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Where There's A Wil

We have passed the halfway point in the summer driving season with a fair amount of success. Most of our events have been pretty well attended, despite sometimes threatening weather and rain. For example, British Car Day with over four hundred registered cars. The Washington County Tour and Allegheny West Car Display both had a moderate number of participants who enjoyed the events.

There are some events coming up that we haven't had in past years. On Saturday, July 31st, there is the Johnstown Brewery Tour, a joint event with the MG Club of Pittsburgh, put together by Richard Dick. We hope to meet up with some members of the Central Pennsylvania British Car Club at the brewery. On Sunday, August 22nd, we will have the "Honey Don't Drive So Fast" Rallye, put together by Ken Mikos and Mike Yurko. I plan to attend these events and hope to see you.

I want to thank all who helped to make British Car Day a success, especially the chairmen. Mark Phillips, the show chairman, who used his organizational skills to put it all together, as well as attending the PVGP meetings and seeing to many details that made for a successful show. Ed woods, the registrar, who worked countless hours to get all the registrations in order, mail the registration cards, and oversee the registration related activities at British Card Day. Jim Shaw, the field chairman, who arranged the show field, and was in charge of parking the show cars. Bud Osbourne, the awards chairman, who was in charge of all that had to do with the awards.

For those who are wondering how the engine for my '2000' Roadster is coming along, the machine shop work is finished, the new parts have all arrived, and Bruce has started to assemble it. I still have some work to do before the engine can be installed, so I expect that it will be a little while before the car is on the road.

Wil

Below left is part of the Allegheny West Car display, Below right were Architectural Artifacts for sale at the AW house and garden tour.

The Johnstown Brewery Fun Run

by Richard Dick

The Johnstown Brewery Fun Run is set for July 31st, so mark your calendar. The MG Club of Pittsburgh has been invited to join us on the run. We will meet those coming from the Central British Car Club of Altoona. This should be a fun time for all!

We will meet at the Cracker Barrel Restuarant on the South Side of I.S.70 (Exit 57) which is the New Stanton Exit and very near the New Stanton Exit for the Turnpike.

The first group will leave at 11 a.m. The trip is about 1hour and 45 minutes through very scenic countryside. We should arrive at the Brewery around 1:00 p.m.

Judy and I are planning on breakfast (and shopping) at the Cracker Barrel and lunch at the Brewery. We are giving some thought to staying overnight in Johnstown, visiting the Flood Museum and taking in some of the sights.

Questions: Call Richard Dick or Judy at 724-379-5172. Email: rdick@midmon.com

It's the "Honey-don't-drive-so-fast!" Run

Hosted by Ken "The-birthday-boy" Mikos and Mike "Pass-the-Jim-Beam" Yurko

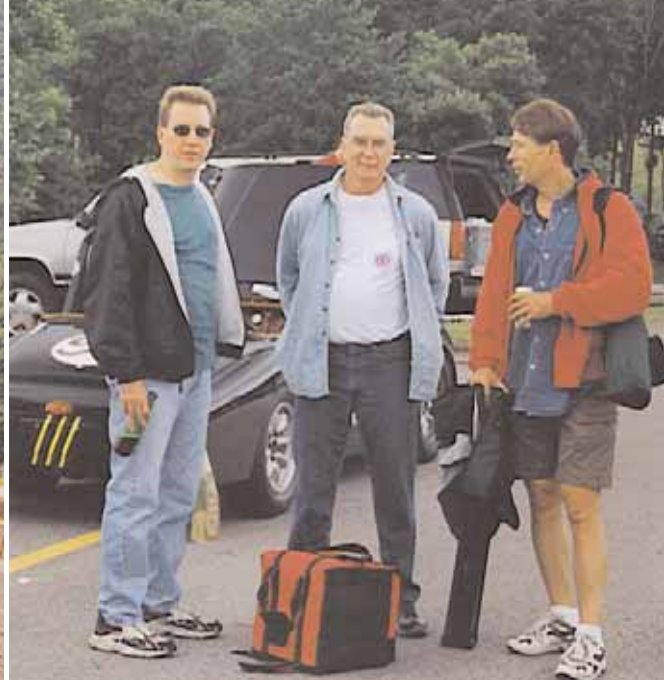
When: Sunday, August 22

Where: Meet at 1 p.m. at King's on Rt. 286 in Plum Borough

Strap the wife in tight and get ready for some shrieks of terror. Ken and Mike's "Honey-don't-drive-so-fast" Run promises to send shivers down the spines of drivers and their victims alike. We'll cruise the back roads of the east and head toward the Laurel Mountains. Last stop, a leisurely siesta at Casa Chapala in Ligonier, where we'll enjoy fine Mexican cuisine and adult beverages. Don't forget the Beano!! Information: Ken 412-400-9293

