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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.

Where There's A Wil

There have been a few events for our club since the last newsletter. First was the Tune-up Clinic. Thank you, Roy Miller, for the use of your facility, a great place for the event. Also, thanks to Doug for arranging the event. There wasn't an awful lot of work done, but some oil was changed, some problems were solved, some pizza and hoagies were eaten, and a lot of socializing took place. I think that a good time was had.

The second event was the American Cancer Society Poker Run, in Washington County. The route was planned by our member, Bud Osbourne, who also led the vintage cars on the run. It was a shorter run and over better roads than most of Bud's tours. All of the vintage cars belonged to WPTA members. There was Bob King and Joan Gibb in Bob's TR6, Richard Dick and Judy Gunsallus in Richard's TR7, Dan Greene in his TR3, Bud and Cindy Osbourne in an antique BMW sedan, and Linda and I in Linda's Spitfire. At the end of the run we drew the final cards for our poker hands and then enjoyed a picnic lunch. During the lunch a drawing was held for door prizes. Dan Greene won a gift certificate for \$100 from Paul's Chrome, and Cindy Osbourne won a certificate for a massage. After lunch the winners of the poker game, including Joan whose three nines won \$250.00, were given their winnings. It was a very enjoyable day.

The third event was the North of Pittsburgh Tour. Thank you, Don, for designing the tour. I regret missing the tour, but Linda and I had prior plans for a four day weekend in the Baltimore/Washington area. We thoroughly enjoyed Don's Fall Leaf Tour last year and look forward to seeing what he has in store for us on this year's Fall Leaf Tour.

The fourth event was WPTA at Import Carlisle. While the weather wasn't perfect, it was a lot better than it was last year. There were fewer vendors than in the past, but some of our members found some very good buys, among them a nice TR6 frame, a couple of fenders for Alec's vintage racer, and three pair of American Racing Silverstone wheels. As always there was a lot of socializing among our members and visitors, at the clubs tent.

June has a variety of events lined up. First is the National Road Rally, a must for those who autocross or are serious about rallying. Second is the International Triumph Challenge at VIR, a gathering of Triumph enthusiasts of all disciplines. Third is the Vintage Races at Mid Ohio which Linda and I will be attending, along with several other WPTA members. Fourth is KARTING at Beaver Run, where you can try your hand at open-wheel racing. Fifth is the national meeting of Triumph Register of America, the TR2/3/4 national organization of which WPTA is a chapter.

Please read the article about the 2004 Allegheny West Garden Tour car display on July 11th, and plan to attend.

Wil

Allegheny West British Car Display Sunday, July 11th

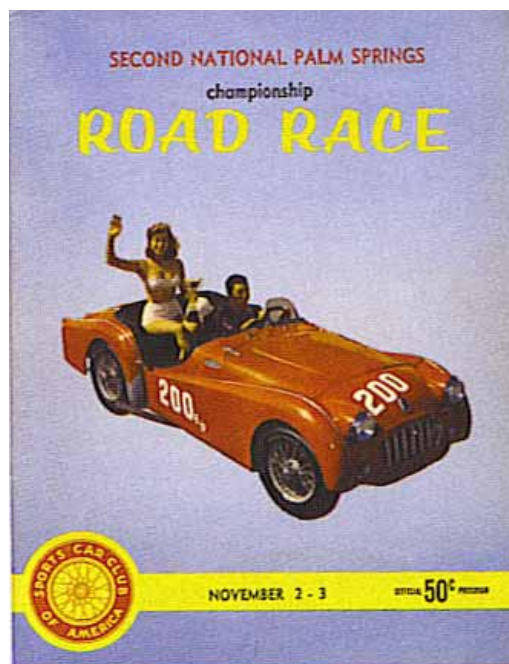
By Wil Schweitzer

WPTA has been invited to display our vintage British cars from noon to 5 P.M., at the 2004 Allegheny West House and Garden Tour on Pittsburgh's North Side. This is an area of Old Allegheny, dating back to the eighteen hundreds, where many of the area's richest people had their homes. Many of these homes have been restored by their proud owners, some of whom will make them available for the house and garden tour. The walking tour takes approximately two hours, and includes some home interiors as well as gardens. Two tickets to this tour will be given for each car in the display.

The show is in the eight hundred block of tree-lined North Lincoln Ave. One of our members owns a house in the nine hundred block, and participants in the show are invited there for refreshments and to socialize during the afternoon. Some chairs will be provided, but please bring your own if possible. The house is undergoing restoration and thus is without bathroom facilities, but a port-a-john will be provided.

