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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

Time really does fly. Already a year has passed since I was "elected" president of WPTA. I have enjoyed the past year and hope that you, the members of WPTA, also found the year rewarding. The election of officers will take place at our meeting on Friday, November 12th, at Callahan's in the Great Southern Shopping Center. Callahan's has very good food and a "Happy Hour" with \$.99 beer until 7 P.M. It is family oriented, with electronic games that give tickets to redeem for prizes. Let's make our meeting a family event.

Another important meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20th, at my home in Hickory. This "steering committee" meeting will begin at 10 A.M. and should be over by noon. I urge anyone who is willing to host an event, chair a committee, or has an idea to improve WPTA to attend. Linda will provide a light lunch and I will provide beer. My home is easy to find and just a twenty minute ride from I-79 in Bridgeville. Take Route 50 West to McCarrell Road, on the left across from the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company. Hickory Auto Repair is on the corner. Go to the first street on the left, Grandview Avenue. My home is number 20, the fourth house on the left.

There were three WPTA events in October, the Anniversary Run hosted by Richard Dick, the Fall Leaf Tour hosted by Don Harkus, and the Halloween Get-together hosted by Don Accumando. Thank you all for your hard work in organizing these events.

On October 20th, I attended Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association check presentation to the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School. This year the check was for \$125,000, the 2nd highest amount raised by the association. WPTA was a Silver Sponsor, with our donation of \$4000. In recognition of our support we were given a framed miniature of this year's poster with a thank you proclamation on the mat. British Car Day, our biggest event, is not only welcomed, but also desired by the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association. In talking to Mike Connolly, the president, and Dan DelBianco, the executive director of PVGPA, I realized how important British Car Day is to the PVGP weekend. It is often mentioned in the advertising and is a major part of the PVGP video. Both Mike and Dan expressed a strong desire for us to continue to hold British Car Day in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Coming in December is our annual No Meeting, Meeting and in January our Holiday Party. Be sure to mark your calendar for these events.

*Wil*

## Clearance Sale

One a few pieces of WPTA club regalia remain. Great for gifts and at bargain prices.

2 Blankets (black) Orig. \$35.00 Sale \$20.00  
1 Jacket (black 2xl) Orig. \$50.00 Sale \$25.00  
1 polar-fleece pullover, half-zipped,  
(charcoal, xxl) Orig. \$31.00 Sale \$16.00  
Call Wil at (724) 356-7341 or e-mail at  
wilandlinda@hotmail.com to arrange shipping.

## Planning (Steering Committee) Meeting

Saturday, November 20, 2004, 10 am

Wil's house, Hickory PA

See Wil's article for directions

Well, it's getting close to the end of another year for WPTA again. As I look over the calendar there is only one more chance to get the Triumph out, which will probably be in the WPTA history books by the time you read this, there are several meetings coming up as well as the end of the year holiday party which is always a great time. I was fortunate enough to be able to make quite a few events over the past 9 months and they were all well attended and everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone who already put on an event this year as well as a thank you in advance to the chairmen/women for the events remaining on the calendar. I also want to thank the members that showed up to participate at the events. Remember the only reward that the event chairmen/women receive is strong participation, smiles on the participants and thanks from the participants. If you attended an event this year and didn't get a chance to thank the event chairman/woman then please do so at your earliest chance. Once again thanks to everyone that was willing to spend the time to put together an event this year.

On to new business! There is a planning / steering committee meeting on the calendar in November. This is the perfect opportunity to get an early jump for an event on the calendar for next year. This is also a great time to bring up any winter events that anyone is thinking about chairing. If you have been thinking about planning an event for next year please come to the meeting or contact Wil or I before the meeting so we can reserve a date on the calendar for your event. Also please remember that the events don't have to be long events that take up most of the day. If you only have the time available to plan a short event that is fine because there are plenty of members that only have time to attend a short event - a perfect match! Of course there are plenty of members, including myself, that really enjoy driving our Triumphs for hours on end so both types of events are needed. Also if you are new to event planning and need some tips give me a call and I can either offer guidance or refer you to one of the other members that have experience in the type of event that you want to plan. Hope to see a big turnout at the planning / steering committee meeting. See you there.

