

Established  
1977



www.wptriumph.org

# Dzus Dnuz T

Volume 26 Number 4

Zōos Nūz

January, 2003

President	Mark Phillips 412-561-5972	Recording Secretary	Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
Vice President	Gary Fredo 724-378-9610	Membership Chairperson	Ed Woods 412-486-4294
Treasurer	Bruce Stutzman 412-831-8884	Newsletter Editor	Bruce Stutzman stutzman@adelphia.net

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, I think I've finally eaten enough; I don't even want to smell another cookie. It's been one wild week of gatherings and family events, but it has been one of the nicest Christmases Sherry and I have had. I hope everyone has had all his or her Christmas wishes come true this year.

We've made it through another year, 2003 is here. I've not made any resolutions yet; I have to give it some thought. One might be to make some progress on Sherry's TR4. I know this would make Sherry happy. It has languished in the garage in many boxes for several months; it really needs to get done. That might be one, another maybe try to be neater. I have a habit of just leaving things out; my office desk can sometimes be overwhelming. That's two; I think that is about all I could hope to improve this year. As I keep reminding Sherry, I am nearly perfect already.

I'm hoping that this year a few of the WPTA members will make a resolution to get more involved in the club. Every year we have the same people coming forward to host events and volunteer their time. I'm hoping that this year we will have some new people step forward and try their hand.

Before we talk about next year lets recap the last event of 2002. December 7th was our "No meeting, meeting". There was a very nice turn out, and several of the members drove out in their Triumph. There is nothing like the sound of a Triumph blasting down the road on a cold winter's afternoon. Thanks to everyone for stopping out. It was a relaxing afternoon with friends.

On the way home I made a stop, along with several other members, to see our new merchandise outlet, "Embriodme" in Cranberry Township. It is on RT 19 across from the Cranberry Mall. I picked out a new sweatshirt with the WPTA logo on the front and our web address on the back. Arlene at "Embriodme" was very friendly and helpful. For those of you that don't know the WPTA is getting out of the clothing business. "Embriodme" in Cranberry is now handling all WPTA embroidered clothing. I am hoping that this will work out for our membership. You will be able to have embroidered the WPTA logo on any piece of clothing you want, from a denim shirt to a nylon jacket to intimate apparel in any color of your choosing and you will be able to try on the piece of clothing to make sure it fits. This eliminates the problem we have had with clothing being sized funny or the club having to make a large investment in stocking merchandise and then always having items left over. The club was never making any money on these items and it was getting difficult to find someone willing to work with us on our small volume requirements. So give Arlene a call at "Embriodme" 724-776-4070 or stop in. Lets see those WPTA colors.

January is a slow month for the WPTA, giving you lots of time to work on those winter triumph projects. The only event on the calendar is our Steering Committee meeting. This committee consists of past presidents, current officers, current committee heads, and event hosts. Please, if you fit into any of these categories, come out to our residence, 647 Royce Ave, which is in the South Hills, January 4th 2:00pm. If you need directions give me a call, 412-561-5972. Also, regular members are invited to par-

ticipate but be aware if you show up there is the possibility you will be given an event to host. Hope to see you there.

The first event of the new year is our annual Holiday Party on January 18th. This year we are at the Loews Waterfront. See Sherry's update for more information. This is always a memorable event. You will not want to miss it. Send your money in now.

The WPTA is in the process of planning our 2003 calendar, and as I said earlier I would like to see some new faces step forward to host an event. This is much easier then it sometimes appears, but careful planning is always required. If you are interested in finding out which annual events require a host or if you have an idea for an event please contact Gary Fredo 724-378-9610. Gary is the keeper of the calendar and he will be able to give you a day for the event.

As far as the actual event this is something that is totally up to the host, if you are interested in hosting one of our annual events Gary can let you know which are available and some general ideas for those. The other events we have are whatever you want to do; the only requirement is it should involve driving your triumph. It can be as long as you want, you may plan an intermediate stop to see a site or quench your thirst. Remember the idea is to get out in the cars and have fun. It is that easy.

You should have a general idea of where the event will end, although we have had events when we had no idea where or when an event would end. Some of you may remember our all night rally where everybody had the opportunity to lead the event. I think some drivers didn't get home until the next day. Most rallies don't need to be that long. The best seem to go for 3-4 hours 70- 100 miles. Most of the events end at an establishment that serves refreshments but try to keep it low key. Try not to require RSVP's from participants since this discourages someone making the last minute decision to join in.