Directions: Take the Parkway east. Exit at Rt. 22. East/Monroeville. Go about 1 mile, exit at 286 east. King's is approx 3 mi. on left. Casa Chapala, 122 N Market St., Ligonier, (724) 238-7399





Above left is the crew in the Goshen Pass just outside of Lexington VA, above right are Gary, Ed and Ken in front of the Grassroots Motorsports TR3, below we have Harvey and Ed Woods with the WPTA tent, next is a fine group of very fast TR4' race car's, and on the bottom are Ed and Harvey fixing a broken generator lead (hot, hot, hot) on Bruces TR4 in Fairmount, WV. A total of 7 WPTA triumphs made the trek to VIR in Danville, VA.

Jerry's Big Adventure

By Bruce Stutzman

For the last several years Friends of Triumph (FOT) have been picking one race venue each summer as the gathering spot for Triumph racers. Two years ago it was at Mid Ohio, last year Mosport, Canada and this year Virginia International Raceway (VIR). Because of Jerry Van Vlack, WPTA has been an integral part of these gatherings.

The WPTA hospitality tent was Jerry's idea and what a great idea. We pitch our big red and white tent in the middle of the Triumph pits and provide a free continental breakfast for all the TR people. And it is a real gathering place the whole weekend. People are having lunch there, drinking beer and just sitting around talking Triumphs.

The tent, poles, etc. together are rather larger than a Triumph trunk. Fortunately The Roadster Factory has provided the delivery service to and from the venue.

This year to VIR Jerry planned a real back roads adventure. Some of the best sports car roads in the country are between Pittsburgh and Danville, VA. And we used as many of them as we could.

A small but hardy band of us met Wednesday night at the Elkins Motor Lodge in Elkins, WV; the gateway to the Monongahela National Forest. We enjoyed a great meal and a couple pints at the 1862 Tavern. Bright and early the next morning we were off.

Our group consisted of Ed and Harvey Woods driving my TR4, Jerry and me in Jerry's TR4A, Ed Major in his TR3 and Jim Shaw and his son Pete in Jim's TR3.

It took us most of the day to get to Danville which is on the North Carolina border. The roads were marvelous and the scenery was breathtaking.

And what a great time at VIR. Lots of TR racers and TR owners and enthusiasts. The racing was great and the camaraderie was even better.

Later in the weekend Gary Fredo and Kenny Mikos arrived in Ken's TR6; Eric and Dex Stoltz showed up in his GT6 and Charles Runyan and one of his sons drove in towing TRS.

Next year the event is going to be in Oklahoma——



WCT Wrap Up

by Bud Osbourne

In excess of twenty cars (MGs, a couple of Porsche 356s, and four Triumphs) braved the weather and the wilds of Washington County to participate in this year's annual Washington County Tour.

Half of the cars, forming two groups, elected to do the "traditional" route, while the others decided (prudently, as it turned out) to take the less adventurous, less challenging, "short route". Those who opted for the short route reported a very pleasant, DRY tour, affected by only one of Bud's (in) famous dyslexic moments, in the writing of the route instructions. The adventurous ones got plenty of adventure, in the form of rain/thunder showers over the extreme southern part of the route. One of the two "adventurous" groups, in addition to getting wet, saw a WHOLE LOT more of Washington County than was on the Tour Route, when they took a couple of wrong turns and decided to find their own way back on course... Ah, well: what's another hour or so, when you've got all night Saturday and all of Sunday, right guys?

Meanwhile, back at "Ozland", Cindy had arranged the covered dishes and munchies as well as a keg of Yeungling Lager to greet returning "Tourists". Fortunately, the showers and storms stayed well to the south and we were able to enjoy a nice, quiet evening in the country with good friends, good food, and great cars.

This may have been the final edition of the Bud Osbourne-concocted Washington County Tours, as next year I plan to concentrate on getting back into racing. Cindy, after suppressing her "strangle reflex", thinks I'm dreaming/daft/delirious/etc. She's probably right (she usually is), but, I really need to take another shot at it, while I still can "shoot". Thanks to all who've been faithful participants. The enjoyment you have derived from these tours has made putting them together a rewarding experience for me. Remember: "if you don't DRIVE it, you don't get it!"