## Thought for November

**Sex is like air.**

**It's not important unless  
you aren't getting any!**

# Watkins Glen '04

by Jim Shaw

Fall, a time of changing leaves, pumpkins, cool nights, rain, and the annual pilgrimage to Watkins Glen for the VRSA Vintage Races. September 9 2004 proved to be an excellent weekend for vintage racing. Dan Greene and I departed on Thursday mourning after a night of windshield replacement and front end alignment on the trusty black TR-3. The windshield replacement was made more necessary by the forecast of rain for our Thursday drive. After breaking one windshield repairs were a success. Well at least the leak is now on Dan's side, not my problem. The TR-3 had languished in the back of the shop after returning for the VIR. A wheel bearing had failed in Virginia and work had just been completed on the right front suspension. The lower trunion had worn so the entire right front suspension was changed, just to be on the safe side.

Once the car was packed we were off. At Slippery Rock we left the Interstate and began our journey cross country to reach Highway 62, traveling up the Allegheny River. This is always a pleasant drive and we met very few cars on 62. The cause of the lack of traffic proved to be that the road was closed due to flooding, a tropical storm will do that you know.. After couple of detours we arrived in Jamestown NY. We traveled on Interstate 86 over to the Finger Lakes area, arriving in the late afternoon.

Our annual Triumph adventure always takes us to Montour Falls, to stay at the Falls Motel. We have become so comfortable there that Bruce had been observed sipping coffee on the veranda in his PJs. A must stop and view is the famous Montour Falls, from which the town gets its name. In past years we have always commented that it was more of a trickle than falls. This year we were greeted with a roaring, raging torrent of water as an impressive sight especially at night with the lights.

Friday's weather was spectacular with clearing skies setting up a perfect autumn weekend in the Finger Lakes. Friday is the day at the track to watch practice sessions for the various vintage groups and catch up with the race teams. This year was a special year for the WPTA with Len Pictian coming out with his vintage Turner race car. Many of group know Len from Import Carlisle. Len is a long time racer and put on a good show with his Turner.

Friday the FOG representatives, Jerry and Ed brought our WPTA group up to six members. The evening hosts the lap of the old Watkins Glen circuit for the Vintage race and is always a high spot of the weekend. The park downtown features an invitation only Concourse Car show with racers out from the track and parked on the main street of Watkins Glen. This event attracts quite a large crowd to view racers and the vintage race cars. This year was a great year for Ed Woods with the 50th Anniversary of the Collier Cup Race for MG T-series. We ended our day with a quiet dinner, sipping on beverages and reminiscing on old race stories.

Saturday starts with a quart of coffee for Bruce, breakfast for the rest of us and off to the track we go. Qualifications take place with drivers trying their best to secure a good placement on the starting grid. We spent the day driving to various spots around the Watkins Glen circuit to view the qualifying efforts.

Most year's Jerry brings his grill and assumes the role of "chef" for the WPTA comrades. This year Jerry brought Ed Woods instead of his grill. Let's see grill or Ed, grill or Ed which is more useful? At least Ed is more entertaining than the grill. Fortunately Henry and Helen Frye lent us their grill and everything to prepare lunch. During lunch Helen related a story about the TR-4 race car. When Henry first purchased the car and began racing the car which had actually been built by Bruce and Bill Fornwalt, Helen asked where we came from.

Henry's reply, "Oh them, I think they came with the car." And I guess we did.

Qualifying takes most of Saturday and if our guys aren't on the track they are in the pits and garage area. Everywhere you look, bonnets are open on race cars. This is only activity that can probably compete with free beer. Now Saturday evening was a sad time for us this year at the Glen. Certain things you look forward to and come to expect. One of these is our invitation by Jim and Nancy Underwood's campsite for a cook out. It has been a Saturday night tradition for years. Unfortunately events prevented Jim and Nancy from attending this year. Nevertheless Bruce came to the rescue and acquired tickets for the Racer's dinner .....not bad but in your writer's opinion I sure hope the Underwoods attend next year.