Some of the events that we have historically had are rallies with questions and answers about items along the way, poker runs, bar runs, all night rallies, early morning runs, and email runs. The type of event is up to your imagination and don't be afraid to experiment. So, if you have an idea, drop Gary or me a note, and remember it's about driving the cars. Happy New Year and see ya soon.

## Duez Notice

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

"A sports car called the Triumph 20TS appeared at the 1952 London Auto Show at Earl's Court. The TR1 (as it was later known) threw down the gauntlet to other sports car manufacturers: Watch out, there's a new kid on the block. For the next 29 years, until the last of the real sports cars died in 1981, a succession of TRs ruled the land."

—VTR 2002

# The Magazine Rack

by Bruce Stutzman

I stopped at Borders' Book Store the other day and perused the car magazines. I am always surprised by the rich selection of magazines available to car enthusiasts.

I was pleased to find articles about Triumphs in 3 different magazines. I suppose 50 years since the introduction of TS1 has something to do with the increased interest. Actually Austin Healey and Corvette are also celebrating their 50th.

The January issue of SPORTS CAR INTERNATIONAL, a copy of which I purchased, has an article entitled LATE 50'S CLASSICS that features the TR3, Austin Healey 100, MGA, Alfa Romeo Giulietta and Porsche 356.

The February issue of COLLECTIBLE AUTOMOBILE features a beautiful color photo of a 1953 TR2 on the cover. It includes an article and more photos of the TR2, which is painted yellow, as is Wil Schweitzer's TR2. And we always thought there was only one yellow TR2!

The December January issue of BRITISH CAR includes an article featuring the TR2, TR3 and TR4.

Sometimes I wonder if anything can be written about our cars that hasn't already been written. I hope there is because I am always looking for new folklore.

## Summer Party Hangover

As many of you are aware, due to unspecified circumstances, the Summer Party Car Show was not held at the usual location of Downtown Indiana in 2002. As a result, Nancy & I found ourselves sweltering in the mid day heat, on TRF's grounds, rather than basking in the A/C at Culpepper's as would be our normal activity for that Sunday afternoon. This led us to an alternative plan, which was to bail out of the show and head for Griffith's Restaurant & Bar. I remember the food was good, the Nascar race was on & the beer was cold. I also remember leaving that establishment and requiring a push start from some friends but this is where things get a little muddled. As the photo below so vividly depicts, it seems that I ultimately ended up in Tanker's garage, dressed in this rather unbecoming attire. As you may notice in the photo, Tanker's dog "Tucker" also seems quite amazed by this turn of events. I have recently learned that the show will be back in Indiana in 2003 and will be held on Saturday evening. I shall make a New Years resolution to try and keep my cool as well as my clothes on!

PS: I truly hope this photo doesn't end up on the I-net cause I sure wouldn't want any of my biker friends to see me in this condition.

Tanker, did you say something about a hundred bucks??



## Update On Wray's TR4

by bruce stutzman

In the June issue I reported on the re-introduction of the restored tub and chassis on Wray Brady's TR4 as performed by Wray, Jim Shaw, Ken Nelson and Ed Major.

Ed and I dropped in at Wray's garage the other day to drink his beer and check on his progress. I am delighted to report a substantial amount of progress. In fact, Wray is almost ready to take the TR4 to Larry Learns' upholstery shop in Indiana, Pa for the professional installation of a Roadster Factory interior and seat kit.

I do believe we are going to see Wray and his TR4 out and about this spring.



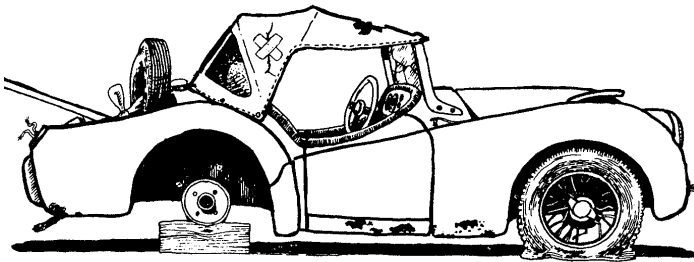
**Although the title that came with the photos below said "63 and still having fun", we ask you . . . will this man still be smiling when he gets his new purchase home?**



# WPTA Club Regalia

Do you like Triumphs? Do you enjoy talking about them and are you proud to be a member of WPTA? One great way to show your Triumph and club enthusiasm is to wear a shirt, jacket or hat with the official WPTA logo. We have a new supplier for WPTA clothing. Arlene Fusko is the owner of EmbroidMe in Cranberry, Pennsylvania and can supply hundreds of different clothing items, all with the WPTA logo embroidered. Still available are the time tested favorites, like golf shirts, denim and khaki long sleeve shirts, and the Gear brand nylon jacket. Now we can also add hundreds of other choices of styles, materials and colors, and all is available with our own club logo. So why not make your favorite shirt, jacket or cap a WPTA regalia item. You can stop by and see Arlene at EmbroidMe, located in the Gigliotti Plaza at 20120 Rt 19 in Cranberry. Her store is just across the street from the Krispy Kreme Doughnut shop. Or call Arlene at (724)776-4070 or email at cranberry@embroidme.com.

