each year gets his or her name engraved on the on the base section not the cup itself. Also on the base is a large plaque explaining the whole thing. So I will write it word for word so those of you who are interested may know. I've read about this before but didn't realize it was over here, had no idea that it was given as an award annually. What a thrill!!! Here's what it looks like. The base is made of beautifully finished wood about two foot square and eighteen inches high with the name plaques on three sides and the explanation plaque on the fourth side. Above the base is pewter plate about ten inches around and



held in place by little blocks of wood. Then the cup, which is not attached, sits on the plate. It is engraved in French and this is what it says:

**THE KEN RICHARDSON CHALLENGE TROPHY  
24 HEUPES DU MANS  
COUPE GEORGES DURAND  
OFFERTE PAR L' A.C.O.**

I was told the Heupes is misspelled and it should be Heures. It was actually named the Durand Cup. It has a dent in it about the size of a dime.

Here is what the informational plaque says.

**THE KEN RICHARDSON CHALLENGE TROPHY**

This trophy the Durand Cup was awarded at the 1961 24 hours of LeMans Race to the Standard-Triumph Motor Company Team. Managed by Mr. Ken Richardson. This cup was awarded to the automobile marquee in which all automobiles completed the endurance race as a team and achieved the best overall record.

This award now known as the Ken Richardson Challenge Trophy shall be awarded annually to the automobile which best exemplifies a sporting Triumph TR2, TR3, TR3A and TR3B series by achieving the best combined scores of the judged and timed completion events held at the Vintage Triumph Registers National Convention. Mr. Ken Richardson generously donated this trophy on the

first day of August 1987.

Later during the awards program I was again called to the podium, I had won the concourse with 393 points out of 400. Had it not been dark, I probably would have received considerable fewer points.

Yes, I was lucky all right, lucky to have a good friend that lent me his enclosed trailer for the weekend and to have found a room in Indiana on Thursday, lucky to have the Roadster Factory for parts that are quality, look good, work well and people that really care. Charles loves what he does and it shows on his face and on his parts shelves. Lucky to know a guy by the name of John Swauger who loaded that trophy up and two hours later showed up at my house after enduring a terrible rain storm, was held up in traffic because of an accident and ran over my neighbor's cat, just so I could have some pictures taken. WHAT A GUY!!

I'm also lucky to belong to the Western Pa. Triumph Association. A great group of people who always have a cold one nearby just in case you might need one. It's hard to understand how they survive on a staple of pizza and beer, but they do it. You will find them helping other triumph people either in the pits at a race track or lining up cars at a show, always there for the other guy, good people. Go Wil!

It is needless to say that I'm overwhelmed, humbled and honored to win the concourse at VTR for 2003 and then to be given the honor of having my name on the Ken Richardson Award. I've tried to explain my feelings somewhat in these words but no one will ever quite know exactly how I feel.

Thank you,  
Pat Davis

## A sincere thank you and An Invitation From Charles To WPTA Members

I want to thank Ed and Bruce and everyone who helped with parking cars in Indiana during Summer Party. Also Jim Antis for his valuable input. We would have had a hard time getting this done without you, and you did a great job. I personally enjoyed the event on Philadelphia Street more than any other part of Summer Party. For one thing, I wasn't wading in mud up to my ankles! The cars were very well displayed, I thought, and it was likely the most impressive display of Triumphs that we shall see anywhere in our lifetimes. Your friendship is sincerely appreciated.

I am hoping that all of you, whether or not you were involved with Summer Party, might come to an informal party at The Coventry Inn in Indiana on Saturday November 8th, starting at 7:00 p.m. TRF will provide beer and wine, pizza, and salad. We will have a fire in the fireplace, and TRF staff will attend. As it is not currently open, we will have TCI to ourselves.

It would be appreciated if you could give us a call to let us know you are coming and bringing your spouse or date. Just call one of the sales lines at TRF, and they will keep a list. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,  
Charles A. Runyan  
The Roadster Factory

*Ed Note: Call Charles and tell him you are going, this looks like the makings of a fun event.*

## November Meeting in the Sa Side

*By Ed Major*

The club has made arrangements to hold the November "Election" meeting in the upstairs party room at Cupka's II Tavern on Carson Street in the South Side on Friday November 14th from 6:30 to 11. Sort of centrally located the officers are hoping for a good meeting turnout. As South Side has some parking problems you will be able to park at Typecraft's lot if you so desire, located at 45 S 23rd St., it is only a two-block walk from the Inn. There is a "minimum" that the club will have to pay if attendance would be small, but by locating the meeting in a centralized local we are hoping that a lot of you come out. We will be ordering off their regular menu, and it will be a cash bar. Stay tuned to next issue of the Dnuz for further details.