Arrangement have been made for a gourmet brunch at the Ugly Duckling Cafe. Cost including tax and gratuity will be \$16.00. The private room for our group holds only twenty-four persons, so there will be two seating times, 12:30 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. For brunch reservations send \$16.00 per person to: Wilmer Schweitzer, 20 Grandview Ave., Hickory, PA 15340-1121. Please make checks payable to Wilmer Schweitzer and indicate your seating time preference, if you have one. Brunch reservations are limited to the first forty-eight received and must be received by July 1st. Brunch reservations are not required to display your car.

To participate in the display, you should plan to arrive between 11:00 A.M. and 12 noon. Late arrivals will be parked in the 900 block, which is not closed to traffic. A map will be in the July Dzus Dnuz.



Tune Up Wrap Up

by Doug Foyle

Its a wrap. The clinic proved to be quite successful for all in attendance. Several changes of vital fluids and attempts at other projects, some successes and some less successful.

We thank Roy Miller for the use of his facilities, John Swauger and The Roadster Factory for coming down with a nice selection of tune-up items. And thanks to Scott Schober for donating a 55-gallon barrel of 20w-50. Without these individuals, this event could never be pulled off.

The highlight of the day was when Keith Lark and his son Matt arrived in their freshly restored '66 TR4A. Quite a beautiful car with 400 miles of teething. Several members dove in to try to get the carbs and timing adjusted properly. It was running considerably better in the end, but was in need of a few parts to replace wrong ones that were installed years ago. The car is a two-year restoration with Matt doing a great deal of the work. Great job!

We had over twenty cars in attendance. There were several "Bruce" stories of old, "Hey, if you're not going to attend, we'll tell stories behind your back!"

Thanks to all who attended.

Washington County Tour '04

by Bud Osbourne

It's time, once again, for our annual, summer evening sojourn through the hills and valleys of picturesque, rural, Washington County. This year's Washington County Tour (approximately the 14th, annual) will be held on Saturday, July 10th. New, for this year, will be an alternate tour route (for those with soft butts, or whiney passengers, or if you're just not feeling like spending 2-2 1/2 hours behind the wheel) of about half the length/time of the "traditional" Washington County Tour. You who are serious drivers needn't worry, however, as there will be a separate set of route instructions for the traditional tour route. Both tour routes will be over winding, plunging, back roads, in comfortably rural settings.

New, for this year, are the starting and finishing points of the event: We'll meet and start from Cindy & Bud Osbourne's home (Emerald City?) and we'll return there, at the end of the tour for food and refreshments (bring a covered dish-type munchie and a couple of bucks toward the cost of burgers, brats, dogs & beer). The new venue should eliminate any parking, table service and food order hassles and allow everyone to mingle freely within the group. As usual, the Greater Pgh. MG Club and 356Burgh (local Porsche 356 club) will be joining us.

Those wanting to drive a traditional length WCT route should arrive between 5 and 5:30 PM, with the first group leaving around 5:30. Those wishing to try the new, abbreviated tour route can arrive between 6 and 6:30 PM, and expect to get under way on the tour around 6:30-6:45. The plan is for both tour routes to



Top Photo Ed woods adjusting the carbs on a TR4A, middle photo is Chuck Chapas changing his oil

deliver back to Cindy & Bud's between 8 and 8:30. Those of you who don't want to do ANY touring are still welcomed and encouraged to show up between 8 and 8:30 for food, refreshments and socializing. We're looking forward to seeing you on July 10th!

Information/questions: Bud (tour routes) 724-356-4464 or Cindy (food-what to bring)724-356-2237

Bottom left Photo of Bud during his Lucas Electrics Tech session back in April, and below a very nice group of classic sports cars outside



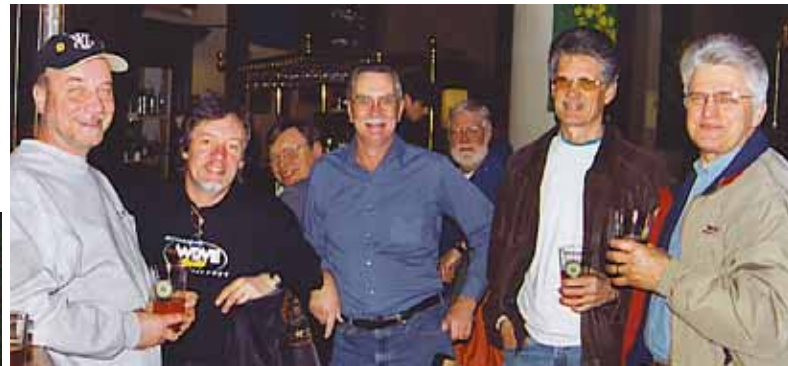


Proof that we're not all FOGs



The above photo was sent into us by club member Ken Fishter, his car, a 1980 TR7 is currently being restored by Gas Center Auto. Ken is hoping to have it back on the road by Memorial Day, looking good Ken, Keep up the hard work and we will see you out and about this summer.