Sorry about that

You may have noticed in my article last month about Cumberland that there was a blank space. That space should have had Bill and Marcy Pukansky's names in it. Bill and Marcy were in the car show with their very nice Spitfire. Editor.

2004 Calendar of Events

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| July 31 | Johnstown Brewery Tour
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| Aug 22 | The "Honey Don't Drive So Fast" Rallye
Ken Mikos & Mike Yurko 412-795-8381 |
| Aug 30 | Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar |
| Sept 19 | Dogs with Fogs
Ed Woods 412-486-4294
or Harvey Woods 412-486-2549 |
| Oct 2 | Anniversary Run
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| Oct 16-17 | Fall Leaf Tour
Don Harkus |

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

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| Sept 10-12 | Watkins Glen Gran Prix Festival
See Bruce, Ed M, Bernie, Ken, Jim S, Dan Jim U, Nancy or Mike for information |
| Sept 11-12 | British Car Festival, Altoona PA
Jim Pastore 814-942-7742 |
| Sept 19 | British Cars at Hartwood |
| Sept 20-26 | SCCA Runoffs
Mid Ohio Race Course |



Hey, Let's Go Racin'

By Ed Major

You would have thought that after 5 days at Virginia International Raceway, watching hundreds of sports cars and tons of Triumphs, that I would have had my fill of racing for a while. But nooooo; I had to take the boys over to Mid Ohio Race Track, the next weekend, for the SVRA Sprint Vintage Grand Prix.

But what a great time we had! Upon arrival at the track, Mike and EJ were signed up on the same pit crew that I was, so they got the "official" paddock pass for the Len Picton Racing Turner. All the racers were wonderful to us; they let the boys sit in some of the most exotic cars there. The most memorable one was a GTP1 Spice-Buick LeMans car. This car then managed to finish first in the 50-minute feature race that had some of the fastest cars on the planet. Another car that Mike was excited to see was the 1994 Benetton Ford of world champion Michael Schumacher, Mike's favorite Race driver.

I made sure that I was covered in the evening by finding a motel with a pool, where the boys had extra fun time to expel all their energy while I chilled out from the day's activities.

The car we pitted for (in spirit only) wasn't really competitive as classified because the car had been prepared for a much stricter sanctioning body that didn't allow many updated modifications. It had to be raced "as when new" back in 1954. The boys still had a great experience seeing just what it takes to get a car to the race track, through a race schedule, and packed up to head on home.

Back at home, the boys immediately set out to re-create the Mid Ohio course layout on the family room floor with their Hot Wheels track (see photo). I imagine Len Picton's ears have been ringing ever since as they take turns being Len out on their track. What a great experience we all had at a beautiful racing facility. If you ever want to see sports car racing at it's finest, visit Mid Ohio next June for the Sprint Vintage Grand Prix, or get up to the Zippo US Vintage Gran Prix and Fall Festival at Watkins Glen in September.

In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for events at our local Beaver Run Motorsports Complex right up in the Beaver Valley, just minutes from the PA Turnpike. As the Beaver track matures the racing will just get better and better. Visit www.beaverun.com to learn more about your local track.

For Sale: Set of Panasport wheels with tires, 15" x 6" silver wheels with Toyo 205-60 15 tires. Excellent condition, about 3000 miles on wheels and tires. \$995 for everything. Ed Major 412-488-1600 ext 207 days or 412-882-6964 evenings and w/e. or email at: ejmajor@typecraftpress.com

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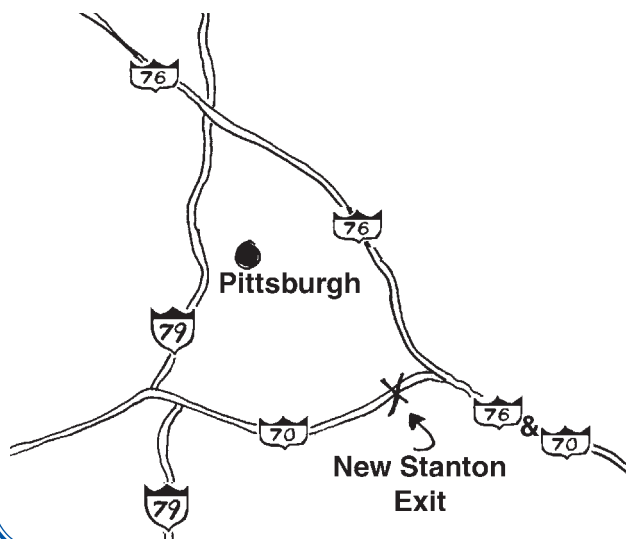
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