Sunday is race day. A quart of oil in the cars and a quart of coffee for Bruce and away we go to the track. I was a great day of racing, nice weather and lots of race cars. In all of the activities of the weekend I have failed to mention Bernie. He arrived sometime Friday night, not driving his trusty yellow TR-4, but he had borrowed the company van he had driven from Detroit. Bernie left us amateur racers to have dinner at the Seneca Lodge with the Formula 1 guys ( you'll have to ask him about it).

Leonard did well with the Turner, classed with cars with much more horsepower. Henry Frye finished 1st among the Triumphs in his class with no problems all weekend.

Ed and Bruce were able to stay Sunday night to make the leisurely drive home on Monday and for a couple of years Dan and I have been able to do the same. Sunday night is also our pilgrimage to the famous Seneca Lodge for dinner. Most of the racers have left and we enjoy a nice dinner in the lodge. This year the four of us were joined by Leonard and his wife Lee. A good meal with friends and many racing stories told made for a pleasant end to the weekend.

Monday our tour guide, Bruce, had plotted out another route home. Again a quart of coffee in Bruce, no quarts for the cars and we hit the road for Pittsburgh. Fog slowed us a bit in the early morning, but gave way to a beautiful day of TR driving. Watkins Glen, historic track and racing history, just more reasons to own, drive and enjoy your Triumph sports car.



Montour Falls NY, Lots of water from hurricane Francis



## Reports From Richard Dick

### Altoona Run

The Central British Car Club of PA once again put on a great weekend at Altoona. According to the Pastore's this was their largest group ever. Friday evening was spent socializing with past participants as well as newcomers. They came from all surrounding states. The "Funcana" Saturday was a big hit. The Pig Roast and Deserts Saturday night were simply outstanding. New this year was a story teller and she was great! Sunday DelGrosso's Park hosted us for a day of fun and MORE food. The only down side for Judy and I was the disintegration of a Wheel Bearing on Saturday afternoon. We had LOTS of help getting back on the road and made it home safely. Another fantastic weekend!

### Anniversary Run

Judy and I wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who showed up for the Anniversary Run and dinner afterward. The weather was not the best, but the run was just great. Through Washington and Greene Counties and over a couple of Covered Bridges. The cold beer, great food and spectacular view from the Highpoint Lounge was a wonderful conclusion to the day. We hope the members make a New Year's Resolution to attend more events in the future and possibly sponsor an event. Remember you don't have to drive your British Car in order to attend a driving event.



Anniversary Run

### Classified

**For sale:** Spare parts for Triumph TR6 including: 4 steel wheels (fully refurbished and repainted), 4 Michelin red line tires (two are on steel wheels), 4 center hubcaps (silver), 4 original wheel trim rings, and other miscellaneous items. For more information and pricing, call Alan Bernstein at 412-373-1317 or 412-915-4654.

**For Sale:** 1971 Austin America. Here's your chance to own the original Dzus Dnuz shuttle vehicle. Ridden in by an inebriated Billy Kern (previous newsletter editor and not seen since) Runs great and comes with a BMC hydrolastic suspension service machine that's seen better days. First 2 grand takes it. Jim @ 724-929-8187 or underwood@dp.net

**For Sale:** A friend is selling his Healey 100, it needs some things, but the price is right (and may even have some wiggle room). Car is in Johnstown, PA. Wesley P. Easley, 412.918.2262 day, 412.355.0281 eves.

**For Sale:** '59 TR3A, \$1500, call after 7 pm, 412-731-6855.

**Make Offer:** '76 TR7 Coupe, excellent body and interior. Driven 12 years ago, always garaged, partially disassembled. Call Mike 412-795-8381.



