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## Where There's A Wil

I want to recap my experiences at the August events, since my space was limited in the September Dzus Dnuz, the 25th British Car Day edition. First was the Johnstown Brewery Run. The MG Club was invited to participate and counted for five of the fifteen cars on the run. Dick and Sandy Gaier drove their very nice Austin Healey 3000, while friends drove the Gaier's TR6. We were joined at the brewery by Mike and Carol Ferencak, WPTA members from Johnstown, and a group from the Central Pennsylvania Sports Car Club. After lunch some of us visited the Grandview cemetery where many victims of the Johnstown Flood are buried. You could see by the tombstones, that whole families died and some gravestones indicated that they were memorials, as the bodies were never found or identified. After spending about an hour at the cemetery, Rich, Judy, Linda, and I drove to Jennerstown, where we checked into The Olde Stagecoach B & B, had dinner, and enjoyed the evening performance at Mountain Playhouse. Sunday morning we headed for Ligonier, with a stop at the Pie Shop in Laughlintown, for some wonderful cinnamon rolls. In Ligonier we walked a little, had lunch, and left for home. Many thanks Rich and Judy for an excellent run and good company for the weekend.

Our second event was the TRF Summer party, where WPTA handled the Saturday evening car show. I arrived around noon on Friday, met with a few of our members, had lunch, and decided to run the poker rally, even though the day was extremely hot. After drawing my third poor card at Budner's, a small air conditioned restaurant, I decided to have a rootbeer float and head for my room at the Super 8. After a short rest I felt better and drove to the Pittsburgh Raceway for the evening of drag racing. A highlight of the racing was our Roy Miller drag racing his diesel truck. On Saturday morning I was looking for a partner for the TSD rally, when John Swauger suggested Don Reynolds, a Spitfire driver from Orlando, who also was alone. Don was willing, as long as we used my car, since his was full of stuff. It turned out that Don didn't just drive his Spitfire from Florida, but he left two months earlier and traveled throughout the western U.S. Don is a great guy and we had a very pleasant rally, and two runs in the Gymkanna.

Third was the Quaker Steak and Lube Run, hosted by P.J. Wright. Linda and I only took part in the first leg of the run, which was most enjoyable. I heard that the rest of the run was also great. It was good to see so many members taking part. Thank you P.J.

A few of our members made it to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Car Cruise in Carnegie, on September 17th. We stopped by the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix store on East Main Street, where we were treated to grilled hot dogs and beverage. The store carries a nice selection of models as well as posters, pins, and other PVGP related items. Stop by the store when you are in the vicinity.

*Wil*

## The Anniversary Run

by Richard Dick

This year will start at 11:00 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in New Stanton on Saturday October 1st. The restaurant is off the New Stanton Exit of IS 70 and very close to the New Stanton PA turnpike exit. We will head south and go past one of the Windmill Farms, then proceed to the Yough Dam. We then will go to the Summit Inn for food and drinks about 2:00 p.m. There are some very scenic roads on this run, so please mark your calendars. If you plan to join us just for the food and drinks at the Summit Inn on route 40 would you please email Judy and I at rdick@midmon.com or call us at 724-379-5172 and let us know. Also if you have any questions feel free to contact us.

## Annual 2005 Fall Leaf Tour

by Don Harkus

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. This year we plan to take a totally new direction and try a new place to eat than we have in the past Fall Leaf Tours. We will be eating at Shakespeare's Restaurant that is in a castle in Ellwood City. So mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22nd. We will be meeting at 10:00 at the Kings at Interstate 79 and 910. 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. And, "let the leaves fall where they may"

## Letter To The Editor

Gentlemen,

A truly outstanding edition of the Dnuz. The nostalgia was dripping from the pages and Bruce's subtle reminders of our ties to the PVGP were wonderfully said.

Congrats to you both.

And what a great idea to send it to 500 of our closest friends! What showmanship!

Your literacy, Bruce, always amazes me. I guess you did more than just drink beer in Elkins. You are the Peter Egan of WPTA.

Superb.  
Ed Woods

How well do you know your WPTA Cars and it's members? below are some of the participants from the Quaker Steak Run, test your knowledge by matching the car to it's owner and win a six pack of something. Please submit all answers to kmikos@adelphia.net. The first correct reply wins!



