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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

Fall is definitely here. About half of the cars at "Dogs with the Fogs" arrived with their tops up. I was asked if I ever removed the surrey hardtop, and realized that I hadn't this year. I do drive with it off occasionally, but not this year. I seldom go far with the top down, so for short trips I take Linda's Spitfire, which has spent as long as a year without it's top being up.

We have three major events coming up this month, as well as the general business meeting. First is the Anniversary Run on Saturday, October 2nd. I'm sure that Rich and Judy have planned a super afternoon of driving, ending with dinner. Second is the Fall Leaf Tour, on October 16th. I'm sure that Don has also planned a great tour. Third is the Halloween Get-together on October 30th. Although no touring is involved I'm certain that Don has arranged for the beer to be cold and the parking to be British Cars only.

I urge all members to try to attend the general business meeting on October 8th at Callahan's. For those who haven't been to a business meeting, there is very little business involved. The gathering is an informal social event with a very short business meeting at 8 P.M. Some of our members choose to sit and drink at the bar while others prefer to have dinner at a table in the area reserved for our meeting. There is no definite time to arrive, but most come between 6 and 8 P.M. The business meeting is to meet the requirements of being a corporation. At this meeting the nominations for officers will be made. Usually the incumbents are the only nominees, but other nominations will be welcomed. Callahan's is very easy to find, being in the Great Southern Shopping Center which is a short distance from the Heidelberg exit of I-79 on Route 50 West. There is plenty of parking space at the center, so come on out.

Coming on November 20th is the Steering Committee Meeting. I urge everyone who is willing to plan an event, head a committee for British Car Day, or has some ideas for our club, to attend.

We have a new source for our club regalia. It is Cutting Edge Embroidery, located in Mt. Lebanon. I will have more information and their catalog at the meeting on October 8th.

On behalf of WPTA I thank Ken Nelson for his years of service as our Webmaster. He worked with Scott to give us an outstanding website. Thanks Ken, and good luck at your new work location.

*Wil*

## Annual 2004 Fall Leaf Tour

by Don Harkus

"Let the leaves fall where they may". This year's fall run will be as unpredictable as the weather has been. (But then again aren't they all?) However, what will be guaranteed is that it will be full of new sites, roads, food, drink and fun for all. So mark your calendars for Saturday, October, 16th. We will be meeting at 1:00 at the Route 528 Park and Ride. Take Interstate 79 North to the Evan City Exit (RT528) and it is immediately off of the exit. If you have any questions, give me a call, at 724-822-5447 or evening at 724-284-9172. Hope to see you all there.

## Anniversary Run

by Richard Dick

The Anniversary Run this year is on October 2nd. We will meet again at the Amoco Service Station on Route 519 and exit 43 off of I.S. 79 also known as the Houston exit south of Cannonsburg at 1 pm.

Washington and Green Counties just had a "Covered Bridge Festival" and this gave us the idea. We are planning a leisurely run through scenic Washington and Green Counties past some of the 25 bridges and over others. As some of you remember we went over two of the bridges in Mingo Creek Park a couple of years ago. As of this printing we will end the tour with dinner at the California Boat Club in California PA. Please mark your calendars for the Anniversary Run on Saturday October 2nd.

For more information or any questions call Rich or Judy at 724-379-5172 or email rdick@midmon.com.

## Triumphing Over at The Sharp Edge

by Don Accamando

The Sharp Edge issues a ghostly invitation for Halloween.

The Alpine and Leige-Rome-Leige Rally's, Monte Carlo, LeMans and the Mille Miglia; are a few of the legendary races that featured formidable competition and yielded outstanding results for vintage Triumph automobiles. Reading articles about these races when names like Maurice Gatsonides, Ed Pennybacker and Ken Richardson and the fine reputation of the Standard-Triumph Motor Company of the early years makes the mouth water. That is if you're a Triumph owner and lover!

For the select few who have the pleasure of owning, fixing and on countless occasions, driving a Triumph these days, stories like this and the ones we've lived some 45 years later are the stuff of legend. Throughout the year the Vintage Grand Prix, British Car Days at Hartwood, the Anniversary Run and Fall Leaf Tours provide a venue for our sort to get together and discuss our own classic memories.