## Holiday Party 2005

by Jim & Nancy Underwood

Well, like it or not, it's time to start thinking about the upcoming holiday season and that brings us to our annual Holiday Gala Event. The date is January 15, 2005 so mark your calendars. Nancy checked the Farmer's Almanac and that date should either be sub zero, a blizzard or both! After all, we don't want to be the ones to break with tradition. This year's party will be held at The Clubhouse Grille at Cedarbrook. The location is at the intersection of I-70 and Route 51 in Belle Vernon PA. Nancy & I attended a banquet there last year and the buffet is terrific. Also there is plenty of parking and we have a very large room reserved. The menu consists of: Carved Sirloin, Chicken Marsala, Stuffed Shells, Broiled Cod, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans and Mushrooms, Salad & Rolls, Desert, Iced Tea & Coffee. A cash bar is nearby. The cost is \$20.00 per person, tax & gratuity included. Send a check payable to WPTA to Nancy Underwood, 805 Harold Street, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The cutoff date is January 1 2005. There are two motels located within a mile for those who may wish to stay the night. The Holiday Inn at 724-929-4600 and The Sleeper Inn at 724-929-4501.

## Volunteers Needed At Turkey Bowl Vintage Race at Summit Point, WV

by Mark Palmer, Event co-Chairman

I'm pleased to announce the Eighth Annual "Turkey Bowl" race at Summit Point Raceway. This is a small, low-key "club racing" weekend that features vintage sports cars, some more modern machinery, and a class of "Legends" cars.

The dates this year are November 26-27-28, Friday-Saturday-Sunday directly following Thanksgiving. Summit Point is located about 60 miles west of Washington, DC, near Winchester VA.

As in previous years, we are actively seeking volunteers to help with flagging, grid marshalling, and other tasks. No experience necessary! We will train new people and match you up with experienced personnel. Howard Weiss will be the Safety Director again this year.

What can we offer to our volunteers? First and foremost, the opportunity to see some great racing, from the closest vantage points imaginable. This year, there will be race groups for pre-1959 cars, for 1960 - 1972 sports cars, and for some newer SCCA-type cars — along with the entertaining Legends hot-rods.

Lunch will be provided all 3 days. Dinner on Friday night will be on your own, but there will be a catered dinner on Saturday night for all workers. As in the past there will be some memento of the event, and we plan to have the drivers give worker rides at least one day.

Please respond to Howard at popdocpop@hotmail.com if you are interested and he will add you to the list of workers, and provide more information.

### 2004 Calendar of Events

Nov 12	<b>General Business Meeting</b> Callahan's in Bridgeville
Nov 20	<b>Steering Committee Meeting,</b> location to be announced
Dec 11	<b>No Meeting, Meeting</b> Cranberry Steak & Lube Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
Jan 15 '05	<b>Holiday Party</b> Jim & Nancy Underwood 724-929-8187

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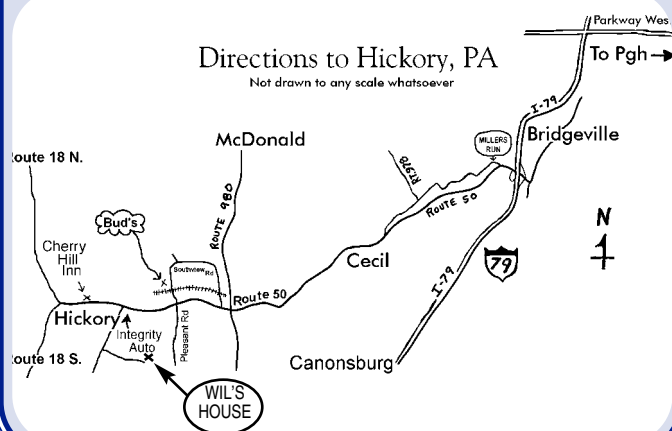
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**Sat., Nov. 20, Steering Committee Meeting  
Fri., Nov. 12, Business Meeting at  
Callahan's in Bridgeville**

**Sat., Nov. 20, 2004  
Steering Committee  
Meeting at Wil's House**



**November Meeting,  
Friday the 12th  
Callahan's Grill,  
Great Southern  
Shopping Center**