(A) Early Saffron Yellow TR6 with AMCO bumper guards and wire wheels



( ) This beauty drives a beast (Linda Fredo)



(B) This rare hardtop sports both a factory canvas sunroof and automatic transmission



( ) Put together one of the best Quaker Runs I have participated in (PJ Wright)



(C) Green TR7 soft top, restored to concours condition



( ) Great guy to talk with about Triumphs (Pat Davis)



(D) Very original late model blue TR6, highly detailed with black interior and red lines



( ) Drives a truck for a living, but drives a Triumph for fun (Dave Hershberger)



(E) A pristine TR3 with wide whitewalls and an interior to match



( ) Daughter will someday go this car (Ken Fishter)

# Summer Party Wrap Up

by Bruce Stutzman

After a year off, Charles and The Roadster Factory folks had us all back for a weekend of Triumph fun. As always, WPTA put the car show together, this time on Saturday evening instead of Sunday. The show is officially called a Concours de Elegance but it really is a participants choice show.

Len Picton and his MGs of Baltimore club did their usual professional job running the rally.

As always there were driving events galore including a gymkhana, TSD Rally, Poker Rally, Mountain Road Tour, LeMans start competition, autocross, and drag racing.

WPTA members who won awards in these events are as follows:

## CAR SHOW

Class C	1st	Ken Mikos	TR3
	2nd	Jim Shaw	TR2
Class E	1st	Jim Stoffel	TR4A
	3rd	Wil Schweitzer	TR4A
Class F	2nd	Ed Major	TR250
Class G	2nd	Mike Yurko	TR6
Class J	2nd	Dan McGowan	TR7
Class S	1st	Eric Stoltz	GT6

## AUTOCROSS

Class A	2nd	Bud Osbourne	MG Midget
	3rd	Alec Osbourne	MG Midget
Class F	3rd	Dexter Stoltz	TR8
Class M2	1st	Scott Permar	TR7
	2nd	Bruce Stutzman	TR4
	3rd	Bill Permar	TR 7

## DRAG RACING

Class C	1st	Bruce Stutzman	TR4
	3rd	Scott Permar	TR7
Class E	3rd	Ryan Fleming	TR8
Class F	1st	Roy Miller	GMC Truck

Special mention should be given to Wil "the Prez" Schweitzer who manhandled his TR4A to a 26th place finish (out of 27 cars) in the gymkhana. He had the crowd on their feet. Wil was one of only 2 competitors who took longer than 2 minutes to complete the course. Wil is no stranger to such heady competitive performances, however. He actually did finish last in one such event years ago and won the booby prize - which was a \$20 gift certificate. Wil very quickly observed that it was worth more than the winners trophy. If you haven't seen Wil run an autocross in his 1949 2000 Roadster—

Wil's navigator in the rally and gymkhana was Don Reynolds from Orlando, FL Don drove his Spitfire, solo, from Orlando but not directly to the Summer Party. By the time he got there he had already driven 8000 miles and was as far away as British Columbia.. Don is almost as old as Wil.

You noticed above that Roy Miller won class F in the drags in his red GMC pick up truck. A few comments about this feat (pun intended) are in order. Class F was for non British cars or in this case vehicles. Roy's truck is a 2500 Heavy Duty with 4 wheel drive and is diesel powered. What a sight to behold going down the drag strip with the bed filled with plumbing supplies and his motorized wheel chair in its carrier hanging off the back. By about half way down the strip it was so engulfed in black diesel smoke you couldn't see it. Roy was initially having problems with reaction time but when he finally got his message center and bionic feet communicating properly he was firing down the track.

Class S was a new class in the show this year. S stands for "survivor". I don't know the criteria for entry into this class but Eric's GT6 is certainly a fitting inaugural winner. It is original, a bit rough looking and Eric ran it in both the drags and the autocross.



### Choose your caption

1. Ed "IS" standing up!
2. Ed will remember to tighten those caliper bolts next time.
3. Old people shouldn't wear shorts.
4. Ed forgot his black socks and sandals.

## Classified Ads

**Wanted:** TR 4/4A Solid driver, Email:

boblow305@comcast.net Phone: 724-744-7128

**For Sale:** lots of TR3- TR3B parts. Aprons, hoods, trunk lids, motor and suspension stuff as well. Please email Don at collasius@hotmail.com or call 508-743-3125.

