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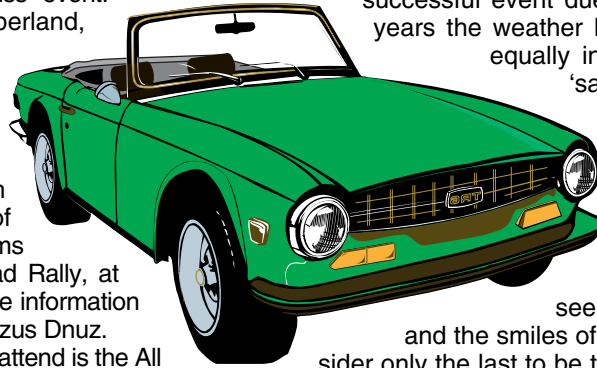
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Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

Where There's A Wil

As I write this, the weather seems to be improving. Still cold, but the snow cover is disappearing. Spring must be on the way and that means Triumph driving time. Have you decided what events you plan to participate in this year? Early in the year, in addition to the traditional favorites, Church Brew Works and Import Carlisle, we have a new "can't miss" event: the National Road Rally in Cumberland, Maryland. Linda and I are planning to be there. This is an easy drive away, and promises to be a great gathering of British cars. For a schedule, visit their web site at www.nationalroadrally.com. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn in Cumberland (301) 724-8800. As of February 14th, there were still some rooms available, blocked for the National Road Rally, at \$79.00 plus tax per night. There is more information in a separate article in this issue if the Dzus Dnuz.



Another event that I am planning to attend is the All British Car Display on Saturday, May 29th, at the Historic Kent Family Home in Kent, Ohio. This event starts with a \$4.00 breakfast in the dinning room of the home. Pre registration for the show is only \$2.00 per vehicle. Day of show registration is \$5.00 per vehicle. Admission gates are open from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. To pre-register, send a check to Kent Homestead Preservation Society, c/o Bob Brown, 230 S. Diamond St., Ravenna, OH 44266.

Progress is being made on the engine rebuild for my 2000 Roadster. Bruce and I dismantled the engine, and found that it had been redone poorly in the past. This fact, combined with other problems, will require very careful checking of all the components and their fitting. Most of the pieces are now at the machine shop being cleaned, checked, milled, bored, etc. Meanwhile, Bruce is checking the oil pump for wear and I am trying to locate the new parts that he will need to reassemble the engine. While the engine is out of the car, I need to clean and paint the engine compartment and refurbish the starter, generator, aircleaner, etc. This may take longer than the engine rebuild. Bruce moves quickly on the road and in the shop.

Winter is a good time to decorate your Triumph and some of your clothing with the WPTA logo. I have decals (\$1.00), patches (\$1.00) and badges (\$40.00) for sale by WPTA. These are available at most meetings or contact me by phone at (724) 356-7341 or by e-mail at wilandlinda@hotmail.com to arrange for delivery by mail.

The March meeting, often the first meeting of the year to which we can drive our Triumphs, will be at the Church Brew Works. I hope to see the traditional large turnout for an afternoon of good food, good beer, and good company. Plan to be there!!

Wil

The Church Brew Works

by Dexter

Can't wait to see you 13 March around noon for the Church Brew Works assembly. So far, this has been a very successful event due to a lot of luck - for the past two years the weather has been incredible, leading to an equally incredible turnout (now, if I say that 'saying that might jinx it', it might not jinx it). Also, this is an opportunity for a lot of people to get their cars out for the first time of the year to shake out the bugs for spring. I know I was joined by a couple of TRs last year, and if you go to the WPTA website, you'll see pictures proving that, the weather, and the smiles of those inside. For now, we can consider only the last to be true.

No More Dnuz!!

If your mailing label sez "03 or has the dreaded "red Star" on it, your membership has expired and this will be your last Dzus Dnuz. Send your renewal check in the amount of \$15 or multiples thereof to: Ed Woods, 105 Hawk Drive, Glenshaw PA 15116

Spring Break 2004

By Ed Major

What is it about pizza and beer that some guys will drive 200 miles just to get it? Or could it be the Triumph parts that you see everywhere? Then there's the camaraderie and the social aspects of the event. Where else can you get all this stuff, plus a great car show, an autocross and "the boys night out"? What event, you ask? Well, **Import Carlisle** of course. Carlisle is sort of the Spring Break of an official Triumph Nut! Do you measure up? Well, plan on attending this year's event and see if you do. It runs May 20, 21 and 22. It's a three-hour drive from Pittsburgh and the real "nuts" stay the weekend. WPTA has two Flee Market spaces reserved at the Fair Grounds for your "parts" and a block of rooms reserved at the Howard Johnson's Inn, (the old Best Western) at the rate of \$75 per night with two beds in each room. Talk it up with one of your Triumph friends and plan on going to Carlisle this year. For room reservations call 717-243-5411 and mention that you are with Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association to get the rate. The rooms are only being held until April 21st so act now. If you plan on selling any quantity of parts, give Jim Shaw a call at 412-262-3878 to reserve space. See you at the Fair Grounds in May. I'll be the one in the corner with a beer in my hand.

Camshaft's

Fred and Don are hosting a tech session on March 20th at 10:00 am at Don's house, which is located at 362 Mahood Road, Butler, PA 16001. Don's phone number is 724-284-9172. The subject is camshafts, a necessary component in all Triumph engines! Proper installation of camshafts being quite an important matter, we presume that Don and Fred will show us how to properly accomplish this feat.