As the driving year comes to a close yet another opportunity to gather presents itself. It's a pleasure to announce that the Sharp Edge of Crafton will again welcome the areas premier Triumph Club to their establishment affording us an opportunity to experience our own mouth watering event. This time however it will be the ale that brings on the salvation.

Plan on meeting at the establishment located at the intersection of 288 West Steuben Street and the Thornburg Bridge in Crafton at 1 o'clock on Halloween, October 30th to enjoy each others company, swap stories and a few howling beers and sandwiches. Mindy Heifler and the staff at the Sharp Edge are excited to have Triumphs of today adorn their lot, and are willing to establish separate checks to make things easy for all. So come out and celebrate the end of another great year.

See you there! Don Accamando



Bill at Watkins Glen in 2004

## 40 Years Of SCCA Racing

by Dan Styduhar

Bill Emery is competing in his 40th year of SCCA EP racing with the same car. This was taken at Nelson Ledges where he competed this past August 28-29, 2004 in a double regional.

He took a first place on Saturday. There were no other EP cars at the track. On Sunday he took second place. A Mazda RX7 showed up in EP. My son-in-law and my brother and his two sons were members of Bill's pit crew. My brother and his two boys were vacationing from Oregon and helped out.

Sincerely-Bill Emery's assistant,  
Dan Styduhar  
TS25801L

## A Ferrari Story

sent in by Bud Osbourne

That reminds me of a true story that happened to a friend of mine back in 1955. He worked for a race shop in Los Angeles that prepared a couple of Ferrari's for Sebring that year. After the race, he drove one of the race cars back to Los Angeles while the other went to Europe for a race over there. In New Mexico, he was traveling about 100 MPH in a relaxed mode.

The highway patrol there were driving '55 Buicks (widely known for having shitty brakes). He passed a cop sitting by the side of the road, and the cop immediately pulled out. Joe really didn't think much about it, and kept it at about 100. Twenty minutes later the cop began to appear in Joe's rear view mirror. Joe leaned on it up to about 140 and the cop disappeared in the mirror. Joe began to feel guilty, so he slowed it back down to about 90.

After another 20 minutes the cop re-appeared (he wanted him bad). Joe decided to pull over, and he pounded the brakes and brought the car to a very quick halt (as you might imagine). The cop went by Joe at about 80 with smoke pouring out of all four brakes on his Buick. He sailed over the horizon in a cloud of brake smoke. 15 minutes later, he returned to where Joe was waiting. Joe said you could smell the brakes on his Buick before he came over the horizon. The cop was pissed, but Joe (being the consummate salesman) explained that he really didn't want to make him look foolish, but this was a race car, equipped with brakes designed for the task. He got the cop interested in the car, and after giving him a quick ride in the Ferrari, the cop let him go. I think the Buick went immediately to the shop for a brake reline.



## British Car Day 2004 Correction

Our sincerest apologies to the following WPTA members who we listed wrong in last month's Dzus Dnuz. Our thanks to Ken for bringing this to our attention.

### Class 8 Triumph TR7

1st	Mark Loughrey
2nd	Kenneth Fishter

### Class 9 Triumph TR8

1st	Dan McGowan
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# WPTA Web Master

by Dex Stoltz

All right, here we go. I've officially taken over the WPTA Web Master title, although the Master of the Web I am not. I definitely haven't even mastered secretarial duties (it requires a longer attention span for President Schweitzer's filibusters). Ken Nelson has accepted responsibilities in another state and cannot spend the time that he used to devote to making the WPTA web site a living reality. We must raise a round of applause at this point to Ken, as he was the driving force behind getting the web site up, and anybody can see that he did an amazing job at making it a success. Immediately apparent when visiting the site, one can see that it really is heads and shoulders above any car site out there, and I believe that it's on par with some of the best sites regardless of content. Ken had everything to do with making that happen.

You can't give Ken thanks without proper credit to Scott Theuer of Cyber Innovations (the company hosting our web site). His direct input led to the design and layout of our site, and he is the actual person pulling the levers and switches that make this site a working reality.

So, many many kudos to those two.

