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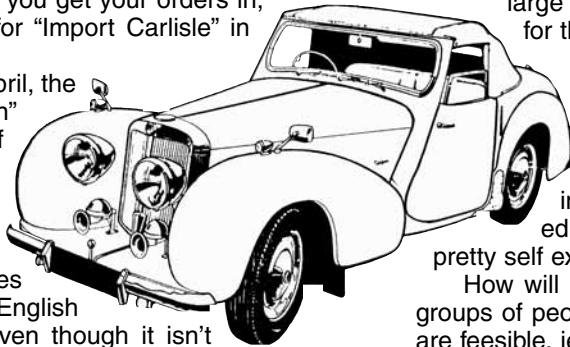
Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

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I think that spring has finally arrived. As I write this a light rain is falling, washing away the winter's road salt. I bet that Don Harkus won't have the only Triumph at the Coventry Inn on April 9th, as was the case for our last two meetings. Even though Don was the only one to drive a Triumph to the March meeting, we had a good attendance. It was a social get together, with the only "business" being a signup for name badges with the WPTA logo. We had over twenty members agree to buy the badges, but we need to order one hundred to get the \$4.00 per badge price. I hope that the members who weren't at the meeting will come through as well, and all order badges. These attractive badges will proudly identify our members at future events. If you get your orders in, we could have the badges for "Import Carlisle" in May.

We have two events in April, the "Pizza at The Coventry Inn" and the "Tune-up Clinic". If you haven't been to the Coventry Inn in Indiana, you should certainly make an effort to attend the meeting there on April 9th. Charles Runyan built this authentic English Inn a few years ago, and even though it isn't open for regular business, he is opening it for us on April 9th. Let's fill the inn with WPTA members. Our Spring "Tune-up Clinic" is a traditional event. Once again Roy Miller is letting us use his building and the Roadster Factory will bring some popular parts for sale. If you need some parts, and want to save the cost of shipping, place an order with the Roadster Factory and request delivery to the "WPTA Tune-up Clinic". If you don't need any parts or repair, come out anyway and get advice, give advice, or just visit.

Keep in mind the two flea markets in May. If you have some parts that you don't want, but that are too good to throw away, put them aside for the WPTA Flea Market on May 7th. Other British car related items, such as models, magazines, books, etc., also are popular. There will be no charge for vendors or admission, so plan to attend. You might find something that you didn't know existed. If you plan to attend Import Carlisle, get your motel reservation in soon. For those members who haven't attended "WPTA at Import Carlisle", it is mostly a social event. Hanging out with the guys, looking at cars and parts for sale, browsing the car show, and drinking a few cold ones. You don't have to spend the whole weekend there. Some of us will be staying only Friday night and some others will stay only Saturday night. Plan to attend, I think that you will enjoy it.



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An Evening In Indiana

By Ed Major

WPTA has been invited to spend an evening at the Coventry Inn in Indiana Pa. No, it has not re-opened to the public. But Charles Runyan has invited the WPTA members for an evening of socialization and triumph talk. What better way to spend a spring evening.

Charles and The Roadster Factory will supply the space, salad and refreshments, while your club will be supplying the pizza. The date and time are April 9th at 6 pm. The Roadster Factory will be open until 5pm, so if you would like to do a little shopping, go up to Armagh before hand and pick up a few parts. Maybe even call in an order so that it will be ready for you when you get there. The Indiana events always draw a large WPTA crowd so mark your calendar and join us for the evening.

Tune 'er Up

by Doug Foyle

Saturday, April 23rd at Roy Miller's garage in Sharpsburg are when and where this year's edition of the WPTA Tune up Clinic. Why should be pretty self explanatory.

How will need a little explaining. We are going to have groups of people inspecting as many aspects of each car as are feasible, ie. lubrication; fluids; etc.

We are asking for volunteers to form these groups. Anyone interested can contact Doug Foyle at (724)452-5218 or at rfoyle@bellatlantic.net. Also, if you have floor stands, please bring them so to help expedite the process.

We will have The Roadster Factory in attendance with a supply of miscellaneous tune-up parts. If you need parts, please call TRF with your order; and specify them as being for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic. You can avoid freight charges.

We will also have a supply of 20w-50 for oil changes.