Ed Note: Memorial Day is here Ken, how is the car running?



A motley group of Classic sports car owners in there favorite position - leaning on the bar

In English pubs

Ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "mind their own pints and quarts and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Classified

For Sale: 1974 TR-6, Sapphire Blue with light blue interior. Black top. Looks great. Low miles since restoration with recently rebuilt engine. Ideal car if you want one ready to drive and admire. I have one too many cars. Asking \$11,000/OBO. Call Tom Mueller at 412-366-3945. or email at: tom_mueller@bradycorp.com

For Sale: 1980 Triumph TR8 Convertible. 74,680 miles. Persian Aqua exterior with newer tan interior. New tan rug kit installed. Canvas top with clear windows. Original carbs have been replaced with a Holley 4-barrel mounted on Buick manifold. Rebuilt starter and alternator. New brake master cylinder, rebuilt vacuum booster, rebuilt clutch master cylinder and slave cylinder. Everything on the car works including A/C and clock (it runs a little fast - so does the car!). Engine strong. Recored radiator. Reconditioned steering rack. Many other new or rebuilt parts. \$7,500 obo. Call Ray Robb at 724-832-3041 or e-mail at rayfranrobb@wmconnect.com

A New MG

by Bruce Stutzman

Do you remember the MG Midget in the late 50s? It was a nice 4-door sedan with MGA running gear. Not a bad car but never a big seller in the states.

MG's new 4-door sedan, however, is no Midget. Would you believe the new MG ZT 260 sports the Ford Mustang GT V8 engine? What we have here is a British muscle car.

MG is owned by Rover, which, until recently, was owned by BMW. Ford bought Rover from BMW so, presumably, Ford now owns MG.

Ford is discontinuing production of the aluminum V8 engine that Rover bought from General Motors in about 1964. This engine was fitted to the TR8 and MGB-V8 among other British cars. It is being replaced by the very modern Ford 4.6 litre V8. Hence, a new MG with the Mustang GT V8. Not available in the U.S.

The Old and the New, or is it the other way around?



The photo at the left shows the famous WPTA member/race driver Bill Emery in his TR3A back in 1964/65 era at Cumberland MD, while a more recent picture of Bill and the same car, a little more "used" shall we say at Nelson Ledges. Congratulations to Bill for over 40 years of SCCA racing the same TR3A. It's good to see that Bill kept those MG guy's behind the TR where they

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June 4-6 National Road Rallye, Cumberland MD
June 10-13 - Int'l. Triumph Challenge at VIR
June 26 KARTing at Beaver Run

2004 Calendar of Events

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| June 4-6 | National Road Rallye, Cumberland MD
Bruce Stutzman 412-831-8884 |
| June 26 | KARTing at Beaver Run
Ken Mikos 412-795-8248 |
| June 28 | Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar |
| July 10 | Washington County Tour
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464 |
| July 11 | Allegheny West Car Display
Wil Schweitzer 724-356-7341 |
| July 17 | British Car Day at Schenley Park
Wil Schweitzer 724-356-7341 |
| Aug 22 | The "Honey Don't Drive So Fast" Rallye
Ken Mikos or Mike Yurko 412-795-8381 |
| Sept 19 | Dogs with Fogs
Ed Woods 412-486-4294
or Harvey Woods 412-486-2549 |
| Sept 25 | Anniversary Run
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| Oct 16-17 | Fall Leaf Tour
Don Harkus |
| Nov 12 | General Business Meeting
location to be determined |
| Dec 11 | No Meeting, Meeting
location to be determined
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610 |
| Jan 2005 | Holiday Party
Jim & Nancy Underwood 724-929-8187 |



~ Events Of Other Interest ~

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| May 29 | All British Car Display
Kent, Ohio |
| Jun 10-13 | International Triumph Challenge at VIR
Virginia International Raceway |
| Jun 18-20 | Vintage Races, Mid Ohio |
| Jun 24-26 | TRA National Meet, Springfield OH
www.triumphregister.com |
| July 17-18 | Pgh Vintage Gran Prix Schenley Park, PA
Mark Phillips 412-561-5972 |
| Jul 14-17 | VTR National, Richmond VA
804-746-9409 |
| 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 |