## On The Mark *continued from page one*

Lastly, coming in November and something you must attend, several complaints of impropriety by your President have been registered over the last four years and sergeant at arms, newsletter editor, treasurer, and wan'a'be race car driver Bruce Stutzman has investigated. His report will be given to the membership on November 14th at 8:00pm at Cupka's II in the Southside. It is expected that following the public humiliation of this report, your current President will retire and enjoy the lavish lifestyle of past presidents, accepting generous donation for his soon to be established "On the Mark" Library, accepting honorarium for boring and outdated speeches, and accepting honorary B.S degrees, that's bull s—t, from the Institute of Inept Mechanics and the College of Lucas Electrical. I don't think you will want to miss the tar and feathering. Schweitzer for President, did I say that out loud?

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



## Dogs with the Fogs, Mk III

*by Ed Woods*

Well, if you weren't at North Park on September 14th you missed the best "Dogs" to date. While Harv and I were grilling the hot dogs, kielbasa, and bratwurst, The Stones provided live entertainment with a few of their standards, including "Satisfaction" and, my favorite "Brown Sugar". Mick and the boys wanted to stick around and perform after the feeding frenzy, but we had to say "no", since we had The Eagles scheduled right after dessert. Mick was under the mistaken impression that "dessert" was some kind of white powdered stuff, but he had to settle for chocolate chip cookies, carrot cake and a few other more mundane sweets. We were unable to offer that old 'Burgh favorite Pecan Balls due to budget limitations and a lack of donors. Bummer. Right after "Desperado", we were treated to a 5 and a half minute rendition of "Hotel California" which absolutely brought down the shelter. By this time thousands had gathered for the free entertainment, but we managed to feed them all. Sort of like the biblical loaves of bread and fish thing, but with hot dog buns and bratwurst substitutions. It took the County Police 8 hours to clear the traffic on Lake Shore Drive after the show. Very few of us were able to observe the Joe Lucas admonition "Home Before Dark". Like I said, if you weren't there, you missed the best "Dogs" yet. I wonder what's in store for Dogs with the Fogs, Mk IV?

## Classified

**For Sale:** TR250. The car is 75% complete If your interested call Bob Speshock at 724-677-0198.

**For Sale:** TR4 Windshield frame with glass \$20, Chuck 724-348-4122

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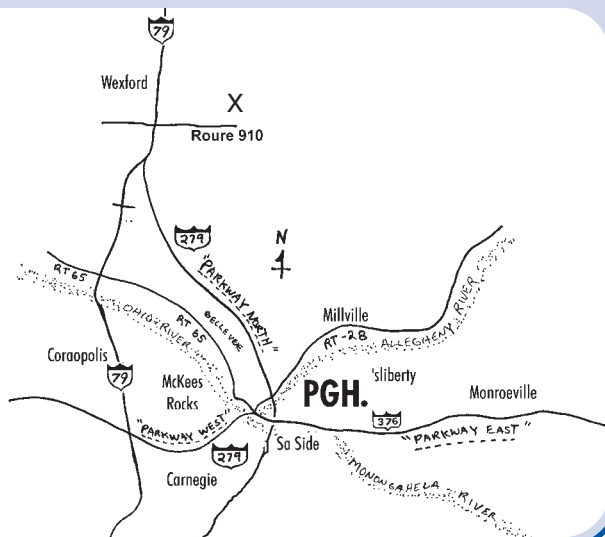
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## Fall Leaf Tour - October 18-19

### Sat., October 18 WPTA Fall Leaf Tour

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### Calendar of Events

- Oct 18-19 **Fall Leaf Tour**  
Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Oct 28 **Newsletter Meeting,**  
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Nov 8 **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 ~

- Oct 9-11 **Vintage Auto Races**  
at Virginia International Raceway

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

**Schweitzer  
For WPTA President**

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