We will start at 8AM and plan to leave by 5PM. We will order out for lunch.

If your car is not on the road, or if you don't have a car yet, stop by anyways for the stories, ideas and BS.

Hope to see you there.

Carlisle Update

WPTA has a block of rooms reserved at the Howard Johnson's Inn, at the rate of \$79 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 this rate (\$10 off). **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.



A Helping Hand(full)

Photos by P J Wright

A Helping Hand

by P J Wright

The merry band of Don Harkus, Fred Williams, Doug Foyle, and Mark Phillips worked on my 1972 TR6 on Saturday, spending most of the day; Don and Fred installing the top, Mark and Doug worked on electrics. As a group they were especially adept at diminishing my beer supply. However, through it all I now have protection from the rain as well as lights, wipers, and numerous clean electrical connections that someday I will figure what they power. Its incredible the time, expertise, and good will they have provided in helping me on this project.

Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

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For Sale: 1953 MGTD, 51,000 original miles, 2nd owner has owned for 36 years, red with black interior, very nice condition, very solid car, paint has some minor cracks, engine and transmission has been completely rebuilt, suspension solid, ready for show and go. \$18,500. Call Rich Robbins 724-640-7015.

Join VTR

Hopefully you all know that The Vintage Triumph Register is the national Triumph club for all Triumph models. WPTA is a chapter of VTR. There are other clubs dedicated to individual Triumph models that all deserve our support, but VTR is the national Triumph club and we should all be members! I have been a member since 1978.

So blow the dust and cobwebs off your wallet and send \$30 to: VTR, P.O. Box 655, Howell, MI 48844

There is strength in numbers.

WPTA Name Badges

At the March meeting most of those in attendance indicated a willingness to order name badges, with the hot stamped WPTA logo, in red, white, and blue. The badges will be two ply plastic, white on the front and blue on the back, so your engraved name will show blue on the white background. The price is \$4.00 per badge. These badges will be very attractive and you will be proud to wear them.

To order badges, print the name as you want it on each badge, on a piece of paper and send it with a check payable to WPTA. It is suggested that you include your last name on the badge. Don't forget to order a badge for wife, child, girl friend, etc. Due to a setup charge, all badges must be on one order, so please have your orders in by April 30th. Mail your order to: Fred Segal, 1740 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1714

Yahoo And Your Triumph

Yahoo Groups has groups dedicated to pretty much every Triumph model available. I found a group from the Mayflower to the Acclaim and everything in between.

My personal favorites were the Spitfire, TR7 and TR4/TR4A groups. Most of the group discussion revolves around resolving mechanical problems but like any group format you can discuss anything related to the group topic. Becoming a member is pretty easy.

Go to Yahoo.com, click on groups, sign in (or sign up), do a search on the group you are interested in (example search "Triumph TR4"), click on the join group button, review your info and click done. Pretty simple....and free.



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The Other Autojumble

by Ed Major

In May, WPTA is planning to hold a "local" foreign auto parts flea market right here in Pittsburgh. Are you interested? If you are, please email Ed Major at: ejmajor@typecraftpress.com or give him a call at 412-488-1600 ext 207.

This will be our first year in a long time since we have done this and if successful we will continue it in the future. This will be a rain or shine event, located in a fenced in lot on South 23rd Street on the South Side across from Typecraft Press (basically located two blocks behind Shootz Cafe along the Birmingham Bridge. The hours will be from 9am until 1pm. Bring all your spare stuff to sell or bring your wallet and buy some parts. The club will place an ad in April in the Post Gazette to announce the event to the Pittsburgh Market.

Invite your British car friends to come out and bring parts, there is no fee for vending or buying, this is a free event.

The 2005 TRA National Meet Auction

What is it, and how does it work?

If you've never attended a TRA National meet, then many of you may not be aware of what the Friday night auction is, and how it works.

You're allowed and encouraged to bring items that you are interested in selling through an auction format. These items often consist of car parts and accessories, but they're not limited to those areas. You may bring crafts, art pieces, etc. - anything you wish to auction off. You'll get 80% of whatever amount each of your items is sold for; the other 20% goes to the management. You may set a reserve price for an item (i.e. - if it doesn't sell for at least that price, then you don't have to part with it), however, we have the right not to re-auction reserve price items, due to the time involved to do it. The auctioneer will determine a reasonable starting bid and the appropriate bidding increments for each item at the time of auction. This is an extremely popular and fun event, and we encourage you to take part as a bidder, a seller, or both. And, our auctioneer guarantees an entertaining time!