*Ed Note: EmbroidMe is the Official Licensed Apparel Shop for WPTA*



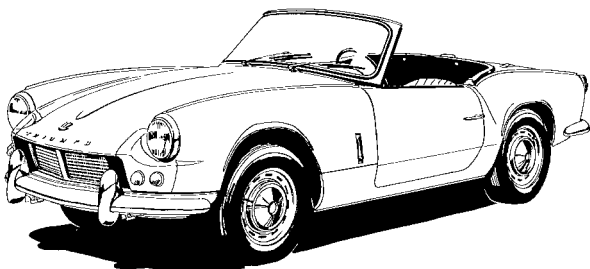
I found it!!! When Ron Mabon drew this old beat up TR, little did he know that I would find it 15 years later in Wray Brady's garage. . . Ed M



## Classified

**Wanted:** I am looking for a TR3A or B to restore. In running (sort of) condition with limited run and a good frame. Contact Frank Navratil at (w) 412 893 3600 or (h) 724 942 2545 or navratil@adelphia.net.

**For Sale:** 1971 Spitfire, 17,000 miles, runs well, great condition overall. Will need tires, (original tires still on car) and a muffler. Recently replaced battery and cleaned the fuel system. Have a little over \$3000 invested. Call Frank Tipping at 724-368-9268 (Car located in Harmony PA)



# WPTA Holiday Party

By Sherry Phillips

Hard to believe, but Christmas is over and by the time you get this Newsletter, the New Year will be here. Just a reminder, the Holiday Party is just around the corner. Be sure to come and spend an evening having fun with all your Triumph Friends!!

**Where:** Loews Waterfront Theaters,  
300 Waterfront Drive,  
West Homestead, PA 15120

**When:** Saturday, January 18th

**RSVP by:** January 11th

**Checks Payable to:** WPTA

**Cost:** \$22.50 per person

**Send Money to:** Sherry Phillips,  
647 Royce Ave.  
Pgh., PA 15243

Don't forget to bring that **SPECIAL** Triumph related gift that no one can resist having!!

We look forward to an evening filled with **FUN, FOOD and FRIENDS!!** See you there!!

*P.S. Hope Santa brought everything that you wanted!!*

## Letter to the Editor

Hello Bruce:

I surely was pleased with the article that you had in your November issue of the Triumph Newsletter.

Thank you for your research about the 1954 Sebring entries and ferreting out my participation. I had nearly forgotten the event. That I was the first driver to have the privilege to compete in a TR2 in a major USA racing event is quite an honor.

Perhaps this winter we can get together a few friends for a glass of wine in my garage in Shadyside.

When I know I'm going to be in town for a week or so I will call you.

Happy holidays,  
Regards,  
Alan Patterson

---

**Schweitzer, Schweitzer,  
He's our man, if he can't  
do it no one can!!!!**

**Elect Wil Schweitzer**

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

Established  
1977



# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION

2348 Weston Dr., Pittsburgh PA 15241

A CHAPTER OF THE VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER  
A CENTER OF THE TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

[www.wptriumph.org](http://www.wptriumph.org)

**January, 2003  
Issue of the  
Dzus Dnuz**

## **Holiday Party, Saturday January 18th At Lowes Waterfront Theatre**

**Send your Holiday Party Reservation In before Jan 11**

### **Holiday Party**

**Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003 at**

**Lowes Waterfront Theatre**

Located in the Waterfront in Homestead



**THIS YEAR!!  
QUAKER STEAK & LUBE  
SHARON PA RUN BACK  
BY POPULAR DEMAND**



**~WPTA~**

### **Calendar of Events**

- Jan 18**     **Holiday Party**  
See Details inside
- Jan 27**     **Newsletter Meeting,**  
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- June 7**     **Quaker Steak & Lube at Sharon, PA**  
Jim Underwood
- June 27-29** **Celebration of 50 Years of TR's**  
Mosport Ontario

#### **~ Events Of Other Interest ~**

- Feb 7-9**     **World of Wheels Auto Show (Hot Rod)**  
David Lawrence Convention Center  
Fri 3-10pm, Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 11am-7pm