April 17 Tech Session....Electrics

by Bud Osbourne

Join the Greater Pittsburgh MG Club and 356Burgh at Bud Osbourne's garage on Saturday, April 17, at 10 AM, for a fascinating and informative tech session on everyone's favorite automotive electrics.....Lucas! We'll listen to lectures on the subject, from Professors Toward, Coen and Osbourne, filled with the type of information that can ensure a full driving season of reliable, worry-free motoring....at least where Lucas electrics are concerned. We'll also explode some popular myths, so that the next guy you hear making a fool of himself by telling Lucas jokes, in front of those of us "in the know", won't be you.

We'll also address suspension maintenance, including Armstrong lever-action shocks. You may be "shocked" to find how badly your car's handling has deteriorated from what it was when new and at how easy it is to return it to original specs and function. Oh, yeah. You've probably noticed that I mentioned 356Burgh as one of the clubs participating. There are three reasons for that:

356Burgh member (Professor) Bruce Coen is one a them electrical Gurus, and he also rides a Triumph motorcycle.

Many of the maintenance and troubleshooting procedures for Lucas also apply to Bosch (which, in reality, are no better nor worse than Lucas).

356 guys like to drink beer and tell tall tales, too.

We'll break for lunch around noon or 1 o'clock. Beer drinkers should plan on bringing their own beer. Since the garage is heated, you can't use weather as an excuse for wimping out (if you are allergic to cats, you'd better take precautions as four of them live in the heated part of the garage). See you on April 17!

3RD Annual National Road Rally Cumberland, MD

June 4-6, 2004

by Bruce Stutzman

First off, this is not just a rally, although the name may give you that impression. This year it will be a celebration of British sports cars. And it is not very far away.

Friday night from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM will be a reception. Saturday from noon to 4:30 PM will be a car show in historic downtown Cumberland followed by a lap of Cumberland by the show cars.

Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM will be an autocross at the Cumberland Airport. My TR4 will be there with bells on and will be unbeatable (unless Jim Underwood's MG is there).

There will also be a rally on Sunday.

So, get on the bandwagon; we're heading to Cumberland. Check out their website at www.nationalroadrally.com for more information. The entry form should be online on March 1.

Need Garage Space?

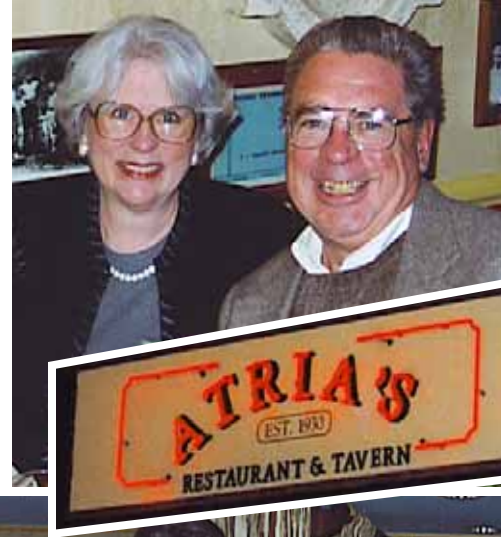
Rent or buy this space and you should never need to complain about a lack of garage again. Located minutes from I-79, Rt. 228, and Rt. 19 is a 5000 square foot building with parking, heat and air, 13 foot ceilings. and 12 foot garage doors. Contact Allen Randolph III at office (724) 774-0452 and at home (724) 898-8025.

2004 Calendar of Events

- Mar 13** Church Brew Works,
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 20** Tech Session, Camshafts, 10 am
Don Harkus/Fred Williams 724-789-7466
- Mar 29** Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- April 17** Tech Session, Electrics,
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- April 27** Newsletter Meeting, (Tuesday)
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- May ??** Tune-up Clinic.
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 20-23** WPTA at Import Carlisle
Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May or June** Butler County Tour
Don Harkus
- June 4-6** National Road Rallye, Cumberland MD
Bruce Stutzman 412-831-8884
- June ??** Run to Johnstown Brewery,
Potential event to be determined
- July 10** Washington County Tour
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- July 17** British Car Day at Schenley Park
Wil Schweitzer 724-356-7341
- July or Aug** The Roadster Factory Mini Summer Party
- Sept ??** Anniversary Run
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Sept ??** Dogs with Fogs
Ed Woods 412-486-4294
or Harvey Woods 412-486-2549
- 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

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 1** British Car Swap Meet & Show
330-867-5000
www.northeastohioaustinhealey.com
- May 8** Poker Run American Cancer Society
84 Auction, to Mingo Park
- 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
- Sep10-12** Watkins Glen Gran Prix Festival
See Bruce, Ed M, Bernie, Ken, Jim S, Dan
Jim U, Nancy or Mike for information



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March Meeting, Saturday 13th at Church Brew Works

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Saturday the 13th**

**at
Church Brew
Works,
in Lawrenceville**

3525 Liberty Avenue, Lawrenceville
No RSVP just show up @ 1: pm

Directions to the Church

Located on the corner of 36th and Liberty Avenue, Lawrenceville. This is above the strip, yet not as far as the Bloomfield Bridge.