All items brought for the auction, need to be taken to the TRA registration desk when you get to Branson and check in. We'll make a record of each item; identifying to whom it belongs, a reserve price (if appropriate), assign you a number, and give you a receipt.

We look forward to seeing all of you then!

Digital Photography

Since the invention and proliferation of digital cameras it has been very easy to provide our membership with timely publication of photographs. One thing you want to remember is to make the photograph "large" enough so that the printer has enough of dpi (pixels per inch). They usually require about 200 to 300 dpi. You can simply achieve this by making your photographs about 250k or about 10 to 14 inches wide at 72 dpi. You can see the difference in the opposite page photos, the top ones are only 72 dpi and the bottom photos while at 72 dpi I had to reduce them by 33%, thus making them very clear. Confused? Just call Ed Major at 412-488-1600 and he will explain.



Calendar of Events

- April 9** **Pizza at The Coventry Inn**
Ed Major 412-488-1600 X207
- April 23** **Tune-up Clinic**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- April 25** **Newsletter Meeting**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- May 7** **WPTA Flea Market on the South Side**
Ed Major 412-488-1600 X207
- May 19-22** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- June 4** **Red Belt Rally**
Jim Shaw 412-262-3878 &
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- June 18** **Oglebay Run**
Will Schweitzer 724-356-7341
- July 16** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
Roy Miller - Chairman 412-967-6483
- July 30** **Johnstown Brewery Run with MG Club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 12-13** **TRF Summer Party**
Tentative event www.the-roadster-factory.com
- Aug 20** **Quaker Steak & Lube Run**
Tentative event - need event organizer
- Sept 18** **Dogs with Fogs**
Ed Woods 412-486-4294 or
Harvey Woods 412-486-2549
- Oct 1** **Anniversary Run**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Oct 22** **Fall Leaf Tour**
Don Harkus
- Dec** **No Meeting, Meeting**
Date and location to be determined

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 29-May 1** **Walter Mitty Classic Vintage Races**
Road Atlanta
- May 21st** **MG Spring Tour Invitation**
Information TBA
- June 4** **Beerfest at Penn Brewery**
- June 3-5** **National Road Rally Weekend**
Cumberland MD
- June 18-19** **24 Hours LaMans France**
- June 24-26** **Vintage Races, Mid Ohio**
- June 23-26** **TRA National Meet**
Branson MO,
- July 9-10** **Vintage Races, Beaver Run**
www.beaverun.com
- July 16-17** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- July 26-30** **VTR National Meet**
Rockford IL, www.vtr2005.org
- Aug 6** **MG Foxburg Inn Run Invitation**
Information TBA
- Sept 8-11** **Watkins Glen Vintage Race Festival**
- Sept 18** **British Cars at Hartwood**
Jaguar Cars of Pittsburgh
- Oct 15** **MG Fall Foilage Run Invitation**
Information TBA

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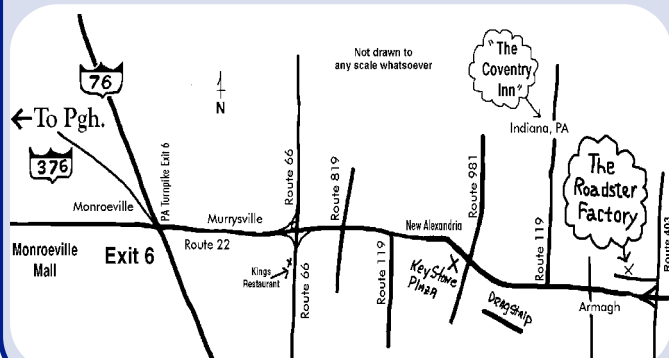
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at Coventry Inn in Indiana PA**

Tune Up Clinic, April 23 at Roy Miller's

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Coventry Inn,
in Indiana PA**

Starts at 6 pm at the
Coventry Inn on 6th Street
in Downtown Indiana PA.



**Saturday April 23rd
Tune Up Clinic
at Roy Miller's**

Starts at 8 am and will end
late afternoon