Now on to me. Ken has meticulously maintained a record of the site's creation and maintenance, and passed it on to me. The first order of business will be to get all of the pictures from past events on the site. Everything from October's Fall Leaf Tour in 2003 onward. So if you have any digital pictures or even hard copies, send them to me. There may be runs that don't have any pictures before that, and I'll get them up if you send them to me.

I have a scanner and can scan in non-digital photos if you've got 'em. Please request to have them returned if you're sending in your only copies. Of course, digitals are easier - just e-mail them or send on a CD to me. Just be sure to annotate exactly what you're sending so that I don't have 2002 Holiday Party pictures in the 2004 Holiday Party section. We couldn't have that.

I'll also take any input toward the design of the site, whether it is recommendation for a total facelift, or slight changes here or there to improve user-friendliness. One thing that we'd like to introduce is a classified section. We have some details to work out there, and as soon as possible we'll get that feature added. We'll take input for that, as well.

E-mail me directly if you don't have a password for access to the site, or have recently lost yours. This password enables features not available to the general populous, like access to the past few years' worth of Dzuz Druz and a member directory. In addition, we'll put your name into the hat for an annual drawing to win one of Jim Shaw's cars! Okay, so that's false, but we will add you to an e-mail list that lets you know when upcoming events are, and most importantly impromptu events that the Dzuz Druz can't provide the details in time for.

Again, let me know if you feel any other comments - good or bad - are warranted, and I'll put them in my WPTA Folder. I'll make a back-up...promise.

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## Miscellaneous Web Information

For access to the members only area of our website, please contact Dexter Stoltz at dexstruh@hotmail.com for a password.

If you change your email address, please contact Ed Woods, at fogbro1@comcast.net with the update.



## Classified



**For Sale:** 1973 TR6 - Fiberglass fenders, new Paint, frame needs repaired, has not been run for 5 years, new gas tank - never filled since replaced.. tired of taking up space...parts or whole no reasonable offer refused. Sam King email address sking53@adelphia.net or home phone (724) - 733-7711.

**For Sale:** 1964 Spitfire, extra engine, trans, parts - \$650. 814 443 6861 (Somerset)

**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:** Parrish Plastics TR3 hardtop. Call for description and price. Ray Santini 412-483-4518

## 2004 Calendar of Events

- Oct 2**      **Anniversary Run**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Oct 8**      **General Business Meeting**  
Callahan's in Bridgeville
- Oct 16-17**    **Fall Leaf Tour**  
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Oct 26**      **Newsletter Meeting, (Tuesday)**  
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Oct 30**      **Halloween Get-to-gether at The Sharp Edge,**  
1pm - Don Accamando 412-474-7459
- Nov 12**      **General Business Meeting**  
Callahan's in Bridgeville
- Nov 20**      **Steering Committee Meeting,**  
location to be announced
- Dec 11**      **No Meeting, Meeting**  
location to be determined  
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan 2005**    **Holiday Party**  
Jim & Nancy Underwood 724-929-8187

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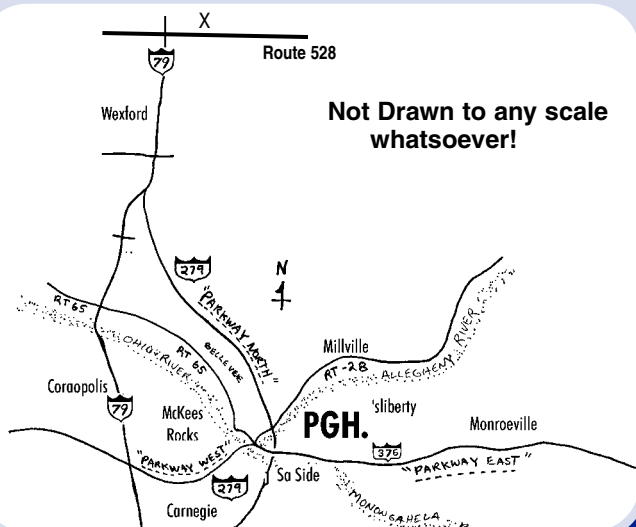
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## Sat., October 2, 2004 WPTA Anniversary Run Celebrating 27 Triumphant Years

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