**For Sale:** TR3. Frame off restoration, meant to drive. In SE Ohio and priced at \$12,000, You can see and hear it on my web page: [http://staff.rio.edu/miket/59\\_tr3.htm](http://staff.rio.edu/miket/59_tr3.htm)

Mike Thompson

## Name Badges

Name badges with the WPTA logo are again available. The price is \$5.00 per badge, which includes postal delivery. To order badges, print the name for each badge on a piece of paper. It is suggested that you include your last name. Send it with your address and a check payable to WPTA to:

Wil Schweitzer, 20 Grandview Ave., Hickory, PA 15340

## WPTA Ride Share Program

by Gary Fredo

WPTA has decided to implement a "ride share program" on a trial basis for the last two driving events of the year. If it works out we will continue with this for next year. Basically the idea is to get some members without running Triumphs out to the driving events. As always, non-Triumphs are still welcome at driving events. The rules of the ride share program are as follows:

1. Call Gary Fredo (724-378-9610) with the following information (name, phone number, general location (North Hills, South Hills, Monroeville, ect) and state if you are a driver (seat available) or a rider (need a seat).

2. I will need plenty of advance notice so I can match up riders with drivers. The deadline to call me for the Oct 22nd Fall Leaf Tour is Oct 14th.

3. I will attempt to match riders up with drivers that live fairly close together. If you call after the deadlines I will still try to match you up but there will be less of a chance for success.

4. Riders will be responsible for meeting the drivers where it works out best for the driver. I'll provide phone numbers to both the rider and driver so they can work out a meeting place.

5. There probably won't be a perfect match of drivers to riders so it's on a first come first served basis. Call early!

## Ladies & Gentlemen

The Holidays are coming, without a doubt he would like a shirt or other piece of apparel with the WPTA Logo Embroidered on it. How about a nice pair of boxer shorts (remember the logo should go on the left cheek). But seriously now, Cutting Edge Embroidery is our "official" supplier of club regalia. See details in the ad below.

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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Oct 1</b>  | <b>Anniversary Run</b><br>Richard Dick 724-379-5172<br>Starts at 11:00 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in New Stanton |
| <b>Oct 22</b> | <b>Fall Leaf Tour</b><br>Don Harkus 724-284-9172<br>We will be meeting at 10:00 at the Kings at Interstate 79 and 910       |
| <b>Oct 25</b> | <b>Newsletter Meeting (Tuesday)</b><br>5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael 's Pizza Bar   |
| <b>Nov 19</b> | <b>General Meeting at Kings</b><br>10 30 am, Route 910 in Wexford   |
| <b>Dec</b>    | <b>No Meeting, Meeting</b><br>Date and location to be determined  |
| <b>Jan</b>    | <b>Holiday Party</b>  |

### ~ Event Of Other Interest ~

**Oct 8 MGFall Foilage Run Invitation**  
Information TBA

The MG Clubs Fall Leaf tour has changed the date from October 15 to October 8. The Meeting place is the Brass Rail Restaurant just off Route 51 South in Pleasant Hills and near the intersection of Lebanon Church road at 2 pm. WPTA members are invited to join the MG club for this tour.

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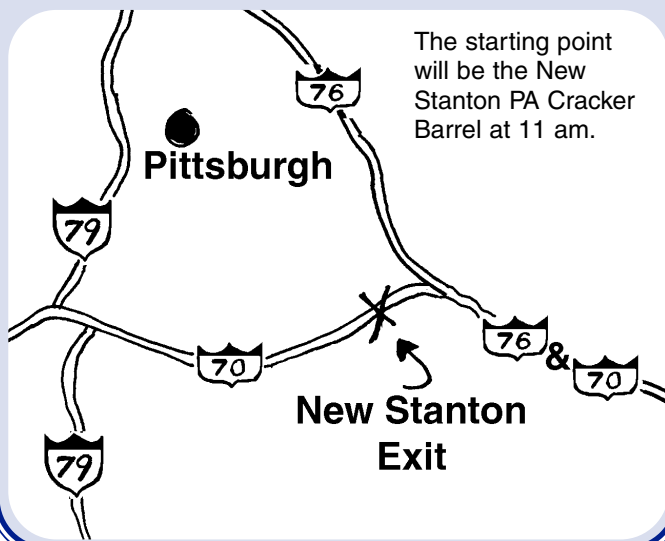
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# **October 1, Anniversary Run** **October 22, The Fall Leaf Tour**

**Sat., October 1, 2005**  
**WPTA Anniversary Run**  
**Celebrating**  
**28 Triumphant Years**



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**Fall Leaf Tour**

**We will be meeting at 10:00 at  
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